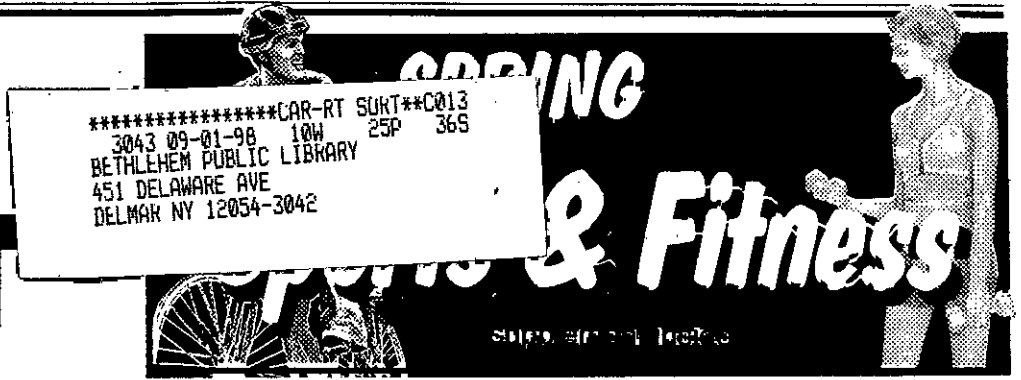


# The Spotlight



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## Town opts to dredge Hudson River for \$45K

By Peter Hanson

Attorney Robert J. Alessi and Bethlehem Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor presented a proposal to dredge the stretch of the Hudson River near the intake valves of the town's water infiltration system at the town board's March 11 meeting.

Last year, the town received a \$75,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to dredge the river. The move raised the water system's output from about one and a half million gallons daily to about two million gallons daily, but the system's output went back down several months later.

The new proposal has strict time constraints attached to it. First, the town needs to try to increase its system's output before the summer months, when industrial customers will need water the most. Second, any dredging needs to occur before April 1, when the fish spawning season begins.

Another factor, Alessi said, is the town's lawsuit against the Rensselaer-based engineering firm Fraser & Associates. Fraser is accused of negligence because the town was promised six million gallons of water

daily and the system has never produced much more than two million gallons of water a day.

Alessi said if the town doesn't try to increase the system's output, it would be equivalent to stating the system is not a crucial part of the town's water supply. That inaction could be used by Fraser's

### Clearwater challenges water system strategy

By Peter Hanson

At the March 11 meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board, two members of the citizens' group Clearwater for Bethlehem listened as attorney Robert J. Alessi and Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor explained the town's plan to dredge the Hudson River in order to improve the output of the town's water infiltration system.

After Alessi and Secor made their presentation, Clearwater members Linda Burtis, of Salisbury Road in Delmar, and Sherwood Davies, of Rowland Avenue in Delmar, asked several questions pertaining to the dredging and the town's related lawsuit against

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attorneys as a reason to dismiss the lawsuit.

And there is still one more reason for dredging. The engineering firm of O'Brien & Gere is conducting an ongoing study to

□ DREDGE/page 17

## Bumper to bumper



There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall to consider parking problems on Van Dyke Road in Delmar. Paul Deys

## Cedar Ridge residents want out of Clarksville

By Lisa K. Kelly

Residents of Cedar Ridge circulated a petition asking the Bethlehem Central school board to redistrict their subdivision so children attend Slingerlands Elementary School, instead of Clarksville.

The petition was signed by 77 Cedar Ridge residents. The letter accompanying the petition cites parent dissatisfaction with the "current situation and it would

also help the district to balance available capacity with projected demographic shifts."

The letter was signed by Barbara Kirby-Fealey and James Fealey of 21 Turnberry Drive. Both refused comment until after they attend a neighborhood meeting planned for Thursday evening.

"It saddens me that a small group of □ CLARKSVILLE/page 30

## 12th annual BOU Auction continues a history of giving



Judy Languish with some of the BOU items to be auctioned off this Friday. Katherine McCarthy

By Katherine McCarthy

Attending the 12th annual BOU auction at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 20, could be the best thing you do for your health this spring, according to Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited president Phyllis Hillinger.

### Some neat stuff available only at the BOU auction

By Katherine McCarthy

The BOU auction started out 12 years ago with items from then-board members' attics. "We had old glassware, and antiques that weren't really antiques," BOU president Phyllis Hillinger said. "Then it evolved into goods and services.

Today, there are things there that you couldn't purchase anywhere."

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"Last week's *Newsweek* had an article about Dean Ornish, the author of *Stress, Diet and Your Heart*, and he said that people who are socially in touch with family and friends live longer," Hillinger said. "The BOU auction is a chance for people to get together and see each other. It's a real grass roots event, warm, fun, and not an expensive evening. It's a chance to give to something outside yourself."

The auction's publicity chair, Debbie Kopp, pointed out that the money raised at the auction stays in town, so all that giving benefits the people closest to home. In BOU's case, it's usually the kids of the community. "It's a win-win situation," Kopp said.

BOU was started 15 years ago by teachers, school administrators, parents, and other community members, whose goal was to change the community's awareness and attitudes about teen drinking and drug use. They also began offering alcohol-free events, including a big

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# Police arrest three after Delaware Plaza fight

Bethlehem police recently made three arrests on charges of driving while intoxicated. They also broke up a fight at Delaware Plaza in Elsmere.

At about 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, police received a call about a fight at the shopping mall. Officer Brian Hughes responded and spoke to Brian Thomas Lawyer, 18, of 29 Oakwood Road in Delmar, and his friend, Justin Class, 18, of 510 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Lawyer said Class kicked the front door of Yan's Chinese Buffet for no reason, then two store employees chased Class and Lawyer into the woods behind the plaza. The employees were Xiang Hing Chen, 20, of 28 Southern Blvd. in Albany, and Quin Zheng Zheng, 22, of 203 Madison Ave. in Albany.

According to Lawyer, Chen and Zheng beat Class with sticks, branches and their hands. Officers Peter Resnick and Sergeant James Kerr later found Chen and Zheng at the corner of Plymouth and Elsmere avenues in Elsmere.

Although Class suffered numer-

ous cuts and bruises and Delaware Ambulance responded to the incident, he said he did not want to press charges, so the case was closed.

Lawyer, who hid in the woods behind the plaza while Class was allegedly assaulted, allegedly tossed a bag containing marijuana and a marijuana pipe into the bushes when he saw officer Hughes approaching. Hughes recovered the items and charged Lawyer with unlawful possession of marijuana.

Lawyer was given an appearance ticket to appear in town court Tuesday, March 17, at 4 p.m.

Michael Warren Garza, 37, of Route 144 in New Baltimore, Greene County, was arrested on felony charges of DWI Sunday, March 1, at 1:08 a.m. He was also charged with aggravated unlicensed operation for driving while his license was revoked.

Garza was driving south on Route 9W near Wemple Road in Selkirk while Officer Brian Hughes was approaching him in the north-bound lane. As the two cars neared

each other, Garza swerved over the double yellow lines and entered Hughes' lane.

Hughes avoided a collision, turned around and caught up with Garza near the intersection of Route 9W and Church Street. When Hughes approached Garza's car, Hughes saw one empty pint bottle of Budweiser and one three-quarters-full quart bottle of Budweiser.

Garza said he was driving home from a Siena basketball game at the Pepsi Arena in Albany. After Hughes administered several field sobriety tests, which Garza failed, a Department of Motor Vehicles check confirmed Garza had two previous DWI convictions, which made his March 1 violation a felony offense.

Garza was sent to the Albany County Jail without bail and his initial hearing took place March 3. He also had a DMV refusal hearing March 9.

Maureen Cairnes, 56, of 20 Fullers Lane in Clarksville, was arrested on charges of DWI Wednesday, March 11, at 12:44 a.m.

Cairnes was driving west on Delaware Avenue with one broken tail light when Officer Thomas Heffernan observed her swerving over the double yellow lines twice. Heffernan stopped

Cairnes on the 800 block of Delaware Avenue across from Louck's Garage in Delmar. Heffernan administered several field sobriety tests, which Cairnes failed.

Cairnes was given a ticket to appear in town court Tuesday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

Molly Elizabeth Hunter, 20, of 457 Western Ave. in Albany, was arrested on charges of DWI on Sunday, Feb. 22. Hunter is the daughter of Bethlehem Central

High School Principal Jon Hunter.

Hunter was driving south on Elsmere Avenue near Boston Market in Elsmere when officer Jeffrey Vunck observed she was not wearing a seat belt. Vunck stopped Hunter and administered several field sobriety tests, which Hunter failed.

Hunter was given a ticket to appear in town court Tuesday, March 17, at 4 p.m.

## Lip service



Elsmere fifth-graders Chris Bonafide, Tim Brosnan, Joey De Voe, Adam Hill and Peter Verhagen had a grand time at the Lip Sync Concert at the middle school last week.

Hugh Hewitt

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# School nixes more technology funding

By Lisa K. Kelly

The Bethlehem Central school board denied funding for four items which would have enhanced technology support for computers, the media center and the drama program at its recent budget session.

The board turned down a request for three hours of library aide time at the high school (\$5,935). The denial means the media center's large computer lab won't be available for three hours of the school day.

Board president Happy Scherer said aide time was a priority two item and "It didn't seem like a do or die situation."

The board also denied funding to staff a priority one technology help desk (\$21,400) in the library.

Superintendent Les Loomis said a help desk technician would act as a support system for the high school and free up librarians to assist students.

Loomis said technology supervisor Rick Gross is gathering more information to present to the board, which will review the item again.

The board had trouble agreeing on whether or not to approve \$6,000 for a technology consultant to assist the district in developing student achievement analysis. It was only approved after Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent for instruction, assured the board that it was a one-time expenditure.

However, Wooster said she couldn't promise the board won't have to look at the issue again.

Wooster said student test data is currently analysed manually. The consultant would assist the district in developing formats and templates to improve the process.

The board also decided not to support a high school lighting and sound coordinator (\$2,420), and a middle school technical adviser (\$1,960).

Board president Happy Scherer said high school drama advisers have to take care of the equipment as part of their job. Board member Stuart Lyman suggested the board look into hiring a middle school adviser later as a safety issue.

This was a disappointment for Bethlehem Theater Support Group president Wendy Lefkovich who assisted in the preparation of the

K-12 Drama Study Group Report.

The report specifically recommends the district support this initiative to avoid future accidents and misplacement of equipment.

Lefkovich argued before the board's decision that sports activities get the support they need. She added that she doesn't think kids should be working with electrical equipment.

In her plea to the board, Lefkovich said that hiring technical help would create "a much safer place (for students) and a system of knowing where equipment is."

Although the board didn't approve drama requests for technical help, it did approve funding for an elementary drama arts program, a middle school drama director and a Shakespeare director at the high school.

"This was very positive news," Lefkovich said. "We are disappointed that the technical aspect was not accepted."

Lefkovich added that the support group will approach the board with more information to try to get the issue on the table as a priority one.

The board approved a part-time clerical worker for the middle school guidance office next year, even though they asked for a full-time clerical position.

In the budget request the position was broken into two part-time positions, a half-time clerical position, at \$13,365 per year with benefits and a half-time clerical assistant, at \$7,260 without benefits. The half-time position with benefits was approved.

Loomis said the position was broken down into two parts to help defray some of the costs. "I was being cheap," he said in jest.

The new position will assist guidance counselors with clerical work, freeing up time for counselors to work with students, said middle school Principal Stephen Lobban.

The board also denied funding for club adviser stipends at the middle and high schools and for freshman hockey.

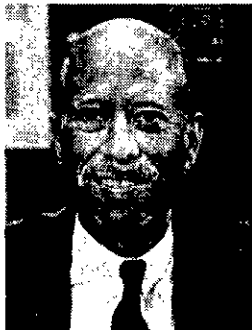
Happy Scherer said she agreed with other board members who didn't think there should be a fund set aside specifically for stipends, but that the board will look at them on a case-by-case basis throughout the year.

The board also approved funding for expansion of the middle school's Strive for Success (\$4,400), textbooks (\$42,500), extra help in the superintendent's office (\$2,100) and clerical help for the committee on special education (\$5,900).

All together the Bethlehem Central school board reviewed 25 budget items, approved 11, denied 10 and said it would review four others.

Decisions made at the March 11 meeting are for the preliminary budget

The board can decide to review any item before adopting the budget March 31.



Loomis

# Board hears complaints about BC track program

By Lisa K. Kelly

Parents voiced their concerns about the condition of Bethlehem Central High School's track field, the lack of coaching staff for the track team and the lack of space in the weight room at the Bethlehem Central school board's recent meeting.

Approximately 150 students signed up for the team, but there are only four coaches. "Four coaches just aren't enough," said Barbara Kavanagh, an Elsmere parent.

"It's imperative to get additional coaches," said Marge Kanuk, president of the athletic association. The board approved funding for an additional coach this year and for two additional coaches in next year's budget.

Parents also expressed concern over the condition of the 10-year-old track which is made of rubberized asphalt. Denise Minnear, president of the Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club predicts the track program is going to explode in the next few years. "We had almost 200 kids signed up in the 1997 season," she said.

Minnear said Bethlehem is one of the only schools in the suburban council which hasn't kept up with track technology. "We need to be prepared to support (the track teams) with a facility to promote success and not injuries," Minnear said. "I'm really concerned about the condition of the track," she added. "It's cracked and has holes."

"There is an urgent need for a state-of-the-art track with a rubberized surface," said Delmar parent John Dalton. The current track is too hard, causes injuries and is falling apart. Meets have to be cancelled if the surface becomes too wet.

"It screams of such benign neglect," said Bill McCartan, another parent. "I hope the board will consider the request and act upon it."

Delmar parent Paul Turner said he is an avid runner but does not use the track because, "It's so hard, it beats the living hell out of your joints. I think the kids are more than worthy of the support you can give them."

Joann Kansas of Delmar said last year some members of the track team went to the Junior

***I'm really concerned about the condition of the track. It's cracked and has holes.***

Denise Minnear

Olympics and won gold medals. "I'd like to see some (kids) go to the Olympics and be able to say 'they trained on our track,'" Kansas said.

"Clearly there is a need," said Superintendent Les Loomis "but it won't happen for the 1998-99 school year."

Loomis said the track is a potential resource for the town, and he will talk with the town about funding for the future project. He added that he will also be talking to booster clubs. "We will take a thorough look and identify possible ways to fund it," said Loomis.

Parents said the weight room was too small for the number of students participating in high school sports. Dalton agrees and said he feels new equipment is needed because it isn't used just for practice and training, but is also used in gym classes. "If the room is too full (of students) there is a chance for injuries," Dalton said.

Neil Woodworth of Delmar agreed that the room is too small for the use it gets during the school year.

# Report card good news for BC

Lisa K. Kelly

The Bethlehem Central School District's 1996-97 New York State Report Card was presented at a recent school board meeting.

Judith Wooster, assistant supervisor of curriculum and instruction, said Bethlehem has a strong kindergarten through 12th-grade program when compared to similar schools.



Wooster

"The school board and community groups who have heard the Report Card results are justifiably pleased with Bethlehem's results," Wooster said.

"Overall we had the strongest third-grade results in the Suburban Council," said Superintendent Les Loomis.

Wooster said school to school comparisons are very consistent with percentile ranking based on a combination of grade three tests in reading and math.

Third-graders scored well on reading and math tests. Ninety-nine percent met the minimal requirements or higher in reading. In math, 100 percent of the students met or exceeded minimal requirements. In fifth-grade math, 99 percent of students met or exceeded minimal requirements. In sixth-grade reading, 95 percent met or exceeded requirements and 99 percent met or exceeded

requirements in math.

What this means, Wooster said, is that third-grade students performing at minimal levels can read and understand *Clifford the Big Red Dog*. Students achieving levels of distinction can read and understand *Black Beauty*.

Sixth-graders reading at minimal levels can read and understand *Treasure Island*. Those reading at a level of distinction can read and understand *Moby Dick*.

The purpose of the Report Card "is to communicate in a meaningful and easy to understand way" for parents and communities so they can understand how well their school district is performing, she added.

The Report Card compares elementary, middle and high schools with similar schools across the state.

Wooster said the comparison is done between schools that teach the same grades, are similar in wealth and pupil poverty levels and the proportion of pupils who are eligible for free lunches and or have limited abilities in English.

Even though the comparison is based on economics, Wooster noted that economics don't indicate the quality of education students are receiving or how well students will perform on state tests.

For example, she said, Clarksville, Elsmere and Glenmont did well in science compared to Hamagrael and Slingerlands.

"At the same time the Report Card helps to focus staff on the need for improvement in targeted areas and generates productive conversation," Wooster said.

District staff will concentrate on writing and reading content in third through fifth-grades and at the middle school.

Wooster added that student's reading ability affects test results in social studies because of the test's design. The district feels social studies results were low because some students had trouble reading at the level of the test.

Sixth-grade social studies scores are slightly below those of similar schools, but higher than the statewide comparison.

"We'll be working on writing in a more focused way," Wooster said, "including vocabulary in social studies and science."

She noted that the district will also be looking at ways to increase the percentage of students passing Regents exams and at the same time maintaining or increasing the percent of students performing at distinction.

"The highest percentage of Regents diplomas awarded in the suburban council last year was 75 percent

Bethlehem awarded 65 percent of its students Regents diplomas," she said.

However, 72 percent of Bethlehem Central High School students go on to four-year colleges.

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# Local man returns with deep stories

By Peter Hanson

"We recover objects from the *Titanic* for one reason," George Tulloch said last week. "To remember that this was real and to honor the people who died through that memory."

Tulloch, the president of RMS Titanic Inc., the company with exclusive salvage rights to the wreck of the *Titanic*, spoke to students and adults in two lectures March 13 at RCS Senior High School. The event was a homecoming for Tulloch, 53, a South Bethlehem native.

During his nearly three-hour evening presentation to about 700 people, Tulloch talked about lessons he learned growing up in South Bethlehem and his adventures during four years of dives to the *Titanic*, which sunk April 14, 1912, and now lies 12,460 feet beneath the surface of the Atlantic about 400 miles south of Newfoundland.

The large attendance for Tulloch's lecture coincides with a wave of *Titanic*-mania brought on by director James Cameron's epic film, *Titanic*, a love story set on the doomed ship that has grossed nearly \$1 billion and is the biggest box-office draw in history.

During his lecture, Tulloch told an elaborate story about Howard and Pearl, two lovers whose lives were touched by the *Titanic*. Although neither were on board, Howard's best friend Harry died on the ship and Howard's trunk—including his personal writings and love letters from Pearl—also went down.

Tulloch said finding personal items like Howard's trunk and Pearl's letters have touched him more than any other part of his *Titanic* experience.

"We've all seen the movie, and



Bethlehem native George Tulloch discussed his salvage dives to the *Titanic* wreck in a lecture last week. Peter Hanson

we've heard about a billion dollars and the number of Oscar (nominations)," Tulloch said, "but the *Titanic* story has taught us one clear lesson — love is the most important thing in our lives, whether it's Howard and Pearl or Jack and Rose from Jim Cameron's world."

Jack, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, and Rose, played by Kate Winslet, are the young lovers whose romance Cameron set against the backdrop of the *Titanic* sinking, in which more than 1,500 people died. Tulloch made several references to the film, but said fiction can't match reality for sheer emotional impact.

"Let me tell you, Kate Winslet

is no prettier than Pearl was," he said. Tulloch explained the recovery of items from the ocean floor is usually just the start of discovering their significance.

In the case of Pearl's letters, her descendants heard about them on a Discovery Channel documentary that Tulloch worked on and contacted him. Together, RMSTitanic staffers and Pearl's relatives pieced together the love story of Howard and Pearl.

"In 11 years, I've never drawn a check from the *Titanic* (salvage)," Tulloch said. "It's more important to conserve these objects than to pay me. If that means (I'm) a graverobber, I can die happily with that accusation because I've become friends with Howard and I've fallen in love with Pearl."

Tulloch, who happened into the salvage business after running a car dealership, has visited the wreck four times since 1994 and plans to return in August for what he said "should be our greatest

expedition ever."

Tulloch said he's in negotiations for another Discovery Channel special and inferred the next expedition might be broadcast live.

After speaking for about an hour, Tulloch showed slides of the wreck—including the unmistakable, decaying bow that's featured prominently in Cameron's movie—and of the items his group has restored.

Some of those items, like a metal plate and a glass carafe, have visible damage from the sinking, because Tulloch's group doesn't completely restore the items they recover. "We conserve and we preserve," he said. "We remove the corrosive energies and we stop."

In one of the lecture's most vivid moments, Tulloch described what he felt during his first dive to the *Titanic* while a slide showed the submarine pilot's view of bubbles and water as the submarine descends.

"The light starts to fade away and by 1,000 feet the sun is gone forever," he said. "You're in the total dark because you need to save batteries for the work you need to do later." Tulloch described the cold, boredom and nerves that set in but said all those sensations were washed away when he caught his first glimpse of the wreck.

Tulloch also drew an allusion between the feelings he experienced at the wreck site with those he experienced returning to his hometown. "Age can take its toll," he said. "But it can never hide that basic character that ... my friends and me built (here) and that these kids who are going through this school now are building."

The evening ended with a question-and-answer session, and Tulloch promised to return after his next *Titanic* dive with more stories and slides. He donated several coffee-table books about the *Titanic* salvage to the school library and his lecture raised about \$1,400 for the school's annual whale watch field trip:

## St. Matthew's hosts Lenten lecture series

The Heldequad Cluster of Roman Catholic churches will present a Lenten program on the New Testament at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road in Voorheesville.

Programs will be held on Thursdays through April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend. To ensure a place, register by calling 765-2373 ext. 9.

Presenters include Rev. Mark Allman, associate pastor at Christ the King Church in Westmere, Patricia Baugh, pastoral associate at St. Matthew's and Nancy Paino, pastoral associate at Christ the King Church.

Each session includes prayer, meditation and group discussion along with instruction/lecture material on the New Testament.

## Civil War group to meet at library

Capital District Civil War Round Table will meet on Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Doors open at 6:30.

Thomas Desjardin of Gettysburg, Pa. will talk about Chamberlain: The Myth And The Man.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

## Tri-Village Squares to hold square dance

Tri-Village Squares will hold a square and round dance on Saturday, March 21, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Dan Guin will be the caller and Shirley Underwood the cuer. For information, call 439-7571.

## Learn to cartoon at Delmar library

John Hebert of Marvel Comics will talk about comic book art and collecting on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Hebert will offer some hands-on instruction in the art of cartooning. Materials will be provided.

The program is appropriate for children in grades-five and up.

To register, call 439-9314.

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# Orchard Park taxpayers say water bills not right

By Katherine McCarthy

Water in Orchard Park was again an important issue on the New Scotland town board's agenda. At last Wednesday's meeting, town Supervisor Herb Reilly reported that he has received a number of letters from the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association stating that the first bills were incorrect.

Reilly said that, prior to activating the district, the cost to residents had been calculated to be a little more than \$70 per year, with a minimum usage of 80,000 gallons per year. The town board based its first bills on records of the Clarksville water district, and residents of the Northeast water district received a six-month bill of \$52.50 for a minimum of 15,000 gallons.

"This could mean \$105 per year, for 30,000 gallons," Reilly said later. "It's very easy to exceed 30,000 gallons, and after that minimum, the cost is \$3.50 per thousand gallons. My feeling was that when the water bills were translated into dollars, we were way off base. I looked back at the Clarksville bills and saw some errors. There are two-thirds as many people in Northeast as Clarksville. We're pumping the water three miles uphill using two pumps. The Northeast water is only travelling about 100 feet. Clarksville's two pumps communicate by telephone, which results in higher phone costs. Electric rates are also up since the engineer did the study in '94; we had to pay the engineer, and we've purchased a truck for the water district."

Board member Scott Houghaling was concerned that reworking the numbers could make the district come up short. "Let's throw Clarksville out," he said, "and use the six months we've seen for billing purposes."

Heldervale resident Jay

Bloomfield suggested professional consultation. "I don't think you did anything wrong," he said. "You need to be responsive. You can guess, or you can hire a professional engineer."

Board members Mark Dempf and Michael Fields asked for understanding on the part of the residents. "Our interest is not to overburden people, but we need to be realistic," Dempf said. "We should stand by our rates, and wait till we have a track record."

"It took 10 years to get this district in," Fields said. "We're behind it, and trying to do a good job. We should send a letter out, saying that we're doing our best, and we'll reevaluate the charges after six months. The money stays here, and people will eventually get credit."

## Horizon Collective files Chapter 11

The Horizon Collective, a business co-owned by a woman who is suing several Bethlehem town officials for discrimination, filed for bankruptcy last week.

Carole Riley filed a \$15 million lawsuit last year because the zoning board denied her request for permission to run a seven-person office at her home on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

Her lawsuit alleges building inspector John Flanigan and other town officials conspired to prevent Riley from conducting business in Slingerlands because she is black.

Riley and her partner, Kelli Givens, own 44 Pizza Hut restaurants. Riley said last week Horizon filed for Chapter 11 protection as part of a financial restructuring.

Tom Daley, the Albany attorney representing Bethlehem in the lawsuit, said the bankruptcy filing has "no bearing" on the lawsuit because Riley filed as an individual, not as a corporate entity.

# Mercato's eatery is family affair

By Lisa K. Kelly

Bethlehem is the American Dream come true for a former Yugoslavian family who runs two Italian restaurants in town.

Ray Cecunjanin owns Casa Mia Ristorante in Glenmont and Mercato's in Delmar. His brothers Sonny, Mike, Kenny and Harry work together to run the restaurants. Sonny oversees Mercato's, which has been open for two months, with brother Mike. Kenny and Harry help Ray at Casa Mia.

Sonny said the new restaurant is doing well and gets busier every weekend.

"All the food we make here is fresh and homemade," said Sonny.

The restaurant offers a variety of Italian dishes including fettucini alfredo, manicotti, veal cutlet parmigiana and calamari, along with daily specials such as chicken scapriolo which is chicken sauteed with mushrooms and sausage in a white wine sauce.

They also offer pizza and calzones.

Both restaurants have a lunch menu starting at \$3.95 and a children's menu.

Sonny said the family was attracted to the restaurant business because their first jobs in the U.S. were as cooks in Italian restaurants and pizzerias.

"We learned how to cook and we liked it," said Sonny. "We found we were good cooks too," Ray added.

Sonny said after their first jobs in Brooklyn, they moved to Con-



Mike Cecunjanin, left, joins brother, Sonny, in the kitchen at Mercato's.

necticut to work for a cousin and learn more about the business.

Ray, who was the first to move to the U.S., said he saw an opportunity for the family to be their own bosses and provide a better future for their children.

"We saw an opportunity to make life better for us and our kids," Sonny added.

After working in Connecticut, Ray came to Bethlehem about four years ago and opened Casa Mia. "I like the people in the town," he said. "They're good customers."

Ray said he opened Mercato's "so Delmar customers wouldn't have to travel too far."

All five brothers now live in Bethlehem. "The family wanted to be closer together," Sonny said. "We like it here because of the schools, and there is no crime."

Ray became a citizen a few years ago and his brothers are looking forward to following in his footsteps. "We never think about going back," Sonny said. "Our future is here."

## Holy Names students to perform

Academy of the Holy Names upper school students will present the musical, "Meet Me In St. Louis," on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. in the

school auditorium at 1075 New Scotland Road in Albany.

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## Matters of Opinion

### Define your terms

Once again, Bethlehem town planners leave us scratching our heads. As we understood it, CMI, which has proposed a senior housing facility in Delmar, was instructed to scale down its original plan. The company did, but now are being instructed to assure planners that the building's design is in conformance with Delmar architecture. Say again?

### Editorials

Though many residences and businesses in town could fall under the umbrella of quaintness, there are many structures that have unique characteristics that seem to defy any architectural classification. Just take a drive down Delaware Avenue and look at the current sites under construction. If anything, these projects are diverse.

The planning board's request is puzzling: They want CMI to conform to Delmar's "style," yet fail to provide a definition of what that style is.

This type of guidance only serves to fuel the perception about the town revealed in the recent chamber of commerce survey. And in this case, it appears that Bethlehem is fueling the perception of a town that is anything but business-friendly.

Planners should at least be able to spell out what it is they want or don't want for prospective business neighbors. That, after all, is only fair.

### Dredging makes sense

Dredging the Hudson River to improve water yield for the town's infiltration system seems to be a logical thing to do before heavier warm weather demands set in. The \$45,000 price tag for dredging would likely mean that the town would have to buy less water from the city of Albany during peak usage months, which was one of the reasons the plant was built in the first place. Dredging would also help the consulting engineers get more information on what's wrong with the system.

The town can not really afford to wait until its lawsuit against Fraser & Associates is adjudicated to attend to the plant to make it more productive. Lawsuits all too often take months and even years before they are actually heard in court, so it makes no sense for the town to do nothing in the interim.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation said after the dredging following the flood in 1997, the system might benefit from a 10-year dredging program, that several communities throughout the state have already undertaken.

Town officials are behaving responsibly by considering the dredging, now. DEC should OK it.

### Kudos to BC board

Though Bethlehem Central drama supporters didn't end up with the whole pie, they scored victories for their cause with the board of education last week.

A Shakespeare production will be on the school agenda in the future thanks to the board's allocation of \$1,960 to pay a director to oversee one of the Bard's masterpieces during the school year.

The board did the right thing and deserves credit for recognizing the importance of keeping Shakespeare very much alive at BC.

With many colleges watering down their liberal arts requirements, it's comforting to know that BC students will at least have an opportunity to get acquainted with one of the world's greatest playwrights.

In addition, the board also granted stipends allowing for more drama exposure at all levels, which again is to its credit. Also deserving thanks, is the Bethlehem Theater Support Group, that made Shakespeare an issue last year.

And the students who worked in and on *Romeo & Juliet* in the fall, proved that the issue was worth making a fuss over.

## Just what's in an Irish name?

By John J. McEneny

*The writer, a member of the state Assembly representing most of Albany and the towns of Guilderland, New Scotland Berne and Knox, is a local author and former Albany County historian.*



As Capital District residents participate in St. Patrick's festivities this month, there will be much speculation among the 30 percent Irish and part-Irish of our area as to whether their forebears' names are really Irish and how they came to be in their present form.

The distinctiveness of Irish names has been a great aid to the amateur historian whose initial curiosity can easily develop into a lifetime compulsion to discover the tracks of a far-flung people.

The Irish, in flight from political violence, poverty and famine, or simply in response to a spirit of adventure, were scattered across the globe. Not surprisingly, Irish inclinations toward public service, law, religion and education, denied them in their homeland, flourished in their adopted lands. The names help reveal their elusive history.

For example, as Albany's Bill Kennedy puts it, "To the Irish, politics is the family business."

The local prominence of such names as O'Connell and Whalen, Murphy and Malone, Reilly and Donohue, Egan and Munnely, not to mention Hanrahan, Sheehan, Flanagan, Cavanaugh, Regan, Nolan, Connolly, Dolin, Burns, O'Brien, Foley, Farley, Breslin, Connors and McNulty, would indicate that Kennedy's observation comfortably bridges the gap between history and current events.

There are literally thousands of Irish names, each linked to a particular person, invasion, saint or locality in the Emerald Isle.

Irish names are the oldest hereditary names in Europe. Traditionally, there were adopted be-

### Point of View

fore 1000 AD by order of Brian Boru, first high king of Ireland who drove the Danes (who were really Norwegians) from the country. O'Cleary, often anglicized as Clark, is reputed to be the oldest name in Christendom.

In Gaelic, once spoken throughout the Celtic Isles and still spoken in remote areas of Ireland and Scotland, "Mac" signifies "son of" and "O" means "descendant of."

Pronunciation of Mac is determined by the sound which follows and not whether the prefix is abbreviated Mc or M' as is commonly the case in both Ireland and Scotland.

McNamara, McNamee and McElroy will always keep a "Mac" sound. McDonough, McDermot and McCormack keep a "Mick." If the stem of the name begins with a "g" you're as often as not going to find the name written as Maguire, Magee or Maguiness.

The invention of the typewriter has thoroughly discouraged the once-universal custom of raising the small case "c" in the air to signify an abbreviation.

Another Gaelic prefix is Kil or Gil, meaning the spiritual servant or follower of a saint. It is from this form that we derive Kilpatrick, Kilmartin, Kilbride, and Kilcoyne which designates the family as followers of Sts. Patrick, Martin, Brigid or Cadin. An alternate version of Kilcoyne gives us not only Coyne, but Cohen and Coen as well. The name Kilclynne is formed in the same manner.

O and Mac names usually indicate that the owner is of old Celtic stock (entitling him among other things, to the cry of the family banshee at the time of death). Ironically, within these first families are also found descendants of the very Norsemen defeated by Brian Boru.

For example, McAuliffes and McEvers pass on the names of their forebears Olaf and Ivar, whose kinsmen plundered

Ireland's famed monasteries and founded most of her cities.

The middle name of John Fitzgerald Kennedy indicated that its illustrious holder was, like a great many Irish, not only of Gaelic but Norman origin as well.

Vikings who settled in north-west France became known as Normans. They conquered England in 1066, then invaded Ireland in 1171. In time, the Anglo-Normans in Ireland only too willingly acquired Irish wives, learned Gaelic and came to resist English rule, requiring that most of Ireland be reconquered again and again in order to retain its fealty to the English crown.

These early Irish invaders became "more Irish than the Irish themselves" and their names have for centuries been on a par with names of Gaelic origin.

"Fitz," the Norman equivalent of Mac, has survived in names like Fitzgerald and FitzGibbons.

Incidentally, the descendants of the Norman adventurer Maurice dePrendergast, in Ireland for more than 800 years, can be found among families called Pender, Prendergast, FitzMaurice, Morris and Moss.

French prefixes were usually dropped from names like deBurgos, deLench, deJoyes, deParr, and leBrun, who became Burke, Lynch, Joyce, Powers and Brown.

To those who believe all Irish names end in "n" or "y," some Norman names such as Condon, Dillon and Tobin blend easily into the Gaelic language, while other names like Stack, Cusack, Aylward, Barrett, Furlong, Hackett, Purcell, Roche and Redmond pose great confusion.

Walsh, Ireland's fourth most common name, after the Gaelic Murphy, Kelly and Sullivan, comes from soldiers accompanying the Normans who were — as the name is pronounced in much of Ireland — Welsh. Likewise, soldiers from Flanders became known as Fleming.

Gaelic stock Irish are also not without some surprises — Bulger,

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Brazil, Conole, Leyden, Deyermond, Kehoe, Hessian, Hedderman, Minogue and Mannix emerge from purely Gaelic roots, though their appearance might seem to the contrary.

Many people identifying themselves as Gaelic Irish hold names of Scottish origin. Irish McCabes, Murrays, Burns and McDonalds are commonly descendents of gallowglasses — Scottish soldiers of fortune in the service of Irish chieftains hundreds of years ago. They are distinct from the Scots brought into Ulster as settlers in the plantation of the 1600s.

In the 18th century, intense efforts were made to erase all vestiges of the old Gaelic order. The penal laws, enforced in varying degrees throughout Ireland, effectively barred Catholics from holding significant amounts of land, entering a profession, exercising their religion, participating in gov-

ernment or educating their children.

Intense pressure was brought to drop the O and Mac prefixes. Such a shortening occasionally maintains the sound of the hard C in Mac and gets carried over to the shortened name. Thus McEgan became Keegan.

Worse, many Irish names were anglicized by directly translating or mistranslating into English. Thus O'Gormley became Grimes, Carey became Carr, Noonan became Nunan, McVeigh becomes Vessil, McLennon and McAlendon became Leonard, MacSheoinin became Jennings, O'Devine became Devane or Duane, McRannell became Reynolds, and Lehan became Lyons.

While Shanaky is correctly translated as Fox, McGowan as Smith, and Tully as Flood;

O'Neany is incorrectly translated as Bird and McEneny as Rabbit.

Any name with Ban in it, Bannigan, for example, might be translated as White, O'Mannion became Manning, O'Mulrian became Ryan and O'Giblin became Gibson.

Some names were merely shortened in the center. McAnally and McAnulty, for instance, are usually written without the A, becoming McNally and McNulty.

During the Gaelic Revival of the 19th century, ironically supported by the Anglo-Irish gentry of Ireland, many prefixes were resumed, sometimes in error. The Mexican artist Juan O'Gorman should be MacGorman.

Cavanaugh should have no prefix, and replacing Aherne with O'Hearn only compounds the problem — it should be O'Aherne. O'Dell is simply an improper spelling of the English Odell.

For modern-day Irish-Americans concerned over precise spellings of our names, the addition of a double rather than a single consonant, the substitution of a, e or i for ae or y is a serious matter.

This was not always the case. Well over 50 percent of Ireland spoke Gaelic at the middle of the last century and most Catholics, by government policy, were also illiterate. Gaelic names emerged into shorter convenient forms which approximated the original sound. Whelan and Phelan, for

example, represent the same name, as do Grady and Brady. Spelling varied greatly and was seldom standardized until this century.

More important than the spelling of the name is its pronunciation. The hard G of Gallagher is unknown in Ireland where the name is pronounced like Callaghan or Monaghan. Mahoney should have its first syllable emphasized, not the second; and Maher, Horan and Cahill are pronounced in one long sound, not two as is commonly the case in America.

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# Groups say guidance shortage is critical at all BC schools

Editor, The Spotlight:

There is a critical staffing situation that needs to be addressed within the entire Bethlehem Central School District. The area of concern is guidance counselor staffing at all grade levels.

According to staffing information distributed by the school district at the last school board meeting, the current counselor to stu-

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dent ratio at all five elementary schools, Early Learning Center, middle and high schools is so high that they greatly exceed the recommendations of the New York State School Counselor Association as well as the American School Counseling Association.

In fact, both the middle and high schools current case loads are well over the 1/250 and 1/225 guidance counselor/student ratio respectively, and thus are classified as being "crisis/reactive models." This ratio delivers services to predominantly those in crisis, or approximately 10 to 25 percent of the students. This ratio will continue to get worse because of the expected increase of students next year throughout the district. The situation at our elementary schools is even worse with just two guidance counselors serving five different buildings and the Early Learning Center.

In addition to a growing number of complaints from students and parents about the lack of sufficient guidance staffing, a recently completed Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools — Commission on Secondary Schools Accreditation Report about the high school also recommended that the district review the ratio of guidance counselors to students of allow adequate time for counselors to counsel, plan, meet with teachers, administrators and parents and prepare transcripts for students.

While we are very grateful that the current guidance staff has

performed well beyond the call of duty to handle tremendous case loads, it is time for the school board to correct the under-staffing of guidance at all levels. The number and seriousness of students' needs are increasing. Many times our counselors are needed to function as social workers. This, combined with increasing numbers of students, larger class sizes, more detailed college applications and the changing Regents' requirements demand additional guidance counselors be added.

We do recognize and appreciate the proposed additional guidance staffing in the 1998-1999 proposed school budget, but we feel strongly that it is not enough. We encourage the school board to consider increasing the guidance staff to a more appropriate level and suggest the following: 1.0 high school guidance counselor, 0.2 middle school guidance counselor, 1.0 middle school guidance clerical and 0.5 elementary guidance counselor.

While even this increase does not adequately lower the guidance counselor to student ratios within acceptable levels, it is a good start.

We the undersigned, representatives of Bethlehem Central's Presidents Council, ask you also to attend the school board budget

session tonight, March 18, at 8 p.m. at the district offices on Adams Place to support our request for increased guidance staff.

Maureen Geis and William Cushing, BCCO co-presidents; Jeff Zogg, middle school PTA; Melanie Henderson and Cara Kennedy, Clarksville PTA co-presidents; Marge Kanuk, BC Athletic Association president; Robin Storey, Hamagrael PTA president; Helen Smith, Slingerland PTA president; Kim Smith and Ginny Trimarchi, Glenmont PTA co-presidents; Phyllis Hillinger, BOU president; Wendy Lefkovich, Bethlehem Theater Association president; and Cathy Swenson, Bethlehem Music Association co-president; and Peter Shawhan, Parents for Excellence president.

## Music student needs support

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with interest the article in the March 11 issue of *The Spotlight* "BCHS junior to travel to Europe as music ambassador." I was one of the many fortunate people to have been in the audience when Rebecca Minor sang at her recital to raise money for her trip. She gave an incredible concert showing off her wide range of musical ability. To quote my son, "It was an awesome experience."

I was not only impressed with Becky's musicianship, but also with her poise, character and charm. She is a unique young woman, and this is why I am writing. The community has every reason to be proud of her. She is a credit to her family, her school and the community at large. Let's get behind Becky in her effort to attend the American Music Abroad program.

From what I understand, she has a way to go before meeting her monetary goal. As stated in the article, donations can be made by calling her at 475-1304.

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## Your Opinion Matters

# Virtual access, not parking at issue Chamber is own worst enemy

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was delighted to read Nancy Pieri's response to my letter in last week's edition. Our library has a wealth of resources, which we are all proud of. As Ms. Pieri said, among our resources are training programs for Internet use, a growing collection of CD-ROMs and the CHILL-OUT workstation.

Contrary to the headline on the library director's letter, Bethlehem's resources are not available by a virtual visit, they are available only by an in-person visit to the library. (Perhaps, it is semantics, but if our parking lot is full, then it is an important distinction). The point of my letter was to invest our scarce dollars to increase our usage of library resources by virtual visits, as opposed to in-person visits. Most important, it is an investment in preparing our children for the 21st century, and has the added benefit

of reducing parking lot congestion.

Bethlehem Public Library's Web page does not offer virtual access to the library resources.

William K. Sanford Library in Colonie has a searchable Internet online catalogue, and a service that will search magazine articles via an Internet connection.

The Colonie library is moving in the right direction, but even more inspiring are the accomplishments of exemplary local public libraries such as Evanston Public Library in Illinois.

If you click on the link for the online catalogue, the welcome reads in part: "You now have access to the library's catalog from your browser. The DRAWeb gateway provides all the information about the library's books, CDs, videos and other materi-

als."

The Evanston library also avoids in-person visits. Their policy is: You can now renew books and other materials from the comfort of home, if the library is closed.

Of interest is the mission statement of the Evanston Library which includes the following: "The electronic information resources available in many homes and offices will continue to grow richer and more complex. Many people, however, will continue to require the assistance of information specialists to make the most of the resources available to them in their home, office or library."

In conclusion, why spend money on more parking, when we can spend money to create virtual access?

Oskar Harmon  
Glenmont

Editor, The Spotlight:

There has been a major misdiagnosis of Bethlehem, which is an upscale residential community. It is not and never will be a Mecca for shoppers. No one wants it.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has been nothing more than a chowder and marching society since its beginnings.

Representatives concluded when 1,800 residents responded to a survey, that these people belonged to a community "at odds with itself." Such is deprecating humor. It is similar to some fighter saying he struck Mike Tyson's fist with his chin!

The last town election hinged on water fairies saying the sky was falling. The next issue, to which all residents will respond is changing the very essence of our town, which we do not want turned into a casbah.

All residents should patronize our local businesses, but let's face it, there is just too much out there. The chamber should think of the old song, How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Paree?

Any marketing expert would say you must bring in shoppers from the greater area, and that is via specialty shops that are out of the ordinary and not found in the malls. If the chamber feels it can compete, then there is a major need for new and better minds to assume leadership.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller is right when she says let us support existing businesses. Let's put down the cheerleaders' pom-poms and get to work on bringing unique specialty stores to town, and get rid of its mall mentality.

Dixon S. Welt  
Delmar

## Water system critic says town has hang up

Editor, The Spotlight:

How much input will Bethlehem Water District taxpayers have in the resolution of the lawsuit involving our failed water system?

The Spotlight recently reported:

- The amount of damages has not been determined.
- Resolution of this matter will be 100 percent the town board's.
- Mr. Secor calls the water system a success saving the town more than \$1 million annually.

Is a token out of court settlement agreed to behind closed doors by our elected officials a likely possibility?

The new water system is a disaster. It is not a success and actually costs the town much more than the purchase of Albany water. How would a judge hearing the lawsuit react when our town officials claim the system to be a success and that it saves the town millions of dollars?

The Hudson River well yield continues to decline producing only 1.64 MGD during January. It is 73 percent less efficient than promised. Our failed water system cost \$13.9 million. It will actually cost Bethlehem taxpayers a total of \$27 million over the next 28 years to pay

off the water bonds.

Settlement of the lawsuit for anything less than \$10 million (73 percent \$13 million) would not be in the best interest of taxpayers.

At the March 11 town board meeting, attorney Robert Alessi reported to the board that O'Brien & Gere have recommended that the river be dredged to make more measurements on the well yield and determine the rate of resiltation.

Other likely causes of declining well yield are buildup of iron hydroxide, slime in the intake pipe, and buildup of fine silt in the aquifer due to over pumping.

Why do our town officials have a hang-up on siltation and fail to acknowledge that there are other likely causes of well failure?

Sherwood Davies  
Delmar

## Residents support parking plan

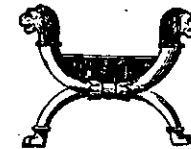
Editor, The Spotlight:

We are owners and residents of properties adjacent to Bethlehem Public Library. We support the library's proposal to provide additional parking and better access to the library parking area. By providing a one-way entrance and exit, the seriously unsafe conditions, which now exist will be corrected.

We urge a "yes" vote in the May election on the parking proposal.

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# Clearwater

(From Page 1)

Fraser & Associates, the engineer that designed the water system.

At one point, Burtis asked Alessi if he'd learned how much malpractice insurance Fraser has.

"Yes," Alessi answered. "One million dollars."

"Oh, my God," Davies said. This was devastating news in the eyes of Clearwater's members, because the water system cost nearly \$14 million.

Davies and his colleagues have spoken out against the water system since it was first proposed several years ago. They feel the system was a misguided concept and have repeatedly said the system's inability to pump the six million gallons of water per day it is supposed to pump is proof it doesn't work.

"This water system is not a success," Davies said at the March 11 meeting. "We're losing \$300,000 a year."

## Dollars and sense

Davies' estimate includes money the town is spending to retain Alessi's law firm, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, and the engineering firm O'Brien & Gere and also includes what he suspects is a discrepancy between what Bethlehem's industrial customers are paying for the system's water and the system's maintenance costs.

Burtis, Davies and Clearwater's other most visible member, William Kelleher of Rowland Avenue in Delmar, have recently focused their complaints on one individual — Secor.

The group's dissatisfaction with Secor's job performance reached a new height last week when Kelleher wrote an open letter to Bethlehem residents in which he accused Secor of lying to the public when he called the water system a success in a Feb. 4 *Spotlight* article.

In that article, Secor said the system saved the town \$1 million last year in money it would have spent buying water from Albany.

"The town board must remove Mr. Secor from his position of power," Kelleher wrote in his letter.

Kelleher's anger was echoed at the March 11 meeting, which Kelleher did not attend. That night, Davies accused Secor of giving the board "inaccurate" information about PCBs.

Davies also asked Alessi if he thought a judge would hear his request to have Secor removed from office. Alessi did not answer the question.

## Pointing fingers

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller, who said she has tried to make town meetings as open as possible so residents can comment on controversial issues like the water system, said a protocol is in place for

town employees like Secor to be removed from office.

Because Secor was appointed by the board, he could be removed by the board, but Fuller said there's no reason for the board to do so. "Why would we remove him?" she asked. "Because Sherwood Davies said so?"

For his part, Secor feels Clearwater's members are blaming him for things that aren't under his control. He said he did not personally design the system but is the "conduit" through which information about the system reaches the public.

As for Kelleher and Davies' accusations of dishonesty, Secor said Davies' comments about PCB testing are not correct. Secor said that when he has tried to give Davies proof that PCB testing has been performed to DEC standards, Davies' response has been, "Those aren't the right tests," Secor said.

All three Clearwater members are armed with reams of detailed data about well yields, siltation depths and GPD output levels, so the question of who's telling the truth is evasive, but for now, the burden of proof seems to be on Clearwater.

## Conflicting stories

At the March 11 meeting, Burtis said she had spoken earlier that day with a DEC representative who said the DEC had made an "internal decision" to deny Bethlehem's dredging application.

On March 13, Bill Clarke, the DEC's regional permit administrator, was asked if Burtis' claim was true. "No, it isn't," he said.

And when Clarke was asked about Davies and Burtis' claims that dredging is an environmentally risky process, Clarke said, "It is a normal process. There is dredging done by the Army Corps of Engineers every couple of years and also by private com-

panies along the Hudson docks."

On March 14, Burtis laughed when she was told Clarke contradicted her comments and raised a host of other issues, the most notable being the 15-30 day public notice required before a dredging.

Burtis said that unless Secor submitted his recent application on an emergency basis — which he did not — there's no way a dredging can be performed before the DEC's next "blackout window," which begins early next month to protect the fish spawning season.

Clarke confirmed the application is not being treated as an emergency by the DEC.

Another nuance here is the relationship between a dredging application and the Fraser lawsuit. By filing the application, the town is proving it considers the water system essential and will do whatever is possible to improve the system's output. If the DEC denies the application, the town will still have protected what Alessi calls its "litigation position."

The dust won't settle on the disagreement between Clearwater and Secor for some time yet, but the DEC's response to the application — which isn't expected for another 10 days to two weeks — is sure to instigate more heated responses from Burtis, Davies and Kelleher.

## Second thoughts

On March 16, Kelleher asked *The Spotlight* not to write about his March 5 letter asking for Secor's removal. "I made a mistake because I wanted to protect Clearwater for Bethlehem," he said.

Kelleher said he's been in contact with Alessi, who has repeatedly — and publicly — asked Clearwater's members to stop fighting with the town and instead work with town officials.

Alessi reiterated that request in a phone conversation with Kelleher this weekend, Kelleher said.

Kelleher said that when it appeared the town would lose its suit against Fraser because Fraser could not afford to pay a multi-million-dollar settlement, he wanted to criticize the Bethlehem officials for what he saw as costly folly.

But Kelleher recently researched Rust Environmental and discovered that company might be able to pay a multi-million-dollar settlement. Now that the town has a chance to win its suit, Kelleher said, there's more at risk every time Clearwater criticizes the town.

For that reason, Kelleher asked *The Spotlight* to ignore his March 5 letter "for the good of the town." Kelleher said he's had the town's best interests in mind since he joined Clearwater several years ago.

Despite wanting to keep the letter private, Kelleher said he still believes Secor should be removed. "I wouldn't have written it if I didn't stand by it," he said.

## Parks and rec offers spring classes

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will start its spring session the week of March 23.

Openings remain in Body Blast, a high level adult aerobics class held on Monday evenings.

Come Fly with Me for 4 and 5-year-olds also has openings. This play and exercise class meets on Tuesday afternoons.

For information, call 439-4131.

## Community orchestra slates spring concert

Delmar Community Orchestra's spring concert is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The orchestra will perform classics, pops, and Broadway show tunes.

There is no admission charge. For information, call 482-1100.

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# Comic book illustrator to discuss the craft

Young people in fifth-grade and up are in for a treat on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. John Hebert, a former illustrator for Marvel Comics will talk about "Comic Book Art and Collecting."

Hebert, who was born in Troy, began to explore his artistic tal-



ents at the age of 4 when he drew a life-sized picture of Batman and Robin on his living room wall. "From that point on," he said, "my mother made sure I had pencils, markers and, of course, paper to draw with." Hebert's artistic talent was translated into school posters and backdrops for dances and plays. In his sophomore year in high school, he created two supervillains which were picked up by DC Comics.

Still in high school, he was hired by New York State Defenders As-

## District clerk has nominating petitions

Nominating petitions for seats on the Bethlehem Central school board are available at the district clerk's office at 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

The terms for seats currently held by Stuart Lyman and Dennis Stevens will expire June 30.

Each term of office is three years, commencing July 1.

Petition must contain a minimum of 50 valid signatures and must be filed with the district clerk by 4:30 p.m. on April 17. The date is 32 days before the school budget vote on May 19.

## Firefighters serve fish fry dinners

New Salem Volunteer Fire Department on Route 85A will serve fish fry dinners Fridays until April 10, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinners include fish, french fries, homemade cole slaw, and beverage. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and \$3 for children under 12.

New England clam chowder and desserts are \$1.25 each.

Takeouts can be ordered ahead by calling 765-2231.

sociation and the state Health Department to help develop comic book projects.

Hebert graduated from Junior College of Albany with an associate's degree in graphic design. Two days before graduation, Fantaco Publications in Albany hired him to draw and cowrite his first comic book. His first work included *Jonny Quest* for Comico, *Mars Attacks!* for Pocket Comics and *The Twilight Empire* for TSR's Dragon Magazine.

In 1990, he was hired by Marvel Comics in New York City, where for five years he produced work for *Deathlok*, *Captain America* and *Spider Man*.

Hebert is now a freelance artist, has written a book on his experiences in the comic industry and illustrated magazine covers and political advertisements. He has also drawn for *Power Rangers*, *Archie Super Teens*, *Sonic the Hedge Hog*, *Masked Rider* and *Beetleborgs*. He also makes presentations to schools and libraries.

In addition to talking about his trade at tomorrow's program, Hebert will offer some hands-on instruction in the art of cartooning. Materials will be provided. Call the youth services department to register at 439-9314.

Louise Grieco

## Five Rivers slates maple sugaring

Learn how to make maple sugar on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

During this introduction to small-scale, backyard maple sugaring, visitors will learn how to identify a sugar maple, observe tapped trees and see maple sap being boiled into syrup over a wood stove.

Visitors can taste real maple syrup as well as sap flowing fresh from the tree.

Hands-on exhibits and activities will also allow visitors to participate in the maple sugaring process.

Representatives from Bassler's Sugarhouse, Dean's Maple Farm, Highview Maple Products and Putnam's Maple Hill Farm will be on hand with maple products.

The maple sugaring open house is free of charge.

Scout and youth groups are welcome. For information, call 475-0291.

## Delmar student earns honor

Michael Parker of Delmar, a senior majoring in elementary education and African American studies at The College of Saint Rose, will be included in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

# War era music on tap

Seniors and adults who are free during the day should enjoy "When the Lights Go On Again," popular music of the World War II era on Friday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

The library will present a special afternoon program for adults which will be a warm and gentle reminiscence of the words and music that helped the nation through an ordeal of unparalleled

to the fascinating world of whales, sharks and dolphins with a slide presentation on the wonders of the sea. Ocean zones, food chains, endangered species and global influences will be discussed and illustrated.

Residents are reminded that the deadline to submit recipes to the Village Centennial Cookbook is March 31.

Mail your recipes to the library on 51 School Road or drop them off at the library, SuperValu or Voorheesville Wine & Liquors.

Friends of the Library are gearing up for the annual Book and Bake Sale in May and need volunteers for a number of jobs.

This is a wonderful opportunity for library lovers to make a real contribution to the health and well being of the library. If you can bake, organize, sort books or run a cash register — we need you to call and let us know that you'd like to help.

Barbara Vink



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# PTA gears up for Fun Festival at elementary school

Don't miss the PTA's Fun Festival on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the elementary school.

There will be games with prizes, pony rides, a bake sale, face painting, door prizes and many other activities.

Parents as Reading Partners is sponsoring a book walk with lots of great books as prizes.

Children will receive a flier at school with a ticket for one free game.

The highlight of this year's festival will be a raffle drawing for a basket of retired Beanie Babies donated by Robin Olsen of Robin's Nest on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Lunch and snacks will be available at nominal cost. Admission is free, and everyone is invited to attend.

The PTA's next meeting is slated for Tuesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary library.

## NEWS NOTES

### Voorheesville

Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen  
765-2813



### Jazz ensemble to perform at high school

The Humanities Committee and Voorheesville Friends of Music will sponsor a free concert by the Capital District Jazz Ensemble tonight, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The 17 piece jazz band is conducted by Leo Russo.

The program is also sponsored by the Music Performance Trust Fund.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this evening of big band music.

### Fire auxiliary serving fish fry dinners

Fish fry dinners will be served by New Salem Fire Department auxiliary on Fridays, March 20, 27 and April 3, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A.

Eat in or takeout dinners include fried fish, french fries, cole slaw and a beverage.

Dinners cost \$6 for adults, \$5.50 for senior citizens and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

Clam chowder and desserts are available for an additional fee.

For information, call 765-2231.

### St. Matthew's hosting Lenten lecture series

A special lecture series entitled Echoing God's Word is scheduled on Thursdays during Lent at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road.

Programs will explore the first century communities that gave rise to the Gospels and other New Testament writings.

The third program, The Problem of Suffering, is on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

Talks run until 9 p.m. and include prayer, meditation and group discussion along with instruction.

Light refreshments will be served.

The series is sponsored by the Heldequad cluster of Roman Catholic churches.

Rev. Mark Allman, Patricia Baugh and Nancy Paino will lead the programs.

Advance registration is required. To register, call 765-2373 ext. 9.

### Nominating petitions available at high school

Nominating petitions for a seat on the Voorheesville Central

school board are available at the district office at the high school on Route 85A.

The seat is currently held by Steve Schreiber, who is not running for re-election. The term of office is five years.

Petitions must contain a minimum of 25 valid signatures and be filed at the district office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 3.

The school board will hold a budget workshop on Monday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

The school budget vote is set for May 19.

### Methodist women plan Passover supper

Voorheesville United Methodist Women will hold its annual Passover supper on Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

The event begins in the church sanctuary and proceeds to the social hall.

All women in the community are invited to attend. Reservations are required.

For information and reservation, call the church office at 765-2895

### Heldeberg Workshop to offer spring program

Heldeberg Workshop is planning a spring break program the week of April 13 to 17. Specifics will be available soon.

Summer program dates are July 6 through Aug. 21.

The workshop welcomes two new board members, Andy Wexler and Andrea Gleason.

They will replace Deb Baron and Karl Scharl who are leaving the board.

### V'ville board to meet

Voorheesville's board of trustees will meet on Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

The planning commission meets tonight, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The board has set a budget hearing for Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall.

Copies of the tentative budget will be available in the village office on Friday, March 20.

Voorheesville residents recently received notice that the state Department of Transportation has scheduled major repairs to Route 85A and the three bridges over Vly Creek starting in April.

Anyone traveling in or through Voorheesville should note that there will be alternating one lane traffic on Route 85A.

### Friends of Music set meeting

Voorheesville Friends of Music's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

### Methodist youth ladle up soup luncheon

Senior United Methodist Youth Fellowship will serve a soup luncheon on Sunday, March 22, following the 10 a.m. service.

Soup will be served with homemade bread. Each ladle of soup and slice of bread costs 25 cents. Cookies and cupcakes will also be sold for 25 cents.

Proceeds will go to the group's treasury and the fund for Youth '99.

### Seniors plan anniversary dinner

New Scotland Senior Citizens is planning its anniversary dinner for Wednesday, April 29, at Crossgates Restaurant on Washington Avenue Extension.

There will be a choice of three entrees for \$10.40 per person.

The group will host a covered dish luncheon on Wednesday, April 1, at noon at Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

A regular meeting will follow at 1 p.m. to discuss details for the anniversary dinner.



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# BOU

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After Prom and New Year's Eve parties.

"From there, we evolved into a funding source for all sorts of prevention programs," Hillinger said. "We know that prevention involves the ability for a teen to make healthy choices, which requires good self-esteem. Studies show prevention needs to start earlier and earlier, like in the elementary school."

Last year, BOU gave away more than \$17,000 in grant money, and some of it went to the elementary schools, for programs like Show of Love, an evening program for parents and children to come together and learn about respect and self-esteem. BOU has helped to fund the No Put-Down program in effect at Hamagrael, making children aware of the negative language too often used in our society.

The bulk of BOU's spending still goes to the middle and high schools, where more students are likely to use drugs and alcohol.

Middle school guidance counselor Yvonne Doberman has used BOU funding to run the "Strive for Success" program, an evening study skills program for students in danger of failing, and their parents.

Doberman's goals for "Strive for Success" are to foster responsibilities in the participants, and helps students and parents learn study skills. It helps parents become more supportive of their children, and builds their self-esteem. BOU's funding this year allowed Strive for Success to take on another 20 to 30 students.

BOU also provided the start-up money for the Bethlehem Basketball Club, and loaned money to the girls' softball team to redo their playing fields.

At the high school level, BOU has produced alcohol and marijuana fact sheets, and a video about teen drinking, available at local libraries. Last fall, they published a parenting guide entitled "Don't You Trust Me?" about teen/parent relationships. They also helped fund A World of Difference, the Anti-Defamation League's program designed to combat prejudice, and the Step-Out Program, a transition to ninth-grade.

Hillinger, who's been involved in the BOU auction since its beginning, says it's very validating to be able to fund these programs. "When a teacher comes with a great program idea mid-year, after the district's budget money is

allotted, it's great to be able to fund it," she said.

BOU works closely with Bethlehem Networks Project, which is funded by a federal grant from the Task Force on Integrated Projects. Directed by Mona Prenoveau, Networks does hands-on work to

help BOU give consistent messages about underage drinking and drug use. Like BOU, Networks also funds a number of projects, most recently the EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) parenting seminars offered in the community.

In 1992, BOU and Networks joined forces to create the Bethlehem Community Partnership, which involves even more aspects of the community — police, town administrators, school administrators, parents — in substance abuse prevention. The Partnership meets each fall to plan programs it can accomplish in a defined time span, like the town-wide Festeeljk celebration. Bethlehem's Community Partnership has become a model for other towns, and just this month, Niskayuna formed its own partnership.

At the BOU auction last year, 260 items were sold, raising more than \$12,000. Half of that went toward a project BOU is staying involved with: building a community center. "We're donating a portion of this year's proceeds to the community center," Hillinger said. BOU is also looking at creating a coffee house for kids, and sponsoring a Real Driving Skills Day.

For Hillinger, mother of four children, ranging from high school age to 26, the reasons to support BOU are simple.

"Little changes can make a difference," she said. "We all care about our kids, and if we make our community better for our kids, we make it better for all of us."

# Siena students lend helping hand

By Bill Fonda

Siena College freshman rugby player Jose Filomeno could have spent spring break in the Bahamas with his teammates.

Instead, the Christian Brothers Academy graduate was one of 40 members of the college's Habitat for Humanity club who piled into seven vans to help build houses for low-income families.

Half the students went to Newport News, Va., while the other half went to Almost Heaven, W.V.

Filomeno said he first heard about Habitat for Humanity while he was in church over Christmas break. He admitted that his friends were "a bit shocked" when he told them what he was doing and asked them to sponsor him, but he said he can always go to the Bahamas as a junior or a senior.

The club was founded in 1997 by senior Chris Van Woert of Delmar and junior Meredith Hall. Van Woert said he first got involved two years ago when the Rev. Kevin Daley suggested he work with Habitat in Hilton Head, S.C., if he wasn't doing anything over spring break. He said that someone suggested he start a chapter at Siena while he was working in Atlantic Beach, N.C., last year.

"It's good for the community and the college, and it gives people a chance to volunteer," he said.

Hall's reason for getting involved was more personal. Her grandfather died last year, and she said she heard about Habitat for Humanity while she was attending Mass the day he died. She said it reminded her of a dollhouse her grandfather gave her as a girl and "kind of snowballed" from there.

"We have a great group of people supporting us and helping us," she said.

The club currently has 75 members, and Van Woert said 100 people expressed interest at the college's club fair last year.

"Out of 2,700 students, that's a pretty good showing," he said.

Junior Jessica Hildebrandt, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, said she had done other volunteer work in the past and joined the club on the advice of friends.

"It was something I wanted to try and never did before. My friends said they had a really good time," she said.

Students who went on the trip not only worked on houses, but they were also required make to a donation.

"It's not like this is a free trip where you can sign up and have a

good time," said college spokeswoman Sharon Burstein.

Hildebrandt said she hadn't "had time to stop and think" over the past week because she was so busy trying to get donations.

Siena College president Rev. Kevin Mackin and Albany County Executive Mike Breslin attended the students' send-off.

"You will be seeing the fruits of your labor in a way that is going to last," Breslin told the students.

Van Woert agreed.

"It's very rewarding. It's an emotional experience to meet a person who's going to own a home for the first time," he said.



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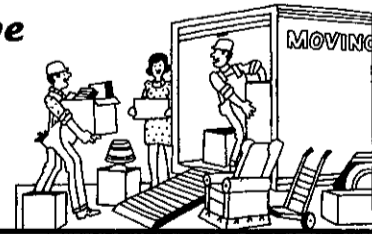
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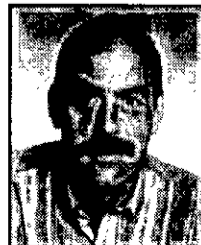
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# Sports

## Voorheesville Ladybirds BC boys track team finishes strong continue drive to title

By Chris Bonham

The Voorheesville Lady Blackbirds girls basketball team continued to soar undefeated as they captured their third straight Capital Conference regional Class C girl's championship.

### Basketball

Voorheesville is only the third school in the Section II history to win three straight regional titles. The Birds elevated their perfect record (25-0), as they defeated Northeastern Clinton 55-38 last Saturday at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall.

The Ladybirds came out strong in the first quarter leading 18-7 at the buzzer. In second quarter action, the Birds kept the pressure on giving up only seven points, while earning 15 points themselves.

In the third quarter, Voorheesville slowed the pace down, as Northeastern Clinton scored 10

points and the Blackbirds tallied nine points. Northeastern again outscored the Birds in the fourth quarter, 14-13 but it wasn't enough as the Ladybirds remained undefeated and easily won the game 55-38.

"The game went well, we had a great first half," said Voorheesville head coach Jack Adams. "We played great defense. In the second half, we slowed the pace down and played a different style game. The kids did a good job with it and it worked."

Voorheesville senior Jane Meade was again the Birds top scorer with 23 points. Regan Burns had 10 points, Jen Riede followed up with an additional eight points and Julie Baron added another six points towards the Birds triumph over Northeastern Clinton.

Voorheesville is now the top ranked Class C team in the state. The Ladybirds will play Trumansburg in the Semifinals Saturday at noon at Hudson Valley Community College.

By Catherine Hartman

The Bethlehem boys varsity track team completed a successful season recently at the New York State Indoor Track and Field Championship at Syracuse in the Carrier Dome.

### Track

The team finished with a league record of 72-2.

The section II runners placed fourth, a somewhat disappointing close for them. However, Bethlehem did compete well in two of its events, setting school records in both.

Tim Kavanagh placed 11th in 600-meter with a time of 124.5.

As usual the relay team including seniors Dave Raab, Matt Reuter, Jared Macarin and junior Khalid Umar placed sixth with a time of 134.2.

"I'd like to congratulate the whole team on an exceptional season. At one point there were five brand new coaches for about 150 athletes, which was tough on them and us," said coach Jason Wood.



Bethlehem indoor track team members, (front) Matt Reuter, Dan Rosenthal, Khalid Umar and Dave Raab, (back) Kris Darlington, Tim Kavanagh, Jared Macarin and coach Jason Wood competed recently in Syracuse.

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## Local girls compete in USS Nationals this month

Tori DeLollo of Glenmont and Elyse McDonough of Delmar recently qualified for the United States Swimming Junior Nationals Swimming Championships, to be held March 24 through March 28 at the Goodwill Games Swimming Complex in Long Island.

DeLollo will compete in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke while McDonough will compete in the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medley. Both swimmers are competing for the Albany Starfish Swim Team.

## Delmar Dash is set for April 5

The 10th annual Delmar Dash will be held Sunday, April 5 at 9 a.m. The race will begin and end at the corner of Elsmere and Delaware avenues.

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# Swimmers set records, personal bests at meet

## Swimming

Ten swimmers competed in the annual March Madness Invitational Swim Meet sponsored by the Johnstown YMCA Sea Otters in the inaugural meet at the new Gloversville Middle School Swimming Pool.

In the boys 8 and under category **Justin Murphy** made two new records

In the 100-yard individual medley he swam in a time of 1:31.79 and in the 50-yard butterfly with a time of 42.79.

Murphy came in second place in the 50-yard breaststroke and second in the 100-yard freestyle.

**Hana Segerstrom** competed in the girls 8 and under category.

She came in first place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 40.18. She also took third place in the 100-yard individual medley, 50-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle.

In the girls 11 and 12-year-old category **Courtney Arduini** broke her own year-old record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.24 and achieved an additional meet record in the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:06.29.

Arduini also took first place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.48.

In the boys 11 and 12-year-old category **Caleb Bonvel** took second place in the 100-yard breaststroke and eighth place in the 100-yard individual medley.

**Ricky Grant** took second place in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke.

He also placed fifth in the 50-yard butterfly.

In the girls 13 and 14-year-old category **Sarah Richardson** placed sixth in the 100-yard backstroke and eighth in the 200-yard backstroke.

**Teresa Rosetti** won first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:04.15 and second place in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley and fourth place in the 50-yard freestyle.

In the 15 to 18-year-old category, **Katie Richardson** placed fifth in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke and eighth in the 100-yard butterfly.

Swimming personal bests were earned by both **Natsuki** and **Shoko Kubotera**.

## Babe Ruth kids ready for spring

There is probably no group in Bethlehem that awaits the arrival of spring more eagerly than those who are involved with the town's Babe Ruth organization.

When the boys and girls of spring trot out onto the diamond this year they will be opening a whole new era of baseball in town.

What will make this season so special for the Babe Ruth players are the two new baseball diamonds on which they will be playing.

The new playing fields on Line Drive just off the Delmar Bypass Extension are seen by the Bethlehem Babe Ruth organization as major facilities that will contribute greatly to the growth of baseball in the town.

"We now have a home," said **Peter Bulger**, Babe Ruth president, "people and players will know where to find us."

Spring registration is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, at Bethlehem town hall auditorium.

## Wrestler places 4th in NY state finals

Tim Leonard, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, placed fourth in the 119-pound weight class in the state wrestling championships in Syracuse on Saturday, May 17.

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# High scorers at Del Lanes

## Bowling

The following people earned bowling honors at Del Lanes during the week of Monday, March 9:

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Senior Citizen Women: **Mildred Hammes**, 182 in three games; **Eleanor Moak**, 483 in three games.

Men: **Joe Bartczak**, 754; **Micky Grady**, 300 and 736 in three games; **Larry Boomhower**, 1,030 in four games.

Women: **Susan Herzog**, 247; **Beth Matthews**, 577; **Heidi Cornell**, 269 and 945 in three games.

Adult/Junior Men: **Ed Leno**, 224 and 611 in three games; **Steve Vnuk**, 220 and 561 in three games; **Marie Yagel**, 192 and 546 in three games; **Beth Matthews**, 191 and 527 in three games.

Boys/Girls: **Matt Vnuk**, 213 and 586 in three games; **Mike Brady**, 189 and 505 in three games; **Stacey Spagnola**, 200 and 554 in three games; **Katie Veeder**, 210 and 458 in three games.

Junior Classic: **Mike O'Brien**,

259 and 935 in three games; **Chris Williams**, 244 and 906 in three games; **Kelly McNally**, 200 and 738 in three games; **Amanda Clapper**, 205 and 689 in three games.

Seniors: **Chris Sifka**, 220 and 633 in three games; **Jason Kelly**, 217 and 522 in three games; **Denise Doran**, 211 and 601 in three games; **Bari Banner**, 212 and 575 in three games.

Juniors: **Matt O'Brien**, 211 and 517 in three games; **Ryan Connors**, 189 and 489 in three games; **Aubrey Spaulding**, 195 and 534 in three games; **Marina Kinner**, 162 and 389 in three games.

Preps: **Kevin Pittz**, 189; **Zach Hasselbarth**, 171; **Emily Malinkowski**, 158; **Jennifer Kerr**, 152 and 388 in three games.

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# SPRING Sports & Fitness

## Getting in shape for summer sports takes commitment

By Peter Hanson

With the first day of spring looming at the end of this week, it's time to take a hard look at what you did to your body by spending the winter lying on the couch and sipping hot chocolate while you watched the Olympics and enjoyed the final episodes of *Seinfeld*.

But according to D.J. Taylor, the owner of Fitness For Her, located at 333 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, your first move shouldn't be to do a bunch of sit-ups to try to work off that belly you built up over the winter.

"The age-old idea of spot reducing is a fallacy," Taylor said. "People should ease into exercise slowly. What's important is to get into a low-weight, higher-repetition program with a higher cardiovascular workout."

Taylor said people who were sedentary over the winter shouldn't head for the tennis court or the golf course until they've gotten their body ready to do some work. "If they're starting from ground zero," Taylor said, "they're going to have to start with a basic beginner program. What kind of program that varies with age."

But what about casual

athletes who just want to slim down their hips so they'll look good in a tennis outfit? Taylor said it's dangerous to take sports lightly because performing athletic activity when your body isn't ready can put strain on your heart.

"You need to start (training) your body from the top down," she said. "To work on just one area is kind of a senseless workout."

Taylor said her club is designed as a total fitness center where clients are shown how they can improve their overall health through closely supervised exercise.

Taylor also said she thinks aerobic workouts are the best overall exercises for improving cardiovascular endurance, which she said is the first step toward building a stronger body.

"I used to be an avid impact sports person," she said. "Softball, racquetball, rugby. But in the 14 years I've been teaching aerobics, I've never sustained an injury."

Taylor said aerobics have "allowed me to have upper body strength, abdominal strength and lower body strength. It's an



Fitness For Her's D.J. Taylor, standing, and Mary Jo Lee discuss leg extension techniques. Gregory Sweet

all-encompassing exercise involving all the muscles as well as getting the heart rate up."

Still, aerobics aren't for everyone — some clients prefer free weights and others like old-fashioned crunches and push-ups.

To find out what each client needs, Taylor's staffers ask new clients about their age, weight, diet, family health history, previous exercise experience and other items to arrive at an "overall assessment" of the client's needs.

What follows are some suggestions about what kinds of exercises people who plan to do summer sports like tennis and golf can do to get back in shape.

With both sports, the first priority is improving flexibility to prevent injuries. "If you've been sedentary," Taylor said, "one of the most important things is improving your flexibility, because a lack of movement promotes a lack of flexibility."

Other tennis exercises include:

- To improve lower body strength, Taylor recommended lateral knee suspension and quad-developing exercises.
- For arm swing strength, she suggested activities that work rotator cuffs and triceps and that involve overhead motion.

• Clients wishing to increase their forearm strength should work their triceps and biceps, Taylor said. She suggested free weights like dumbbells and individual hand weights.

"All of these upper body exercises could be done successfully with a free weight workout or isolated muscle-group workouts on a machine station," Taylor said.

For golfers, the obvious first step is running and walking, which Taylor said should be followed by an arm program for the swing and a weight program to train the client's body for the golfing stance.

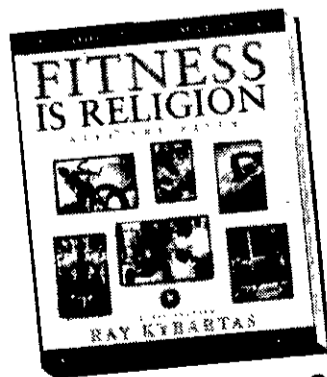
Laura Taylor, D.J. Taylor's partner, noted that golfers often have bad backs. "(The golf swing) is a real unnatural twist," Laura Taylor said. For that reason, Laura Taylor recommended golfers work on their trapezius, abdominal and erector muscles to improve their back strength.

Both Taylors laughed when they remembered the last time Laura tried to golf after several years away from the game. "I took 10 strokes at each hole," Laura Taylor said. "Pine Haven (golf course) has never been the same."

Laura Taylor said after her golf game, her upper body was stiff for days, which proves that even fitness professionals can overdo themselves. For that reason, both Taylors said, it's prudent to know your physical limitations at each stage in a fitness program.

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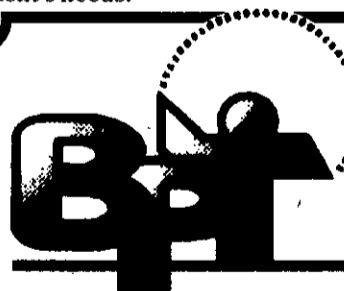
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# Area physical therapists discuss sports medicine

By Bill Fonda

When Old Man Winter finally gives way to spring, golf courses, tennis courts and baseball fields will once again be filled with people trying to shake off the cold-weather "blahs."

However, physical therapist Thomas Fashouer, Director of Rehabilitation at Sports Fitness Albany, said people who get back into action too quickly are risking injury.

"People sit around during the winter and don't really do a

whole lot, and then as the weather gets nice, they get motivated to get out and do something. The muscles and the joints are just not ready for that kind of action," Fashouer said.

Physical therapist Nick Valenze, the owner of Bethlehem Physical Therapy, recommends stretching quadriceps, hamstrings, calves, shoulders and trunk every day for 10 minutes starting about four weeks before the season starts, adding push-ups, sit-ups

and leg lifts after one week.

While getting the muscles and joints ready for action is important in preventing injuries, Fashouer said it is also prudent to use well-maintained equipment, replacing it when it wears out.

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Thomas Fashouer

Two more injury-prevention measures include playing against the appropriate level of competition and following safety rules, especially in youth sports.

"Coaches need to teach proper techniques and they

need to enforce them," Fashouer said.

Unfortunately, all the precautions in the world can't totally prevent injuries. Fashouer and Valenze treat lots of knees, shoulders, ankles and hands injured by overuse or contact with an opponent or a surface.

Their treatment options include ice, heat and whirlpools; electronic stimulation, ultrasound and exercise.

Treatments minimize pain and swelling, restore normal range of motion and rebuild strength so the athlete can return to activity as soon as possible.

Valenze and Fashouer, who have been involved in sports medicine for 10 and 20 years, respectively, said the field has made great strides.

Fashouer noted that many area high schools now have athletic trainers, something that was "completely unheard of" 20 years ago, while Valenze said advances in surgery and rehabilitation methods are allowing

athletes to come back from injuries faster than ever.

Doctors are currently working on regenerating damaged cartilage instead of removing it, which both therapists feel will be the next big change in sports medicine.

Many recent advancements are the results of work with college, Olympic and professional athletes, information which Valenze says "can be imparted to the weekend warrior or the average person that we see in the clinic."

High-profile athletes who have come back from injuries sooner than expected include Joan Benoit-Samuels, who in 1984 ran a marathon a few weeks after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery, and professional football players Jerry Rice and Rod Woodson, who came back from reconstructive knee surgery to play later the same season.

While their achievements were impressive, Fashouer said they can lead people to have unrealistic expectations as to what they can achieve.

"These athletes are superhumans. They have qualities you and I don't have," he said, adding that they were able to fully devote themselves to rehab, which is a luxury most people don't have.

Fashouer also feels that Woodson, who was a star cornerback for the Pittsburgh Steelers when he suffered his injury, came back too soon because of the lure of playing in the Super Bowl.

"There's no way he was 100 percent. There's no way he was ready to play," he said.

According to Fashouer, people should listen to their doctor and set realistic goals.

"We're still limited in that we're dealing with the human body," he noted.

Bethlehem Physical Therapy is located at 365 Feura Bush Road and Route 9W in Glenmont. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information, call 436-3954.

Valenze splits his time between Bethlehem and Catskill Physical Therapy, which he also owns.

Sports Therapy Albany is located at 4 Executive Park Drive in Albany. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. For information, call 489-2449.

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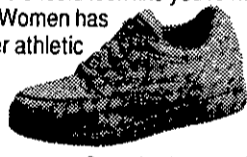
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# Bikes and blades offer outdoor fun for everyone

By Katherine McCarthy

Bikes and blades—vehicles of the 90s—easy to ride, fun for everyone.

Dorian Robinson, a manager at Klarsfeld Cyclery on Central Avenue, just past Fuller Road in Albany, cautioned parents against buying a bike too big for their kids. "We fit a kid to a bike by their inseam length."

"It can be difficult to fit a bike made in a department store," he said. "The frames aren't made to fit a child, and the handlebars are created more for style." A 16 inch bike at a Klarsfeld starts at \$125, but Robinson feels it's worth it.

The 16 inch refers to the size

of the wheel; a 5-year-old could start on a bicycle with a hand-brake, inching closer to the days they ride a bike "just like mom and dad's."

By the time a child is 8 or 9, she could be ready for an adult sized wheel. At \$209, it's not a small investment, but, with a quick-release seat, she could ride it until she is an adult.

For an adult purchasing a bike just for family use, Robinson said you don't need to spend more than \$300. Mountain bikes remain popular, he said, as they can also be used for suburban pedaling. "Trek is our most popular bike," he said. "It has a comfortable upright riding

position, sloping tube tops, and is easy to turn."

The other kind of popular wheels these days are in-line skates. After spending all that money on a new bicycle, though, you can treat yourself to some savings at Play It Again Sports, located in Peter Harris Plaza on the Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham. Play It Again Sports sells good quality, used sporting goods, usually for about half the cost of new.

"We check over everything," manager Bryan Henniger said. "With in-line skates, we pay special attention to the bearing, the part of the wheel that keeps

it moving. We try and get good quality; we don't want to be known as a flea market."

Henniger said their skates start around a size 3, which would typically fit a 5-year-old. "For smaller sizes, Rollerblade makes an Xtendblade, which can fit a growing foot from sizes 10-2, 11-3, or 3-6," he said.

Henniger said most youth skates are designed to keep kids safe and build confidence.

"There's a brake on both skates in junior sizes," he said, "Since kids are not likely to pay attention to which foot their brake is on, like in the adult

sizes. Also, the precision bearing that comes in high quality skates makes the kids go slower.

Whether biking or blading, the correct protective gear is critical, especially for children, said both Roberts and Henniger.

On a bike, don't forget a helmet. Rollerblading requires more gear: an ANSI certified bike helmet; and pads to protect your wrists, elbows and knees.

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# Five Rivers and John Boyd Thacher State Park

By Katherine McCarthy

If the nights remain above 40 degrees, and it rains for two days in a row, the hills will truly be alive in John Boyd Thacher State Park.

"There are a couple of species of salamander that migrate across the road to get to their breeding ponds," explained Nancy Engel, parks and recreation aide at Thacher. Doug Fraser, a biology professor at SUNY, helps them cross, and so do volunteers. They watch the road and slow the traffic so the salamanders can get across.

If the magic of standing in the middle of the road with a bunch of lizards on a dark rainy night eludes you, there are plenty of other reasons to visit Thacher Park.

Looking east beyond Albany to the Berkshires, Thacher Park starts just after Route 157 turns right from Route 85 in the town of New Scotland. It is comprised of over 2,300 acres, filled with walking and hiking trails of varying length and difficulty, trails for mountain bikes, picnic areas, playgrounds, and even a swimming pool.

"Our trail system is such that there's lots of loops and turns," Engel said. "We can accommodate any level, from beginners on up. The Long Path North, which starts at the George Washington Bridge in New

Jersey, goes through Pennsylvania and more of New York, ends here in Thacher Park. We had two men in their 70s come in last fall; it was their third time of doing the entire trail.

Thacher Park is abundant in natural life, with beaver ponds, streams, waterfalls, and woods. Most famous, though, is the Indian Ladder trail, which shows the rough face of the cliff.

The park also presents a number of programs geared at a layman's level. On April 26, there is an Earth Day walking event and on May 3, there is a guided wild flower walk, and a bird watching tour on May 17. In July, there are 3 and 5 kilometer races held on the trails. The pool opens on July 20, and costs 50 cents for children, \$1 for adults.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, there is an entrance fee of

\$4 per vehicle to the park. For information, call 872-1237.

At Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, located on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, you can stretch your legs on any of the 12 miles of trails, and be sure to encounter some sort of wildlife, whether it is deer, birds or tree frogs noisily searching for their mates on the center's ponds.

"It is a varied habitat," said Craig Thompson, director at Five Rivers. "There are rolling fields, forests, ponds, and marshes. The reason there are so many critters is that there is great diversity of cover."

One of Five River's most important residents is New York's state bird, the eastern bluebird. "I'm amazed at the number of people who tell us they've never seen a bluebird," Thompson said, explaining that

the declining bluebird population has made it a species of special concern.

A bluebird festival is scheduled for April 4 at Five Rivers. There will be outdoor walks, a chance to build a bluebird box, and videos.

A night walk is scheduled for March 27 at 7 p.m. "We'll be listening and looking for peepers (tree frogs), geese, woodcocks and any other signs of spring," Thompson said.

During March weekends, visitors to Five Rivers can enjoy one of the sweetest signs of spring: maple syrup. "We'll be showing the basic ways to tap a tree and boil the sap down,"

Thompson said.

In April, former art editor for *The Conservationist* magazine, Wayne Trimm, will be offering a family workshop for those interested in sketching from nature.

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# Dredge

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see how the system can be improved.

Because dredging temporarily improved the water system's output last year, O'Brien & Gere wants another dredging performed so the impact of that process on the water system can be studied.

Alessi said the information that was collected during last year's dredging is questionable and insufficient because the dredging was overseen by Rust Environmental, a Fraser subcontractor that is a player in the lawsuit.

"Do we have complete records? No," Alessi said. "Because one of the parties we are quite possibly adverse to created them."

On March 3, Fraser's lawyer, William H. Helferich of the Syracuse-based law firm Harter, Seacrest and Emery, said he plans to shift the blame in the lawsuit from Fraser to Rust because Rust designed the intake portion of the water system, which Fraser believes is where the fault, if any, in the system lies.

Secor is the town official directly responsible for the dredging application that was submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Alessi presented the dredging proposal because it is so enmeshed with the lawsuit, which Alessi filed Feb. 27.

Alessi did most of the talking at the March 11 meeting and fielded questions from town board members and residents.

"What O'Brien & Gere is actively working on now is to see whether removal of siltation will improve the well yield," Alessi said. "It is my recommendation that that be continued as a litigation position."

Alessi said the cost of any dredging would be recoverable as part of damages in the lawsuit.

He also said the Army Corps of Engineers needs to decide whether dredging is an emergency

measure. If the Corps determines it is, the town could move swiftly and dredge before the spawning season. Otherwise, it might have to wait until after the season, which ends in late summer.

Alessi said that after the dredging is done, a study will be done by O'Brien & Gere to see how quickly resiltation occurs and, therefore, how often dredging needs to occur.

Board member Susan Burns said that if the dredging isn't approved, the town's other water source — the Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland — wouldn't be able to meet the demands of Bethlehem's industrial customers.

"We might have to buy some water (from Albany) for industry," Burns said. "If the well yield goes down, what is that going to cost us?"

"The town is going to have to spend money to solve this problem," Alessi said, adding that O'Brien & Gere is working on long-term and short-term solutions to the water shortage.

"To be able to troubleshoot a system that took years to design takes time," Alessi said, but "Every penny we have incurred and every penny we will incur, we're going to go after (from Fraser). They have put us in a position where we have to do that."

Sherwood Davies, of the citizen's group Clearwater for Bethlehem, raised several questions about the necessity of dredging, which his group feels is a "Band-Aid" approach that won't correct the system's real shortcomings.

If siltation is one cause of the

system's shortage, Davies asked, what are the other causes? Alessi said O'Brien & Gere feels siltation is the first culprit whenever an intake shortage is evident.

Davies asked how much dredging will cost, and Alessi said \$45,000. He said this is more cost-efficient than buying water from Albany throughout the summer.

Secor said the reason this year's dredging is cheaper than last year's because first-time costs like the establishment of detention walls were paid in 1997 and because this year's dredging will go one to three inches below the river bottom; last year's went three to six inches deep.

Davies said dredging will dislodge lead, mercury and PCBs located in the sediment of the Hudson River. Alessi and Secor both said the levels of toxins involved in the dredging will be within DEC limits and that DEC representatives will supervise the dredging.

"Dredging is a very common process," Secor said. "It's an environmentally sound process."

DEC answer — is it environmentally sound? — do they know yet how they'll respond to the proposal?

"Lead, mercury and PCBs are virtually ubiquitous," Alessi added. "The DEC has even established acceptable background levels (of PCBs) in some areas."

Secor said he expects a response from DEC about the dredging application in a matter of weeks.

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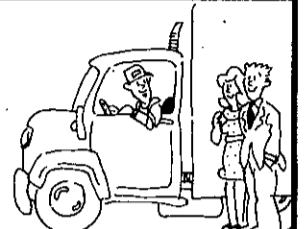
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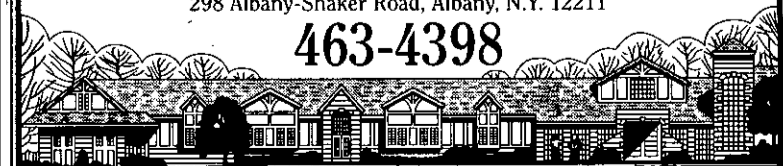
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# Critic says water system is losing \$300K a year

## Claim conflicts with town's reports

By Peter Hanson

Clearwater for Bethlehem's Sherwood Davies said the town's water system is "losing \$300,000 a year." Upon analysis, some of the numbers Davies used to reach this conclusion are accurate but others are not.

For instance, Davies said the system's yearly costs include \$78,000 for dredging and \$30,000 in fees paid to engineering and legal firms.

According to attorney Robert J. Alessi, who is representing the town in its suit against the water system's designer, last year's dredging cost \$78,000, but it included first-time expenses. Last year's dredging was paid for with a grant from the Federal Emer-

gency Management Agency.

Subsequent dredgings will cost \$45,000, Alessi said.

Davies' estimate of legal and engineering costs may be closer to the mark. Last year, Alessi's firm billed \$12,000 for services rendered from July to December, a cost of about \$2,000 per month. If this rate continues, Alessi's firm could bill \$24,000 for 1998.

Because the town has also retained the engineering firm O'Brien & Gere, Davies' \$30,000 estimate seems realistic — provided the town retains both firms for an entire year.

Davies also said there's a difference between what it costs Bethlehem to produce water at the Clapper Road plant and what the town's



Bruce Secor

industrial clients pay for that water.

Selkirk Cogen has a 10-year agreement to pay \$1.69 per 1,000 gallons, but it currently costs about \$2.16 to produce 1,000 gallons at the plant. Other industrial clients, who collectively purchase less water than Selkirk Cogen, paid \$1.28 per 1,000 gallons in 1997.

Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor said the plant's water is so expensive because of the infiltration problem that prompted the town's lawsuit. If the plant was working properly, Secor said, the cost would be closer to \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Davies feels the town is eating a 47-cent loss on every 1,000 gallons it sells. At the plant's current output of about 1.75 million gallons per day (GPD), that would represent an annual loss of \$300,212.50,

or \$822.50 per day. trial clients until September, Secor said.

Furthermore, Davies said the town can buy water from Albany at \$1.81 per 1,000 gallons, which would be cheaper than producing it in Bethlehem. The Albany price was the result of negotiations last year between town Supervisor Sheila Fuller and Albany Mayor Gerald D. Jennings. Fuller bargained Jennings down

The Clapper Road plant was designed to pump six million GPD, which is twice what Bethlehem's current industrial clients use. If the water system can be made to produce the full six million GPD, the cost of water from the Clapper Road plant would shrink to 75 cents per 1,000 gallons — if Bethlehem lures enough industrial clients to buy that water.

Secor contends the town is saving money, not losing money, by having the Clapper Road plant in place. In January, Secor told *The Spotlight* the water system saved Bethlehem \$1 million in 1997. The savings represented money the town would otherwise have spent buying water from Albany.

Although that \$1 million figure was based on the \$2.42 price, Secor said the town still saved money compared to the renegotiated \$1.81 price. Based on that number, Secor said, the town saved just over \$555,000 in 1997.

Secor said that between water rates and taxes, industrial clients paid about \$1.6 million for one billion gallons of Clapper Road water last year, which means the plant is running at a break-even level.

If engineers are able to increase the flow of water into the plant, it will run more efficiently and economically, Secor said. And that's why the town is suing the system's designer. As town Supervisor Sheila Fuller said last week, "The town paid for six million gallons per day, and we won't settle for anything else."

from the old price of \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons.

The reduced price of Albany water is an instance of the water system saving Bethlehem money. Once the system was put on-line in 1995, Bethlehem didn't need to buy water from Albany for its industrial clients.

For that reason, Albany cut a deal to get Bethlehem's business back.

At this moment, all of Bethlehem's water comes from two sources: the Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland and the Clapper Road water plant.

Come May, though, Bethlehem will probably buy water from Albany — at the \$1.81 price — to compensate for the shortage from the Clapper Road plant. The town will buy Albany water for its indus-

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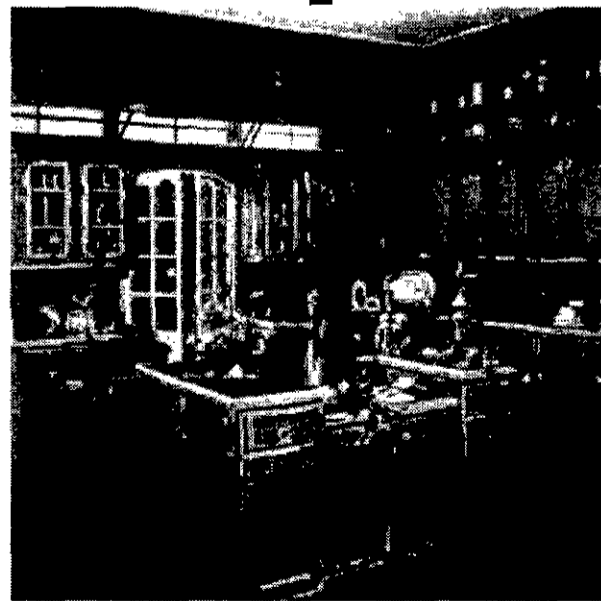


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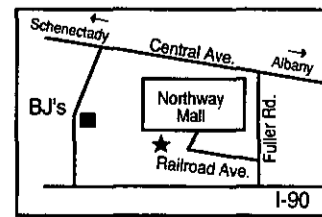
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# Student exchange to be focus of PTSA program

On Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk PTSA will sponsor an informational meeting about foreign exchange programs.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about hosting a foreign exchange student or becoming an exchange student in another country.

Susan Kambirth, former representative of a foreign exchange program, and teachers Josie Prozik and Carolyn Filson will present the program.

It will be followed by the PTSA Good Citizenship Award ceremony. Five students, chosen by their peers, will be honored.

The public is welcome to attend.

## PTO to kick off spring fund-raiser

Pieter B. Coeymans PTO will kick off its spring fund-raiser on Monday, March 23.

Becker School PTA will meet on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m.

## Historian to discuss state's forgotten hero

Former Gov. Martin Glynn's summer home, now the Bethlehem Elks club, will be the site of the Bethlehem Historical Association's meeting Thursday, March 19, at 2 p.m.

Valatie village historian Dominic Lizzi will talk about "Gov. Glynn, Forgotten Hero."

The presentation is free and open to the public.

## Scouts on a roll

RCS Girl Scouts will be roller-skating at the Skate Factory in Ghent on Saturday, March 28, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Scouts can participate in a Council patch program. This event is

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chaired by Pat Hamilton. The fee for the program is \$3.

## Tax help on tap at RCS library

It's tax time again, and the RCS Community Library has free tax assistance.

An IRS trained volunteer is available Tuesday and Saturday mornings to offer basic advice from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

On Thursday, March 26, the book discussion group will talk about *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.

To register for the program, call 756-2053.

## Nursery school plans rummage sale

Slingerlands Nursery School at Bethlehem Community United Methodist Church on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be clothes, toys, baby items, housewares and books.

## Delmar library plans spring story times

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar will help tots Wing into Spring with stories, songs and a craft on Saturday, March 21, and Monday, March 23, at 10:30 p.m.

Register for one session only by calling 439-9314.

## V'ville PTA slates fun fest

Voorheesville PTA will sponsor a Fun Festival on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium.

There will be games, door prizes, crafts, food, a bake sale and raffle for a basket of retired Beanie Babies.

Admission is free. Everyone is invited to attend.

## RCS library slates children's programs

RCS Community Library on 15 Mountain Road in Ravena has scheduled preschool story times for Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 19, at 10 a.m.

The library will sponsor a papercraft workshop for children ages 5 and up on Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m. Participants will make a basket to bring home. Registration is required.

Call the library or stop in to sign up. For information, call 756-2053.

## Recycle books at town hall

Recycle outdated hard and softcover books until April 9 at Bethlehem town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

## Nursery school sets open house

Circle of Friends Nursery School will hold an open house on Thursday, March 19, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Families are invited to bring children ages 3 and 4 to explore a variety of hands-on learning activities and join in a sing-a-long.

Circle of Friends offers a fully integrated early childhood program with a high teacher to child ratio.

There is a four hour program at the Delmar site and a two and a half hour program at the Glenmont site. Both sites offer a six-week summer program.

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# Births

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Girl, Ellie Grace Bell, to Gregory and Elaine Bell of Delmar, Feb. 27.

Boy, Luke Andrew Marcelle, to Thomas and Elena Marcelle of Slingerlands, March 1.

Boy, Aaron James Carrk, to Jim and Sandra Caark of Delmar, March 3.

Boy, John Martin Canova, to Christopher and Mary Canova of Glenmont, March 6.

## Out of town

Boy, Shawn Kenneth McDermott, to James and Lori McDermott of Hudson, N. H., Feb. 13. Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Kathryn Schimanski of Delmar.

## Delmar student to study in Spain

Jennifer Engelhardt of Delmar, a sophomore at The College of Saint Rose, will spend the spring semester studying at the Center for Cross-Cultural Study in Seville, Spain.



Raymond and Priscilla Ruff

## Ruffs celebrate 50th

Raymond and Priscilla Ruff of Elsmere celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 7.

The couple renewed their marriage vows at a ceremony at St. Joan of Arc Church in Menands, where they were married on Feb. 8, 1948.

A family dinner followed at the Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road in Colonie.

Raymond is retired. He formerly owned Mullon Auto Electric in Albany.

Priscilla is a retired state Thruway Authority clerk.

The couple has three daughters, JoAnn Audino of Latham and Linda Roberts and Laura Rogozinski, both of Selkirk, and four grandchildren.

## Beth Emeth hosts musical duo

The Jewish musical duo Kol B'seder will perform on Sunday, March 29, at 1 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth at 100 Academy Road in Albany.

Cantor Jeff Klepper and Rabbi Dan Frelander combine traditional texts with original melodies to produce a new Jewish sound.

Klepper, originally from Delmar, is cantor at Beth Emet Free Synagogue in Evanston, Ill.

Frelander is national director of program for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Tickets purchased in advance cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 13. At the door they will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for children.

Tickets can be purchased at Beth Emeth's office or by mail. Orders should be sent to Kol B'seder Concert, Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany 12208.

Tickets ordered by mail will be available the day of the concert. Advance ticket orders must be received by March 25.



Crystal Fournier and Jeffrey Dovigh

## Fournier, Dovigh engaged

Crystal Fournier, daughter of Alfred and Barbara Fournier of Delmar, and Jeffrey T. Dovigh, son of Frank and Elizabeth Dovigh of Catskill, Greene County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Oswego. She is an ac-

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The future groom is a graduate of SUNY Delhi. He is operations manager at K & D Equipment Co. in Catskill.

The couple plans an Oct. 10 wedding.

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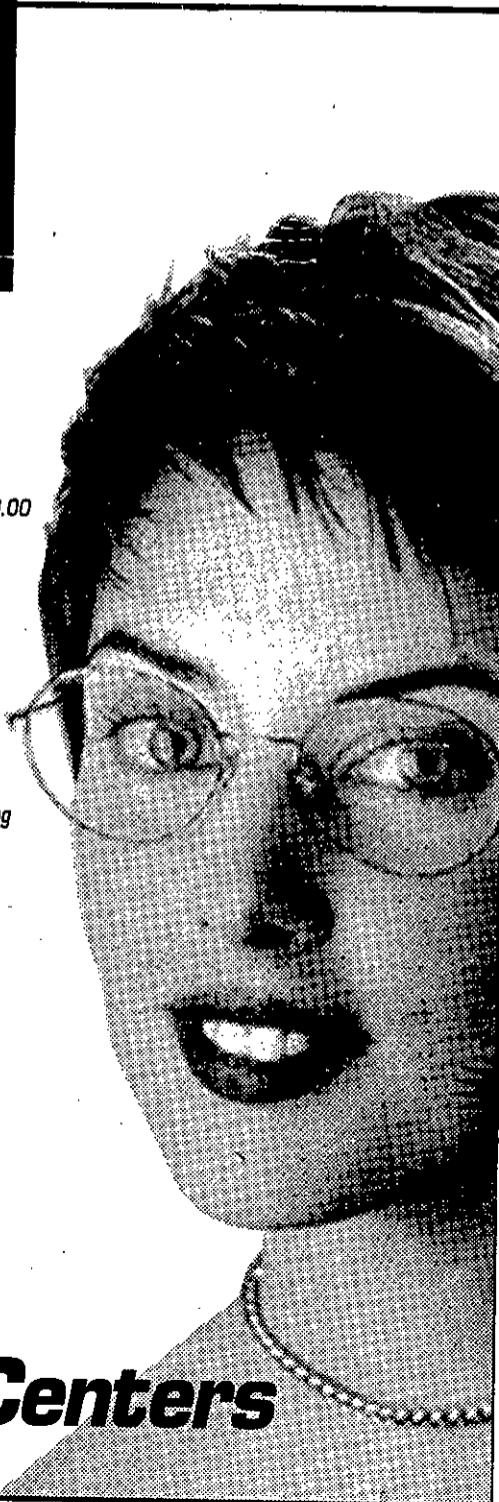
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Christopher Ciancio and Laura Quinlan

## Quinlan, Ciancio to wed

Laura Quinlan, daughter of Thomas and Lynn Quinlan of Delmar, and Christopher Ciancio, son of Frank Ciancio of Dobbs Ferry, Westchester County, and the late Louise Ciancio, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and The College of Saint Rose. She

is an international flight attendant for American Airlines.

The future groom is a graduate of SUNY Oswego. He is an account executive at Advertising Display Co. of Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

The couple plans a June 13 wedding.

## Stasko, O'Connell to wed

Sara Stasko, daughter of George and Frances Stasko of Selkirk, and Maurice O'Connell, son of Jacqueline O'Connell of Glenmont and the late Maurice O'Connell, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Russell Sage College and the University at Albany. She is a Spanish teacher at Bethlehem Central

Middle School.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, The College of Saint Rose and Sage Graduate School. He is a youth counselor at the state Department of Children and Family Services.

The couple plans an August wedding.

## DEAN'S LIST

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Lee Attarian, W. Joseph Bush, Allison Dannenberg, Donald Dawson Jr., Justine Gamelin, Kelly Gerber, Katie Nardolillo, William Saleh and Sean Spencer, all of Glenmont. Randy Ross, Jennifer Scott, Jessica Stanton and Jessica VanSchaack, all of Selkirk.

Andrew Allingham, Mark Barrett, Yong Soo Cheon, Mary Derwesh, Kim Edmond, Thomas Flynn, Joseph Genovesi, Barry Isbister and Sharon Overton, all of Slingerlands. Jason Berbrick, Lisa Filkins, William Hillmann, Thomas Hoyt, Nicole Piquette and Joseph Sheehan, all of Voorheesville.

## Class of '97

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## Delmar lawyer runs for Family Court seat

Longtime law clerk William Soronen Jr. of Delmar has announced his candidacy for Albany County Family Court.

He was endorsed by the Albany County Republican Committee.

Soronon is currently confidential law clerk for Court of Claims Judge Francis Collins, and was formerly law clerk for state Supreme Court Justice Harold Hughes.

He is a graduate of Iona College and Albany Law School.



Carolynn Doody and David Hansen

## Doody, Hansen to marry

Carolynn M. Doody, daughter of Robert and Judith Doody of Delmar, and David J. Hansen, son of Donald and June Hansen of Clinton, Conn., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Sacred Heart University. She

is studying for a master's degree at Radford University.

The future groom is a graduate of Sacred Heart University. He is studying for a master's degree at Virginia Tech.

The couple plans a June 20 wedding.

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# Obituaries

## Arthur V. Smith

Arthur V. Smith, of Selkirk died Monday, March 16, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Coeymans, he was the proprietor of ABS Composition in Selkirk. Mr. Smith was a member of the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge in Delmar, and a former member of the Bethlehem Grange and Ravena Rotary.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Hotaling Smith; a son Wayne A. Smith of Feura Bush; two daughters, Cora E. Burns of Ravena and Eileen Smith of Selkirk; a brother, Willis Smith of Glenmont; a sister, Ruth Seaburg of Ravena; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled Thursday, March 19, at 10 a.m. at the Caswell Funeral Home, 64 Martins Hill Road, Ravena. Calling hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Elva C. Dootz

Elva Collins Dootz, 70, of Delmar died Monday, March 16, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany she graduated from the former Vincentian Institute. She was a longtime resident of Delmar.

She was an executive secretary for the Thruway Authority before she retired in 1992. She was a volunteer for the Red Cross and a member of the senior luncheon group at St. Thomas. She was also a travelers guide at Albany County Airport and member of the Delmar Progress Club.

Mrs. Dootz was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

She was the widow of John P. Dootz.

Survivors include four sons, John J. Dootz, Stephen M. Dootz, Thomas Dootz and Brian Dootz; a daughter, Diane Dootz Buckland; and four grandchildren.

Services are scheduled Thursday, March 19, at 8:45 a.m. from the Daniel Keenan Funeral home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany and at 9:30 a.m. from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Calling hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home today.

Interment will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

## James Kennedy Jr.

James Kennedy Jr., 85, of Delmar died Sunday, March 15, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, he lived in Amsterdam until 1954.

Mr. Kennedy worked for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. in Glenmont at the steam generating plant until he retired in 1974. He was chief steward for Local 137 for more than 20 years. He was a member of Onesquethau Masonic Lodge and Albany Cyprus Temple.

Mr. Kennedy was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere, and he sang in the choir for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Andrews Kennedy; a son, Thomas J. Kennedy of Schenectady; a daughter, Margaret Thompson of Glenmont; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Amsterdam.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethau Lodge Memorial Fund, 421 Kenwood Ave.,

Delmar 12054 or Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## James F. Shanley

James F. Shanley, 78, of Kenaware Avenue in Delmar died Saturday, March 14, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Fall River, Mass., he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

Mr. Shanley was a research chemist for Albany Felt Co., retiring in 1983.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a lifelong member of the Delmar Fire Co., serving as commissioner for 15 years. He was an avid woodworker.

Survivors include his wife, Helen E. Sylvia Shanley; a daughter, Joyce Thomas of Delmar; a son, Douglas J. Shanley of Slingerlands; a sister, Theresa Toulon of Fall River, Mass.; and six grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated today, March 18, at St. James Church, 391 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

## James R. Thompson

James R. Thompson, of Cortland and a former Delmar resident, died Sunday, March 8, at Cortland Hospital.

Mr. Thompson worked for the Watervliet Arsenal for 27 years before retiring in 1972.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Asiatic and Philippine theaters.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia T. Wilcox of Delmar and Karen Beatie of Cohoes; a son, Stephen R. Thompson of Loudonville; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Stanton-Farrell Funeral Home in Cohoes.

Services were from St. Marie's/St. Agnes/St. Patrick's Church in Cohoes.

## Suzanne Sroka

Suzanne Gaidier Sroka, 93, of Guilderland and formerly of North Bethlehem and Albany, died Tuesday, March 10, at Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Born near Mount Saint Michel, she was a former resident of Beverwyck Retirement Community.

Mrs. Sroka was a French teacher at Albany Academy for Girls for 23 years and at the Uni-

versity at Albany for 24 years, retiring from there as an associate professor emerita. She was awarded the rank of Chevalier of the L'orde National des Palmes Academique of France in 1975.

She was the widow of Anthony Sroka.

Survivors include three daughters, Anne Stevens of Shaker Heights, Ohio, Yvonne McCredie of Berkeley, Calif., and Michelle Ordway of Bridgton, Maine; a son, Anthony Sroka of Albany; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at the Fort Orange Club, 110 Washington Ave., Albany, on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Albany Academy for Girls Capital Fund, 140 Academy Road, Albany 12208 or the The Chautauqua Institution Fund, Chautauqua 14722.

## BCHS sixth-graders learn how to spell respect

By Lisa K. Kelly

Sixth-graders learned important lessons recently at Bethlehem Central Middle School's Respect Day.

Former pro baseball player Gary Holle was one of the workshop facilitators.

Holle said he hoped the kids learned role models are human and how they need to respect others.

"Who are some questionable role models we look up to?" Holle asked the kids.

The students named National Basketball Association player Latrel Sprewell.

They also responded with such names as Dennis Rodman, O.J. Simpson and Charles Barkley.

Holle focused on Sprewell because of the recent controversy over his contract being reinstated.

Sprewell had been fired from the Golden State Warriors for attempting to choke his coach. However after negotiations, he received a five-month suspension and his \$16.3 million contract was reinstated.

Holle showed an unedited video tape of a recent ESPN interview where Sprewell told his side of the story.

"Did you see how they responded right away with Sprewell's name when I asked about questionable role models?" Holle said. "These kids really know what is going on."

"Then after the video they weren't so eager to judge him," Holle said. "They began to see him as a human being."

Holle said he thought the workshop went very well because the kids, mostly boys, knew what was going on in the media about Sprewell.

Rose Norris, who participated

in the workshop, said it wasn't quite what she expected. "I thought we'd be doing more role playing," she commented.

Norris and her classmate Shara Bellamy agreed that they learned that professional sports players get punished for not respecting their coaches.

Middle School Principal Stephen Lobban said the outstanding part of the day was watching the interaction between high school students and sixth-graders during the World of Difference workshops.

World of Difference workshops which were facilitated by 21 seniors from the high school.

Senior Laura Dicker said four to five activities were used to help students look at similarities and differences.

"I thought it was excellent," said Superintendent Les Loomis. "As a community we need to work together to help our students respect everyone around them and to appreciate their differences."

School board member Lynne Lenhardt said the program is something we could all use. She noted that talking to kids at an early age gives them something to reflect on when dealing with situations similar to those discussed in the workshops.

Networks coordinator Mona Prenoveau said the concept for the program stems from kids demonstrating a lack of respect throughout the community.

Respect Day was sponsored by Bethlehem Community Partnership, Bethlehem Middle School, Stewart's, Grand Union, Mr. Subb, Dunkin Donuts, IDEA School District Committee Grant, Price Chopper and the Delmar Marketplace.

"It was such a wonderful collaboration and I think that's what made the day," Prenoveau said.

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# INNER BEAUTY

## Play teaches lessons of the Elephant Man

By Dev Tobin

Human freaks of nature have been a form of crude entertainment for centuries.

According to Leslie Fiedler, they "stir both supernatural terror and natural sympathy, since he is one of us, the human child of human parents, however altered by forces we do not quite understand into something mythic and mysterious."

The true story of the "Elephant Man" — Englishman Joseph Merrick, whose head and body were grossly deformed by a congenital defect — has fascinated audiences of one kind or another for more than a century.

Merrick was an 1880s freak show "performer" whence he was rescued by a London surgeon, who found him a place to stay in a hospital. There Merrick was introduced to a better class of audience — doctors and Victorian gentry — who discovered "a gentle kindly man, poor thing" behind the deformities, according to the Duke of Cambridge.

The New York State Theatre Institute picked "The Elephant Man," the Tony-Award-winning play by Bernard Pomerance, because it goes beyond the obvious theme of how society mistreats disabled or different people, according to director Ed. Lange of Delmar.

"On a metaphysical level, the play concerns everybody's search for how we fit in to life and the world,"

Lange said.

"Unusual people are fascinating — we all deal with the idea of 'There but for the grace of God go I,'" he added. "Ultimately, we see Merrick as thoroughly human, just like ourselves."

To those who are familiar with the story from the 1980 David Lynch movie, Lange noted that the play is "more thrilling, emotional and evocative," and, the major difference, "There are people up there on stage performing for you."

Guest artist David Johann will play Merrick; institute veteran David Bunce of Colonie will play Dr. Frederick Treves, who saves Merrick from the freak shows; and guest artist Amelia Adams plays Madge Kendall, an actress who befriends Merrick.

Others in the cast include institute regulars Joel Aroeste, John Romeo, John McGuire, Michael Steese and Margaret Robinson.

Lange enthused about the cast.

"The acting is as good as you'll see anywhere, not just in the Capital District," he said.

Colonie Central High School students Rebecca Guiley and Emily Kindlon play Pinheads in the freak show, and Guiley also plays a countess.

"The Elephant Man" will be presented in the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy at 10 a.m. on March 18, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 26; at 8 p.m. on March 21, 27 and 28; and at 2 p.m. on March 22.

Tickets are \$16, \$14 for senior citizens and students, and \$8 for children under age 13. For information, call 274-3256.



Amelia Adams plays the role of the actress Mrs. Kendal, with David Bunce in the role of Dr. Frederick Treves, and David Johann in the title role of the NYS Theatre Institute's new production of *The Elephant Man*.

Tim Raab/Northern Photo

## Family Entertainment

CALENDAR • ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Own Town scores in delicate rendering of Thornton Wilder's best-known work

Artistic director Margaret Mancinelli-Cahill has revived the best-known Thornton Wilder work, *Our Town*, and given it a briskly paced presentation without sacrificing any of the playwright's tender poignancy.

The simply-told tale of life in turn-of-the-century Grover's Corners, a mythical town in New Hampshire, lauds life and encourages the living of life to the fullest through close relationships with others.

The Capital Repertory Company's production which continues through April 11, is enhanced by the performance of John Fiedler as the Stage Manager, a man who serves as a narrator of the tale of the town's inhabitants.

A veteran of theater, films and television, Fiedler's name is not a household moniker but once seen, audiences will immediately remember him in a variety of roles, including the librarian on the original *Star Trek* and the whiny card player in *The Odd Couple*.

Here, in *Our Town*, he is straightforward in his narration with a hint of rueful humor. He neatly ties the scenes together, setting up locale and plot with ease amid the simple scenery which has the actors miming their actions without the use of props.

The production with its large cast, many from local theater companies, benefits greatly from the work of Melissa Chalsma who grows as Emily Webb from teenager to the young wife and mother with alacrity. Her graveyard scene is beautifully done and her work with Zachary Ehrenfreund as George Gibbs, the young man who woos her, in the soda fountain scene is Wilder at his best. The simple scene speaks volumes, Eileen Schuyler as Mrs. Gibbs and Richard Easley as her husband, are also extremely effective. Reservations and information are available at 462-4531.



Martin P. Kelly

## SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

### Cathy Rigby brings her *Peter Pan* to Proctor's for eight performances

A production of the musical *Peter Pan* which has played around the country on its way to Broadway and features Olympic gold medal gymnast Cathy Rigby opens Tuesday, Mar. 24 for eight performances at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

When at age 19, she finished her competitive gymnast activities following her winning of world and Olympic championships, Rigby embarked on a theater career in musical comedies. Prior to landing the *Peter Pan* musical which she also co-produces, Rigby appeared in the lead in *Annie Get Your Gun*, as Nellie Forbush in *South Pacific* and as Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*.

The energetic performer brings her athletic skill to the role of Peter Pan which requires flying about the stage with the help of wires.

Rigby is recreating the role first played in a musical by Mary Martin. Sandy Duncan is the only other actress to be seen in a Broadway production of the musical.

Reservations and information are available at 346-6204.

### Noel Coward comedy opens Friday at Schenectady Civic Theater

As the fourth production of the Schenectady Civic Players' 70th season, Noel Coward's *Present Laughter* opens Friday (Mar. 20) in the Church Street theater for a two weekend run.

A popular and pampered actor (not unlike Coward himself) has difficulty escaping the wiles of women as he prepares to go on an extended tour.

The Coward farce features the matinee idol surrounded by his wife, an actress on the make and an ingenue who gains his interest. Meanwhile, his secretary tries her best to keep his schedule straight.

The most recent production of this play was on Broadway in the early 1990s with Frank Langella in the lead.

Victor Cahn plays the self-centered actor in the Schenectady production which runs Friday through Sunday and then again on Wednesday, Mar. 25 through Saturday.

Reservations and information are available at 382-2081.

### Broadway musicians may cut careers with threatened walkout from pits

The news that the Broadway musicians which populate the pits of New York musicals are threatening a walkout as a result of salary negotiations with producers, sounds a lot like the walkout of craftsmen on the daily newspapers in New York during the 1960s.

These newspaper unions didn't count on the advances in technology which gave the publishers strength to hold out and force a capitulation but not before several papers folded and the unions lost their strength due to the introduction of computers to the news business.

Now, several producers are prepared to use recorded full musical arrangements to accompany the performers in case of a walkout. *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera* already have the recording accompaniment available.

The technical prowess of computerized musical instruments gives a strong hand to the producers. Does this recorded music work? At least a dozen years ago, a summer theater in Cooperstown produced a presentation of *1776* with a full orchestral accompaniment, all on tape. It worked very well.

### Around Theaters!

A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, a staged reading of the famed play by English actors at the Albany State University through March 29. (442-3997).

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### "OUR TOWN"

by Thornton Wilder, Capital Repertory Theater, 11 N. Pearl St., Albany, Tuesday through Sundays, through April 11. Information, 462-4531.

### "THE ELEPHANT MAN"

New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, Tuesday through Friday at 10 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., through March 28, \$16, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

### "THE LITTLE FOXES"

Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m., through March 29, also March 21 and 28 at 4 p.m., \$10. Information, 462-1297.

### "FAITH HEALER"

by Brian Friel, Steamer 10 Theatre, West Lawrence Street and Western Avenue, Albany, March 19, 20, 21 and 22, \$17.50. Information, 436-0402.

### "BELLES"

by Mark Dunn, Circle Theatre Players, Church of the Covenant, Route 43, Averill Park, March 20 and 21 at 8 p.m., with dinner, \$18, March 27 and 28 at 8 p.m., \$8, March 22 and 29 at 2:30 p.m., \$5. Information, 674-3151.

### "COMPANY"

produced by student-run Shows of Shows, Philip Livingston Middle School, 315 Northern Blvd., Albany, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. and March 21 at 8 p.m., \$5 for students and senior citizens. Information, 475-7856.

## MUSIC

### ALBANY PRO MUSICA

Sweet Music for Lent and Spring, March 21 at 8 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 812 Union St., Schenectady, and March 22 at 3 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave., Albany, \$15, \$13 for seniors, \$7.50 for students. Information, 273-6510.

### BILLY STRITCH

jazz pianist, Empire Center at the Egg, March 20 at 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### BRAVE OLD WORLD AND KERMIT RUFFINS

klezmer and New Orleans music, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, March 19 at 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

### MUSIC FROM SALEM

Rhonda Rider, cellist, and Judith Gordon, pianist, Hubbard Hall, 8 p.m., March 28. Information, 854-3724.

### WALTER "WOLFMAN" WASHINGTON

blues guitarist and singer, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, 8 and 10 p.m., March 20. Information, 381-1111.

### ROBIN AND LINDA WILLIAMS AND THEIR FINE GROUP

Old Songs concert, Masonic Temple, Maple Avenue, Altamont, 8 p.m., March 20, \$12. Information, 765-2815.

### BAROQUE MUSIC REVISITED

by pianist Findlay Cockrell, Page Hall of the University at Albany, 135 Western Ave., March 28 at 8 p.m. and March 29 at 3 p.m., \$5, \$2 for students. Information, 442-3997.

### EIGHTH STEP

open stage, 14 Willett St., Albany, 8 p.m., Wednesdays, \$7. Information, 434-1703.

### ALLAN ALEXANDER

guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m.

### FINDLAY COCKRELL

concert series, relaxing music with commentary, Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center at the University at Albany, April 1 and 22 at 12:20 and 4:20 p.m., free. Information, 442-3995.

### MUSICIANS

needed for Capital Repertory production of "A Little Night Music" April 28 to May 24, violin, cello, harp, woodwind/flute/oboe. Send resume to Capital Rep, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany 12207.

### PARK PLAYHOUSE AUDITIONS

for "Camelot" at Albany Center Galleries, 60 Orange St., on March 20, 6 to 10 p.m., and March 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Washington Park lake house on March 25, 4 to 9 p.m., and March 26, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Information, 434-2035.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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### CALL FOR ARTISTS

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40 Pleasant Peter Cushing film?	93 Bean	94 Duffles abbr.	43 Seville citrus		
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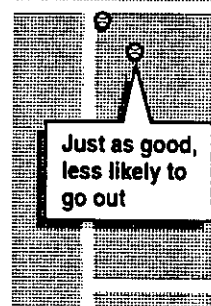
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## CLASSES/LECTURES

### MUSEUM ART CLASSES

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

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

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

## VISUAL ARTS

### THE 1998 NEW YORK STATE BIENNIAL

second biennial of contemporary art, New York State Museum, Albany, through April 26. Information, 474-5877.

### FRENCH CHILDREN OF THE HOLOCAUST AND OF LIGHT AMIDST DARKNESS — THE DANISH RESCUE

two international exhibitions of photographs, through April 23, Nott Memorial at Union College, Schenectady. Information, 388-6004.

### ROBERT CARTMELL AND CAROLYN WEBB

exhibit of painting, drawings and sculpture, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through May 1. Information, 462-4775.

### DENNIS MAHONY

original landscape oils, Colonie town hall, Route 9, Newtonville, through March 31, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### REGIONAL FINE CRAFTS EXHIBIT

juried show featuring more than 40 craft designers from the Northeast, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, through May 3. Information, 382-7893.

### LULU CAFE

works by John Van Orsouw, 288 Lark St., Albany, through April 20. Information, 436-5660.

### GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART

315 Warren St., Hudson, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., Sundays. Information, 828-1915.

### PEACE OFFERINGS

native arts and handicrafts from the Americas, 33 Central Ave., Albany. Information, 434-4037.

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Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 1 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday. Information, 584-5000.

### SCHUYLER MANSION

elegant 18th-century mansion, home and gallery of historical objects related to Gen. Philip Schuyler, 32 Catherine St., Albany. Information, 434-0834.

### SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY

Shaker artifacts, 1848 Shaker Meeting House, Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie. Information, 456-7890.

### OFF BROADWAY GALLERY

featuring two new exhibits, "June Dipsa" and "Fantasy and Reality," Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Information, 439-2955.

# AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**BREAST EXAMS AND MAMMOGRAMS**  
Seton Health's Clifton Park Family Health Center, 1300 Massachusetts Ave., Troy, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 822-8300.

**PRESERVING YOUR PERSONAL PAPERS: HISTORY IS US**  
sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries, University of Albany library conference room B43, noon to 2 p.m. Information, 442-3542.

**HORMONES, HOT FLASHES AND YOUR HEALTH**  
free community education program, Woman's Health Care Plus, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3456.

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

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

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

THURSDAY MARCH 19

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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**TRANSPORTATION MEETING**  
Capital District transportation Committee meeting, CDTC Staff Offices, 5 Computer Drive West, Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 458-2161.

**ADIRONDACK CLUB OF PRINTING HOUSE CRAFTSMEN**  
speaker, Robert Flanagan, C and R Restaurant, Route 29, Galway, 7:30 p.m. Information, 884-2762.

**SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
guest speaker Nina Sax, "IBD and Nutrition," Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 458-7509.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY MARCH 20

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (March 18, 1998)

**LEGAL NOTICE MUNCHKINS LLC**

1. The name of the limited liability company is MUNCHKINS, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization creating a limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on February 27, 1998 and became effective on March 1, 1998. The latest date upon which this company shall dissolve is July 31, 2085.

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

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is Munchkins, LLC, 47 Alpine Drive, Latham, New York 12110.

5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in the sale of goods, the operation of vending machines and all related activities and purposes, and any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

Dated: March 6, 1998  
Cooper, Erving, Savage, Nolan & Heller, LLP  
Attorneys for Munchkins, LLC  
39 North Pearl Street  
Albany, New York 12207  
(518) 449-3100  
(March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of Doris Weisheit, Glenmont, NY, 12077 for approval by said Planning Board of a one (1) lot subdivision of 4.35 acre parcel at the intersection of Weisheit Rd. and Wemple Rd. for a single family home, as shown on map entitled, "Map of Proposed (1) Lot Subdivision, Lands of Doris Weisheit, Weisheit Road & Wemple Road, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State: New York" dated February 2, 1998, and made by Paul E. Hite, LLS, Delmar, NY.

Douglas Hasbrouck  
Chairman, Planning Board  
NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact David Austin at 4394131. Advance notice is requested.  
(March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN DRILL**  
Date: March 13, 1998  
School District: Voorheesville Central School  
Address: Rte. 85A, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186  
Subject: Annual Drill for the School Emergency Management Plan  
Section 155.13 of the Amendment to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires school districts to conduct annual drills to exercise their School Emergency Management Plan. This school district will carry out a practice "Go Home" Plan no more than fifteen minutes before the normal dismissal time. The practice drill will be conducted on: Wednesday, April 8, 1998  
If you have any further questions about this drill or about your school district's Emergency Management Plan, please contact: Anthony P. Marturano, Ed.D.

**NORTHEAST GREAT OUTDOORS SHOW**  
12th annual, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information, 383-6755.

**WORKSHOP**  
"Tracks at the Water's Edge: Our Tale of Transition and Transformation," with storyteller Midge Miles, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

**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, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SATURDAY MARCH 21

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**INFANT AND CHILD SAFETY AND CPR COURSE**  
Woman's HelathCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 452-3456.

**FREE IMMUNIZATIONS**  
for all Albany County children, 175 Green Street, Albany, 9 to 11 a.m. Information, 447-4580.

**NORTHEAST GREAT OUTDOORS SHOW**  
12th annual, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information, 383-6755.

**HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR**  
beginning at Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, and continuing through downtown Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

SUNDAY MARCH 22

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**FIFTH ANNUAL PASSOVER SEDER**  
for developmentally disabled Jewish adults, led by Rabbi Daniel Arnstein, Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Road, Albany, 4 to 6 p.m. Information, 439-2831.

**NORTHEAST GREAT OUTDOORS SHOW**  
12th annual, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information, 383-6755.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY 8 K RUN**  
held by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, start and finish at Algonquin Middle School, intersection of Routes 351 and 66, Postenkill, 10 a.m. Information, 435-4500.

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

**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.

**SARATOGA COUNTY**

**VICTORIAN GARDENING LECTURE**  
Ulysses S. Grant College, Administration Building, Saratoga State Park, Saratoga Springs, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 372-0997.

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Individual rate minimum \$10.00 for 10 words, 30¢ for each additional word, payable in advance. Commercial rate minimum \$12.50 for 10 words, 30¢ for each additional word, payable in advance. Ad deadline 4 p.m. Friday for publication in Wednesday's newspaper. Phone number counts as one word. Box Reply \$3.00. Write your classified ad exactly as you want it to appear in the newspaper. Do not abbreviate. Telephone # is one word. Be sure to include the telephone # in your ad. It is not necessary to include the category in your ad.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Emergency Coordinator, 765-3313 ext. 102

(s)  
Assistant Superintendent for Business  
1997-1998 School Year  
Dated: March 13, 1998  
(March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of the Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Corrugated Aluminum Pipe; Corrugated Metal Pipe (Steel); Corrugated Metal Pipe-Arch (Steel); and Plastic Pipe; as per the specifications during the period 15 April 1998 to 14 April 1999, inclusive, for the use of the Town as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m., 3:10 p.m. and 3:25 p.m. on the 30th day of March 1998, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem "Bid Sheets" and addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted.

"Bid Sheets" and copies of the specifications must be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. A copy of the specifications shall accompany the bid.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, Town Clerk

**LEGAL NOTICE**

DATED: March 11, 1998 (March 18, 1998)

**STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ALBANY REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE INDEX NO.: 4364-97**

FLEET BANK, Formerly known as Fleet Bank of Upstate New York, formerly known as Norstar Bank of Upstate NY, Plaintiff,

VS.

JOHN G. MYERS CO., INC., ROBERT N. IRISH, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, by and through the Department of Tax and Finance. JOHN G. MYERS CO., INC., M as tenant. Defendants.

Pursuant to judgement of foreclosure and sale in above entitled foreclosure action dated February 4, 1998, entered in Albany County Clerks Office, I, the Referee named in said judgment will sell in one parcel at public auction on April 15, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the Albany County Courthouse, front vestibule, Albany, New York, the premises described as follows:

**SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE "A" FOR DESCRIPTION**

Subject to all covenants, easements and restrictions of record affecting said premises. Together with fixtures attached to or used in connection with premises and appurtenant rights and interests.

The premises are also known as 210 Delaware Avenue, Town of Bethlehem, New York.

The premises is being sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment.

Judgement Amount \$140,924.50, plus, but not limited to, all with legal interest.  
Dated: March 5, 1998  
Jeffrey S. Nerkun - Referee  
HARRIS BEACH & WILCOX LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Office and P.O. Address

**LEGAL NOTICE**

130 East Main Street  
Rochester, New York 14604  
Telephone No.: (716) 232-4440

All that tract, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated, lying and being in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany and State of New York, bounded and described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the Delaware Turnpike at the northeast corner of the parcel of land conveyed by J. Edward Bender and wife to Edward J. Bedell and Sara S. Bedell, his wife, and running thence from said point of beginning along the northeast boundary line between said lands so conveyed and the lands of Sebastian Albrecht, (formerly James C. Keenholts), a distance of two hundred fourteen (214) feet; thence at right angles to said last mentioned line fifty (50) feet to an iron bar; thence parallel to the first mentioned line and in a northerly direction a distance of about two hundred five (205) feet to the center line of said Delaware Turnpike; thence easterly through the center of the Delaware Turnpike about fifty-one (51) feet to the point or place of beginning.

ALSO, ALL that certain other lot, piece or parcel of land adjoining the above described parcels on the west, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the Delaware Turnpike at northwest corner of the lot herein before described and running thence in a southerly direction along the westerly boundary line of said lot a distance of about two hundred five (205) feet to southwest corner of said lot; thence on a straight line and in a northerly direction to a point in the center line of the Delaware Turnpike, which point is distant five (5) feet westerly from the point of beginning; thence on an easterly course through the center of the said Delaware Turnpike five (5) feet to the point of beginning. (March 18, 1998)

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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 18**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS**

public hearing on application of Robert and Viola Danza, 150 Van Wies Plant Road, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT CONCERT**

The First United Methodist Church, 482 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**

RCS Community Library, 15 Mountain Road, 7 p.m., also held Thursday morning, 10 a.m. Information, 756-2053.

**LENTEN COMMUNION SERVICE**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

**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.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

**ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

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

**TAWASENTHA NSDAR TO MEET**

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-1437.

**THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 19**

**BETHLEHEM**

**OPEN HOUSE**

Circle of Friends Nursery School, 2 Bethlehem Court, 4 to 6 p.m. Information, 478-0722.

**COMIC BOOK ART**

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

Elks Club, across from Cedar Hill School House, 2 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

**RECOVERY, INC.**

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

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON**

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

**AA MEETINGS**

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

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**COMIC BOOK ART**

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Call 439-9314 to register.

**TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES**

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 8 to 10:30 p.m. Information, 768-2882.

**MAPLE SUGARING PROGRAMS**

<ITEM> Five Rivers, 56 Game Farm Rd. 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**FUN FESTIVAL**

Voorheesville Elementary School, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 20**

**BETHLEHEM**

**CAPITAL DISTRICT CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

**FISH FRY DINNER**

New Salem Vol. Fire Department, Route 85A, 4:40 to 7:30 p.m. Takeout orders, 765-2231.

**AA MEETING**

Friday Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**CHABAD CENTER**

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

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

**CIVIL WAR GROUP TO MEET**

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 21**

**BETHLEHEM**

**WING INTO SPRING**

stories, songs and crafts for children, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

Slingerlands Nursery School, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**SCHOOL OF THE ALBANY BERKSHIRE BALLET**

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**BETHLEHEM**

**MAPLE SUGARING PROGRAMS**

demonstration at the Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Road, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 482-1100.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**

traditional worship, 9 and 11 a.m., T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship, 5:30 p.m., nursery care and Sunday school for children during all services, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**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., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. 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.

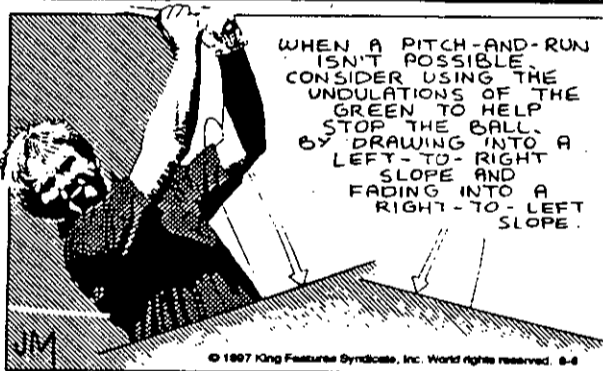
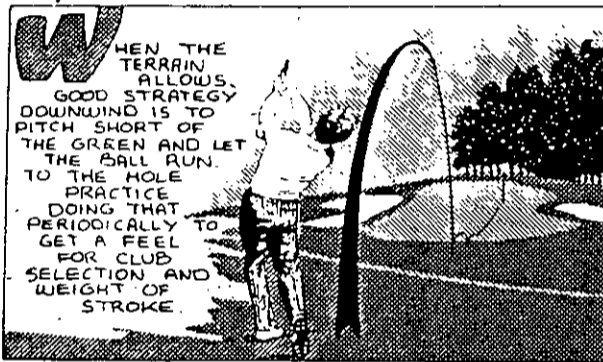
**DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

**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.

**Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS**



**HOCUS-FOCUS**



**FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.**  
Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Golf club is missing. 3. Tree is added. 4. Golf shoes are different. 5. Hedge is missing. 6. Zipper is added.

**Spotlight on Dining**

**The Catalway Grill**

**\$1 Sunday is Kid's Day**

Any item from our kids "Caddy" menu is \$1 when an entree by an accompanied adult is ordered. **518.869.9976**

Offer ends March 31, 1998, Open Sunday 4pm-10pm 661 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**  
The name of the LLC is Powder Hounds, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with NY Secretary of State on March 9, 1998. 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 27 Schuyler Hills Road, Loudonville, New York 12211. (March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206(C)**  
The name of the limited liability company is Glenmont Management LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was January 23, 1998. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: 37 Chrisken Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077. The business purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC. (March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
The name of the LLC First Columbia New Paltz Group, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 30, 1998. 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. (March 18, 1998)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF AQUA CLEAR ACQUISITION CO., LLC**  
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York **THE UNDERSIGNED**, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:  
**FIRST:** The name of the Company is Aqua Clear Acquisition Co., LLC  
**SECOND:** The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.  
**THIRD:** The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company in to be located is Albany.  
**FOURTH:** The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution, in addition to the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701

**LEGAL NOTICE**

of the LLC.  
**FIFTH:** The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served: The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Aqua Clear Acquisition Co., LLC, 2550 - 9th Avenue, P.O. Box 387, Watervliet, New York 12189.  
**SIXTH:** The Company in to be managed by one or more managers.  
**SEVENTH:** Pursuant to Section 206 (a) (8) (b) of the LLC, no member of the Company, solely by reason of being a member, is an agent of the Company for the purpose of its business, and no member shall have the authority to act for the Company solely by virtue of being a member.  
**EIGHTH:** The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLC, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 9th day of January, 1998.  
Richard A. Langer  
Attorney-in-Fact  
(March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MORIZIO HOLDING, LLC UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206**  
1. The name of the limited liability company is: MORIZIO HOLDING, LLC.  
2. Articles of Organization were filed on November 24, 1997 with the Secretary of State.  
3. The office of the limited liability company is in Albany County, New York.  
4. The limited liability company shall dissolve on December 31, 2047.  
5. The Secretary of the State of New York is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is C/O Shartrand and Shartrand, 198 British American Boulevard, Latham, NY 12110.  
6. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without New York State.  
(March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**  
Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name: United Rehabilitation Management Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SOS") on 2/4/98. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail a copy of process to LLC, c/o Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, 1 Corporate Plaza, Alban Y 12260. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.  
(March 18, 1998)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF**

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**FIRST REALTY OF ALBANY, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**  
**FIRST:** The name of the limited liability company is "First Realty of Albany, LLC."  
**SECOND:** The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany County.  
**THIRD:** The Secretary of State is designated agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: First Realty of Albany, LLC, 10 Executive Park Drive, Albany, New York 12203.  
**FOURTH:** The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.  
**FIFTH:** The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 30th day of January, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.  
s/ Edward P. Swyer  
(March 18, 1998)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 80 STATE STREET, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**  
**FIRST:** The name of the limited liability company is "80 State Street, LLC."  
**SECOND:** The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany County.  
**THIRD:** The Secretary of State is designated agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 80 State Street, LLC, 10 Executive Park Drive, Albany, New York 12203.  
**FOURTH:** The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.  
**FIFTH:** The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 30th day of January, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.  
s/ Edward P. Swyer  
(March 18, 1998)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SELECTED PROPERTIES OF THE NORTHEAST, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**  
**FIRST:** The name of the limited liability company is "Selected Properties of the Northeast, LLC."  
**SECOND:** The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany County.  
**THIRD:** The Secretary of State

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is designated agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Selected Properties of the Northeast, LLC, 10 Executive Park Drive, Albany, New York 12203.  
**FOURTH:** The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.  
**FIFTH:** The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 30th day of January, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.  
s/ Edward P. Swyer  
(March 18, 1998)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF HUDSON RIVER FARMS, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**  
**FIRST:** The name of the limited liability company is "Hudson River Farms, LLC."  
**SECOND:** The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany County.  
**THIRD:** The Secretary of State is designated agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Hudson River Farms, LLC, 10 Executive Park Drive, Albany, New York 12203.  
**FOURTH:** The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.  
**FIFTH:** The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 30th day of January, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.  
s/ Edward P. Swyer  
(March 18, 1998)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF EXECUTIVE LINKS, LLC. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**  
**FIRST:** The name of the limited liability company is "Executive Links, LLC."  
**SECOND:** The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Albany County.  
**THIRD:** The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is March 1, 2053.  
**FOURTH:** The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Executive Links,  
**FIFTH:** The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 30th day of January, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.  
s/ Edward P. Swyer  
(March 18, 1998)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF EXECUTIVE LINKS, LLC. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**  
**FIRST:** The name of the limited liability company is "Executive Links, LLC."  
**SECOND:** The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Albany County.  
**THIRD:** The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is March 1, 2053.  
**FOURTH:** The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Executive Links,  
**FIFTH:** The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 30th day of January, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.  
s/ Edward P. Swyer  
(March 18, 1998)

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LLC., 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 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 of its members.  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 20th day of February, 1998 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.  
Frank A. Tate, Jr., Manager  
(March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FLP).** The name of the FLP is The Radtke Family Limited Partnership. The Application for Authority to do business in New York State of the FLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 23, 1998. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of FLP is December 19, 1997. The principal office of the FLP is located in Latham, in the County of Albany. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against the FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is 409-411 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, New York 12110. The purpose of the FLP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. A list of the names and addresses of all general partners of the FLP are available from the Secretary of State. The name and address of the authorized officer of the FLP in the State of Georgia where a copy its Certificate of Limited Partnership is filed is the Georgia Secretary of State, Suite 315, West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530.  
(March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP OF 64-80 BROADWAY LLC**  
64-80 BROADWAY LLC has been formed as a limited liability company in New York. The Articles of Organization were filed on January 2, 1998 with the Secretary of State. The office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as Agent upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 4 British America Blvd., Colonie, NY 12205, ATTN: Francis W. Coughlin. The purpose of the business of 64-80 BROADWAY LLC is limited to the ownership and operation of certain real property commonly known as 6480 Broadway, Menands, NY.  
(March 18, 1998)

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF BARRETT GRAVANTE CARPINELLO & STERN UNDER SECTION 121-1500 (A) OF THE PARTNERSHIP LAW**  
**FIRST:** The name of the registered limited liability partnership is Barrett Gravante Carpinello & Stern LLP ("Partnership").  
**SECOND:** The address of the principal office of the Partnership without limited partners is: 100

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State Street, Suite 900, Albany, New York 12207.  
**THIRD:** The profession to be practiced by such Partnership without limited partners is law and such Partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to 121-1500 (a) of The Partnership Law.  
**FOURTH:** The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the registered limited liability Partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: Barrett Gravante Carpinello & Stern LLP, 100 State Street, Suite 900, Albany, New York 12207.  
**FIFTH:** The registration of the Partnership is to be effective January 1, 1998.  
**SIXTH:** The Partnership without limited partners is filing a registration for status a registered limited liability Partnership.  
s/ Michael I. Endler, Partner  
(March 18, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** The name of the LLC is College View Donuts, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 19, 1998. 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 601 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York, 12208.  
(March 18, 1998)

**BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
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(March 18, 1998)

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# Stuff

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Hillinger said about 50 volunteers started working on the auction in January, serving on various committees, or, in the case of Judy and Ed Languish, turning their living room into a storage and distribution center for many of the items to be auctioned.

The BOU auction is actually three auctions: a silent auction, where a running list of bids is kept on certain items; a bucket auction, where tickets are drawn for particular items; and the live auction, hosted by Slingerlands Principal David Murphy and Clarksville Principal Joe Schaeffer.

"They do it for a batch of oatmeal cookies," Hillinger said. "They're great comedians, and they make it really fun, since they know so many members of the community."

Tom Rowland of Java Jazz donates and serves coffee to the auction-goers. There are lots of donated baked goods for sale, and there is an activity area for children.

A number of old favorites will be auctioned off this year, as well as lots of new things. There's no

admission, just plenty of good community feeling.

"It's a real testimony to the auction that so many families attend every year," publicity chairman Debbie Kopp said. "It's also a testimony to BOU, and the local businesses and individuals who donate goods and services."

The auction starts at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue. Here's just a sampling of some of the approximately 300 unique items to bid on:

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# Clarksville

(From Page 1)

people don't believe they are getting the same education as at other schools," said Clarksville Principal Joseph Schaefer.

At a recent PTA meeting, Schaefer said that the school board is expected to approve funds for drainage, a parking lot and the playground at its March 18 meeting.

Superintendent Les Loomis said the district has never redistricted a neighborhood because residents want their children to attend a different school. He added that all the elementary schools in the district provide a quality education.

"My fear is this would reflect negatively on all the strengths Clarksville has developed throughout the years," said Loomis.

Attempts were made to reach Cedar Ridge residents who signed the petition. Many were unavailable by phone and others said "no comment."

Donna Clark of 9 Prestwick

Drive said she signed the petition because of the distance between her house and Clarksville Elementary School.

She doesn't understand why her children can't attend the elementary school that's less than a mile from their house, instead of being bused to a school six miles away.

Clark, who has a toddler and a second-grader, currently sends her older child to a private school.

Her main concerns with Clarksville are the distance and apparent physical inequities of the building.

Clark noted the parking lot was a shambles, there wasn't much playground equipment and there was a drainage problem.

"I just couldn't believe for what I pay in taxes, this is what I get," Clark said. "It was an outward sign of how this school is regarded."

Clark signed the petition in the hope that her children will be able to attend Slingerlands Elementary School in the future.

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