

# The Spotlight

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### Needs a pick up



This pickup truck on Glenmont Road was nearly leveled by a tree that fell in the April 1 snowstorm. Downed trees played havoc on roadways and yards throughout Bethlehem. Doug Persons

## Spurlock weighing options for local site

By Mel Hyman

Spurlock Adhesives is seriously considering ditching plans to build a formaldehyde production plant in Glenmont in favor of another Capital District site.

Company spokesman John Pierce said it was premature to assume that the Waverly, Va., chemical firm is abandoning its preferred location next to the Niagara Mohawk power station on Route 144, but "They are weighing other sites against staying in Bethlehem."



Moriece

"They definitely want to make sure they're making the right decision," he said. "They are evaluating other sites. It's just that they haven't reached any conclusions yet."

"I hope that we hear something soon," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "I'd prefer not to say anything else until we know exactly what's going on."

Meanwhile, the environmental review process seems stalled. The state Department of Environmental Conservation still hasn't received a checklist from Spurlock so that it can put together the final scoping document that will determine issues that must be addressed in the company's environmental impact statement.

Last fall, the company announced plans to turn an abandoned petroleum storage site off River Road into a chemical refinery producing liquid formaldehyde and form-

aldehyde-based resins. As part of its purchase agreement with NiMo, which owns the 55-acre site, the company would have cleaned up a contaminated brownfield left by the oil company that last used the site.

While the initial reaction from local and state officials was positive, a grass roots environmental group called Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air quickly organized and battled the company on several fronts.

□ SPURLOCK/page 16

## Spotlights garner 11 press awards

The *Spotlight*, along with its sister paper *The Colonie Spotlight*, won 11 awards at last weekend's New York Press Association convention at The Desmond in Colonie.

*Spotlight* reporter and sports editor Mel Hyman won second place in the NYPA's Better Newspaper Contest's in-depth writing category for his articles on the impact of Bethlehem's proposed master plan on the local farming community.



Hyman

Hyman also received an honorable mention in the news story category for his article on the effect of the litigation filed against the town of Bethlehem by the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., which is seeking to have its property assessment lowered.

"Here's a complicated subject with no great sex appeal but a lot of pocketbook

impact," the judges said. "The writer gets in and out quickly with a great deal of clarity and fairness to both sides."

Managing editor Susan Graves carried home a third-place award in the sports feature writing category for her story on the mountain-climbing exploits of Delmar resident Lorraine Smith.

"A good story about a woman's determination and personal confidence while

also bringing across the imagery of the Adirondacks," the judges wrote.

Writer Katherine McCarthy was awarded an honorable mention for her feature story on a Holocaust survivor's visit to Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

The fifth award received by *The Spotlight* was an honorable mention in the

□ AWARDS/page 16

## V'ville loses bridge bucks

By Dev Tobin

To hear Voorheesville village residents upstream of the Stonington Hill Road bridge tell it, the twin-culvert structure is a flood-causing chokepoint on the Vly Creek that should be taken care of as soon as possible.

While the village is not certain of what to do, it is sure that fixing the problem will

cost money, so it applied for grant funding through former state Sen. Michael Hoblock's office last year.

The good news is they received notification that they would get a grant of \$75,000 to help rebuild the bridge. The bad news is the grant was evidently revoked after Hoblock lost his re-election bid.

□ BRIDGE/page 16

## Stage 700 thespians tackle Grease

By Owen Smith

On April 10, Bethlehem Central High School will get a blast from the past when the award winning theater group, Stage 700, puts on the Broadway musical classic *Grease!*

After debuting in 1972, it has become one of the most revered of all Broadway shows.

*Grease* is the story of a group of friends having the best of times at Rydell High School, in the year 1959. If you remember a summer fling, buying your first car, going to the big dance or dreaming of a guardian angel, then *Grease* is definitely for you.

"For years students have approached me about doing *Grease*," said director James Yeara, "And I decided, who better to play the roles of teenagers, than teenagers themselves?"

□ GREASE/page 28



Candice Vocala, left, Rebecca Minor, Mary Abba and Amanda Genovese rehearse for this weekend's production of *Grease*. Owen Smith

## Police charge four with DWI

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

Jerry Alfred Miles Jr., 30, of Voorheesville was stopped at 11:20 p.m. Sunday, March 30, for exceeding the speed limit on Delaware Avenue, police said.

When police attempted to stop him near Meads Lane, he allegedly increased his speed to 70 mph and finally complied just over the New Scotland town line.

He was also charged with failure to stay in a single lane. He was released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Chris Hughes investigated.

Daniel M. McMahan, 26, of 550 Delaware Ave., Delmar, was stopped on Delaware Avenue at

10:55 p.m. Friday, April 4, for driving with one headlight and not wearing a seat belt, police said.

He was released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Robert Markel investigated.

Thomas L. Flowers, 27, of Schuyler, Va., was stopped on Hannay Lane at 2:10 a.m. Saturday, April 5, for making a right-hand turn without signaling, police said.

He was also charged with making an improper turn. He was released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Chris Pauley investigated.

Brian L. Myers Sr., 35, of 16 Werner Ave., Elsmere, was stopped at 2 a.m. Monday, April 7,

for crossing the double yellow line on Elsmere Avenue, police said.

He was also charged with failure to keep right.

He was released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Chris Hughes investigated.

## 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.

## NS planners approve solar project site

An electric utility's plan to use solar panels to improve power transmission efficiency and generate some electricity was approved last week by the New Scotland planning board, despite concerns about screening expressed by neighbors during a public hearing.

The solar array, five rows of photovoltaic panels, will be on the north side of Route 85, between Clipp and Crow Ridge roads.

Representatives of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. said the solar array would be a pilot project for about two years.

In other business, the board reviewed and scheduled a public hearing for May 6 on the Onesquethaw Fish and Game Club's special use permit request for a new club house on its property on Tarrytown Road.

The board also approved junkyard permit renewals for Alfred Cook of Dunbar Hollow Road and Sydney Dunston of routes 85 and 443.

And the board scheduled a workshop to consider possible zoning law revisions for April 15 at 7 p.m.

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# Gas station variance sparks skepticism

By Mel Hyman

A request to convert the closed Petrol Station on Route 9W in Glenmont to a 24-hour Citgo service center was met with some skepticism last week by the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals.

Because it is in a residential zone (near Magee Drive), the station needs a zoning variance before it can change its mode of operation.

Station owners Joseph Painter and Florence Nelson said they need the variance to satisfy demands being made by the would-be purchaser of the property, Dutchess Terminals Inc.

Besides expanding hours of operation, Khosrow Vosoughi, president of Dutchess Terminals, wants permission to allow diesel-fueled trucks to idle for up to 15 minutes while they are refueling.

Dutchess Terminals, which operates 43 other service stations, would also like to expand the types of accessory items sold at the station to include coffee, newspapers, bread, candy and milk.

Albany lawyer Kieran Broderick, representing Painter and Nelson, told the board during a public hearing last week that the expanded hours were needed so that the new owners could compete with other round-the-clock stations on Route 9W.

He cited the Stewart's station on Frontage Road, the Big M Truck Stop at Corning Hill Road and the Mobil station near the beginning of Interstate 787 (in the city of Albany).

Town building inspector John Flanigan said the stations mentioned by Broderick are in industrial zones, and as such are compatible with surrounding areas and in compliance with the zoning law.

Painter told the board that changing to a 24-hour station was not a big deal because the station has already been operating on that basis for the past 10 years.

If that was true, Flanigan said, then the Petrol station was violating the law.

In fact, "We went after them quite a few times" for operating the gas station beyond the permitted hours of 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Flanigan said. "They'd change their ways for a while, then go back to what they were doing before, and we'd drag them in again."

The station, which has been around for about 50 years, went into bankruptcy in June 1996 and



A potential new owner wants to renovate and expand the hours of this now-closed gas station in Glenmont.

has been closed since, except "for a few weeks here and there," Broderick said.

The new owners would improve the property's appearance by installing new signs, sprucing up the pavement area and possibly adding shrubbery and flowers, Broderick said. "Right now, it doesn't look very good just sitting there."

"My major problem is with the sign," board member Richard Lewis said. "They want a huge 27-foot sign that's much larger than the signs at the Mobil and Sunoco stations, which are in commercial areas."

At the board's request, Vosoughi has agreed to submit scaled-down versions of the sign. Broderick predicted there would be an agreement "somewhere in between. We want to work with the town to get this done."

Lewis questioned whether there was sufficient truck traffic on Route 9W to warrant the expanded hours.

"I wonder why anyone would want to get off the Thruway and drive all the way down 9W when there are two places right off Exit 23 where they can refuel," Lewis said.

Vosoughi assured the board that there was sufficient heavy truck traffic on Route 9W, although Flanigan said he thought there were fewer tractor-trailers on this road than in previous years.

Broderick said it was necessary to allow diesel-powered trucks to idle for up to 15 minutes — they are now allowed only five minutes idling time — because the newer tractor trailers have larger fuel tanks (up to 150 gallons), and if a truck were to shut off its engine in the winter and not

be able to start up again, it would present a huge problem.

Adjacent property owner Mary Dorn voiced concern about the illumination from the modernized station. Broderick said the developers would make certain that any new lighting did not impact her house.

"I think he'd be more than willing to work out any difficulties with the neighbors," Broderick said.

ZBA chairman Michael Hodom said he will review the record of the public hearing and visit the two existing round-the-clock gas stations on Route 9W before deciding on the variance.

"I think there are some concerns" about the project, he said, "but first I want to look at the other (24-hour) facilities to see how they operate and what problems they might have."

## Glenmont fun park plans get quieter

By Mel Hyman

The go-kart track is gone, and while the lights on the driving range still have some neighbors of the proposed Shanahan Family Fun Park seeing red, developer Jim Villasenor said he will address that problem as well.

Villasenor has dropped plans for a go-kart track on the 19-acre parcel off Route 9W because there just wasn't enough room on the parcel without disturbing some federally designated wetlands.

And while noise from the track concerned residents of neighboring developments such as the Crossroads, neighbors say they are more worried about illumination coming from the 20-stall driving range which will be operating until 11 p.m.

The original version of the project presented to the Bethlehem planning board called for 12,000 watts of illumination on the driving range, and now it's estimated that 18,000 watts will be needed, according to John Privitera, spokesman for residents of the Crossroads, which is about

2,000 feet north of the proposed fun park between Beacon and Wemple roads.

"It's escalated, and we're concerned about that," Privitera said.

The original figure of 12,000 watts was mostly conjecture, Villasenor said.

"I have hired the best professionals in the area to advise me on the project, and we will continue working with planning board to minimize the project's impact," he said. "We understand that people are worried about lights shining into their living rooms, and we're trying to address that. We're not going to be going all night long, and when the trees drop their leaves, I'm closing my doors."

Also, "We're buying some of the most expensive fixtures, which have baffles on them in order to direct the light on to the practice range so that people hitting balls can see them," he said.

### Lighting is really the big issue right now.

Jeff Lipnicky

"We're also going to be maintaining the tree line (around the site)," he said, "and if necessary, we'll supplement it."

Other lingering concerns include the 50-foot-high netting

around the driving range and the safety of children likely to be attracted by the 18-hole miniature golf, batting cages, arcade and restaurant in the fun park.

Even if kids don't flock to the fun park to improve their hitting skills, they are likely to be drawn to the arcade and refreshment stand since "There is no place within a mile of there to even get a can of soda," Privitera said, except for the Grand Union and "the Grand Union is not exactly a cool place to hang."

The problem lies in how kids will get to the fun park, he said. There is no bicycle path or walkway along Route 9W, and unless they use a trail through the woods, they could put themselves at risk.

The only entrance to the fun park would be from 9W, but Villasenor said he did not expect hordes of children to set out for the fun park on their own. Any teen-agers or children should be accompanied by an adult.

"I'm really trying to make it a family facility," he said, "so I expect that kids would come here accompanied by at least one parent. We're not trying to make it a teen-age hangout by any means."

"Lighting is really the big issue right now," said town planner Jeff Lipnicky. "They need to submit more detailed plans on their illumination."

## Svenson will be new BC board member

By Dev Tobin

Richard Svenson's first run for elected office will be a stroll, as he is unopposed for a seat on the Bethlehem Central school board.

Svenson and three-term board member Lynne Lenhardt were the only two people to turn in petitions



Svenson

by Monday's deadline for the two seats on the ballot this year.

Board member William Collins decided not to run for re-election after three terms.

Svenson said he saw serving on the school board as an "extension of my community involvement and volunteering," most recently as president of the Bethlehem Soccer Club for three years.

"I see a lot of parents on the soccer sidelines, so I can bring that input" to the board, Svenson said.

He added that he would work as a school board member to "maintain excellence and opportunities for kids" and be a "reflection of community values and priorities, but not a micromanager."

As an interested observer — a 23-year resident and parent of children in district schools for much of that time — Svenson said he is impressed by the community's "concern for kids and willingness to support them."

He also noted how "school board members work with the administration to come up with realistic budgets."

The biggest challenge facing the district is how to deal with impending residential growth, Svenson said, echoing a theme often sounded by district officials.

Noting that residential development tends to raise school taxes, he said, "In the future, we have to look at other funding sources and work with the town on planning issues."

Svenson, 50, is a professional engineer with 29 years of experience in the public health area. He is currently director of the Bureau of Community Sanitation and Food Protection in the state Department of Health.

Svenson lives with his wife Cathleen and their three daughters on Stonewall Lane in Delmar.

BC school board terms are for three years, and carry no salary or stipend.

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# Bethlehem residents find Mockingbird a lark to play

By Katherine McCarthy

Three Bethlehem residents are performing in the Capital Repertory company's current stage production of Harper Lee's classic novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Lee Griffin is the Rev. Sykes, Leah Hennessey is Mayella Ewell and Robin Amiri is part of the ensemble cast in this story of a pre-civil rights Southern town and its reaction to the trial of Tom Robinson, a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman.

Performing in the play on top of living their regular lives hasn't always been simple for the actors, but so far, everything's gone well.

"It's been a strain," said Griffin, an engineer with the Dormitory Authority. "I've been taking some vacation to fit it all in. Things are easier since rehearsals ended."

Griffin said his employer has been understanding, largely because he's been acting since 1990, and able to keep up with work during performances.

When Griffin retires, he plans to keep on acting.

"I did 20 years with the Army, and I'd like to get in 20 with the state," he said. "Then I can go to acting fulltime."

Griffin began acting in 1987, three years after he began working at the Dormitory Authority.

"I said to myself, 'I could do this,'" he said.

Amiri and Hennessey are both sophomores at Bethlehem Central High School, and had to meet with their guidance counselors and principal before taking the



Robin Amiri, left, Lee Griffin and Leah Hennessey talk about their roles in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

roles, to assure them they'd be able to keep up with their work.

"People have been supportive, although we almost got detention once because we were leaving school at 9 a.m.," Amiri said.

Amiri had played "Ruthie" in Cap Rep's production of the *Grapes of Wrath* last year, but found it easier to have a fellow thespian at the school.

Like Griffin, both girls have performed in Park Playhouse productions, as well as in middle school plays.

The director called Griffin to audition for the role of Rev. Sykes, a character Griffin describes as representative of the black community, "trying to hold it all together, be fair and keep his head

up. He's a good old guy, and I see him today around Albany. It's the same type of thing for a reverend today, making sure his people get to church, get their food stamps, maybe he's dressed a little more nicely than his congregation."

For Griffin, who was born in Alabama, the play has brought back some unpleasant memories.

"The fear of lynching was a part of our lives," he recalled. "My family moved north to avoid that."

Griffin was later in Vietnam during the civil rights movement, and said race relations have improved in his home state.

"Alabama's better, the lynchings are over, but things could still be better," he said.

Griffin said he likes Lee's book very much, but has become too close to the play to feel emotionally wrenched at the unfair outcome suffered by Tom Robinson.

"Now it's kind of like, 'Poor Tom,'" he said.

As part of the ensemble cast, Amiri has to disguise her true re-

actions to the book, which both she and Hennessey had read in class this year.

"Tom's trial made me cry when I read the book," Amiri said, "but now I have to be glad about it."

Amiri said that staying in character makes this easier. "All through the play, you're building up to the final courtroom scene," she said.

Amiri also appears as "Miss Stephanie's follower" in the show's songs, and in the scene where Atticus Finch shoots a mad dog.

Hennessey said she has found the role of Mayella Ewell, the character who falsely accuses Tom Robinson of rape, difficult to play.

"She's disgusting," Hennessey said. "The type you wouldn't want to associate with. She's emotional, and an outcast living near the dump. Mayella never sees anything but the dump, and in the play, I have to act like I'm in new surroundings every day. It's hard to portray someone who's seeing everything new and is an emotional person."

Hennessey also has some understanding for her character. "She's a messenger for her father, doing his dirty work. Mayella grows red geraniums in broken jars. This symbolizes that she could be good, but she's in bad surroundings."

After a month of rehearsals and eight performances a week since the play opened, the three have settled into their roles.

Hennessey said she was nervous on opening night and that "the adrenaline was pumping" when other Bethlehem students who had also read the book in class came to performances.

Amiri said she still gets worried, and "Things get nuts backstage" before a performance.

"In that first second when I appear as 'Miss Stephanie's follower,' and the spotlight's on, it's exciting," Amiri said.

While acting, which she has done since fourth-grade, will always be a part of her life, she finds the business "too competitive" to be her only career.

Hennessey, on the other hand, doesn't know what else she'll do. "This part of my life is solid," she said. "The best thing about this, besides this incredible play, has been the social aspect. We've been mixing with people from New York, Louisiana. We've learned so much, and it's incredible how well we've worked together."

The actors are sanguine about the *Times Union's* less-than-rave review of the play.

Hennessey, who had been surprised to see her name in the review, said she had found the critique "technical. I think the critic preferred the book."

"My 10-year-old sat through it and understood it," he said. "And that's more important to me than what the critic says," Griffin said.



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# V'ville taxpayers question increase in school levy

By Katherine McCarthy

The Voorheesville Taxpayers Association raised their annual question at Monday's school board meeting.

After complimenting Superintendent Alan McCartney, his staff and the board for their work on this year's budget, VTA board member Larry Bonham cut to the chase, "Why do we have to have a school tax increase every year?"

Bonham pointed out that in 1985, the budget was only \$5.9 million dollars, but this year's proposed budget is \$13,309,714, "well over a 100 percent increase in the last 11 years."

Bonham said the district will receive over \$50,000 in additional state aid and increased assessment over last year.

"Why not, just once, hold the line on spending?" he asked, pointing out that if the school district has an automatic increase every year, spending is geared to the anticipated increase rather than restricted to prevent an increase.

He also cited Capital District comparative school data released by the state comptroller on March 30 which showed Voorheesville with the second highest tax rate of the 13 school districts in Albany County.

"Speaking for many of us," he said, "the money just isn't there for another school tax increase."

Bonham also asked the board to hold the line on spending without touching program, without cutting teachers and without enlarging class size.

According to district treasurer Sarita Winchell, the "very tentative" tax rate increase for district residents of New Scotland will be 1.97 percent next year.

Assistant superintendent for business Anthony Marturano pointed out that Voorheesville's per pupil expenditures had decreased in the proposed budget.

"This speaks volumes about the economizing we're doing," he said. "Enrollment has gone up and programs have gone up while state aid stays flat. We used to get \$100,000 from the federal government; now we only get some handicapped assistance."

Board member Steven Schreiber said that, ultimately, expenses incurred in the district come as a result of the board's decisions, which he feels are "largely responsible and defensible."

Board member C. James Coffin pointed out that the community is very supportive of the school district, even if this comes at a high tax cost.

Coffin said the district's lack of

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Larry Bonham

a business tax base tends to raise residential school taxes, but noted that residents generally didn't want to change the character of the area.

"Most people here want solid programs, and will pay for them, but this doesn't give us carte blanche," Coffin said.

McCartney noted that growth in the district will likely continue.

"We get inquiries and give tours all the time," he said. "People shop for school districts now."

During the budget discussion,

McCartney recommended changes to the staffing and program portions of the budget.

Staff changes at the elementary school include a .4 full-time equivalent (FTE) music teacher, a .25 FTE special education teacher, a 6.5-hour teaching assistant, an occupational therapist, and a .6 FTE speech teacher. A computer tools class and language class will be added at the sixth-grade level. By hiring the occupational therapist and speech teacher, the district can bring back two students from BOCES, saving roughly \$20,000.

At the high school level, Advanced Placement environmental science and an accompanying lab, as well as meteorology, will be offered for the first time, and general physics will be deleted.

A math pre-course 1-S will replace General Math. It will be a two-year course for freshmen and sophomores, to be followed by another two-year course for juniors and seniors, both to help students to meet higher state standards.

English 10 honors will add one

section to the English 10 course, reducing class size from 26 to 21. Media English will replace one section of English 12.

Two new classes will be offered in the art department, portfolio preparation, to assist seniors applying to colleges requiring portfolios, and studio and stage design.

Staff changes at the high school include one FTE special teacher with strength in math and science, a six-hour aide, a .4 FTE math teacher, a .6 FTE science teacher, and a .5 FTE English teacher.

The district will delete a 4.5-hour teaching assistant, with remediation to be covered by teachers.

The total cost of staff changes, which McCartney emphasized will not change the projected budget of \$13,309,714, is \$181,188.

McCartney said that he hopes to have all the components of the 1997-98 budget pulled together, including a firmer estimate of the tax rate increase, for the next meeting on May 5 at 7:30 p.m.

## 'Madeline' story day 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.

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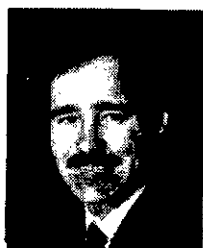
## Spaghetti dinner on tap in Glenmont

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## Matters of Opinion

### Spotlights take bow

The nail-biting is over, and *The Spotlight* and its sister paper, the *Colonie Spotlight* came home happy from the New York Press Association's award weekend at The Desmond.

The two papers were cited for news, feature and editorial writing, photography and a cartoon in 11 awards overall.

What the association, comprised of about 500 weekly newspapers throughout the state, doesn't measure is just how well we are doing with our readers who really are the ones we need to please. We try to do this by being fair, accurate and readable. We try to be sensitive to what's important to our readers who make up the community.

We know we do some things well because we hear from you — our readers — when we do. We also hear from you about things that don't go the way they should.

The important thing is that the community cares enough to let us know one way or the other. Silence, for us, is not golden. It rather indicates we haven't done our job as well as we should. So keep those calls and letters coming.

### LUMAC on agenda

Tonight's the night the public will have its say about the Land Use Management Advisory Committee's draft master plan for the town of Bethlehem.

Judging by our letters column over the past several weeks, the meeting should be lively.

The committee who worked on the draft, which maps out plans for future development, spent eight years on the project, and is eager to have the town board give the document its seal of approval.

That is understandable, yet there are those who are equally as eager to reject the plan in its present form.

Many large landowners, for example, are against the plan, which would place zoning restrictions on their property.

Should you have an opinion on the LUMAC proposal, show up at town hall tonight at 7:30 p.m. to voice it. It may be your last chance to give your opinion on a document that will determine the course of development in Bethlehem.

### BCHS readies for show

If you haven't already marked your calendar for this weekend, be sure to set aside a time to catch Stage 700's production of *Grease*.

Beginning tomorrow night at Bethlehem Central High School, performances will run through Sunday with a 2 p.m. matinee. Thursday's 7:30 p.m. performance is free for senior citizens. *Grease* is directed by veteran teacher and critic Jim Yeara, who always manages to transform the high school stage into a suburban version of Broadway.

If you're new to the area, you'll likely come away oohing and aahing over the talent and poise of the students who always produce a professional-looking show that draws raves from the community. *Grease* promises to be a real hoot. Don't miss it.

### Opposition stands firm

Though nothing is confirmed, it appears that Spurlock Adhesives is checking out other sites for its formaldehyde manufacturing plant.

And even though Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air co-founder Sigi Moriece views this as something of a victory for the group, which vigorously opposed Spurlock, she said the group will continue its fight. Moriece believes that this region is too heavily populated to host an industry like Spurlock's.

Her position makes sense since one of the sites that is said to be under consideration is in Rensselaer just about a mile from the Bethlehem site.

## Editorials

# Protect the search for cures

By Betsy McCaughey Ross

*The writer is lieutenant governor of New York state.*

The other night I had dinner with Holly Collett, a 42-year-old woman in New York who won a battle against rapidly spreading breast cancer.

Standard treatment would not have cured her, but Holly took part in a clinical trial, where she received high dose chemotherapy. It is still considered experimental, but it saved her life.

Many patients never get the chance Holly had because insurers can refuse to pay for experimental treatment, even when your doctor recommends it as your only hope of staying alive. Insurers are arbitrarily closing the door to clinical trials. As a result, patients are dying for no other reason than their insurer's decision.

Dr. Georgia Voglesang, a cancer specialist at Johns Hopkins, has seen her patients go through "the absolute living hell" of waiting months for insurer approvals.

"In my heart of hearts, I think insurers hope that only the diligent will persist, and a certain percentage of people will not be strong enough or sophisticated enough to deal with this," she said.

Sometimes delay is as deadly as outright denial.

"I recently cared for a 14-year old who died purely and simply because of a delay by her HMO," Dr. P. Gregory Rausch told me. His patient, Shannon, had lymphoma that spread to her kidney, lungs, and liver. When her doctor recommended a bone marrow transplant, her insurance company insisted that it be done at a hospital that had done only two transplants of that type before and both patients had died.

Shannon's parents and doctor wanted an experienced hospital with a record of success, but the insurer was adamant about using a less costly one. The delay went on

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for more than six months, and Shannon died.

Patients like Shannon need a timely appeal outside their insurance plan, when their insurer turns them down for care their doctor recommends.

In most states, health laws are unjust. Insurers are not required

**Protecting patient access to clinical trials will also benefit future generations. Clinical trials proved that many women with breast cancer could be treated successfully with lumpectomy, rather than enduring surgical amputation of the entire breast. Today's experimental treatment often becomes tomorrow's proven cure.**

to cover treatment in a clinical trial, even when your doctor concludes that it is your only chance of extending your life. The insurer, not your doctor, decides.

Even worse, your only right of appeal is to the very company that is denying your care. Your opponent is your judge and jury.

Recently, I proposed legislation in New York state to guarantee seriously ill patients a fair and timely right of appeal outside their health plan, if the plan refuses to pay for care in a clinical trial. A panel of three physicians, who are expert in the patient's disease and have no financial stake in the decision, would decide the appeal.

Insurance companies argue that paying for clinical trials will make health coverage

unaffordable. Evidence shows this is untrue.

Consider the preliminary findings at Memorial Sloan Kettering Center in New York City. For certain kinds of cancer, including prostate, patients treated in clinical trials have shorter hospital stays, fewer readmissions to the hospital, and overall lower cost of care than patients who have to settle for standard, less effective treatments.

In Washington state, protecting access to experimental treatment would increase total health care costs by not more than .5 percent, according to the model developed by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. Rhode Island mandated insurance coverage for certain clinical trials two years ago, and recently found no adverse cost impact on the two largest insurers.

When you buy a health plan, you're not expecting to get cancer. But four out of 10 of us will. Requiring insurers to pay for treatment in clinical trials, when doctors agree that you have no other option, will give real meaning to health insurance. After all, it's supposed to be there when your life depends on it.

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Your Opinion Matters

LUMAC proponents inaccurately press for master plan OK

Editor, The Spotlight:

In many of the letters in the April 2 edition, there were individuals urging citizens to come out to show their support for the LUMAC (Land Use Management Advisory Committee) plan. Their letters contained inaccuracies in assumptions regarding the master plan as well as improper allegations against those who oppose its adoption.

There are a few items in the plan all residents should be aware of since they will impact property and school taxes for all taxpayers.

First, approximately 30 percent of currently zoned commercial light industry has been rezoned (as we all know this will soon follow) under the LUMAC plan. This seriously undermines broadening the town's tax base and residential homeowners will foot the bill.

Second, any property designated as Conservation under the plan will reduce the usefulness of this land thereby reducing the land value. As a result, someone will have to pick up this lost property tax liability.

Third, the plan calls for the land along the Hudson River to be designated as Conservation. This means that any property owner who would like to set up riverfront businesses such as boating, hotels or restaurants, which would attract people to our town and broaden our tax base, would not be allowed.

I would also like to address allegations regarding the Rural Landowners of Bethlehem (incorrectly

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labeled in one of last week's letters).

First and foremost, rural landowners are mostly farmers trying to protect their property rights — just as anyone would if a group came in and told them how their property should be run.

Next, many of the landowners' families have owned their land for several generations, and this land is their major asset. By limiting lot size for development, whether or not they are developing, the land value is substantially decreased.

This devaluation means a decrease in the value of their agricultural business. As we all already know, it is very difficult to remain in agriculture, but by decreasing land asset value, it will become increasingly harder to stay in agriculture. The end result could be forcing farms to be sold to large developers.

As to the question of where the rural landowners were during the development of the master plan — if you were going to devise a plan that was going to seriously devalue the land of rural landowners, would you invite them to be a part of their own demise? Of course not.

One of the biggest reasons for supporting the plan seems to be

that a few individuals have spent thousands of hours developing it, and as a result, we should support it, not because it will have a positive impact on the community, but as a reward for LUMAC's efforts.

There seems to be some sort of urgency to adopt this plan. But instead of being in a rush to adopt the plan, which does not serve the

needs of the entire community, wouldn't everyone's purpose be better served if the town board directed LUMAC to work with rural landowners and hash out a plan that would satisfy all citizens.

The final point is about the actual vote by the town board. It does seem strange that one of the board members is also a member

of LUMAC. So as far as I can see, he worked to form the plan, now is recommending it to the board and as a board member, he gets to vote on it. Well, Mr. Putney, it might not be illegal, but it doesn't quite seem ethical, now does it?

Gene Minshell

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## Matters of Opinion

# Rural landowners see faults in LUMAC plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

Rural Landowners of Bethlehem would like the community to know the facts about the LUMAC plan.

- The proposed LUMAC plan is the blueprint for future zoning.

- Rural Landowners know the LUMAC plan, if adopted in any form, will result in future zoning which must (by state law) conform to the written language and graphics which are expressed in and part of the plan.

- Rural Landowners believe the plan is faulty because it is based on out-of-date data and a faulty survey which was designed to elicit specific responses to justify LUMAC's predetermined agenda.

- Failure to pass the LUMAC plan will not result in incompatible growth. A soil methodology concept, in fact, currently limits building in areas without town sewer and water, restricting it to the natural contours and soil restraints already imposed by the county health department. Adoption of this plan, however, will impose arbitrary lot sizes having

no relationship to such environmental factors, and will unnecessarily limit the choices of rural landowners and their descendants.

- Most property south of Route 32 is in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district and not subject to Bethlehem school taxes.

- A basic understanding of the effect of property taxes on this plan is needed. Will taxes rise or fall if the plan is adopted? If land is made less expensive by the plan (as it will be), then who will bear the brunt of more taxes?

- With the exception of Albany County Farm Bureau President Sheila Powers, who serves as spokeswoman, not lobbyist, rural landowners of Bethlehem are not "Johnny come latelys," but descendants of landowners who have built the town of Bethlehem and served it supportively. They have paid taxes in the town for seven and eight generations, and their numbers are significant — surely their interests are as important as everyone else's in Bethlehem.

Barbara Leonard Carkner  
Rural Landowners secretary

# Suggestions for industrial newcomers

Editor, The Spotlight:

At a recent Bethlehem town board meeting, the board sat facing the townspeople, and the townspeople sat facing the board. Does this indicate an adversarial relationship?

No. Board members live in the same community, breathe the same air and drink the same water. Their job is to guide the community within its laws, customs and traditions.

As a residential community, we do not have any real tradition or community structure to deal with hazardous industrial process and development. (In the case of Spurlock Adhesives, apparently, neither does New York state.)

We should establish procedures for industrial development. We must ensure that any industry coming into our town will be in harmony with the character of our residential community, that our citizens will not be endangered, that our environment will not be degraded and that the company will be a good citizen.

I believe the following guidelines should be considered.

Any industry producing hazardous material in our community will pay to the town the cost of full-time fire and emergency protection, including health and retirement benefits, and also the full cost of educating our citizenry via school and public meetings.

Any company wishing to establish manufacturing facilities will notify the town of their intent in a timely fashion. Prior to the issuance of any permits, the company will pay the town any costs it may

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incur to complete all reviews, impact studies, consultant, legal, environmental and archaeological expert analysis and review of company's background to ensure the company has been, and in our community will be, a good citizen.

Regarding water and sewer use, should the company's use exceed projections, the company will pay a "penalty rate," and if such use places excess strain on the systems, the company will pay all costs necessary to maintain a satisfactory safety margin.

Regarding air emissions, if the company produces more emissions than stated, they should face penalties, since those emissions would hamper future development by other businesses.

Regarding electrical, gas and other infrastructure improvements, the company will pay the town any costs associated with upgrading any utility services.

Also, hazardous manufacturing (as defined by the town) should be assessed at 100 percent of value, even if state law allows assessment or tax breaks.

The company will reimburse the town for all costs associated in determining whether or not the site is of historical significance.

Regarding piping and movement of fluids, all aboveground piping of hazardous materials will be designed so that, should breakage or a spill occur, the material would be immediately contained.

No piping which will carry haz-

ardous fluids or liquids will be allowed underground.

Also, the company will reimburse the town for the cost of continual on-site inspectors, monitoring equipment, laboratory testing and related expenses.

The company will maintain on site a properly trained and equipped hazardous response team for as long as hazardous materials are present.

The company should also create measures to protect the Hudson River and facilitate immediate action should a spill take place near or in the river.

Finally, the town should consider establishing a Foundation for Environmentally Needed Development to promote environmentally friendly development.

The organization would work with environmental groups and the industrial development authority and other agencies. Funding would come from fees paid by companies manufacturing hazardous materials in town.

I do not oppose industrial development. Quite the opposite. But I do oppose secret deals by New York state with out-of-state corporations when the deals are shoved down our throats.

There is much local hostility about how things have been handled so far, and the door is about to close on our ability to work cooperatively, with the public being closed out of the Spurlock environmental review process.

Once the door closes, it will be almost impossible to reopen. In the interim, the town needs to develop zoning and other guidelines to help protect our citizenry and our environment.

I hope this common-sense overview of some areas of concern helps my town, my town board and our community move to establish zoning and other regulations to ensure that companies doing business in Bethlehem are good community citizens.

Cyrus Cady

Delmar

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# Resident believes plan would create burden

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that we have read all the letters from members of the LUMAC committee, their friends and relatives and special interest group members (such as those from Hudson Valley Greenway Association), I believe it is time for our town board to do the right thing and protect the sanctity of land ownership in this town.

I am astounded statements by members of the LUMAC committee, attempting to frighten residents of this town by misleading them into believing we would have a population of more than 200,000 within the next couple of decades. If the city of Albany, one of the oldest in the nation, doesn't have that many residents, how can it even be remotely conceivable that the town of Bethlehem will see growth to this extent? It is not only unlikely, but I would venture to say that it is next to impossible.

Also, referring to those who own land in this town and pay taxes on that land as a "special interest group" is totally uncalled-for and very unprofessional at that.

Yes, people want to live here, and we will continue to see growth. But one thing we should all be reminded of, and one question I would like to pose relative to the LUMAC plan — if LUMAC were in place before the majority of residents and businesses located here, would we have been able

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to afford to be here in the first place?

I think not, and I think we should reasonably address the subject of development and economic growth, and let's leave the type of radical ideas which have slowed our nation's economy to a crawl on the shelf where they belong. The free market economy works, always has worked and always will work.

Let's put radical agendas aside and work toward a reasonable approach to zoning and land use that we can live with. We cannot attempt to solve the problems of the future by resting them upon the shoulders of those who can least afford it.

Keith A. Wiggand

Glenmont

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# Citizens will fight chemical plant

Editor, The Spotlight:

I attended a recent committee meeting of Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air. The group reported on a company called Spurlock and its proposed soon-to-be implemented plan for construction of a formaldehyde plant.

The base ingredient, methanol, is to be brought up the Hudson River, piped into holding tanks and later into trucks which will transport this product to related companies. Spurlock's base plants are in Virginia and Arkansas.

At this time, there is no evacuation plan for this operation. It would share the site area with Niagara Mohawk, with a densely populated public housing residence nearby.

Carl Johnson, acting director of the state Department of Environmental Conservation Region Four, has denied a public scoping meeting — an open forum for presentation of the concerns and discussion of issues.

The citizens' committee is requesting that responses be directed to Johnson at 357-2068 and/or Linda Burtis at 439-8293.

Citizens stopped the proposed Ref-Fuel incinerator in Green Is-

land. Citizens again can be responsible stewards of the planet Earth's rehabilitation. One more toxic ingredient added to the saturated chemical soup we now have as our daily breath will have long-term consequences at the very least.

Formaldehyde is a volatile organic compound, a highly irritating gas, toxic in high doses, a key

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Carole V. Kenosian

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# Girl Scout seeking donations for Gold Award recognition

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a senior Girl Scout in Bethlehem working on my Gold Award, the highest recognition in Girl Scouting. For my award project, I am planning a children's clothing drive to benefit local churches and shelters. I need do-

nations of used children's clothing in good condition.

Clothing can be dropped off at Bethlehem town hall on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. Your help will be most appreciated.

Thalia Pollock

Delmar

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## Matters of Opinion

# Easter Sunday basket was disheartening

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Easter, my wife and I went shopping at the Grand Union in Glenmont. When the clerk handed my wife the receipt, she noticed an item listed as a teddy bear for \$2.99. She asked whether I purchased anything that may have that description, and we were both sure it must have been a mistake.

Puzzled, we brought our cart to the service desk, where the clerk called for the acting manager. He was summoned, and he had no idea what it could be either.

After rifling through our groceries he suggested ringing the order up again. I agreed, so the order was rung up with the exception of an 85-cent pack of gum that my wife took with her while she waited in the car. The second receipt should have been 85 cents less, but instead it was \$4.80 more.

How could this happen? The assistant had no answer. He told me I would have to come back on Monday and speak with the general manager.

Troubled, I went home and enjoyed our Easter dinner. The following morning I arrived at the Grand Union at about 7:15, I approached the manager with my

problem.

With indifference, he took my two receipts and explained he was too busy remodeling his store and I would have to come back later when he had more time. I replied I wanted prompt resolution while he held both receipts and the note from the assistant manager from the previous day.

In apparent disgust, he agreed to try and resolve the inconsistencies in the two receipts. When we were finished, we found many errors on both receipts, not the least of which was one of the scales reading a salad product as being more than three times the actual weight. The only explanation he could come up with was human error.

He explained that the scales were just checked so that the clerk must have been leaning on the scale a little (apparently this is not uncommon).

One of the other managers who was standing by said, "It all works out in the end — some pay more and some pay less."

Both times, we paid more. The scanner double and tripple scanned items on both receipts, and clerks were leaning on scales.

## Letters

The only way I could interpret this was that we were to pay for their losses from theft and damages through "human error" — but then again as she said, it all works out in the end.

The manager explained he would get back to me after he discussed the matter with the assistant, the one who helped me on Sunday. So on to work I went, unhappy with the the answer I got and unhappy with the way I had just been treated. It wasn't the few dollars they may take from me every week; it was the principle.

Later that day, I called the manager per his instruction. He explained the only thing they could attribute this to was human error. He apologized and offered me a gift certificate which I declined. I asked him for the number of the district manager and wished him a good day.

When I finally got a hold of the district manager, we discussed what had happened. I explained what transpired — it was like having my pockets picked. He disagreed and said it was just "human error". He was deeply apolo-

getic and assured me he would take care of the abrupt personalities I had encountered.

But the one thing I wanted to hear, "This won't happen again, or we can correct this problem" was never said. There are too many ways people can be taken advantage of, it can be in such a small way they may not even know it's happening (this may not really be taken advantage of because it's human error).

Items being two or three cents more than they are marked, double and triple scanning, leaning on scales or incorrect scales. There are those who shop in local stores with full faith that they are going to be treated fairly.

Are we to write down the cost each item is marked and go over our receipts every time we go shopping. How many of us are going to stand in line to get back 50 cents, \$1, \$2 or \$4.80 every time we shop. It's not much in the short term or to one individual, but it does add up and how many customers a day are being overcharged. It is disheartening.

In the end, the teddy bear \$2.99, turned out to be braided Easter bread. (There were no teddy bear stickers, toys or the word teddy bear anywhere on the bread or label.)

Mark T. Colitsas

Glenmont

## Thanks to all

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank all of those who responded so magnificently during last week's crippling snowstorm. It seems whenever a crisis arises in our community, there is never a shortage of those willing to help ease their neighbors' plight.

I want to express my special appreciation to members of our volunteer emergency ambulance and fire departments. Their concern for the safety and welfare of our residents was truly exemplary.

Recognition must also go to our fine Senior Services Department, which helped to bring quick relief to seniors who found themselves in dire emergency situations.

The members of our Highway Department deserve thanks for their quick response in helping to clear streets and roads from downed trees and wires, as well as the tremendous amount of snow.

And I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the contribution made by the dedicated people at Niagara Mohawk, who worked hard around-the-clock to restore power to our community.

Once again, we were fortunate, as the storm's impact was limited to power outages and some property damage.

Sheila Fuller

Bethlehem town supervisor

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## Marines a family affair for Swards

Erik W. Seward and Jason T. Seward of Elm Avenue Estates in Delmar both recently completed basic training for the Marine Corps at Parris Island, S.C.

Erik Seward is a 1992 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He also attended Hudson Valley Community College.

He is currently in Marine combat training at Camp Lejeune. He will attend specialist school upon completion of the training.

Jason Seward is a 1996 graduate of BCHS. He is also undergoing Marine combat training and will attend specialist school when it is completed.

The Marines are sons of William and Christine Seward.



Erik W. Seward



Jason T. Seward

## Promotions announced in Taekwondo program

Hudson Valley Taekwondo & Fitness Center of Glenmont recently held its semi-annual black belt promotion and maintenance exam. Host facility for the testing was the Albany Boys and Girls Club gymnasium on Delaware Avenue.

Heading up the examination board for this test was head instructor Michael Friello of Hudson Valley Taekwondo in Glenmont and national chairman for the Amateur Athletic Union's taekwondo program.

Also sitting in on the test board were sixth-degree black belt master instructor Les Zampino, head instructor of Northeast Taekwondo in Rotterdam and vice-chairman of the AAU taekwondo program; Y.J. George, head instructor of YJ George Taekwondo of Whitesboro, Oneida County; James Bungay, senior instructor at Hudson Valley Taekwondo; and Mike Harper, senior instructor at Northeast Taekwondo.

Thirty black belts and black belt candidates successfully tested from Hudson Valley Taekwondo — 14, for advancement to first through fourth-degree black belt. The remaining test candidates performed the semi-annual maintenance exam required of all Hudson Valley black belts.

Promoted to first-degree black belt were Tim Reddix, Joe Rassier, Matt Beauchaine, Joshua Bonaventura-Sparagna, James Perkins, Monique Ting and Kevin Begin.

Promoted to second-degree black belt were Alex Courtney,

Sean Altamari and Audrey Ting.

Promoted to third-degree black belt were James Friello and Lisa Friello.

Promoted to fourth-degree black belt were Joey Hasan and William McCarthy.

Hudson Valley Taekwondo has an instructor staff of 15 black belts, under the supervision of Friello, offering classes Monday through Saturday at the Glenmont facility. Class are available for youth and adult programs for students age 5 and up.

For information on Taekwondo training, call Hudson Valley Taekwondo at 463-9321 after 10 a.m.

### 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.

For information, call 475-9409.

## V'ville firefighters to hold car wash

Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department members and the department's ladies auxiliary will hold a car wash to benefit the Albany County Sheriff's Department DARE program on Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The car wash will take place at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

A \$4 donation is requested for each car washed.

## Capital Area Flute Club to meet in Delmar

The Capital Area Flute Club, a new non-profit music organization created to offer playing opportunities for local flutists, will meet at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Elsmere Avenue in Delmar on Saturday, April 19.

The meeting will include a music ensemble reading, short performances by local flutists, and refreshments.

Preregistration is required. The fee for the event is \$3 for members and \$6 for non-members.

For information, call 580-1206.

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## Becker pupils readying for choral performance

Becker Elementary School will host a chorus recital performed by fourth-grade pupils on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk small ensemble groups will perform in concert on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school.

### Biography program slated April 17

The final meeting of the discussion group studying "Lives Worth Knowing" will be on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at RCS Community Library on Main Street.

### Make sure to sign-up for parent conferences

If you have a child in kindergarten through grade-eight, be sure to sign up for a parent-teacher conference. Conferences are being scheduled on Thursday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 15.

Early dismissal times for pupil will be arranged on those days.

### Partners group meets April 16

The middle school Partners in Education will meet on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the school.

### Board sets session prior to meeting

The RCS board of education will hold a work session on Mon-

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day, April 14, at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the board office.

### April Fools' Day was no joke

Mother Nature played a cruel April Fools' joke on the area, forcing schools to close and creating long-lasting power outages, when 18 to 24 inches of wet, heavy snow fell.

Ravena Senior Citizen Center established a home away from home for people without heat and water.

The Red Cross supplied cots and dinners were served to several dozen people who were in need of assistance.

Cleanup crews are still busy clearing downed trees that caused the havoc.

## RCS actors staging 'Broadway Lullaby'

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School Drama Club will perform Craig Sodaro's "Broadway Lullaby" on May 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

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## Old fashioned harmony on tap for Sunday party

"We are strictly a G-rated act, jokes Roger Murphy, lead singer for the barbershop quartet scheduled to appear at the library on Sunday, April 13.

Murphy with Ray Benoit, Ed Gifford and Hal Stephens are mem-



bers of the well-known Electric City Chorus of Schenectady and also of the popular quartet, Home-spun Harmony. The quartet will perform good ol' songs at the party at the library beginning at 2 p.m. in celebration of National Volunteer Month.

Awards will be presented to honor some of the many volunteers who help to make library projects and programs successful. At a short meeting, outgoing president Mary Ann Morrison will introduce the new slate of Friends of the Library officers.

Everyone is invited to join the festivities. Enjoy great music, have cake and coffee and say thank you

to the Friends and volunteers who devote time and energy to the library.

Five valued volunteers who do the most to keep the library running smoothly serve on the board of trustees. There is one seat up for election June 4, and the library is now accepting petitions. Candidates must be residents of Voorheesville Central School District and at least 18-years-old.

Candidates must present a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters. The five-year term begins on July 1. Petitions can be picked up at the library and must be returned by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Friends raffle. This year's prize is a hand-sewn quilt donated by Nimblefingers, the library needlework group. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

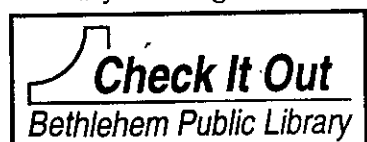
The drawing will be on Saturday, May 24, at the Friends' book sale. The quilt is on display at the library, and tickets are available at the circulation desk.

Barbara Vink

## Nothing little about upcoming events

National Library Week brings Louisa May Alcott, Ludwig Bemelmans and several mice to the library.

Not in the flesh of course, since Alcott and Bemelmans have passed on and mice — except for the computer variety — are enthusiastically discouraged.



But their representatives have inspired this year's National Library Week offerings. Historian and actress Jan Turnquist will bring the author of *Little Women* to life on Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Through an innovative blend of stage drama and living history, Turnquist shares Alcott's experiences as author, reformer, Civil War nurse and neighbor of 19th-century notables Hawthorne, Emerson and Thoreau.

Turnquist is living history coordinator at Orchard House in Concord, Mass., where *Little Women* was written in 1868. Turnquist has portrayed Alcott in several BBC productions and on the Fox TV network.



Jan Turnquist as Louisa May Alcott sits at the author's desk where *Little Women* was written.

Cosponsored by the town historical association and the Upper Hudson Library system, "A Visit with Louisa May Alcott" is made possible by a grant from Poets and Writers, through public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts. The program is appropriate for school-age children and their families.

You might remember reading — and then reading to your chil-

dren — "Bonjour, mes enfants! Je m'appelle Madeline!" Youth services and children in kindergarten through grade-two will celebrate the wonderful stories and illustrations of Ludwig Bemelmans on Tuesday, April 15, at 4 p.m. A French song, games, a video and a craft will complement the stories.

Call the library to register for either or both of these programs.

And the mice? The little critters will be hiding — in paper form — throughout the youth services area during National Library Week.

Twenty pictures of mouse characters from various children's books will sport their names and the name of a corresponding book and a number. Players will record the names on a form. At the end of the week, a winner will be drawn from all the forms submitted. Stop by the youth services desk for the form and rules of play.

Louise Grieco

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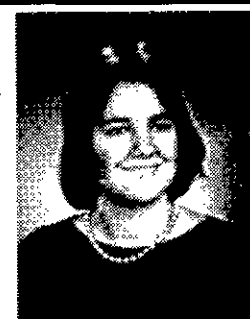
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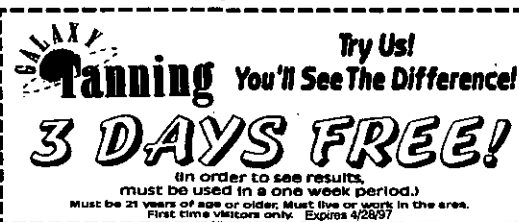
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# PTA teaming up with SuperValu for fund-raiser

Stock up on groceries and help the PTA on Saturday, April 12, when SuperValu on Maple Avenue will donate 1 percent of its sales to benefit the Voorheesville PTA.

Also during April, you can donate bottle receipts to benefit the PTA. SuperValu has placed a special container for receipts at the service desk.

PTA volunteers will also be taking orders for Voorheesville sweatshirts, jackets and hats at the market on April 12. Sample items will be on display.

Sweatshirts are available in purple and gray with different designs and cost \$17 for children and \$25 for adults. Children's baseball-style jackets are gray with purple sleeves and cost \$30. Adult jackets come in three color combinations and cost \$35. Hats in black or plum are \$10 each.

Orders can also be sent to school in an envelope marked "Sweatshirts PTA." All orders will be delivered at school in two-to-three weeks. Anyone with questions can call Trish Thorman at 765-4506.

Special thanks to Shirley Schenmeyer of Voorheesville for designing and producing these quality, made-to-order items.

## Friends to recognize library volunteers

The Friends of the Voorheesville Public Library have scheduled their annual meeting for Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. in conjunction with the library's volunteer recognition day.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun, and enjoy the food and music by "Homespun Harmony," a barbershop quartet.

## Legion to dish up Sunday breakfast

Breakfast will be served at American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, April 13, from 8 a.m. to noon.

All-you-can-eat helpings of eggs, ham or sausage, home fries,

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french toast and beverages are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 5 through 12. Children under age 5 eat for free.

## Firefighters to scrub for DARE program

Wash winter's grime off your car, van or truck on Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Voorheesville firehouse on Altamont Road. The volunteer firefighters will donate all proceeds to benefit the DARE program. The cost is \$4 per vehicle.

## Early dismissal set Friday, April 11

Friday, April 11, is a staff development day at the elementary school. Pupils will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m.

## PTA to meet

The elementary PTA's next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

## Hewitt to address Methodist women

Voorheesville United Methodist Women will mark its 25th anni-

versary with a special program on Sunday, April 13, at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Rowena Hewitt, past president of the Albany District United Methodist Women, will deliver the message at the 10 a.m. service.

A coffee hour will be hosted by the women's group following services.

The group's regular meeting on Monday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the church will feature a program on Christians in China.

For information, contact Lettie Pinney at 765-2548.

## Village collecting brush at curbside pickup

Brush will be collected by the village of Voorheesville during April and May. It should be placed at the curb with cut ends facing the street. Brush will not be collected during the summer.

All other yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags and will be picked up throughout the growing season.

Bags must weigh under 40 pounds and contain only clippings — no dirt, stone, metal, wood or branches.

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

## Planners to meet at village hall

Voorheesville's planning commission will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

## Riding center seeks volunteer horseleaders

The Albany Therapeutic Riding Center at 182 Martin Road has started its spring session of horseback riding classes for people with disabilities.

Volunteer horseleaders and sidewalkers are needed for two hours per week at Friday, Saturday or Sunday classes. Maintenance volunteers are needed daily. No horse experience is necessary.

Volunteers are also needed to help replace a shed roof which blew off in the recent storm. For information or to volunteer, call 765-2764 or 458-2572.

## Volunteers install new officers

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department recently installed 1997 line, civil and auxiliary officers during its annual banquet at

the Ramada Inn.

Officers are: Craig Shufelt, chief; Roger Wright, assistant chief; Charles Unser, captain; John Wright, first lieutenant; Larry Cross, second lieutenant; and Bill Waters, chief engineer.

Civil officers are: Doug Shearer, administrator; Ron Kussel, secretary; David Beeson, treasurer; Matt Shearer, director of house; and Tom Albert, director of membership.

Auxiliary officers are: Laura Seery, president; Kay Beyor, vice president; Linda Gioia, secretary; and Cathy White, treasurer.

Congratulations to the department as it marks its 50th year of service to the community.

Doug Shearer was named firefighter of the year.

Special congratulations go to charter member Peter Van Zetten who received a 50-year recognition award.

# Art association presents annual show at library

The Bethlehem Art Association is having its 31st annual spring juried art show at Bethlehem Public Library.

The show will be on display through Wednesday, April 30.

Library hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The show was judged by Patricia L. Testo, artist and teacher

at Doane Stuart School in Albany.

The art association is also extending a warm welcome to new members.

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# Sports

## Suker's shoes will be hard to fill for V'ville

By Matt McKenna

With the melting snow and the arrival of spring, a new sports season has begun for the Voorheesville girls softball team.

The varsity begins its league schedule this week after three weeks of preseason practices.

The Ladybirds have been the most successful team in the school the past three years. They made it to the state semifinals the past two seasons, and have won the Colonial Council title for the last three years. Voorheesville will have to replace several top-line players who have graduated.

***Our team is young, but experienced. ... They've been there before and know what they need to do to get back.***

Nadine Bassler

Larina Suker, who is blowing away opposing hitters for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this year, will not be pitching for the first time in four years. She was a three-time MVP in the Colonial Council and an All-State selection last season.

In addition, the team will have to find replacements for four other starters, including Suker's batterymate, Jenn Delaney.

This year's team does have several veterans returning, but will need help from a few of the younger players.

Janelle Murray, Nicole Daigle, Nicole Stagg, Tia Sullivan, Kate Tyrell, Denise Throop and Natalie Portanova are the seniors who will be counted on to carry most of the load. These girls were all on the team that traveled to the state tournament last year.

Backing them up will be juniors Christina Schachne, Lauren Lloyd and sophomore Jan Rissacher. Sophomore Liz Duncan and eighth-grader Brittany Burnham will share the responsibilities on the mound.

"I'm sure we will be competitive this season," said coach Nadine Bassler. "Our team is young, but experienced. It will probably take some time to get in rhythm and play together, but the girls work hard and know how to win. They've been there before and know what they need to do to get back."

The Ladybirds travel to Averill Park Thursday and Cohoes on Friday before returning home to face Watervliet Saturday.



Members of the victorious St. Matthew's girls basketball team include Sarah Virgil, bottom from left, Cassy Schultz, Sarah Ruane, Katlyn Berger, Brittany Burnham, Chris Michael, coach Bob Burns, top from left, Annie Burch, Michelle De Lacruz, Joan Herzog, Emily Osterhout, Emily Corcione and coach Pat Corcione.

## St. Matthew's girls capture title

The St. Matthew's junior girls team from Voorheesville captured the 1997 Albany Diocese CYO basketball championship by defeating Troy league champion St. Basil's of Watervliet.

St. Matthew's lost twice to St.

Basil's in regular season play.

Both teams managed to make it to the final game of the annual post-season diocesan tournament, which was held at Schalmont High School in Rotterdam.

The St. Matthew's girls team

advanced to the championship round by posting wins over Holy Names Academy, the first-place Albany league team, and St. Madeline Sophie, the first-place Schenectady team. Pat Corcione and Bob Burns were the coaches.

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## Nate Kosoc honored as pitcher of week

Sophomore right-hander Nate Kosoc, a BCHS graduate and a member of The College of Saint Rose baseball team, has been named Pitcher of the Week in the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference for the period ending March 30.

In a recent 1-0 pitchers' duel at Mercy College, Kosoc yielded just a fifth-inning single while fanning 11 and walking only two in the seven-inning game. It marked Kosoc's fifth complete game of the year.



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# Landscaping a key factor for home buyers, sellers

By Dev Tobin

If you want the most for your home when selling, or a minimum of future hassle when thinking about buying, keep a sharp eye out for the quality of landscaping and lawn care, which are essential elements of "curb appeal."

That's the advice of local real estate professionals, who note that the appearance and reality of landscaping and lawn condition can make a difference of thousands in the final selling price and months in the time a home is on the market.

"There's no question that first impressions count," said Abbey Farbstein of Coldwell Banker Prime Properties in Delmar. "If potential buyers

don't like the outside, they're less likely to even see the inside.

high that they block the windows," Farbstein said.

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Abbey Farbstein

And if they fall in love with the outside, they're more willing to overlook flaws on the inside."

A common problem with older suburban homes is that landscaping shrubs have gotten "out of control — growing so

Not only do the shrubs themselves look untended, but blocking natural light also makes the house darker and less inviting to a prospective buyer, Farbstein explained.

Such overgrown shrubs "may need to be taken out and replaced with nice tight bushes," she said.

In the back yard, planting evergreens around the perimeter "to create a sense of privacy" is a "very smart investment," Farbstein said.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," noted Bill Alston of Blackman & DeStefano.

"Taking the time and effort of make landscaping look nice gives an indication that, chances are, the inside is nice, too," Alston said.

Quality is more important than quantity in landscaping.

"You don't need a tremendous amount, nor does it have to be expensive — just well-done, neatly trimmed, with mulch in there," Alston said. "Don't overdo it or get too complicated. Keep it simple, tasteful and neat."

Ann Warren of Noreast Realty recommends that buyers conduct an up-close inspection of trees, shrubs and lawn.

"Look at trees to make sure they're not diseased or dying, and check the lawn for grubs, which can be expensive to get rid of," Warren said.

Regarding the widespread grubs, Warren advised looking for little holes, "like somebody had walked around in golf shoes."

Another red flag is tree limbs that hang over the house or garage, which are the major way that carpenter ants get into structures, she added.

Too much landscaping, especially close to the house, can also be a problem, restricting air circulation and ventilation of the structure, she noted.



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## Eliminate ants before they cause big damage

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Ants digging underneath mounds damages the roots of turf and plants. Also, it reduces the soil's ability to maintain moisture. Anyone who has ever mowed over an anthill knows it's

not too good for a lawn mower, either.

Reducing ant populations is not enough. These determined critters can rebuild their colonies back to their original size even if less than 5 percent of the population survives. Complete and thorough elimination is required of these persistent pests.

One way to effectively control already infested ants is to treat them at their headquarters, the

mound. Drench the mounds and the trails early in the morning or late in the evening with insecticide. Timing is crucial to "catch ants at home." During most of the day, ants are off gathering food.

If you can determine where ants are entering the house, apply insecticide directly at the point of entry and seal the cracks to avoid future attacks. Another preventive measure against infestation is to store food and water in tightly sealed containers.

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# Recycling efforts keep yard clippings close to home

Remember when garbage bags filled with grass clippings lined the streets of your neighborhood? If your community is taking part in an innovative environmental program, those bags are a thing of the past.

Twenty-four states now enforce laws banning yard waste from landfills. Nine other states have plans for similar laws, or already have municipal and

county bans in effect, according to officials of the Environmental Solutions Program, a volunteer education effort aimed at municipalities and their residents.

Program leaders say an estimated 20 percent of household trash disposed of in our bulging solid-waste landfills is lawn-related. And grass clippings increase the volume of house-

hold waste by as much as 50 percent from March to September.

So what are the options for a municipality? Developed by the Toro Co., the Environmental Solutions Program teams municipalities with local power equipment dealers to educate and provide hands-on, environmentally-sensitive demonstrations.

Now in its fourth year, the program advocates responsible yard waste management, recycling and fertilization techniques. So far this year, programs have been established in more than 30 communities across the country.

At the heart of the program is one basic piece of advice — recycle residential grass clippings by leaving them on the lawn.

The program provides municipalities with state-of-the-art mulching mowers, including electric corded and rechargeable cordless mowers, for demonstrations throughout the season.

Homeowners chosen to use the mowers place program test site signs in their yards so the community can judge the effectiveness of such lawn care techniques. At the end of the year, participants have the opportunity to purchase the mowers at a reduced price.

The program also promotes the use of environmentally-

friendly, natural fertilizers and composting.

"The results were astounding," said Kathy Max, recycling coordinator for Hopkins, Minn. "Time and manpower were cut by at least 30 percent by not bagging clippings. Plus, we saved the cost of hauling and waste disposal. Whether the waste is generated by the city or by the public, the cost of removing it is going to affect the tax base.

"This hands-on environmental program is one of the best ways to get that message across," she said.

For each participating household, the program diverts an average of one ton of grass clippings from curbside pick-up or landfilling each year.

Ann Brovold, Environmental Solutions Program director, said, "You have to feel good when you see so many people voluntarily doing what they can to help solve an environmental issue."

## Push toward reel mowers reflects new trends

As real estate prices rise and lot sizes shrink, more and more people are rediscovering the practicality, simplicity and proven reliability of reel lawn mowers.

Lot sizes of new single-family homes now average about 13,600 square feet, a 23 percent decrease from their peak size in the late 1980s, according to statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The result is smaller lawns. And lawn size is the number one reason more and more people are choosing reel mowers over powered rotary mowers, according to a survey by longtime reel makers American Lawn Mower Co./Great States Corp. in Shelbyville, Ind.

Of 2,013 customers surveyed, 64 percent said they used their

reel mowers on less than one-quarter acre lots. Another 24 percent said they use reel mowers on lots ranging in size from one-quarter acre to an acre.

American/Great States, which has built and refined the quiet, user-friendly machines for more than 100 years, found that customers also prefer reel mowers because they're better for the environment, easier to maintain, better for health and fitness, less expensive, safer and superior at cutting grass.

Reel mowers have become almost universally popular, according to the survey. Purchasers are nearly as likely to be women as men. Buyers range in age from 19 to 60. Half live in suburban locales, but many also live in rural and urban areas. And although one strong selling point is price, as many people

making more than \$75,000 a year buy reel mowers as those making \$25,000 or less.

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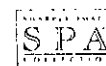
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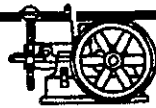
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# Air conditioning advances mean cool air for less cash

By Martin P. Kelly

When dealing with air conditioning for the home, the three most important words are efficiency, efficiency and efficiency. Experts at most firms dealing with installation and service of air conditioning all say the same.

Improvements in technology by most companies making air conditioning units have resulted in products that are more efficient, giving more cool air for less money, said Jack Hogan of Crisafulli Brothers.

In addition, consumers are better educated in the advances of air conditioning and look for efficiency, said John Schwarz, whose company J & M Schwarz Heating and Cooling is among the leaders in the region.

Both Hogan and Schwarz cite the help consumers are getting locally from Niagara Mohawk

Power Corp. in converting to gas for both their heating and cooling needs. Homes with duct work for warm air distribution can convert to air cooling units which are quieter, as well as being more efficient.

"The power company is working out very good deals with consumers in this field," Hogan said.

One important development is the installation of efficient compressors outside the house which can funnel freon (a cooling agent) through tubes or pipes to cool separate rooms or the whole house. These are used when there is electric heat or hot water heating.

However, when there is duct work already installed, then there is the potential for use of a split system.

"This split system aids houses which have warm heat ducts that

can funnel central air through the same system, using outside condensers which are far more quiet than window air conditioners," Schwarz said. The outside condensers are run by electricity.

When separate rooms are cooled individually using the pipes and an evaporator in the room, it's possible to cool only part of the house.

Both Hogan and Schwarz agree that the cost to retrofit homes for air cooling will run between \$1,800 and \$5,000, depending on the homeowner's desire to cool a space or the whole house.

Among the leaders in working with a natural gas heating and cooling system is York International Corp., which has developed a Triathlon system that provides natural gas engine controlled by microprocessors that keep all systems running at maximum efficiency. As compared to the split system where an electric condenser is used,

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In Florida, the local utility company is offering financial incentives to almost 200,000 residential customers to switch to this new technology.

Whatever the climate or the need, air cooling contractors agree that there is a system for every house, and that present-day installations are cheaper to run because of their higher efficiency.

## Lawns are a good investment

As the country welcomes the first signs of spring, lawn care and landscaping activities swing into high gear. To celebrate springtime and the nation's focus on outdoor activities, the Professional Lawn Care Association of America designates each April as National Lawn Care Month.

"April is an excellent time to recognize the many benefits lawns provide," says Ann E. McClure, executive vice president of PLCAA. "A healthy turf

helps to purify and cool the air, filters water that drains into the ground, increases the value of your home, and provides a cushioned play surface for children."

According to a recent Gallup survey, consumers spent \$25.9 billion on do-it-yourself lawn and garden activities in 1994. They spent an additional \$13.4 billion on professional lawn and landscape services, which represents an increase of \$900 million over the previous year.

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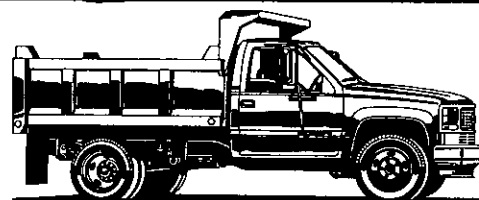
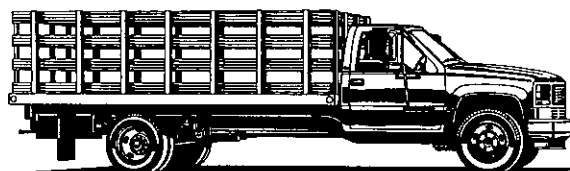
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# Green thumb for hire

## Local plant doctor makes 'secret gardens' bloom

By Mel Hyman

After a long career in public relations that she decided to cut short to attend to family matters, Linda Sedlmayer of Hannacroix needed something new to occupy her time and make some money.

Since she had always been interested in horticulture and was an artist at heart, she decided to offer her expertise at growing flowers to anyone who thought they needed help.

As it turns out, there was a pent-up demand in the Bethlehem/New Scotland area for someone who could provide some TLC to languishing flower gardens, and in some cases offer advice on what to plant and in what arrangement.

And so The Secret Garden was born. It started with a classified ad in *The Spotlight*, Sedlmayer said, and "At the end of the summer (of 1995), I found myself with a burgeoning business."

Timing and good fortune may have played some part in her success, but talent and ability were likely contributors as well.

"I think gardening's in my genes," she said. "I've been doing it for as long as I can remember."

Some of her fondest memories of growing up are the times she spent with her grandfather, who was a "fabulous gardener."

She's been drawn to flowers ever since and as a result of reading and taking horticultural

courses, she has a broad knowledge of the field and knows which flowers thrive in which climate and what are the best ways to care for them.

There may be a few other flower experts in the Capital District who make house calls, so to speak, but Sedlmayer says they usually make one visit and that's it.

"It's love you and leave you" among the freelancers out there, she says, and people who don't have the time to tend to their flower gardens end up with "a foul-looking jungle" and "wondering where all their money went."

Sedlmayer has a trained crew of workers who accompany her, and they will provide whatever it takes to keep the garden in tip-top shape.

For families with young children, Sedlmayer offers something extra. She teaches interested kids how to cultivate a flower garden and how to identify various species.

"We like to create fantasy gardens for children," she said. "We teach them basic botany and even hand out T-shirts as an incentive. We try to show them that you need to respect nature and that you don't need a lot of chemicals to grow beautiful flowers."

While there are many exotic flowers on the market — and Sedlmayer has access to them — she personally favors many of the traditional stand-bys such as irises, old-fashioned roses, phlox



Linda Sedlmayer, owner of The Secret Garden, gets some assistance from 5-year-old Eliza Dropkin of Delmar cleaning out a flower bed in preparation for spring planting.

Mel Hyman

and day lilies.

There are many varieties of irises, she explained, some of which people may not be familiar with.

"My favorites are the Siberian

and Japanese iris because you can extend their bloom into July," she said. "Plus, there is the dwarf iris that looks marvelous in rock gardens."

Sedlmayer has extended her

reach so that she now services most of Albany County, including Guilderland, Colonie and Loudonville. So if you're curious about how a Veronica Speedwell or a Crater Lake (flower) might look in your backyard, she's at your behest.

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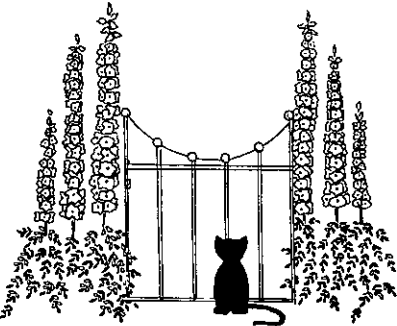


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# Some plants are inventions and protected with patents

By Bruce A. Lehman

Ever wonder how first ladies get roses named after them? Someone has to approach a horticultural company specializing in hybridization and make a request.

For example, when President Bush was in office, Sen. Mark Hatfield contacted Jackson and Perkins, a horticultural company based in Medford, Ore., and asked that a rose be named for First Lady Barbara Bush.

Thus began a process — which included permission from the first lady — that led to the Barbara Bush rose (pink, in case you're wondering).

Before the Barbara Bush rose became available for purchase, however, Jackson and Perkins applied — just like any inventor who wants protection — to the U.S. Patent and Trade Office for a patent on their "creation."

In fact, even though the patent system has been around since 1790, it wasn't until the Plant Patent Act of 1930 that U.S. patent law permitted the protection of new and distinct varieties of asexually reproduced plants,

other than tuber-propagated plants. The word "asexual" was included to prevent a monopoly on cereal grains, and the phrase "other than tuber-propagated" prevented a monopoly on potatoes.

Prior to 1930, plant breeders had no financial incentive to enter plant breeding because they could not exercise control over their discoveries. This awareness led to the passage of the plant legislation. Although not a large percentage of the total number of patents granted each year (for 1995, there were 387 plant patents out of 113,955), they still represent a competitive boost to agriculture and farming industries.

One supporter of the 1930 Act said: "The production of a plant often requires more patience, skill, ingenuity, resourcefulness, knowledge and observation than the making of a mechanical invention."

One famous plant breeder who did not live long enough to see his inventions patented was Luther Burbank. Born in 1848, Burbank devoted a lifetime to

plant breeding, developing more than 800 strains and varieties of plants, including 113 varieties of plums and prunes, 10 commercial varieties of berries, and 50 varieties of lilies.

In 1871, he developed the Burbank potato, which was introduced in Ireland to help combat the blight. Settling in Santa Rosa, Calif., he established a nursery garden, green house and experimental farms that have become famous worldwide.

The inventor was granted posthumously more than a dozen patents, including patent number 15 for the peach. Burbank is also a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

To learn more about plant patents and other copyrighted items, visit the Patent and Trademark Museum near Washington, D.C. For more information, call the PTO Public Affairs Department at (703) 305-8341.

Bruce A. Lehman is assistant secretary of commerce and commissioner of patents and trademarks.

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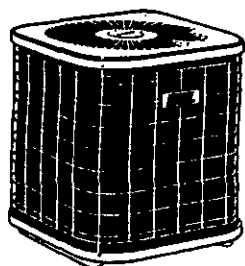
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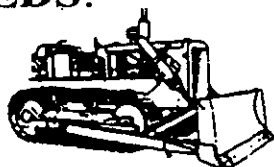
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# Edible flowers can enhance garden, dinner table

By Lakshmi Sundaram

One of my favorite gardening mottoes is to get the most out of my garden with the least possible effort. To this end, I like to choose varieties of plants that enhance the garden as much as they do the dinner table and plate. Our ancestors knew all about the culinary and medicinal benefits of flowers, and before the discovery of spices, flowers were used in many early American and Asiatic recipes.

There are a few rules that should be adhered to before you rush out and grab a bunch of toxic bleeding heart to garnish loved one's salad:

1. Never use a flower unless you have checked and double checked that it is safe. Many flowers are quite toxic.

2. Make sure that the flowers are organically grown. Don't use florist's flowers, as they have often been grown using chemicals and treated to preserve their freshness. Roadside specimens are usually covered in dust and

exhaust fumes and are not a good idea either. Some varieties may be available at your local supermarket, but the best and safest are those you grow organically yourself.

3. With most flowers, you should remove the stamens and pistils prior to consumption.

4. Like any other new food, try small amounts at first to avoid any possible allergic reaction.

Here is a list of some of the more common and flavorful flowers that will add more than an attractive garnish to your next meal.

**BEE BALM:** Chosen as the Herb of the Year for 1996 by the International Herb Association, bee balm is a highly attractive, somewhat invasive, perennial member of the mint family. It effuses a citrusy fragrance and taste and was used as a medicinal tea by the Amerindians. The

bright flowers are delicious in salads or as a mild seasoning for desserts and jellies.

**BORAGE:** Called the herb of gladness and courage, this self-seeding annual is easy to grow and produces beautiful star-shaped blue flowers. Both the

deep fried. The buds should be picked just as they begin to show color and included in salads or stir fries. They can also be pickled or served with a sauce.

**JOHNNY-JUMP-UP:** My all-time favorite, this cheerful flower is one of the first to appear in the spring. Its violet and yellow face,

with a flavors reminiscent of wintergreen, will brighten up any salad. They self-seed readily and are extremely hardy perennials.

**LAVENDER:** Known primarily for its aromatic qualities, this tender perennial (hardy to zone five) is also at home in the kitchen. The flowers can be used in desserts, salads or teas and used to flavor jellies and vinegars. Use it sparingly, as it imparts a very strong flavor.

**NASTURTIUM:** If you like

watercress, you will love nasturtiums. These annuals will grow in the worst of soils. All parts of this plant can be eaten and the flowers are particularly beautiful. Their peppery taste will liven up any salad or sandwich.

The above is but a smattering of some familiar edible flowers. Others include: chives, English daisy, forget-me-not, fuchsia, geranium, hollyhock, impatiens, lilac, mint flower, portulaca, redbud, snapdragon and sunflower.

Once you are sure that a flower is edible, be daring and include it in a meal!

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leaves and the flowers are delicious, with flavor suggestive of cucumber.

**CALENDULA:** The pot marigold is a hardy annual that makes almost as good a cut flower as it does a culinary ingredient. Its petals can be used as a garnish, a coloring or an enhancement to flavor stews and soups.

**DAY LILY:** This prolific perennial has large flowers that last but a day, hence its name. Open flowers can be stuffed and

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# Old-fashioned hard work the key to a lush lawn

By John Thorpe

Whether you're using time-tested techniques or the latest fertilizers and chemicals, caring for your lawn yourself this season is going to take some old-fashioned elbow grease. But the rewards of a lush, green lawn this summer will be worth the effort.

"Generally, everyone should have a good raking at the beginning of the season," said Gordon Blaisdell, owner of Gordon's Lawn Care in Delmar and professor of the more "traditional" lawn care techniques. "I consider it an old-fashioned remedy. A good leaf and debris cleanup, dethatching and raking are essential steps in getting your lawn on the right track."

Early spring is also the time for using any crab grass killer you're inclined to, says Blaisdell, followed by seeding and fertilizing. And while he remains partial to traditional manure and natural lime to fertilize soil and give it nutrients, whatever your chosen

process, you should be out on the lawn soon.

"The snow kind of slowed things down a bit for us, but this is the time to be seeding," Blaisdell said.

For those interested in an easy-to-follow, four-step process for maintaining a lush lawn all season, Cottage Agway in

service is just \$39.99 at Agway. The first step of the process should take place right away, and includes putting down crab grass control with fertilizer by the first or second week of April.

The second step occurs about a month later, as a weed killer is laid down just as weeds are beginning to appear. Then,

according to Novotny, the homeowner does "nothing during the stressful (to your lawn) summer months," with the third step

coming in either late August or early September.

That's when the grub control gets put down, accompanied by a good soaking (up to three hours), in order to assure that treatment sinks at least two inches into the soil.

Finally, around Halloween, the fourth step — a winterizer — is laid down, a process which "locks nutrients into the roots for spring," Novotny said.

The four-step program is engineered specifically for the Northeast's weather patterns, Novotny added, and

**Whether you're using time-tested techniques or the latest fertilizers and chemicals, caring for your lawn yourself this season is going to take some old-fashioned elbow grease.**

Latham may have the answer. Using either Agway's or Scott's products, Cottage has put together a four-step process aimed at reducing consumers' costs while making their lawns look carefully manicured year-round.

"You'll feed the lawn four times a year," says Cottage employee Paul Novotny. "It's the most inexpensive way to obtain beautiful results fast. And it eliminates having a lawn care service."

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When mowing the lawn, be sure not to cut the grass too short. Lawn care professionals suggest maintaining the grass at around three inches high.

homeowners should see results in just the first season, with their lawns getting greener and thicker each passing year.

For those not ready for the four-step plunge, Novotny, like Blaisdell, says now's the time to begin seeding and treating for crab grass, and also emphasizes putting down grub control as soon as possible if you had a problem last season.

Once you've finally got the lawn you wanted, watering it regularly is important, Blaisdell noted, with at least a few times a week a good guideline, depend-

ing on the weather patterns and your town's water-use laws. He suggests watering in the early morning or evening, keep the ground damp, and "just using common sense" when deciding how often to water.

And while some like their lawn kept short, it's not very healthy for the grass, Blaisdell adds. "Cut about half an inch each time you mow, and try to keep it at two-and-a-half to three inches long," he said. "I would mow every seven to 10 days, unless there's a dry spell, from May right through early November."

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# Community gardens bring a bit of country to the city

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The focus of Capital District Community Gardens' work has been on the creation and operation of community gardens

where residents are given a plot and the opportunity to grow their own produce.

"For people who don't have access to a yard, a community garden provides an opportunity to enjoy the many benefits of gardening which would otherwise be unattainable," said Amy Klein, executive director of Capital District Community Gardens.

Through the location of community garden sites, the program is able to transform vacant, garbage-strewn eyesores into bountiful and productive green spaces. The program is a unique approach to meeting community needs, and works on many different levels: health, education, volunteerism, employment and leadership skills, recreation, neighborhood unity and aesthetics.

Community gardeners grow their own food, meet their neighbors, get exercise and relieve the stress of daily life. There are few other opportunities for apartment dwellers to participate in productive outdoor activities.

Capital District Community Gardens was the originator of gardening programs in Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties, and currently manages 14 garden sites in East Greenbush, Latham, Rensselaer and Troy.

**The creation of a community garden provides numerous benefits to residents and businesses alike — beautified communities, improved quality of life for residents, increased economic development, less poverty and crime, and higher property values.**

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"We are now looking to expand our programs to other areas in the Capital District, including the towns of Bethlehem and Colonie, and are on the lookout for vacant lots that would be suitable for a community garden," said Klein. "The creation of a community garden provides numerous benefits to residents and businesses alike — beautified communities, improved quality of life for residents, increased economic development, less poverty and crime, and higher property values."

Community gardens provide families with access to 600-square-foot plots which can each produce more than \$1,000 worth of fresh produce annually. By producing food for family and friends, a community gardener receives a large dose of self-confidence and self-esteem while simultaneously improving their family's nutrition.

Senior citizens are delighted to have an opportunity to remain active and maintain social contacts through the garden, and growing some of their own food stretches their limited

dollars. Gardening is also excellent therapy for the developmentally and physically challenged, and it teaches our children many lessons: a heightened respect for the earth, an understanding of nutrition and how food is grown, and feelings of pride and accomplishment

which will last long into adulthood.

"I got my start gardening as a young girl when my grandmother made a special plot for me in her backyard and it has

provided me with countless hours of joy, realization and a sense of pride and accomplishment ever since," said Klein. "My hope is that with the support of interested citizens and businesses, Capital District Community Gardens will be able to significantly expand its programs to give residents in our area, particularly children, these same rewards."

Capital District Community Gardens is a non-profit community service organization that operates with the support of private individuals and businesses.

If you are interested in finding out more about community garden programs, have a vacant lot that may be appropriate for a garden site, or would like to lend your support with a tax deductible donation, contact Amy Klein at Capital District Community Gardens, 295 Eighth St., Troy 12180, or call 272-8685.



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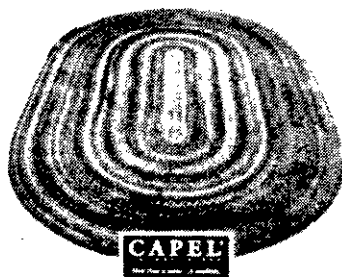
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These and other initiatives have been recognized by the Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG), which represents nine states. "Forty-one companies helped shrink the nation's wastes by 32 billion pounds through voluntary initiatives to reduce or minimize, reuse, or recycle their packaging wastes," according to a CONEG report issued in February 1996.

Remember, consumers don't

see most packaging — it's used for the protection and transportation of goods before they reach store shelves. Companies have achieved tremendous savings in this type of packaging. CONEG cited the James River Corp.'s use of plastic overwrap to ship printing papers, eliminating the need for more than three million corrugated containers ("card-board" boxes).

I know consumers often regard packaging as waste. But packaging prevents far more waste than it creates. How would you get eggs home safely from the supermarket without the plastic or paperboard carton? Or yogurt without its container? Industry must definitely continue to examine its use of packaging, but consumer safety and convenience are important factors.

**Q: I am supposed to separate newspapers, plastics**

**and cans from the rest of my trash for recycling purposes. Is this really worth the effort?**

**A:** Recycling has been sold as something of a cure-all for environmental problems. In fact, it is an economic activity in which potentially valuable materials — paper, metals, glass and plastics — are recovered and sold to someone who can use them in making new products. Markets for recycled material vary from region to region. Sometimes there is more material than recyclers and manufacturers can absorb.

Each community's elected officials and voters should decide for themselves whether recycling makes sense to them. For example, a recent study by Keep America Beautiful showed that a typical community of 500,000 residents spends an average of \$2.5 million a year more for recycling than if those materials were landfilled. That's \$2.5 million not available for police, schools or fire protection. Whether that sort of expenditure and priority is desirable can only be answered by the local citizens.

If the community does decide to have a recycling program, its success will depend on active participation from local residents. Proper preparation and sorting of recyclables helps reduce costs incurred in the recycling process.

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bottles to stores use less gas because their load weighs less. Plastic bottles certainly use a lot less of my energy when I carry them in from the car.

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*Judd Alexander is a national authority on municipal solid waste and a former chairman of Keep America Beautiful. Send environmental questions to Ask Judd, P.O. Box 33365, Washington, D.C. 20033-0365.*

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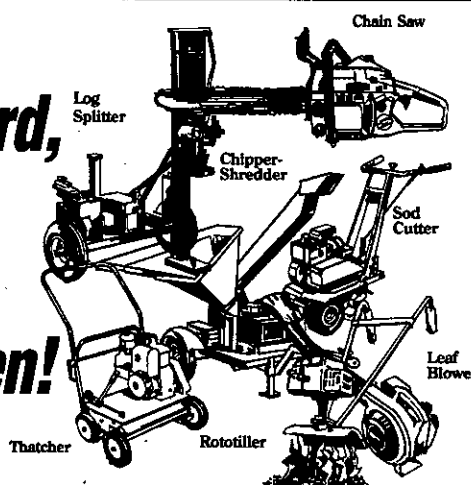
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# There's a mouse in your house — What to do now?

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Weighing just about an ounce, Mus musculus is perfectly built to squeeze through

holes as small as one-quarter of an inch.

"Man provides a really nice environment for mice, particularly in the garage," says Ed Marshall, director of technical services at a Milwaukee-based pesticide manufacturer. "It's warm and dry. And that's where we keep the grass seed and bird

seed."

These little creatures may seem cute, but they're hardly cartoon mice. Rodent-borne diseases include salmonella, ratbite fever and dermatitis. And the economic impact of mice is enormous.

"In just six months, one pair of mice can eat up to four

pounds of food and deposit as many as 18,000 droppings," Marshall says. "But the greatest loss is not what the mice eat, but what is thrown out because of contamination, either real or suspected."

Despite their small size, mice can actually be harder to kill than rats. Their keen sense of taste and smell helps them detect — and subsequently avoid — the slightest amounts of poison.

Kitchen cabinets? Make sure you identify and treat all potential spots concurrently.

- "Rescind the Invitation." Clean up spilled bird seed, take old tires to the dump, cut backyard weeds and get rid of other "invitations" to hungry mice. Cover pet dishes when not in use. Store household garbage indoors in rodent-proof containers. Seal gaps around doors, dryer vents and foundations.

# Can a well-kept lawn save the world? Scientists say the answer is maybe

Do your part for Mother Earth by maintaining a thick, gorgeous lawn. Those weekend putterings at home could very well help to improve water quality, cut down on global warming and soak up some pollution

Scientists throughout the world are increasingly documenting the significant role of turf, particularly in urban/suburban settings where the removal of turf and other vegetation has amplified potentially disastrous problems such as the "urban heat island effect."

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"Mice are picky eaters," says Marshall. "And they tend to stay within about 20 feet of their nest, which is why proper bait placement is critical. What they don't eat won't kill them."

Here are four easy tips for a mouse-free house:

- So, what is it? Check for gnaw marks around doors and woodwork, and watch for telltale droppings.
- Find trouble spots. Is it your garage? Outbuildings?

- Place bait, then wait. Set bait in each area where there's mouse activity. The best locations are dark, sheltered areas along walls or other mouse "runways." Keep bait fresh.

For those who are squeamish about killing the intruders, there are traps that allow mice to be caught alive and deposited outside.

Just make sure the entrance they used to get into your house is sealed off, or you'll be starting the cycle all over again.

In the 1990 Farm Bill, the U.S. Congress noted: "Tree plantings and ground covers, such as low-growing dense perennial turfgrass sod in urban areas and communities, can aid in reducing carbon dioxide emissions, mitigating the heat island effect and reducing energy consumption, thus contributing to efforts to reduce global warming trends."

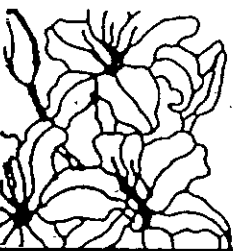
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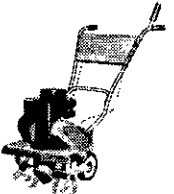
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# Raised beds can give innovative gardeners a lift

## Building planters above ground a practical trend

It may take a stage magician to levitate a person, but a weekend gardener can raise a bed — and the results can be almost as amazing.

Raised bed gardens have become a popular way to grow vegetables and flowers. There are several reasons for this popularity.

Raised bed gardens are ideal where the natural soil has high clay content, since you can supply your own soil mix for the beds.

Furthermore, because soil in raised beds warms earlier in the

season than does ground soil, gardeners can get a head start on planting.

You can also work in wetter weather without getting your feet muddy or compacting the soil, and you save your back because you can tend your plants and pick your vegetables with less bending than you would have to do with a traditional garden.

A typical raised garden consists of long beds, six inches to three feet high. Beds need be no broader than you can reach and can extend as far as your property lines allow.



The path between beds does not have to be wider than 12 inches or so. To prevent mud, top the paths with gravel or build a wooden walkway.

The walls of the beds should be built of durable material. For its long life and workability, pressure-treated wood is a

common choice. Available at nearly every lumber yard and home center, this wood has preservative protection against termites and rot.

Despite widespread commercial use for decades, stories have circulated that treated wood will contaminate plants. That concern has been put to rest in recent years. Researchers with the Environmental Protection Agency conducted an eight-year review of data on pressure-treated wood and put no restrictions on its use in gardens.

Once the walls have been constructed, the beds can be filled with soil and compost. Then you're set to begin planting.

And when you do, consider those who don't have adequate food. In a campaign called "Plant a Row for the Hungry," the Garden Writers Association of America is encouraging garden-

ers to donate surplus produce to a local food bank or shelter for consumption by those in need. Hungry neighbors get more healthful meals, while gardeners get added pleasure from their hobby.

The efficiency of raised garden beds makes it likely that you'll have plenty of food to share.

## 'Good bugs' can do work you can't

When it's time to fight the insects in your garden, who are you gonna call?

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Tiny wasps no bigger than the dot on this "i" have been recruited to protect cotton crops in Texas and apples in Washington state. Now, beneficial insects are becoming more readily available as handy weapons for the home gardener.

"People are interested in trying to do something to control their environment in a safer way," says Bruce Butterfield, research director for the National Gardening Association. "People may feel there's not a whole lot they can do about acid rain and pollution on a global level, but they can do something in their own back yard."

Gardening help from "good bugs" is just a phone call away.

A four-color brochure available from Farnam Equipment Co. features a variety of helpful insects, ranging from the ladybird beetle — the most common of all beneficial insects — to the praying mantis and other specialized predators. The brochure is also packed with helpful consumer tips for using "good bugs."

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# Get the dirt on soil testing

You've gone to the trouble of reading up on the types of plants and flowers best suited to your area. You've purchased all the basic gardening equipment, including a straw hat like your grandmother used to wear. You're home from the nursery, loaded down with all sorts of promising tiny seedlings and you're ready to become a gardener — almost.

You have forgotten the most important ingredient to successful gardening: the soil.

"If your soil isn't happy, your plants can't be happy either," says Ralph Snodsmith, gardening editor for ABC's "Good Morning America" and host of The Garden Hotline on the WOR Radio Network.

## New tools for easier gardening

Ergonomics is finally making its way to the home garden.

The science of developing techniques and tools that maximize human efficiency and comfort has led to the creation of computer-engineered hand landscaping tools.

These tools can offer countless benefits and are expected to make gardening easier and less tiring.

In fact, the American Horticultural Therapy Association has credited the light weight and interchangeability of these designs as "positives for wheelchair gardeners and others with mobility impairments."

Here are some "user-friendly" features to look for in the new garden tools:

- Curved handles that increase power and control over the tool head.

- Computer balancing that allows a smoother, easier swing requiring less muscle and energy.

- Reversible tool heads that double each tool's function and make quick job changes convenient and easy.

- Various handle lengths that allow you to change positions such as standing, bending, kneeling or sitting while gardening.

- Various shaped tool heads that are engineered to specifically handle such gardening functions as digging, planting, cultivating, trenching, clearing, chopping and weeding.

A variety of these new tools are available at home and garden centers.

For an informative catalog, write: V&B Manufacturing Co., P.O. Box 268, Walnut Ridge, Ariz. 72476, or call 1-800-443-1987.

How can you tell if your soil is unhappy? "Soil tests kits are extremely valuable," says Snodsmith, who encourages gardeners to invest in a do-it-yourself soil test kit like those available at many home and garden stores and other retail outlets. "They're easy, affordable and fun to use — and you'll reap amazing dividends."

There is an extensive line of soil test kits, ranging from a basic pH test kit to a custom portable soil lab, and using them doesn't require any special training in soil chemistry. Most kits come with extensive instructions, including additive rates and a table of plants and their preferred pH levels.

If the pH levels in the soil are too high or too low, nourishment will be locked out and plants will starve.

Snodsmith recommends testing soil before, during and after the growing season. Testing in the early spring, before any additives are applied, is the most important step towards providing the right conditions for the best possible growth.

"Begin a garden diary," says Snodsmith. "Chances are good

that you will not remember the results of your test this year when it's time to test again next year. Write down every time you feed — this way you'll know what nutrients are beginning to accumulate in your soil."

Don't neglect house plants or containers such as hanging baskets and window boxes — anywhere you've got soil, you'll need to test.

"People often overlook the fact that plants in containers can't reach out and take nutrients from soil that's not there," says Snodsmith.

Here are some more basic gardening tips:

- An abundant supply of nitrogen results in dark green foliage and active vegetative growth — good, crisp lettuce leaves and a heavy carpet of grass on the lawn, for instance.

- For colorful flowers, phosphorus is the ticket to promote good seed germination, healthy seedlings and general plant vigor.

- Potash helps in the formation and transportation of carbohydrates within plants. That results in plants with stiff stalks and healthy, disease-resistant growth.

## Save time, space — 'grasscycle' your lawn

Many U.S. homeowners are doing their part for the environment in their own backyards by grasscycling.

Grasscycling — leaving grass clippings on the lawn when you mow — saves time, landfill space and nurtures the soil. The Professional Lawn Care Association of America coined the term and educates the public about its benefits.

"About 20 percent of all waste that goes into a landfill is landscape debris and about half of that is simply grass clippings," says Michael Gaffney, PLCAA's technical resource specialist. "With yard waste bans in place in many areas of the country, grasscycling offers you an alternative, and at the same time increases the health and beauty of your lawn."

Grass clippings are 85 percent water, decompose rapidly and return nutrients to the soil with

no thatch buildup. They actually return 20 percent of their nitrogen to the soil to feed the lawn's root system. And grasscycling can be practiced year-round with most mowers.

"The key is to follow the one-third rule when you mow — never remove more than one third of the grass leafblade at any one mowing," says Gaffney. He recommends cutting the grass when dry and keeping the lawn mower blade sharpened properly.

For your free "Grasscycling Guide," send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: PLCAA, 1000 Johnson Ferry Road, N.E., Suite C-135, Marietta, Ga. 30068.



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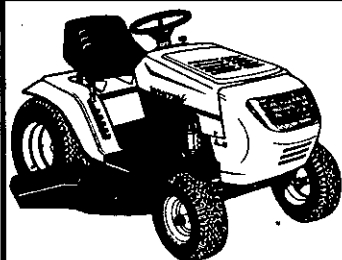
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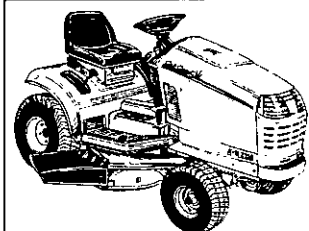
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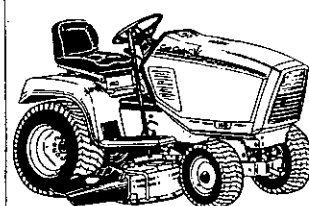
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Do you plant the same "pretty maids"—be they marigolds, daffodils, tulips or whatever—all in a row. Botanists call this a monoculture, and though it can be a colorful way of growing flowers, if your entire garden looks this way, it also can be a little monotonous.

Instead of relying on the same plants to appear in the same places in your garden year after year, consider planting wildflowers. These plants will create diversity difficult to duplicate with any other kind of horticultural display. A row of marigolds yields no surprises, but with wildflowers the unexpected becomes the norm. Every day and every season brings a rich variety of colors, textures and scents.

Just as people have preferences, so, too, do wildflowers. Some like it hot, others prefer it cool. Some like it wet, others

prefer it dry. Fluctuations in weather patterns will result in ever-changing, unpredictable wildflower diversity.

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Here are a few tips to encourage some variety:

- Choose a diverse seed mix for the initial planting. Include perennials, biennials and annuals. Also, include flowers that bloom in spring, summer and early fall. During the first growing season, the majority of blossoms will come from annuals. Perennials usually need

two years of growth before they bloom.

Depending on where you live, during the first year you can expect blooms from the following annuals: baby's breath, plains coreopsis, phlox, California poppy, bachelor's button, corn poppy and catchfly.

In the second year, biennials such as wallflower and dame's rocket will flower. Perennials will include Indian blanket, lance-leaved coreopsis, black-eyed Susan, wild blue flax, wild blue lupine and purple cornflowers.

- To keep certain perennials from dominating the garden, cut the flower heads of particularly aggressive species before the seeds mature.

- To maintain good color from the annuals each year, reseed in the fall or early spring with either an all-annual mix or the same mix that you used initially. (You can increase particular perennials by overseeding more of those species in the fall.)

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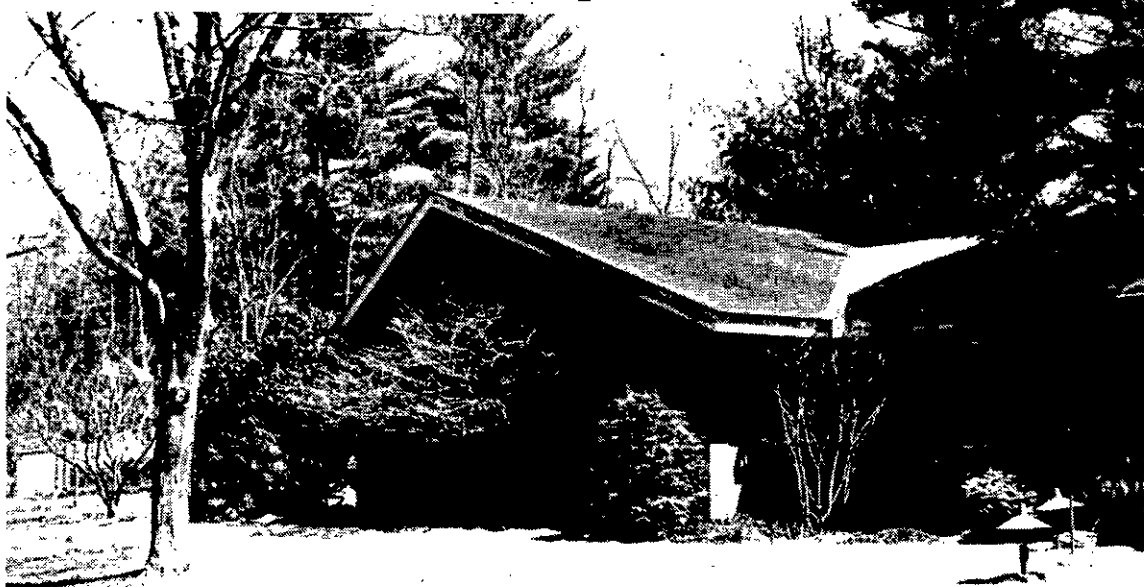
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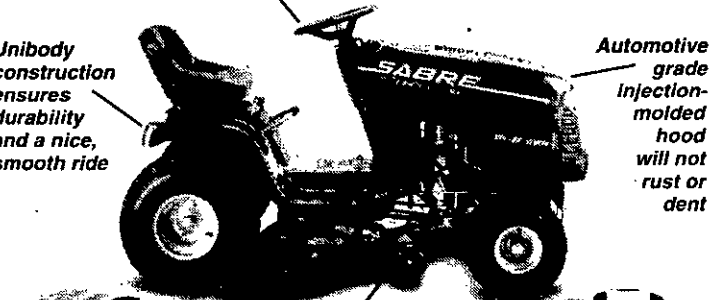
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# Clermont historical site to host garden symposium

The Friends of Clermont and Clermont State Historic Site in Columbia County will host the third annual Garden Symposium on Saturday, May 17, during the height of the lilac season. Reservations may be made for this event, which runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., by calling 537-4240.

Registration for the symposium

will start at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be served.

At 9:50 a.m., Donna Gatto, chair of the Friends Garden Committee and a volunteer leader with her husband, Joseph, of the garden volunteers at Clermont, will welcome participants. The volunteers have spent thousands of hours restoring the Clermont gardens to

the beauty of the early 1900s, when Alice Livingston was the owner of the historic estate.

The first speaker of the symposium will be Alain Grumberg of New Paltz, an authority on plant propagation. He will lecture on and demonstrate this specialty.

Following his program, Susan Leve, former horticulturist at Clermont, will lead a formal lilac and garden walk ending in the

upper cutting garden, where lunch will be held, weather permitting. In case of rain, lunch will take

At 12:45 p.m., a slide lecture will be given by Winifred Clark, lecturer and world traveler, who is

well known for her Lake Mohonk Mountain House programs at the resort's Garden Holiday and Hikers Holiday special events. A past president of the Athens Garden

Club, Clark's program, "The Garden: From Eden to Empire State," traces the political and social forces that have shaped ornamental gardens over the years. Gardens featured range from the colorful informal cottage gardens of Elizabethan England to the grand gardens of the rulers of Austria, France and Spain. The New World gardens will include Virginia's colonial gardens, turn-of-the-century gardens of New England, west coast Japanese tea gardens, British Columbia's classical Chinese gardens and the world famous Butcherd Gardens.

At 1:45 p.m., Andrew Koehn from the Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension Bureau will demonstrate his expertise as a container gardener.

The final program of the day will be presented by Norman Posner and Charles Baker, owners of the beautiful Hudson Bush Farm. A video of their garden estate will be shown, followed by a discussion with them.

Reservations are now being accepted for the symposium. To register or for further information, call the site office during regular business hours at 537-4240.

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# Bethlehem lacrosse team could be a force this year

By Andy Macmillan

After nearly missing out on an invitation to the Section II tournament last year, the Bethlehem boys lacrosse team has high hopes for '97.

The Eagles, who field a relatively young team, will be led by captains **Mike Coker**, **Jason Bylsma** and **Chris Teresi**. Thanks to a fast attack, a strong midfield and a solid defensive corps, BC coach **Keith Gunner** expects this to be the most successful team in the brief history of Bethlehem lacrosse.

Sophomores **Trevor McNiven**

and **Adam Dimuria** will likely start at the attack positions, using their speed and quickness to make up for the loss of several key players from last season.

Jason and **Ryan Bylsma**, along with freshman **Brendan Dalton**, fill the midfield spots.

The backbone of this year's team will be its experienced defense. Coker, along with seniors **Chris Mullen** and **Steve Euler** will be the key defenders.

Junior **Jeff Smith** will guard the nets. Smith has made steady improvement over the past two years and should be an effective

goalie this year.

"We'll try to keep the rest of the team in the game," Coker said.

Bethlehem's main rivals will be Colonie, Guilderland and CBA. Top area teams such as Niskayuna and Shaker will still be a level above the Eagles, but the team is confident of its ability to knock off some of the top-rated schools.

## Roberto Clemente All-Stars seek players

The Roberto Clemente All-Stars are looking for baseball players ages 13-19 who are interested in traveling to Puerto Rico to compete against some of the world's best amateur teams.

The All-Stars play in Puerto Rico three different times during the year: June 26 to July 5, Aug. 1-10, or Dec. 27 to Jan. 5. The players who come from all over the U.S., are divided into teams based on age and ability.

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BC's **Chris Teresi** is one of several veterans who the Eagles will be counting on this year in their quest for a berth in the sectional tournament.

## BC softball team needs help from newcomers

By Tim Kavanagh

Despite a nucleus of young players, the Bethlehem softball team is expected to challenge the likes of perennial Suburban Council powerhouses Shenendehowa and Columbia this year.

Led by experienced seniors **Liz Waniewski**, **Leigh Stevens**, **Marcy Ryan** and **Danielle Pope**, the team will begin play this week with games against Shenendehowa, Shaker, Bishop Maginn and Colonie.

The team includes nine underclassmen, who compiled an outstanding record as players on Bethlehem's modified and junior varsity teams, losing only five games in two seasons. **Beth Clement**, **Leah Hennessy**, **Kim Comtois**, **Beth Gecewicz**, **Monique Roberts**, **Jen Siniski**, **Sonia Consentino**, **Denise**

**Chisholm** and **Carrie Getz** will be counted on heavily to provide the punch and keep the Lady Eagles competitive.

"We're expecting to be very competitive," said coach **Ron Smith**. "We've got a fairly young team but also a very good team."

Last year's team, which was fairly young also, beat Shen and Columbia for the first time in many years. "We've got a great pitcher in **Liz Waniewski**, and in softball, pitching is key," Smith said.

"This team has a lot of good hitting potential, which is something we had lacked before," said Waniewski, who will anchor this year's pitching rotation. "We have an excellent defense, and this has helped us win on many occasions."

Waniewski will share the pitching duties this year with **Roberts** and **Siniski**.

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## Awards

(From Page 1)

Blooper of the Year category for a photo of a grazing bull identified incorrectly as a cow in the caption.

The *Colonie Spotlight* received six awards for community news excellence, including first-place awards for local government coverage and spot news photography.

Reporter Tom Murnane, a Delmar native who has been with the newspaper since September 1994, won first place for local government reporting, particularly for his story about town Supervisor Mary Brizzell's first week in office.

Murnane was also named runner-up for the Writer of the Year award and received an honorable mention for his coverage of the floods that ravaged the town in January 1996.

Photographer Doug Persons, a Selkirk resident, won first place for spot news photography for his picture of Irish singer Eamonn McGirr raising his arms triumphantly after breaking the world record for endurance singing last year.

The judges, from the New Jersey Press Association, wrote that Person's photo "was taken at the perfect moment. The photo has good lighting, composition and impact."

Cartoonist Hy Rosen's poignant depiction of the overcrowded conditions in Lishakill Middle School, entitled "Where Do We Go from Here?", earned second-place honors.

"Simple, yet powerful commentary on subject that affects schools everywhere," the judges wrote.

The *Colonie Spotlight* was also cited for an editorial, receiving an honorable mention.

## V'ville library taking board nominations

The Voorheesville Public Library is accepting nominations for a position on its board of trustees. Elections will take place on June 4.

Candidates must be residents of the Voorheesville Central School District and over 18 years of age. Petitions must be signed by 25 qualified voters of the district and returned by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, to the library.

## Church serving up chicken and biscuits

A chicken and biscuits dinner will take place on Saturday, April 26, at the Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush. Servings will take place at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Adult dinner cost is \$8. Children ages 5 through 12 eat for \$3 and children under 5 eat for \$1.

Reservations are required. For information, call 767-9693.

## In-line skating lessons to take place in Troy

The Troy Albany Youth Hockey Association will hold a youth in-line hockey league and in-line hockey/skating skills sessions in June at Frear Park in Troy.

The program is for youngsters ages 6 through 16.

For information, call 477-4903.

## Slingerlands student noted for volunteerism

Sabrina Daly of Slingerlands was nominated for the 1997 Governor's Community Service Award.

Daly is a senior at the Academy of Holy Names in Albany. For four years, she has been a volunteer at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

## Bridge

(From Page 1)

As a former legislative aide and lobbyist, Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark is no stranger to the workings of the state Legislature, so he is aware of the formidable power that majority-party legislators in marginal districts have to bring home the bacon, particularly in an election year.

Even so, he could not hide his disappointment that the grant had fallen through.

"The letter was very sure — nothing tentative or conditional about it," Clark said. "But we kept getting vague answers when we inquired into where the money was."

Recently, the village's grant consultant, Kevin Jobin-Davis, was told by a Senate staffer that "the only way to get" the grant was through the Assembly, not through freshman Democratic Sen. Neil Breslin.

Jim Clancy, an aide to Breslin, said the senator will "see what he can do to help the village on this."

While the village has received conflicting advice about flood mitigation in that area — "different answers from different engineers" — there is agreement that "to some degree, the bridge slows the water down," Clark said.

But Clark noted, "Changing the bridge won't eliminate the flood-

ing, just spread it out over a larger area."

On the advice of the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the village public works department had been working to remove obstructions from the creek and its shores, Clark said.

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Edward Clark

Residents of Mountain View Street and Maple Avenue are concerned that this year's reconstruction of the Route 85A bridge over the Vly Creek near the elementary school will increase high-water flows, and related flooding of their backyards and basements, if nothing is done at Stonington Hill Road.

Clark said the state Department of Transportation has "offered to consider mitigation at Stonington Hill Road" as part of the larger project.

The bridge could be improved "with bigger, deeper culverts," he noted, but "the village would have less control over aesthetics" if the work is a DOT rather than a village project.

## Feestelijk Bethlehem buttons 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 Cham-

ber 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.

Additional details will be posted later. For information, call 439-3650.

In Glenmont *The Spotlight* is sold at Cumberland Farms, CVS, Glenmont Deli, Grand Union, Stewarts and Van Allen Farms

## Spurlock

(From Page 1)

Both the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency and the town board took adversarial approaches to the project in response to citizen concerns over spillage, health risks from formaldehyde fumes and traffic on local thoroughfares.

Sigi Moriece, spokesman for the citizens' group, said it was too early to celebrate and that if the company chose another site in the Capital District, local residents would still be at risk.

"We'd prefer that this not be around here at all," she said. "It's just not an appropriate area for it. It's too densely populated. I think that the opponents of this plant will fight them wherever they go around here and will help mobilize any other community groups if they want."

## EMS Day scheduled in Selkirk on May 17

The second annual EMS Day will take place at GE Plastics at 1 Noryl Ave. in Selkirk on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will include prizes, competitions, Emergency Medical Services demonstrations, trauma conferences, and an Albany Med Flight Helicopter display.

Reservations are required by May 5. For information, call 475-5312.

## BC students earn technology awards

Six Bethlehem Central High School students were named Tandy Technology Scholars for achievement in the areas of mathematics, science and computer science.

They are: Kelley Banagan, Candice Bocala, Sarah Kennedy, Nancy Ann Oberheim, Ben Samelson-Jones and Corey Whiting.

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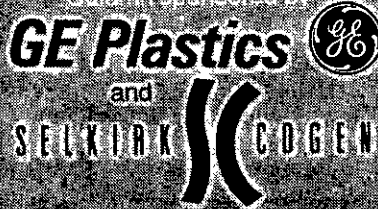
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# The Spotlight remembers

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

- Two veteran Bethlehem town board members, **John Guertze** and **Ruth Bickel**, announced that they would not be running for re-election.
- A "grass-roots" group, Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, petitioned the town board to hire a full-time professional planner and update the town's master plan.
- The Bethlehem Central school board approved a new three-year contract with district support staff that provided raises of raises of 7 percent in the first two years and 7.25 percent in the third.
- Location filming for the movie *Ironweed* included the Garrett Dillenbeck house at 1511 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.
- The preliminary estimated tax increase for the 1987-88 Voorheesville school budget was 28 percent for school district residents of the town of New Scotland. "It's not an easy situation for any of us to face," said school board president **John McKenna**.

# Sherman, Wiggand to marry

Sally Ann Sherman, daughter of Jerry Sherman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Nancy Sherman of Glenmont, and Robert Jacob Wiggand Jr., son of Robert and Arline Wiggand of Glenmont, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Geneseo. She is employed by Community Health Plan in Latham.

The future groom, also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed in the family business, J. Wiggand & Sons in Glenmont.

The couple plans an Aug. 9 wedding.

# V'ville firefighters install new officers

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department recently installed its new fire service and civil officers for 1997.

The fire service officers are: Bud Deschenes, chief; Michael Wiesmaier, first assistant chief; John Hensel, second assistant chief; Richard Blackman, captain; Raymond McDermott, captain;

William Stone, lieutenant; Michael Martin, lieutenant; John Scherer, captain of fire police; and Clark Thomas, quartermaster.

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

# Albany Academy commends Lenihan

Albany Academy for Girls recently released its second trimester honor roll. Several local students were commended for academic achievement.

Patricia Lenihan of Delmar, grade nine, was named to the high honor roll for grades of A- or above.

Honor rolls students from Delmar were Elizabeth Malinowski, grade nine, Jané Valentino, grade 11, and Lynne Hutter, grade 12; from Ravena, Angela Marathakis, grade 10; from Selkirk, Emily Keenan, grade 11; and from Glenmont, Bailey Kindlon, grade 12.

# Lucia wins Clarkson environmental kudo

Clarkson University student Elizabeth Lucia of Voorheesville was recently commended for her role in the college's environmental design contest.

Lucia is a civil engineering student. The contest involved students in solving simulated environmental problems.

# Births

**St. Peter's Hospital**

Boy, Tanner Jarrod Glass, to Melissa and Charles Glass of Selkirk, March 5.

Girl, Abigail Lillian Cohen, to former Delmar resident Laurie Tangora Cohen and Jonathan Cohen of Bennington, Vt., March 7.

Boy, Ethan Reginald Sawyer, to Carol and Gordon Sawyer of Delmar, March 9.

Boy, Andrew Christian Bub, to Dawn and David Bub of Westerlo, March 21.

Boy, Carter Conrad Crossett, to Vicki Porto-Crossett and Lance Crossett of Glenmont, March 27.

Boy, Joseph Michael Polito III, to Karen Pahl and Joseph Polito II of Slingerlands, March 30.

**Albany Medical Center**

Girl, Samantha Lynn Flavell, to Lorie and Raymond Flavell of Delmar, Feb. 26.

Boy, Christopher John Tangora, to Frances and Philip Tangora of Glenmont, March 18.

Girl, Lauren Rose Benoit, to Rosemary and Peter Benoit of Glenmont, March 21.

# Dean's List

Cornell University — Nathaniel Dorfman of Delmar.

Franklin & Marshall College — David Jeremy Rosenberg of Delmar.

Roanoke College — Brian Scott of Glenmont.

# Mylod takes the stage in college drama

Marianne Mylod of Delmar recently performed in a spring mainstage production of Caryl Churchill's widely-acclaimed feminist play "Top Girls" at St. Michael's College in Vermont.

Mylod, a junior journalism major at the college, performed as two characters, Dull Gret and Angie.

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James Seager and Emily Mineau  
**Mineau, Seager to marry**

Emily Mineau, daughter of Robert and Rosemary Mineau of Delmar, and James E. Seager, son of James and Mary Alice Seager of Vestal, Broome County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Cortland. She is employed as a sixth-grade English teacher by the Sidney school district in Sidney, Delaware County.

The future groom, also a graduate of SUNY Cortland, is employed as a team leader by Computer Task Group Inc. in Endicott, Broome County.

The couple plans a July 26 wedding.

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Community Corner

# Quilters gearing up for show

Quilters United in Learning Together is sponsoring a quilt show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, at Ravena-Coeysmans-Selkirk High School on Route 9W in Ravena.

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# Obituaries

## Alice M. Arthur

Alice M. Arthur, 77, of Slingerlands died Monday, April 7, at Community Hospice at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Watervliet, she was a longtime resident of Slingerlands.

She was a clerk for the state Department of Labor for many years, retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Arthur was a member of Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

An avid bowler, she belonged to the Department of Labor and Delsmere mixed leagues.

Survivors include her husband, Donald F. Arthur.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, at Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Marion McFadden

Marion Hanlon McFadden of Marsdale Court in Selkirk died Sunday, April 6, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Cathedral Academy.

Mrs. McFadden worked for the state Teachers Retirement System for many years, retiring in 1991.

She was a member of Albany Senior Citizens Center.

She was the widow of John L. McFadden.

Survivors include her mother, Marion Barr Hanlon; and a sister, Flora Casolo of Voorheesville.

Services will be on Thursday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m. from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Entombment will be in St. Agnes Mausoleum in Menands.

Contributions may be made to Delmar Rescue Squad, Adams Street, Delmar 12054.

## Robert P. Darrone

Robert P. Darrone, 73, of Baltimore, Md., and formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, April 6, in Baltimore.

Born in Syracuse, he entered the Army Air Forces in 1943 as an pilot training instructor.

He was a graduate of Syracuse University.

Mr. Darrone was a sales supervisor for New York Telephone Co., before retiring in 1978.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar and a soloist in the choir for 25 years. He was a former chief of the Bethlehem Auxiliary Police.

He was the husband of Natalie Darrone for 29 years. Survivors include a son, Robert Douglas Darrone of Berne; two daughters, Cheryl Bridge of Sacandaga and Kimberly Ryan of Delmar; a brother, Donald Darrone of Syracuse; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

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

## Anna C. Conrad

Anna C. Irwin Conrad, 74, of South Bethlehem died Wednesday, April 2, at her home.

Born in Acquetuck, she was a longtime resident of South Bethlehem.

Mrs. Conrad was an egg candler at the former Star Poultry Farm for many years.

She was a charter member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance and member and former president of the Selkirk Fire Dept. No. 3 auxiliary. She was a member of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

She was the widow of Charles H. Conrad Sr.

Survivors include two sons, Charles H. Conrad Jr. of Slingerlands and Kenneth J. Conrad of Coeymans Hollow; a daughter, Beverly Lee of Earlton; three brothers, Theodore Irwin, David Irwin and Alfred Irwin, all of Ravena; a sister, Nellie Charma of Yorkville; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

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

## Genevieve M. Lang

Genevieve Meagher Lang of Slingerlands died Wednesday, April 2, at her home.

Mrs. Lang was a teacher in the North Tonawanda School System. She was a member of the Cornell Women Alumni Club, the Legislative Women's Club and Normanside Country Club. She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Leonard C. Lang.

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

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Northeast Region, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205-3890.

## Margaret Reinisch

Margaret Bewsher Reinisch, 87, of Delmar died Wednesday, April 2, at Child's Nursing Home in Albany.

Born and educated in Albany, she moved to Delmar in 1981.

Mrs. Reinisch was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.

She was the widow of William J. Reinisch.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith Gilligan of Delmar; a son, Robert J. Reinisch of Waterford; a brother, Joseph Bewsher of Watervliet; a sister, Ann Edwards of Rensselaer; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St., Albany 12202, or Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Charles E. Touzin Sr.

Charles E. Touzin Sr., 46, of Selkirk died Tuesday, April 1, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

He was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Touzin was a taxicab driver until 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Houghtaling Touzin; a son, Charles E. Touzin Jr. of Feura Bush; two daughters, Sabrina M. Touzin of Selkirk and Christine Thomas of Cohoes; two brothers, James E. Touzin of Selkirk and William Touzin of Satsuma, Fla.; three sisters, Mary Touzin and Delores Touzin, both of Manchester, N.H., and Deborah Touzin of Watervliet; and a grandchild.

Services were from St. John's Church in Rensselaer. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Albany Dialysis Center, 64 Albany.

Shaker Road, Albany 12204.

## Edna Mosher Perry

Edna Mosher Perry, 87, of South Bethlehem died Wednesday, April 2, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Mrs. Perry was a lifelong resident of South Bethlehem.

She was a homemaker and the bookkeeper for her husband's business.

She was a member of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

She was the widow of John L. Perry Sr.

Survivors include a daughter, Jane A. Perry of Delmar; a son, John L. Perry Jr. of South Bethlehem; a sister, Vera Wisenburn of South Bethlehem; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in the family plot in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Gunderland.

Contributions may be made to South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, PO Box 370, South Bethlehem 12161.

## Charles E. Earing

Charles E. Earing, 99, of Delmar died Tuesday, April 1, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a conductor for the former New York Central Railroad.

Mr. Earing was a member of the United Transportation Union, the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge and the Cyprus Temple.

He was the husband of the late Margaret Hager Earing.

Survivors include a sister, Grace Gramlick of Lakehurst, N.J.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Burn Unit, 51 Blossom St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

## Norman Noble

Norman W. Noble, 94, of South Bethlehem, died Sunday, March

31, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Joplin, Mo., he was a longtime resident of South Bethlehem.

Mr. Noble was a machinist at the Watervliet Arsenal for many years.

He was a member of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Valentine Noble; a daughter, Mary Starr of Ravena; a son, Warren Noble of North Carolina; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, South Bethlehem 12161.

## Hospital volunteers applauded for service

St. Peter's Hospital in Albany recently recognized the efforts of several local volunteers.

Marjorie Spuck was applauded for 22,500 hours of service, Frances O'Meara for 7,500 hours, Elizabeth Egan for 2,500 hours, Elizabeth Rally for 2,000 hours, Rosemary Brennan and Stanley Gosstola for 500 hours each, and Maura Barrett, Jim Carter, Linda Curley, Samuel Fallek, Diane Miller, MaryAnn Phillips, Diane Reilly, Amie Sherwood, Patty Simonds, Ellen Smyth, MaryAnn Vogel and Wendy Wilkie for 100 hours each.

## Nuttall spends break helping Alabama poor

Maureen Nuttall of Delmar, a senior psychology major at St. Michael's College in Vermont, spent her spring break working with the poor in Selma, Ala.

Nuttall worked along eight others teaching in the general education diploma program. She also worked at a Habitat for Humanity site.

Selma is located in one of the country's poorest regions.

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

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

# HOORAY FOR THE CIRCUS!

By Katherine McCarthy

**L**adies and Gentleman, Children of All Ages, Welcome to the Greatest Show on Earth! This trademarked announcement by the circus ringmaster is familiar to all who have ever attended Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus.

And if you've ever dreamed of being in the circus, your dreams can come true when this famous circus troupe arrives at the Pepsi Arena from April 16 through 20. One hour before show time, circus performers will join the audience for The Ringling Brothers Adventure, a hands-on, interactive chance to clown around with the pros. Patrons can try their hands (and in some cases their feet) at walking the high wire, bouncing on a bungee, flying on a trapeze and clowning, or just get a closer look at the magnificent circus menagerie.

"Ringling Bros. performers are amazing athletes who test the boundaries of body and spirit every day," producer Kenneth Field said. "They are very proud of their abilities and accomplishments and

want to share their time and talents with others and to meet the people who enjoy their work."

After getting a taste of the performing life, audience members can sit back and enjoy the show, which promises a great variety and unique moments. This year's show features Zusha, Queen of the Nile, the only performing hippopotamus in the world. Zusha and her trainers Tofik Akhundov and Ludmila Akhundova take the international flair of the circus to new heights as Zusha climbs to her pedestal of power.

Zusha's other critter colleagues, all trained by Mark Oliver Gebel, include liberty horses, Bengal tigers, zebra, camels and a herd of "precocious pachyderms."

No circus is complete without clowns, and David Larible returns to delight Capital District audiences once again. Larible, who also plays seven instruments, won the coveted Silver Clown Award and the Junior Jury's Award at the Monte Carlo Circus Festival in 1988 and is the first clown ever to be a featured performer in *The Greatest Show on Earth*.

The Oxygen Skate Team, comprised of people who left careers as stockbrokers, computer programmers, and construction worker, bring a touch of the contemporary to this traditional entertainment. From their "need for speed" thrills audiences as they in-line skate, turning terrifying twists and slamming the ramps with perfect precision. There's rollerskating too, as Luis Garcia and Jennifer Compton perform on an elevated platform only six feet in circumference.

Audiences can be awed by an international array of aerobatics and acrobatics. The seven Mexican siblings known as The Flying Caballeros perform on the trapeze, making arresting use of thin air. Young and old alike will also enjoy the ethe-



Above, Mark Oliver Gebel works with a liberty horse during his part of the Greatest Show on Earth. Below left, members of the Oxygen Skate Team go head-over-heels in one of the new attractions in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus.

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real artistry of Kabanov, a group of Russian gymnasts who leap and lunge fast and fearlessly from a suspended, swinging platform. The Sallay Troupe from Hungary performs a teeterboard routine with an interesting twist, vaulting and volleying through the air, landing not on a solid surface but a high atop rolling globes.

An international group called "Women of the Rainbow" perform together on a single trapeze in perfect synchronization. A group of gymnasts from points as varied as Hungary and Morocco become living golden statues, balancing one another with great ease.

KCT, Inc., carries on a tradition begun in 1968, when a group of African-American unicyclists called the King Charles Troupe auditioned for the circus on the sidewalk in front of Madison Square Garden. Basketball never looked quite like it

does when KCT wheels-literally-into the arena.

All of these acts are pulled together by Eric Michael Gillett, called the "heart, soul and voice" of The Greatest Show on Earth. Gillett is an award-winning singer, songwriter and recording artist from Los Angeles, who's marking his tenth anniversary with Ringling Bros.

With all these acts to choose from, and a chance to get into the act, who can resist the circus? Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 17 and 18; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on April 19, and 1:30 p.m. on April 20. Tickets range in price from \$9.50 to \$14.50. On opening night, April 16, tickets range in price from \$9.50 to \$14.50. On opening night, April 16, tickets for children under age 12 are half-price. Tickets may be purchased by calling 476-1000.



### New York casting director to hold workshop for actors' auditions

A three-hour, hands-on workshop will be held at the Capital Repertory Company's North Pearl street theater April 19 helping actors to prepare for and participate in auditions.

New York casting director Stephanie Klapper will conduct the Saturday workshop from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help talented actors gain a working knowledge of the "business" of auditions.

Klapper who has cast shows on Broadway, off-Broadway, regional theaters, television and film, will critique participants' two-minute and one-minute monologues while also evaluating headshots and resumes. She cast William Kennedy's *Grandview* for Capital Rep.

First held last November, the class of 25 persons was filled rapidly. Interested actors may get more information by calling Jill Rafferty at 462-4531.

### Touring company brings musical version of *Anne of Green Gables* to The Egg

The 12-year old national touring company, ArtsPower, will bring *Anne of Green Gables* to The Egg Friday (Apr. 11) at 7:30 p.m. as the latest of its musicals designed for family audiences.

Greg Gunning has written and directed this adaptation of Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic novel about a young orphaned girl sent to live in Nova Scotia.

The New Jersey company has travelled throughout the country, performing in 25 states to more than a million and a half people. Unique to this company is a pre-show activities period in which the



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company performers work with the children in the theater lobby. For an hour after the performance, these activities are also conducted.

Information and reservations are available at 473-1845.

### Patsy Cline musical bio to open Capital Rep's first summer season.

As a means of stretching out the season at Capital Rep, a small summer production will be produced for a month, July 8-Aug. 3.

*Always ... Patsy Cline* is a musical tribute to the country singer who maintained a lifelong friendship with Louise Seger.

Most of Cline's favorite songs are included in this production which has played off-Broadway and at regional theaters around the country.

Her best known song, Crazy, is included in the large repertoire. The scheduling of a show in the summer months helps the theater maintain operations and keeps the subscription program going while the company rehearses for the fall shows.

Information on the Cline show may be obtained by calling 462-4531.

### Empire State Youth Orchestra presents concert, *Classical Scoops*, at Proctor's

*Classical Scoops*, a concert of classical music by the Empire State Youth Orchestra, plays Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m. and will introduce the newly-formed Inner City String Training Program from Albany's

Arbor Hill Elementary School. This will be the unit's official debut in playing with the Empire State Young Orchestra.

The 300-plus students comprise nine ensembles, including a jazz ensemble, classical, contemporary, country and the string group. All will be featured in Sunday's program which includes the Youth Orchestra, the unit which performs three times a season, twice at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and a third time in Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood.

From string ensemble to percussion ensembles, all 300 musicians will be heard in Sunday's program.

Following the 90-minute concert, free ice cream sundaes will be served to the audience, adults and children alike.

Information and reservations are available at 346-6204.

### Hilltowns Players offer 1930s farce *You Can't Take It With You*

Three performances of Kaufman and Hart's 1930s farce, *You Can't Take It With You* will be presented by the Hilltowns Players, starting Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilltowns Senior Citizen Center in East Berne. It also will be presented at the same location on May 3.

A dinner theater presentation of the same comedy will be offered at St. Lucy's Parish Center in Altamont this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for the dinner theater show may be made at 861-7298.

Reservations for the East Berne performances are at 872-2057.

### Around Theaters!

To Kill a Mockingbird at Capital Rep Theater in Albany through April 20 (462-4531) ... Irish poet Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill at Siena College Wed. April 16 at 8 pm. Free to the public ... *Autumn Portraits*, a puppet program at Proctor's Too, Friday and Saturday, Apr. 11 and 12 at 8:02 p.m. (346-6204).



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## THEATER

### "THE BELLE OF AMHERST"

one-woman play portraying the life of Emily Dickinson, Emmaus United Methodist Church, corner of St. Lawrence and Yates Sts., Albany, 8 p.m., April 11 through 12, 2 p.m., April 13, \$5. Information, 465-9265.

### NORTH COUNTRY DRAMA FESTIVAL

Lake Placid Center for the Arts, all day, April 26, free admission. Information, 523-5212.

### "TOMMY TUNE AND THE MANHATTAN RHYTHM KINGS"

singing, tap dancing, instrumental virtuosity, Proctor's Theater, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m., April 26, \$29.50. Information, 382-1083.

### "THE MENAECHEMI"

a Roman "situation" comedy, SUNYA Theatre Department, SUNY Albany Performing Arts Center, Arena Theatre, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m., April 25 through 27, April 30, May 3, \$9. Information, 442-3997.

## "NOISES OFF"

the thrill of opening night, 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, New York State Museum Clark Auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 27. Information, 235-7969.

### "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 musical about Eva Peron, Schenectady Light Opera House, 826 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m., April 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, May 1, 2 and 3, 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4, \$15. Information, 377-5101.

## "SYLVIA"

a mild-mannered investment banker with an empty nest adopts a stray dog, North Pearl Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 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.

### "SANDGLASS THEATER'S AUTUMN PORTRAITS"

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

### "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD"

Harper Lee's classic about one man's courageous effort to stand for justice, Capital Repertory Co., 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.

## "THE ODD COUPLE"

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

## MUSIC

### IN WOMEN'S HANDS: THE BEAT OF THE DRUM

Layne Redmond, St. Joseph's Hall, Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m., April 18 through 19, \$15. Information, 449-5380.

### ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

David Griggs-Janower, conductor, Martha Pushee, pianist, SUNYA Albany Performing Arts Center, Main Theater, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m., April 26, \$3. Information, 442-3997.

### THE CANADIAN BRASS

Proctor's Theater, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., April 25, \$24.50. Information, 382-1083.

### EMERSON STRING QUARTET

Schubert Bicentennial Program, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, 8 p.m. April 25, \$20. Information, 372-3651.

## CHICK COREA AND GARY BURTON

modern jazz duo, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, Friday, April 25, \$22. Information, 273-0038.

## 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

open stage, 14 Willett St., Albany, 8 p.m., Wednesdays, \$7. Information, 434-1703.

## STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN AND AUDIO ADRENALINE

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

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### AUDITIONS

for all roles in "Fool of the World," Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. Information, 474-2806.

## RESIDENCIES AT VERMONT STUDIO CENTER

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## PROPOSALS SOUGHT

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## CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

## Super Crossword

### ACROSS

1 Like molasses

5 Boasts

10 "Picket Fences" setting

14 Portents

19 "Damn Yankees" vamp

20 Cowboy competition

21 Lake in HOMES

22 Card of fortune

23 Box-elder genus

24 Hersey hamlet

25 Frost's "Mending —"

26 Threefold

27 Song for Springsteen?

29 Song for Nervous Nellie?

31 — Palmas

32 Rochester's beloved

34 Latin I verb

35 Where 13 is a dozen

38 Lute of India

40 Spanish nobleman

44 Mideast VIPs

45 Island off

China

46 Actress Barkin

48 Like Father

49 Tamblin of "West Side Story"

50 Hide

51 "Fifth Business" novelist

53 Obstacle

54 Ending for host

55 Fresh crew

56 Like Falstaff

57 Dull finish

58 Hardened

60 Hagar's dog

61 Was a total failure

62 Racer Ivan

63 Daft

64 Bristles

65 "The Empire Strikes Back" is one

67 Shocking colors

68 Free at last?

71 Dodge

72 Ice-cream nut

73 More stark

74 Actress Charlotte

75 Ballet movement

76 Ravel opus

77 City on the Oka

78 Ancient

Elam's capital

79 Sign of nervousness

80 Raise

81 Courted

83 Applaud

84 Approach for a date

86 Former South African premier

87 Shilly — (vacillate)

88 Years on end

89 Proofreader's notation

90 Goal

91 Song for Barnacle Bill?

96 Song for Broom-Hilda?

103 — blanche

104 Verdi heroine

105 — barrel (hamstrung)

106 Omnium-gatherum

107 Torch's crime

108 Boom

109 More

110 Caviar

111 Goatee

112 Final, in

school

113 Nine: comb. form

114 Patella locale

DOWN

1 Thick slice

2 Places

3 Actor Vidov

of "Wild Orchid"

4 Small songbirds

5 Forward

6 You can spare these

7 He was first

8 Actress Rowlands

9 Oklahomans

10 Wanted poster

incentive

11 Papal cape

12 Pepper grinder

13 Grigs

14 Footstool

15 Cast ashore

16 Psychoanalyt Erikson

17 Plebeian: Brit. abbr.

18 Footfall

28 Bireme sights

30 Leverets

33 Song for what's his name?

35 Basque cap

36 Entertain

37 Song for the Frog Prince?

38 Antipasto

39 A.B.A. member

40 Merriment

41 Song ignored by the Marquis de Sade?

42 Overjoy

43 Sidled

45 Fracas

46 "— street's a boulevard..."

47 Santa's reminder

50 Danger

52 Helps

53 Island in the Philippines

55 Actress Taylor

57 Drive

59 Bluenose

60 Whale flinder

61 Splay

63 Cut into cubes

64 Begat

65 Biologic partitions

66 Island near Liberty Island

67 Soccer's "Black Pearl"

68 Challenges

69 Picture prop

70 Term of

endearment

72 Meter man?

73 Wellington, for one

76 Conductor Walter

78 Symbol of Eire

80 One of a pair

82 Grew too large for

83 Cartoonist

85 Zone

86 Bonnie Prince Charlie, for one

87 Bogart film of '43

89 Fizzy drinks

91 Strikebreaker

92 Biblical weed

93 Bear in the air?

94 Democratic Donkey

95 "Ouch!"

97 Pavlov or Lendl

98 Mackerel gull

99 Algonquian

100 Pianist

101 Prometheus stole it

102 Drink too much

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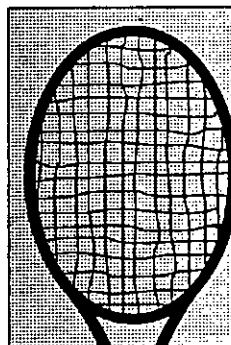
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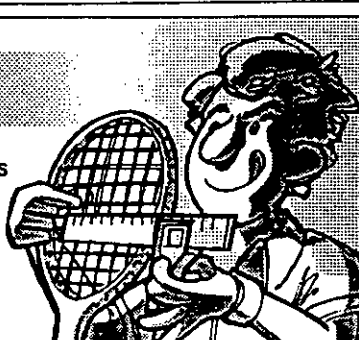
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## ALBANY COUNTY

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free education program to learn about the latest beauty techniques, Women's Health Care Plus, 2093 Western Ave., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3456.

**"SPIRIT OF PENELOPE CRUSADE"**

all are invited to attend, Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 793-1201.

**CAREERS IN COMMUNICATIONS LUNCHEON**

round table luncheon, all are welcome, Cranberry Bog, 56 Wolf Road, Albany, 11:30 a.m., \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members, reservations needed. Information, 674-0251.

**CHURCH BROOKS BARBECUE**  
all are welcome, New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., 3 to 6 p.m., take-out orders only. Information, 482-8063.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

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

**SQUARE DANCE**

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

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**

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

**"THE SEARCH FOR CHAMP, THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN MONSTER"**  
a two-part lecture and slide show, Beukendaal Hall, Schonowee Ave., Scotia, 7:30 p.m., \$8. Information, 399-9347.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF U.S.-AFRICA VENTURES, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 206(C) OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Organization of U.S. AFRICA VENTURES, L.L.C. ("the Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on February 24, 1997.

The Company is being formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.

The office of the Company is located in Albany County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served upon such Secretary of State is 124 Van Allen Lane, Broadalbin, NY 12025. The dissolution date of the Company has been set for December 31, 2030. (April 9, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION 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

THURSDAY  
APRIL 10

## ALBANY COUNTY

**CHORUS REHEARSAL**

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

**FARMERS' MARKET**

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

**SENIOR CHORALE**

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

**SENIORS LUNCHEON**

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  
APRIL 11

## ALBANY COUNTY

**SPRINGFEST '97**

sponsored by the Albany Academy, includes live and silent auctions for students K-12, Academy School Buttery, 6 p.m., reservations required. Information, 465-1461.

**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 LUNCHEON**

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

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

**BROOKS CHICKEN BAR-B-Q**

open to public, St. John's McManus Hall, 50 Herrick Street, RENSSELAER, 4 to 7 p.m., \$7 adults, \$5.50 children. Information, 473-0635.

## LEGAL NOTICE

limited liability company is to be located in 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 the 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 9, 1997)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization of GoldSmith LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 24, 1997, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of

SATURDAY  
APRIL 12

## ALBANY COUNTY

**"GREAT ESCAPE" JOB INTERVIEWS**

The Great Escape and Splashwater Kingdom will be interviewing applicants, 16 and up, to fill over 600 summer positions, Bavarian Palace, Round Pond Road, Queensbury N.Y., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 792-3500.

**NEW YORK QUAKERS MEETING**

representatives of local congregations of the Quakers will hold their spring meeting, College of Saint Rose, Albany, April 12 to 13, 7:30 p.m. information, 489-1416.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

**ST. JOHN'S CHILDCARE OPEN HOUSE**

for those interested in registering for the coming fall, 50 Herrick Street, Rensselaer, 12 to 3 p.m. Information, 465-5733.

SUNDAY  
APRIL 13

## ALBANY COUNTY

**ALBANY COUNTY POST ASSOCIATION MEETING**

members and guests invited, Child's Nursing Home, Hackett Blvd., 2 p.m. Information, 439-2151.

**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 14

## ALBANY COUNTY

**SENIORS LUNCHEON**

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 145 Wolf Road Shoppers Park, 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 9, 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, 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. (April 9, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MACROTECH CONNECTION, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 206(C) OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Organization of MACROTECH CONNECTION,

## PASSOVER SEDER WORKSHOP

open to public intended for those who wish to further their understanding of the seder ceremony, B'nai Shalom Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m., free. Information, 482-5283.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**SCOTTISH DANCING**

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

TUESDAY  
APRIL 15

## ALBANY COUNTY

**"TREES OF THE ADIRONDACKS"**  
Natural History lecture series, open to public, Lecture Center 7, SUNY Albany, 8 p.m., free. Information, 442-3093.

**THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MEETING**

a self help meeting for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316.

**TRUE FRIENDS**

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

**BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP (September through June)**

Center for the Disabled, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 449-4019.

**BINGO**

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

**SENIORS LUNCHEON**

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

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**

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

**PERSON TO PERSON**

support group for kidney patients and families, National Kidney Foundation, 4 Airline Drive, Suite 102, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4666.

## LEGAL NOTICE

L.L.C. ("the Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on February 24, 1997.

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**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 9, 1997)

## 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

**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 Wendall 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.

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 16

## ALBANY COUNTY

**CRAFT SHOWS**

handmade craft shows, April 16 through 18, North Concourse, Empire State Plaza, 10 a.m. Information, 473-0559.

**BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS EXPO**

sponsored by Capital District Business Review, Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Albany, 1 to 7 p.m. Information, 479-0433.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

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

**SQUARE DANCE**

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

## City info desk looking for staffers

The 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.

Duties include answering the city information telephone and assisting the public with questions regarding city, county and state departments and offices.

For information, call 439-5132, ext. 207.

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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**APRIL 9**
**BETHLEHEM**
**TOWN BOARD**

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

**LAND CONSERVANCY SLIDE SHOW**

highlighting Albany County scenic and natural resources, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., free. Information, 439-9314.

**BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS**

The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

**BINGO**

Blanchard American Legion Post, 1 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.

**RED MEN**

St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

**DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**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.

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 10**
**BETHLEHEM**
**"IT'S A SMALL WORLD"**

annual Slingerlands Elementary School fifth-grade musical, 25 Union Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$2.50. Information, 439-7681.

**RECOVERY, INC.**

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

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER**

open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 763-1864.

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

**DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT**
**LADIES AUXILIARY**  
 firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW**
**POST 3185**  
 404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

**ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY**
**AUXILIARY**  
 firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

**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.

**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 11**
**BETHLEHEM**
**"IT'S A SMALL WORLD"**

annual Slingerlands Elementary School fifth-grade musical, 25 Union Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$2.50. Information, 439-7681.

**QUILTERS UNITED IN LEARNING TOGETHER**

members and visitors are welcome, United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30 p.m. Information, 434-8073.

**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 12**
**BETHLEHEM**
**AA MEETING**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**HAM DINNER**

fresh baked ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, relish tray, cornbread, dessert, reservations requested, Clarksville Community Church, seatings at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 p.m. Adults \$7, children 6 through 10 years \$5, children 5 and under eat for free. Information, call 768-2424.

**LIFESTORIES MEMORY WRITING**

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 13**
**BETHLEHEM**
**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:30 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 439-0358.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

**DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**

Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**

worship services, 9, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child care available, 1 Chapel Lane, Information, 436-7710.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont. Information, 462-2016.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, handicapped accessible, coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

**MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

meeting, performance by "Homespun Harmony" Barbershop Quartet, food, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m.

**CONCERT LIBRARY FRIENDS**

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

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior choir or chime choir practice, 9 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., recorder group practice, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

**ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH**

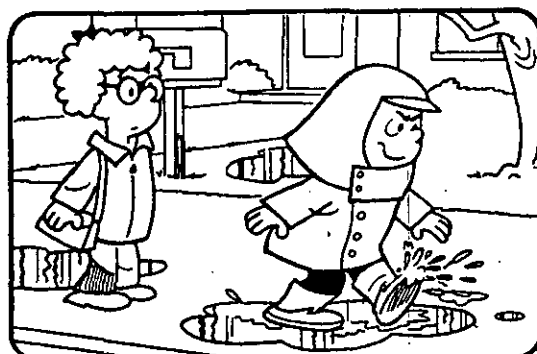
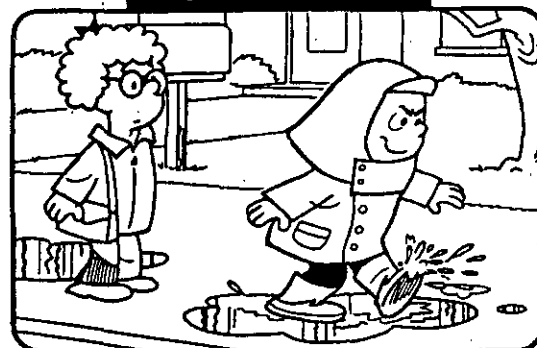
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**

worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

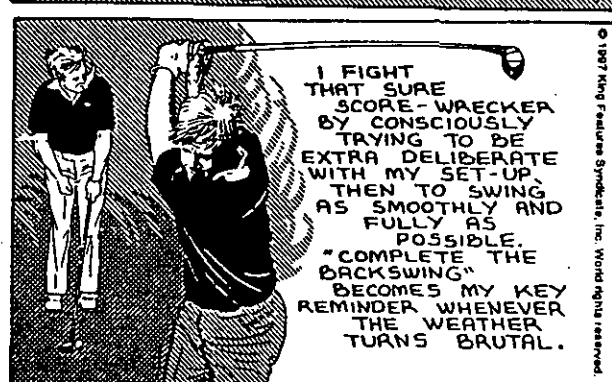

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**UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
church school, 10 a.m., worship service, 8:30 a.m., adult classes, 5:30 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

**INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING**  
Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

**DELMAR KIWANIS**  
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

**SUNSHINE SENIORS**  
covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W. Information, 439-7179.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**  
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

**AA MEETING**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**TOWN BOARD**  
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

**VOORHEESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD**  
large group instruction room, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Route 85A. Information, 765-3313.

**STORY HOUR**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**TUESDAY APRIL 15**

**BETHEHEM**

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP**  
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-2146.

**INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING**  
Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

**MOTHERS' TIME OUT**  
Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**SUNSHINE SENIORS**  
covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W. Information, 439-7179.

**DELMAR KIWANIS**  
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**  
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**STEW & SALAD DINNER**  
take-out or eat-in, Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$5.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 16**

**BETHEHEM**

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**  
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

**BC SCHOOL BOARD**  
district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 479-6469.

**MONDAY APRIL 14**

**BETHEHEM**

**MOTHERS' TIME OUT**  
Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 9, 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 9, 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 9, 1997)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 Services 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

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(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 9, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION**

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 9, 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 9, 1997)

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

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

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

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 24, 1997  
Dorothea Pfeleiderer,  
District Clerk  
Voorheesville Central School District

(April 9, 1997)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF**

**STANGUARD SECURITY PROTECTION SERVICE, L.L.C. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**

**FIRST:** The name of the limited liability company is: Stanguard Security Protection Service, L.L.C.

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

**THIRD:** (Optional) The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve.

**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 this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

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Albany, New York 12201-0705  
**FIFTH:** (Optional) The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is:

**SIXTH:** The future effective date of the Articles of Organization, if not effective upon filing, is:

Effective upon filing March 27, 1997

**SEVENTH:** The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more members.

**EIGHTH:** If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the limited liability company law, a statement that all or specified members are so liable.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** this certificate has been subscribed on by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/Aaron R. Anderson, Esq.  
Attorney  
(April 9, 1997)

**TOWN OF BETHEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Joel and Barbara Hauser, 234 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, Section 128-66, Required Depths of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition at premises 234 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York. Michael C. Hodom

Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(April 9, 1997)

**TOWN OF BETHEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Carole Riley, 1545 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159 for Use Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-12 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to permit professional offices in a residential zone at premises 1545 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York.

Michael C. Hodom  
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Senior David Lefkovich has the male lead of Danny, and junior Elizabeth Marvin will portray Sandy. Betty Rizzo will be played by senior Amanda Genovese, and sophomore Adam Guzik will play Kenickie.

Other cast members include: Brad Einhorn as Roger, Dede Bocalla as Jan, Becky Minor as Frenchy, John Bragle as Doody, Mary Abba as Marty, Nick Berry as Sonny LaTier, Seth Fruiterman as Johnny Casion and the Teen Angel, Brian Lobel as Vince Fontaine, Melissa Nuttall as Patty Simcox, Sloan Grenz as Eugene, Lauren Rice as Miss Lynch and Kristen Rienerstan as Cha-Cha Digregorio.

The doo-wap girls and dance chorus are played by Alissa Johnson, Andrea Shaye, Jen Abelson, Ashley Mettau, Jen Eames, Rachel Arcus, Beth Finkelstein, Lisa Jacobs, Matt Kelly, Lucy Dunne, Owen Smith and Suzanne Hillinger.

The show runs at 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 11 and 12 and 2:30 p.m. on April 13. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and \$2 off for couples. The show is free for seniors on April 10.

Tickets can be purchased at McCarroll's Butcher, Seattle Sub & Pita, The Paper Mill or at the box office.

From the looks of it, *Grease* is going to be big. With superb acting, top-notch directing, and a great tech crew, it's going to be one of BC's best shows in years, and will bring out the kid in everyone.

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Village Drugs and Sunoco Elm Ave.

## 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.

## '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.

## Appeals board to meet

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, April 16, at the town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The application of Joel and Barbara Hauser of 234 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar will be heard at 7:30 p.m.

The application of Carole Riley of 1545 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands will be heard at 7:45 p.m.

For information, call 439-4955.

## Free concert set at institute

Anyone who enjoys classical or jazz piano music is welcome to attend a free concert on Friday, April 18.

Pianist Lincoln Mayorga will perform a stimulating program including selections by Franz Schubert, Bix Beiderbecke, Sergei Prokofiev and George Gershwin.

The free program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, April 18, is sponsored by the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning.

Lincoln Mayorga is renowned as a versatile and virtuosic pianist. Mayorga is equally at home as soloist with major symphony orchestras worldwide and in recording studios, where he has contributed to the scores of motion pictures such as *The Competition*, *The Rose* and *Splash*. In addition to the full spectrum of American composers, he draws from 18th and 19th century European music.

For the April 18 performance, he will entertain his audience with a variety of jazz and classical works, including the popular Zee Confrey tune *Kitten on the Keys* and Brahms' *Rhapsody in B minor*. In addition, Mayorga will perform two pieces by Alexander Scriabin, whose music is noted for challenging the highest technical capacity of pianists.

*The San Francisco Chronicle* called Mayorga's playing "wonderfully artistic." *High Fidelity* magazine described one of his numerous recordings as a "thoroughly big interpretation, replete with explosive drama and impressive sweep." After a listening to Mayorga at a recital, a Viennese reviewer said, "A cultivated pianist with no affectation, he gives himself to all that he plays. A great pleasure!"

The concert is one in a series of free public events sponsored by the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning, a non-profit organization which offers intellectually exciting and chal-



Lincoln Mayorga

lenging daytime courses for adults during the spring and fall semesters in the Bethlehem community. The course are taught by an outstanding faculty which includes

some of the area's finest university teachers. The free public concerts are the Institute's "thank you" to the community for its support.

For information, call 439-9661.

## Delmar Chabad House invites Seder guests

Rabbi Nachmann and Clara Simon of the Delmar Chabad Center at 109 Elsmere Ave. invite the Jewish community to Passover Seders on Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 21 and 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Besides the traditional Yom Tov dinner, the Haggadah will be presented in a relevant and thought-provoking manner.

For reservations, call 439-8280.

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