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Topsy-turvy



Last week, temperatures soared and youngsters like Matthew Haker enjoyed hanging out at Elm Avenue Park. But this week, a surprise snowstorm curtailed all spring activities. Doug Persons

Community mourns Judge Wenger's death

By Mel Hyman

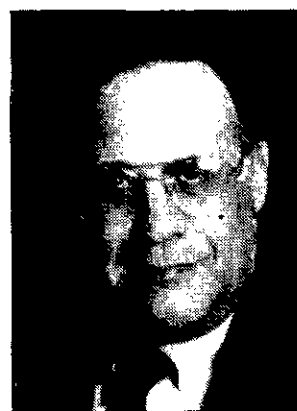
The sudden death of Bethlehem Town Justice Peter Wenger has created a huge void both in the hearts of the people who knew him and in the local criminal justice system.

Wenger, 54, died at his Delmar home on Saturday of an apparent heart attack. He was a town justice for 17 years and over that lengthy span of time touched a lot of lives.

"He performed two marriages on Friday night," said court clerk Barbara Hodom, who worked closely with Wenger from the day he was sworn in to his last day on the job.

"He was a good judge," she said. "I was on the phone with him three times a day. He really took his job seriously."

A graduate of Albany Law School, Wenger had a brilliant mind and an excel-



Wenger

lent sense of humor to go along with it, Hodom said. And he was "always concerned about the young people that came before him, that they go in the right direction."

To further that end, Wenger helped found the Bethlehem Youth Court, the Honor Court Alcohol Program, and he worked on establishing guidelines for Albany County's Community Service sentencing program.

Town Justice Peter Bishko has only been on the job six years, but his acquaintanceship with Wenger goes back a lot farther. "We knew each other in college (Union College), Bishko recalled. "He was a year behind me in school. Our careers took different directions (after graduation), and then we ended

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LUMAC in homestretch

Hearing set on plan 8 years in making

By Mel Hyman

Eight years ago, work began on the master plan soon to come before the Bethlehem town board for a final vote.

Much debate has occurred between then and now, including several public

forums at town hall and in population centers such as Glenmont, Selkirk and North Bethlehem.

The final public hearing, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, will be the last chance for town residents to air their likes and dislikes about the plan, which will guide town officials in dealing with future development.

The master plan process began because town officials believed the zoning code was antiquated and not that useful given the surge of development that's occurred over the past 20 years.

Responding to a survey mailed out by the Land Use Management Advisory Committee, architects of the master plan, town residents voiced concerns on a range of matters from the preservation of open space to the alleviation of traffic snarls.

A previous attempt to manage growth in the town proved unsuccessful when a master plan document drafted during the 1960s was never formally adopted.

During the current go-round, the composition of LUMAC changed considerably with several of the original members leaving for one reason or another. Key players throughout the process included Sam Messina, Councilman Ted Putney, and town planner Jeff Lipnicky, who served as LUMAC chairman.

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Library trustees adopt \$2.5M budget

By Mel Hyman

In the opinion of many people, the Bethlehem Public Library is one of the town's most precious resources.

To keep this 84-year-old institution running smoothly, the library board of directors has adopted a \$2.5 million budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year, a 3.8 percent spending increase over the \$2.4 million allocated last year. The tax levy to support the budget will rise 4.3 percent.

The budget increase is "modest" considering the ever-increasing costs of maintaining a facility as widely used as the Bethlehem Public Library, says board member Roger Beck.

"We are holding the line on materials purchases and in every other possible spending area," he said. But some significant spending increases are unavoidable.

Those include this year's installment payment on the new heating and air condi-

Consultant suggests renovation

By Mel Hyman

A consultant has recommended refurbishing rather than expanding Bethlehem Public Library.

The library board of directors will discuss the report by Nolan Lushington of Hartford, Conn., in a special meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the library at 451 Delaware Ave.

With the facility in constant demand,

tioning system put in last year and the purchase of two new photocopiers for use by the public.

The only other budget area that shows a significant increase is special programs.

pressure has been mounting to decide exactly what direction to take, said board member Roger Beck. The question posed to the consultant was whether it made more sense to build an addition to the existing structure or opt for some type of renovation.

The recommendation is "not to expand at this time, but to better utilize the space we have by rearranging the

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"From this amount, we provide Evening on the Green concerts, Library Day festivities, musical guests and many special events for children such as the always

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Bethlehem Youth Court secures \$26,500 grant

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Youth Court, in which young people are judge and jury for their peers in cases involving minor, nonviolent crimes, has received a \$26,500 grant from the state Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Assemblyman John Faso, R-Kinderhook, helped secure the grant.

"Early intervention is the key to successfully fighting juvenile crime, and this grant will help Bethlehem's justice system intervene early and put juvenile delinquents back on the right track," Faso said.

The grant, which requires matching funding by the town, came from a federal initiative to

prevent juvenile crime, according to DCJS spokesman Scott Sandman.

"Youth Courts are a successful

They say they've gained something in Youth Court that they could not have gained in any other way.

Doris Davis

formula for deterring juvenile crime. They provide an opportunity to address the problem before criminal behavior escalates into an ongoing pattern," said

Sandman. "Youth Courts are also an opportunity for juveniles accused of minor crimes to make direct amends to their community."

While Sandman said he was not aware of any formal studies tracking recidivism among offenders sentenced in Youth Court, he said the information the department has received about Youth Courts around the state has been "extremely positive."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said the grant will help the town Youth Court, which has an annual budget of \$10,000, upgrade its computer and begin to access the Internet, in part to begin to track the fledgling program's effectiveness

Councilwoman Doris Davis, who serves as co-chair of the Youth Court advisory committee, said there is "a very positive feeling that this is working."

She noted that, out of about 25 cases in Bethlehem Youth Court's first year, only one defendant "washed out" and had to be referred to the probation department.

Davis said town police officers, pleased that sentences "are actually carried out," are referring more cases to Youth Court.

She added that Youth Court has also been an "extraordinary experience" for the young people who serve as judges, jury members, attorneys and bailiffs.

"They say they've gained something in Youth Court that they could not have gained in any other way," Davis said.

Feestelijk Bethlehem buttons now on sale

Feestelijk Bethlehem, a showcase of the town's musical, artistic and dramatic talent, will take place on Saturday, May 3, from 7 to 11 p.m. at more than 10 centrally-located venues. Admittance buttons for Feestelijk Bethlehem are \$5 in advance and \$7 on May 3. They are available at the following locations: the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce office in Main Square Plaza, Del Lanes, Fitness for Her, the Four Corners Luncheonette, the Bethlehem Town Parks and Recreation office, Skippy's Music, *The Spotlight* and Bethlehem Town Hall.

RCS pupils rehearsing for 'Lullaby'

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School is proud to present the Drama Club production of Broadway Lullaby, written by Craig Sodaro, and directed by Shannon Woodley.

The production will be on Friday, May 9 at 7:30 pm and again on Saturday May 10 at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium.

The play is set in 1927 at an orphanage for girls in New York City. The McGrew sisters run the orphanage and are mean and stingy. The girls put on a few skits and two con artists form a plan

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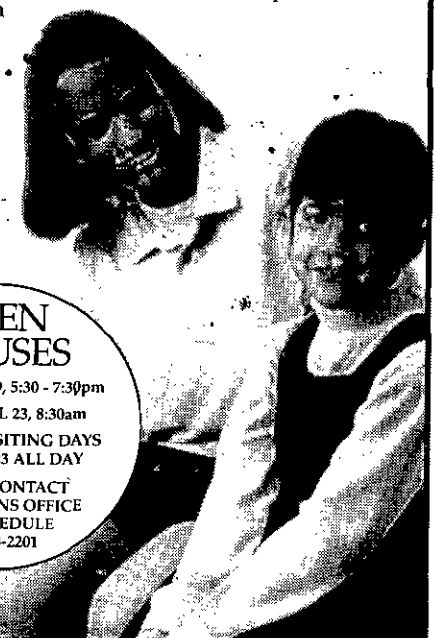
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BC budget sets tax hike at 3.7%

Spending plan expands facilities and teaching staff

By Dev Tobin

Even after hiring seven new teachers and beginning to pay for a \$14.8 million bond issue, next year's tax rate increase in the Bethlehem Central School District will be "very reasonable," according to board member Dennis Stevens.

Last week, the board adopted a 1997-98 budget of just over \$41 million (6.2 percent more than this year) that calls for an estimated 3.7 percent tax rate increase for district residents who live in the town of Bethlehem and 2.5 percent for district residents who live in the town of New Scotland.

The estimated tax rates to support next year's budget are \$18.15 per thousand of assessed value in Bethlehem, and \$19.16 per thousand in New Scotland.

Most of the spending increase (3.7 percent) is due to payments related to the bond issue, said Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant su-

perintendent for business.

All along, district officials have said that the tax impact of the 1997-98 budget would not be as great as the spending increase, since the district receives state aid for approximately 57 percent of bond issue-related expenses, but only about 22 percent for general educational expenses.

The seven teachers, two at the elementary level and five at the high school, are "essential teaching staff to deal with increased enrollment," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

Board president Pamela Williams said this year's budget process was business-like and free from acrimony.

Also on the ballot will be a proposition for seven new buses at a cost of \$389,440 — four 66-passenger buses at \$73,110 each, two seven-passenger Suburbans at \$26,000 each and another wheelchair van/bus at a cost of \$45,000.

Voters will also decide whether the district should purchase about 30 acres across Van Dyke Road from the high school for \$140,000.

At last week's meeting, three-term board member William Collins announced that he would not be running for re-election.

Board member Lynne Lenhardt, also a three-term veteran, said she will run for another term.

Candidates interested in running for school board must pick up designating petitions from the district office and file them, with at least 67 signatures of district residents eligible to vote, by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7.

The board scheduled a public hearing on the budget for Wednesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at the district offices at 90 Adams Place.

The budget vote will be May 7 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave.

Where's the candy?



Justin Folger struggles to maintain his composure before Easter services at Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands. *Hugh Hewitt*

Future cloudy for Glenmont Kmart?

Retailer's rehab plans exclude local store

By Mel Hyman

Four of the six Kmart stores in the Capital District are scheduled for significant upgrades, but the Glenmont store is not one of them.

Despite that fact, Kmart officials say there are no immediate plans to close the store, which anchors the struggling Town Square shopping plaza on Route 9W.

"There are no plans right now to close it, but we don't speculate beyond today," said Kmart spokesman Stephen Pagnani.

The reason the Glenmont store is not in line for the upgrade planned for the others, he said, is that it's "too small. Most of our stores range from 80,000 to 100,000 square feet and the Glenmont store is only about 50,000."

Upgrades are in the works for stores on Central Avenue in Colonie, Columbia Turnpike in East Greenbush, at Shoppers World in Clifton Park and on Saratoga Road in Saratoga Springs.

Two other area stores — in Queensbury and Amsterdam — have been converted into Super Ks (combining discount retail with a supermarket) over the past few years.



Unlike most other Capital District Kmart stores, the Glenmont store is too small to be renovated, according to a company official. *Doug Persons*

Super K was the type of store the Troy, Mich.-based company had hoped to build at the proposed Southgate Commons shopping center in Glenmont. Since Kmart announced that it was pulling out of Southgate in late 1995, nothing more has been heard from the developers of the planned 425,000-square-foot plaza.

Instead of the Super K concept, the company has opted for a less expensive alternative (dubbed The Pantry) for hundreds of its older stores across the country.

The Pantry will consist of a 5,000-square-foot area to be carved out of existing stores containing the most frequently purchased items in supermarkets such as dairy products, bread, canned goods, paper products, cleaning supplies and pet supplies, accord-

ing to Pagnani.

The hope is that by drawing more people into the stores the ailing discount chain will experience an upturn in fortunes, which would certainly be welcome news for the Kmart in Glenmont which often looks empty during normal business hours.

Pagnani said that as far as he knew, the Glenmont store, which

opened in 1979, "continues to hold its own. That's the bottom line, is it profitable or not?"

Meanwhile, the Long Island-based Country Squire

Associates which owns Town Square Plaza is continuing efforts to reorganize under the federal bankruptcy laws and prevent a threatened foreclosure, according to Country Squire owner Eugene Moramarco.

There are no plans right now to close it, but we don't speculate beyond today.

Stephen Pagnani

V'ville to share more services

By Dev Tobin

When Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark served on the recent regionalism committee, he advocated concentrating on manageable ad hoc efforts to increase government efficiency as opposed to big changes like eliminating small governmental units, like, say, the village of Voorheesville.

Clark became a leader of those who feel that small government works just fine, and helped ensure that the committee's recommendations regarding small municipalities were among the least popular and politically possible ones in the report.

Now he and his village are becoming a leader in sharing services, with a proposal to dramatically expand cooperation with the Voorheesville Central School District.

The shared services plan includes expanding the current parking of school buses at the village public works garage, sharing costs of fuel purchase, storage and distribution, and hooking the elementary school into the village sewer system.

"All of these are desirable to village taxpayers, who are also school district taxpayers," Clark said.

Public Works Superintendent William Hotaling reported that an

ongoing pilot project, in which part of the district's school bus fleet has been parking at the garage, has proceeded "without any problems."

The district will fund \$25,000 for a new gas monitoring system, and will also pay for grading and blacktopping the parking area, Hotaling added.

Trustee Harvey Huth noted that the Voorheesville Ambulance is also interested in refueling at the new facility.

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Edward Clark

The school is experiencing severe problems with its aging septic system, problems made more serious by the fact that the school abuts the Vly Creek, Hotaling said.

Village Engineer Henry LaBarba said adding the school to the sewer system "wouldn't impact the village's peaks" (times of highest demand on the sewer system, generally morning and early evening), since the school would not be open then.

LaBarba estimated that the school's cost to hook in to the sewer district would be about \$60,000 to \$75,000, the same as the cost of rebuilding its leach field.

Clark noted that a sewer line along Mountain View Street would also pick up about 10 houses there, and may make it easier to bring sewer service to parts of Maple Avenue.

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Delmar native to assist president in Palau

By Katherine McCarthy

Ryan Flynn is off on the adventure of a lifetime, in a young lifetime that's had more than the average share of adventure.

The 25-year-old, who grew up in Elm Estates and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1989, began his new job as special assistant to the president of Palau.



Flynn

The atlas shows Palau as a group of small islands east of the Philippines in the South Pacific, "just how you dream of a tropical island," Flynn said.

Flynn didn't set out to be in politics, but "This is an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

After graduating from BCHS, Flynn went to The College of Saint Rose on a partial baseball scholarship.

"I was your average college baseball player with a bad attitude," he said, who gave baseball as a career a brief shot, playing in one semipro summer league.

He started out as an art major at Saint Rose, but found the studio time required plus the commitment to baseball too time-consuming. So he switched to English literature, where writing replaced the creativity he used in his art. After his 1993 graduation, he got a general working visa and headed off to London.

Flynn started out working in a pub, and graduated to promoting hockey games in the United Kingdom, and once escorted the New York Mets and Yankees through London.

By being an "aggressive Yank," he got his foot in the door for *Time Out* magazine, a weekly guide to what's happening in London, and began writing for them. He stayed for the remainder of 1993, then returned to Delmar.

"I got a job as a morning newsman on WQBK-AM, and was writing for some local trade magazines, but it wasn't what I wanted to do," he said. "Once you start travelling, it's a bug, and it never goes away. I started looking at jobs across the U.S. My mother knew someone at Gannett, who pointed out entry-level reporting jobs across the country. I ended up getting a job on Guam, as the education reporter for the *Pacific Daily News*."

Flynn started that job in August 1994, traveling to other Pacific islands as part of his beat, and getting to know the Polynesian culture.

He found that the people of Guam, a U.S. possession, had mixed feelings about the U.S.

"Some people are very patriotic to the U.S., since they fought alongside Americans during World War II; others want the U.S. out," he said, noting that Guam is home to an American Air Force base and naval base.

Flynn said that there is a high income level on Guam, due largely to U.S. support, but along with that comes some culture loss.

His girlfriend, Tamarra Taitano, for example, is an indigenous Chamorro who speaks English but has never learned her native language.

In addition to working for Gannett, Flynn did some freelance writing, and first traveled to Palau to write a construction article for a Hawaiian trade magazine.

While there, he met his future boss, Kuniwo Nakamura, who was

running for president in the 1996 election, which took place at the same time as the U.S. election.

Flynn did some campaign work among the approximately 5,000 Palauans living on Guam.

The population on Palau is only 17,000, which leads to "tracking down Palauans everywhere" during election campaigns, Flynn said.

He described the campaign work — designing ads, giving speeches on neighboring islands — as pro bono work, with the ultimate political payoff, a job.

For Flynn, this means being the special assistant to the president, responsible primarily for media work and traveling throughout Asia, promoting Palau's interests.

Before gaining independence in 1994, Palau had been an American possession, taken from the Japanese in World War II. Nakamura, who is half Japanese, half Palauan, has a simple agenda: to move Palau into the millennium, Flynn explained.

"Nakamura is an unassuming and humble man," Flynn said. "He knows almost everyone, and made sure to meet with them during the campaign. He leads a simple life, as most people do on Palau. It's a slow-paced island where many people still walk barefoot."

Palau's main island is called Babelthuap, and is surrounded by a number of mostly uninhabited islands called "the rock islands," which are one of the hottest diving spots in the world.

"People like JFK Jr., the Grateful Dead and Metallica come there to dive," Flynn said, "and nobody knows who they are."

Preserving the simplicity and beauty of the island nation while moving it into the future is one of Nakamura's goals that Flynn is

working on.

"My big push will be eco-tourism," Flynn said. "Money talks, but I hope the people won't be overwhelmed by it."

There is already one high-rise hotel in the main city of Koror, but Flynn would like to promote more low-rise bungalow hotels, where guests have their own cottage.

Temperatures are tropical, 85-90 daily, with high humidity, Flynn said.

Although the island is not prone to typhoons, there are daily bursts of quick rain, but then the sun shines again.

Flora and fauna on the islands are quite varied.

"Palau is one of the few places in the world with salt-water crocodiles," Flynn said. "The flowers and plants are amazingly lush and vivid; there are purple and red parrots, cockatiels, and at dusk, there are always fruit bats. There are turtles bigger than a dining room table, sharks and a lot of fish. I'd buy a boat before I'd buy a car."

Right now, there aren't many roads on Palau, although the Army Corps of Engineers is building a \$100 million road across the main island, which is controversial due to potential damage to the dense jungle and concern about runoff to the reef that rings Palau.

The Palauan government is based on the American system, with a bicameral legislature and judges and lawyers, many of whom are young professional Americans.

Seabees are still stationed on Palau, which also still has some Peace Corps volunteers. Its strategic South Pacific location makes it desirable to the U.S.

"Palau has an anti-nuclear clause," Flynn said, "as well as a constitutional amendment that

foreigners can't be citizens or purchase land for more than 50 years. Also, business ventures must be made with a Palauan." In addition to his job for the president, Flynn will be playing and coaching on the national baseball team, trying to secure a berth in the 2000 Olympics.

"Between the Americans and the Japanese," Flynn said, "Palau has a long baseball tradition."

He is not sure yet whether Taitano will join him in Palau, where she may train the Palauan volleyball team, as she played for Guam's Olympic volleyball team.

Besides his political duties, Flynn will also be a DJ for the local radio

station, and hopes to continue writing in Palau's tropical paradise.

"I want to be the next Steinbeck or Hemingway," he said.

Flynn is not sure what he will do when this job is over. Between the time that he left Guam and before the Palau job begins, he Eurrailed through Europe, a place he might eventually like to settle.

"I always dreamed I would live in a big city, and get away to a tropical island," he said. "Now it seems I'm doing the reverse."

Although Flynn said he would like to have one place of his own to "store my stuff," he's enjoying all the travel.

"I'm living a spontaneous life," he said. "Right now, with limited ties, I can go anywhere and do anything. I've worked hard, played hard and taken a lot of chances. I could be in Timbuktu next week." For now, though, he'll concentrate on his work in Palau.

"This is a great life experience," he said.

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Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning

Voorheesville tax rate to dip 25 cents a thou

By Dev Tobin

The good news continues for Voorheesville village taxpayers, as strong sales tax revenues will help fund a 20.2 percent decrease in village taxes next year.

The tentative budget for 1997-98 will rise 7 percent, from \$1.3 to \$1.4 million, but the tax rate will fall from \$1.24 per thousand of assessed value to 99 cents per thousand, reported Trustee Susan Rockmore at last week's village board meeting.

"We were very frugal this year, so all our fund balances are good," said Rockmore, the village's budget officer.

Sales tax revenues continue to "increase, but not as much as before," said Rockmore, adding that while she tends to be conservative in estimating revenues based on countywide retail activity, the gap between estimated and actual revenues is shrinking.

The budget contains funding for an additional public works laborer, a new basketball court/street hockey rink in the main village park, a gasoline metering system so that the public works department's refueling facility may become available to the school district and the ambulance squad, and 4 percent raises for all village employees.

In another matter, the days of some Salem Hills homeowners pumping stormwater from their basements into the village sanitary sewer system are numbered.

Public Works Superintendent William Hotaling reported that storm sewer extensions would be built shortly in two courts in Salem Hills this year in an attempt to control "infiltration and inflow"—rainwater getting into, and at times overloading, the sanitary sewer system.

The village has been unsuccessful in securing grant monies to refurbish the 30-year-old sanitary system due to the infiltration and

inflow problem.

The board also held a public hearing on a proposed zoning law change to allow horses in residential areas. Several people complained that horses and problems associated with them are incompatible with village residential life.

Finally, the board scheduled a special meeting on the firefighters' service awards program, the Voorheesville Village Ambulance Squad budget, a public hearing on the budget and its annual organizational meeting for Tuesday, April 8, beginning at 7 p.m., at village hall.

'Madeline' activities slated at town library

The work of Ludwig Bemelmans, author of the *Madeline* books, will be celebrated at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Tuesday, April 15, at 4 p.m.

The *Madeline* stories, a French song, games, a video and a craft are all part of the festivities.

The program is appropriate for youngsters in grades kindergarten through two.

For information, call 439-9314.

Appeals board meets

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will hold two hearings this Wednesday, April 2, at Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The application of Joseph Painter/Petrol/Dutchess Terminals at 294 Route 9W in Glenmont will be heard at 7:30 p.m.

Dan Formica of the McDonald's restaurant at 132 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will have his application heard at 7:45 p.m.

For information, call 439-4955.

BC board ties loose budget ends

By Dev Tobin

In its last budget work session prior to adopting a spending plan for 1997-98, the Bethlehem Central school board trimmed a proposal to update the district's aging inventory of musical instruments and added to the administration's request for interior painting.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis presented a revised lease-purchase instrument proposal, at \$40,000 a year for three years, down from the original recommendation of \$53,060 a year for three years.

The revised plan is "targeted to the highest priority needs and is essential to moving the program forward," Loomis said.

Loomis also recommended setting up an ad hoc committee to review policies regarding rental of district-owned instruments, and report on possible changes that would be implemented in the 1998-99 school year.

Charging a rental fee of "\$20 a semester for a \$2,300 instrument is not that complicated or that burdensome," said board member William Collins. "I think we could come up with that policy fairly quickly."

"Parents have to learn that these instruments are expensive," said board president Pamela Williams, adding that renting from private vendors would cost "a lot more" than whatever the district may charge.

Several board members argued that changing the rental policy should not be rushed.

The issue of charging a rental fee for instruments "is complicated on many levels," said board member Happy Scherer. "We should give (the new committee) some time for a full look at it so they can do it right."

Board member James Schwab called trying to change the policy for next year "a quick fix that may not allow for creative thinking on this."

Regarding interior painting, the board decided to increase funding from the recommended \$16,500 to \$25,000.

Board member Stuart Lyman said keeping up with painting helps create a positive atmosphere in schools.

"We're not gaining on it at \$25,000," Lyman said, noting that the operations and maintenance department had originally re-

quested \$50,000 for interior painting.

The board also received town Building Inspector John Flanigan's annual fire inspection report.

Flanigan said he had found several minor infractions, most of which "were fixed within hours—that's the kind of cooperation we're getting."

Williams said the board was "glad to get such a good bill of health."

In another matter, Loomis announced that the district had agreed on a three-year contract with the Bethlehem Central Principals Association.

The contract, retroactive to the 1995-96 school year and running through the 1997-98 school year, includes 3 percent annual salary increases and "cost containment" in health insurance through higher deductibles and co-payments, Loomis noted.

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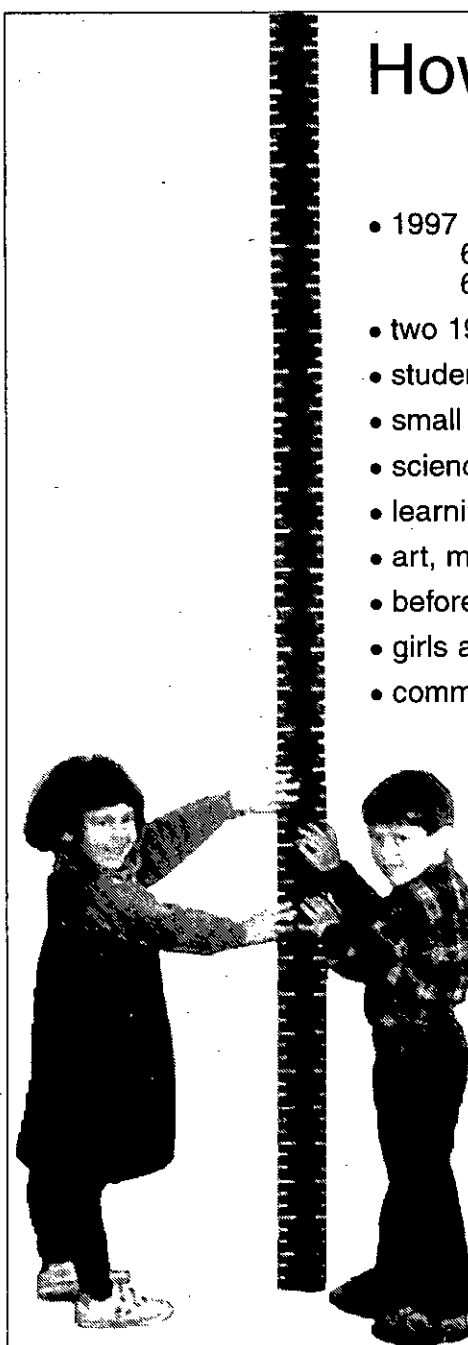
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Spring ahead

Despite the vagaries of the weather, turning the clock ahead Saturday night before turning in is surely a definite sign of spring.

Daylight Saving time gives us more quality out-of-work time to begin gardening chores or exercise programs that are free but for sweat equity and determination.

This is the time of year we renew our ties with neighbors and friends and start seriously thinking about retiring the snow shovel for another year.

Having said all that, don't forget to move the clocks ahead to make the move into spring official in your household.

Editorials

Library makes good move

Bethlehem Public Library trustees will likely follow the advice of a consultant and try to better utilize existing space in the 25 year-old facility on Delaware Avenue rather than consider an addition or a brand new home altogether.

Tonight, the library board will discuss the consultant's recommendations and begin the process of reviewing how to best reconfigure library space.

Although the library is one of the most-used public buildings in Bethlehem, the board is wise to stay put for the time being, even though many local organizations have to line up to schedule meetings or events there.

Perhaps in the future, the library will have to contemplate an addition and how to fund it or satellite offices, but for now, reconfiguring space seems the best way to address the library's needs.

Regionalization by necessity

Regionalization has been the subject of a long study, and has been advocated by citizen and official groups, for the last several years.

However, we agree with officials who say that regionalization will never see daylight if it comes to a vote. Nobody wants to give up sovereignty by ballot, but necessity is another matter.

In recent weeks, Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, Colonie Supervisor Mary Brizzell and Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller agreed that full regionalization will not occur in the lifetimes of their grandchildren.

The gradual regionalization they see are water, trash and EMS services, for example, crossing municipalities' borders for the benefit of all citizens.

Why just imagine

Imagine a community center in Bethlehem with all the amenities including a pool, and one that wouldn't cost taxpayers a dime.

With the YMCA pulling up stakes on a plan for a brand-new facility in Guilderland, what about finding a home for the Y right here?

Maybe the town park could donate some land that could be used for the Y's building. The park is in a good location as far as the town as a whole is concerned and easily accessible from other parts of southern Albany County. Certainly, having a Y here would enhance Bethlehem's image as a regionally desirable site, and for more than just industry.

For years, various groups have pointed out the need for a recreational center for both young and old. Siting a Y in Bethlehem would satisfy the needs of the immediate and the greater community at large.

Judge will be missed

Judge Peter Wenger's sudden death this weekend shocked his family and many friends. This morning, a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at Applebee Funeral Home on Kenwood Avenue.

We offer his family our sincere condolences. The long-time Bethlehem judge will be missed.

Sales tax could help ease burden

By Jim Sheehan

The writer is a retired school teacher and a correspondent with the Colonie Spotlight.

This is the season local school districts are in the process of budget preparation. They face a major task, as property owners seek to limit spending and new tax levies. Local property owners face the main burden of financing the schools due to less state commitment to education.

Many political debates deal with the need to ease the cost of education and limit real property tax increases while yet maintaining sound teaching programs and high educational standards.

To achieve these goals, I believe the county share of sales tax receipts should be shared with district schools.

The Albany County legislature, for example, now levies an 8 percent sales tax. Previously, it was 7 percent, but the additional "temporary" 1 percent was recently extended. Currently, the county and local municipalities receive the sales tax revenue.

In all fairness, the schools of Albany County should share in the sales tax to allow homeowners and taxpayers relief from the heavy burden of supporting local school districts.

For years, New York state had a goal of providing 50 percent or more of the cost of local schools. Over the years, this has been reduced where, in South Colonie, for example, the district receives roughly 30 percent state aid. In other districts like North Colonie, Bethlehem and Voorheesville, state aid is less than 30 percent.

The other 70 percent of the school costs falls on the shoulders of local property owners. The effect of this shift is often devastating. People on fixed incomes, senior citizens and people who have lost their jobs and seen their standard of living eroded, are pitted against parents who want the best for their children, despite the costs. This divides communities

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and leads to defeated school budgets.

The state Assembly and Senate and the governor have proposed programs to reduce property taxes for school districts, but none has been enacted yet.

A simpler method of aid for school districts would be to share the sales tax collected by the counties with the school districts.

Sales taxes collected in Colonie, for example, should be shared with schools just as it is shared with villages, towns, cities and the county.

This idea of sales tax sharing is not new. In Onondaga County, the sales tax is shared by the county, towns and villages. In 1988, when the sales tax rate was 7 percent and was shared the schools proposed that they should receive 10 percent of the growth over the base year (1979).

Negotiations resulted in a 10-year agreement which covered the period 1980-1990, and schools received 10 percent of the growth over the base year.

The agreement was renegotiated

in 1990 for a 10-year period from 1990-2000. The schools' portion of sales tax was to grow at the rate of .15 percent per year over the sales tax revenue for the county. The schools' share of the total sales tax revenue for the county was 5.26 percent in 1990. The new agreement increased the total share from 5.26 percent in 1990 to 5.41 in 1994 to 6.01 in 1995.

West Genesee school district in Onondaga County has a little over 5,000 students, which would make it similar to North and South Colonie. The sales tax revenue this year for West Genesee schools is more than \$600,000.

The savings to property owners is direct by reducing the cost of taxes for school expenditures. The sharing of the sales tax should be phased in by establishing a base year, say 1995, and then allowing one-half of one percent to be allocated to the schools on a weighted average daily attendance basis.

Local political leaders continue to promise "no new taxes," and yet we see school districts being the whipping dogs because there is no relief to property owners.

This proposal of sales tax sharing provides some needed relief to the property owners, the people who pay school taxes.

Does plan serve needs of only a few residents?

Editor, The Spotlight:

There seems to be an unusual concern for conservation by the LUMAC members, and, I suspect, a hidden motive.

Quite a bit of land would be designated conservation, which is why Hudson Valley Greenway is in favor of the proposed master plan.

Mr. Greenway (aka Ted Putney) is in favor of early adoption of the plan, and at a LUMAC meeting last September, he stated, "We have been cooperating with the Hudson Valley Greenway Council, and so far they are pleased with the amount of land we have made dedicated to that purpose."

Who is working for the benefit of all residents of this town?

Do we need a master plan designated only for a few?

Peter Frueh

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Your Opinion Matters

Writer urges community to support town master plan April 9

ditor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem town board has scheduled a public hearing on April 9 at 7:30 p.m. to receive input on proposed town master plan.

The plan, in the making for eight years, represents a herculean effort by our town planner and LUMAC (Land Use Management Advisory Committee) and includes a public hearing. The plan is ready to become Bethlehem's guide to development, growth, and prosperity.

The plan identifies and protects community values; it provides guidance and reasonable criteria for future physical and economic growth; it recognizes Bethlehem's strengths and opportunities for improvement; and it leverages our assets and recommends solutions for our problems.

Your support as a citizen, community leader, public official or local business person is essential to illustrate to the town board the broad base of constituents who believe planning is good for the town. Your support will demonstrate, once again, the need to move forward with the master plan.

The history of the current plan began when Bethlehem had no planning department, no trained planning staff and a 1960s comprehensive plan gathering dust. Many individuals and community groups expressed not only concern and opposition to projects and the approval process, but also provided positive input and suggestions for improvements and change.

Citizens encouraged decisions which best balanced community values, economic stability and resource protection. But neither they nor the town's decision-makers had a context or a plan to support or guide decisions.

Several thousand citizens signed a petition requesting that the town

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establish a planning department and develop a master plan. Recognizing the need for increased planning efforts, the town hired planners, and created a planning department which began to provide professional assistance to developers, various town boards and the public.

Among the major responsibilities of the department was providing assistance to LUMAC. From March 1989 to the present, LUMAC members spent thousands of hours in meetings, public hearings and site visits, as well as researching, reviewing and preparing information.

While the size of LUMAC varied over the years, it consisted of a cross-section of Bethlehem's citizen and business population. The process was exhaustive — gathering essential information, soliciting opinions of residents, and, most important, balancing community interests.

While planners and LUMAC collected, reviewed and analyzed information, thousands of others provided information that helped define community interests and values.

At several different stages of plan development, LUMAC conducted community meetings in representative areas of town. Citizens

aired planning concerns, problems, issues, needs and their vision of the town's future.

Citizens received draft findings and recommendations and again provided feedback.

The citizens of Bethlehem have been a major factor in development of the master plan. Citizen participation ensured that the plan had informed local roots.

The town board was also astute in using its in-house planning staff and LUMAC rather than a consultant. These ingredients add up to a locally developed plan that has received support from a broad spectrum of constituents.

A master plan is a guide which provides direction, but retains adequate discretion for our decision-makers. It is intended to achieve important goals for the town, such as balancing the demands of population and household growth with the ability to provide public services and infrastructure and enhancing economic development opportunities.

Long-term protection of natural and cultural resources, enhancement of neighborhood character and ensuring land use compatibility are also key goals.

The plan contains many recommendations. Some require changes to the zoning ordinance or other local laws and will require additional processes to appropriately develop the changes, hold public hearings and

evaluate more detailed information.

In addition to the recommendations, there is a wealth of information that supports the plan. That information is readily available and should allow citizens, developers and town decision-makers to make more informed proposals, criticisms and decisions.

The plan truly advances our knowledge and provides our collective vision of the future of Bethlehem.

Implementation requires many more steps and, to be realistic, the plan should never have an end point. We will make changes; changes will occur despite the plan; and, our values and balancing criteria may change over time.

We should also review our implementation progress, set interim goals, and consider exceptions and changed circumstances. It should be a living document that gives clear guidance but is kept contemporary.

Over the last 10 years, there have been many controversial development projects — both public and private. Residential development alone accounted for more than 1,800 building permits, more than 1,100 other units approved and 54 more developments currently in various stages of the planning approval process.

I believe that the plan's recommendations, had they been in place, would have resulted in bet-

ter development, improved sensitivity to citizen concerns, clearer goals and objectives and improved understanding of issues and a narrowing of differences.

The Bethlehem master plan is truly a best effort of our community. Not every individual will agree with every recommendation, although LUMAC has made every effort to understand and accommodate criticism.

The goal is not to reach consensus, because those with narrow self-interests can easily thwart that goal. The goal is a plan supported by the majority with flexibility to consider exceptions based on greater detail, hardship or special circumstances.

Please take the time on April 9 to come to town hall and make a positive statement to the town board. Other than casting a vote, your support of the master plan could be the single most influential act you can perform for your community.

A sincere, unwavering "I support adoption of the Bethlehem master plan" will send a clear message to the board and should give you the satisfaction of participating in government at its best.

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John Smolinsky

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Matters of Opinion

LUMAC plan should be guide for development

Editor, The Spotlight:

During the five eventful years I had the honor of serving as chairman of the Bethlehem planning board, many development proposals came before the board.

One of the most persistent complaints from residents was the apparent incoherent and unplanned manner in which our community was growing. The town board was sensitive to this concern and responded by establishing the Land Use Management Advisory Committee.

Now, eight years later, the town board must decide whether the master plan proposal developed by LUMAC should be adopted as the principal guide for future development for the town.

The town board has scheduled a public hearing at town hall on Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last opportunity for concerned citizens to tell the

town board that Bethlehem needs the LUMAC plan to guide future development.

Recent opposition by rural landowners has left its final adoption in doubt. LUMAC has made a responsible effort to meet their concerns. It is now apparent that defeat of the plan, not reasonable compromise, is their goal. Farming is protected, not threatened, by the proposed plan.

The LUMAC plan strikes a balance between the development interests of large landowners and the vital need to preserve green space and protect environmentally sensitive land for all. The plan recognizes that the spaces between buildings are as important to the life of human beings as the buildings themselves.

Martin Barr

Delmar

(Barr is a member of LUMAC)

Lab School parents say thanks for dinner support

Editor, The Spotlight:

On March 15, our annual Lab School pasta dinner was a tremendous success because of the outstanding support from parents, friends and the community.

Bob James' famous sauce and meatballs along with the students' service auction and the singing waiters and waitresses made the evening totally delightful.

We would also like to thank local businesses for their generous donations — Bob's Produce, Prinzo's Bakery, Delmar Marketplace, Morgan Linen and Stewart's.

Thanks also to all who attended. Please join us again next year.

Mary and Greg Maher

Chairpersons

Lab School pasta dinner

LUMAC pumps up its image

Editor, The Spotlight:

The "pump up public support for the master plan" letters in *The Spotlight* from members of LUMAC contained half-truths, exaggerations and contradictions. One can write off these offenses as the way controversies are resolved today, but I have a hard time going to sleep at night if I don't fight the dishonesty it fosters and the erroneous information it generates. So here we go.

Sam Messina wrote that LUMAC members have estimated the land development densities proposed by the large land owners could allow Bethlehem's population to grow to 250,000. This is an example of "figures don't lie, but liars figure."

Less than one hour of reading the LUMAC plan shows that land density figures will play a very minor role in Bethlehem's eventual population. The multitude of problems its soils, wet lands and topography hold for the developer, the nature of its economy, the "not in my backyard" character trait in its residents and the constraints on developing more water and sewage treatment capacity will produce a number closer to 50,000 than to 250,000.

Mr. Messina's fellow committee member, Jim Blendell, also bent the picture. He tells us that LUMAC believes disapproval of the plan will result in a continuance of the high density residential development experienced in the past few years.

This statement leaves one with the impression that LUMAC's plan does not propose high density

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development. This is not the case nor does their plan show high density development will continue at the high rate experienced in the past. It says that regional projections show a substantial decline in growth rates after the year 2000.

Let's go back again to Mr. Messina's letter. In it, he says, "Public interest in the master plan as well as the validity and reliability of the LUMAC survey, were affirmed through a mass mailing of 3,285 surveys with a response of 1,734." Knowing that there are about 11,000 households in the town, I see these numbers as a Clintonesque mandate.

One more time with Mr. Messina. He writes, "Densities higher than one and a half acres per unit will definitely negatively impact the integrity of the master plan, resulting in increased traffic, infrastructure costs, higher demands for town services, the need for higher taxes and a reduction in the quality of life in Bethlehem."

Without coming right out and saying it, he is telling us that, if we vote for the LUMAC plan, we will be able to squander the undeveloped land and relieve ourselves of the burdens that the existing master plan will bring.

This attitude begs two questions: Does the LUMAC plan not increase traffic, infrastructure costs and higher demands for town services?

The second question: Where

would most of the residents of the town be living today if our forebears had adopted a master plan?

As to LUMAC's master plan, believe that it contains an excellent inventory, it is unfair to a few of the owners of undeveloped lands, and it cost way too much.

Perhaps more damning is the fact that, in attempting to satisfy the wishes of those who wanted a plan that would stop the clock, it has gone beyond what it is morally permitted to do; namely protect our health, safety and wellfare.

I believe the town should treat it simply as a good source for information that has been needed for a long time to make minor changes to our existing master plan, and, maybe of more importance, as an information source for historians.

William B. Strong

Glenmont

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Your Opinion Matters

Resident believes community should show support for plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m., a public hearing will be held to allow our community to comment on the master plan.

The importance of community support for the plan cannot be overstated. Eight years ago, the Land Use Management Advisory Committee (LUMAC) was formed to develop a comprehensive yet sensible planning document that could provide development guidelines for the town of Bethlehem to the 21st century.

This group of dedicated residents volunteered countless hours and, with the town planning department, worked tirelessly to ensure community input in the process of defining what our town would become over the next 20 years.

LUMAC designed a 14-page town planning survey which was mailed to more than 3,000 residents. In spite of the daunting task of completing such a lengthy questionnaire, the response rate was an impressive 53 percent.

LUMAC also arranged for numerous townwide meetings so that more people could have a voice in the development of such an important planning document. The effort to reach everyone in our town was deemed critical to the final adoption of the master plan because it was felt that if we all had a chance to voice our concerns, needs and complaints, we would not be likely to return later in anger at not having had "our day in court."

After all was said and done, the plan was ready for adoption. And then all hell broke loose in the form of a group called "Rural Landowners for Agricultural Residence Business) and Rural Residence."

This group, comprised of developers and other owners of large parcels of land, were unhappy with the development density guidelines stated in the plan (three and five acres) and requested a higher density (two and three acres).

Since LUMAC is not a hostile, obstinate group, but instead sees itself as a sensible and cooperative group willing to compromise and accommodation for the benefit of the majority of the community, it responded favorably (though reluctantly) to the rural landowners' concerns over density limits.

Was this a reasonable accom-

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modation? You betcha! Were the landowners reasonable? No!

They have demanded more, more, more — first 1.5-acre densities, and then when LUMAC agreed to a second compromise, they sought yet a third change, a resource-based methodology, which translates to no density limit at all (a "whatever the market will bear" approach to development).

Is the landowners' group blinded by dollar signs, unable to clearly visualize a town that allows for sensible development while maintaining its suburban/rural integrity? Don't they realize that overdevelopment of the town means more roads, traffic jams, increased demand on schools, the environment and services, ultimately resulting in decreased land values and quality of life?

And, by the way, where were these landowners during the past eight years? Under the haystack fast asleep, I fear!

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protect and value the unique qualities that made most of us gravitate to the town of Bethlehem. There will no doubt be those who will feel that the plan is too restrictive, just as there will be those who will feel that it is too liberal.

Remember though, that this plan was designed "by the people to benefit all the people." It was

not designed to benefit particular people with agendas targeted to their own individual needs.

And, as far as I'm concerned, that's what community is all about — working cooperatively for the benefit of all.

Incidentally, by supporting the plan with your attendance, you

also give support and appreciation to LUMAC members and also to Bethlehem planning board members for all the work they did to bring this document to its culmination as an adopted plan. Hope to see you there.

Karin H. Henrikson

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Matters of Opinion

April 9 hearing will help determine town's future

Editor, The Spotlight:

April 9 will be a significant date in determining the future of our great town of Bethlehem. On this date at 7:30 p.m., the town board is holding a public hearing on the proposed master plan.

This important document was eight years in the making through the tireless work of the Land Use Management Advisory Committee and the town planning department.

Input for the master plan was gathered from every corner of our town through questionnaires and public meetings.

Adoption of the master plan

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will help keep Bethlehem the wonderful place we value so much — where we can bring up our families and live out our lives knowing that our town will be moving along a well-planned path to the future.

Please come to the hearing at 7:30 p.m. at town hall. Bring your friends and neighbors and voice your support for the master plan!

Ellie Prakken

Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

A home show on TV was showing an eight-sided mirror. You could have a view from so many angles, but it was particularly useful for being able to look back. I don't need a mirror to look back to the days of a half-century ago in my friendly Delmar, especially at the Four Corners.

All this nostalgia began when I returned from Florida. I noticed a Price Chopper sign over the drug store I had known as Tri-Village before going away. The sign states that the store will be moving to a new location in Slingerlands eventually. It is hard for me to imagine no pharmacy at that location.

Tri-Village was the destination of our walk while pushing our baby carriages back in the postwar '40s.

It was a place where we mothers met and enjoyed ice cream at Waltermire's soda fountain. Day care centers didn't exist, and most women didn't work if they had children and would have been accused of taking away a man's job if they did. Many veterans returning from the war were finding work a difficult proposition.

After Waltermire's, the pharmacy was owned by Eric Krugman, and the old-time atmosphere still existed even though the soda fountain had been removed. I remember when I was ill and Dr. Brown (who played the tuba in the Delmar Men's Orchestra) thought I should have bouillon cubes. When I called, Eric said he didn't sell them, but he'd go across the street to Nick's market and get some for me. When my medicine was delivered later that day, there were the cubes.

Vincent Rehbit, who has owned Tri-Village Drugs these many recent years, is always readily helpful and caring. He and his wife Diane and their daughters have been almost a part of our families, sharing problems, known because of medicinal purchases.

I know that change is inevi-

table, but it is bittersweet remembering — eating at Libby's Restaurant when meat stamps were scarce and having a full course dinner for 75 cents, stopping at Verstandig's "extra" store at the Four Corners for a bunch of daffodils in the spring, picking out fertilizer at Schnurr and Woods, a most eclectic place, where feed for farmers' animals was sold, as well as fine kitchenware.

There were delightful times spent picking out presents at the beautiful Thistle Shop or going across the street to try on fashionable clothing at Lynne's.

Only Leonardo's, now the Delmar Bootery, and Spinoss Barber Shop, both faithfully family-centered, are left, but I can close my eyes and while looking into my memory mirror, I can walk one more into the heart of Delmar Past — the Four Corners and enjoy the aroma of apple squares in the Delmar Bakery, hear the proud mothers chattering about which baby had the first tooth, while in the background, the sound of the fizzes at the soda fountain of an old drug store.

Ruth M. McDowell

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Your Opinion Matters

Chiropractor points out options to low back pain treatment

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to the article "Enzyme may help ease back pain" in the March 19 edition. Low back problems affect everyone at some point during their life. In fact, for persons under age 45, low back problems are the most common cause of disability.

To the best of my knowledge, there have been three rather exhaustive studies since 1993, regarding the management of acute low back pain. In September 1996, "Clinical Guidelines for the Management of Low Back Pain" was published in Britain. In December 1994, the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research released a publication call "Acute Low Back Problems in Adults: Assessment

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and Treatment." And in 1993, the government of Ontario published The Manga Report, a study to determine the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of chiropractic management of low back pain.

According to the British study, patients with evidence of simple backache or nerve root dysfunction of less than four weeks should be managed with over-the-counter ibuprofen, manipulation and an attempt to remain as active as possible. If there is no improvement during this time, an appropriate referral should

be made. In the presence of "red flags," as a cauda equina syndrome, immediate referral should be made.

The findings of the agency study were almost identical to the British study. The recommended symptom-control methods for non-specific low back pain were over-the-counter medicines and or manipulation, ice and a few days rest.

The Manga study made 10 recommendations to the government, all of which were very favorable for conservative care and manipulation in the management of acute low back pain.

What I found most disturbing about the article in *The Spotlight* was the implication there were

no other viable options for someone with low back pain and or leg symptoms. It left the reader with the assumption that surgery was the only option. What the article fails to present are the recommended treatments before surgery. The article also failed to inform readers what to do at the initial onset of back pain, or what other alternatives are advocated prior to invasive therapy.

All three studies I mentioned earlier consider surgery as a viable option, but not until non-invasive methods have been exhausted. Of course, this does not imply that every case of acute low back pain will respond to conservative management.

Some patients based on their

clinical presentation require referral immediately. The key to these guidelines from a clinical perspective is to understand what each type of treatment has to offer and to always have the best interest of the patient at heart.

My intent is to help to educate the general public. Surgery and pharmacological intervention should be considered, but only after more conservative and less invasive options have been explored.

All three of the above-mentioned studies are available upon request. The best decisions are always well-informed ones.

Jeffrey Riker

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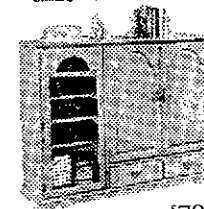
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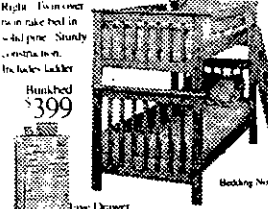
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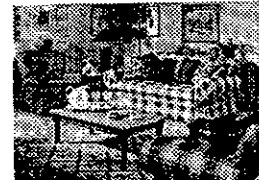
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Alteri's puts new Delmar restaurant on front burner

By Mel Hyman

Back in 1947, Lou Alteri began working in the fish fry place on Thatcher Street in Selkirk, founded by his father that same year.

Now 50 years later, Lou is returning to the restaurant business after a brief hiatus, although this time it will be to assist his wife Barbara who will soon open The Original Alteri's Restaurant in the Main Square Shoppes in Delmar.

If anyone can make a go of the restaurant space most recently occupied by Del Mare, it's the Alteris, said Dennis Corrigan, partner in Main Square Shoppes.

That's because the family has been associated with fine dining for as long as anyone can remember, Corrigan noted.

The original fish fry stand, which gradually evolved into a full-fledged restaurant, was always busy, Lou recalled.

For anyone unfamiliar with the succession of restaurants run by this likeable couple, it basically runs like this.

Lou's father (Lou Alteri Sr.) ran the Selkirk operation until he died in 1960. The family kept the operation going for a few more years before selling it to Eddie Mocker of Three Farms Dairy.

Then in 1969, Lou and Barbara opened Alteri's Restaurant at the



Barbara Alteri

site of the old Glen Tavern on Route 9W in Glenmont. Featuring Italian-American fare and seafood, that establishment thrived until Lou sold it in 1976.

"What a hot place that was," Lou remarked. "That place was a real workshop. It was jammed just about every day."

Shrimp scampi was a big favorite, along with veal parmigiana, he

recalled.

"Those are the things we have really been known for over the years," he said.

While the Glenmont Alteri's did a great business back in the '70s, "There weren't that many restaurants out there then," Lou said. "Today it's a lot different with all the chains."

After selling his Route 9W operation, Lou went to work for Dan Ertel at the former Terrace Restaurant in what was then the Albany Public Market shopping plaza on Delaware Avenue (now Albany Medical Center administrative offices).

Then in 1983, the Alteris struck out on their own again and leased 55 Delaware Ave. (slated to be torn down this spring to make way for a Hoffman's Car Wash).

Alteri's Fiesta Restaurant at 55 Delaware was a prosperous enterprise until the business was sold to the Ponderosa restaurant chain in 1988.

Then Barbara started Alteri's Restaurant at 818 Central Ave. in Albany, which flourished until last July, when it was sold to Carmine Sprio.

At this point, after more than four decades in the restaurant business, the couple decided that perhaps it was time to relax and take it easy.

But "We got bored doing nothing, so we decided that I would open something small that I could handle," Barbara said.

When the Main Square restaurant space opened up, Barbara knew right away it fit the bill.

Since they have lived for the past 21 years in Bethlehem Terrace Apartments on Blessing Road and knew many people from town, Delmar seemed like the right place to be.

While the Alteris have always seemed to have the right recipe for running a successful restaurant, they do not plan to rest on their laurels.

They plan to introduce some new items into their menu, as well as offering many of the old favorites.

"We had a lobster roll years ago in Glenmont that was very

popular, but which we discontinued because it was expensive to make," Lou said. "We're going to give that another try."

For the health-conscious diners of the '90s, they will feature several meatless pasta dishes, as well as a variety of broiled and baked seafood entrees.

"Baked haddock was always popular, and that will be back, plus we'll have a fish special of the day," Lou said.

There's a lot still to do before the Main Square operation opens, but Barbara said she plans to open during the second week in April. When the big day actually comes, it's sure to be a homecoming of sorts for people from Selkirk to North Bethlehem and all points in between.

Town library seeking to fill two board seats

Bethlehem Public Library is seeking nominations to fill two vacancies on its board of trustees.

Candidates are sought to fill the seat vacated by Robert O'Neill, who resigned last November, and a second opening which expires June 30.

Candidates who are running for re-election are Susan Birkhead and Jordan Langner.

Petitions containing at least 67 signatures must be filed with the district clerk at 90 Adams Place in Delmar. Petitions must be received by April 7, which is 30 days prior to the May election.

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Library

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popular summer reading club," Beck said.

The one intangible that could have ramifications for the future is the new contract currently being worked out with the Civil Service Employees Association bargaining unit representing the library's 65 full and part-time employees.

"Since we are now involved in budget negotiations with our employees' union, salary and benefit adjustments cannot yet be determined," Beck said.

Salaries are the largest single expense in the library budget. Librarians are slated to receive \$648,181 in salaries this year, while support staff are earmarked for \$628,705. Overall, taking in benefits, workers comp et. al., the total for this budget line is \$1,709,493, about the same as last year.

"Although we do anticipate some increase as a result of the new contract with the union," Beck said, the total amount appropriated should be sufficient because of savings realized from staff attrition last year. "Some people retired, and the new ones came in at lower salaries."

A vote on the library budget is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, as part of the Bethlehem Central School District annual election and budget vote, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

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'Great Books' group to discuss the Bible

The adult Great Books Group will meet at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Selections from the Book of Genesis section of the King James Bible will be discussed.

New members and guests are always welcome, but only those who have finished the reading may participate in the discussion.

For information, call Jim Cornell at 439-2305.

Renovation

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collections," Beck said, since the report states there is "sufficient space" provided that "we better utilize what we have."

At the same time, the "carpeting is really worn," Beck said, and much of the furniture needs reupholstering. Also, the card catalogue section should be replaced with electronic terminals, freeing up additional space.

"We're not going to carve this out of the budget," he said. "First, we have to see exactly what the board wants to do and in what time frame."

"We're delighted to know that we don't need to do anything major," said library director Nancy

Pieri. "It's wonderful that 25 years ago when they designed and planned (the building), they had enough forethought so that we still have not outgrown it."

"We desperately need new carpeting," she said. "And some of the furniture is getting pretty shabby. Some type of face lift is needed, that's for sure."

Before laying down new carpet, the stacks will need to be moved, and that would "really be an optimum time to reconfigure the space," Pieri added. Still, the idea of moving around 160,000 books and laying down new carpet throughout the facility is "rather scary. We've all read the report. Now we have to decide what we can reasonably do, and what our next step will be."

Beck said the library board is continuing to work on alleviating

the parking shortage at the library, but no easy solution to that problem has yet emerged.

A decision on the library's future will not be made right away, according to Susan Birkhead, chairwoman of the board of directors.

"We have a facility that is very heavily used, and we want to make sure that we are using it efficiently and to the building's best advantage."

Quilters to hold show

Quilters United in Learning Together is sponsoring a quilt show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the weekend of April 12 and 13 at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School on Route 9W in Ravena. Lectures will take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Area businesswomen to hold spring tag sale

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold a rummage/tag sale on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church on Elmsmere Avenue in Delmar. The sale will benefit the club's high school student scholarship fund.

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The show will feature lectures and quilt appraisals. Vendors will also be at the show.

Parent groups to meet

A.W. Becker Elementary School PTA will hold its April meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Pieter B. Coeymans PTO will also meet at 7 p.m. at the school.

The special education parents support group will conduct a group parent and child night on Wednesday, April 9, at the middle school.

RCS honors eight students

Eight RCS senior high students were honored at a recent Good Citizenship banquet. The students were selected because of excellence in the classroom and the

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Melanie Relyea, Jessica Stanton, Krista Dumerti, Kristen Gordon, Justin Parmalee, Mark Deyo, Charles Stumpf and Chris Glassanos were honored.

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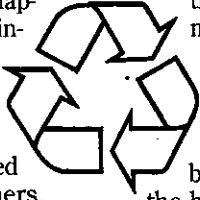
By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Candles clear the air better than aerosol sprays that mask odors rather than eliminating them. It's heartening to see commercial companies promoting candles to clear the air. But what happens to all the glass containers after the candles are burned? These containers are made for candles. Therefore, refills or other votive candles can be burned safely in the glass containers. Purchasing refills is cheaper than buying a whole new container each time.

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The mesh sponge in the bath-



room is popular, but they need a good cleaning once in a while. Wash them in the laundry. You might want to place them in a laundry bag because some ropes that hold the sponge fray if not handled carefully.

If the mesh sponge seems to have outlived its usefulness, use it as a cleaning tool. Scrub the bathroom, a greasy pot or the backyard barbecue. It's an object with several lives.

Cookie and candy decorative tins can be used to solve many storage problems, and might even be attractive enough to decorate a shelf.

What happens when there are too many tins? If they aren't sold at your garage sale, recycle them in the recycling bin provided by your hauler for co-mingled containers.

As you prepare for the May 3 hazardous waste collection day, cleaning out garages, basements and homes, keep these thoughts in mind. Latex paint that has not been used for years may already be hardened.

Musicians to perform at church

The Bethlehem Music Association (BMA) will host an honors recital on Sunday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

The recital will feature performances by 12 outstanding high school musicians who will be auditioning later this month for all-state performance groups.

The students are: Matthew Cook, trumpet; Dan DiPaolo, french horn; Justin Friedman, trombone; Sara Hughes, violin; Jennifer Nathan, viola; Emily Prudente, clarinet; Calvin Miaw, violin; Lauren Rice, french horn; Tariq Sheikh, alto saxophone; Thomas Smith, cello; Emma Samelson-Jones, violin; and Scott Strickler, trombone.

Roller hockey buffs



Getting a jump on spring — prior to the snowstorm — are Stephen Bagg, left, Mike Connelly, Paul Parker and Daniel Felitte, who are playing roller hockey at Elm Avenue Park. *Doug Persons*

Glenmont church slates spaghetti meal

A spaghetti dinner will be held at the Glenmont Community Church on Chapel Lane in Glenmont on Saturday, April 12, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The cost for the dinner, which includes salad, dessert and beverage, is \$6.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 8 years old and under.

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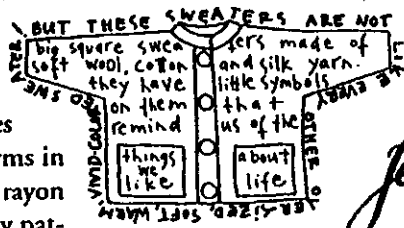
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Delmar man completes naval exercise off coast of Kuwait

Without proper training, the unexpected can quickly turn into disaster, especially in a crisis situation. For this reason, the United States Navy and Marine Corps design their training scenarios to be more difficult and complex than any real situation they may encounter.

Recently, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Todd T. DeVoe, along with the crew of the amphibious warfare ship USS Cleveland and the Marines of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (11th MEU) completed Exercise Eager Mace 97-1.

The month-long exercise held off the coast and in the desert of Kuwait tested the Navy-Marine Corps team's ability to work with Kuwaiti forces as well as simulate non-combat evacuations of civilians ashore to the safety of Navy ships at sea.

DeVoe, the 26-year-old son of Loren DeVoe of Delmar, feels the exercise increased the ship's operational readiness.

"The training made me more aware of the conditions I would face during a real crisis," said DeVoe, a 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

DeVoe is a hospital corpsman on the 17,000-ton Cleveland where

he tends to the health care of sailors and marines on the ship. His work during the course of the exercise helped allow operations to run smoothly.

"I supported explosive ordnance and reconnaissance platoons, and I worked directly with the Kuwait army," said DeVoe.

Homeported in San Diego, DeVoe and the Cleveland play a key role in maintaining stability in regions that have strategic and economic importance to the United States.

As part of an amphibious ready group (ARG), the Cleveland is uniquely designed to conduct assault missions from the sea while deployed near coastal regions. The 680-foot warship can quickly move its 300 Marines to any crisis area in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf. Once an amphibious assault has been launched, the Cleveland serves primarily as a command-and-control station providing logistic support to Marine forces on shore.

DeVoe feels that in order for the Navy to successfully carry out its mission of peacetime forward presence and crisis response, regular training exercises with foreign military forces are a must.

"These exercises build good working relations with foreign armies," said DeVoe, a five-year Navy veteran.

Although participating in various naval missions overseas is very demanding, DeVoe feels it is important for the Navy, with ships like the Cleveland, to maintain a U.S. presence overseas.

"Deployments maintain a U.S. presence in the Gulf. It is still a vital part of the world and if one country gains control of it, it would throw off the world's economy," said DeVoe.

As the turn of the century approaches, the United States and its allies are becoming more involved with worldwide regional conflicts and humanitarian operations. Eager Mace 97-1 ensured the Navy-Marine Corps team is able to help maintain global peace, and that Sailors like DeVoe will have the training they need to complete their mission successfully and safely.

The Cleveland is scheduled to return to San Diego in April.

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at P.J.'s Mini Mart and Stewarts

TV-31 announces spring programs

TV-31, Bethlehem's public access station with studios at the library, begins its spring cablecast season this week. Charlie Rossiter starts his seventh year as host of "The Poetry Motel" Monday, April 7. This half-hour weekly program, funded in part by the New York Council on the Arts, features interviews and readings by poets.



James Laughlin, a Connecticut poet, is next week's guest.

Rossiter, one of the performance poets known as "Three Guys from Albany," has moved to Chicago, so

this is Motel's final run with him. Plans are to continue the show in the fall with another host.

Videotapes of previous programs — 40 shows, 10 tapes on all — are available on loan from the media department. Look for them in media center's National Poetry Month display.

"The Poetry Motel" is cablecast Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

"Art in the Community," a series of profiles of local artists, has its season premiere today. Hosted by Marjorie Roberts, the show follows a format similar to "The Poetry Motel," featuring interviews with artists and samples of their work.

Rensselaer muralist Jackie Brickman is today's featured guest. Brickman was one of the organizers and artists who created the mural project at Riverfront Park under the Dunn Memorial Bridge.

"Art in the Community" is cablecast Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

TV-31 recently received the balance of monies from Cablevision as part of its franchise agreement with the town. In 1993, Cablevision agreed to pay the town \$85,000 for technological improvements to its two cable access sites, TV-32 and the public access site at Bethlehem Central High School, (Channel 8).

The first installment was paid in 1993, and the final installment will allow substantial restorative improvements to the aging systems, which have been in operation for about 12 years.

The cable company also provides an annual allotment of maintenance funds, ranging from \$1,000 to 3,000 to help defray the cost of wear and tear to the equipment as a result of daily operation. All funds are divided 65 percent and 35 percent to the library and the school respectively.

For information about TV-31, call program coordinator Gregg Clapham at 439-9314.

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Junior high drama club to present mystery

The junior high school drama club will present "Trixie the Teen Detective and the Mystery of Gravestead Manor" at the high school auditorium on Route 85A on Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. For information, call the high school at 765-3314.

Club to hear talk on container gardens

Alison Swanson of Olsen's Nursery and Greenhouses will give a slide presentation on container gardening at the Helderberg Garden Club meeting on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the public library.

Swanson will discuss plant selection and give instructions on planting and maintaining a container garden.

New members are always welcome. For information, call Joanne King at 765-2261.

Scouts planning father-daughter banquet

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts' third annual father-daughter banquet is set for Friday, April 11, at Colonie Country Club on Route 85A.

There will be a hot and cold buffet, door prizes and music by disc jockey Christopher Dutkiewicz. Tickets cost \$13 per person.

For information and reservations, call Terri Berger at 765-2674.

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Church to serve pancake breakfast

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be served on Saturday, April 4, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85.

Breakfast features a choice of blueberry or plain pancakes or french toast, along with bacon, sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.75 for children age 6 through 10. Children under age 5 eat for free.

School board to meet

The next regular meeting of the school board is on Monday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school. The public is invited to attend all school board meetings.

Music friends slate Tuesday meeting

Voorheesville Friends of Music has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in room 160 at the high school.

New members are always welcome. For information, call Mary Brownell at 765-3614.

Cubs to participate in father-son bakeoff

Cub Scout Pack 73 will hold its second annual father-son bake off on Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m. at the high school cafeteria. Cakes must be baked and decorated at home and brought to the high school for judging. Awards will be given in several different categories.

For information, contact Tim Selby at 439-6216.

Workshop announces summer session dates

Course brochures have been sent out for the summer program at Helderberg Workshop. Two-week sessions run from July 7-18, July 21-Aug. 1, and Aug. 4-15. A one week session will be held Aug. 18-22.

Two week classes cost \$105 per student. One week classes are \$55 each.

Drawings for placement in classes will start on April 4. Acceptance letters will be mailed the first week of May.

For information, call the office at 399-2387 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6 and 9 p.m. or on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Information about the status of specific applications will not be given out over the phone. Changes

and requests must be sent in writing to Helderberg Workshop, P.O. Box 323, Voorheesville 12186.

Extension to present Lyme disease workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will offer a workshop entitled "Lyme Disease Awareness" on Monday, April 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Rice Center on Martin Road.

The program will explore the causes, symptoms and treatment of Lyme disease, with a strong emphasis on how to avoid, prevent and spot tick encounter.

Preregistration is required. For information, call 765-3500.

Gardeners available at Rice Center

Starting in April and running through September, the agriculture office at the Cooperative Extension will be open the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for soil testing and help from master gardeners.

The office is located at the Rice Center on Martin Road. For information, call 765-3500.

Town board to meet

The New Scotland town board meets on Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

Pressure clinic scheduled

The Kiwanis sponsored blood pressure clinic will be on Tuesday, April 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Students move to state competition

Congratulations and good luck to elementary school pupils Liz Funk and Meghan Okoniewski, whose winning entries in the PTA Reflections contest advance to the state level. Funk's entry is in music and Okoniewski's in photography.

V'ville welcomes Mexican students

Clayton A. Bouton High School is hosting a group of 18 students and two teachers from its sister school in Tulancingo, Mexico. The group arrived March 21 for a 16-day stay. Many thanks to area families who have opened their homes to the Mexican students.

St. Matthew's girls win CYO title

Special congratulations are in order for St. Matthew's junior girls basketball team for winning the 1996-97 Albany Diocese CYO title with a 40-33 win over St. Basil's of Watervliet. The team is coached by Bob Burns and Pat Corcione.

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"What Makes a Photographer Great?" a slide lecture by Barbara Michaels that presents the work of successful 19th and 20th century photographers, is set for Sunday, April 6, at 2 p.m.

Michaels' discussion will include the work of Henri Cartier-Bresson, Dorothea Lange and Alfred Stieglitz.

Voorheesville Public Library



Local shutterbugs can find answers to questions on what artistic, technical and emotional elements distinguish the best photographers from run-of-the-mill.

The program, sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Meet the library crafters on Saturday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. at an open reception to showcase Nimblefingers' needlework. Work will be displayed in the community room throughout the month.

If you've thought about joining

the group, this is a perfect time to get acquainted.

Voorheesville artist Jean Knouse's pencil drawings are on display in the hall gallery throughout the month.

The adult sketch club meets tonight, April 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to bring materials and join in. No sign up is necessary.

Helderview Garden Club will meet in the community room Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

Barbara Vink

City hall info desk looking for staffers

The city hall information desk at the Albany Urban Cultural Park Visitors Center at 25 Quackenbush Square in Albany needs volunteer staff Mondays through Fridays. Both morning and afternoon shifts are available.

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For information, call 439-5132.

Strings concert coming



Meaghan Murphy and Kaity Conklin practice their violas in preparation for the Bethlehem Central District Strings Festival Thursday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the lower gym of the high school, 700 Delaware Ave.

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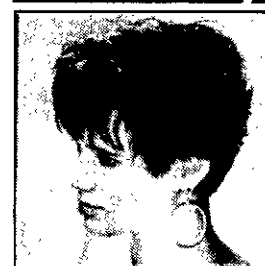
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Sports

Bethlehem boys tennis team looking to repeat as champs

By Alli Tombros

Starting the season off on the right note, the Bethlehem boys tennis team downed Queensbury on Friday by a 6-3 score.

Queensbury is known as one of the toughest teams in the section, according to coach **Derek Minkler** (in his fourth year with the team), so the Eagles consider this victory a good omen for the upcoming season.

Captain **Marc Borzykowski** led the way by winning the first singles match. **Marc Katz** won the fifth singles. **David Perlmutter** captured the sixth singles, and the first doubles team of **Dan Burrell** and **Tom Hitter** prevailed as well.

The second doubles team of **Ian Morgan** and **Jonathan Caplan** were also winners as was the third doubles tandem of **Zack Beck** and **Mohit Tinani**.

The Eagles who went down to defeat included **Matt Treadgold** (second singles), **Kevin Russell**

(third singles), and **Brian Schwartz**, the team's other captain and the fourth singles player.

Bethlehem will be hard-pressed to improve on last season's record when they went undefeated and won both the Suburban Council and Section II tournaments.

Since then, however, the team has lost many of its top-position players to graduation. Also missing from this year's lineup is sophomore **Kris Grajny**, who is sidelined due to an injury.

Filling in the missing spots in the ladder are two eighth-graders, who have suddenly found themselves placed in singles positions. **Treadgold** is playing second singles, and **Perlmutter** has a firm grasp on the sixth spot.

Although the ladder is still subject to revision, the two seem to be taking the team by storm. Balancing out the younger players is the batch of seniors on the team who hold seven of the 12 playing positions.

"Even if we're a pretty young team, we're looking to be strong," said Beck.

Borzykowski echoed that sentiment. "There's no reason why we should lose matches, and not take the section again this year. But it's imperative that our doubles teams play strongly and win. That's how we win the matches."

Team tennis forming

The Albany-based Community Sports Association is now accepting players for the spring/summer world tennis team leagues.

Team tennis is a coed format with leagues for players of all levels. Regular season matches are played at local parks and tennis clubs in the Capital District on weekday evenings.

The season begins in May. The national championships will be in Orlando, Fla., in December.

The application deadline is Tuesday, April 15. For information, call 438-2597.

Kaminiski & Aiezza perfect

Bill Kaminiski and **Lee Aiezza** recently bowled 300 games at Del Lanes in Delmar. Other top scorers included:

Senior men: **Steve Walley** 605 triple; **Sy Shields** 279; **Dave Palladino** 847 four games.

Senior women: **Rose Marino** 201; **Agnew Neumann** 199; **Eleanor Moak** 185, 486 triple; **Helen Ragotski** 497 triple.

Men: **Bill Van Alstyne** 735 four games; **Dan Carson** 728 triple; **Aiezza** and **Kaminiski** 300.

Women: **Heather Selig** 269 and 861 four games; **Julie Irving** 621 three games, **Arlene Leto** 861 four games.

Adult/Jr. Men: **Phil Hausman** 266 and 737 triple; **Bill Yates** 243 and 646 triple.

Women: **Maria Yagel** 213 and 536 triple; **Sharon Rohl** 200.

Girls: **Stacey Spagnola** 236 and 636 triple.

Junior Classic: **Joe Stapleton** 279 and 870 four games; **Courtney Radick** 220 and 788 four games; **Bill Pugh** 279 and 935 four games.

Majors: **Marc Bohlen** 214 and 562 triple. **John Lewis** 199 and 477 triple, and **Kristine Fournier** 170 and 496 triple.

Juniors: **Matt Antonio** 223 and 558 triple; **Katie Duncan** 170 and 502 triple; **Lindsay Dougherty** 156 and 417 triple.

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Bethlehem Sting take second place

The Bethlehem Sting put in a strong performance recently at the Amsterdam "Break the Ice" soccer tournament.

The Sting, playing in the upper or "B" division, finished in second place after losing the final tournament game, 3-2. The game was decided in the last 40 seconds after a nerve-racking battle in which the Guilderland goalie was yellow-carded.

Bethlehem's Ben Hager showed his versatility by scoring a goal, while playing keeper. Hager went on to score two more goals, and both he and Mike Barone played solid in the nets.

Jason Hoogkamp led the team in goals with five. Devon Breen

tallied four goals on the day. Peter Cioppa, Tom Lackner and Brian Turner each scored twice. Barone and Joe Cardamone contributed one goal each.

Scott Braaten, Liam Brennan, Dave Kadish, Evan Romanoff and Will Sherman, along with Lackner, played tough defense throughout the morning. Cioppa won the shoot-out, while Hager took the goalie trophy. Craig O'Connor, sidelined with two sprained wrists, accompanied the team to show support.

Coach Tom Barone said he was pleased with the team's effort. Both he and assistant coach Joe Brennan say they are looking forward to the outdoor season.

Braverman upbeat about BC's chances

By Andrew Hartman

The Bethlehem baseball team, despite a challenging schedule, is hoping for a successful season.

Led by talented senior captains Dan Conway and Cory Czajka, the Eagles are enthusiastic about their offense, especially their hitting prowess. Their fielding is also considered solid. The only possible question mark is their pitching.

Bethlehem lost several key seniors from last year's squad, but there are several returning veterans who are being counted on to pick up the slack. They include Mike DelGiacco, Conway, Jeff McQuide, Czajka, Joe Lengfeller, J.J. Kasarian and Greg Garver.

"I am hoping for a good season," said coach Jesse Braverman. We are a strong team. We have a number of strong returners and some good new players."

The team has its first scrim-

mage today, April 2, at home against Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. On Friday the Eagles have a nonleague game at Cobleskill, and on Monday, the Eagles take on mighty Shenendehowa in their first Suburban Council game of the year.

Four Dolphins qualify for eastern zone meet

Four Delmar Dolphins have been selected to represent Adirondack Swimming at the Eastern States Zone Competition in Buffalo.

Those selected were 11-year-old Courtney Arduini, 12-year-old Becky Corson, 12-year-old Teresa Rosetti and 14-year-old Elyse McDonough. Erika McDonough was also selected but declined to participate.

Arduini and McDonough participated last year with Arduini bringing home a medal in the 100-yard backstroke. Corson and Rosetti were on the '95 zone team.

Hockey champs



The Squirt "A" team from the Capital Youth Hockey Association recently captured the Tier II New York State Championship. Three of the team members, Matt McKenna (left), Matt Hickling and Matt Narode hail from Delmar. Ed Hickling and Joe Mirabile were the coaches.

Sam Perkins to conduct summer camps

Sam Perkins, former Shaker High School standout and now a star forward of the Seattle SuperSonics, will conduct five area day camps and an overnight camp.

The camps will be directed by Lou Cioffi, varsity coach at Averill Park High School. He will be assisted by several other high school and college coaches from the area.

The camps are open to all boys and girls, ages 7 to 18. The camps

Basketball

for the week of July 7-11 will be held in Albany at Albany Academy, in Averill Park at the new Averill Park High School athletic complex and in Schalmont at Schalmont High School.

Another day camp will be held

in Troy at Hudson Valley Community College from July 14-18. An overnight camp will be held Aug. 25-29 at Brant Lake in Warren County.

Last year's camp featured an appearance by George Karl, head coach of the National Basketball Association SuperSonics.

All day camps will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information and a brochure, call Cioffi at 346-8106.

Annual Delmar Dash scheduled for April 16

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club will host the annual Delmar Dash on Sunday, April 13.

The five-mile road race will begin at 9 a.m. from the corner of Delaware and Elsmere avenues in Delmar. The mostly flat course winds through Delmar and Elsmere.

Tom Dalton holds the men's course record of 24:33, and Amy Herold-Russom holds the women's record of 29:04.

The race is open to runners of

all ages and abilities. Entrants may register at Elsmere Elementary School starting at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$12 for HMRRC members and \$14 for nonmembers. Commemorative long-sleeved T-shirts will be given to the first 325 registrants.

Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers and to the male and female age group winners.

The race is a HMRRC Grand Prix event with points counting

toward the club championship.

The Delmar Dash is sponsored by Blue Shield of Northeastern New York.

For information, contact Hank Steadman at 439-9487.

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Obituaries

Peter C. Wenger

Peter C. Wenger, 54, of Delmar, Bethlehem town justice, died Saturday, March 29, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of Bethlehem.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Union College. He was a cum laude graduate of Albany Law School, where he was associate editor of the Law Review and a member of the Justinian Society.

Mr. Wenger was counsel to the speaker of the state Senate after graduating from law school. He then entered private practice with his father. Most recently, he practiced law with Segal & Wenger.

He retired from New York Air National Guard in 1989 as a lieutenant colonel. He was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal and several Air Force commendations.

Prior to his election as Bethlehem town judge in 1980, he was an assistant counsel to the town boards of assessment review and zoning appeals. He was a founding member of Bethlehem Youth Court.

He was a committeeman for the Bethlehem Republican Committee and longtime member of the board of directors of Hudson Valley Auto Club, serving as secretary at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Grodin Wenger; a daughter, Allison Wenger of Delmar; two sons, Christopher Wenger and Timothy Wenger, both of Delmar; and a sister, Martha Wenger of Takoma Park, Md.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. today, April 2, at the Applebee

Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Youth Court, c/o Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Norman H. Bender

Norman H. Bender, 102, of Delmar died Tuesday, March 25, at Good Samaritan Health Care Center.

Born in Elsmere, Mr. Bender had lived on Oakwood Place in Delmar for many years. He retired as chief clerk for the state Department of Taxation and Finance in 1958.

Mr. Bender was an Army veteran of World War I. He was a former commander of the Blanchard American Legion Post. He was also a member of the Wadsworth Masonic Lodge, Capital City Chapter, Onesquethaw Masonic Lodge, Temple Commandery and Cyprus Temple.

He was husband of the late Katherine Griswold Lee Bender.

Survivors include a stepson; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany 12209.

John Colagiovanni

John R. Colagiovanni, 49, of

Delmar died Friday, March 28, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Colagiovanni worked for Anchor Motor Freight and Nu Car Carriers in Selkirk. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 294 in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Antico Colagiovanni; two daughters, Deborah Colagiovanni of Colonie and Christine Colagiovanni of Albany; three stepdaughters, Sheri Newman of Albany, Michele Newman of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Linda Miller of Altamont.

Services were from the Chicorelli Funeral Home and St. James Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Nellie Mae Sheehan

Nellie Mae Bloomingdale Sheehan, 94, of New Salem died Thursday, March 27, at Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Mrs. Sheehan was a reports clerk with the Internal Revenue Service for 25 years. She retired in 1967.

She was a member of New Salem Reformed Church, Fort Orange Post Auxiliary, New Scotland Senior Citizens and AARP of Guilderland.

She was the widow of Walter M. Sheehan.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and New Salem Reformed Church.

Interment was in St. Agnes

Cemetery in Menands.

Esther R. Levy

Esther R. Levy, 91, a former resident of Delmar, died Friday, March 28, at Ford Nursing Home in Cohoes.

A Syracuse native, she was a graduate of Syracuse Normal School.

Mrs. Levy taught in Syracuse public schools and was active in Temple Adeth Yesuran. She moved to Delmar in 1954. She was a member of the sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth.

She was the widow of Dr. Walter C. Levy.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Mark R. Levy of Loudonville and two granddaughters.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Beth Emeth Cemetery in Colonie.

Raymond D. Fish Jr.

Raymond Dominick Fish Jr., 34, of Delmar, died Monday, March 24, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He attended Hudson Valley Community College and was a certified Emergency Medical Technician. He worked for Capital District Ambulance Service for the past 17 years.

Survivors include his mother, Arlene M. Kicinski Fish of Delmar; his father, Raymond D. Fish Sr. of Colonie; four sisters, Mary Lee Gilman of Delmar, Margo Fish of Albany, Laura Ann Junco of Albany and Margaret Mary Shellenberger of Colonie; and two brothers, Joseph Anthony Fish of Troy and David Patrick Fish of Albany.

Services were from Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home and St. James Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 41 State St., Suite 708, Albany 12207.

Evelyn C. Smith

Evelyn C. Smith, 72, of Good

Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar died Tuesday, March 25, at the home.

Born in Ravena, she lived there for many years before moving to the home in 1983.

Survivors include a sister, Murial Speakman of Pennsylvania.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Graveside services will be in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery in New Baltimore.

Food stamp info on tap at town hall

Bethlehem residents are eligible to participate in the nutrition assistance program operated by Bethlehem Senior Services Food Pantry and Albany County Social Services.

A representative from the Food Stamp Division is available the first Monday of every month at Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar from 9 a.m. to noon. Applications can also be completed or recertified in private 45-minute conferences by calling 439-4955, ext. 173.

Cooperative extension sets Lyme disease talk

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will offer a workshop entitled "Lyme Disease Awareness" on Monday, April 14, at the William F. Rice Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

The program, which will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., will examine the causes, symptoms and treatment of Lyme disease, with a strong emphasis on how to avoid, prevent and spot tick encounters.

Pre-registration is required.

For information, call 765-3500.

Volunteers needed for town clean-up day

The second annual Bethlehem First townwide community clean-up day will be held on Saturday, May 17.

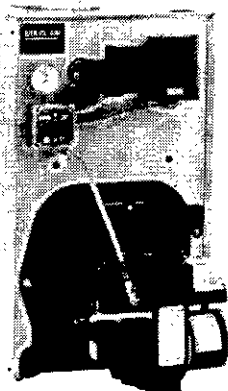
All those interested in participating are encouraged to join the task force.

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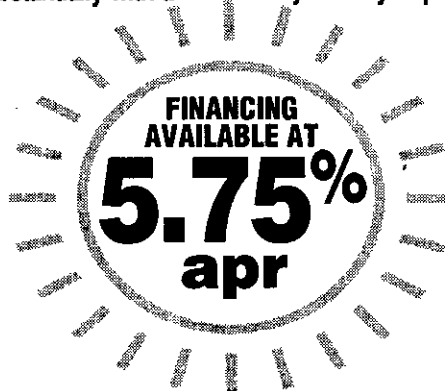
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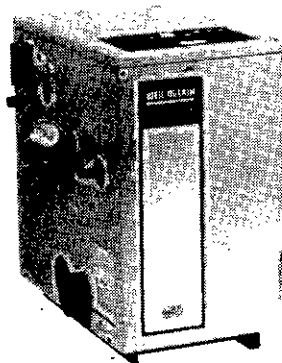


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In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.

Wenger

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working with each other."

Wenger "loved the system and was committed to his job," Bishko added. But above all, he was dedicated to his family. "That was paramount."

Wenger took great personal interest in his children, including his twin sons Chris and Tim, both of whom were soccer stars at Bethlehem Central High School.

A graduate of BCHS, Wenger practiced law for more than 25 years in the Albany area. He served 25 years with the New York Air National Guard, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"Peter and I were classmates in law school," said Republican town chairman Brian Murphy. "I knew him for over 30 years. ... He was a person who really cared about people. When Peter asked you how you were, he meant it."

"He was a great storyteller," Murphy added. "He could always make you laugh and he had an ability to lighten things up."

Former town justice Roger Fritts knew Wenger not just from political circles — Wenger was a GOP committeeman — but also professionally. "We worked together for many years. He was always willing to help out if I needed someone to cover for me on a weekend."

"Many times I was impressed by some of the insightful thoughts he came up with when we were discussing a problem."

Wenger's life off the bench and away from his law office was taken up with his family, according to Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "My heart goes out to his children and his wife," she said.

Councilwoman Doris Davis, a Bethlehem Youth Court adviser, said Wenger was an "integral part" of the Bethlehem Youth Court. "He had a common sense and caring approach when making a decision. ... He will be sorely missed."

Tax form assistance available for seniors

Bethlehem Senior Services is accepting reservations for the AARP Income Tax Form Assistance Program to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 8 at town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Copies of 1995 federal and state tax returns should be brought in, along with a W-2 form, 1099 forms and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and school tax receipts.

To make an appointment, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

Business group offers student scholarships

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club offers scholarships to Town of Bethlehem graduating seniors or returning students. High academic standing is not necessary. The deadline for applications is April 25.

For information, call 439-4955, ext. 183.

Businesswomen set for dancing lessons

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will meet this Wednesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. at the Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Nancy Karins, a.k.a. Danci Nanci, will provide line dancing instruction and fun throughout the evening.

For information, call 439-5786.

BCHS gym is open for Friday night hoop

The lower gym at Bethlehem Central High School will be open on Friday nights from 8 to 11 p.m. for high school students interested in playing basketball.

Students must be residents of the Bethlehem Central School District or the town of Bethlehem.

Admission is \$1.

LUMAC

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Certain recommendations in the draft master plan, presented to the town board in late 1995, proved controversial, especially minimum lot size recommendations in the rural areas of town.

Farmers and large landowners complained that they were not getting a fair shake. They argued that requiring large lot sizes for rural, agricultural and environmentally sensitive areas would limit what they could do with land that had been in their families for generations.

In response, LUMAC went back to the drawing board last year and relaxed some of the density requirements, particularly in "rural/agricultural" and the "environmentally sensitive" zones.

The following, according to LUMAC members, are the plan's key provisions:

- Allows the town to retain its character by concentrating dense development around the hamlet areas.

- Balances development against the reasonable and affordable expansion of the town's infrastructure (water, sewers, bridges and roadways).

- Protects environmentally and historically sensitive areas by establishing a new land use category to limit development there.

- Provides safe and appropriate zones for industrial development.

- Includes in the zoning code parts of town that have never been zoned before.

"It's important that we move quickly to incorporate these provisions into the zoning code because that's the law that controls these things," said James Blendell, a member of LUMAC and the town planning board.

Progress Club slates meetings, activities

Members of the Delmar Progress Club will hold a general meeting on Monday, April 7, at 10 a.m. in Bethlehem Public Library community room.

Other upcoming events on the progress club calendar include:

- April 8 - The literature group will meet in the community room at 1:30 p.m. to review "Life in Russian Country Estate" by Lynn Mather.

- April 9 - The legislative forum will meet at Albany Public Library at 11:30 a.m.

- April 10 - The environmental conservation committee will leave the town hall parking lot at 10 a.m. for a trip to the new water treatment plant.

- April 16 - The antique study group will meet in the library community room for a display of antique quilts.

- April 16 - evening group will meet at the Capital House for dinner at 6:30 p.m.

- April 18 - The bi-county meeting will be held at Cedar Hill at 1 p.m.

- April 24 - The garden group will meet at Five Rivers at 1:30 p.m. for a talk on Backyard Birds and a tour.

April 30 The creative arts group will meet in the library board room at 9:30 A.M. for water color - spring flowers.

March of Dimes hosting WalkAmerica

The Northeastern New York Chapter of the March of Dimes will host its 27th annual WalkAmerica walk-a-thon on Sunday, April 27, at 11 locations.

BCMS PTA NEWS

<http://www.crisny.org/not-for-profit/bcmspta>

MARCH PTA UPDATE

April 7th PTA Meeting: Bethlehem Police Officer Mike McMillen has been invited to talk about his service at the Middle School over the last year. Parents are invited to meet him and discuss relevant issues.

MS Teacher Recognition Luncheon: Thank You, Barb Eames!!! On March 21st a small group of volunteers lead by Barb Eames produced this year's teacher recognition luncheon. Our thanks go out not only to the hard work and dedication of all Middle School teachers and staff, but also to Barb and her few helpers.

SIT Committee Volunteers Needed: A sixth and an eight grade parent is needed to serve on the 1997 - 98 SIT Committee. This is a cooperative committee that reviews most major decisions concerning all aspects of the Middle School. They meet every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:45 p.m. Please consider this important committee.

Book Discussion - April 29th: MiddleWorks & BCMS invites interested parents & faculty to a discussion of Daniel Goleman's best seller, "Emotional Intelligence" at the Middle School. Call 439-7740 to register or for more information.

April 15th - 7p.m. - Ed Center - 90 Adams Place: Share experiences with other parents experiencing difficulty raising an adolescent. Call Mona (Bethlehem Networks) at 439-7740 to register or for more information.

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Cheryl and Daniel Libutti

Davies, Libutti marry

Cheryl Beth Davies, daughter of Roy and Linda Davies of Delmar, and Daniel V. Libutti, son of Ron and Alice Libutti of Stormville, Putnam County, were married Oct. 13.

The Rev. Warren Winterhoff performed the ceremony in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, followed by a reception at Western Turnpike Golf Course in Guilderland.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Day and the bridesmaid was Tammie Pilhofer, the bride's cousin.

The best man was James Li-

butti, the groom's brother, and ushers were Michael Libutti, the groom's brother, and Brian Davies, the bride's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Plattsburgh. She is employed as director of resident family services by Green Manor Nursing Home in Ghent.

The groom, also a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh, is employed as assistant manager of Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Clifton Park.

After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple lives in East Greenbush.

Dean's List

University of Vermont — Leo Grady and Karena Zornow, both of Delmar.

BC homecoming queen to compete statewide

Jennifer Burroughs, daughter of Craig and Patricia Burroughs of Delmar, has been selected as a finalist for New York's 17th annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held May 24 and 25 at the Albany Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Colonie.

Burroughs is Bethlehem Central High School's homecoming queen.

New York's homecoming queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense-paid trip to compete with contestants from other states for the title of America's homecoming queen in August in California.

For information, call 439-0271.

Donovan interns with state Democrats

Ryan T. Donovan of Darroch Road in Delmar took part in an internship this fall through SUNY-Oswego's Experience-based Education Program.

Donovan, a junior history major, was an intern for the New York State Democratic Committee in Oswego.

The Experience-based Education Program at Oswego places students in internships that allow them to earn college credits while experiencing "real life."

Honor society taps Dorgan as member

Peter J. Dorgan of 1412 Delaware Ave. in Delmar was among those recently initiated into the University of Illinois chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a national scholastic honor society for freshman.

The honor society initiated 1,003 members at a campus ceremony this spring. Members are students who have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in either their first semester or first and second semesters combined.



Michael Begier and Jacqueline Martone

Martone, Begier to marry

Jacqueline Martone, daughter of David and Mary Martone of Selkirk, and Michael Joseph Begier, son of Edward and Gloria Begier of Stillwater, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, is employed as a loan

assistant by Key Services Corp. in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Stillwater High School and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

The couple plans a Nov. 22 wedding.

Taft, Kurtz to marry

Heather Ellen Taft, daughter of Dr. Edwin and Pamela Taft, and Frank Jason Kurtz, son of Richard Kurtz and Marsha McTee of Joliet, Ill., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the Crane School of Music and Illinois State University. She is employed as a music teacher by

Oakwood Elementary School in Lemont, Ill.

The future groom, also a graduate of Illinois State University, is employed as an environmental, health and safety technician by General Electric Co. in Mankato, Minn.

The couple plans a Sept. 27 wedding.

Mail weddings, engagements

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Benefit sale for nursery school set

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The sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Toys, books and household items will be available. More than 90 families will be involved.

Learning takes center stage for young thespians

By Alvaro Alarcon

It's an opportunity for kids to create, rather than view dramatic art. The New York State Theatre Institute's Theatre Arts School helps young people discover themselves as well as an art form.

The school has a variety of regular and vacation programs. Each program has a different theme or focuses on a particular aspect of the performing arts.

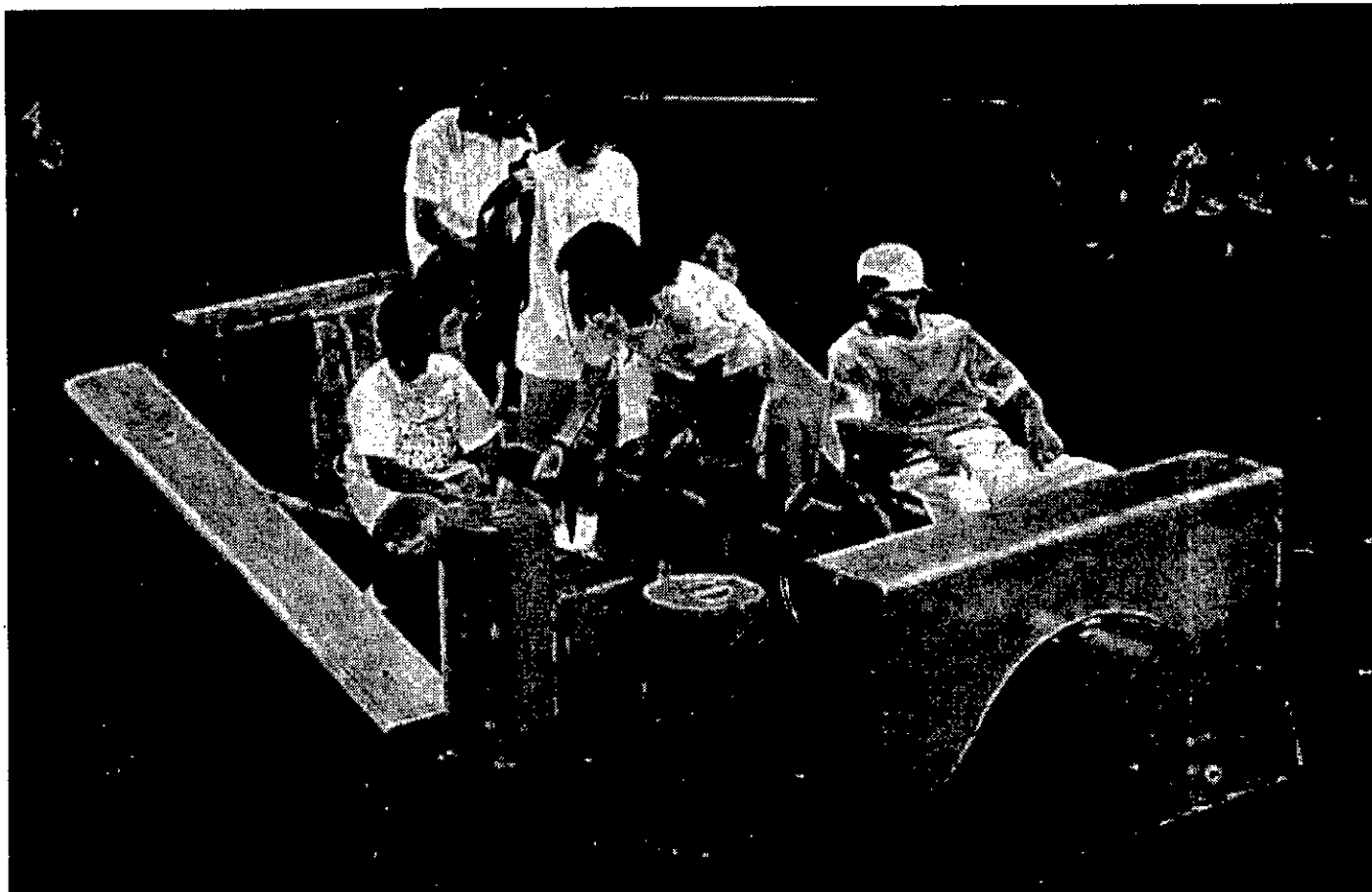
"Students don't have to worry about right or wrong ... it's a break from school. There are no right answers and every answer is right," according to Sara Melita, theater arts school director. Drama allows the individual to flourish as well as be able to work with others to produce a final product designed to entertain an audience. Melita said that every program the school offers is the result of work by students and professionals alike.

Creative performing arts are taught through external and internal techniques. The external technique focuses on how an actor expresses creativity through the body and the use of props. The internal technique focuses on finding and nurturing that creativity and is the focus of much of the school's programs. Melita said the school "helps students find new ways of acting, new ways of thinking, new ways of expressing themselves and feeling comfortable with it."

The newest program is the April Vacation Program for young people ages 6 to 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the week of April 21 to 25. Students will discover performance techniques through games and arts activities centered on the theme of colors. Acting, movement, and voice workshops will culminate in *The Rainbow Revue*, a showcase of student work presented on the final afternoon of the program.

"The program is individually oriented," according to Melita. Whether or not one aspires to be a professional thespian, the program demonstrates how a team can create a final product without sacrificing the autonomy of its members.

Students are divided into elementary, middle and high school groups. Novices as well as seasoned thespians can participate says Melita, since the key to good acting is finding an individual's internal spark that



Local teen-agers create an original performance last year during their SummerStage workshop at the New York State Theatre Institute.

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allows creativity to boom.

The cost of the Vacation Program is \$150. Applications need to be submitted by April 11.

A longer, intensive three-week program for students ages 9 to 18 will take place from July 7 to 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Summer Stage '97 will result in an original performance that demonstrates each student's creative performing talents.

The tuition for Summer Stage '97 is \$375. The application is due by April 15.

The school offers several 12-week Saturday workshops for all ages during the year. Each workshop focuses on a certain area within the creative performing arts.

Children in kindergarten through grade-two can participate in the Creative Dramatics workshop. The one-hour class is designed to help channel the very young child's imagination in constructive, inventive activities that emphasize self-expression. Tuition is \$125 per semester.

A three-hour Theatre Skills Workshop for students in grades three through seven focuses on improving the actor's mental

and physical state through the development of awareness and control. Tuition is \$225 per semester.

The preparation of scripted materials, vocal selections and choreography culminating in an informally staged presentation is the concentration of a Performance Workshop for students in grades seven through 12. Tuition is \$225 per semester.

A two-semester program for experienced students will focus on the blending of creativity and technicalities involved in any theatrical production. The tuition for the Production Workshop is \$450 for both semesters.

All programs take place at Russell Sage College in Troy. The mailing address for the school is: Theatre Arts School, NYS Theatre Institute, 155 River St., Troy 12181.

Melita can be reached at 274-3295.

Sherlock's Secret Life clever probe by Lange of Holmes lost years

As written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the character of Sherlock Holmes had a gap in his life that is never explained. What was he like as a younger man and what were the events that shaped his later life?

We hear from Dr. Watson that he was a man of humor and one with an eye for the ladies but that is not evident in the character we find in the Conan Doyle stories.

Ed. Lange, associate director of the New York State Theatre Institute and a resident playwright, has created that earlier Holmes in his new play, *Sherlock's Secret Life*.

In the play which just closed at the Russell Sage College home of the Institute in Troy, an elderly Watson remembers an incident in Holmes' earlier life when both were young men about town.

Lange has Inspector Lestrade of Scotland Yard introduce a young woman to Holmes and Watson. She has lost her memory and he wants the two men to help her.

The twists and turns of the plot once it gets past early talky scenes, really develop a pace that not only moves the mystery forward with some good physical byplay but also reveals a romantic side of Holmes and Watson absent in the Conan Doyle stories.

But Lange then brings the story to a poignant moment that fully develops Sherlock Holmes' character into the one



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with which we are most familiar in later stories that are part of England's lasting literature.

With Clinton J. Atkinson's staging, a fine cast serves Lange well. Visiting actor Joel Leffert is visually striking as the Holmes created by Basil Rathbone in the movies, tall, angular and precise of speech.

Elisabeth S. Rodgers, in her NYSTI debut, was recruited from New York to play the mystery woman. She is attractive, commanding and fully believable as the confused woman who is able to bring herself to find romance.

David Bunce, as the young Dr. Watson, is the romantic young man who is still in awe of Holmes and a sharp contrast to the older Watson, created by John Romeo who sits in his final years telling this "long lost story of Holmes."

John McGuire's portrayal of Professor Moriarty is nicely contained to the proper moment when his true character is revealed.

The production is to be taken to Long Island for several performances later this month and then next season will be on the schedule of the historic Fulton Opera House in Lancaster, Pa. where it is assumed Lange will be able to unveil a tighter, less talky first act.

But, even as offered in Troy, this play is a strong addition

to the theatrical pieces written about this fictional English detective.

Jarka Burian honored with first lecture in his honor

The first annual Burian Lecture will be presented Monday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on the University at Albany campus.

Dr. Marvin Carlson, a professor of theatre studies at the City University of Albany, will discuss "The Current Theatre Scene in Western Europe." The lecture is free to the public.

A long-time professor of drama at the university, the retired Burian remains involved in theater with his writings, mainly on Middle-European theater. The Czech-born theater director and author was honored with his wife Grayce Susan Burian when an endowment was established in their honor.

Burian taught at the Albany University from 1955 until 1993. He received the George Jean Nathan Award for criticism in 1994 and in 1995 was given a Career Achievement Award by the American Theatre in Higher Education.

Grayce Burian established a two-year program in theater at the Schenectady County Community College in her years as professor at that school.

Around Theaters!

Deathtrap, popular thriller with Elliott Gould and Cindy Williams tonight, April 2, at Proctors (346-6204) ... *The Secret Garden* at Russell Sage College, Friday-Sunday, (270-2248) ... *To Kill A Mockingbird* through April 20 at Capital Repertory Theater in Albany (462-4534)

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"NOISES OFF"

the thrill of opening night of a production, Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Springs, 8:15 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m., Sunday, April 25 through May 11, \$15. Information, 587-4427.

"THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND"

songs of Kander and Ebb, Cabaret, Funny Lady, Chicago, New York New York, New York State Museum Clark Auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 2 and 27. Information, 235-7969.

"DANNY HOTCH IN SOME PEOPLE"

a Caribbean cabbie, a Polish repairman, a West Indian disc jockey, a yuppie from New Jersey, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8 p.m., April 5, \$18. Information, 473-1845.

"THE TRIAL"

a comic nightmare of uncertainty and despair, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, 8 p.m., April 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 2 p.m. April 13 and 20, \$7. Information, 584-5000 ext. 2347.

"EVITA"

Andrew Lloyd Webber's stunning musical follows the rags-to-riches rise of Eva Peron, Opera House, 826 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., April 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, May 1, 2, 3, 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4, \$15. Information, 377-5101.

"SYLVIA"

a mild mannered investment banker with an empty est adopts a stray dog, North Pearl Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m., Tues. through Thurs. April 29 through May 25, 8 p.m. Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, \$18. Information, 462-4531.

"DEATHTRAP"

story of a playwright who will go to any lengths to recover from a string of flops, Proctor's Theater, 432 State Street, Albany, 8 p.m., April 2, \$26.50 to \$32.50. Information, 382-1083.

"SANDGLASS THEATER'S AUTUMN PORTRAITS"

Eric Boss uses puppetry to present a series of vignettes about characters in our lives, Ulman Theater, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m., April 11, 12, \$15. Information, 382-1083.

"THE ODD COUPLE"

tale of two close friends and why they shouldn't live together, Proctor's Theater, 432 State Street, Albany, 8 p.m., April 14, \$26.50 to \$32.50. Information, 382-1083.

"TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD"

Harper Lee's classic about one man's courageous effort to stand for justice, Capital Repertory Company, North Pearl Street, Albany, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m., through April 20, \$18 to \$32. Information, 462-4531.

MUSIC

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Findlay Cockrell, conductor, SUNY Albany Performing Arts Center, Main Theater, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m., April 29, \$3. Information, 442-3997.

EIGHTH STEP

openstage, 14 Willet Street, Albany, 8 p.m., Wednesdays, \$7. Information, 434-1703.

BORODIN STRING QUARTET

Schubert, No. 10 in E flat, Op. 125, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, 8 p.m., April 4, \$20. Information, 372-3651.

DOGS OF DESIRE

Albany Symphony Orchestra's ensemble, conducted by David Alan Miller, West Hall, RPI, Troy, 8 p.m., April 4, \$8.

"PATRICI A. ST. JOHN, PIANIST

benefit for Troy's Homeless Services Collaborative, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, 8 p.m., April 4, \$15. Information, 273-0038.

DAVID WILCOX, KARLA BONOFF

singer/songwriter David Wilcox, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, 8 p.m., April 5, \$22. Information, 273-0038.

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six women, six centuries, Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, Troy, 8 p.m., April 5, \$14. Information, 247-2098.

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Pepsi Arena, Albany, 7:30 p.m., May 1, \$18.50 and \$13.50. Information, 476-1000.

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13 Hockey or football
18 Hard on the nose
20 Ooze
21 Eugene's st.
22 Doha's country
23 Jane Fonda thriller
26 Remove an ascot
27 Actress — Bonham Carter
28 Diocese
29 JFK abbr.
30 Cartoonist Hollander
31 The edge of night
33 Dion's "Run-around" girl
34 Waist band
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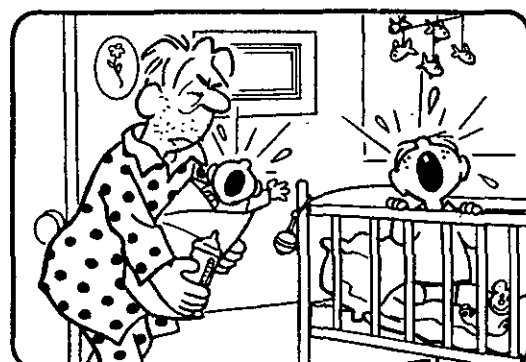
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61 Night spot?
62 Blunder
63 Like Chicago
64 — vous plait
65 Slipped by, as time
67 Former senator Charles
68 "Nightmare" street of filmdom
69 An Astaire
70 Celebration
73 Actress Munson
74 Right-fielder Tony
75 Egg — yong
78 Tatum of "Paper Moon"
79 Chopin piece
82 Supposedly
83 Bit of gossip
85 Somewhat dark
86 Give — (cause)
87 M.A. or M.D.
88 John of "Fort Apache"
89 Swank shops
92 Sharp
93 F. Scott Fitzgerald novel

98 Three, in Turin
99 Qlys.
100 Lindstrom or Zadora
101 Semester
103 "The Merchant of Venice" heroine
106 Cow or sow
107 Spree
110 Lots of bread
114 Studio sign
115 Jay & the Americans hit
118 Insect stage
119 Years on end
120 "— Gay"
121 Famed carousel
122 Prepare to be knighted
123 Wally of "Mr. Peepers"
124 Fit for a king
125 Thames town
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1 Soap setting?
2 Exercise aftermath
3 Songwriter Jacques
4 Intended
5 Party animal?
6 Pivot
7 Frank Herbert novel
8 Brink
9 "— Hunt"

10 Peter Rabbit's creator
11 Length x width
12 German article
13 Sudden
14 Cisco's chum
15 Director Preminger
16 Fence part
17 "A — Grows in Brooklyn"
19 Hole grain food?
24 Hasty
25 Clan clashes
30 Spiteful
32 Beer barrel
33 Stallone's nickname
34 Small cut
35 Dodge
36 Lutetia instrument of India
37 Goatish gambler
39 Overcast
40 Reasoner or Chapin
41 Baal, e.g.
42 Homer's field?
43 Textbook headings
44 "Walk Away —" ('66 tune)
46 Fleur-de —

50 Spilled the beans
52 Poet Amy
53 Blazing
55 Animation frame
56 Airhead
58 Formerly
59 Riyadh's religion
60 Get-up-and-go
61 Nyasaland, now
65 Correct a text
66 Voter's tool
67 Chantouse Edith
68 Vane letters
69 Reunion attendees
70 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname
71 Not solidified
72 Stocking shade
73 Resistance unit
74 Burger veggie
75 Armada
76 Furry fisherman
77 It's up in the air
79 Actress Garr
80 Eric of Monty Python

81 Question
83 "— Kick Out of You"
84 Gobs
88 Nelson or Nimitz
89 Piggins
90 Palindromic cry
91 Bilko's rank: abbr.
94 Born here
95 Enigmatic sort
96 Tiller
97 March along
102 Mrs. Eisenhower
103 Tyler's successor
104 — impulse (suddenly)
105 Unusual
106 "Scat!"
107 Miss Marple
108 Like kids at Christmas
109 Mexican monster
111 Jacket feature
112 Word form for "within"
113 Mikita of hockey
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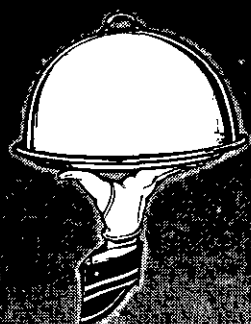
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 a program to build skills for examining techniques in arbitration cases, sponsored by Cornell University, 90 State Street, Albany, 6 to 9 p.m., \$150. Information, 449-4161.

"LIFE IN THE AZERBAIJAN"
 discussion open to public, John Paine Building, Sage Troy Campus, 12:40 p.m. Information, 270-2397.

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

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

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

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB
 Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Road, Guilford, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

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

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

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT CLINIC
 for all capital region residents who have a concern about a child 2 years and older, Bellvue Women's Hospital, Niskayuna, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 346-9499.

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

WORKSHOP FOR COUPLES
 for single and married people, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., 7 to 9 p.m., \$20. Information, 489-4431.

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

NSDAR MEETING
 public welcome to attend, Mynderse-Frederick House on Rte. 146, Guilford, 7:30 p.m. Information 864-5769.

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

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

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE
 meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

**FRIDAY
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"FIRE AND ICE BALL"
 exciting black tie gala sponsored by Key Bank, Terrace Gallery, NY State Museum, 7:30 p.m., \$50. Information, 433-0151.

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.

ROOFERS RECRUIT APPRENTICES
 applications accepted by those at least age 18, Roofers Joint Apprenticeship Committee of the Capital District, Local 241, 890 Third St., Albany, 8 a.m. to noon. Information, 457-5519.

**SATURDAY
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ALBANY COUNTY
SIBLING CLASS
 preparing children, 3 to 10 years, for the arrival of a new baby, Bellvue Women's Hospital, Niskayuna, 11:30 p.m., \$5. Information, 346-9400.

GUILDERLAND CRAFT FAIR
 to benefit scholarship fund, Farnsworth Middle School, Route 155, Guilford, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information 453-6700.

PLANETARIUM SHOW
 through the eyes of Hubble, Henry Hudson Planetarium, April 5, 12, 19, 26. Information, 434-5132.

**SUNDAY
APRIL**
6

ALBANY COUNTY
FRIENDS OF THE GRANT COTTAGE ANNUAL MEETING
 for members and the public, Gleason Putnam Room, Saratoga State Park Administration, 19 Roosevelt Drive, Saratoga Springs, 2 p.m. Information, 584-4768.

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.

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

**MONDAY
APRIL**
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ALBANY COUNTY
"ADVANCED CONFLICT RESOLUTION"
 helps participants to identify their own conflicts, sponsored by Cornell University, 90 State Street, Albany 6 to 9 p.m., \$85. Information, 449-4161.

"HEAL YOUR BODY IMAGE"
 a workshop helping participants to improve their image of their body, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., 7 p.m., \$12. Information, 489-4431.

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.

**TUESDAY
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ALBANY COUNTY

"MANAGING CONFLICT"
 course to be held April 8 through June 24, Cornell University, 90 State Street, Albany 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Information, 449-4161.

CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT FORUM
 discussing indicators, prevention, and community resources, Lansingburgh High School Auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 273-0702.

"CHANTING ACROSS TRADITIONS"
 learn the ancient, basic method of chanting, St. Rose College, 959 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

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

"WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ALLERGY TESTING AND ALLERGY SHOTS"
 a free presentation, the public is welcome, Allergy and Asthma Center of Albany Med, 215 Washington Ave. Extension, 7 p.m. Information, 453-3510.

"ARCHETYPE OF THE HERO AND HEROINE"
 workshop relating myths, legends, and fairy tales to our lives, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., 7 p.m., \$25. Information, 489-4431.

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.

CIVIL AIR PATROL
 Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

RECOVERY, INC.
 self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
DOANE STUART OPEN HOUSE
 for prospective students and their parents, Doane Stuart School Route 9W, 5:30 p.m. Information, 465-5222.

MS SELF-HELP GROUP
 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Schenectady County, Sunnyview Hospital, Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

RECOVERY, INC.
 self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendell Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP
 group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

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district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

PUBLIC HEARING
on application of Joseph Painter/Petrol/Dutchess Terminals, 294 Route 9W, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

an evening of country line dancing instruction and fun, Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m. Information, 439-5786.

PUBLIC HEARING
on application of Dan Formica, McDonalds Restaurant, 132 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:45 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. 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.

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.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB

Herb Garden restaurant, 1903 New Scotland Road, 6 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 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.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

LIBRARY CLUB FOR KIDS MEETING

all are welcome, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 3:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

**THURSDAY
APRIL 3**
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

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
FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7 to 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY
APRIL 4**
BETHLEHEM
PRESCHOOL FILMS

for children ages 3 to 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m., free. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

**SATURDAY
APRIL 5**
BETHLEHEM
"WRITING AND TELLING ORIGINAL STORIES"

presented by the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, April 5 and 12, 10 a.m., free. Information, 439-9314.

RUMMAGE SALE

sponsored by Bethlehem Business Women's Club, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere Ave., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information 439-5786.

AA MEETING

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

VOORHEESVILLE
NIMBLEFINGERS RECEPTION

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 6**
BETHLEHEM
MAD HATTER'S TEA FOR TOTS
based on Alice in Wonderland, for children ages 3 to 6, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, come in costume, 2 p.m. Information 439-9314.

AA MEETING

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

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

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.

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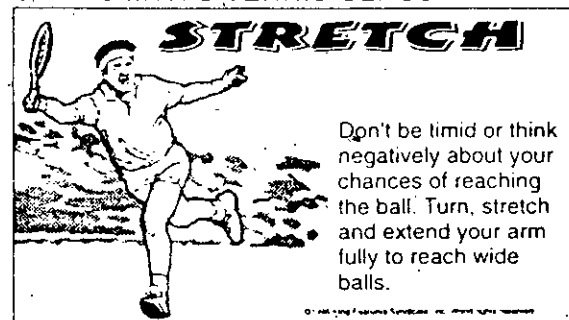
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

NEW SCOTLAND
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

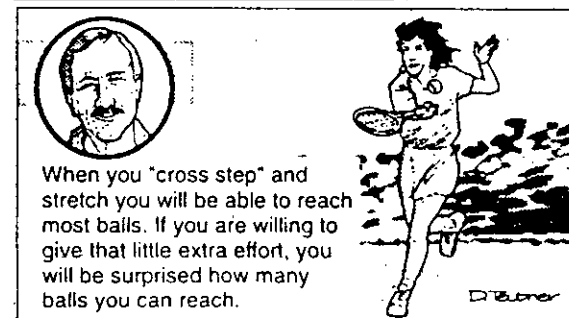
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

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Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF WILLIAM GRIMM BUILDING MATERIALS, LLC. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "WILLIAM GRIMM BUILDING MATERIALS, 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 upon 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 whom 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 Company served upon the him or her is: William Grimm Building Materials, LLC, 1110 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

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 members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 27th day of February, 1997, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) William Grimm, Member (April 2, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of B&D Industries, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 10, 1997, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 4 Norman Drive, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

(April 2, 1997)

PRO-ACTIVE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF a Limited Liability Company (LLC), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) 05/24/96, effective on the date of filing. NY office location: Albany county. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to Pro-Active Management Company, 227 S. Pearl Street,

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12202. Latest date due to dissolve: Perpetual. Purpose: formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

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

The name of the LLC is First Columbia Properties, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 18, 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 6 Majestic Court, Loudonville, New York 12211.

(April 2, 1997)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Acquisition Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 18, 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.

(April 2, 1997)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Drive, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 21, 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 5 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205.

(April 2, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to Section 206(c) of The New York Limited Liability Law

1. The name of the limited liability company is DUNLOP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 11, 1997.
3. The office of the Limited Li-

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ability Company is to be located 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 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: DUNLOP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, 25 Slingerland Street, Slingerlands, New York 12159.

5. The name and street address within New York of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is:

Richard O. Bollen
Dunlop Property Management, LLC
25 Slingerland Street,
Slingerlands, New York 12159

6. The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is February 1, 2032, unless dissolved before such date pursuant to the New York Limited Liability Company Law or the Operating Agreement of the Company.

7. The limited liability company is formed for any lawful business purpose of purposes.

(April 2, 1997)

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION
THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE TOWNS OF
BETHLEHEM AND NEW
SCOTLAND
COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW
YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period of July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school budget will be held on the 16th day of April, 1997 at the Educational Ser-

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vices Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m., EDT.

Petitions nomination candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1997 to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the term of Susan Birkhead and a term of one (1) year commencing July 1, 1997, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Robert O'Neil (presently filling the unexpired term is Jordan Langner) must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 7, 1997.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. For the election of two (2) members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years; all commencing July 1, 1997, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of William Collins and Lynne Lenhardt;

3. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

4. For the election of two trustees to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, one for one full term five years commencing July 1, 1997, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Susan Birkhead, and one to complete the term of one (1) year commencing July 1, 1997, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Robert O'Neil (presently filling the unexpired term is Jordan Langner);

5. Upon the appropriation of \$389,440 to purchase seven (7) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

6. Upon the purchase of 29.61± acres of vacant land located on the westerly side of Van Dyke Road (opposite the Senior High School) for the sum of \$140,000; and

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 7, 1997, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place on May 7, 1997.

FRANZ K. ZWICKLBAUER
School District Clerk

Dated: March 12, 1997
(April 2, 1997)

NOTICE OF FORMATION**LEGAL NOTICE**

Name of LLC: Stein Advisory Services, LLC. Art. of Organization filed with New York Sec. of State 2/10/97. Office located in Albany Co. Sec. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Address Sec. of State shall mail copy of process against LLC: 6 Pasture Gate Lane, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: to engage in any lawful purpose permitted under NY LLC.

(April 2, 1997)

AMERICAN CONSUMER SERVICES, L.L.C.

Notice of Registration of Limited Liability Company (LLC), American Consumer Services, L.L.C. filed with Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 3/11/97; offices in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC at 80 Wolf Road, Suite 503, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLCs may be organized under the law.

(April 2, 1997)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Precast Concrete Manhole Blocks, Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections and Iron Castings (highway, grates and covers) during the period from 1 May 1997 to 30 April 1998 inclusive, for the use of said Town, as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. for Precast Concrete Manhole Blocks; 2:10 p.m. for Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections; and 2:20 for Iron Castings on the 14th day of April, 1997 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF
BETHLEHEM**
Kathleen A. Newkirk,
CMC TOWN CLERK
(April 2, 1997)

**VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE**

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

The person will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the school district election for which the absentee ballot is requested because he/she is, or will be on that day:

a) a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place because of illness or physical disability or;

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

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

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

c) because he/she will be on vacation outside the county or city of his/her residence on that day. The application shall also contain the dates which he/she expects to begin and end the vacation, the place or places where he/she expects to be on vacation, the name and address of his/her employer, if any, and if self-employed, a statement to that effect; or

d) absent from his/her voting residence because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

Letters requesting applications for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District Voorheesville, New York 12186

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

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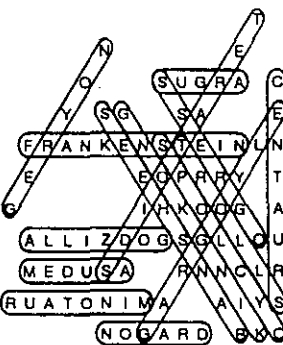
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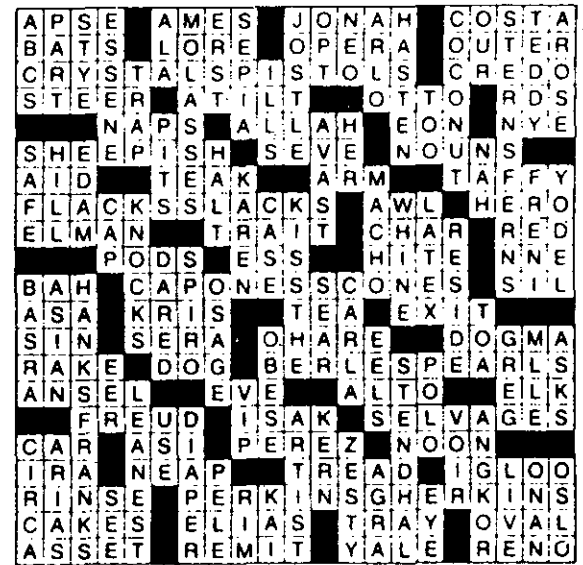
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DELMAR, \$109,900 32 NATHANIEL BLVD 3 Br, 1.25 Bth COL in Old Delmar, HW, Fin Bsmf, Fp, deep yard, walk to library & stores. Kenwood to Northwick to Nathaniel. 439-2888. HAZAPIS. 1-3

DELMAR, \$112,500 130 CHERRY AVE 3 Br, 2 Bth Contemp Ranch, Fireplace, Deck, Fenced yard. Cherry Ave, between Delaware & Kenwood. 439-2888. BILL ALSTON. 2-4

DELMAR, \$119,900 64 MEADOWLAND ST 3 Br, 1.5 Bth R/R, HW Flrs, Fr, Gas heat, C/A, 2 car garage. Kenwood Ave to Meadowland, corner of Stratton Pl. 439-2888. S. STUEBING. 2-4

DELMAR, \$119,900 14 RIDGE RD Charming 3 Br COL, Fp w/ Built-ins, 1st Flr Den, Hardwood, 2 car garage. Elsmere, L on Kenwood, L on Ridge. 439-2888. D. TANGORA. 1-3

DELMAR, \$139,900 137 FERNBANK AVE Well Maintained 3 Br, 1.5 Bth Ranch on Lg corner lot, HW, Fp, newer Kit, den, Elsmere Ave to Fernbank. 439-2888. DELLA ROCCA. 1-3

DELMAR, \$147,900 63 GREENOCK RD 4 Br, 2.5 Bth COL in Kenwood Area, Fp, Elsmere Ave, L on Kenwood, R on Dumbarton, L on Devon, R on Grennock. 439-2888. DORMAN. 12-2

BETHLEHEM, \$145,000 22 BARTLETT LN 3 Br, 2.5 Bth S/L, HW Flrs, Fr, w/FP, close to bus & shops. Delaware Ave, R on Herrick, R on Sunset, R on Bartlett. 439-2888. ISABEL HERD. 12-2

DELMAR, \$149,900 36 WAKEFIELD CT 3 Br, 2.5 Bth COL, FR w/FP, 2 car garage, move-in cond. Delaware Ave to Longmeadow, L on Dorset, L on Wakefield. 439-2888. MOSMEN. 12-1:30

DELMAR, \$144,900 63 CARSON RD 3 Br, 1.5 Bth COL, country kitchen, Hardwood Floors, 2 Fps, Fr, screened porch. Cherry Ave to Huron, R on Carson. 439-2888. B. KERRIGAN. 1-3

DELMAR, \$167,900 23 CAROLANNE DR 4 Br, 2.5 Bth COL on Private treed lot, new bathrms, HW Flrs, Fr, Fp, Deck. Rte 32 to Murray Ave to Carolanne Dr. 439-2888. CATHY COOLEY. 12:30-2:30

GLENMONT, \$156,500 165 WEMPLE RD 4 Br, 2.5 Bth COL, HW Flrs, Fp, newer heat, C/A & roof. Elsmere Ave, L on Feura Bush, R on Wemple. 439-2888. PHYLLIS RICHARDS. 11-1

NEW SCOTLAND, \$182,900 263 BULLOCK RD Gentleman's farm on 5.6 acres, 4 Br Ranch w/2 stall barn, 2.5 Bths, 2 Fps, views. New Scotland Rd, L on Bullock. 439-2888. J. SHAYE. 12-2

GLENMONT, \$188,900 9 WYNGATE RD 4 Br Spec Home ready for immed occupancy in Somerset Wds. Elsmere Ave, L on Feura Bush, R on Wemple. 439-2888. RICHARDS. 1-4

GLENMONT, \$189,900 78 VOYAGE DR 4 Br, 2.5 Bth COL in Crossroads. Elsmere, L on Feura Bush, R on Wemple, L on Beacon, R on Placid to Voyage. 439-2888. R. MOSMEN. 1:45-3:30

SLINGERLANDS, \$194,900 13 MAYFAIR DR 3 Br, 1.5 Bth Ranch on Private lot, newer kit, new FR addition w/FP, New Scotland Rd past Tollgate, R on Mayfair. 439-2888. D. REED. 1-3

DELMAR, \$219,912 23 DARNLEY GREENE 5 Br, 2.5 Bth COL, Fr w/ beamed ceiling, Fp, mstr w/sitting rm, gas hot air. Rte 32, L on Murray, L on Darnley Gr. 439-2888. T. ALBERT. 2-4

SLINGERLANDS, \$229,000 40 THORNDALE RD 4 Br, 3 Bth COL in Southwd, Fr, Fp, 2nd L off New Scotland onto Southwd, R Thorndale. 439-2888. L. DORMAN. 2:15-4:15

GLENMONT, \$229,900 54 VOYAGE DR 4 Br, 2.5 Bth COL in Crossroads, move-in cond., Elsmere, L on Feura Bush, R on Wemple, L on Beacon, R on Placid, R on Voyage. 439-2888. P. LAVELLE. 1-3

DELMAR, \$249,000 38 PARKWYN DR Custom 4 Br COL, Klsy Bth, 2nd FR & office in 1,800 SF Fin Bsmf, Fr w/FP. Rte 32 S, R on Murray, R on Parkwyn. 439-2888. CATHERINE PARENTEAU. 2-4

DELMAR, \$419,900 45 WEDGEWOOD DR 4 Br, 3.5 Bth Luxury COL, Magnificent Fr w/FP. Delaware Ave to Euclid Ave, R on Yorkshire, L Wedgewood. 439-2888. MEGNA ZINNERSHINE. 1-3

GLENMONT, \$85,900 167 GLENMONT RD, 1st Time Open, 2 Br Ranch in Move-in Cond, newer windows & doors, HW Flrs, Feura Bush Rd to Glenmont. 439-2888. WOOLFORD. 1:30-3:30

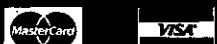
SLINGERLANDS, \$270,000 37 MIDDLESEX DR, 1st Time Open, 4 Br Contemp, 2 Full & 2 Hlf Bths. New Scotland Rd to Surrey Mall to Middlesex Dr. 439-2888. ROGER BACKER. 2-4

DELMAR, \$99,900 29 EAST FERNBANK AVE Charming 2 Br Ranch, HW Flrs, Fr w/woodstove In-Bsmf, Owner Fin Avail. Elsmere Ave to E Fernbank. 439-2888. JANET SHAYE. 2:15-4

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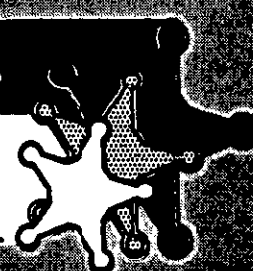
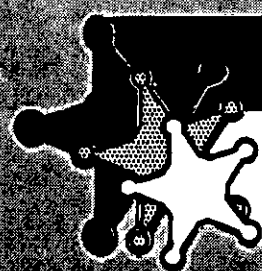
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