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This little piggy



Kristie Lynch, Cormac and Christopher McCarthy check out the baby animals at Indian Ladder Farms during Baby Animal Week. Katherine McCarthy

New Scotland planning board rejects Tall Timbers proposal

By Lisa K. Kelly

The New Scotland planning board rejected a preliminary plat review submitted by Munchkin Enterprises for the proposed Tall Timbers development on Hilton Road.

The preliminary plat review is the final phase to be approved in order to finalize the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR).

The rejection of the review is the latest action in the more than 12 years of negotiations and planning between Munchkin Enterprises and New Scotland town and planning boards.

The original plans for the development did not meet zoning requirements, but the town subsequently amended the zoning law in 1994, creating a medium-density residential zone.

Munchkin is currently seeking approval of a 171 single-family home development with prices ranging from \$190,000 per unit and higher.

Munchkin has offered the town use of an on-site water tower they will build for the development. The water tower would supply fire protection for the Northeast Water District and for Font Grove residents, if those residents decide to hook up.

Discussion during the meeting became heated after board chairman Robert Stapf rejected the review.

The action came after planning board members came out of executive session to

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Networks taps two BC students for Pride of Bethlehem awards

By Peter Hanson

When Amy Napper and John Gombel Jr. are asked why they devote so much of their time to community service, they both give the same answer. They enjoy helping their peers lead responsible lives.

But these two aren't government officials or school administrators. They're Bethlehem Central High School students—Gombel is 16 and Napper turned 17 last month—



Napper



Gombel

and while some teen-agers pass their time cruising the mall or smoking on street corners, Gombel and Napper set standards for community involvement most adults can't match.

Earlier this month, Gombel and Napper's good deeds caught up with them when town Supervisor Sheila Fuller presented the students with the first two Pride of Bethlehem

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State ups BC's portion of 1998 budget pie

By Lisa K. Kelly

The state Legislature released its preliminary budget last week, allocating increased state aid for both the Bethlehem and Voorheesville central school districts.

If Gov. George Pataki does not veto the approved budget by April 28, Bethlehem is slated to receive a 9.28 percent increase in state aid and Voorheesville will see a 4.49 percent increase.

Bethlehem Superintendent Les Loomis and Voorheesville Superintendent Alan McCartney are both happy with the preliminary budget.

"It looks positive to us," said Loomis, "and we're appreciative of the help the state is providing by way of state aid."

"I think they did a nice job," said McCartney. "I sincerely hope the governor passes (the budget)."



Assistant Superintendent for Business Steven O'Shea looks over the state's budget numbers. Lisa K. Kelly

"The budget appears to meet and slightly exceed what the district had estimated for state revenue," said Steven O'Shea, Bethlehem's assistant superintendent for business.

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Nonprofit seeks \$6M bond from IDA for senior housing

By Peter Hanson

American Housing Foundation of Albany has submitted an application for a \$6 million bond from the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (IDA). The nonprofit company plans to build a 110,000 square foot senior housing facility on Route 9W in Selkirk.

American Housing's proposal, which was submitted to the IDA about two weeks

ago, differs from the project CMI Senior Housing and Healthcare wants to build in Bethlehem. CMI is designed for upper middle income residents, whereas American Housing's facility is designed for residents with annual incomes ranging from \$12,000 to \$35,000.

Details about the project are sketchy because the IDA has not yet met with American Housing representatives, but the proposed building is two stories high and would occupy Van Allen family farmland near the Dowerskill.

The building has an estimated budget of \$8.2 million and American Housing is seeking financing from various state and local agencies.

At the IDA's April 21 meeting, agency chair F. Michael Tucker said he responded to the application with a short letter "that did not go very far, but said we would entertain (the proposal) as it went along."

Senior housing has been cited as a pressing need in Bethlehem by several town officials in recent months, and CMI's proposal, which won an informal approval at a recent planning board meeting, could get a final OK in early summer.

American Housing's proposal, which is

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Tucker

Violent incidents prompt arrests

By Peter Hanson

Bethlehem police recently made two arrests following bizarre incidents of violence and a third arrest following a search that revealed a dozen guns in a Delmar home.

James Roosevelt Gibson Jr., 39, of 36B Crowley Ave. in Selkirk, was arrested on a felony charge of third-degree criminal mischief and a related harassment charge Saturday, April 11, at 2:03 a.m.

Police said Gibson allegedly vandalized The Corner Market on Route 9W and assaulted one of the store employees because he was upset over how the clerk prepared an order of sliced cheese.

First, Gibson allegedly threw the cheese at the clerk, after which he was asked to leave. Gibson then allegedly pushed the cash register over the counter, picked up and threw a lottery machine and a case of beer at the clerk, striking him in the shoulder. After the clerk called 911, Gibson allegedly threatened to kill the clerk, according to police.

Gibson then left the store and police found him at his home shortly after the incident. Sgt. James Kerr brought the clerk to Gibson's house, and the clerk identified Gibson as the man who vandalized the store. The owner of the market, Robert Edick of Niskayuna, later appraised the damage at \$2,000, said police.

After obtaining an arrest warrant, police struggled with Gibson, who allegedly blocked entry into his home. Gibson allegedly struck

Sgt. Kerr during the arrest.

Gibson was scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday.

Isaiah Emanuel Berrings, 17, of 20 Patterson Drive in Glenmont, was charged with contempt and assault Tuesday, April 17, following incidents that occurred during his 4:30 p.m. court appearance that day.

Appearing before town Justice Kenneth Munnely for charges stemming from damage to a room at the Stone Ends Motel in Glenmont, Thomas walked away from the bench and insulted both Munnely and Kerr with obscenities. Munnely charged Thomas with contempt of court and ordered him sent to Albany County jail.

Later, Sheriff's Deputy Kerry Thompson was assigned to lead Thomas onto the van in which he would be transported to jail. Thomas allegedly spit on Thompson's face and kicked the inside of her right leg and then spit on Officer Robert Berben, who was assisting.

Thomas was charged with felony attempted assault in the second degree, misdemeanor obstructing government administration and a related harassment charge.

Thomas is scheduled to appear in town court on Tuesday, May 5, at 4 p.m.

Arthur A. King, 58, of 22 Western Ave. in Delmar, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, a misdemeanor, Tuesday, April 7,

at 9:25 p.m.

Officer Robert Markel and Albany Police Department officers responded to a domestic incident at King's address and acted on information King had an unlicensed gun in his house. Albany Police Det. Kenneth Kennedy had information the gun was in a particular closet and discovered a loaded .32 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver there. Police said King was unable to produce a license for the gun.

King was arrested by Albany officers on an assault charge while Bethlehem police obtained a search warrant from Justice Munnely and in a search of King's home found 11 guns in addition to the pistol. These included three shotguns, a .22 caliber pistol and seven rifles. The weapons were confiscated by police.

King was scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday.

Church to serve lasagna dinner

Community United Methodist Church at 1497 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands will serve a lasagna dinner on Tuesday, April 28, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Dinners cost \$5 each and take-outs are available. For information, call 439-1766.

New Selkirk park to be discussed

A public informational meeting regarding the new park in Selkirk will be held on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Selkirk Fire House No. 1. David Austin from the Parks and Recreation Department will present plans for the park and be available to answer questions.

Police seek statements from alleged victims

Bethlehem police are looking for the drivers of two vehicles that were allegedly forced off Feura Bush Road in an incident of reckless driving Friday.

At about 8:25 a.m. Friday, a gray and red Dodge pickup truck and a Volkswagen sedan were seen tailgating each other on Feura Bush Road between Wemple Road and Elmsmere Avenue in Glenmont. The two drivers were allegedly speeding in a 40 mph zone.

As the two cars proceeded through traffic, they allegedly passed over the double-yellow line, forcing two other cars onto the shoulder of Feura Bush Road.

The two cars that were forced off were allegedly a dark-colored

minivan and a small white sedan.

Because a witness to the incident wrote down the plates of the alleged reckless drivers, police were able to find them and present them with court appearance tickets.

The drivers will appear in town court May 5.

Police have an eyewitness account of the incident, but they want statements from the drivers who were forced off the road to improve their case against the alleged reckless drivers.

Anyone with information about the cars that were forced off the road should call Officer Jeffrey Vunck of the Bethlehem Police at 439-9973 ext. 222.

Court cases adjudicated

The following dispositions were recorded in Bethlehem town court recently. All of the defendants were accused of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Denise Lynn Jadick, 29, of Lake Katrine Apartments in Lake Katrine, Ulster County, who was arrested on DWI charges Sunday, May 15, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of drinking while ability impaired (DWAI) April 7. She was fined \$300 plus a \$30 surcharge, and her license was suspended for 90 days.

James A. Travers, 49, of 117 Old Quarry Road in Feura Bush, who was arrested on DWI charges Tuesday, March 17, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI April 7. He was fined \$300 plus a \$30 surcharge, and his license was suspended for 90 days.

John Alan Wagner, 31, of 660 Feura Bush Road in Delmar, who was arrested on DWI charges Sunday, Feb. 22, pleaded guilty to DWI April 7. He was fined \$500 plus a \$95 surcharge, and his license was revoked for six months.

The defendants were also required to attend a victim impact panel and a class on drunken driving.

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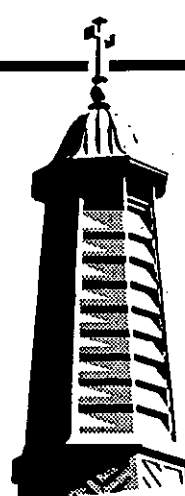
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Water district clients might get refunds

By Lisa K. Kelly

An amendment of the North-east Water District budget was approved at the Wednesday, April 8, New Scotland town board meeting, which may entitle some residents to refunds.

Water district residents and the town have been involved in a dispute over water rates since the first water bill was issued in early March charging residents \$105 for 30,000 gallons per year.

"The new rates are \$105 for 80,000 gallons per year," said Supervisor Herb Reilly, "and \$1.65 per 1,000 gallons over 80,000."

"Some people are eligible for a rebate," said board member Scott Houghtaling. But, Reilly said residents eligible for a refund would not receive it until the end of August.

The district originally approved a budget based on \$543 per household, or more specifically, \$474 for debt and \$69 for operation and maintenance.

"These are the numbers the cost was based on," said Gary McCollum of C.T. Male Associates, Northeast Water district engineer.

McCollum told residents at the meeting that the basis of the petition was preliminary, and unanticipated costs for labor and truck expenses plus under-budgeted operation and maintenance costs drove up the figures.

Also included in the rate is a \$5,000 repair fund in case something goes wrong with the system after the warranty period, McCollum said.

Town makes progress on North Road water

By Lisa K. Kelly

The New Scotland town board took a giant leap forward in its efforts to fund the proposed North Road water district in Clarksville last week.

The engineering firm C.T. Male submitted the town's application to the state Department of Health Drinking Water Revolving Fund on April 15, the deadline for this round.

Even though the application was submitted on time, the town isn't assured funding this time around.

"Some water systems can last 100 years or 50 years," McCollum said. "To put aside 1 percent a year is a good plan."

Reilly said there's \$12,000 left over from the bond payment and he'll use it to help defray operation and maintenance costs.

The town is looking into optional sources of funding. Tall Timbers development may want to hook up its first 30 homes to the district, which would reduce the debt and operation and maintenance costs.

The town is also looking into refinancing the loan with the revolving drinking water fund. Reilly said he won't apply for this until the fixed bond rate of 4.06 percent expires.

Jeffrey Brunt of Voorheesville asked McCollum what the truck expense was for. McCollum said there was an allotment in the budget between \$6,000 to \$8,000 for a truck and the truck is being paid for by all the water districts, because all districts use it.

Houghtaling explained that the truck was old, had caught on fire and had to be replaced.

Mark Gravelin of Voorheesville asked the board if the \$25 hookup and disconnect fee could be waived if he chose to disconnect from the system.

Reilly said in order to do that, the board would have to change the water ordinance and that would be unlikely.

The town board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at town hall on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

Feestelijk '98 to showcase homegrown musical talent

By Peter Hanson

When Jim Gregg raises his baton to start the Delmar Community Orchestra's performance at Feestelijk May 2, it will be the culmination of several weeks of work. The 35-piece volunteer group meets every Monday for two hours of rehearsal, and it only gives about five concerts a year.

"There are some musicians (in the orchestra) who are quite competent and some who are holding their own," Gregg said. "We don't turn people away. It's not a competition or a symphony."

Gregg a veteran conductor and educator who lives in Cairo, Greene County, currently splits his time between two orchestras, the Delmar Community Orchestra (DCO) and the Albany Area Senior Citizens Orchestra, of which he is co-conductor. A New Hampshire native, Gregg taught music at Catskill High School for 21 years.

Gregg said what he enjoys most about dealing with amateur musicians is the creative process of rehearsal. "I think re-creating music through rehearsal, developing a repertoire and introducing students to a variety of music is what I like best," he said.

And whether he's dealing with teen-agers — one member of the DCO is a Bethlehem Central eighth-grader — or adults who play an instrument as a hobby, Gregg said he enjoys bringing groups of people together in an orchestra format.

"With community groups, depending on the level of competence, there is more actual work involved in terms of rehearsing," Gregg said. "But it's a more relaxed atmosphere because there



Conductor Jim Gregg will lead the DCO at Feestelijk.

isn't the same kind of pressure to maintain the level of quality of a Boston Symphony Orchestra or a London Philharmonic."

Gregg said another reason he enjoys working with community groups is the enthusiasm participants have for doing their best and the warm receptions neighbors give them during shows.

Audiences at Feestelijk will have good reason to show their appreciation when the orchestra plays a program that Gregg said will include Strauss waltzes, a Bach prelude and show tunes from *West Side Story*. Gregg said other highlights of the show will be a Richard Rodgers medley and a "Symphonic Portrait of Irving Berlin."

The energy orchestra members bring to their shows and the response those shows generate contradicts talk in the press that classical music is losing its audience. Although classical record sales have declined sharply in recent years, Gregg said he thinks interest in classical music is sur-

viving, partially because of community groups like the orchestra.

"There are some wonderful classical music programs in the Capital District," he said. "For instance, I was in Colonie Center over the holidays and I heard an orchestra that sounded very competent. I turned around and it was the West Sand Lake middle school orchestra. They sounded great."

The Delmar orchestra is just one of dozens of musical acts that will perform throughout downtown Delmar during Feestelijk, with styles ranging from pop and rock to jazz and children's music.

For information on Feestelijk, check out the special Feestelijk supplement in the April 29 issue of *The Spotlight*.

Feestelijk buttons are now on sale at locations throughout Bethlehem including town hall, Del Lanes, the offices of *The Spotlight*, Skippy's Music, Fitness for Her and the office of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Buttons are \$5 in advance and \$7 the day of the festival.

Board considers senior busing

By Lisa K. Kelly

The New Scotland town board agreed to look into offering senior citizen bus transportation again after residents voiced their concerns at a recent meeting. "Whatever we can do for seniors here, we should," said Bob Gioia of Voorheesville.

The town offered senior citizen transportation during an eight month trial period from April to December 1995.

The bus, provided by Senior Services of Albany, cost the town \$400 a month. It was continued through February 1996 due to a misunderstanding with the provider.

In addition to the \$400 a month, Ann Disarro, executive director of Senior Services of Albany, said there is a suggested \$8 contribution from rides. She added that seniors don't have to pay.

Disarro said senior citizens could make the "suggested donation" by purchasing a discounted token from the town. She said tokens were offered to give seniors confidentiality.

"If someone can't afford the \$8 donation, they could purchase the token at a discount, but no one would know they didn't have a lot of money," Disarro said.

Beverly Trombley of Voorheesville asked Disarro why there was a suggested contribution of \$8, if no one really had to pay for the service.

Disarro said it's the policy of Senior Services to suggest a contribution for the services they offer. She added that the contribution also depends on the contract that is developed with the town.

Supervisor Herb Reilly said the transportation service was not renewed in the 1996 budget because "based on people who bought tokens, it seemed only a handful used the service."

Senior Services said their records indicate 210 trips were made to the town in the eight month trial period plus there were another 40 trips in January and February of 1996. Disarro said that most people paid cash.

"(We should do) what ever we can for seniors."

Bob Gioia

Reilly asked if the board could see the records and town clerk Corinne Cossac asked why the town had not been given quarterly reports during the trial period. "The contract stated the town wanted quarterly reports," she added.

Disarro said she didn't recall the contract asking for quarterly reports, but said she would be happy to give the town any information it needs to make a determination.

During the trial period, Albany Senior Services transported New Scotland senior citizens on Mondays and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. by appointment.

The service takes seniors to doctor appointments in Albany, Colonie and Guilderland.

The town board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at town hall on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

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Skippy's closing doors after 19 years in Delmar

By Peter Hanson

Nearly two decades after he opened a retail music store to complement income from gigs as a jazz horn player, Skip Parsons' life has come full circle.

At the end of this month, he'll close Skippy's Music, at 235 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, to concentrate on his group, Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band, which he founded in 1956. For the first time in 19 years, Parsons will be a full-time musician again.

"It's not that I'm going back out on the road," he said, "but I've passed up some opportunities. Two years ago, I had an opportunity to go to Jakarta, Indonesia, but it was an important time of year for the store. The fall rental season was in and Christmas was coming."

Parsons had to choose between the gig and the store, and he chose

the store.

"I'm looking at doing more playing as opposed to being tied to a store sometimes for 14 hours a day," Parsons said. "Having the store was OK when the retail business was good, but the small business (market) isn't what it used to be. I make three times more in the performance business than I do in the retail business."

Parsons, 62, has become a familiar face on the local music scene in the four decades he's been playing clarinet and saxophone. In addition to shows with the Riverboat Jazz Band, Parsons works as a sideman for other bands, plays solo and teaches.

Parsons doesn't know how many students have come through the doors at Skippy's Music, which was originally near the Four Corners in Delmar, but he guessed,

"thousands" of kids and adults have taken lessons at his store.

The original store was a small, second-floor space where Parsons taught clarinet and saxophone and repaired musical instruments.

"I started the store pretty much on my own," Parsons said. "I studied a repair course for reasons of security."

Parsons opened the store because he realized he wasn't going to break into the top levels of the music business, and starting a retail business seemed like a way to stay in the entertainment field and also draw a steady income.

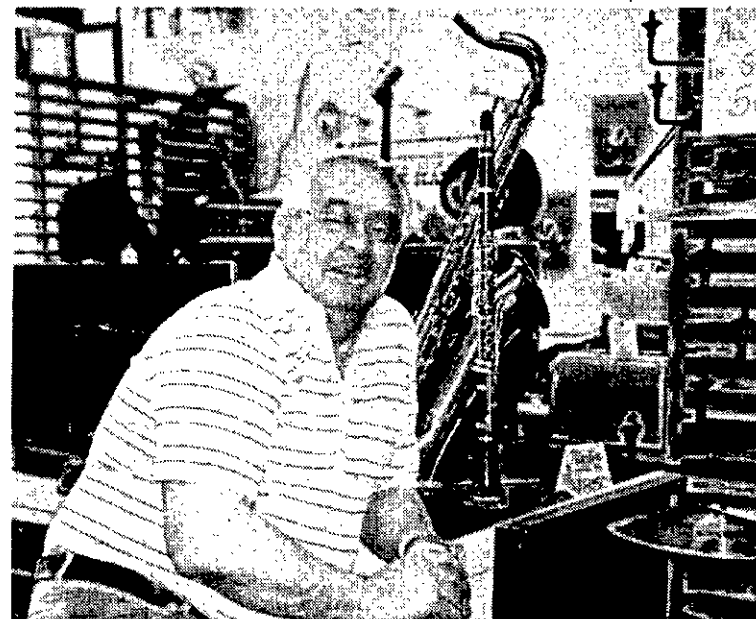
"Eventually, I was spending more time in the store than I was playing," he said.

During the 19 years Parsons has run the store, he's also built a strong reputation as a reliable professional musician and raised a family. He and his wife Linda have two daughters — Jill, 14, an aspiring writer and Stacy, 23, a graphic designer.

"I guess art runs in the family," Parsons said.

But now things have changed. Whereas the retail business overtook Parsons' music career 19 years ago, now touring has taken the lead. "I already have 60 bookings for the summer, and it's only April," he said.

Although Parsons is selling off the store's fixtures, sheet music and music equipment, he will con-



Skip Parsons poses in his store at 235 Delaware Ave.

Peter Hanson

tinue to teach clarinet and saxophone out of his home and at schools like Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk.

"I enjoy students as long as they're willing to work," he said.

Parsons said the time he spends with each student varies according to the student's level of dedication to music.

"Some of them take a couple of months of lessons, and some of them take years of lessons," he said. "Some of them give up or they lose patience."

One thing Parsons tries to con-

vey to students is the love of music that's kept him interested in his art all his life.

"There's a very rewarding thing I get out of music that you can't really describe," he explained. "It's an instant thing. You can have a lot of troubles, but when you get onto a stage, you've got to think about the clarinet and nothing else."

And just because Parsons is closing his store at the end of the month doesn't mean his neighbors and friends won't still see him around Delmar, where he's lived most of his life. In addition to playing shows across the country, he'll continue performing in the Bethlehem area several times a year.

On May 2, Parsons will play in St. Stephen's Church Hall from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. as part of Feestelijk '98, and on July 4, he'll celebrate Independence Day with a show at Elm Avenue Park.

But for now, Parsons is closing the door on a long chapter in his life by shutting down Skippy's Music.

"I've met a lot of nice people at the store," he said. "I've got a lot of customers that I'm gonna hate to not see anymore."

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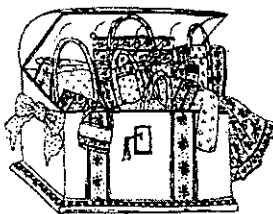
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Legislature recognizes girls teams

A resolution passed unanimously by the Albany County Legislature at its meeting this month recognized the achievements of two local girls varsity basketball teams.

Voorheesville high school girls varsity basketball team was cited for winning the state Class C Public School Championship.

The resolution also hailed the team's 27-1 record. The lone loss came in the New York State Class C Federation title game against Bishop Kearney of Brooklyn.

The legislators recognized senior guard Jane Meade for being named the Class C Tournament's most valuable player and Regan Burns and Caryn Adams for being named to the Section II All-Tournament Team.

Meade and Burns also were

named to the state All-Star Team.

The same two players along with Jessica Linder were named to the NYS Federation All-Star Team, the resolution said.

The resolution singled out coach Jack Adams for his efforts in bringing the team, parents and school community together during the season.

The Legislature also unanimously praised the achievements of Bethlehem Central High Schools girls varsity basketball team.

The legislative resolution cited the team's 20-0 season record and praised its runner-up achievement in the Class A Sectional Finals.

The resolution also recognized the "outstanding efforts" of Nicole Conway and Kate Smith who were selected as News Channel 6 All-

Star Players.

Team coach Kim Wise was also cited in the resolution, noting that she was selected the News Channel 6 Coach of the Year.

Martin P. Kelly

V'ville Girl Scouts plan food drive

Voorheesville Neighbor Girl Scouts will conduct a food drive on Saturday, April 25, to benefit the area food pantry at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Girl Scouts will drop off empty bags at homes early on the morning of April 25. Residents who want to donate food should leave filled bags at their front door to be picked up later in the morning.

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Fine tuning TV

Participating in No TV Week is a good way to remind everyone of the extraordinary amount of time many of us spend in front of the tube.

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But kids might not understand why they shouldn't watch any TV at all for a whole week. Many adults, after all, find common ties in the shows of their youth, remembering favorite characters and especially theme songs. Mention Andy Griffith or Gilligan's Island and you can almost certainly begin an instant sing-along.

With TV, there is always the option of simply turning it off, but realistically, we should also be thinking of ways to make what our kids see something more memorable and less revolting than Beavis and Butthead.

Parents today are rightly concerned about the kinds of messages their kids are getting from TV.

Where are the simple values — like the ones Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney and Opie dealt with? Shows can be entertaining without being offensive, as we can recall in our own TV memory banks.

A good No TV Week activity would be writing a letter to the networks to let them know that much of their programming is not welcome in your family's home and that you'd like to see something better.

Keep in mind the number of wonderful children's writers and artists who produce quality work that is begging to be adapted to TV.

Better but not best

This year's new and improved state budget process, with actual input from dozens of legislators, was also relatively efficient — only two weeks late, as opposed to last year's record of more than four months. (Still budget makers should strive to meet the actual deadline next year.)

But all is not good news.

Taking advantage of tax revenue growth due to the Wall Street boom, the Legislature's budget, like the one submitted by Gov. George Pataki, proposes spending about 8 percent more than this year.

Pataki, after reducing state spending his first year in office, has lately been going along with the Legislature's tendency, magnified in election years, to spend far in excess of the rate of inflation.

And, unbelievably, given the state's flush fiscal condition, the budget includes hundreds of millions in new borrowing by the greatest debtor state in history.

Regarding tax cuts, state leaders continue to narrowly limit the cuts to groups who have political and/or campaign-contributing muscle, like senior citizens and corporations.

So while the budget process and punctuality are better, the result is not — the same old spendthrift borrowing, discriminatory tax-cutting and grant-giving budgets that we have come to know and dislike.

Congrats in order

This week, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Businesspersons and Citizens of the Year will be feted. Anita Stein and Deirdre Jameson of In & Out the Window and BCMS teacher Bob Salamone will join an illustrious group from the Bethlehem community of honorees.

We congratulate this year's winners. All three are truly examples of people who make a difference in their community. They are an inspiration to others.

Stein and Jameson, like so many small business owners here, believe interaction with the community is one of their main priorities. And Salamone like so many others who give so much of themselves, illustrates the importance of volunteering in the community where they live.



Ditch the clicker for No TV week

By Deborah Y. Kopp

The writer is a mother of three, a past president of Hamagrael Elementary School PTA and member of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited board. She lives in Delmar.

Like most baby boomers, I grew up watching a fair amount of TV. I had my favorite shows and can still remember theme songs and jingles from advertisements. And no, my TV viewing habits did not seem to have any lasting negative effects on how I turned out as an adult.

In spite of the countless hours of TV viewing, I managed to graduate from college, pursue a professional career, get married and have a family. I confess, I even used TV as a babysitter when my children were young, especially during that

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dreadful pre-dinner hour. So why have I changed my tune and now monitor the amount and type of TV programming my own children watch? There are many reasons.

First, I don't like the way my children become zombies when they sit in front of the TV. The only way I can get their attention is to stand between them and the TV or to bang a metal spoon on the kitchen countertop. Second, I generally do not like the content of programming that attracts and holds their attention: disrespectful behavior between persons of all ages; the negative, stereotypical portrayal of both sexes; and the nature and extent of realistic violence.

Third, the extensive advertis-

ing that is designed to give the viewer the "greedy gimmees." To paraphrase author and family therapist Mary Pipher, more is always better and new is always improved. Fourth, when my children are watching TV there is no real communication between any one in the room. Finally, there are far better things that they can do with their time that are more fun, relaxing, healthy, entertaining, stimulating and challenging. Do any of these things strike a familiar chord with you?

The goal of "Break Free From TV" week (April 26-May 2) is not to simply turn off the TV for a week, or to even drastically reduce the time spent viewing it. Rather, the goal is to encourage families to pursue activities that are fun and more socially, physically, and academically rewarding, as well as to more closely evaluate the programs that are viewed.

"Break Free From TV" week

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has grown to include several school and community sponsored activities to help families meet their goals concerning TV viewing. The idea for a district-wide TV turnoff was one of several proffered by the Media Task Force of the Bethlehem Community Partnership.

Of course, there is a wealth of research that supports the idea of reducing TV viewing and/or choosing appropriate programming. As I prepared to write this article, several related issues came to my attention that directly reinforced my beliefs and motivated our family to maintain our goals.

First, there was the tragedy in Jonesboro, Ark. Obviously, the cause is nothing so simple as viewing violence on TV and in movies, but the idea was raised that viewing violence may have a negative influence on younger viewers, in particular. Children do not fully comprehend the nature of violence or the finality of death. Nor can they predict appropriate consequences for their actions.

There is also evidence that TV can have a negative physical impact on our children. A recent study found that kids who watch a lot of TV (more than four hours daily) tend to be significantly heavier than kids who watch less than two hours per day.

I am currently reading Mary Pipher's bestselling book, *The Shelter of Each Other*. She writes a great

deal about the profound negative influence that the media in general, and TV in particular, has on the viewers' behavior. Pipher argues the values that are conveyed in TV programming often undermine the values most families would like to promote.

For the past two years, turning off the TV for a week in April has been a positive, relatively painless experience for my family. Admittedly, the warmer weather and longer days of spring have helped us accomplish our goals since my kids love to spend time outdoors. They were in spring sports by then and were further motivated by family activities sponsored by the school and PTA.

In fact, my kids' past participation in No TV weeks at Hamagrael inspired them to make us an offer we couldn't refuse: they would stop watching TV for a year if we would get them a computer. So on Jan. 2, 1997, they turned off the TV of their own free will. With our permission, they did occasionally watch sports events, "educational" programming and videos, but there was none of the usual network programming, and we did not miss it.

As parents, we certainly enjoyed the quieter household, and our kids found other things to do, especially as time passed.

After 11 months of very limited TV, we fulfilled our promise and gave them our family computer. Even though the TV is still generally watched only on a limited basis after school and on weekends, our children do, when given a choice, prefer watching network programming that we could live without.

Based on my family's experience, I can honestly say that not watching TV, or at least cutting back on the amount watched, can become a family habit as easily as watching can. But it does take planning and perseverance.

So when we finally turn off the TV, how can we spend our time? We can get a clue by asking another more philosophical question: What do you consider a life well-lived? Most of us don't think about this question unless we're

faced with a major life change, but it's definitely worth pondering.

When I think about what makes me feel alive, vital, productive and connected, it involves interaction with my family, friends, community and nature. It includes actually *doing* things such as learning a new skill, reading a good book, playing with my children, volunteering my time for a good cause, completing a difficult task, spending time outdoors or talking with friends. It most definitely does not include watching more TV.

So between now and Sunday, April 26, when No TV week begins, think about how you would answer that question. It might inspire you to turn off the TV and tune in to your family and community. The hardest part is getting started.

The Media Task Force of

Bethlehem Community Partnership has prepared an excellent one page "No" TV Guide to help you. It will be sent home with all elementary school students. Refer to the list on this guide for great ideas: take a nature hike, play a board game with your kids, visit a neighbor, plant some flowers, go to the library, start a journal, go to a museum or listen to your favorite music. Check the calendar included in this *Spotlight* and take advantage of the activities listed there.

If you do not receive the "No" TV Guide, copies are available in the Bethlehem Networks office (Chamber of Commerce, Main Square) or at Bethlehem Public Library.

As the guide states: ditch the clicker and discover each other. You'll all be less remote!

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Writer takes Stewart's, town to task

Stewart's gets vote of support for new site

Editor, The Spotlight:

John T. LaForte's letter on the approval of Stewart's was right on the mark. Most of us familiar with Bethlehem's government can sense when things will be deemed OK and when things will not. The Stewart's OK was seen as a shoe in to me from the start.

Mr. LaForte must have stepped on someone's toes at one time or another and will suffer for it, probably forever.

But my concern for the installation of Stewart's stems from an incident that happened in the Clarksville store. A 17-year-old lad was in that store, and I witnessed

an employee selling him cigarettes. No ID check, no questions of any kind. I informed the clerk of the violation, that the boy was 17, and he got adamant that he had done nothing wrong in a loud voice proclaiming his innocence.

I could see that his desire for sales was more important than the law, and he needed that bottom line, no matter what. I witnessed the same 17-year-old boy buying cigarettes in the Clarksville store on many occasions after that. But as I stated, Stewart's was going into the Elm and Delaware avenue location, no matter what. I would just like the town to know what I have

seen Stewart's do for profit.

Paul Kircher

Albany

Editor's note: At its April 15 meeting, the Bethlehem ZBA voted against reopening discussion of the Stewart's decision. The vote was unanimous.

Fire official says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the fire advisory board, the Albany County Fire Coordinator's office and emergency responders, I would like to thank Assemblymen John J. Faso and Robert G. Prentiss for their support for a countywide Hazardous Response Team.

Through their efforts, we received \$50,000 to standardize equipment and provide training to Albany City Fire Department, West Albany Fire Department and the Watervliet Arsenal Fire Department, which will make up the team. It has been many years in the making and is now becoming a reality because of the initial funding. This is how the system can and should work. Mr. Faso and Mr. Prentiss — thank you.

Walter W. Eck Jr.

Albany Co. Fire Advisory Board chairman

Editor, The Spotlight:

Convenience store will harm kids! Please, I really feel this allegation is a stretch. Mr. LaForte, I invite you to drive past the high school at any time during the school day. Notice the group in Meyers' gazebo, you can tell by the cloud of smoke that they are there. Look at the exit of the school onto Delaware Avenue, once again the smoke signals will help you detect the students.

The residents of Brockley Drive have asked the school to help them deal with the amount of butts thrown in their yards. And not a Stewart's Shop in sight. If kids want cigarettes and alcohol, convenience is not an issue. As far as I know everything Stewart's sells is legal, so I guess they are in "harmony" with a drug free zone, which I thought only encompasses the school campus. They do indeed sell *Playboy* and *Penthouse*. (I had to call and ask never having seen them in the store) but in the plain brown wrapper as do other stores.

Personally, I feel that Stewart's will not be the demise of our future generations; there are far greater issues these teens face. I will enjoy seeing the corner cleaned up and in use. After 10 years of looking at it the way it is

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now, I'm ready for a change. I will enjoy the convenience for my late night milk and bread runs. I will be glad to do business with a local company (headquarters in Ballston Spa) rather than some big national chain. I believe that Stewart's has been an upstanding and responsible company and see no reason for that to change now.

Perhaps you should have offered your lot to Stewart's.

Karen McCaffrey

Unionville

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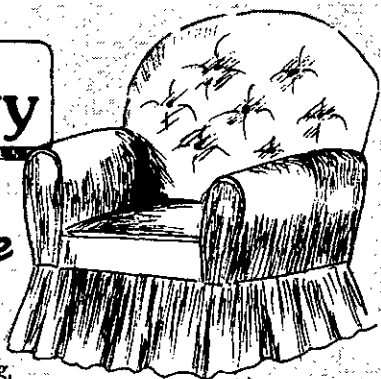
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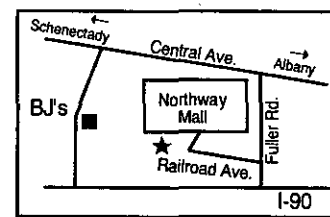
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DARE does great job

Editor, The Spotlight:

One of the distinct advantages of being a Bethlehem town board member is being invited to and being able to attend the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) ceremonies at each of our elementary schools.

I was so impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of our students that I requested and was graciously accepted by DARE Officer Bruce Oliver to attend the complete 16 week course.

The content of this course was not only educational, but there were some powerful messages presented to the students. The students not only learned the danger of drugs, alcohol and tobacco, but that police

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officers are their friends and want to help kids. The many cards and posters presented to Officer Oliver made that feeling very clear. The kids were great. I enjoyed them all.

As a town board member, a parent and a grandparent, I wish to thank the marvelous teachers, Officer Oliver, and all the other school-related police officers for their dedication to the youth of our community.

Robert C. Johnson
Delmar

CMI is needed in Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was very happy to read the two articles about the CMI proposal to build a senior health facility near the Bethlehem Library in the April 15 *Spotlight*.

It is obviously an important issue for many who live in our community.

From what is reported, it seems to me that most involved in the discussion are listening carefully and trying to balance the concerns and needs of all involved. It's good to see that our local embodiment of the democratic process seems to be working well. Way to go!

Frankly, *The Spotlight's* editorial on the same issue sums up better than I possibly could, how I and many others of our town's seniors, especially those who have lived here all their lives, feel about the issue. I hope all will reflect on that editorial.

In two months I'll be 70-years-old, and greatly desire to remain in our community for the rest of my life. The proposed affordable CMI

facility could help make this possible. I agree with the editorial that "CMI is an idea whose time had come for Delmar."

Alfred P. Restifo
Delmar

10 top reasons to join town walk

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of Bethlehem Citizens of Pedestrian Safety, I urge everyone to join us on the Community Walk on Sunday, April 26, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Here are my top 10 reasons for participating in the walk.

1. It's spring and time to get out of the house. (Our streets are vibrant with spring color).

2. Walking is one of the healthiest exercises you can do.

3. Take the opportunity to actually talk to your kids, neighbors, parents, friends.

4. Set an example of a healthy and safe activity for your kids. (Actions speak louder than words).

5. For those who grew up in cities, learn about walking safely in the suburbs.

6. Have some free refreshments and pick up some bumper stickers/ magnets/ pins while you're at it.

7. Have the kids meet Willie Whistle.



8. Buy a Feestelijk button.

9. Prevent an injury or death by learning about becoming a safe driver and a cautious pedestrian.

10. Kick off "Break Free from

TV" week with a showing of community participation.

Hope to see you at 1 p.m. on Sunday at town hall. There is a long and a short route.

Frances Stevens
Citizens for Pedestrian Safety

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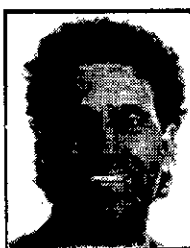
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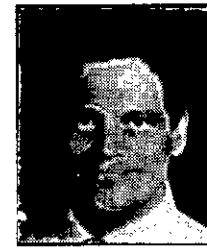
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VIEWS ON
DENTAL HEALTH

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What causes tooth decay?

When I was a child, my mother forbade me from eating candy and chewing gum. The rationale here was that my grandparents who had enjoyed eating sweets tremendously, had dentures, while my other grandparents who did not eat candy, had most of their own teeth. Therefore, we grew up only having candy once or twice a year when our candy-loving grandparents made their way to town, or during those special holidays like Halloween and Valentine's Day when we were allowed to indulge.

My siblings and I nevertheless developed cavities, and by my eighteenth birthday, I had at least eighteen "silver fillings". I wondered why, after watching my candy intake so closely, I still had so many cavities.

We have more information these days, and are able to identify many more cariogenic (cavity causing) foods. The

most overlooked one is bread — especially breads made with refined flour. Flour is made of starch which breaks down into sugar in your mouth. Potatoes also contain starch and may contribute to decay. The biggest decay causing foods are sticky retentive candies and baked foods. Allowing the sugars from these foods to remain in your mouth for an extended period of time is detrimental to your dental health.

Make sure to brush immediately after eating sugary foods to remove the plaque and food debris that causes decay. Also, visit your dentist regularly for dental cleanings and exams to ensure your dental health.

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Slingerlands woman wins 1st in chocolate festival

Gail Sokol of Slingerlands won first place at the annual Chocolate Festival to benefit Equinox.

Twenty-six entries by professional chefs from the Capital District were judged by Dale Miller, one of 55 certified master chefs in the country; Rudy Smith, a professor at the Culinary Institute of America; and Paul Krebs, a professor at the culinary program at Schenectady County Community College.

Sokol is currently a culinary student at Schenectady County Community College and works at Jack's Oyster House. She would like to specialize in breads and pastries.


Mothers' group to meet at church

Mother's Time Out will host its weekly meeting on Monday, April 27, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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RCS to present proposed budget

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk board of education will present the 1998-99 school budget to the public on Wednesday, April 29, at 7 p.m.

This is an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed budget prior to the vote in May.

Honor society to induct new RCS members

The 1998 inductees to the RCS chapter of the National Honor Society will be honored in a ceremony on Thursday, April 23.

Inductees will be tapped on the shoulder during class time by current members. After the "tapping," all honor society members will gather for a brief meeting.

Library to celebrate national recognition week

Welcome National Library Week with a jelly bean contest at RCS Community Library. Contestants are eligible simply by filling

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out a survey to help improve the library.

Quilt projects by local Girl Scouts will be on view, and a photo display celebrating library week is in the reading lounge.

Preschool story times will feature "Puddle Tales" tonight, April 22, at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 23, at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, April 25, at 10 a.m. there will be a paper craft workshop for school-age children. Register by calling 756-2053 or by stopping by the library.

PTSA to focus on learning program

RCS PTSA will devote this month's meeting to the Hands on Government program at the high school. Timothy Tucker, the course instructor, will describe this innovative program and explain how current high school juniors can get a jump start on next year by beginning their course work over the summer.

All RCS seniors enroll in Hands on Government and as part of their course work are encouraged to participate in volunteer service and other community events.

Following Tucker's presentation there will be a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Brownies to participate in Try-It Day

Area Brownies will participate in a Try-It Day on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Ravena Congregational Church.

The Girl Scouts would like to thank the community for its generous contribution to the food

drive. Local troops 44, 286, 886, 59, 480, 51, 150 and 605 participated.

Becker PTO sets meeting date

Becker Elementary School PTO will meet on Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. All parents of Becker children are invited.

Prom slated Friday at Glen Sanders Mansion

The RCS Junior Prom will be held at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia on Friday, April 24.

Candidates for prom queen are Sabrina Wilson, Colleen Prior, Amanda Sickles, Debi Boisse and Katie Orsino. Gary Jones, Dan Kowalski, Dan Ostrander, Jason Levy and Tony Tucker are candidates for prom king.

The coronation will be in the senior high auditorium, followed by dinner and dancing at Glen Sanders.

Little League to kick off 44th season

Hudson Valley Little League will begin its 44th season with its annual parade on Saturday, April 25. Photos will be taken at 9 a.m. at the Ravena firehouse. The parade will begin at 11 a.m.

Opening ceremonies for the season will be at noon at the major league field. Games will be at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. In the event of rain, ceremonies will take place on Sunday, April 26.

BCHS announces T-shirt contest

BCHS seniors are invited to design a T-shirt for the class of '98 and win \$25.

Designs must be submitted to high school teacher Andy Masino by Monday, April 27.

Students will receive a T-shirt bearing the winning design when they purchase a ticket to the 1998 Graduation Celebration.

For information, call Anne or Mike Kohler at 471-1113.

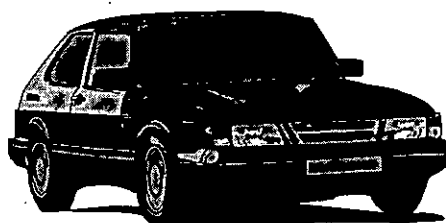
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Celtic harpist to perform at library

Celtic harpist Patrick Ball will perform in the community room of Voorheesville Public Library on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the library's annual volunteer reception.

Refreshments will be served. All library friends and patrons are invited to attend. The program is free.

Sunday march to benefit parks

Join in the march for Thacher and Thompson's Lake state parks on Sunday, April 26, at noon.

The friends group and other volunteers will walk in the park and help raise funds for public programming, trail improvements and park enhancement projects. Walkers can opt for one of three courses of varying lengths.

There are T-shirts for anyone with pledges of \$25 or more, and everyone who registers will receive a water bottle.

The National Parks and Conservation Association started the March for Parks program nine years ago.

Participants can pick up pledge sheets at the park office or from sponsoring businesses.

Hikers under age 18 must have permission from a parent or guardian to participate.

The hike starts from the Pear Orchard Pavilion, near the park's pool entrance. For information, call the park office at 872-1237.

Girl Scouts to collect food for local pantry

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will hold a food drive to benefit the Human Concerns Committee's area food pantry on Saturday, April 25.

Scouts will drop off empty bags early in the morning and come back later that same morning to pick them up. Residents who want to participate should leave the filled bags by their front door for pickup.

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ing shopping bags for the drive. For information, call Rosemary Funk at 765-3747.

Extension offers composting workshops

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will conduct backyard composting workshops on Wednesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m.

Both sessions will run approximately 90 minutes.

A \$5 fee covers educational handouts and bin construction plans.

This hands-on program will be held at the backyard composting demonstration garden at the Rice Center on the corner of Route 85A and Martin Road near the high school.

Preregistration is recommended. For information, call David Diligent at 765-3500.

The demonstration garden is open to the public for self-touring. More than 20 composting systems are on display. There are self-tour booklets and a variety of educational materials at the center. Mulching demonstrations are also available.

Eighth graders to present humanities showcase

Eighth-grade students will present a humanities showcase on time period 1930-45 on Wednesday, April 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the high school.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Seniors plan anniversary luncheon

New Scotland Senior Citizens

will hold its anniversary luncheon at Crossgates Restaurant on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany on Wednesday, April 29, at 12:30 p.m.

For information, call Aggie Tucker at 765-4427.

The group's next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 6, at 1 p.m. will feature a program on hearing impairment.

School chief to discuss school budget

School Superintendent Alan McCartney will discuss the 1998-99 school budget at the next meeting of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club on Thursday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Extension offers soil testing

Get ready for the growing season. Have your soil tested on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cooper Extension's Rice Center on Martin Road.

Testing PH is important for lawns and acid-loving plants such as rhododendrons, azaleas and blueberries.

Soil testing costs \$1 per sample.

For information on how to take a soil sample, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

Village boards to meet

Voorheesville's planning board meets tonight, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The board of trustees next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Tune out TV and read

Elementary school principal Edward Diegel reminds parents that April 26 through May 2 is TV Turnoff Week. He encourages families to take a one-hour recess from television viewing and spend time reading, exercising and taking part in family activities.

Slide show explores Adirondack history

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will present a one-hour slide show on the Adirondack Park on Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Special photographs from the collections of Mike Storey, Gary Randorf and the Adirondack Park Agency will illustrate the program, which will explore the development of Adirondack forest and wildlife communities.

BCMS club sponsors contest

Bethlehem Central Middle School's Students Against Doing Drugs Club is sponsoring a poster and poetry contest for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Poems may be of any length. Posters must be no longer than 12 x 18 inches.

Please put name, school, grade, home address and phone number on the back of the work.

The deadline for all entries is Friday, April 24. Turn in entries at the main office of any district elementary school.

Prizes will be awarded in two categories — kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade, and will be based on creativity, clarity and neatness.

All entries will be displayed in Bethlehem town hall.

Town sets meeting on Selkirk park

Bethlehem has scheduled a public information meeting regarding the new park in Selkirk on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Selkirk Fire House No. 1.

David Austin from the Parks and Recreation Department will present plans for the park and answer questions.

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Library will help celebrate No TV week

The youth services department is cooperating with Bethlehem Networks Project in the town's first "Break Free from TV" — TV Turnoff Week (April 26-May 2). This community event looks to be about as far from a turnoff as one can imagine. A parallel to National TV-Turnoff Week (featured in

Many businesses have contributed to a local coupon packet for goods and services during the week. Activities are scheduled at various locations, bookended by a Community Walk for Safety on Sunday, April 26, and Feestelijk Bethlehem on Saturday, May 2.

Events include book sales and swaps, a family swim, storytelling, poetry reading and a game night.

The library will host Barbara Bennett's "Make an Origami Garden" on Thursday, April 30, at 7 p.m. for children in grades one through five and their families. A complete events guide published by Bethlehem Networks is available at the library and other locations.

In addition, a good-looking fact sheet called "The No TV Guide" has been prepared by the Media Task Force with funding from Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. The guide is also available at the library and well worth reading.

Networks coordinator Mona Prenoveau said "The success of this venture will not be measured by numbers. I think we already

have been successful, because we have increased public awareness." She said breaking free from TV doesn't mean throwing out the TV entirely, but rather "watching wisely" — making intelligent choices, viewing actively and critically and promoting parental participation and supervision.

A college teacher from Arkansas was quoted in *Parade*: "The issue is not what happens when you're not watching TV but what doesn't happen." This community has seen to it that the calendar doesn't have to be as blank as a dark TV screen. Family cohesiveness, civic involvement, social responsibility and pure fun are as close as the off button on your remote.

Louise Grieco

Celtic artist to perform

Patrick Ball, master of the ancient legendary Celtic harp of Ireland, will perform in the community room on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. His performance will be followed by cake and coffee in recognition of library volunteers. All library friends and patrons are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Art Expressions group will not meet in May. Sketch club members will be hanging their work in the community room for the month of June. Members should deliver two pieces of framed art ready for hanging by the group's next meeting on June 3.

A Princeton Review is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. for high school juniors taking the SATs to improve their test-taking skills. Parents are welcome to attend, but sign up is required.

There are places available in the May 2 watercolor painting seminar with Kristin Woodward. Call 765-2791 to sign up.

Barbara Vink

Voorheesville Public Library



African relief dinner set for May 1 at HVCC

Liberian Relief 6, a dinner to benefit rebuilding efforts in the African nation of Liberia, will be held on Friday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Hudson Valley Community College's Cultural Center.

The dinner will feature authentic African cuisine as well as the Capital District premiere of the

PBS documentary, "Song of the Refugee: A Message of Hope from Africa."

A \$20 donation is requested. Checks may be made payable to Liberian Relief c/o John Kucij, 936 Livingston Ave., Schenectady 12309. For information, call 270-1549.

Firemen to host after Easter egg hunt

Slingerlands Fire Department will hold its annual after-Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m. at the park next to the firehouse on Route 85.

There will be an egg and candy hunt together with an egg-rolling contest.

The grounds will be divided

according to age groups so that all children will have equal opportunity in each event. Prizes will be awarded in each age group.

In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be conducted in the firehouse pavilion. All children are invited to attend.

RCS library has drawing club for children

RCS Community Library on 15 Mountain Road in Ravena has a drawing club for children ages 9 to 13.

The informal group for kids who like to draw and write meets Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m.

Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

April 12's *Parade* magazine with photos of our own Kim McHugh and her family, "Break Free from TV" has been in the works since last October.

The seed for the project was a suggestion last fall by a Bethlehem Community Partnership task force to build on the experience of Hamagrael Elementary School, which has already observed no TV weeks for several years. Since then schools, parents, teachers, PTAs and local groups have rallied round the idea.



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Children can make bookmarks at library

The youth services department of Bethlehem Public Library invites children to drop by during library hours and create a stamp art bookmark in honor of National Library Week, April 19 to 25. Materials will be provided.

Sports

BC baseball team is back in swing after winning three games last week

By Andrew Hartman

Spring time in Bethlehem means it's time to hit the diamond with the type of force that only a team coached by Jesse Braverman could bring.

After a slow start, the Bethlehem Central High School Baseball Team showed up to play, and are now sporting a 3-0 league, 3-2 overall record.

Spring training was not kind to Bethlehem as they lost their first game to Queensbury, 10-2. Jon Burroughs had the lone highlight with the team's first homerun of the season.

In their second non-league game, the Eagles were not successful in a game at South Glens Falls, losing 11-3. Geoff Hunter smacked two singles, and added a triple.

The Eagles were ready for league play in time for Saratoga on April 13. Matt Tulloch dominated play as he tossed a two-hitter and left the job to Pat Hughes,

who got the save. Hunter was golden at the plate with three singles, three RBIs, a scored run, and one stolen base. Ryan Sweeney, a sophomore standout, singled, doubled, and scored two runs. Greg Bartoletti also tor-

Hunter spanked a double on the first pitch of the game.

mented the Saratoga defense with a single, double, two RBIs, and a stolen base. Bethlehem won, 9-0.

Hughes got the start at Bethlehem's home opener on Wednesday against Niskayuna. Hughes helped his own cause with a single, double, and two RBIs. He also recorded 11 strikeouts. Greg DeMarco poked two singles, and had two RBIs. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Pete Bulger got the game winning RBI. The Eagles pre-

vailed, 8-5.

On Friday, the Eagles faced Colonié and mighty Sean Connor, their ace hurler. The pitching of Tulloch was the real story of the game. Tulloch went the distance, and earned his second shutout of the year.

Hunter spanked a double on the first pitch of the game. Later in the game, he put one in the seats, for his first home run of the year. Calvin Brown contributed a single, double, and two RBIs en route to the 4-0 victory.

With their momentum, it would seem that the team is looking to bigger and greater things. This is not so.

"The team goal is to qualify for the sectionals. We will play the games one at a time, and hope to win. If we happen to win the sectionals, then we will set new goals," said Braverman.

Bethlehem plays today at Columbia and at Burnt Hills on Friday, April 24, at 4 p.m.

Girls basketball camp set for July

Girls basketball summer camp for in third- through 12th-grade will be held July 6 through July 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at Bethlehem Central High School.

Applications are available at BCHS athletic office, BCMS, and elementary schools or call Kim Wise at 439-6241 or 439-4921. A \$95 registration must be in by May 29.

Volleyball tourney set for Tulip fest

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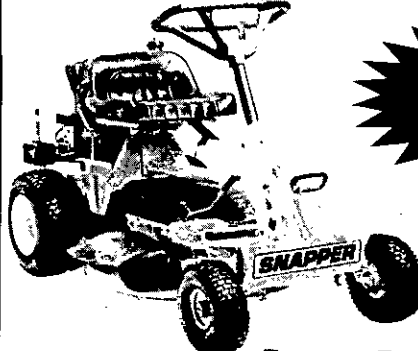
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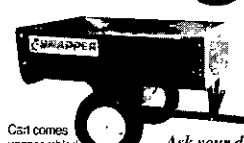
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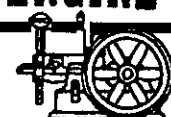
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BC girls improve record, 6-0, at recent Binghamton tourney

By Christine Potter

The Bethlehem girls varsity softball team improved their record to 6-0 this weekend at the Binghamton Invitational Tournament.

"This was a great opportunity for our program to go to this tournament," said coach Ron Smith.

Softball

defeated previously undefeated Vestel High School, 5-3.

Alexis Grant pitched the first three innings, and then Jenna Grant pitched the last four innings,

Winning both games in Binghamton is only the beginning of our season

Jenna Grant

"There was a high level of competition and the girls performed very well."

"Winning both games in Binghamton is only the beginning of our season," said Jenna Grant. "But it goes to show what a competitive softball program Bethlehem has developed."

"The competitive teams we faced in Binghamton helped to prepare us for our upcoming league games," said Amy Grant. "Not only did we perfect our skills, but it gave us a boost of confidence as well."

In their first game, Bethlehem

and no runs were scored. Vestel only had three hits throughout the entire game.

In the third inning Bethlehem took control of the game by scoring all of their five runs.

Both Kim Comtois and Leah Hennessey went one for three at the plate, and they had one run each and one run batted.

Josey Germain went two for three at the plate with one run batted in.

Keri Getz scored one run, along with Denise Chisholm and Jen Siniski.

In the second game Bethlehem

defeated Seton Catholic Central High School 1-0 in extra innings. At the end of the seventh inning the game was still scoreless, but Bethlehem came through in the eighth to defeat their opponent.

Alexis Grant pitched all eight innings, allowing the other team to have only one hit. Beth Gecewicz, playing second base, made an outstanding running catch into the fence. Chisholm also contributed with an excellent play in center field, throwing a girl out that was trying to take second base on her hit.

Getz had three put outs at short stop, and Comtois had four put outs at third base.

In the eighth inning Gecewicz got up with one out and nailed a double. Getz was the next batter up and she was walked. The next batter grounded out to second, advancing the runners, and then Comtois came up to the plate and hit the single that drove Gecewicz home.

The girls will face Shenendehowa away on Thursday, April 23, at 4 p.m., and on Monday, April 27, the girls will face Saratoga at home at 4 p.m.



Some of the 403 runners who participated in the Delmar Dash, April 5.

Doug Persons

Delmar Dash has second highest turnout in history

The second largest number of participants, 430, ran the five mile Delmar Dash on April 5.

Dash record holders, Tom Dalton of Schenectady (24:51) and Amy Herold of Clifton Park (29:39) were the overall winners.

In the 30-39 age group, Vanessa Denning of Delmar ran the course in 34:07. In the 40-49 age group, Dale Keenan of Selkirk ran the course in 27:23.

Wheelchair entrant, 19-year-old, April Coghlin of New Paltz finished the race with 27:51.

Several Bethlehem residents placed in the top five of their age groups including: Linda Simkin of Delmar; Lisa Faist-Stanton of Glenmont; Susan Burns of Selkirk; Rob Picotte of Slingerlands; George Bailie of Glenmont; Joan Bodner of Delmar; and three under 19-year-olds from Delmar—Chris Shaffer, Patrick Shaffer and Kate Adams.

Center offers program for men

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By Ellen Gelting

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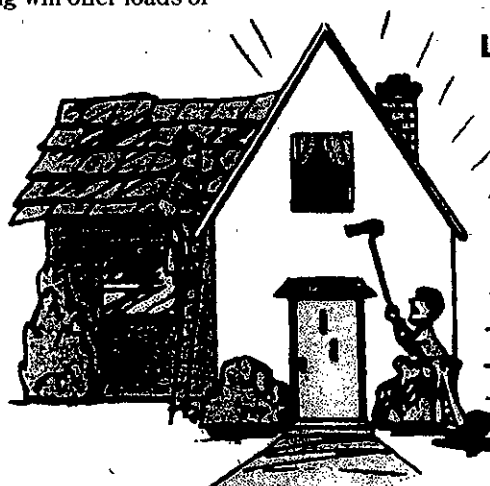
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Fads, facts and fiction in fitness: what really works?

By D.J. Taylor

Taylor owns and operates Fitness For Her in Delmar.

The '90s have given us a plethora of diets, gadgets and exercise regimens to help us slim down. These fads come and go, but some of them can do real damage, so here are a few rules of thumb.

To begin with, ask these questions before committing to a new diet.

- Does the diet require you to drastically reduce your calorie intake?

- Does it claim you can eat anything you want — including fatty foods — and still lose weight?

- Does it suggest you restrict a large percentage of your diet to one particular kind of food, as in proteins, a particular vegetable or a particular grain?



Fitness for Her's D.J. Taylor, left, and Mary Jo Lee discuss diet and exercise. *Gregory Sweet*

**Fat causes fat.
It's that simple.**

D.J. Taylor

creates an imbalance in your metabolism that may, initially, cause some weight loss. But aside from the obvious shortcomings of not ingesting a full range of nutrients, once you go off a one-food diet the weight will come back again. Furthermore, by throwing your metabolism off-balance, you may actually impede your ability to lose weight.

There is only one way to keep weight at a healthy level and that's to lower your body fat and keep your muscles toned. To do that, you need to eat a sensible, low-fat diet and exercise. This method also allows your stomach to shrink slowly, so less food becomes more filling.

Any health, fitness or weight loss program that seems too good to be true is too good to be true. Maintaining a healthy weight and strong muscle tone requires a low-fat diet and the performance of cardiovascular and weight-bearing exercises a regular basis.

Unfortunately, there are no shortcuts or quick fixes. It takes commitment to live a healthy lifestyle.

You can ask the same kinds of questions about exercise regimens.

- Does the program promise quick, dramatic weight loss?

- Does it suggest you do only one kind of activity, as in cardiovascular work or weight training?

- Does your program push you to your physical limits and cause severe pain in your muscles and joints?

To get the answers to these questions, consider these diet and exercise reality checks.

Diets don't work.

By drastically reducing your calorie intake, you may initially experience quick weight loss. This tactic backfires, though, because your body will compensate by reducing the amount of calories and fats it

burns. Your body will then go into "starvation mode," slowing your metabolism to a crawl.

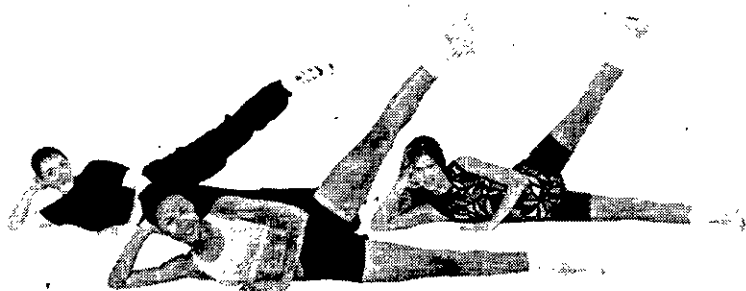
Diets don't work because sooner or later, you'll need to eat again and when you do, the weight will come back much faster than it did before because of your reduced metabolic rate.

Fat causes fat.

It's that simple. Carbohydrates are fuels that can turn to fat in very inactive people and what causes weight gain is the inability to burn fat and calories efficiently. High-fat foods are oils, butter, margarine, meats, nuts and many dairy products. The body uses carbohydrates from these foods as fuel which is, in active people, burned efficiently.

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**Spring
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Spring break doesn't have to mean spring break-in

Spring is normally a time for housecleaning, planting flowers, replacing your snowblower with your lawn mower and student vacations. But homeowners should also be aware that the cold of winter also can deter burglars, who are now eager to get back to work.

The Burglary Prevention Council estimates that during the next 20 years, three out of four residences will be burglarized. However, there are ways to avoid becoming another sad statistic.

Try eliminating potential hiding places for burglars outdoors, securing all doors and windows, using timers on lights, and notifying neighbors and police when you are leaving on vacation.

For homeowners who want to take the next step in home security while avoiding the expense and monthly monitoring fees of a hardwired security

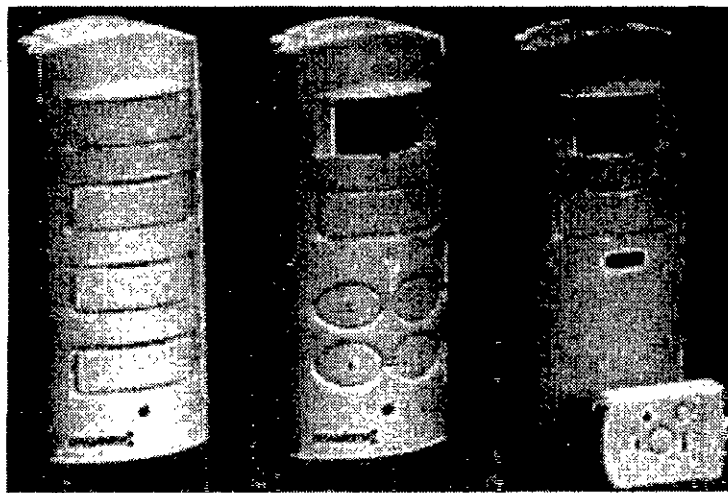
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system, a new line of wireless alarms is available.

Developed by Intermatic, the various models offer affordable home protection. They're designed to secure doorways, windows, basements, garages, storage buildings and other areas in and around a residence.

The compact alarms can be quickly and easily installed, and are simple to operate. The devices are sold individually so that homeowners can customize their security system.

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Intermatic's wireless home security alarms utilize motion sensors, keypads, remote controls and sirens to provide protection.

alarms can also be used to protect small offices, hotel and motel rooms, college dormitory rooms, recreational vehicles and boats.

One model features an infrared sensor that detects unauthorized movement up to 20 feet away in a 60-degree radius. It utilizes a four-digit,

user-programmable keypad.

A companion model has a siren that sounds for 30 seconds, while a third utilizes a remote control with 256 factory-programmed code combinations. The devices are easily placed or mounted on walls, tables and shelves, and there's also a unit designed specifically

for mounting on ceilings.

In addition, garages, storage sheds, barns and other locations can be protected by a specially designed alarm.

Doors and windows, often the most common entry point for burglars, can be fitted with keypad-programmable magnetic trip alarms. These sound an alarm after a 10-second entry delay if the magnetic contact fitted to the door or window frame is broken.

Intermatic also sells a personal alarm for remote locations, such as parking lots, isolated walkways and alleys.

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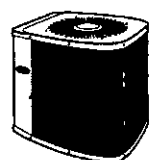
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Sprucing up your driveway and sidewalk is also a great way to enhance the look of your home. Stubborn oil stains can be removed by scrubbing a mixture of two parts powdered laundry detergent, two parts baking soda and one part household bleach. Then, this can be washed away with a hose. For an extra-quick fix, try some of the following suggestions:

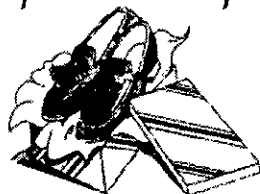
- Repaint or replace the mailbox.
- Install low-voltage lighting to illuminate your walkway.
- Cover garden beds with pine bark, or shredded cedar cypress mulch.
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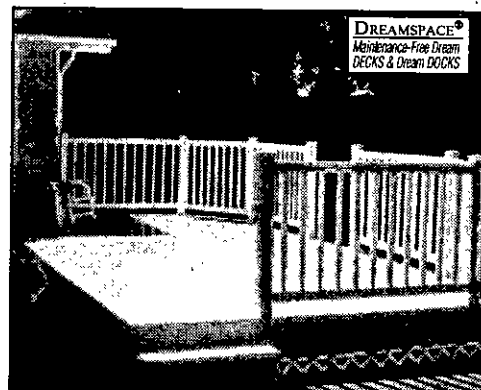
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Friday, April 24, at 4 p.m., at Burnt Hills

Monday, April 27 at 4 p.m., hosting Shenendehowa

Boys Varsity Track

Tuesday, April 28, at 4 p.m., hosting Saratoga/Burnt Hills

Girls Varsity Softball

Thursday, April 23, at Shenendehowa

Monday, April 27, at Saratoga

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Today, April 22, at 4 p.m., at Guilderland

Friday, April 24, at 4 p.m., hosting Shaker

Boys Varsity Tennis

Tuesday, April 21, at 4 p.m., at Columbia

Girls Varsity Track

No Varsity game this week

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

Thursday, April 23, at 7 p.m., at Colonie

Monday, April 27, at 4 p.m., at Columbia

Voorheesville

Boys Varsity Baseball

Wednesday, April 22, at 4:15 p.m. hosting Schalmont

Friday, April 24, at 4:14 p.m. hosting Mechanicville

Monday, April 27, at 4:15 p.m. hosting Lansingburgh

Girls Varsity Softball

Today, April 22, at 4:15 p.m., at Watervliet

Friday, April 24, at 4:15 p.m., at Holy Names

Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m., at Warrensburg

Monday, April 27, at 4:15 p.m., at Lansingburgh

Boys and Girls Varsity Track and Field

Thursday, April 23, at 4:15 p.m., at Schalmont

Saturday, April 25, at 10 a.m., at Maple Hill

Boys Varsity Track and Field

Tuesday, April 28, at 4:15 p.m., at Lansingburgh

BC boys take second in last two meets

By Karly Decker

Bethlehem varsity track team placed second overall in a double-dual meet at Shenendehowa.

The team had a close match-up against Guilderland, 90-89 and lost to Shenendehowa, 75-104.

Dave Raab placed first in the 100-meter with a 11.1 second time.

The 400-meter relay team, Lee Ansaldo, Kalid Umar, Jared McCarin and Raab, took first place with a time of 44.9 seconds.

In field events Umar placed first in the triple jump by jumping 43 feet 4 1/2 inches. Keith Campbell

also took first place in the high jump, jumping 5 feet 8 inches.

"The majority of our team didn't show up to perform that day," said Andy MacMillan. "But what really counts is the end of the season at the championship meets."

At the Kingston Invitational meet Bethlehem placed second out of 16. The 100-meter relay finished 1/2 a second slower than the meet record, 44.7 seconds. The team included Umar, Ansaldo, Macarin, and Matt Reuter.

Bethlehem's 200-meter relay team, Dan Xeller, Ansaldo,

Macarin and Reuter, also finished first with a 1:34.6 time.

Matt Holmes, MacMillan, Scott Rhodes and Tim Kavanagh played second for the 800-meter relay team with a 8:36 time.

In field events, Umar took first place in the pentathlon (long jump, javelin, 200-meter, discus and 1,500-meter); and a school record was set by MacMillan for the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:10.

The team's next meet is Tuesday, April 28 at Columbia against Colonie and Columbia at 4 p.m.

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seek the advice of planning board attorney Margaret Adkins.

"I cannot accept this plan," said Stapf. "We find the plan is not in compliance (with town development regulations)."

"If I approve the plan and the developers fail to comply with our requests within 45 days after the plans are approved, then the planning board has no say in the development, and Munchkin Enterprises can do whatever they want," he added.

Stapf said the plat review was not complete because developers don't have all the easements for the sanitary system. Also, the developers still need an agreement with the town for use of public water connections and concept approval for the water and sewer district by Albany County Health Department, he added.

The water agreement has to state how many connections the development will use.

Currently there are 30 taps avail-

able in the Northeast Water District and not all residents are connected. By the time construction begins for Tall Timbers, there may only be 26 taps available because of new construction and another resident who may want to connect. That would mean that the water tower would have to be erected before the 27th house was built.

Munchkin Enterprises' attorney Donald Zee told the board that permits cannot be obtained from the state until the town has approved the plans.

As for required easements, engineer Francis Bossolini of Ingalls, Smart, told the board that Munchkin's president Robert Iovinella is attempting to purchase three acres of land along the Nomanskill from Michael and Donna Mullany for an off-site sewer plant. Zee said a 50 foot easement has also been secured from Font Grove Road to the sewer plant site.

Iovinella said he needs one more easement, from the Tall Timbers site to Font Grove Road, which he is currently negotiating.

"That is why we came here to-

night — to schedule a scoping session to get all of those concerns out in the open so they can be addressed," Zee said. "We want to know what other changes need to be made."

Zee said he feels frustrated with the town because there was no point to the meeting.

Stapf defended the board saying, "I spoke to your engineers." He held up the subdivision regulation book and asked, "Are these being complied with?"

Zee started to leave and told the board the project would no longer offer water to Font Grove Road and his client would have to put the sewer plant on site. "We will withdraw the application and resubmit in full compliance with your regulations," Zee said.

Stapf stopped Zee from leaving by offering to schedule an informal scoping session for Tuesday, April 21. The informal scoping session is a way for the planning board to help Iovinella begin work on some of the town's concerns without putting the board's control of the project in jeopardy.

If the board had approved the plat review, the town and Iovinella would have 45 days to meet in a formal scoping session. At that point, Iovinella would have to complete work on any concerns about the project within the 45 day period, or the board loses control of the project, after which the board would not be able to make any revisions to the project, according

to SEQR regulations.

With new land to be purchased for the sewer facility and new easements, Iovinella has to update the environmental impact statement he commissioned eight years ago.

Zee said a new traffic study also has to be prepared.

Iovinella said the project is currently behind schedule because of the easements and reports that have to be completed.

Timbers developer refuses to pay extra water costs

Water is at issue in failed negotiations between Tall Timbers developers and a New Scotland family.

Robert Iovinella, president of Munchkin Enterprises, offered the Genovesi family a 50 foot wide easement from the Tall Timbers site to Font Grove Road.

"My clients want to benefit from the water running through their property (if the easement is granted)," said Karen Moreau, attorney for the Genovesi family.

Moreau said Iovinella promised the Genovesi that water would be brought to Font Grove Road. But, she said, the water would go to Font Grove Road and across to the sewer facility, not to the families.

Moreau noted that a number of Genovesi family members own homes within a few hundred feet of where the pipe would be laid. She thinks the family's request for water is reasonable since the developer must complete an environmental impact statement for the easements, and could easily file an impact statement for the 500 acre area, so the homes could be hooked up.

Iovinella's attorney Donald Zee said there are several reasons why Iovinella refuses to do this.

"What they want my client to do is to create a water and sewer district for the entire family land," Zee said. "Once this is done, their property would triple in value. We don't think its a fair and reasonable request."

Moreau said Iovinella refuses to make the connections because he claims that completing an environmental impact statement for 500 acres would increase the cost of the project and create further delays. Iovinella wants the property to be available for construction in spring of 1999.

Iovinella said he only plans to prepare an environmental impact statement for the easements.

Additionally Zee said costs of the environmental impact statement could be as much as \$100,000 for 500 acres and take up to a year. "We are offering \$50,000 for a 50 foot wide easement on their property," Zee said. "I think that is more than fair."

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Obituaries

Arlene Albert

Arlene Albert, 77, of Selkirk died Saturday, April 18, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Albert worked for Upjohn Co. as a health aide before she retired. She was an avid quilter and cake decorator.

She was the widow of George J. Albert.

Survivors include two daughters, Joan Daniels of Slingerlands and Lois Butler of Knox; a son, Jerry Albert of Saratoga Springs; three stepsons, George Albert, Charles Albert and Cornelius Albert; a sister, Ida Fieldson; 24 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Seniors Project, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

George Van Wormer

George A. Van Wormer Jr., 69, of Elm Avenue in Delmar died Friday, April 17, at his home.

Born in Rensselaer, he was a school bus driver for Bethlehem Central School District.

Mr. Van Wormer was a Navy veteran of World War II. While serving in the North Pole in 1946, he became a member of the Order of Penguins and regularly attended reunions. During the Korean War, Mr. Van Wormer joined the Air Force, where he was a welder. He later was a member of the Coast Guard Reserve.

He was a charter member and communications officer of the Bethlehem Police Auxiliary and a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post and Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a former member of Elsmere Fire Co. He taught junior bowling at local lanes and first aid for the Red Cross.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel E. Mosher Van Wormer; a son, Ernest S. Van Wormer of Delmar; and four brothers, Brian Van Wormer of Latham, Norman Van Wormer of Scotia, Richard Boos of Troy and Alan Boos of West Sand Lake.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Clarksville Community Church.

Robert Buttercase

Robert Buttercase, 76, of

Delmar died Thursday, April 16, at the Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he lived in Springfield, Mass., when he came to the United States.

He was a longtime resident of Delmar.

Mr. Buttercase was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

He was a longtime employee of the Burroughs Corp. and the state Lottery. He was a member of Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post.

He was the husband of the late Viola Buttercase.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Wesson of Tucson, Ariz., and Carol Moehrke of Sudbury, Mass.; a son, Robert A. Buttercase of Troy; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Capital District Chapter, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

J. Clayton Relyea

J. Clayton Relyea of Delmar died Wednesday, April 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he lived in Delmar for more than 60 years.

Mr. Relyea was an engineer for the former New York Telephone Co., retiring after 44 years of service. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Blasie Relyea; two sons, Robert C. Relyea of Slingerlands and Paul B. Relyea of Salem, Washington County; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Dorothy Long

Dorothy Newcomb Long of San Gabriel, Calif., and formerly of Slingerlands, died Tuesday, April 7, in San Gabriel.

A longtime Slingerlands resident, Mrs. Long was a homemaker.

She was the widow of Everett C. Long.

She was a member of the Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy O'Brien; a sister, Helen Novine; two grandchildren; and

two great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Cabot & Sons in Pasadena, Calif.

Austin J. Roberts

Austin J. Roberts, 79, of Glenmont died Saturday, April 4, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Roberts was a clerk for Graves & Rodgers Liquor Distributors in Albany before he retired.

He was a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post, Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2 and AARP.

He was a communicant of St. John's-St. Ann's Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen Quinn Roberts of Glenmont; two sons, Michael P. Roberts of Selkirk and Paul F. Roberts of Glenmont; a sister, Catherine Clark; two brothers, Charles Roberts and Howard Roberts; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Keenan Funeral Home and St. John's-St. Ann's Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to St. John's-St. Ann's Church, the Food Pantry, Fourth Avenue at Franklin Street, Albany 12202 or Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, 1121 Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

Blanche Monaghan

Blanche Weir Monaghan, 77, of Voorheesville died Sunday, April 12, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

She was a former treasurer for the village of Voorheesville and a member of First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

She was the widow of Robert Monaghan.

Survivors include a son, Robert W. Monaghan of Voorheesville; a daughter, Gail Barlow of Toas, N.M.; and a granddaughter.

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

Award

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youth awards.

The awards were developed by Bethlehem Youth Networks based on ideas raised at a Bethlehem Community Partnership workshop last fall. These two groups formed a task force that came up with the award concept.

"The award is for young people who show sensitivity and concern for others," said Bethlehem Networks coordinator Mona Prenoveau.

Members of the community were invited to nominate area teenagers who met the criteria for the award, and Gombel and Napper were chosen from a small pool of nominees.

"I had the privilege of notifying Amy and John they had won," Fuller said, "and when I went to locate them, they were both at their jobs on their day off, which speaks to their commitment."

"They went to work instead of spending the day goofing off," Fuller added.

Napper and Gombel both said they were surprised when they got the good news. "Sheila Fuller came down to my job (at Fashion Bug in Delaware Plaza) and congratulated me," Napper said. "I thought it was for something else, because I had just been named for Empire Girls State. I was very excited. It was this big thrilling thing."

Gombel felt the same combination of pride and surprise, with a strong dose of humility thrown in. "I felt like I had done what (Fuller) said I had done, but it wasn't necessarily anything special."

Gombel's prize was a recognition for his work with Delmar Reformed Church and School's Out Inc. He was nominated by the Rev. Sandy Damhof, for whom Gombel serves as an assistant at Sunday school and other church functions.

"John combines an excellent sense of compassion with a great sense of leadership, resulting in a truly effective style when working with our (congregation's) children," Damhof wrote in her nomination letter.

"(John) is incredibly self-directed and often perceives the needs of children before he is told," Damhof added. "He has often demonstrated the ability to step into a situation, quickly analyze what needs to be done, and then take steps to make it happen."

Gombel said his church work is a pleasure because he enjoys

children's energy and enthusiasm. "Later on, I definitely want to be a kindergarten teacher," he said.

"I try to set an example by being careful about what I talk about around (kids)," Gombel said. "I don't do anything I shouldn't, but I make sure not to say anything that would give kids the idea that I do."

An earnest, serious young man, Gombel said when he's put in charge of groups of children, encouraging good behavior is more important than being popular with the kids.

"I set an example because the kids that like me, they might try to do the same things I do, and the ones that don't like me, they might not like me that much more," he said.

"With the ones that don't like me, I just try even harder to be nice to them," Gombel continued. "I try not to be mean or get them in trouble if I don't have to. But if I have to, then I will."

Maintaining discipline also plays a part in the extracurricular activity that earned Napper her Pride of Bethlehem award. She's been a member of Bethlehem's Youth Court since its inception in 1995, where she has served in positions ranging from defense attorney to presiding judge.

"I do it because I like wearing the judge's robe," Napper joked.

"I like (working with the court) because I think it's important for kids to have a second chance," she said. "I think a lot of times kids do things without thinking."

"I would really like to be in the field of law," she said. "I've seen the good and the bad sides (of a legal career)."

Another arena Napper said she could picture herself in is the political one, to which she was exposed during an apprenticeship with state Assemblyman John Faso, R-Kinderhook.

"I love politics, too," she said. "When I was at Assemblyman Faso's office, I'd come home at the end of the day invigorated with all these stories to tell."

Although Napper seems to have a wealth of opportunities open to her — the funny, quick young woman is currently being solicited by several colleges — getting ahead isn't why she does the things she does.

"I don't do youth court because it's going to look good on my college résumé or because I feel good sentencing other kids," she said. "I do it because it makes me feel good."

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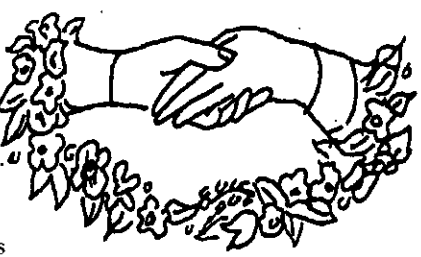
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Michael Thibault and Kate McNamara

McNamara, Thibault to wed

Kate McNamara, daughter of the late Timothy McNamara, and Patricia McNamara-Wheelock and Robert Wheelock of Slingerlands, and Michael Thibault, son of Gerda Thibault of Swanton, Vt. and the late Michael Robert Thibault, are engaged to be married.

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

has a master's degree from The College of Saint Rose.

She is a teacher at Wildwood School in Schenectady.

The future groom is a graduate of Castleton State College. He is a graduate student at The College of Saint Rose.

The couple plans a Sept. 26 wedding.

Middle School plans author festival

RCS Middle School will hold its sixth Young Readers and Authors Festival on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students in grades four to nine are invited along with their teachers and/or parents to see presentations by award-winning authors Cynthia DeFelice, Patricia Hermes and Todd Strasser.

Participants will be able to attend all three author presentations.

Books and snacks will be sold during breaks. Authors will sign their books after the presentations.

The cost is \$10 per student. Adults can attend free of charge.

To register, call Barbara Spring at 786-3251. For information, call Rita Silverman at 756-5200.

RCS graduate receives Navy ribbon

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Todd W. Entrott, son of Leroy and Flo Entrott of Selkirk, recently received the Battle Efficiency Ribbon while on a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile destroyer *USS Cole*.

Entrott is a graduate of RCS Senior High School.



James and Michele Corsey

Smith, Corsey marry

Michele Lynn Smith, daughter of Frank and Carol Smith of Waterford, and James Lincoln Corsey, son of Alfred and Joan Corsey of Malden Bridge, were married Dec 31.

Rev. Marshall Halphen performed the ceremony at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Waterford.

A reception followed at Chaucer's in Clifton Park.

The matron of honor was Laurie Lanne.

Bridesmaids were Gina Kane, Cindy Parnell and Jonelle Corsey, sister of the groom.

The best man was Michael Layman.

Ushers were F. Stephen Costa, Carlos Puentes and Michael Pitkin.

The bride is a graduate of Waterford High School. She is education coordinator at the Professional Insurance Agents Association in Glenmont.

The groom is a graduate of Columbia High School and Siena College. He is a computer systems analyst for the state Assembly Ways & Means Committee in Albany.

After a wedding trip to the Caribbean, the couple lives in Watervliet.

Officers plan golf tournament

Council 82 Law Enforcement Officers Union is sponsoring the seventh annual Schwartz/Petrosino Memorial Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday, June 15, at Western Turnpike Golf Course in Guilderland to benefit the American Lung Association.

The cost is \$95 per person, or \$380 per foursome. The price includes the greens fee, lunch, appetizers and steak roast dinner, beer, soda and the opportunity to

win prizes.

Tee times are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so golfers are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. Players must register by May 29.

Companies may also sponsor tee boxes or flags for \$100 each or become a corporate sponsor for \$1000.

For information, call the American Lung Association at 459-4197 ext. 321.

Youth Network

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Kid: I can't believe you want me to give up TV for a whole week.

Mom: We can just try it. There are so many things to do that are more fun than TV. We can organize that pile of photos sitting on the floor in the den. Now that the weather is better you can play outside. And remember, you wanted to start a garden this year.

Kid: But giving up the TV sounds like a life threatening task.

Mom: Our family is so dependent on TV. We can become closer by spending time together.

Kid: If the TV is off limits for the week, I guess we should try to find something to help us keep from reaching for the remote control. The *Community Walk* on Sunday, April 26, sounds OK. I heard some of the kids in school are going with their families. The walk starts at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

Mom: Now you've got the idea! The *Community Walk* is a perfect way to kick off *Break Free from TV Week*. We can enjoy the fresh air while doing something healthy together.

Kid: And there will be refreshments too!! I know that giving up TV won't be fun, but I'll try it.

Mom: Great!!! We'll turn off the TV and tune into each other.



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Todd Drometer and Veleda Van Horn

Van Horn, Drometer to wed

Veleda Van Horn, daughter of Neil and Hannah Van Horn of Pittsburgh, and Todd Drometer, son of William and Sheila Drometer of Orchard Park, Erie County, formerly of Glenmont, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Tufts University. She has a master's degree from Boston University School of Management.

She is a marketing and planning analyst for Partners

Healthcare System in Boston.

The future groom is a graduate of Albany Academy and Hamilton College. He has a master's degree from the University of Hartford and is a certified public accountant.

He is a manager with Arthur Anderson Business Consulting in Boston.

The couple plans a Sept. 26 wedding.

Computer art contest opens

The Capital District Computer Enthusiasts announces its annual computer generated art contest.

Any art created with the help of a computer is eligible and the contest is open to everyone. You will be asked to explain how your artwork was created.

Capital District Computer Enthusiasts will meet on Wednesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

A 45-minute beginners workshop entitled "Disaster Control for Windows 95" will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Everybody is welcome to meet club members and ask questions about computers, graphics, networking and communications.

Hammes will discuss whether the relatively benign presence of El Niño in our region is a hopeful portent for the future or merely an aberration.

Dinner is \$14. To make reservations, call Joseph Herman at 237-8572 or Leroy Negus at 765-4867. For information, call Jerome Glax at 465-7411

Weatherman to discuss El Niño

WRGB Channel 6 Weather Center specialist Steve Hammes of Clarksville will share his theories about the El Niño weather phenomenon with the Men's Garden Club of Albany at the club's monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Samuel Hayes McLaren, to Catherine and Michael McLaren of Delmar, March 30.

Girl, Gabrielle Nicole Sanza, to Christine Kenefick and Mark Sanza of Slingerlands, April 1.

Girl, Rebecca Kristine Howard, to Andrea and Thomas Howard of Delmar, April 6.

Girl, Helene Julia DiStefano, to Caroline and Mark DeStefano of Glenmont, April 9.

Boy, Eric John Dolen, to Karen and Eric Dolen of Delmar, April 13.

DEAN'S LIST

Bates College — Tamara Backer and David Seegal, both of Delmar.

Middlebury College — Bradley Pryba of Delmar.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges — Philip Poczik of Delmar.

Local students receive awards

The College of Saint Rose recently presented awards to outstanding students at its annual honors convocation.

Elizabeth Biggerstaff of Delmar, Robert Buckley of Selkirk and Carole Stevens of Voorheesville received Outstanding Senior Awards.

Marine departs for Mediterranean

Marine Cpl. James J. Banahan, son of Bonnie and James J. Banahan Sr. of Selkirk, has departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 26 Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard the ships of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

Delmar student earns honor

Scott Michael Lobel of Delmar, was one of 48 students initiated into the Duke University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, a national scholastic honorary fraternity for undergraduates, graduate students and recent graduates.



Ellen and Gerald Pappert

Duggan, Pappert marry

Ellen P. Duggan, daughter of Joseph and Diana Duggan of Maple Glen, Pa., and Gerald J. Pappert, son of Gerald and Patricia Pappert of Delmar, were married Aug. 23.

Rev. Gregory Weider performed the ceremony at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Abington, Pa.

A reception followed at Huntingdon Valley Country Club.

The maid of honor was Susan G. Duggan, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Molly Russin, sister of the bride, and Kelly Russin, niece of the bride.

The best man was Nick Mesiti. Ushers were James Hageney and Christopher Lattmann.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Scranton.

The groom is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Villanova University and Notre Dame Law School.

He is first deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple lives in Hummelstown, Pa.

Mail weddings, engagements

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Elsmere School slates book and video sale

Elsmere Elementary School at 247 Delaware Ave. will hold a used book sale on Friday, April 24, from 4 to 8 p.m.

To donate books and videos, drop them off at the school on Thursday, April 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or Friday, April 24, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Rediscovering Thacher Park

By Peter Hanson

Fans of the winding trails and scenic vistas of John Boyd Thacher State Park can raise money to keep the park in shape by participating in the March for Parks Sunday.

Starting at noon, walk leaders will escort participants along three courses of varying lengths. Pledge money raised will benefit park programs.

For people who haven't yet made a fair-weather pilgrimage to Thacher Park this year, the walk is a perfect excuse to explore one of the Capital District's natural wonders.

The walk is being coordinated by Nancy Engel, who described her job as "park interpreter." She's worked at Thacher Park for a year, during which time she's introduced about a dozen new

event in the fall where we'll have Native American programs and maybe hay rides through the park — sort of a fall celebration."

Engel's enthusiasm for creating new ways to enjoy Thacher Park is part of an ongoing campaign to broaden public knowledge about the 2,300-acre area, which is in the towns of Guiderland, New Scotland and Berne.

The park was donated to the state in 1914 by Emma Treadwell Thacher, who was the widow of former state senator and Albany Mayor John Boyd Thacher.

In addition to a half-mile of Indian Ladder trails, some of Thacher's most popular attractions are the overlook, a series of cliffs where people can gaze down from the Helderbergs and see Albany County stretching out to the



On Sunday, the winding trails of Thacher Park may be filled with participants in the March for Parks fund-raiser. 1998 is the second year the event has been held. *Peter Hanson*

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programs in addition to organizing existing ones like the March for Parks.

Engel said this year she's hoping to start even more programs, such as seasonal nature-photography workshops and a "bat outing" in which participants will try to study the winged rodents in their natural habitat.

Engel said Al Hicks of the state Department of Environmental Conservation is coordinating the bat outing. "If he can, he'll bring a bat with him so people can look at them up close and touch them," Engel said.

"When I was hired, one of the things that was requested of me was to set up more programs," she continued. "For example, I'm trying to plan a weekend

horizon, and Minelot Falls, which cascades down a rugged mountainside.

"The park also features nine picnic areas that have pavilions, which can be reserved, where we have a lot of weddings and company picnics in the summer," Engel said. "We also have a swimming pool that's used in the summer."

To keep these facilities in good shape, fund-raising events like the March for Parks are a must; Engel said she hopes about 100 people will participate this year. Last year's attendance — about 25 people — was affected by a late-season snowfall the night before the walk.

Participants in this year's walk will meet at noon by Pear Orchard, which is

located just off Route 157 near the park office. Pledge forms are available now at the park and at event sponsors including New Salem Garage in Slingerlands and SuperValu market in Voorheesville.

Last year's event raised \$1,700, which funded planting trees and flowers in Thacher and nearby Thompson's Lake State Park. The money also paid for new

fireplaces at the Thompson's Lake campground. "Special events let people know there's more than just the Indian Ladder trails and the picnic tables at Thacher Park," Engel said. "That's kind of a mission I'm on."

For information on the March for Parks and other Thacher Park programs, call 872-1237.

NYS Theatre Institute plans summer stage classes

The Russell Sage College campus in Troy takes on the appearance of a summer theater July and August as the NYS Theatre Institute continues its programs of summer classes and residencies. With the history of theater productions presented by the Institute through the year and the aura of a movie set where Martin Scorsese filmed much of *The Age of Innocence*, the campus takes on a theatrical atmosphere that resembles the famed summer theaters on campuses of the 1930s and '40s.

Programs are arranged for students from eight years of age through college age and applicants may reside on campus five days a week during the three and four week programs for an extra fee.

The three-week program designed for students 8-18 features a variety of performing arts workshops with professional training balanced with personal development. Individual and collaborative training is conducted in this SummerStage program.

A four-week program for high school and college students contains a series of workshops that culminates in a production of a new musical, *The Mystery of the Dancing Princesses*. A professional creative team, including the authors and composers of the musical, will work with the students.

The application deadline for these courses is May 1. For information, call 274-3295.

Pat Boone schedules matinee at Proctor's for senior fans

As Pat Boone grows older, so do his fans and despite his attempt to get contemporary with his Metal Mood album, he still acknowledges where his fan base is.

As a result, Boone's appearance Monday, May 4 at Proctor's will be a matinee at 2 p.m. which is favored by his senior audience rather than a night time appearance.

The 40-year career enjoyed by Boone has been one of the clean-cut singer who only recently in the past few years attempted to

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change that image slightly. But despite his attempt to shed his "boy next door" reputation, he is still remembered for the songs "Ain't That A Shame," "April Love" and "Love Letters in the Sand." The opening act will be a stand-up comedian, as yet unnamed.

Reservations and information are available at 346-6204.

Proctor's is also bringing in the musical version of Neil Simon's

The Goodbye Girl into town on Saturday May 2 with Barry Williams in the lead. This is an adaptation of Simon's popular movie that enjoyed some Broadway success last season.

Williams who is remembered as a participant on *The Brady Bunch* plays a struggling actor who sublets an apartment from a single mother who is a dancer past her prime. The musical has Marvin Hamlisch music and did get five Tony Award nominations in 1996.

Reservations and information available at 346-6204.

Steamer No. 10 producer preps for next season and grants

As producer Ric Chesser finishes out his season at Steamer No. 10 Theatre in Albany, he is pointing to a new season to begin in mid-October. Without air conditioning the converted Albany city firehouse is not suitable for summer production.



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"I intend to get air conditioning in several years," Chesser says, "but, I'm looking at a \$20,000 item."

Meanwhile as Albany's only professional children's theater, Chesser's creation continues to produce five or six children's shows per season, keeping the 100-seat theater busy a good 40 weeks a year. His productions of *Cinderella* and *Pinocchio*, particularly, gained popular support this past season, winning the favor of children and their parents alike.

But, as the summer approaches, Chesser who renovated the firehouse himself some dozen years ago, faces paperwork in the form of grant applications for public and private support of the theater. In seeking this support, he competes with such venues as SPAC, Proctor's and the Capital Repertory Company. So far, he has managed to hold his head above water while arriving at a viable format for children's theater.

The Recital plays at Delmar church as part of its regional tour

A production of the comedy/mystery play, *The Recital*, will be presented at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar Friday, April 24, and Sunday, May 3, as part of a dinner theater program.

This audience participation mystery has been travelling for eight years throughout the region and the state as a presentation of Riverview Entertainment Productions which also has been offering musical revues. A newer production is a new historical play, *Victory in Defeat*, at the Finch and Chubb restaurant in Whitehall, N.Y. where Benedict Arnold saved the American cause even though he lost his small fleet in 1776 on Lake Champlain.

Dinner for *The Recital* in Delmar starts at 7 p.m. on April 24 and 5 p.m. on May 3.

Information and reservations are available at 279-9247.

Around Theaters!

Much Ado About Nothing, Shakespeare's comedy at the University Theater, Albany April 24 — May 2 (442-3997).

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THEATER

"CROOKED LAKE HOUSE"

Doc Scanlon's rhythm boys, Averill Park, Friday, April 24, 8 to 11:30 p.m. Information, 674-3894.

"SLEUTH"

Anthony Shaffer's thriller, presented by Home Made Theater at the Spa Little Theater in Saratoga Springs, Friday and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m., April 24 through May 10, \$16 and \$14. Information, 587-4427.

"THE GINGERBREAD LADY"

presented by the College of Saint Rose, Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 25 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 26 at 2 p.m. The College of Saint Rose Campus Theater, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, Information, 454-5242.

"TARTUFFE"

Moliere classic, performed by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute theater students, Chapel and Cultural Center, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy, April 23, 24 and 25, \$5, \$3 for students and seniors. Information, 273-6373.

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

Shakespeare comedy, performed by University at Albany theater students, Performing Arts Center of uptown campus, 8 p.m. on April 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, May 1 and 2, 3 p.m. on April 26, \$10, \$7 for senior citizens and students. Information, 442-3997.

"THE GINGERBREAD LADY"

Neil Simon comedy, performed by College of Saint Rose theater students, 7 p.m. on April 24 and 25 and 2 p.m. on April 26, Campus Theatre, 100 Madison Ave., Albany, \$5, free with Saint Rose ID. Information, 454-5242.

"ANNIE AND ARTHUR"

by Michael Schulman, Christ Church Episcopal, Hudson, Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m. Reservations required, 851-2058.

MUSIC

ERNIE WILLIAMS AND THE WILDCATS

play the blues, The Inn, Saratoga Sunday Tex-Mex/Southwestern Specialties Bunch, 231 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 782-0577.

FREE ORGAN CONCERT

Proctor's Theater in Schenectady, noon, Tuesday, April 28. Information, 273-3265.

O'CAROLAN'S FAREWELL TO MUSIC

Old Songs presents Irish harpist and storyteller Patrick Ball, Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, 8 p.m., April 25, \$12, pre-concert dinner with talk by Ball at 5:30 p.m., \$10 in advance. Information, 765-2815.

BACHMANN-KLIBONOFF-FRIDMAN TRIO

performing works by Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Turina, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, 8 p.m., April 24, \$20. Information, 273-0038.

EMERSON STRING QUARTET

performing works by Shostakovich and Beethoven, Memorial Chapel at Union College, Schenectady, April 26, \$20. Information, 372-3651.

BRUCE ADLER

an evening of cabaret at Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave., Albany, April 23, 8:30 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

SHAKESPEARE AND BEYOND: MUSIC OF THE GREAT POETS

University at Albany Chamber Singers and University Community Chorale, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, 8 p.m., April 25, \$3, \$1 for students. Information, 442-3997.

OCTAVO SINGERS

performing Bloch's Sacred Service, Temple Gates of Heaven, Eastern Parkway and Ashmore Avenue, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m., April 25, free-will offering. Information, 346-4353.

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 22 at 12:20 and 4:20 p.m., free. Information, 442-3995.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

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.

AUDITION

for Capitol Hill Choral Society for the 1997-98 season. All voice parts. Information, 465-3328 or 374-4399.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

AUDITION

for June production of 3, one act plays. Parts needed play 1, 2 professors 35-50, 2 college students. Play 2, 2 couples, 1 man. Play 3, 10 characters, high school or older. April 27 and 29, 7 p.m. Church of the Covenant, Route 43, Averill Park. Information, 482-1913.

DANCE

"CINDERELLA"

performed by Northeast Ballet, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, April 26, 2 and 7 p.m., \$12, \$10 for children. Information, 346-6204.

FESTIVALS/SHOWS

QE2 POETS' OPEN MIC

QE2, 13 Central Ave., Albany, Monday, April 27, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 438-6314.

CLASSES/LECTURES

VERDI'S DON CARLOS

Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road Niskayuna, Wednesday, April 29, 10 a.m. to noon. Reservations by April 27, 377-8803.

MUSEUM ART CLASSES

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

DANCE CLASSES

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

ART CLASSES

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

ART VIDEO SERIES

"French Artists: The Liberation of Color," one-hour video on Henri Matisse, April 22, noon, New

York State Museum Theater, Madison Avenue, Albany, free. Information, 473-7521.

VISUAL ARTS

19TH CENTURY LANDSCAPE DRAWINGS

from the collection of Albany Institute of History and Art, through April 26. Information, 463-4478.

THE 1998 NEW YORK STATE BIENNIAL

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

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

Cover to Cover, books by 10 artists, through May 31; Camille Pissarro in the Caribbean, 1850-1855, through June 28; 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

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.

PEACE OFFERINGS

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

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.

GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART

315 Warren St., Hudson, open Thursday through Sunday. Information, 828-1915.

SCHUYLER MANSION

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

PERSONAL VISIONS IN PAINT

The Arts Center Gallery, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, through April 24, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 584-4132.

THE POETRY MOTEL FOUNDATION

exhibit of photographs, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Information, 482-0262.

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Super Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 Lively round dance	6 Peter and Ivan	11 Respond, in a way	16 Ravel opus	17 Proportion	18 Baseball boo-boo
20 Candidate, sometimes	21 Bakery byproduct	22 Baseball jewel?	24 Makes a hole in one	25 Air terminal porter	27 Nothing, in Madrid
29 On — (equivalent to)	30 Former chess champ	31 Footway	32 Root of the taro	33 TV actor Robert	34 Arabian chieftain
36 Makes public	37 Countenance	39 She loved Narcissus	40 Famous	42 Extreme hardship	43 Mortarboard decoration
45 Juan and Ho	46 Destructive insects	47 Rudely concise	48 Historic rider	51 Capital of Morocco	52 Nagged at
56 Celestial hunter	57 Jeopardy	58 Brief film appearance	59 Cry's companion	60 Drags out the speech	61 Prink or primp
62 Whimpers	63 It follows older or divorce	64 Airport info	65 Merchandise	66 "The truth — make you free"	67 — truck
68 Herring delicacies	70 Becomes more sparse	71 Sea ducks	72 Some are electric	73 "— Alone" (song)	74 Fiji chestnut
75 Large gully	78 Old World sandpiper	79 Sights at Giza	83 Harem	84 Wild dogs of Asia	86 Heat supplier
87 Epochal	88 Drunkard	89 Curved molding	90 Marionette-maker Tony	91 Dutch uncle	92 Spring flag
94 Line or net starter	95 Biological classifications	97 Plant used in lotions	98 Audience demands	100 Laughing	102 Hard and unyielding
104 Her dancing pleased Herod	105 Where the action is	106 Salty	107 He wrote "The Highwayman"	108 Fine Italian straw	109 Broken pottery fragment
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3 Ring or book follower	4 Crude metals	5 Flat hats	6 Expanses of land	7 Musical Vaughan	8 Above
9 Basketball hoop	10 Unspecified things	11 Blitz, in football	12 Assam silkworm	13 Brazilian macaw	14 State, of insensibility
15 Cancer and Capricorn	16 Suited	19 Scythe handle	20 Office gadget	23 Drivel	26 Arm or age lead-in
28 Jewish month	32 "Dinner at —" (1933 movie)	35 Cowboy competitions	36 A queen of England	37 Essential	38 Chopin compositions
39 Italian noble	41 Eroded by use	42 Harbinger of spring	44 Jason's ship	46 Areas common to Mars and the moon	47 Caravan asset?
48 Poll-taker of note	49 One of the Muses	50 Author Gore	51 Marsh grasses	52 Removes water from a boat, with "out"	53 German river
54 Swiss mathematician	55 Small, secluded glens	57 Movable stage settings	58 Large wading bird	61 Combined	62 Narrow opening
63 French matron	65 Fed. agents	66 Starts in flight	67 Pocket bread	69 Luau garlands	70 "— Little Words"
71 British nobleman	73 Swift message	74 Lawn seed	75 Actress Perez	76 Decorates	77 Papal palace
78 Forum garb	79 Unadulterated	80 Home of the "little people"	81 Singer Vic	82 Weather word	85 Sawing frames
86 Chinese gambling game	90 Plant of the Cassia genus	93 Choir plum	94 Attica township	95 Celt of the Scottish Highlands	96 Esau's wife
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AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 22**
ALBANY COUNTY
DREAM WORKSHOP

Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, \$18, 7:15 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

FOSTER/ADOPTION FAMILIES NEEDED

Albany County Department of Social Services, 112 State Street, 1st floor, 3:30 p.m. Information, 447-7515.

FARMERS' MARKET

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

SQUARE DANCE

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

NEW BEGINNINGS: MOVING BEYOND THE LOST

program, Bellevue Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

**THURSDAY
APRIL 23**
ALBANY COUNTY
ASSISTED LIVING AT SENIOR QUARTERS

reception explaining advantages, Senior Quarters at Albany Shaker, 345 Northern Boulevard, Albany, 4 to 6 p.m. Reservations, 465-4444.

PARENTING WITH WIT AND WISDOM

Blessed Sacrament School, 605 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

HIKING WITH YOUR DOG

<ITEM>clinic at Eastern Mountain Sports, Crossgates Mall, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 452-9440.

CHORUS REHEARSAL

Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

office of Drs. Jacobs & Lee, 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 783-5556.

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.

SARATOGA COUNTY
EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Avenue, Saratoga Springs, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

**FRIDAY
APRIL 24**
ALBANY COUNTY
MEET LOCAL CLUBS

clinic at Eastern Mountain Sports, Crossgates Mall, Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 452-9440.

25TH ANNUAL NORI AWARDS CEREMONY

Hart Theater at The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 6 p.m., \$35. Reservations, 237-3825.

SOUTH END COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY

Griffen Elementary School, corner of Morton and South Pearl Streets, 4 to 7 p.m. Information, 462-8260.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

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

SENIORS LUNCHESES

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

**SATURDAY
APRIL 25**
ALBANY COUNTY
SPRING ROAST BEEF DINNER

Bethany Reformed Church, 760 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Take out, 482-7998.

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES FAIR

St. Sophia's Church, Albany, noon to 3 p.m. Information, 800-922-9120.

TOM ROBINSON MEMORIAL MASTER'S CHAMPIONSHIP

10 kilometer race beginning at Guiderland High School, 40 years and older, registration at 9 a.m., \$7. Information, 456-2855.

JIMAVUKTI YOGA FROM THE SOURCE

Albany Kripalu Yoga Center, 6 Metro Park Road, Albany, 3 to 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$55 per couple. Information, 454-9642.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY
SPRING HAWK WATCH

Landis Ardoretum, Esperance, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 875-6935.

COLUMBIA COUNTY
THE QUILT SHOW II

Columbia-Greene Community College, Route 23, Hudson, through April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 828-4181.

SARATOGA COUNTY
MARCH FOR PARKS

Saratoga National Historical Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 26**
ALBANY COUNTY
WALKAMERICA

begins at Sage Colleges Albany Campus, registration at 9 a.m. Information, 1-800-698-WALK.

MASTERWORKS CHORALE TO PRESENT 27TH ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

BACK MASSAGE FOR COUPLES

Albany Kripalu Yoga Center, 6 Metro Park Road, Albany, 3 to 5 p.m., \$59 per couple. Information, 454-9642.

DANCE PROGRAM

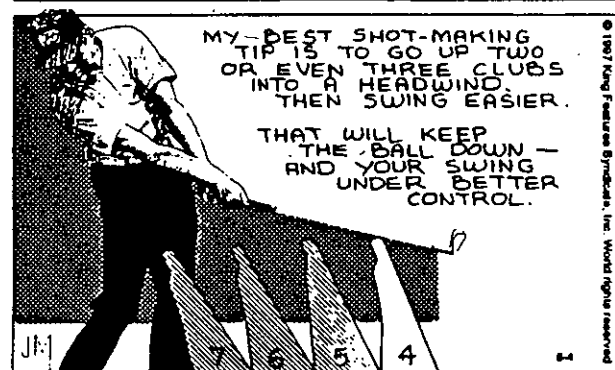
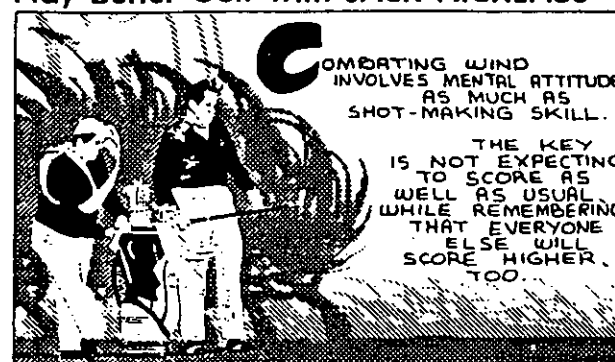
"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington Avenue, Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

**MONDAY
APRIL 27**
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIORS LUNCHESES

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

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION ORIENTATION

Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 7 p.m., 25 per couple. Reservation, 426-2600.

NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TOURISM CONFERENCE

Empire State Plaza and Convention Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 803-3740.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
SCOTTISH DANCING

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

**TUESDAY
APRIL 28**
ALBANY COUNTY
NATURAL HISTORY LECTURE SERIES WRAP-UP

SUNY Albany, Lecture Center 7, 8 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS LECTURE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-6651, ext. 126.

TRUE FRIENDS

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

SENIORS LUNCHESES

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

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB

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

CIVIL AIR PATROL

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

RECOVERY, INC.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
MS SELF-HELP GROUP

Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group, Sunnyview Hospital, Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP

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

COLUMBIA COUNTY
EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Christ Episcopal Church, Union Street, Hudson, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 22
BETHLEHEM
TOWN BOARD

 town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

 The Clubhouse, Adams Station
 Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar,
 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

 Elsmere Elementary School, 247
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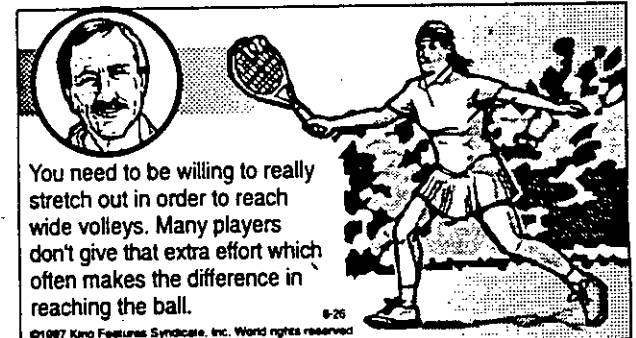
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 25th day of March, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

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(April 22, 1998)

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(April 22, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Kabat Builders & Remodelers, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 17, 1998, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 10 Mountainview Terrace, Latham, NY 12110. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

(April 22, 1998)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206(C)

1. The name of the limited liability company is Taconic Golf Clubhouse, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was March 23, 1998.
3. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to Taconic Golf Clubhouse, LLC, c/o The Law Offices of David B. Sall, Esq., 3 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601.
5. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

(April 22, 1998)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said district on Tuesday May 19, 1998. The polls will be open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Steven Schriber.
2. To vote on the Annual School Budget for the 1998-1999 school year and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Voorheesville Elementary School
Clayton A. Bouton
High School
Voorheesville, New York 12186

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schoolhouses
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
hours

And notice is also given that petitions nominating & candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education
Voorheesville Central
School District
Voorheesville, New York 12186
Dated: April 1, 1998

Dorothea Pfeleiderer
District Clerk

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the Annual School District Meeting, the Public Library budget for the year 1998-1999 will be held in the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School on Tuesday, May 19, 1998. The polls will be open at 2:00 p.m. and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of J. Fredericks Volkwein.
2. To vote on the Public Library budget for the 1998-1999 school year and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

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Dated: April 1, 1998
Gail Sacco, Clerk
(April 22, 1998)

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 19, 1998, between the hours 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period of July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school district budget will be held on the 6th day of May, 1998 at the Educational Services Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m., EDT.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1998 to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Paula Read and Jordan Langer and a term of two (2) years commencing July 1, 1998, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Roger Beck (presently filling the unexpired term is John Cody), must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 17, 1998.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes will be taken upon following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
2. For the election of two (2) members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years; all commencing July 1, 1998, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Stuart Lyman and Dennis Stevens;
3. Upon the appropriation of \$506,000 to purchase nine (9) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

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5. For the election of three trustees to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, two for full terms of five years commencing July 1, 1998, to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Paula Read and Jordan Langer, and one to complete the term of two (2) years commencing July 1, 1998, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Roger Beck (presently filling the unexpired term is John Cody);

6. Upon the purchase of real property and improvements commonly known and described as 45 Borthwick Avenue situated adjacent to the Bethlehem Public Library for the sum of \$150,000 to be paid for from the 1998-99 annual Bethlehem Public Library Budget, and for the allocation of the additional sum of \$100,000 from said 1998-99 Bethlehem Public Library Budget for payment of costs and expenses associated with the developing of said premises for parking, ingress and egress, and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor; and

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 19, 1998, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place on May 19, 1998.

Steven O'Shea, School District Clerk
Dated: March 26, 1998
(April 22, 1998)

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids in accordance with section 103 of the General Municipal Law for the following:

NSM OR EQUIVALENT CDROM JUKEBOX

Bids will be received until 2 PM on May 6, 1998, at the office of the Business Administrator at Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specification and bid forms may be obtained at this same office.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Board of Education
Steven O'Shea
District Clerk
Dated: 4/16/98
(April 22, 1998)

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

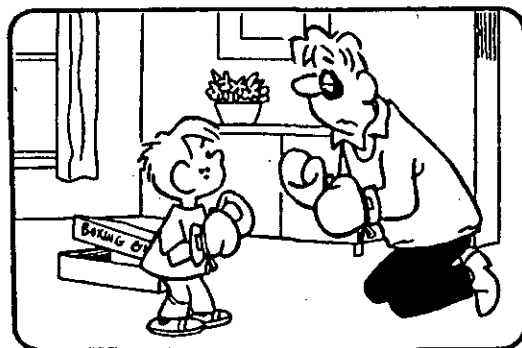
The name of LLC is Columbia Albany Group IV, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 26, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is 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 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.

(April 22, 1998)

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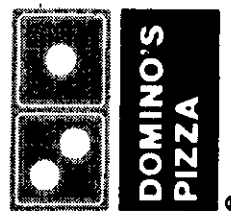
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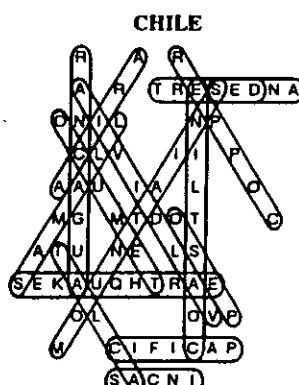
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State

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But O'Shea noted that the district won't get all of the \$10,953,734 allocated in the preliminary budget.

For instance, he said, state education formulas overestimated the growth aid Bethlehem should expect to receive. The state's estimate this year is \$94,085. Growth aid helps schools deal with increasing enrollment.

O'Shea said last year, the state first said the district would receive almost \$85,000 in growth aid, but once it adjusted for formula errors, the district received \$25,224.

O'Shea said he expected \$10,575,524 or 3 percent less than what the state proposed when the school district's 1998-99 budget went to the school board.

McCartney said when

Voorheesville estimated its state aid for the budget process it had figured on getting about \$4,137,853. But now with the preliminary budget out McCartney said he thinks the district will see another \$70,000.

McCartney said he estimates the district's actual state aid to be \$4,207,853 by using up-to-date numbers for transportation, growth and building expenses. The state's aid figure for Voorheesville is \$4,246,212.

"We'll give that \$70,000 back to the taxpayers," McCartney said.

The district had asked for a 1 percent tax increase for next year's budget. Now, he said, they won't be asking for an increase.

McCartney couldn't say if taxes will increase. He noted that property assessments determine taxes for individual property owners. McCartney added that the library budget has to be considered too.

Both districts may be eligible for part of the new \$500 billion rescue fund for construction projects and building repairs.

O'Shea said the district is eligible to receive up to \$842,844 if its projects meet state criteria.

Projects affecting the health and safety of students, increasing school capacity, enhancing accessibility to public school facilities for individuals with disabilities, emergency construction projects and reducing exposure to environmental hazards are some of the criteria schools have to meet to be eligible for rescue funds.

O'Shea said handicapped accessibility projects for the high school and Elsmere School would be eligible for funding and a project at Hamagrael School may also be eligible.

O'Shea said the problem with the rescue fund is that the state won't accept plans voted on before July 1.

"That means that schools won't be eligible for funding until May 19, 1999," O'Shea said. "Because that's (the next time) all school districts vote on budgets."

IDA

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still only in the discussion stage, will have to move through several town agencies before the bond could be given.

"They have to have a simultaneous review by the planning board (and the IDA)," Tucker said, "and we have to have a public hearing."

Public hearings are a required step before IDAs can issue bonds, which are guarantees against public money that allow developers to get loans to finance projects.

Tucker and the other members of the IDA expressed curiosity about the American Housing proposal, but there won't be any indication if the IDA plans to embrace the project until after company representatives make their formal presentation next month.

Bonds were one of the criteria used by *Capital District Business Review* when it ranked the area's most active IDAs in its March 30 issue. The Bethlehem IDA ranked 17th out of 25 agencies listed.

Tucker and the other members of the IDA discussed the list during the April 21 meeting and agency member Joseph Richardson talked about a fact-finding trip he recently made to Saratoga. The Saratoga County IDA ranked first in the *Business Review* list.

Richardson said the Saratoga IDA aggressively courts industrial clients and offers them "shovel-ready" sites. These are sites with existing sewer and water connections that have already been presented to the appropriate zoning and planning boards.

By working out bureaucratic tangles before courting industrial clients, the Saratoga IDA offers clients sites that can be developed almost immediately. Bethlehem earned a murky reputation in industrial circles last year when op-

position from residents derailed a large formaldehyde plant. Spurlock Adhesives wanted to build in Selkirk.

"What I would like to see is an industrial park that would be shovel-ready," Richardson said. "That would send a message ... that we're alive and ready to do business."

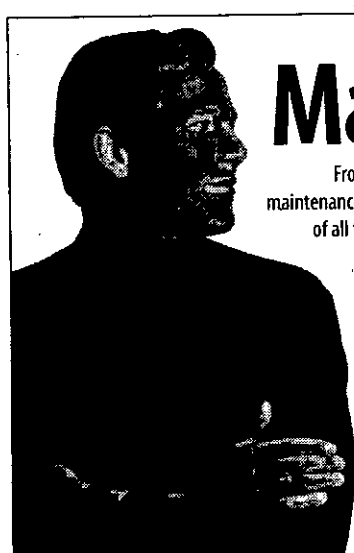
The possibility of an industrial park has come up repeatedly in recent months, and it coincides with the state's "chip-fab" initiative, in which several locations are being made shovel-ready for possible occupancy by multi-billion-dollar computer chip fabrication factories that employ thousands of workers.

A Wemple Road site in Selkirk is one of 13 areas included in the state's chip-fab initiative, and town Supervisor Sheila Fuller has said if a chip-fab plant isn't built there, the site would already be prepared for an industrial park.

Richardson pressed his colleagues to consider developing an alternative industrial park site simultaneously with preparations for the chip-fab initiative. "Where the other (IDAs) have the advantage over us is they have a defined industrial park where they put the infrastructure," Richardson said.

Fuller, who attended the last 15 minutes of the meeting, said, "Frankly, the only reason we're losing (potential industrial clients) is our sites are not prepared," she said. "We need to be shovel-ready and, hopefully, have the support of the community."

In other business, town comptroller Judy Kehoe volunteered to assemble a rough draft IDA brochure based on samples collected by Richardson. The brochure is the first step in a marketing campaign Tucker wants to use to draw new clients to Bethlehem.



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This annual event is scheduled for
Saturday, May 16th, 1998

If you have a crew of volunteers who are in need of a project, or if you have a project that needs to be done, we can help. Call us to match up volunteers with projects. **Your Chamber of Commerce 439-0512.**



Clean Up Day is an initiative of the Merchants Group of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce:
"Putting Bethlehem First!"

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Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

Sun., April 26
1pm & 4pm

This lively musical by Theatre IV brings to life the lovable crocodile that children around the world have come to know through Bernard Waber's many books.

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Tuesday May 5th
7:00 pm

You and your child will be able to participate in a fun-filled introduction to the Music Studio's music fundamentals program for children ages 3-8.

Please call **459-7799** for reservations or information

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