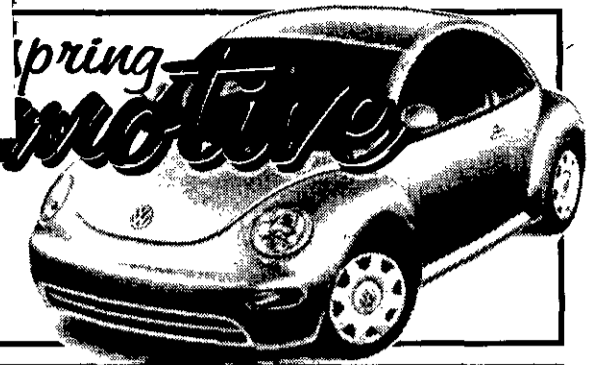


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Brand new citizens



Glenmont Elementary School teacher Valerie Falco and her husband George hold Madeline Jianfei and Molly Jiandong during naturalization ceremonies at the school. Doug Persons

Residents slam lot plan as library vote draws near

By Peter Hanson

As the wait until the May 19 vote on Bethlehem Public Library's \$250,000 parking lot addition dwindles, the polite disagreement between library officials and a Delmar resident has turned acrimonious.

"I think they have not only been uncooperative, but they have been untruthful as well," Anne Moore of Borthwick Avenue, said last week.

Moore's comments followed a May 6 zoning board of appeals hearing at which officials from CMI Senior Housing & Healthcare, the developer seeking to build a large facility next to the library, said they've included possible library parking in their plans.

The zoning board hearing angered Moore because she was at a May 5 public meeting during which library officials said CMI wasn't providing parking. According to Moore, the officials used the lack of

CMI parking to emphasize the necessity of the \$250,000 proposal.

"We were told Tuesday night that (CMI's parking offer) was old hat," Moore said. "At it turns out, CMI admitted to meeting with the library board ... to dis-



No one in town knows whether the CMI proposal will fly at all. It would not be wise to rely on an uncertainty.

Susan Birkhead

discuss parking options. That, in my opinion, is being untruthful."

"That's not true," countered Susan Birkhead, president of the library board of trustees.

Birkhead said Moore's description of events is incorrect, explaining that at the May 5 public meeting, "We acknowledged that CMI is really an open issue." Birkhead said the subject of her discussion with CMI representatives was emergency access, not parking.

Birkhead added that a stipulation of CMI's informal approval from the town planning board states the developer will

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Towns ready for budget vote May 19

Bethlehem touts 3.95% hike lowest increase in 19 years

By Lisa K. Kelly

Bethlehem Central School District residents will vote on the school board's proposed \$42,977,450 budget for 1998-99 on Tuesday, May 19.

"This is the lowest budget increase in 15 years," said Superintendent Les Loomis, "and the lowest tax rate increase in almost 19 years."

The budget increased by 3.95 percent from 1997-98 and the tax rate increased by 2.43 percent.

Loomis presented the proposed budget to district residents and outlined its positive points during a public hearing at a recent school board meeting.

The proposed package addresses many issues, including teacher/student ratio, guidance/student ratio, technical aides and library staffing. Residents can vote on the budget between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue.

"We meet the needs of the students and at the same time keep the rate in check," Loomis said.

If approved, the budget will fund 5.4 instructional positions creating a high school student/teacher ratio of 21.7:1. The guidance ratio at all schools will decrease, with the middle school at 292:1; the high school at 247:1; and the elementary schools at 744:1.

All district elementary schools will be staffed by a full-time

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Voorheesville package has no impact on levy

By Katherine McCarthy

Voorheesville's school budget for 1998-99 will have no impact on the tax levy, Superintendent Alan McCartney said at Monday's board of education meeting as he made the final budget presentation before the vote next Tuesday, May 19.

Assessments and equalization rates will not be finalized until August, at which point the final tax rate will be determined. "This hasn't happened in the ten years since I've been here," McCartney said of the levy.

The board applauded as McCartney presented the \$13,323,345 budget, which is an increase of only .71 percent over last year's budget. Board member Nicholas Faraone, who was elected on a fiscally conservative platform, commended McCartney, business superintendent Anthony Marturano and treasurer Sarita Winchell for their efforts on this year's budget.

"There were some positive outside influences," Faraone commented after the budget presentation. "Enrollments haven't gone up, and state aid has. If we couldn't do this now, then when?"

McCartney also pointed out that the tax on true value has decreased, from \$21.41 in 1991 to \$19.56 in 1997, and another drop is expected this year.

Pointing out that the tax impact has been declining, (it was 5 percent in 1993) McCartney said, "We've heard from people, and we've worked on it. This puts us in good stead as we look forward at some things we want to do." The district

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Homeowners can grieve assessments

By Peter Hanson

Bethlehem homeowners unhappy with their new assessments can air their concerns on Grievance Day, to be held Tuesday, May 26, at Bethlehem town hall.

Assessor David Leafer said about 150 people attended last year's Grievance Day, of whom about one-third "received some sort of a lowering" of their assessments. Leafer said that because this year's assessment was a full-value one, as many as 400 people could show up at Grievance Day.

Leafer and his staff are intimately involved in the entire grievance process. After they issued their assessments earlier this year, Leafer and his colleagues held informal hearings at which homeowners questioned their assessments. Out of about 850 hearings, nearly half the petitioners won adjustments.

"After May 1, the assessor can no longer touch assessments for the 1998 tax year,"

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Court cases adjudicated

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

Jeffrey Charles Dennis, 30, of 1508 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, who was arrested April 4, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) May 5. He was fined \$300 plus a \$30 surcharge and his licence was suspended for 90 days.

Glenn Leroy French, 54, of 1732 Quail Ridge Road in Raleigh, N.C., who was arrested March 21, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI May 5. He was fined \$300 plus a \$30 surcharge and his license was suspended for 90 days.

Sanora L. Gilbert, 28, of 895 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, who was arrested April 4, pleaded guilty to

DWI April 21. She was fined \$500 plus a \$100 surcharge and her license was revoked for six months.

Correction

In last week's Senior Scene, Raymond and Priscilla Ruff were mistakenly identified as George and Priscilla Ruff.

In addition, Colonie Manor's phone number was incorrectly given as 425-0210. The correct number is 783-8695.

Fire auxiliary plans spoon dinner

Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company's auxiliary will dish up a spoon dinner on Saturday, May 16, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Clarksville firehouse.

Community minded



Hamagrael Elementary School students recently participated in How Does a Community Work in a Junior Achievement project. From left, Nate Foley, David Iselin, Halley Coptin and Celeste Smith hold up the poster they made.

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Residents blast CMI at hearing

Senior housing facility nears town board consideration

By Peter Hanson

Although the subject of the May 6 public hearing was supposed to be parking, Delmar residents used the opportunity to criticize CMI Senior Housing & Healthcare's proposed Delmar facility.

"We think changing the zoning is going to destroy the character of the neighborhood," said Henry Peyrebrune of Delaware Avenue. Peyrebrune's comment — which had nothing to do with the subject of the hearing — was typical of the heated statements residents made.

Michael Hodom, chairman of the zoning board of appeals, repeatedly asked residents to stay on the subject, but they continued to use the open hearing as a forum to blast CMI's 94-unit facility.

Because its size exceeds the town code maximum for a senior housing facility, CMI needs the site at 467 Delaware Ave. rezoned to a "planned commercial district" before it can begin construction.

The controversial proposal has been working through various town boards for about a year, and recently won a major victory when the planning board gave it an informal approval and negative SEQ (state environmental quality review) declaration.

The planning board's final review hinges on the zoning board's approval of the site's current parking capacity of 47 spaces. Once the zoning board approves or increases that number, the planning board can pass the proposal to the town board, which will hold a public hearing concerning the entire project.

"I understand we're not here to talk about the merits of this project," said Anne Moore of Borthwick Avenue, who then asked the zoning board to use the parking issue to slow CMI's progress. She criticized the project's size and

requisite rezoning, asking, "Is this the kind of precedent we want to set in the town of Bethlehem?"

Board member Richard Lewis answered, "We can't tell (CMI) they can't have their parking spaces. That's not part of our domain."

"If you could, that would end it right here," Moore said.

After Moore and her husband David spoke against the project, the hearing became a dialogue between residents and the three CMI representatives on hand.

We think changing the zoning is going to destroy the character of the neighborhood.

Henry Peyrebrune

Slingerlands attorney John Cahill, one of several consultants who has appeared before town bodies representing CMI, responded to residents' complaints.

"This plan is the result of months and months of discussions," Cahill said, noting the massive amount of work CMI's staff and town employees have put into shrinking the project to a workable size.

"If these gentlemen are looking for sympathy, they won't get any from me," said Kenneth Havill of 8 Maple Terrace. "Call us NIMBYs if you will, but (the site) was zoned residential and it should stay residential."

One resident who spoke on CMI's behalf was Floyd Brewer of Lansing Drive. Based on his visit to CMI's Weston, Mass., facility, Brewer said the 47 spaces CMI plans to build in Delmar — about one per every two housing units in

the facility — "is more than adequate."

Steve Levin, CMI's vice president of construction, explained that very few residents of CMI's assistive-living facilities drive.

During the discussion, a few more statistics about the planned facility emerged. The residents are expected to enter the facility during their late 70s and early 80s and about 90 percent will be female. The facility will have a bus to transport residents and Levin said he only expected the parking lot to reach 75 percent occupancy once or twice a week when family members visit residents.

Hodom asked if there could be parking problems on special occasions like Mother's Day or Christmas, and Levin said, "We wish we could say that's the case, but it isn't." Levin based comments like these on the histories of other CMI facilities.

Another issue raised during the hearing was the connection between CMI and Bethlehem Public Library.

In its original, larger form, the CMI proposal included a small parking lot for the library and an access road between the neighboring CMI and library parking lots.

The library lot was taken out as part of the project's downsizing but the access road, equipped with an "emergency breakaway" gate, remains. After Anne Moore said she was "very much concerned" about emergency traffic through the library lot, Levin said the access road would only be used if the Delaware Avenue entrance was blocked.

The zoning board is expected to make a decision on the parking recommendation at its next meeting on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall.

V'ville approves 'frugal' budget

By Lisa K. Kelly

The Voorheesville board of trustees recently approved a \$1,251,089 budget for 1998-99, \$1.1 million less than last year's. "It's a very frugal budget," said Mayor Edward Clark.

Village treasurer Diane Williams said the tax rate remains the same due to a lower fund balance carried over from last year. "We would have liked to have had another tax decrease," Clark said.

Clark explained that the board wanted to be conservative in its spending and keep revenue coming into the village to replenish the fund balance.

The 1998-99 tax rate is 99 cents per \$1,000 assessed property value and accounts for 6.7 percent of the village's budget. The remainder of the budget, \$655,000, is covered by county sales tax revenues. The general fund balance is \$400,000. "County sales tax is one of our largest revenues," Williams said.

The remaining revenue of \$111,940 comes from interest charged to residents who pay their taxes late and from other fees the village charges, Williams said. The new budget is effective June 1.

Clark said the village is planning to improve its recreation facilities and programs and expand waste collection. "The basketball court will be expanded and the lighting will be improved," he said. "And the horseshoe facility will be moved into a shaded area."

Clark said they will also build a sidewalk to link major parts of the village and are hoping to be reimbursed with grant money from the

state. The village will also institute a plan to pick up fall and spring yard waste regularly, Clark added.

Williams said the village plans to finish the Salem Hills drainage project. The proposed water fund budget is \$396,062, up from last year's \$338,140. Williams said the increase is due to capital projects and a search for water wells.

The proposed budget for sewer district No. 1 is \$186,810, up from last year's figure of \$159,810. Sewer district No. 2's budget is \$13,408, up from \$10,108. Williams said the increase in funds represents estimates of what the village expects to spend on contractual lines. "They may not actually spend it all," she added.

The \$400,000 general appropriated fund balance is less than last year's figure of \$570,000. Williams said funds were depleted last year because the village bought property on Prospect Street, improved storm drains, built an addition on the village garage, bought a new truck and spent \$75,000 on a one-time buyback for the firefighters' service award program.

Reigny day



Heavy rain over the weekend didn't dampen the spirits of Katie O'Malley (shown above with her parents, Rob and Ginni), the 21-year-old Delmar woman who was crowned Tulip Queen during the 50th annual Albany Tulip Festival Saturday.

Doug Persons

Library outlines details of proposed budget

By Katherine McCarthy

Voorheesville school district residents will vote on the Voorheesville Public Library budget when they go to the polls on May 19.

The library's proposed 1998-99 budget is \$546,500, an increase of \$33,250 over last year. Of this, \$76,100 is for library materials and binding, \$325,600 is for salaries, \$46,300 for employee benefits, \$36,500 for building operations and maintenance and \$62,000 for miscellaneous expenses such as telephone and postage.

Library director Gail Sacco said this represents a 4.39 percent tax increase.

"The increase is a little lower than over the past couple of years," said James Reilly, president of the library's board of trustees. "Most of our increases are personnel increases. We've also spent a lot of money...to be part of UHLAN, the Upper Hudson Library Access Network that links 29 libraries."

"Once all the libraries are online," Reilly said, "people can look up a book and see where it is, then order it, or go and get it themselves. UHLAN will also give the community Internet access."

The library would like to expand Saturday hours beginning in September instead of October as it did last year. It's also planning a community calendar on its Web site that will give local groups the opportunity to advertise their events.

Sacco is looking to add two personnel positions. One will provide electronic support, troubleshoot computer problems, and work on community page entries and inter-library loans. A second will provide administrative and financial support.

Sacco said the library is saving \$6,500 by hiring a maintenance person instead of using an outside cleaning service and \$700 because of a drop in the rate of payment to the state Retirement Fund.

Revenues are also up due to high interest rates. The library's

revenues besides taxes include \$9,000 from state/system aid, up \$1,000 from last year; \$10,000 in interest, which is an increase of \$2,500; \$21,000 in desk receipts; \$5,000 in miscellaneous, including gifts, and \$9,000 from the appropriated fund balance.

Technology continues to be a main focus at the Voorheesville library, but Sacco said she's not concerned that machines will replace people at the library. Last year, Voorheesville librarians fielded 8,859 reference questions.

Sacco credits the board of trustees and Friends of the Library with a great deal of the library's success. In addition to Reilly, Ann Gainer is vice president, and Fred Volkwein, Homer Warner and Nancy Mosher make up the rest of the board.

In the past 10 years, Sacco said, the Friends of the Library has raised between \$35,000 and \$40,000 for the library. "They sponsored two-thirds of our concert series," Sacco said. "They've purchased some big ticket items like the video system in the community room, and a new sign that we'll have out on School Road." The Friends of the Library book and bake sale is scheduled for May 21 to 23, with a sneak preview for members on May 20.

Regular library groups continue to meet, such as the Every Other Thursday Night Poets, Nimble-fingers, Lifestories and Art Expressions. Art is always on display at the library, and the Summer Reading Club for school-age kids is scheduled for July 6 to Aug. 12. Last year, 5,299 people attended youth services programs, and 1,884 adults attended other library programs.

There are always short programs taking place, such as "Libraries Mean Business" scheduled for May 14 and June 6. Local experts will address different topics of interest to small business owners. Voorheesville received grant money for this program through the Upper Hudson Library System.

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Candidate runs unopposed in V'ville school race

By Katherine McCarthy

New Scotland resident Tom McKenna is the sole candidate for the Voorheesville school board seat left empty when Steven Schreiber resigned to teach English in China.

McKenna was born in Queens and has lived in the Capital District for 21 years, seven of them in the town of New Scotland. He and his wife, Peggy, have two children, 9-year-old Kelly and 2-year-old John. Kelly started school at Doane Stuart, but after moving to Swift Road, the McKennas were advised to look at the Voorheesville schools.

"Peggy went to the open house," McKenna said, "and was very impressed. She told me she was treated as if it were a private school." Kelly moved to the Voorheesville schools, "and we've been very happy," McKenna said.

Peggy McKenna has been a member of the elementary school's Site Based Management Team and is active in the PTA. McKenna's decision to run for the school board comes after having been part of the audience for most of the board's meetings. "I vowed I'd never run for public office," McKenna said, "but my wife pointed out that I'm at all the meetings anyway, and I ought to have a vote. It seemed logical."



McKenna

McKenna has served on a number of boards, including those of the American Heart Association, Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club and Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce. "I enjoy board work," McKenna said. "My strengths are my ability to bring people together and to institute new projects."

McKenna pinpointed a number of issues he feels are important to Voorheesville. "There seems to be a lack of communication that needs to be worked on among all the groups," he said. "There are a lot of well-intentioned and motivated people in this community, but I sense a lack of focus."

McKenna said his first way of addressing this will be "to learn how the board works."

McKenna is also concerned about the proposed expansion at the high school. "At first, I was 100 percent for a new building for the middle school," he said. "I hear there's research in favor of separating the middle school and high school, and I've heard that savings can be accrued by putting on an addition instead. If this is more cost-effective, I'd like to see a clear separation between the middle school and high school."

McKenna's third concern is the shortage of space for sports programs.

McKenna has a bachelor's degree from CUNY's Richmond College. He also has a master's degree in English from Illinois State University and a master's degree in social work from the University at Albany. He taught English in

public and private schools in New York City. He also taught at the college level and has worked in sales at Xerox and Burroughs (now Unisys).

In 1985, he bought the business that is now McKenna & Associates, an independent outplacement firm that is a partner of Outplacement International. "I get calls from corporations who've just had layoffs," McKenna explained of his work. "We help individuals go through the trauma of losing their jobs, help them make career decisions, and eventually, get them a job."

"Ninety-eight percent of the work I do is corporate sponsored," McKenna said, "although I do work with some individuals." With two full-time employees and six to seven part-timers, McKenna said he has long since stopped advertising.

McKenna has coached local soccer and basketball teams, and is now the coach for his daughter's

CYO league team, the Knicks. He is also a lector at St. Matthew's Church.

McKenna thinks his experience will serve him well as a member of the Voorheesville school board. "I'd like to believe that my previous board experience coupled with my teaching and corporate work can be helpful to the current board," he said.

As to being the only candidate, McKenna said, "I'm shocked that no one else is running, and at how few people attend board and PTA meetings. Voorheesville parents are as, if not more, committed to their children than most people. I think maybe they're putting their energies into their children, and the PTA and board meetings get sloughed off."

Technology may be the answer, McKenna said. "Maybe we could get those meetings taped onto local cable channels. The Web page is a positive step, but not everybody has a computer. Everybody does have a TV."

Bethlehem board to conduct hearing on outdoor dining

The Bethlehem town board will hold a public hearing about outdoor dining at its May 13 meeting. The hearing, at which residents may speak for and against the proposal, regards a possible amendment to the town code that would

allow restaurants to seat patrons outside.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Bethlehem town hall, and any interested parties are invited to attend.

EMS services host open houses

In celebration of National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 17 to 23, Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company's Rescue Squad and Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service will host open houses on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Everyone is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Onesquethaw Rescue Squad is based at the firehouse on Tarrytown Road in Clarksville. Voorheesville Ambulance Service is located on Voorheesville Avenue.

Kiwanis to serve pancake breakfast

Kiwanis Club of Delmar will hold its third annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Drive in Elsmere.

Everyone in the community is invited. Tickets will be sold at the door.

The cost is \$4 for adult and \$2 for children under 12. Preschoolers eat for free.

Proceeds support youth and senior citizen programs in the town of Bethlehem. For information, call Sue Matterson at 449-1656.

Elsmere School to hold plant sale

The fifth-grade class at Elsmere Elementary School will hold its annual plant sale on Friday, May 15, from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on Delaware Avenue.

There will be a large selection of high quality annuals and hanging baskets.

Proceeds from the sale will support the school's outdoor education program.

Helderledge Farm offers garden talks

In May and June Helderledge Farm on Picard Road in Voorheesville will hold a series of talks followed by walks around the nursery.

Garden talks will be offered on Saturdays in May and Sundays in June (with the exception of June 7). They start at 10 a.m. and last about an hour.

On Saturday, May 16, the topic will be perennial plants for sunny locations.

Gardeners of all ages are invited to attend any or all of these free programs.

Library to host animal program

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar will host a program entitled "Looking for a Furry, Four-Legged Friend?" on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.

AnimaLovers of the Greater Capital District will present information on adopting a cat or dog, including tips on compatibility, animal adjustment and responsible

care.

Jake, a certified therapy dog, will give an obedience demonstration.

AnimaLovers is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization committed to finding permanent homes for companion animals and alleviating the suffering caused by animal overpopulation. To register, call 439-9314.

Learn camping techniques

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a free family camping workshop on Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m.

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Committee gives input on Tall Timbers water

By Lisa K. Kelly

New Scotland's water committee recently presented its recommendations for the proposed Tall Timbers subdivision to the New Scotland planning board.

The water committee met with Munchkin Enterprises president Robert Iovinella and his engineer Francis Bossolini of Ingalls, Smart to "iron out some of the details the planning board is looking for," said water committee member Robert Cook.

Cook said the committee made the following recommendations: that the entire subdivision be constituted as an extension of the Northeast Water District; the developer provide an irrevocable letter of credit (with the town board specifying the amount) to ensure the water system is built; water lines be dedicated to the town before the first water service is connected in each phase; and upon completion, lots built in phase one pay a share of the existing water district's debt service.

In subsequent phases: a lot would be responsible for those costs upon transfer to a third party, or upon the issuance of a building permit for that lot; hook-up fees would be negotiated with the town board; the first well site in the subdivision (near Vly Creek) be deeded to the town, along with the recreation area, prior to issuance of the first building permit in phase two; and a right of way be provided to the town suitable for a future water line installation.

The committee made three additional recommendations that, if accepted by the town board, would ultimately cost the developer more money. The recommendations include different size water mains in designated areas of the develop-

ment. The committee also wants all piping to be cement lined malleable iron.

Cook said the committee also wants Iovinella to pay the entire cost of the water tower. The committee researched some prices and came up with \$269,000 for a 375,000 gallon water tower which would be glass lined with a steel exterior, stand 102 feet tall and be 25 feet in diameter.

The committee also wants the water tower to be built sooner in the project. Cook said the tower should be built between the 20th and 25th house to give the Northeast Water District fire protection. In return the committee recommends the town give the developer an additional 25 to 30 taps from the Northeast Water District.

Zee said this is not a fair recommendation because his client would have to develop the water system earlier, which will cost more than the \$200,000 Iovinella has already pledged toward the water tower.

Zee said if the developer has to build the 375,000 gallon water tower and install the water mains recommended by the committee, there will be \$300,000 in extra costs.

Iovinella said he hopes to recoup the costs by implementing a water hook-up fee for land developers who want to hook into the system.

Feura Bush church to hold festival

Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Groesbeck Road in Feura Bush will hold a spring festival on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music will be provided by Gui-

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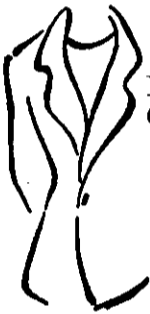


Keith Bennett, Good Samaritan Capital Campaign chairman, left, accepts a check for \$10,000 from Elaine Williams of Hannay Reels, while Leon Borman, Good Samaritan CEO, looks on. *Doug Persons*

Historical group to sponsor trip

Bethlehem Historical Association is sponsoring a bus trip to Caramoor Estate and the John Jay Homestead, both in Westchester County, on Wednesday, May 20.

The group will leave Cedar Hill in Selkirk at 8 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. The cost is \$59.50 per person. For information, call 767-9057.



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Matters of Opinion

Your vote counts

On Tuesday, May 19, voters in the Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirkschool districts will decide on next year's budget proposals. All three district boards have worked hard to keep expenses in hand and therefore keep tax increases in tow.

The important thing is to make your voice heard at the polls. Too often, especially in school budget elections, too few have the final say. Don't leave it up to someone else; get out and vote.

In Bethlehem, voters will have the final say on a budget proposal that carries the lowest percentage tax rate increase in 19 years. It is likely voters will say yes to this modest increase given their affirmative nods to Bethlehem school budgets over the last decade.

Although we sympathize with the non-instructional workers, whose leaders have called for a "no" vote because of the lack of a contract, we don't see how a "no" vote would further their cause.

Bethlehem Public Library's budget will also be on the ballot, and this year includes a one-time \$250,000 parking lot expansion proposal. This proposal has sparked controversy, especially among the library's immediate neighbors. We believe, however, that it is a reasonable request that should be passed. Expanding the parking lot is only part of the plan. The newly designed parking and egress should make it safer for library patrons. Given the traffic situation, which will only get worse in time, safety is a factor that can not be ignored.

Big not always better

Developers have given up on the Super Kmart plan for Southgate Commons on Route 9W just across the street from Glenmont Elementary School. Certainly, those members of Citizens Monitoring Southgate, who early on questioned the wisdom of such a huge project, must be heaving a collective sigh of relief.

These citizens made some valid points about the monolithic mall — too much, with too many problems. Something scaled down might have worked on the site, but the Rubin Development Corp.'s grand scheme was fraught with potential problems. The additional traffic that would have been generated would have been nightmarish, as would the safety concerns for Glenmont school children. We'd like to see more retail development in Bethlehem, but not at these prices. Further, the shelf life of some of the mega malls is now in question. Close by, Mohawk Mall is having difficulty staying afloat, and if it doesn't, consider what's left — a big untended eyesore.

Don't forget Old Betsy

With the grass growing as we watch it, and dozens of other outdoor chores looming, it's easy to neglect some of the things that aren't as obviously in need of attention this time of year. Spring is also the time to pay attention to our vehicles and make sure they're ready for the added miles asked of them in the upcoming summer months.

If things are too far gone, it might also be the time to consider trading in Old Betsy, for a newer model. This week's automotive supplement might help you get through that process easier.

One story explains some of the creative financing options, that many car dealers today offer. Gone are the days when it took days or weeks to arrange and get a loan approved. Today, would-be buyers have an answer in as little as an hour.

If Old Betsy isn't quite ready for the junk yard, make sure she gets her seasonal overhaul. Several stories provide information about what should get attention to avoid bigger problems later on down the road.

An oil and filter change, for example, can sometimes make all the difference. And make sure your car's tires are properly inflated. It not only makes for a smoother ride, it saves big bucks at the gas pump.

Editorials

School board must act as group

By Nick Faraone

The writer was one of the founders of the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association. He now serves on the Voorheesville school board.

I have fond recollections of this time of year. Spring is in bloom, and soon the school board campaign signs will be sprouting on the roadsides. It's been two full years since I campaigned for a seat on the Voorheesville school board.

I'd like to report that I have survived and I'm doing quite well, thank you. I'm sure my friends and neighbors feel as if they ran for the position. Actually they did, and I owe a huge debt of gratitude to those who supported my effort. They helped with mailings, fliers, signs, ads and door-to-door campaigning. It was truly a team effort, and it allowed us to succeed in a tight three-way race. I'll always remember their efforts, and I'll do my best to represent their interests.

I wish all those who are compelled to serve — good luck. Fortunately, I won't need to ponder a second term for another three years. The term of service in Voorheesville is five years. A term long enough to frighten away the faint of heart, as it should. Serving on a school board is a serious commitment and only those who are passionate about the business of education need apply. Patience is another virtue required for the successful candidate, because once elected, focusing on education is a tall order in today's environment. It sometimes seems that school districts are immersed in everything but education.

It's difficult to focus on education when there are so many other issues confronting and sometimes confounding the mission of educators.

The issues run the gamut of

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fiscal, social, regulatory, constitutional, safety and labor to name a few. A school district must adroitly handle these issues or its compromise. When a week goes by without an "incident," I'm quick to credit the staff for successfully navigating the waters of modern day education.

I'm pleased to report that some of the issues that were facing our school district just two years ago when I campaigned have been successfully resolved, for now. All board agreements are in order, and we seem to be holding our own in the battle against the ever burgeoning budget. Our school board has been shrewd in its approach to spending, but it is the administration that deserves the award for innovation and frugality. Sharpened pencils and creative minds are prevailing. It seems we're able to address our district's needs without breaking the bank. We're still proud of our district's academic prowess, but we're working to relinquish our standing as the region's highest taxed school district.

Fiscal prudence and academic excellence can coexist. I knew it all along. In fact, taxpayer confidence is vital to the long-term stability of an academic program. It's akin to customer satisfaction. We're truly getting value from our tax dollars.

I take it as a sign that this year there is only one candidate for a vacant seat on the Voorheesville school board. So unless Tom McKenna can find a way to lose a one-man race I'll be relieved of my freshman status come June. I believe Tom's desire to serve the district and his willingness to intelligently evaluate the issues should serve us well, and we look forward to working with him.

I want to share with Tom and candidates in neighboring school districts that from my experience,

half of what you've heard about late night phone calls, long and arduous meetings, fiery confrontations with teachers, administrators and parents isn't true. But I'll leave them to discover which half. And not all the old mantras such as "It's a thankless job" and "It's not a term but a sentence" are true either, just some of them.

All kidding aside, I have survived and so has the school district. I thought for sure that once a fiscal conservative like myself was elected we would certainly fall from the lofty heights of academic excellence, but it hasn't happened. Thank goodness no single board member has that power. One person can change the chemistry, contribute to the discussion and influence the group, but ultimately the board of education votes on policy as a group. A board of education may only act as a group, and only when in session. And yes, a board of education can still make a difference, especially if it works effectively together.

Some have said that school boards have little power today, that most of the budget is based on statutory requirements. That's an excuse for abdication. Under the law, school boards have the authority and duty to adopt whatever policies, rules and bylaws they deem will best meet their statutory responsibilities and secure the best educational results for students in their charge.

A school board is generally responsible for the admission, instruction, discipline, grading and, as appropriate, classification of students attending public schools in its district; for the employment and management of necessary professional and support staff; and for purchasing, leasing, maintaining and insuring school buildings, properties, equipment and supplies. It must also present a detailed estimate of expenditures or a proposed budget for the ensuing school year, which must be submitted to district voters annually for approval.

All that's quite a charge, so when someone says a school board

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Feestelijk '99 on supervisor's agenda

has little power, let's just say they're misinformed.

My advice to new school board members is to understand your responsibilities and study the issues. Stay true to your principles and learn how to communicate your point of view effectively. Be patient as you earn the respect of your peers, and never lose your passion for the job. I would also recommend that candidates who are elected in May attend graduation in June. Commencement ceremonies offer the best illustration of the compensation package that comes with the job.

As we complete another successful year in the Voorheesville Central School District, we have a lot to be proud of including a championship basketball team. That doesn't mean that we don't have problems or major issues to address. But if we can learn from those girls and over-

come adversity to work as a team, we can prove that sometimes problems are just cleverly disguised opportunities. Go Ladybirds!

Correction

The following businesses were inadvertently omitted in Joyce Strand's letter thanking all those who helped with Feestelijk button sales: I Love Books, Friar Tuck Jim's Lunchette and Joyelles.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

What a great time Feestelijk '98 was for the Bethlehem community. Everyone who turned out for what has become an annual rite of spring experienced an evening of townwide fun and enjoyment.

The enthusiasm and intensity of the performers would be difficult to match anywhere.

And the overall feeling of good will and community spirit shown by those attending couldn't be dampened by the somewhat gloomy weather that unfortunately prevailed.

Much of the credit for a superb Feestelijk must be accorded to chairpersons Dick Ahlstrom and

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Cathy Griffin and the many committee members, all of whom were singularly dedicated to staging a gala event for the performing arts featuring the many and varied artistic talents we have in our town.

I also wish to extend my gratitude to the many volunteers, business leaders, schools, churches, organizations and residents who provided inspiration, financial help and the sites to make this such a wonderful evening.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to express my thanks to the

multitude of gifted performers who gave so ably of their time and talents and the large number of residents, neighbors and friends who turned out to make this evening such an unqualified success.

In just two short years, Feestelijk has become an integral part of what makes Bethlehem so special.

I know I speak for all of us when I say I'm already looking forward to Feestelijk '99.

Sheila Fuller

Bethlehem town supervisor

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District supporters ask for yes vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing this letter to urge Bethlehem Central School District residents to vote in favor of the 1998-99 school budget on May 19 at the middle school. It has been a quiet budget year without a lot of controversy, and we want to remind parents of the importance of voting. School enrollment continues to grow, particularly at the high school next year. This budget effectively meets the needs of those increases while keeping the tax rate increase very reasonable.

The proposed budget for next year focuses directly on our students. To meet our expanding student population, expected to increase by 64 pupils at the high school, the board is adding 5.4 high school teachers. Class size will improve next year at the high school and middle school and will remain constant at the elemen-

tary schools. The board is also expanding guidance services at all levels. An additional .4 counselor at the elementary schools, .2 counselor, a clerical position at the middle school and a guidance counselor at the high school will improve student/counselor ratios, an area in need of attention. These important additions will help ensure the high quality education our students need and our community wants and expects.

Next year's budget improves library/media staffing. There will be an increase of one librarian for the middle school, a full-time librarian at each elementary school and another library aide at the high school.

Funding will be available next year to meet Regents for All requirements set by New York state. For example, the budget includes one kindergarten teacher for an extended day program for at-risk

children. Discipline programs at the high school are expanded, and increases in textbook funding and curriculum development are incorporated.

Passing this budget is very important if we are to continue the fine academic, athletic, musical and dramatic programs that make a positive difference in our children's lives. Please support these programs by voting to pass the budget on May 19. Thank you very much.

William Cushing, BCCO co-president; *Marge Kanuk*, BCAA president; *Phyllis S. Hillinger*, BOU president; *Cara Kennedy*, Clarksville PTA co-president; *Kim McHugh*, Glenmont PTA co-president; *Kathy McCarthy*, Elsmere PTA co-president; *Robin Storey*, Hamagrael PTA co-president; *Wendy Lefkovich*, Bethlehem Theater Support Group co-president; *Helen Smith*, Slingerlands PTA president; *Jeffrey Zogg*, BCMS PTA president; and *Cathy Svenson*, Bethlehem Music Association co-president

Taxpayer supports BCUEA

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a taxpayer and parent of three children in Bethlehem Central schools, I vigorously support the Bethlehem Central United Employees Association's (BCUEA) contract position.

BCUEA represents our BC support staff including bus drivers, janitors, secretaries, aides and cafeteria workers. The BCUEA seeks a fair contract for its members that the school district refuses. Our schools could run forever without administrators such as Les Loomis, Judith Wooster and Steven O'Shea, but would grind to a halt in one day without our support staff and teachers.

BCUEA members seek and deserve a 4 percent increase in their wages. The real increase, as I understand, works out to 2.2 percent because 4 percent includes already existent step raises. A wage increase, even at 4 percent, is little more than a cost of living adjustment. Surely we can afford to pay BC support staff wages that keep pace with inflation.

I turn over my children each

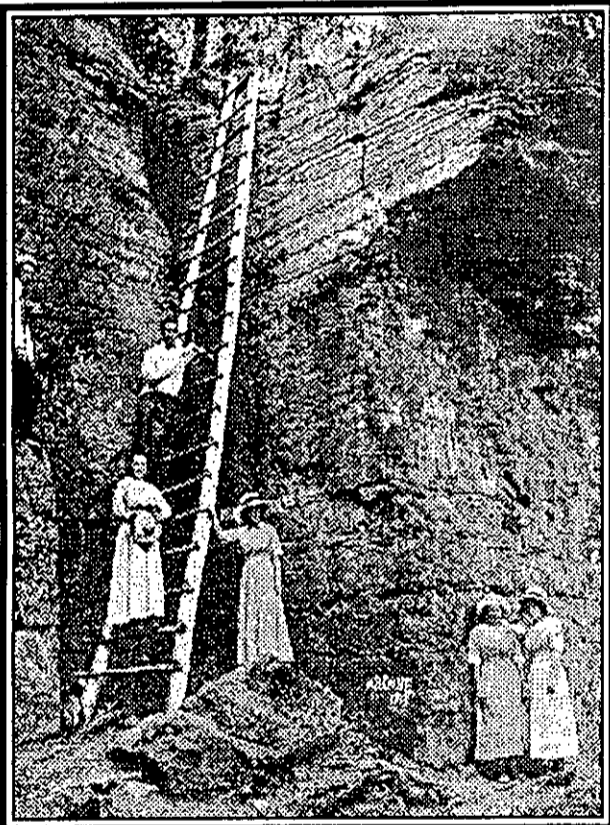
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day to the BC support staff. They have always been helpful and courteous to my family. They work hard. Many of the people who make up the BC support staff are my neighbors or my brothers and sisters in volunteer fire departments. These people have earned our support.

How does our district superintendent and school board thank our BC support staff on our behalf? They tell them to take wage and health insurance concessions and offer to subcontract their jobs. It is probably lurking in their minds to say that they are lucky to have jobs and not to let the door hit them on the way out

Let us, the people of this district, say thank you to our BC support staff by agreeing to the modest 4 percent increase in wages that they seek, by providing comprehensive health insurance to employees and their families and by providing a clear "no subcontracting" clause in their contract. Actions speak louder than words. Our BC support staff's actions speak volumes each day. Let us respond with action that means something to them.

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Library trustee responds to concerns about parking proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

Whenever any development is proposed in this town, a spirited public debate ensues. The proposal to expand Bethlehem Public Library's parking lot is no different. As a library trustee, I have appreciated the comments of neighbors and residents.

Overzealousness on the part of some commentators, however, has muddled some of the facts that voters need to know. Perhaps the following will help clear the air.

Question: Doesn't what I have read in *The Spotlight* reflect a lack of public support for the proposal?

Answer: Not at all. *The Spotlight* itself endorsed the proposal on its editorial page.

Question: Then what about those letters I have read?

Answer: Did you know that many of those were written week in and week out by the same group of people who may have neglected to say that they live immediately adjacent to the library and who would prefer that they not have a parking lot addition in their "backyard"?

Question: But those letters have said an addition isn't necessary. They say other local libraries serv-

ing similar populations don't need as many spaces.

Answer: Yes, but you may not have been told or understood that the circulation in Bethlehem Public Library is much higher than at those other libraries. Remember, too, that the library is planning for the future, not just for current needs.

Question: Couldn't you just direct overflow traffic across the street, with a Lot is Full sign?

Answer: Yes, but parking isn't the only issue. If approved by voters, the proposal will allow additional ingress/egress from the library, improving traffic flow and safety. The need for rebuilding the library after a fire because the fire lanes were blocked by illegally parked cars and fire trucks that couldn't get through that day, will make keeping the current parking lot configuration seem very expensive indeed.

Isn't it true that CMI has offered the library some parking spaces? If so, then why not take them up on the offer rather than spending money on an addition?

Answer: It is true that CMI recently discussed such a plan with the trustees. However, the

CMI project is not a done deal approved by the town. The offer has yet to be presented to the library in any formalized, clear fashion, and CMI is asking for concessions, which may not be in the long-term interest of the library and its patrons. Most important, however, the library has a contract for purchasing additional space now, an opportunity that will be lost if we wait to see if anything ever comes of the CMI proposal.

Question: Why the hurry? I have heard that the library has never conducted any formalized survey which proves the need for additional spaces.

Answer: Anyone can conduct their own study by stopping by on a busy day to see the multitude of cars. Before I ever became a trustee, as frequent patrons my wife and I long perceived the need for additional parking, and had heard similar comments from friends and neighbors. Additionally, the trustees engaged a consultant who cited the need for better parking and traffic flow, and the library conducted a survey

which, admittedly, didn't result in a crushing response. However, among those responses that were received, additional parking was identified as a primary need.

Question: Why couldn't the town wait until next year to see if the CMI project pans out?

Answer: Remember, even if CMI's speculative offer for parking spaces came through, it would not serve that equally important need to allow another traffic lane from the library to the street.

Knowing that since its inception, its patrons' primary concern expressed in letters year in and year out has been for improved parking and traffic flow, the library has been trying to purchase the land in question for more than a dozen years. The owner is now prepared to sell, but the sale is contingent on voter approval.

Question: Is it true that cost-overruns are taking place?

Answer: The library has never altered the proposal which is before voters, who are asked to approve the pay-as-you-go, one time

cost of \$250,000 in a year in which the library has held the line on costs so that its overall budget is virtually the same as last year's.

Question: Tell me about that gift. Shouldn't the library be using it on book purchases and technology improvements?

Answer: The gift is a sizable and anonymous donation. Its funds are not dedicated to only those items mentioned, although ours and the donor's preference is that it be used in that manner. A modest outlay to benefit the library's physical plant, however, is entirely appropriate and commensurate with the terms of the gift.

Question: Is there any reason why I shouldn't vote for the proposal then?

Answer: That is up to you. My concern is that you vote based on an intelligent consideration of what you believe is in the long-term best interest of the town.

John C. Cody
Bethlehem Public Library
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Resident opposes 'costly' parking lot proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

On May 19, Bethlehem Central School District residents will cast votes in favor or against the proposed budgets of the school district and our public library.

Normally these budgets pass; they are traditionally well-thought out and forward-looking without too many surprises. My wife and I have never voted against them. Well, this year we have a red herring on the ballot — a request by the library board for \$250,000 to partially fund expansion of its parking lot.

There have been many meetings and letters to *The Spotlight* discussing the various pros and cons of the proposal. The bottom line is whether we, as taxpayers, want a \$250,000 parking lot or not. We have our say May 19 in a separate line item, the impact having nothing to do with the regular

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school or library budget. What we need to keep in mind as we close the curtain to vote is what this proposal says about the future of our public library and the vision our current library board has for the facility. The problem is a "vision thing" to quote a past president. This board hasn't got one. The same sources they cite for a need to expand the parking lot also recommend expanding the building itself. We, as taxpayers, paid for consultants, architects and surveyors to plan for the future and the only change on the horizon is 30 plus parking spaces at a cost of almost \$10,000 each. Compare this vision with the reality of a book and media budget that is being cut next year by \$5,000. Compare it to a noisy, overcrowded and technology challenged library that will only become

more so as our town's population grows.

The board has publicly stated it has no plans for the future other than replacing some carpeting and adding a few more Internet PCs until we reach our limit for the current wiring and telecommunications, which we are told will be very soon.

The library board has also recently exhibited a penchant for peddling misinformation. We have been told all other avenues to expand parking were explored prior to the current proposal, and there are no alternatives. We recently learned that CMI, who is proposing to build a facility next door to the library offered to share 25 parking spaces, at no cost to taxpayers. The library declined the offer. We have been told that safety is an issue, including people who park in the fire lane to use the book drop. The pro-

posal plans to put three new parking spaces in the very same fire lane!

Of greatest concern is the cost of the project. While the board sticks vehemently to the \$250,000 price tag, we know the board has admitted a price increase of \$20,000 at a March 17 meeting. However, it is apparent from an estimate my wife and I obtained from a private estimator that the cost will be much higher. Fraser & Associates initially estimated the cost of everything but the purchase of the house and property at \$78,000. That estimate has been changed by the board to \$100,000. Our estimator's cost is \$168,000 with a possible increase of \$10,000 due to problems that might arise. This brings the total cost up between \$318,000 and \$328,000 — an awful lot to pay for 37 parking spaces and a fancy new exit. The cost of the overrun is not only financial. Every dollar over \$250,000 will be paid for out of a gift to the library. Every dollar from that gift takes additions from the business and children's sections of the library.

There are many more examples of the short-sightedness of the plan and the waste of tax dollars. We taxpayers need to send a message to this library board by voting "no" on the parking proposal. The message should be: Spend our money on what you have in the past — library materials and an environment where our children can learn.

David S. Moore
Delmar

More praise for Feestelijk

Editor, The Spotlight:

Feestelijk Bethlehem was a wonderful evening of entertainment and community spirit. Kudos to everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

Seeing smiles on so many faces — young as well as not-so-young — made me feel good, and I was happy to be among the many folks at each of the well-planned venues that I attended. The organizing committee somehow even arranged for great weather.

I now look forward to another year of Feestelijk.

Doris Davis

Bethlehem town board member

Reveler liked Irving readings

Editor, The Spotlight:

All the people who made Feestelijk a success once again certainly merit the thanks of the Bethlehem community.

I want to especially congratulate and thank Michael Finnerty of Delmar for conducting a spontaneous evening of select readings from Washington Irving.

I do hope they become a permanent fixture in future Feestelijken.

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Your Opinion Matters

Parking lot critics are way off base

Editor, The Spotlight:

Objections to the library's proposed parking lot expansion have been raised in letters to *The Spotlight* in recent weeks. On close examination none of these objections holds water. In fact, none of them has even dealt squarely with the most important issue.

The objections raised so far seem to me to fall into two major categories.

The first category, primarily from immediate neighbors of the library, questions the trustworthiness and competence of the library board of trustees. These writers strongly imply that the trustees either have some hidden agenda, or that they are just collectively incompetent. They claim that the board has variously: resisted releasing significant information to the public; significantly underestimated the cost of the project itself and of future maintenance costs; "confused" the public by making major, unexplained changes to the original project; exaggerated public demand for the project; exaggerated the safety issues involved; and exaggerated the need for additional parking.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

I wish to address each of these allegations, because it would be so easy to demonstrate that the complainant has put a negative spin on board actions that were, in fact, highly commendable. Let me address just one of the points explicitly as an example.

When the project was initially conceived, the board gave out a very rough estimate of \$250,000 to keep the public informed of the magnitude of the plan right up front. Estimates rose later to \$270,000, largely due to additions to minimize the plan's impact on neighbors and to take public and expert input into account. But in the April 8 *Spotlight*, neighbor Anne Moore attacked this minor increase in estimated cost and the associated changes as confusing and out-of-control cost overruns. All other such charges can be similarly

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debunked.

I think that attacks on the integrity of the members of the current board of trustees are way out of line and totally off-base. I know two of the board members personally, and the others by following the board's work fairly closely over the past several years. I know that their every thought and action in office has been solely for the good of the community as a whole.

I know that they are very thoughtful, intelligent people who also have the wisdom to seek expert help on technical matters outside their competence.

On the parking lot issue they have been particularly candid and forthright with the public and especially with the affected neighbors. There is no question of their ability to plan and carry out this project in the best interests of the community as a whole, with due consideration for their neighbors.

The second major category of objections legitimately questions the need for the expanded parking. The major weakness of these objections is their shortsightedness.

Even if parking lot congestion is now only an intermittent and marginal problem — and opinion varies on this point — the problem is only going to get worse. The town is gaining population; the number of cars per family continues to rise. Techno-

logical improvements — Internet access from home to the library's catalog, and public Internet access terminals located at the library — are more likely to increase visits rather than decrease them. Higher school requirements should also increase visits by students.

Finally, a sound public policy should seek to increase library usage rather than assume it will remain constant. So while expanding the parking lot might lead to a short-term excess of parking spaces, it is the prudent, forward-looking thing to do.

Now I come to what I consider the fundamental issue. The plot of land that has become available is extremely important to the library's long-term future. It abuts one entire edge of library property. Ownership of that plot will give boards of trustees 10, 20 years in the future the ability to deal flexibly and effectively with whatever situations develop.

While the project can be justified on near- and middle-term parking considerations alone, it is the strategic long-term value of the land that so strongly recommends it. If town residents miss this opportunity to snap up that property and "put it in the bank," the day will come when they will sorely regret it.

The board has shown its wisdom in acting so quickly to obtain this property for the long-term good of the whole community. They deserve our support on May 19.

Charles Fisher
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Small business seminar scheduled for May 14

Libraries Mean Business: Planning and Running a Small Business seminar will be held on Thursday, May 14, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

It's funded by a grant, that was also used to purchase many useful books and computer software on this subject. Call the library at 765-2791 to sign up for the program which will be repeated on Saturday, June 6.



Senior Recognition Day will be on Friday, May 15, at 1 p.m.

Lucy McCaffrey will play the harp and sings songs pertaining to local history. The special program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library in appreciation of our seniors and their contributions to the library and community. All seniors are invited to enjoy the performance and refreshments.

The eagerly awaited annual Friends of the Library Book and Bake Sale is next week. On Wednesday, May 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. there will be a sneak preview night for Friends' members (Yes, you can join at the door).

The sale will be open Thursday and Friday, May 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The library's wooden card catalogues, replaced when the library went online, will also be sold. Stop by and visit the Beanie Babies basket donated by Robin's Nest for the Take a Chance on June raffle — bigger and better than ever this year. Tickets are now on sale.

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V'ville school budget vote slated Tuesday, May 19

Don't forget to vote on the school and library budgets on Tuesday, May 19, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school foyer.

The school board is proposing a 1998-99 expenditure package of \$13,323,345. This is an increase of .71 percent over last year's budget.

Residents will also vote for one five-year seat on the board of education and one five-year seat on the library board of trustees.

Newcomer Thomas McKenna is running for the school board seat vacated by Steven Schreiber. Trustee Fred Volkwein is running for a second term on the library board. Both are unopposed.

Students tune up for spring concerts

The school music department has announced dates for its spring music concerts.

On Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. the junior and senior high school bands will come together for a musical extravaganza in the high school gymnasium.

The bands are directed by Charles Reader and Christopher Jantsen.

The elementary concert is set for Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The fifth- and sixth-grade choruses under the direction of Mary Teresa Morgan, and the fifth-

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and sixth-grade bands, directed by Lydia Tobler, will perform.

The junior-senior high school choral concert, directed by Julie Watts, is the following Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend any of these concerts free of charge.

Prom and after-prom bash set for Saturday

The junior-senior prom will be on Saturday, May 16, at the Albany Marriott in Colonie.

An after-prom party is also planned. Following the party students will travel to Six Flags/Great Adventure amusement park in New Jersey.

Horseshoe League starts season

The Voorheesville Horseshoe League will begin its sixth regular season on Wednesday, May 20, at 6 p.m.

Games will be held on the vil-

lage green behind village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

League competition will consist of two seven-week divisions, with championship rounds scheduled for Aug. 26. The winner and runner-up of each division will compete in round-robin finals.

Competition is based on a handicap system, and new players of all skill levels are encouraged to join.

For information, call Dennis Sullivan at 765-2468.

PTA to meet and elect new officers

This month's PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

The nominating committees is still seeking candidates to fill various positions. For information, call Trish Thorman at 765-4506.

Parents are urged to attend this meeting as many end-of-the-year decisions will be made, and officers will be elected for next year.

Thacher Park offers guided bird walk

John Boyd Thacher State Park has been named an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society.

Learn to recognize many of the park's bird species with specialist Ken Able on Sunday, May 17, at 8

a.m. along Indian Ladder Trail.

Bring binoculars, wear sturdy shoes and dress for the chilly morning air.

The group will meet at the Indian Ladder parking lot. For information and to register, call 872-1237.

Indian Ladder plans birds and bees weekend

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road is planning a birds and bees weekend on May 16 and 17.

There will be horse-drawn wagon rides through the orchard at blossom time, bird watching strolls along the nature trails, bee watching expeditions, honey tasting, and talks on the art of beekeeping and the science of pollination.

For information, call 765-2956.

Helderledge Farm sets talk on perennials

In May and June, Helderledge Farm on Picard Road is hosting a series of talks followed by walks around the nursery. Programs last about an hour.

On Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m. the topic will be perennial plants for sunny locations.

Gardeners of all ages are invited to attend this free program.

Time for volleyball

It's time for volleyball on the village green behind village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Open play starts Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m. League play runs from June 4 through Aug. 27. For information, call the village office at 765-2692.

Extension offers soil testing

Cornell Cooperative Extension is holding soil test clinics the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through September at the Rice Center on Martin Road.

The next clinic is scheduled for May 16. The first sample costs \$1, subsequent samples are \$2 each.

It is important to test soil before adding any lime, sulfur or wood ashes. For information on how to take a soil sample, call the agriculture office at 765-3500.

St. Matthew's to serve pancake breakfast

St. Matthew's Daughters of Mary and Mens Association will team up to serve a pancake breakfast before and after Masses on Sunday, May 17, at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Road.

Nursery school has openings

Community Nursery School of First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville currently has openings for the class starting in the fall.

To be eligible, children must be 4-years-old by Dec. 1.

The nondenominational, cooperative nursery school is celebrating its 31st year.

For information, call the church at 765-2372 or Ivy Brockley at 765-2131.

Church closes parking lot during construction

While bridge construction is going on in the village, the gates to the parking lot of First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue will be closed to through traffic.

The gates will only be open on Sundays and when there are meetings that require more parking space than the upper lot provides.

Town board to meet

The New Scotland town board meets tonight, May 13, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

The town of Bethlehem's 1998 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 2 was again successful despite the rain.

Six hundred twenty-five vehicles, representing approximately 781 residential households, brought gallons and pounds of paint, pesticides, vehicle fluids, waste fuels, asbestos and other hazardous materials to the program.

More than 167 55-gallon drums of hazardous waste will be disposed of by Care Environmental Corporation, the vendor hired for this year's program.

Statistics were gathered from questionnaires given to attendees.

Thirty percent (188 participants) eliminated 32 55-gallon drums of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. That was eight more drums than last year!

Twenty-two percent stated that most or all of the hazardous waste they brought to the program had been inherited from a former occupant of their home.

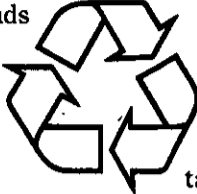
Although the majority of attendees — 67 percent — visited the Household Hazardous Waste collection for the very first time, 32 percent of the 1998 participants also attended last year's program at the town highway garage.

There were three people who made two trips to the garage during the allotted time May 2.

Paint and solvents are still the No. 1 waste brought to Household Hazardous Waste programs. Ap-

proximately 88 percent of the 625 attendees brought latex oil paint or solvents.

As a sidenote, please remember to only throw *empty* paint or solvent cans into your regular trash.



About 2,860 gallons of paint will be recycled with Hotz Environmental Services of Ontario, Canada. Eight 55-gallon drums (totalling 440 gallons) of screened liquid latex paint will be used for a "polysell" daily covering on the Colonie Landfill.

Wastes handled by town employees and either recycled or disposed of properly included: 66 fluorescent tubes, 240 pounds of household batteries, 45 lead acid batteries, 25 buckets of driveway sealer, one fire extinguisher, one-quarter ton bagged asbestos, more than one-half ton corrugated cardboard, 20 large propane tanks and 85 gallons of waste motor oil.

Reusable wastes such as unused oil, Coleman fuel, muriatic acid and lamp oil will be used up by persons within the town who know how to use them properly.

If you did not or could not attend the program May 2, and need more information about hazardous wastes in your home, please call the recycling hot line at 767-9618.

The hot line operates from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday to Friday.

Thank you to all who participated in the 1998 Household Hazardous Waste Day.

RCS budget vote set for May 19

Members of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk community will go to the polls Tuesday, May 19, for the annual budget vote and board of education elections. Voting is from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the high school. RCS community library budget will also be on the ballot for voter approval.

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The program will be part of the Bethlehem Historical Association's annual meeting.

Eyres, who is known as "The First Lady of Adirondack Music," has appeared on PBS in documentaries about the mountains of northern New York.

The public is invited to attend. The association's meeting begins at 8 p.m. For information, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

NHS news

The RCS chapter of the National Honor Society will formally induct its new members Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Congratulations to all of the new honor society members!

Spring concerts galore

RCS students will wow their friends and families at this month's spring concerts.

The senior high spring concert will take place Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. All interested community members are welcome to attend.

Also at the senior high school, members of the fifth- and sixth-grade band and chorus will perform Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

In other music news, the middle school band will begin its recruitment of current fourth-graders on Wednesday, May 20.

Soccer sign ups continue

RCS youth soccer club will continue its registration for fall recreational soccer on Thursday, May 14, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the high school.

Girl Scout news

RCS Girl Scouts will hold its annual meeting and dinner on Wednesday, May 20.

The following positions are

available for next year's service team: secretary, publicity coordinator, training consultant and cadette-senior age level consultant

Anyone who would like to volunteer should call Barbara Poetzch at 756-7118 or Marie McClumpha at 767-2308.

In other Girl Scout news, a spring encampment at Lawson Lake is being planned for May 15 to 17.

Becker school plans appreciation breakfast

A.W. Becker Elementary School on Route 9W in Selkirk will hold a teacher appreciation breakfast on Tuesday, May 19.

Eyres to perform at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse

Singer-songwriter Peggy Eyres will perform at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse in Selkirk on Thursday, May 21.

Festival to sponsor chicken barbecue

The Ravena Friendship Festival will sponsor a Geurtze's chicken barbecue on Friday, May 15, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Friendship Festival fireworks fund.

Complete dinners cost \$7.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available at the village office at 15 Mountain Road in Ravena.

Spring festival is coming

Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Groesbeck Road in Furcha will hold a spring festival on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Bethlehem boys track wins Albany County Championship

By Karly Decker

After coming off an exceptional first place finish at the Colonie Relays, the Bethlehem Boys Track and Field team has remained consistent winning the Albany County Track and Field Championships at Albany Academy Tuesday, May 5.

"(This was) one of the most challenging meets," said coach **Dave Banas**.

The Eagles faced teams they hadn't yet this season, Banas added.

The team placed first over 10 teams, with a score of 159, and the runner-up was defending champion Albany High finishing with 82.

"It was an incredible win for us, especially to win by that much," Banas said. "As a coach, it was a most enjoyable meet to watch. They all performed so well, I could just sit back and watch. I was very

happy for the guys."

The 3,200-meter relay, 400-meter relay, and 1,600-meter relay all had first-place finishes. The 3,200-meter relay team was **Clark Doody, Alex Voetsch, Andy MacMillan, and Tim Kavanaugh**, and finished with a time of 8:18.2.

Lee Ansaldo, Kalid Umar, Jared Macarin, and Dave Raab made up the 400-meter relay team who had a 44.6 time. The 1,600-meter relay, who finished with a 3:30.1 time, consisted of **Kavanaugh, Dan Keller, MacMillan, and Matt Reuter**.

Bethlehem took both first and second places in the 100-meter and 200-meter races. In the 100-meter Raab led all runners with an 11.2 time, and Ansaldo trailed with an 11.3. In the 200-meter, Reuter led with a 23.1, and Macarin trailed with a 23.2.

Other standouts were **Scott Rhodes**, who placed second in

the 1,600-meter with a 4:34.6 time, **Keller**, who took third in the 400-meter with a 53.7, and the Eagles' second and third place finishes in the 800-meter. **MacMillan** finished second with a 2:02.3 time and **Kavanaugh** ran a 2:06.0.

Umar jumped 47 feet 3.75 inches in the triple jump and 19 feet 8.5 inches in the long jump, earning first place overall in each event. **Kris Darlington** threw the discus 116 feet 4.5 inches for the Eagles and finished first.

"We are the best team that Bethlehem has had in a long time," said **Darlington**, co-captain. "We've got a good shot at the Suburban Council Championships."

The team took first place out of 13 area teams at Colonie Relays, Saturday, May 2. They scored 108 points, while the second place team, Shenendehowa trailed by 20.

"We were really excited to beat Shen," said **MacMillan**. "Having four meets next week, we need to

stay focused and continue to perform."

The 400-meter relay team placed first with a 43.3 time tying the meet record and broke the school record. **Lee Ansaldo, Kalid Umar, Macarin, and Reuter** ran on the team.

The 800-meter relay team also placed first and broke the meet record and school record with 1:31.2. **Reuter, Umar, Macarin and Raab** made up the team.

Rhodes, MacMillan, Kavanaugh and Voetsch ran the 3,200-meter relay team to first with a 8:22. time. The other distance relay team, the 6,400-meter placed fourth overall in the meet, but broke the school record with a time of 19:51.7. The team consisted of all underclassmen, **Voetsch, Kyle McKewan, Geoff Decker, and Clark Foley**. **Decker** had his personal record in the 1,600-meter split, breaking 5 minutes with a 4:59.

Both the sprint and distance medleys had school records. The distance medley consisted of a 1,200-meter, 400-meter, 800-meter and 1,600-meter races and claimed first overall with a 10:51.3 time, just missing the meet record. **MacMillan, Keller, Kavanaugh and Rhodes** made up the relay.

The sprint medley made up of 400-meter, 200-meter and 800-meter races, placed third overall, with 3:37.2. The team was composed of **Reuter, Keller, Ansaldo and Kavanaugh**.

The Eagles also did well in field events. **Leczinsky, Campbell and Darlington** combined for 17 feet 7 inches as part of the high jump relay. They placed first overall. The triple jump relay also placed first jumping a combined 124 feet 3.5 inches jump. **Ryan Peterson, Umar and Max Anderson** made up the team. The long jump team placed second overall with a combined jump of 56 feet 3.5 inches. **Umar, Peterson and Macarin** made up the team.

"The meet went very well. I think that not being mentioned in the paper as a contender to win was a big motivating factor to do well," said **Macarin**. "We broke many school records as well as breaking and tying meet records. I think we have gained the upcoming confidence needed for the upcoming championship meets."

Boys basketball camp set for July

The Bethlehem boys basketball camp will be held at Bethlehem Central High School during the week of July 27 - July 31 in two sessions. The first session is for third- through fifth-grade boys, from 9 a.m. to noon, daily. The second session is for sixth- through eighth-grade boys, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., daily.

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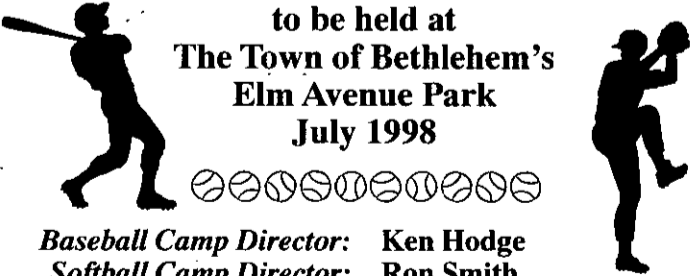
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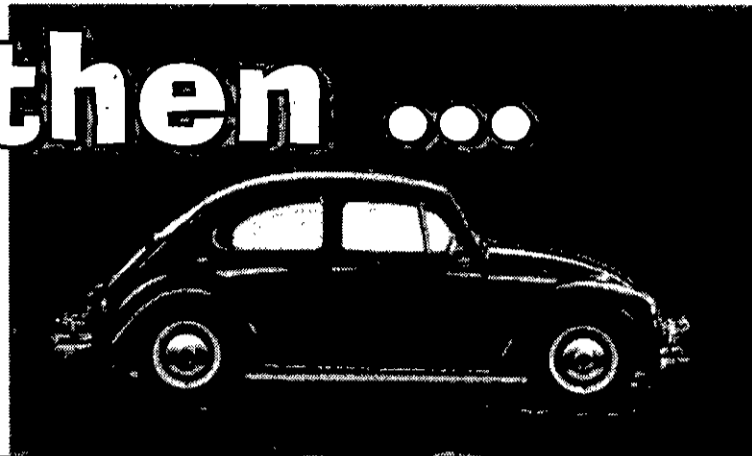
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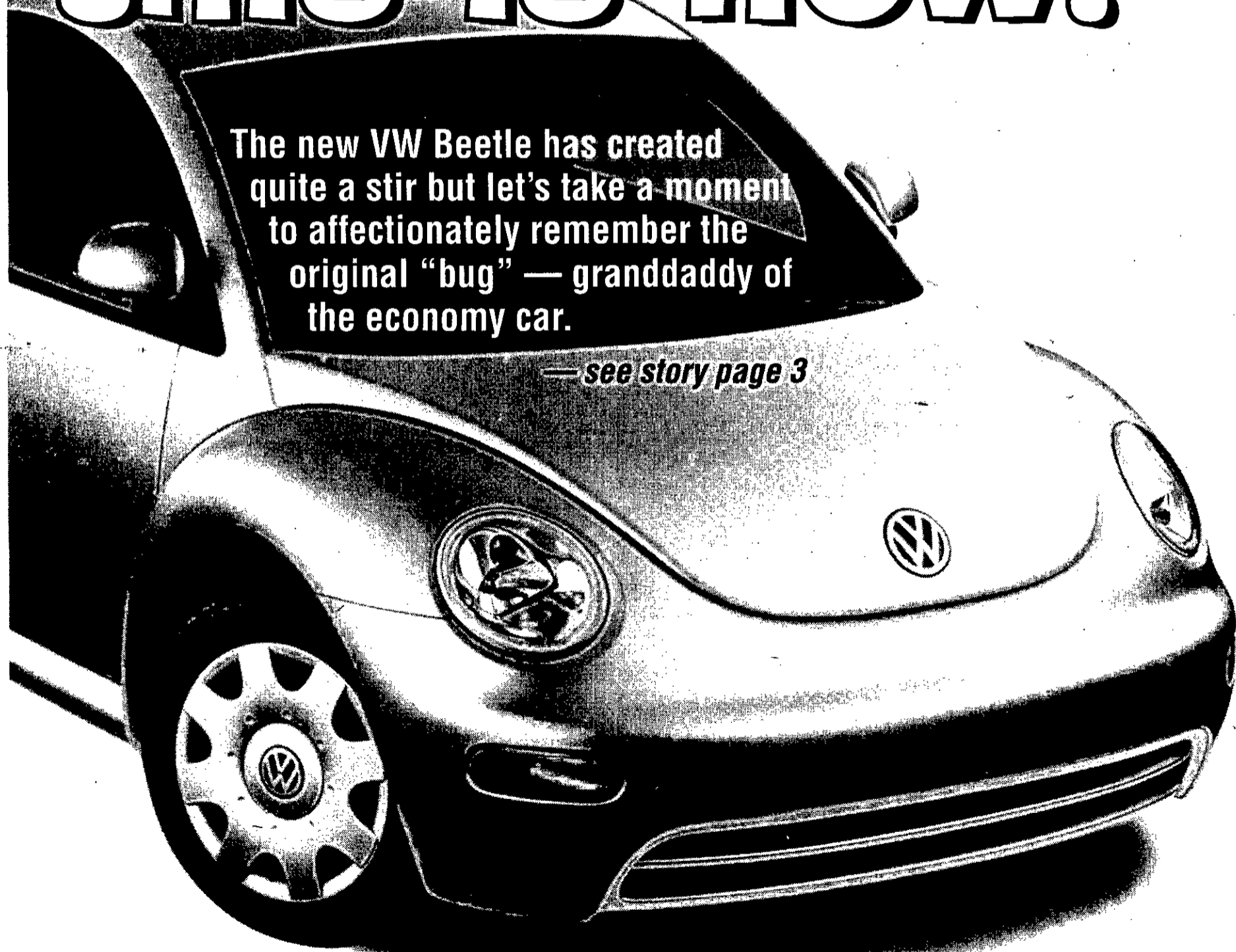
That was then ...



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The new VW Beetle has created quite a stir but let's take a moment to affectionately remember the original "bug" — granddaddy of the economy car.

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Safety and communications are options in the '90s

By Lisa K. Kelly

New options in automobiles can make a driver's life safer and easier.

On board navigation systems are new to the Capital District and can assist drivers in several ways.

Emil Baker, owner of Your Call A Communications Company in Colonie, said investing in a navigation system is like investing in an insurance plan.

The system can guide you if you are lost, answer emergency calls or act as an alarm in the case of theft.

"The system uses live operators," Baker said, "so if you have a medical emergency they can locate you and get paramedics to you right away."

"The system knows where you are within nine feet," he added. "So, if someone steals the car, the operator can call the car and talk to the thief."

"The operator would advise the thief that they know where they are and have notified the police and that they should stop

the car and get out."

Baker said the system is popular with mobile home owners and business travelers. "The initial cost seems to keep people from purchasing."

Baker said the system costs \$199 and comes with a three-watt Motorola phone. The consumer also has to pay \$27 per month for the Bartizon Communications navigation service and monthly cellular phone services.

Baker said another good safety accessory is the Telecom prepaid cellular phones. "The Peace of Mind service is \$70 a year plus the cost of the phone," he said. "It comes with 120 minutes for the year."

Hands free adapters are available for people who use their cellular phones in the car a lot. "It connects to the phone, and there is a small ear piece, and the microphone connects to the collar."

Another handy accessory for the person who

uses their car phones constantly is the 30 minute battery charger for home or car, Baker said. "Recharging cell phone batteries used to take all night," he added.

The administration does not recommend that air bags be deactivated instead of installing an on-off switch because it is more difficult to re-activate the bags instead of just turning them on. To date, air bags have saved more than 3,000 lives.

Frank Salmida, general manager of Capital Cities Imported Cars in Glenmont, said on board navigation systems are slowly becoming popular, but most consumers still shy away because of the cost.

Salmida said the system is only available in the five and seven series BMWs and costs about \$2,500 but there is no cellular or operator service to pay for.

The system is an actual computer with a keyboard and comes with

two CD-ROMs. "You load the disk and the information appears on the screen," Salmida said. "You program in the address you're seeking and it will tell you how to

get there.

"It will tell you if you're going the wrong way. It will say 'stop and turn around.'"

Safety is a big issue, and what might be safe for some drivers and passengers may not be for others. On/off switches for air bags are now available for automobile owners and new automobile buyers.

The on/off switch gives drivers the power to determine if the air bag would prevent or worsen injuries in an accident. Spokesperson for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Liz Neblett said 99 people have died due to air bag related injuries.

However, dealers and repair shops cannot install this without an authoriza-

tion letter from the Administration.

Vehicle owners who may be eligible for an on/off switch fall into one or more categories.

People with medical conditions where the risks of a deployed air bag exceeds the risk of impacting the steering wheel, dashboard, or windshield, can get an on/off switch for both the driver and passenger's sides.

A driver side on/off switch can be installed if an individual cannot position themselves at least 10 inches away from the air bag.

A passenger side on/off switch can be installed if a driver has to put an infant in a rear-facing child seat in the front seat because there is no rear seat.

This is done only if it's necessary to constantly monitor a child's medical condition, or if the driver must carry more children than will fit in the rear seat.

If you don't fall into these categories, make

sure the driver's seat is positioned correctly to avoid injury.

To prevent injury from air bags, drivers should be at least 10 inches from the air bag cover. The distance is measured from the air bag cover to the driver's breastbone. Children under 12 should sit in the back seat.

The administration only allows on/off switches to be factory installed in new automobiles with no rear seat or with a rear seat which is too small for a rear-facing child seat.

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Neblett said air bags have saved more than 3,000 lives and reduces the risk of death for people ages five to 27. "We estimate that 30,000 people have requested the on/off switch," she added, "and no one has been denied."

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New Beetle provides reason to reminisce

By Katherine McCarthy

Most people close to 40 grin when they see the new VW bugs, then tell you about the one they had, in high school, college, or their early 20s. The fact that it was usually beat up, had a different colored hood, and was missing a floor only added to the adventure of being young and mobile.

When I was a graduate student in Germany, homeland of the People's Automobile, my two best friends owned used, bright yellow bugs they'd purchased from the Deutsche Bundespost for the equivalent of about \$100.

They paid a price for their \$100 cars. Before he could go anywhere, Bernd would come and collect people to push his car till it started. He'd drive off waving and we'd stand there panting.

One late December afternoon, Bernd, Uli and I decided that what we really needed was Gluehwein and Christmas cookies. Road trip. "Pull in

here," I finally said, pointing to the "Parking Verboten" stripes in the road after we'd circled the market several times. "Somebody pretend the car is broken down while

would be the end of his long blonde locks and regular transportation, but his car always started, and the two of stayed intact enough to go donate blood, something

burghers on their way home from work.

I left Germany in Uli's Volkswagen bug. He drove me to the airport, two years worth of clothes, books and stuff crammed all around us. Soon, I was in New York, where owning a car is only an aggravation; Bernd was back in his pastoral hometown working for a bank, and Uli was in Berlin, pursuing a doctorate. Sixteen years later, two of us drive Volvos, one a Mercedes. None of them have batteries under the seat and we all carry jumper cables in case we don't have friends nearby to pushstart us.

One of these days, I'll go look at a bug in the showroom. Instead of "thanks for the memories," though, I'll lean out the window and see if anybody answers when I say "Hop, Hop, Hop, Atomraketen Stop."

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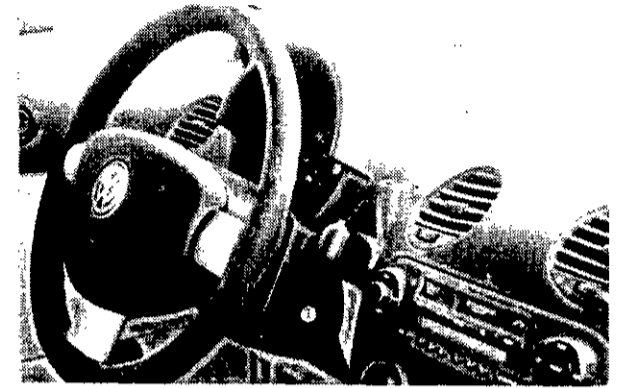
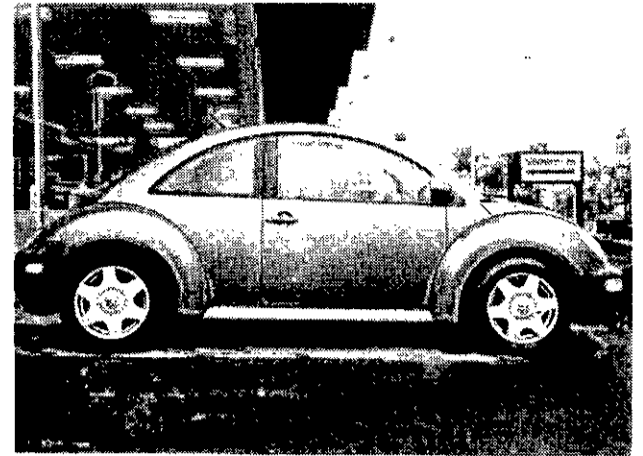
we get what we need."

Uli waited, peering intently under the hood, and was clearly irked when we returned. "A policeman's been by twice," he said. "Why did you leave the guy with long hair and clogs out here?" An apt punishment followed when Bernd's car wouldn't start, and we had to push it past the policeman.

Uli's car started from the inside, but only when he did something to the battery he kept under the front seat. I was sure this

Germany's overly-socialized medical system paid us for. With four donations, we could have had enough to buy another used VW Bug!

Stuck one day in traffic, the three of us talked about the prevalent anti-nuclear demonstrations of the day. We stumbled on the phrase "Hop Hop Hop, Atomraketen Stop," and when I got out at my destination, they leaned out their windows, and we chanted it together, causing great confusion among all the good



The 1998 Volkswagen Beetle is a streamlined version of the classic '60s car that was notorious for its pattering engine and thin floors. The new version's engine is in the front and it features amenities like a flower vase next to the steering wheel. It retails for about \$15,000.

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Options are available to finance new car purchase

By Bill Fonda

It would be nice to be able to just walk into a car dealership, pick out a car, plunk down the purchase price and drive away.

However, most people can't do that.

Finance managers Beth Dannenberg of Northeast Acura, located at 942 New Loudon Road in Latham, and John Barber of Goldstein Chrysler-Plymouth, at 613 Loudonville Road in Latham, claim the best way to solve that problem is to get a loan right at the dealership.

According to Dannenberg and Barber, if new-car buyers come to a dealership for a loan, they can receive just as good an interest rate as they would at a bank and save themselves the legwork. In addition, Barber said his turnaround time on a loan is one hour.

For people with good credit, Chrysler offers factory incentives that give consumers a choice of

either a 1.9 to 4.9 percent Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for up to 15 months or a \$750 to \$1,650 rebate.

"The special APR plan is the primary way to go to build some equity in your car," Barber said.

But what should a consumer choose — the low rate, or the rebate?

To assist in answering that question, Dannenberg provided an example of a hypothetical incentive plan that allows for a 1.9 percent APR or \$1,500 cash back on a \$12,000 car.

Taking the rate would cost the consumer \$635.40 in interest payments. If the person took the rebate and was eligible for a 60-month plan at a conventional 6.9 percent rate — which is low — the interest payments would be \$2400.60.

Therefore, the buyer should take the rate because the interest savings are more than \$1,500, but this isn't always the case.

"If you have good credit and can get yourself an aggressive rate on your own, take the money,"

From our perspective, I think we can keep the credit quality better and we can give a better interest rate to our customers.

Rick DiLorenzo

Dannenberg said.

People with less-than-perfect credit can still get a conventional loan, which may run between 60 and 84 months at 6.5 and 9 percent depending on the age of the car.

"The credit that comes through my desk ranges from as good as you can get to as bad as you can get," Barber said.

When Barber gets someone on the lower end of the credit rating spec-

trum, he conducts an interview to determine the cause and see if there is something positive he can present to the banks he works with.

According to Dannenberg, banks will look more kindly on people with bad credit if, for example, the problem was caused by a medical condition that caused a number of payments to be missed and the applicant has a stable job, income and residence.

"They don't want to think you're running from something," she said.

One option Dannenberg recommends for removing credit blemishes is getting a co-signer for the loan, but she does have a word of caution.

"A lot of people don't understand the importance of the co-signer. The way the applicant pays the loan is going to be reflected in the co-signer's credit," she said.

A similar situation applies to divorcing couples who have joint credit. If one declares bankruptcy, both credit reports are affected.

Dealerships get their loans either through the banks they work with or through captive companies like Ford Credit, but a number of banks are direct dealers and don't work with any dealerships.

Rick DiLorenzo, vice-president of consumer lending at Albank in Delaware Plaza in Delmar, says direct dealers like his company are still a viable option because they eliminate the dealership as "middleman" between the loan institution and the customer.

"From our perspective, I think we can keep the credit quality better and we can give a better interest rate to our customers," he said.

If an applicant has a checking account with Albank and is willing to have payment taken directly out of the account, a three-year loan will charge 6.75 percent

interest. Four- and five-year loans charge 7 and 7.25 percent, respectively. Not having the payments taken directly out of the checking account will cost an additional 0.25 percent.

"You'll probably find those are some of the better automotive loan rates offered around here," DiLorenzo said.

If a person originally got a loan through a dealership, DiLorenzo said Albank can refinance it once the buyer has the car and holds the title by offering a loan to pay for the dealer loan. The buyer would then pay off the bank loan instead.

Barber called leasing "the way of the 90s" because it allows a consumer to drive a fairly expensive vehicle at a low cost, get a new vehicle every three years without worrying about trade value and establish auto credit.

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Leases are established through whatever financial institutions work with the dealer, which DiLorenzo said makes it nearly impossible for direct dealers like Albank to break into the market.

"So many of the new cars aren't available for loans because they're leased," he said.

In order to compete, DiLorenzo said Albank

needs to emphasize the advantages of buying and the disadvantages of leasing.

He said that while a loan to purchase a car can be for 110 percent of the sticker price in order to pay the sales tax, leases require the consumer to come up with an up-front charge of \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Leases also carry mileage restrictions, which DiLorenzo said "just doesn't cut it" for a lot of people.

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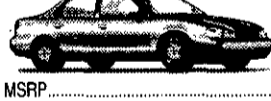
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There are numerous methods to ensure that after a trip, you're still in the black. One vital area frequently overlooked is the automobile. Each year, car trouble forces vacationers back home ahead of schedule with their carefully prepared budgets blown sky high.

"On a trip, car trouble often means more than just a repair bill," explains Donna Wagner, director of operations for the Car Care Council. "It can involve a tow truck, lodging, and possibly a rental car. Add to that the cost of extra phone calls, meals, missed flights and general inconvenience, and you've got an expensive ordeal."

The council urges motor-

ists to avoid this scenario by investing in a pre-vacation inspection performed by a qualified automotive techni-

A pre-trip inspection is a good idea for several reasons. First, it decreases the chances of road trouble,

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Donna Wagner

cian. This physical for your automobile should address the following systems: cooling, braking, emission control, steering/suspension, fuel, electrical and ignition. In addition, the tech should evaluate engine performance, tires, air conditioner, heater, defroster, instruments and gauges, windshield wipers, horns, lights, mirrors, seat belts and the car's body, inside and out.

which is not only costly but potentially dangerous. Second, it gives the car owner the opportunity to have repairs made at home, with his trusted technician who knows the vehicle. Finally, it provides peace of mind. While no inspection can guarantee a car's performance, it's gratifying to know the proper precautions for a safe trip were taken.

Get something special for your car's finish

Let's face it. Many men have a love affair with their cars and trucks. They love to drive them, but hate to wash them. From a gut point of view, it's not the washing, it's the drying that becomes tedious.

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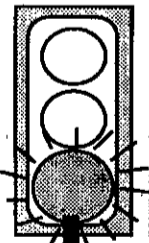
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Consider a kid's view of traffic

Imagine the world as a six-year-old experiences it. You're too short to see around parked cars or over tall shrubs. Your peripheral vision is narrower than an adult's and your hearing can't readily locate the source of a sound.

But the most dangerous thing for a kid is walking to school. Young children lack a clearly defined sense of danger. No wonder traffic accidents lead all causes of death and injury among children up to age 14.

The AAA Auto Club South urges you to drive with care, especially when school is in session.

"Walkers fare poorly," said Randy Bly, director of traffic safety for AAA. "A startling one out of every four pedestrian-vehicle collisions involve a child younger than 15, with the majority of fatalities occurring in those 5 to 9 years of age.

"That translates to almost 30,000 young pedestrians killed or injured each year."

For kids, the beginning of the school year can be especially dangerous, Bly says.

For one thing, most kindergartners and first graders are expanding their pedestrian boundaries for the first time. And almost everyone is excited about the start of school. That makes kids' behavior even less predictable than usual.

Here are some things to remember:

Since young children don't have a fully developed sense of judgment, they're often unable to make the split-second decision needed in traffic safety.

Kids may have difficulty assessing gaps in traffic. Young children may not know left from right, so they don't always look to the left where the most immediate hazards are first.

"As long as children act like children, it's up to us to protect them," Bly said.

These days, it's a buyers' market

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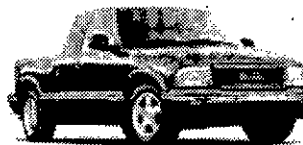
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The main reason for faulty wipers is lack of maintenance.

The main reason for faulty wipers is lack of maintenance, says Rick Black, president of Lifetime Automotive Products in Dallas.

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Automotive log is a useful car care tool

For most of us, keeping an automotive log is a nuisance. But it can be a useful communications tool between the customer and the auto repair shop. Many misunderstandings between customer and technician could be averted with proper documentation. The Car Care Council suggests keeping a notebook handy to record the following:

- All routine preventive maintenance along with mileage and dates.
 - Dates and descriptions of all repairs.
- Entries need not be detailed says the council. Even simple records will provide the owner with valuable information in case of a problem.
- Proper documentation can make a difference in

resolving a repair complaint, rather than several rounds of "he said, she said."

In warranty cases, documentation by the owner is especially important. This includes obtaining copies of warranty repair orders, keeping notes about who you spoke to and what was said and when.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) offers a computer printout of all reported problems for each car model and year. They also have a Web site with the same information.

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Remember to check tires, oil frequently

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percent of cars failed a tire inspection during National Car Care Month last year.

The most common problem was under inflated tires, accounting for one out of three failures.

For motorists driving with low tire pressure, the purchase of a tire gauge could produce a 500 percent return on their investment.

"Under inflated tires can cost a motorist one or two

miles per gallon," says Don Midgley, President of the Car Care Council, sponsors of National Car Care Month.

"The Department of Energy tells us that if all tires were properly inflated, about 4 million gallons of gas could be saved every day. Unfortunately, most people don't own a tire gauge

In fact, you may not even find an air hose or

tire gauge where you buy your gas.

So, unless the owner has a relative or friend who owns a tire gauge and air pump, he may find his way to a tire store or repair facility to get it done. It's something else to put off for another day.

Twenty-seven percent of vehicles were found to have low or dirty oil; 24 percent had dirty air filters, both of which affect engine life or performance, according to Midgley.

"None of these three checks are difficult to do. But for people who are reluctant to probe around under the hood or use a tire gauge, there are plenty of service facilities who will do so."

To encourage better maintenance, the council offers free literature on the subject

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Synthetics invade auto chemicals

By Dr. Fran Lockwood

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Synthetic technology is also prevalent in the automotive industry where manufacturers are producing better performing products for more fuel-efficient smaller automobiles. New synthetic chemicals are available for fuel, power steering and brake systems.

Smaller engines with multiple valves and higher operating temperatures are breeding grounds for varnish and carbon deposits. Unburned fuel consistently subjected to more than 230 degrees Fahrenheit is cooked into place.

Varnish first forms in and around the fuel injectors at 20,000 miles, depending on the quality of the gas and the amount of detergents in it. Carbon deposits then begin to build on the top of the intake valves and intake manifold passages between 40,000 and 50,000 miles. Finally, hard carbon deposits form inside the combustion chamber after 50,000 miles.

The fuel system resembles a symphony, where a variety of components orchestrate fuel efficiency. When all parts

are operating at peak efficiency—fuel injectors, timing, air-fuel mixtures—maximum horsepower and torque are achieved at minimal fuel consumption.

When one piece is out of tune, fuel consumption increases and horsepower and torque output is reduced.

Varnish in and around the fuel injectors can keep the proper air-fuel mixture from entering the intake manifold passages carbon deposits forming on the back of the valves can cause the hydraulic lift system to be sluggish. Hard carbon deposits on the interior of the combustion chamber can cause pinging which forces the knock sensor to retard timing and reduce performance.

New over-the-counter fuel system treatments employ synthetic cleaners that attack the deposits at each stage without damaging seals and gaskets. One new product, Valvoline's SynPower Complete Fuel System Treatment, uses a combination of synthetic detergent additives in a kerosene carrier solvent to clear varnish from the fuel injectors and carbon deposits from the interior of the engine.

Auto makers are endeavoring to improve internal engine compo-

nents to thwart the build-up of varnish and carbon deposits. Teflon coated pistons are being researched. But until they are used in every application, aftermarket synthetic fuel system cleaners are the best and most inexpensive remedies.

Steering stability and extreme temperatures are major considerations for the fluid that is essential for power steering systems.

Power steering systems are hard on power steering fluids, much like high temperatures are hard on motor oil. Power steering fluid also must remain fluid in sub-zero temperatures and viscous in extremely high temperatures.

New semi-synthetic power steering fluids work better in wider range of temperatures and contain conditioners and other additives that help stop squeals and leaks.

An object in motion tends to remain in motion, underscoring the need for brakes.

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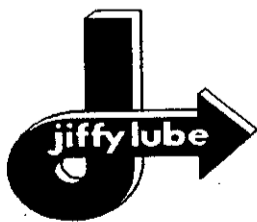
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Voters don't support vehicle mandate

According to a new poll, the more New York voters know about a state mandate that requires the steady growth in sales of zero-emissions vehicles in the state beginning in 1998, the less likely they are to support it.

The poll of 711 voters statewide was commissioned by seven automobile manufacturers and was conducted by Zogby International of Utica.

The state, with the full backing of Gov. Pataki, now mandates that approximately 8,000 zero emission vehicles be marketed in New York state in 1998. Based on current technology, only electricity-powered vehicles qualify as having zero emissions. The mandate is being challenged in the courts.

As revealed in the poll, voters prefer cars that are safer for the environment, but they feel that electric

vehicles in their present state, are not ready for the mass market and the market is not ready for them.

Among the concerns cited with electric vehicles:

- 77.8 percent cite the lack of facilities to recharge or repair electric vehicles.

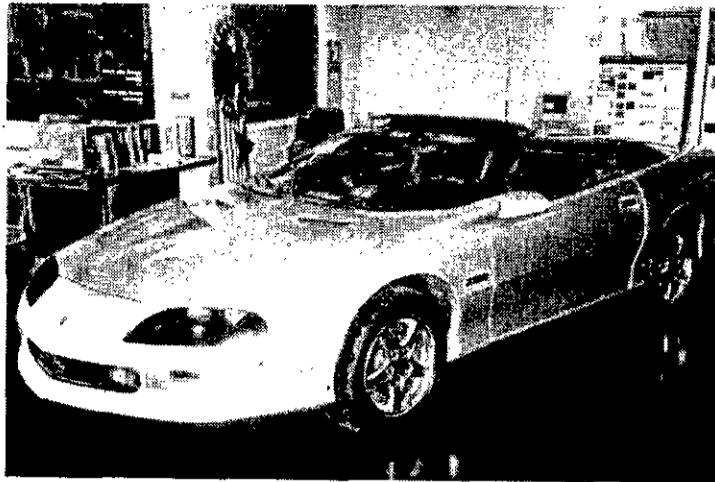
- 82.3 percent say electric vehicles are not ready for the mass market due to technology limitations with the batteries, traveling distances and performance.

- 71.7 percent feel they are too expensive.

While voters initially support the concept of zero-emission vehicles, once they learn the limitations in terms of range, the specifics about the mandate and its implications, opposition grows and support plummets.

The poll also indicated that most voters are currently unaware of the mandate or its details.

Hot new models

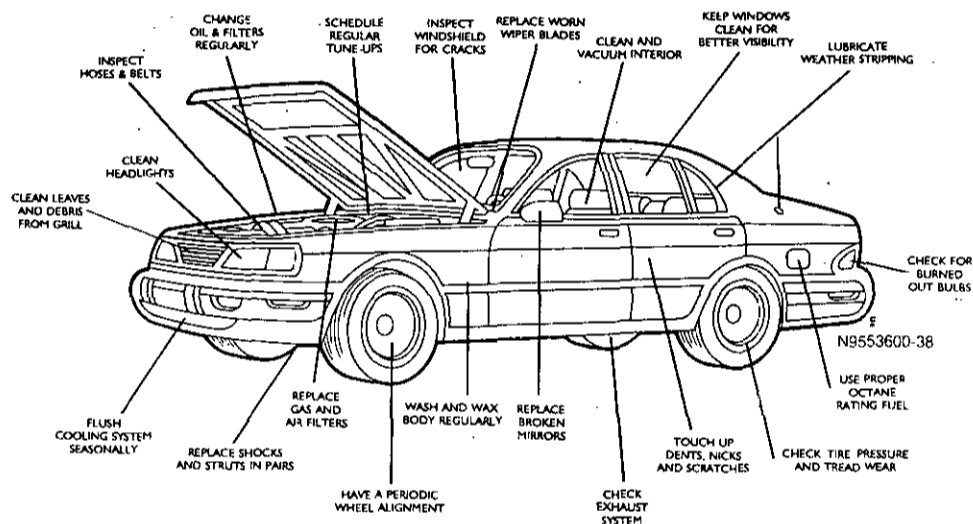


Powered by a 5.7 liter V8 engine, the 1997 Camaro Z28 convertible, shown above at DePaula Chevrolet in Albany, is priced at about \$30,000. The 1998 Suzuki Sidekick sport (right), on display at Armory Suzuki in Albany, is equipped with four-wheel drive and is priced at about \$20,000.

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(NU)—When it's hot outside, it can get really hot inside an automobile. That's why so many drivers consider a properly maintained air-conditioning system to be a vital part of their car.

Over the past few years, all automobile manufacturers have switched from R-12 air-conditioning system refrigerant, commonly known as Freon, to R-134a refrigerant for new cars.

R-12 is in all autos made in 1992 and earlier, and in some 1993 and 1994 models. It is available and recommended for use by auto makers and air-conditioning parts manufacturers, who may void warranties if a refrigerant other than what the part was designed for is used.

Experts estimate that of the 180 million autos in the United States, half require R-12. It is easily purchased and installed by licensed technicians.

The second refrigerant, R-134a, is used in all autos made in 1995 and later. It is tested and accepted by the EPA as a replacement for R-12.

R-12 and R-134a perform the same basic

function—they are high-quality, proven products that make cold air come out of your auto's A/C. However, the two cannot be mixed and require different operating parts.

Take your car to someone you trust and choose the refrigerant the car was built use.

Brenda Tollett

Consumers who are unsure which refrigerant to use should check their owner's manuals.

But some drivers are confused by this choice of products and services offered by some companies and repair shops.

The confusion is keeping some owners from getting their air-conditioning fixed, and leading others to costly and unnecessary retrofits.

Their advice: Stick with the refrigerant the vehicle used when it rolled off the assembly line.

"The best advice is the most simple," said Brenda Tollett, a senior attorney with Valvoline and chairperson of the Refrigerant Import Committee of the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, an association that works in with federal agencies against illegal import of refrigerants. "Take your car to someone you trust and choose the refrigerant the car was built use," said Tollett.

(NAPS)—For many people, warm weather awakens the desire to travel. However, winter thaw combined with early spring rain results in slippery and often dangerous driving conditions.

The National Automotive Parts Association (NAPA) wants you to know some basics about the most important safety feature on your car: brakes. "Road salt in the winter and floods in the spring cause dirt and grit to get trapped in your brakes," said Jim Kiple, NAPA's director of technical services. "This causes excess wear on the friction materials that allow you to stop."

A pre-trip brake inspection is a good idea before traveling beyond 100 miles from home. In between, you need to be aware of certain warning signs.

One of the most obvious warning signs is brake noise. Some brake noise is normal, but grinding, squeal or chatter should be investigated. The following are some other warning signs:

- **Vibration.** A vibration when applying your brakes can be due to rotor or drum imperfections, uneven tires or worn brake hardware components.

- **Pull.** If your car pulls to the left or right when the

brakes are applied, it could be the result of contaminated linings, frozen calipers or a hydraulic problem.

- **Low pedal.** If the brake almost touches the floor before activating, try adding brake fluid, but this is usually caused by a leak or air in the brake lines.

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Investing in maintenance will pay off in long run

As the average age of a vehicle soon will exceed nine years, typically with over 100,000 miles on the odometer, preventive maintenance plays a greater role than ever in car ownership. With proper care an aging vehicle should run dependably for another nine years and more. A big part of keeping an older car running trouble-free is to stay ahead of maintenance needs.

The Car Care Council cites a recent example: the owner of a high mileage van called for advice about radiator hoses. "I have just one bad radiator hose," the caller said. "My mechanic recommended that I have all of them replaced while I'm at it. Isn't that pretty expensive, especially when the others appear OK?"

Many experts would

agree with her mechanic, possibly even suggesting that drive belts (or single belts on a later model vehicle) should be replaced at that time.

This can be one of the best automotive investments one can make. It can save time and inconvenience, according to the council. Here's why:

When one hose is marginal in condition, others may be too. Deterioration begins from within and is not visible until it is at an advanced stage. A leaking or ruptured cooling system hose can cause an engine to self-destruct in a matter of a few miles.

You save labor costs by getting the whole job done at one time vs. several trips to the repair shop. You can avoid having to have the work done later, at an inconvenient time.

As for belt replacement, consider that most vehicles now are equipped with the above mentioned single, serpentine belt, which does the work of three or four, so failure can be serious. If it's an older vehicle, labor costs are reduced by replacing all belts at the same time.

What about other parts? After nine years many components already will have been replaced. If not, they should be inspected with an eye toward imminent retirement.

Marginal brake system parts or weak suspension

parts also may be ready for replacement at this point. The battery, with a normal life span of three to four years, should be load-tested and replaced if the test so indicates.

Some auto service professionals, having the benefit of experience as well as available facilities, replace certain components on their personal vehicles as preventive measures. In addition to fuel, ignition and emission control parts, they may replace the fuel pump and/or alternator.

What about inside the

engine, i.e. valves, piston rings or bearings? Should they still be OK at the 100,000 plus mileage? The council says it depends on the vehicle and the care it has had. With regular maintenance, it's not unusual for an engine to be healthy beyond that 100,000 mile mark. If the engine is burning oil and making ominous noises, however, it needs attention.

A vehicle that's basically sound, looks good and suits the owner's needs can get a new lease on life with a rebuilt engine. This often is the

most practical solution to refurbishing under the hood, with many of the above mentioned components included in the procedure.

Every case should be appraised on its own merit, concludes the council, emphasizing that a "good old car," one that's paid for and part of the family, can be the best investment one can make.

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BC tied for first with Columbia

By Andrew Hartman

The Bethlehem Eagles baseball team won two out of three league games and lost a non-league game. Bethlehem is tied for first place with Columbia, both have 8-4 records.

The Blue Streaks of Saratoga came to town to start the week off, Monday, May 4. Bethlehem had no base runners after the third inning. **Matt Tulloch** cranked a home run and had two other hits. **Geoff Hunter** smacked a double, but this proved to be futile as the Eagles had trouble scoring.

After a short break, the Eagles played a wild game at Niskayuna on Thursday, May 7. Tulloch fanned eight Silver Warriors, and had five earned runs. Hunter poked two singles and had two poked bases. **Chris Gerber** had two

Baseball

singles and drove in a run. **Brian Davies** had a single, double and drove in the winning run. In the last inning, Niskayuna was down 8-5, and they got back two runs, but the two teams tied. When the tying run crossed home plate, a gutsy umpire appealed the run, saying the runner did not touch third base and the Eagles won 8-7.

Friday brought good things to Bethlehem. Colonie could not keep up the pace with Bethlehem and lost, 13-1. **Pat Hughes** tossed a five hitter and went the distance. Hughes also had a good day at the plate with two singles, a double and four RBI. Davies poked a single and smacked a home run with two RBI.

Bethlehem hosted Cobleskill Saturday, May 10.

Junior varsity pitcher **Ryan Sweeney** was brought up for the occasion and pitched two scoreless innings. Sweeney also had a single, a double and two RBI. **Brian Yovine** spanked two singles in the loss.

"The Saratoga loss was disappointing. We were in a bit of a slump, and the Niskayuna win was special. Maybe we needed a play like that (the appeal at third) to win again," said Coach **Jesse Braverman**.

Bethlehem plays at home today, May 13, against Colonie and Thursday, May 14, they take on Mohonasen at home. Both games start at 4 p.m. and finish the week at home on Saturday, May 16, against Catholic Central beginning at 1 p.m.

BC girls lacrosse defeat Shaker, lose to Saratoga

By Andrew Hartman

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team split two games this week, losing in overtime to first place Saratoga, and defeating Shaker. Bethlehem is in second place with a 6-2 overall record.

Tsan had two. Other goals were recorded by **Amanda Kelly**, **Venter** and **Rebecca Frank**. Bethlehem held on to win, 9-7.

"This is a tight league, any team can beat anybody. We have been playing without several injured

Saratoga is one of the best teams in the state. I was pleased with our effort.

John Battaglino

The team faced Saratoga at home in a highly anticipated game Monday, May 4. The Eagles sought revenge for their only loss suffered at the hands of Saratoga. Despite a great effort from the Eagles, they could not hold off Saratoga in an overtime loss. **Lindsay Piechnik** scored a goal with two seconds left in regulation to force an overtime. Saratoga scored the only goal in overtime, and won, 8-7. **Grace Tsan** netted three goals, **Amy Venter** and **Sue Breznell** each contributed one goal.

players," said coach **John Battaglino**. "Lily Corrigan has been out for three games with an injury. Another four players are unable to play because of injuries. This makes it harder to win.

"We could use some rest. Playing without key players shows us what we are made of. Saratoga is one of the best teams in the state. I was pleased with our effort. I don't want the kids to ride on that, though."

The Eagles play again at home against Shenendehowa today, May 13 at 7 p.m., at Niskayuna Friday, May 14, at 7 p.m., and at Albany Academy, Monday, May 18, at 4 p.m.

After a long rest, the girls took to the field again on Friday, May 6, to face Shaker. Piechnik paced Bethlehem with four goals, while

Hockey Booster registration

The Bethlehem Hockey Boosters Young Skaters Program has slated its registration for the 1998-99 Hockey Season at Bethlehem town hall in Room 106 from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The season begins just after Labor Day and this year's program will be expanded to include Bantam and Pee Wee age level travel teams.

The programs are open to all Bethlehem Central students born between July 1, 1983, and June 30, 1987. Younger players, born after June 30, 1987, will be allowed to tryout for the Pee Wee level, however, please note that this is not a learn to skate program.

The annual general meeting for all Bethlehem Hockey Boosters is June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem town hall.

For information, call **Mike Mullen** at 768-2700.

Women's soccer starts May 17

Bethlehem Women's Soccer will meet near the playground at Elm Avenue Park on Sundays at 10 a.m. starting May 17. For information, call **Pat McMahon** at 449-2643.

Cooper-Varney Church softball league

The Cooper-Varney Church softball league scored the following during the week of May 7:

Onesquethaw Reformed (3-0) vs. Delmar Reformed (1-2), 19-4; St. Thomas I (1-2) vs. Westerlo Baptist II (0-3), 28-5; Clarksville Community (3-0) vs. Wynantskill

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Tri-Village Squares to hold dance

Tri-Village Squares will hold a square and round dance on Saturday, May 16, from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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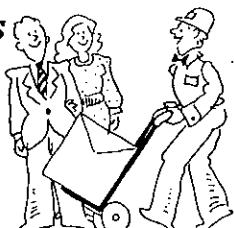
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BC softball team wins 2, loses 1

By Christine Potter

The Bethlehem girls varsity softball team played three games last week, defeating Mohonasen, 3-1, and Colonie, 5-3. They lost to Guilderland, 4-0.

Alexis Grant pitched the first three innings, and Jenna Grant relieved her in the fourth inning during the Friday, May 8, game. Monique Roberts went two for three at the plate.

"It was a very intense game," said coach Ron Smith. "They had an excellent pitcher, and we had to play a perfect game in order to win. Unfortunately, we made some mistakes."

Alexis Grant pitched seven innings assisting the team in defeating Mohonasen Wednesday, May 6.

Beth Gecewicz had a double, which scored a run, and Kim Comtois also had a double. Bethlehem had one error.

"I found Wednesday's game frustrating because earlier when we faced Mohonasen we easily

It was a very intense game. They had an excellent pitcher, and we had to play a perfect game in order to win. Unfortunately, we made some mistakes.

Ron Smith

outscored them by 19," commented Gecewicz. "This time we struggled to come out on top. It is very important for us to come out to the field everyday ready to play our game the way we can."

Bethlehem defeated Colonie 5-3 during a rainy Monday, May 4, game.

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

"It was a defensive battle in the mud," said Jenna Grant. "Both teams were struggling with the weather conditions. It came down to the team that made the plays."

Bethlehem scored their first two runs in the first inning, and Colonie caught up with three runs in the fourth inning. Bethlehem scored two runs in the sixth inning to pull ahead, and scored their final run in the seventh inning. Bethlehem gave up one error.

"The girls faced a lot of adversity with the weather conditions," commented Smith. "Colonie was a good hitting team."

The girls will face Shaker at home Friday, May 15. They will travel to Columbia Monday, May 18, and host Niskayuna Wednesday, May 20. All games begin at 4 p.m.

Zoning board schedules hearing

The Bethlehem zoning board of appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the application of Edward Nadeau and Carmello Crisafulli of 371 Route 9W in Glenmont for Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall on 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Nadeau and Crisafulli are seeking a special exception to operate a canine boutique, with retail shop, grooming and dog day care.

Eagles soar over Shen

By Rachael Copp

The Bethlehem boys tennis team achieved an important victory Thursday, May 7, against major rival Shenendehowa, 5-4.

The first three singles players gave solid performances, with Matt Treadgold, David Perlmutter and John Clair all winning straight sets. Kevin Moehringer, who holds sixth, also won two straight sets.

Tennis

Bethlehem was already triumphant in four singles matches and needed one more victory to win. It was up to Ian Morgan, the number five spot holder, to bring in a win.

Coach Derek Minkler said, "Ian and Kevin really stepped up when the team needed them. It was a real team win."

On Friday, May 6, the Suburban Council Tournament began, and the team lived up to their reputation. This season, Bethlehem has sent two definite doubles teams to the quarter finals: Kevin Russell, Clair, and Morgan and Jon Caplan.

Some matches were cancelled Saturday, May 7, due to rain. One doubles team, Perlmutter and Treadgold, and singles player David Phillips are both in third round matches. Minkler said he thinks neither will have difficulty placing in the quarter finals. The tournament will continue Monday, May 11, and Tuesday, May 12.

After the tournament the team will compete their last match against Niskayuna today, May 13. Rescheduled because of rain, this match is the key to Bethlehem's seeding. The winner will share first place title with Shenendehowa.

"Niskayuna recently beat Shenendehowa. They are coming on strong and looking much better. This match is really important for us," said Minkler.

Blood pressure clinic set for May 19

Bethlehem has scheduled blood pressure screening for Tuesday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the town hall auditorium at 445

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Obituaries

Robert Birchenough

Robert H. Birchenough Sr., 83, of Slingerlands died Monday, May 4, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Albany Academy and Cornell University. He also attended Syracuse University. He was a certified public accountant.

Mr. Birchenough worked for the Transit Co. of Albany and the Watervliet Tool Co. He then established Jennings & Birchenough, CPAs.

He was president of the University Club of Albany and an honorary life member. He was a member of Albany Country Club and the Seniors Golfers Association of Eastern New York. He was a longtime member of Albany Rotary Club and Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

He was the husband of the late Ethel Kattrein.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Chamberlin Peters Birchenough; two sons, Dr. Robert H. Birchenough of Lake George and David Birchenough of Nelson, N.H.; four stepsons Jeffrey Peters of Belfast, Maine, Steven Peters of Sante Fe, N.M., Christopher Peters of Okemos, Mich., and Bruce Peters of Los Angeles, Calif.; three grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or Community United Methodist Church, 1499, New Scotland Ave., Slingerlands 12159.

William B. McGoey

William B. McGoey, 81, of Cranell Avenue in Delmar died Tuesday, May 5, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in McKeesport, Pa., he was a longtime resident of Delmar. Mr. McGoey was a circulation manager for the *Times Union* for 41 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member and former officer of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, Colonie Elks and the Times Union Retirees Association. He was coach and officer for both Bethlehem

Babe Ruth and Tri-Village Little League.

He was the husband of the late Ann R. Burns McGoey.

Survivors include two sons, William B. McGoey Jr. of Danbury, Conn., and Richard J. McGoey of Mendham, N.J.; and five grandchildren.

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

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Amsterdam.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

Robert Beiermeister

Robert E. Beiermeister, 74, of Rose Court in Delmar died Tuesday, May 5, at St. Peter's Hospice.

Born in Troy, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Beiermeister was a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Naval Reserve during the Korean War.

He was a real estate agent for Texaco for 24 years. After he retired, he was a manager at Naughtner's Jewelry Store in Albany.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Dutcher Beiermeister; three daughters, Nancy Ciprioni of Glenmont, and Lynne Beiermeister and Marion Robichard, both of Voorheesville; a brother, John Beiermeister of Albany; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the Rockefeller Funeral Home in Rensselaer and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

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

James J. O'Connor

James J. O'Connor, 73, of Glen-

mont died Tuesday, May 5.

A former Albany resident, he was the proprietor of O'Connor's Grocery Store on Judson Street in Albany for more than 50 years.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Yolande C. Robilotto O'Connor; four stepdaughters, Anna Robilotto of Selkirk, Linda Sudano of Long Island, and Lisa Robilotto and Laura Hegeman, both of Glenmont; a stepson, Philip Robilotto of Glenmont; two brothers, John O'Connor of Menands and Thomas O'Connor of Delmar; a sister, Mary Gibbs of Troy; and eight grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church, 283 Central Ave., Albany 12206.

Hazel Barkman Mabie

Hazel Barkman Mabie, 95, of Colonie Manor and formerly of Voorheesville died Thursday, May 7, at her home.

Born in Westerlo, she was a longtime resident of Voorheesville before moving to Colonie in 1993.

Mrs. Barkman had worked for Catherine Smith Realty. She was a member of the Voorheesville American Legion Post auxiliary and New Scotland Senior Citizens. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville and the former Women's Democratic Club in New Scotland.

She was the widow of Arthur H. Mabie.

Survivors include a daughter, Evelyn Tallman of Albany; a son, Kenneth Mabie of East Berne; six grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Hannacroix Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple Road, Voorheesville 12186.

Clara M. Hogan

Clara M. Hogan, 78, of Clarksville died Sunday, April 19, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Westerlo, she was Clarksville postmaster for 23 years before she retired. She was also an aide at Clarksville Elementary School. During World War II, she worked at the Voorheesville Depot.

She was the widow of Martin Hogan.

Survivors include three sons, Martin J. Hogan of Clarksville, Michael J. Hogan of Climax, and Joseph T. Hogan of Coeymans Hollow; and five grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Onesquethaw Rescue Squad, Clarksville 12041.

Ronald A. Padula

Ronald A. Padula, 62, of Rowland Avenue in Delmar died Thursday, May 7, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy.

Mr. Padula worked for Nynex until he retired.

He was a communicant of the

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Liberty Padula; two sons, Mark R. Padula and Matthew T. Padula, both of Delmar; a daughter, Melissa T. Padula of Delmar; and a brother, Felix L. Padula of Buffalo.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to CBA Alumni Fund, Alumni Office, 1 DeLaSalle Road, Albany 12208.

Catherine Logrillo

Catherine Logrillo, 62, of Delmar died Saturday, May 9, at Community Hospice of Albany County.

Born in North Hampton, Mass., she was a longtime resident of the Delmar area.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include her husband Vito Logrillo; three daughters, Michelle Deleskiewicz of Greenville, Marina Dowling of Sanibel, Fla., and Geraldine Logrillo of Westerlo; and four grandchildren.

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

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Library

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add more parking if it is deemed necessary once the facility is up and running.

"There is no guarantee that (the space) is specifically designated for library parking," Birkhead said. "Also, no one in town knows whether the CMI proposal will fly at all. It would not be wise to rely on an uncertainty."

The conflict between library officials and Moore, whose house would be next door to the new parking lot exit, began in early February, when the library's plan was announced.

The \$250,000 the library wants includes \$150,000 to buy the plot at 45 Borthwick Ave., on which a house now stands, and \$100,000 for the demolition of the house and construction of 36 new parking spaces along with a new exit, lighting and landscaping.

Moore isn't the only resident worried about the library's plan. "It seems like there's never been any real demonstration of need," said Carson Road resident Bob Bellafiore.

Bellafiore suggested there are better ways \$250,000 could be spent in town. "You've got people who are scrounging for a community center," he said. If tax money was spent on the center instead of parking, "it would reduce the stress on library space."

Moore said library officials mis-

understood the data that spurred them to propose expanding their parking lot, specifically a February 1997 study by library expert Noah Lushington.

"They have often quoted the report untruthfully," Moore claimed. "The highest priority of that report is space within the building itself."

Birkhead showed *The Spotlight* a copy of the report, and at the top of page two, it states, "parking is insufficient."

Also, Birkhead said the report didn't prompt the \$250,000 proposal. "The library had been anxious to expand parking for many years prior to the Lushington report," she said, adding that "We haven't misrepresented information from the report."

"I don't think there's anything sinister going on," Bellafiore said. "I just don't think the plan is that well thought out. They haven't looked at viable or less expensive options."

Bellafiore described himself as a fan of the library. "My family uses the library as much as anybody could," Bellafiore said. "In over 300 trips to the library, only twice — for special events like concerts on the green — have I not been able to find parking."

"It seemed like they looked for an easy solution for something that isn't really that big a problem," Bellafiore added. "If they

demonstrated a need, I would wholeheartedly support spending money on the library."

Birkhead said buying the Borthwick Avenue parcel would be an investment in the library's future. She said the library is boxed in by residences, so chances to expand are rare.

"Parcels of land come onto the market only after great intervals of time," she said. "When we have an opportunity to secure our position in the center of Delmar and to provide for flexibility in the future, we need to take advantage of that."

Delmar library schedules story times

A four-week story time series for preschoolers ages 2 to 6 and their families will take place May 19 through June 11 at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Programs will run for an hour and include stories, songs and finger plays around a theme, followed by films and crafts.

Programs are scheduled for both mornings and evenings as follows: May 19, 7 p.m.; May 21, 10:30 a.m.; May 26, 10:30 a.m.; May 28, 7 p.m.; June 2, 10:30 a.m.; June 4, 7 p.m.; June 10, 7 p.m. and June 11, 10:30 a.m.

Register for one session per week by calling 439-9314.

Grieve

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Leafer said. For that reason, the process advances to the formal grievance stage.

To participate in Grievance Day, homeowners should pick up an information packet from the assessor's office that includes a grievance form. Staffers in the assessor's office will help gather information to complement the form.

"We try to guide (homeowners) when they come in and help them develop their arguments," Leafer said, "whether we think their grievance is right or wrong."

Leafer said homeowners question assessments for many reasons. "Either they feel they were not assessed fairly or their assessment is out of whack," Leafer said. "A typical example might be if the square footage we're reporting turns out to be inaccurate."

Some of the tools homeowners can use to document grievances include appraisals, contracts from home sales and the "data array" book in the assessor's office, which includes statistics on each house in town.

The assessor's office also has tax maps on which people can compare the size of their parcel to those of other parcels in town.

"Our books have information on every house," Leafer said. "People can look up other houses that might

be considered similar to their own and make comparisons."

All of this information is put into a grievance form, which must be submitted to the assessor's office by May 26.

"The form is the key thing," Leafer said.

On Grievance Day, many people simply file their forms, but those who wish to discuss the process can appear before the board of assessment review, comprised of Richard Haverly, chairman, Raymond Russum and Herbert Steele. Appointed by the town board, these men will answer grievance questions throughout the day.

After Grievance Day, they will review all the forms submitted and render decisions, probably within a week. Everyone who submits a grievance form will receive a written notice in the mail explaining the board's decisions.

Grievance Day hearings will be held in the town hall auditorium on Tuesday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For information, call 439-4955 ext. 101.

The assessor's office, usually open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will hold special hours preceding Grievance Day. They are: Wednesdays, May 13 and 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, May 9 and 16, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Russian pianist in concert at library

Russian pianist Adelina Krivosheina will present a concert on Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Krivosheina has taught at con-

servatories in Leningrad, Kiev and Moscow. The concert is sponsored by the Humanities Institute for Life-Long Learning and is free and open to the public.

Mothers group to meet at Delmar church

Mother's Time Out will hold its weekly meeting on Monday, May 18, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave.

The group will discuss children's sleeping habits. Child-

care is provided.

Mother's Time Out is a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers. New participants are always welcome. For information, call the church at 439-9929.



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Three finalists will be selected from applications, which must be returned to the New York Farm Bureau postmarked no later than June 1.

The finalists must complete the full American Farm Bureau Federation application, which will be used to select an achievement award winner at the state annual meeting in Syracuse in December.

The criteria used in judging includes farm operation progress, management ability, farm opera-

tion role and Farm Bureau and community involvement and leadership. The size of the farm operation is not a factor in the judging.

The state winner gets an all-expenses-paid trip to the annual convention next Jan. 11 to 14, in Albuquerque, N. M., to represent New York in the national achievement award competition, plus \$500 cash from Dodge Truck.

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Applications are available by contacting the county Farm Bureau, field advisors or the state Farm Bureau at 436-8495.

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Richard Butz and John Montague will teach you how to build your own 15 foot one-person plywood canoe in a day and a half during the Adirondack Museum's No-Octane Regatta Weekend at Blue Mountain Lake in Hamilton County on June 20 and 21.

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Registration is required and participation is limited. For information, call the museum at 352-7311 ext. 130.

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The Adopt-A-Wild Horse & Burro program will bring healthy, trained wild horses and burros, rounded up from fragile Western rangelands to the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland from May 22 to 24.

There will be approximately 100 horses and 30 burros. The adoption fee is \$125 per animal.

Horses and burros will arrive on Friday, May 22, with viewing hours from 1 to 5 p.m.

Horse adoption will be on Saturday, May 23, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and burro adoption will be on Sunday, May 24, from 7 a.m. to noon.

For information, call 1-800-293-1781.

Delmar orchestra to perform

Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Jim Greg, will perform at St. Jude's School in Wynantskill on Thursday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m.

Students at St. Jude's will be treated to three different en-

sembles — woodwind, brass and strings — in separate areas of the school, so they can experience the unique timbre of each group.

For information, call the school office at 283-0333.

Class of '98

University of Michigan — Ryan Green of Delmar (bachelor of arts), Matthew Fleming of Slingerlands (master of public policy) and David Lancor of Voorheesville (master of architecture).

BCHS graduate to publish photos

The photographs of Marisa Sellitti, a 1990 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, will appear in the new book *Our Grandmothers — A Loving Portrait of 74 Granddaughters*.

Sellitti has both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Parsons School of Design. She is a graphic designer and photographer in New York City.

Delmar student receives honor

Jane Valentino of Delmar was recently honored as one of six newly elected members to the Cum Laude Society at Albany Academy for Girls.

Valentino will attend Tufts University in the fall.

ROTC cadet awarded medal

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Elizabeth Dunn was recently named outstanding senior engineering student of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and awarded the ROTC Bronze Medal of the Society of American Military Engineers.

She is the daughter of Fred and Marilyn Dunn of Delmar.

BCHS graduate joins honor society

Brian J. Scott of Glenmont was recently inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon, a mathematics honorary society, for his superior achievement in mathematics at Roanoke College.

Scott is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Chamber sets town cleanup day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 16, the third annual Bethlehem First Town-wide Community Clean-up Day.

To help out, contact Mary Mullen at 439-0512.



Sally and Robert Wiggand

Sherman, Wiggand marry

Sally A. Sherman, daughter of Jerry Sherman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Nancy Sherman of Glenmont, and Robert J. Wiggand Jr., son of Robert and Arline Wiggand of Glenmont, were married Aug. 9.

The Rev. Lynn Joosten performed the ceremony at Glenmont Community Church.

A reception followed at Normanside Country Club in Elmsmere.

The matron of honor was Mary Margaret Mulrone.

The bridesmaids were Rebecca Wiggand, daughter of the groom, Elaine DiVincenzo, cousin of the bride, and Kathy Fleig-Clayback.

The best man was Keith

Wiggand, brother of the groom.

The ushers were Andrew Sherman, brother of the bride, Jason Hammond, cousin of the groom, and Jay Woolford.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Geneseo.

She is an information specialist at Community Health Plan in Latham.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He is president of J. Wiggand & Sons contractors in Glenmont.

After a wedding trip to Cape Cod, the couple lives in Glenmont.

Institute offers seminars

The Cape Cod Summer Educator Seminar Series at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, Mass. is accepting registrations through May 31.

The seminar, scheduled for July 19 to 24, is sponsored by the American Institute for Creative Education in Augusta, Maine.

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necting reading, writing and mathematics in the classroom; marine studies; children's literature; meeting student needs through multiple intelligence; and managing stress creatively.

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Bethlehem Garden Club to hold annual plant sale

Bethlehem Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at the vacant Key Bank at 343 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The sale supports townwide beautification projects and a scholarship fund.

Murder, mystery and mayhem mark Miss Marple's NYSTI debut

By Linda DeMattia

Agatha Christie's quintessential lady sleuth Miss Jane Marple makes her debut at the New York State Theatre Institute in the production of *Murder at the Vicarage*, which opened Sunday and runs through May 23. Even though it is the tenth staging of a Christie "whodunnit" in the company's 22 years, it is the first time the Institute has presented a Miss Marple tale. Harriet Nichols directs the production, which is performed in the Schachet Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy. The story introduces Miss Marple, a character created by Christie in 1930. From her vantage point in her garden in the middle of the village, the observant Miss Marple should have seen who committed the Murder at the Vicarage. But while she didn't see who did it, she did see plenty of tid-bits to ponder as everyone in the village, including Miss Marple herself, becomes a suspect.

The play is the first NYSTI and Christie play for Nichols, who will be working with associate director Ralph Allen. Designers of the new production are Fredda Slain, sets; Brent Griffin, costumes; Harry Feiner, lighting; and Charles R. Eble, Jr., sound. Michael A. Bartuccio is the production stage manager.

Delmar resident Eileen Schuyler, originally slated to play the lady detective, had to bow out for unexpected personal obligations. Replacing her is Carole Edie Smith, a former teacher/actor with the Institute. Her most recent work with NYSTI was as Miss Amelia in the production of *A Little Princess*. She has also had roles in NYSTI's *Witness for the Prosecution* and *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

"We are sorry at that necessity but delighted that Carole Edie Smith will play the role of Miss Jane Marple," said Patricia DiBenedetto Snyder, Producing Artistic Director of the NYS Theatre Institute. "We are fortunate that we are



Carole Edie Smith plays the role of Miss Jane Marple in the mystery, *Murder at the Vicarage*. The play will be presented by the NYS Theatre Institute.

able to draw on such talented performers." Smith was originally cast in the role of Miss Marple's antagonist, Mrs. Price Ridley. That part will now be played by Tanny McDonald, who last appeared with the Institute in *Possession — The Murder at Cherry Hill*. Last year, she toured with Robert Goulet in *Man of LaMancha*. She debuted on Broadway with Zero Mostel in *Fiddler on the Roof* and shared the stage with other notables, including Diana Rigg, Christopher Plummer, Glenda Jackson, Geraldine Page, Raul Julia and Sheena Easton. John McGuire, an original and continuing member of the NYSTI company, plays the role of the vicar, the Rev. Leonard Clement. His other roles ranged from the crocodile Lyle, to Long John Silver in *Treasure Island*, John Proctor in *The Crucible* and Torvald Helmer in *A Doll's House*. The vicar's wife Griselda is played by Cynthia Marty, who appeared in NYSTI's musical *The Silver Skates*. Her other credits include roles in *Company*, and *My Fair Lady* in New York, a regional production of *Lend Me a Tenor* and various television appearance. Other cast members are Jeanne Vigilante Cherubino as the vicar's maid; Ron Komaro as the curate. Ronald Hawes; Elisabeth S. Rodgers in the role of Anne Protheroe, the Colonel's wife; David Bunce as the artist Lawrence Redding; John Romeo as Inspector Slack; and Margaret Robinson in the role of the Colonel's daughter Lettice Protheroe. In the role of the mysterious Mrs. Estelle Lestrage is guest artist Gail George, making her debut appearance with NYSTI.

There will be morning performances of *Murder at the Vicarage* at 10 a.m. May 12 - 15 and 19 - 22. Weekend performances continue at 8 p.m. May 16, 2 p.m. May 17, and 8 p.m. May 22 and 23. The 8 p.m. performance on May 23 will be

sign-language interpreted. Tickets are \$16, with students and senior citizen tickets at \$14 and children through 12 at \$8. Call the NYSTI Box Office for more information or directions 274-3256.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Family Entertainment

CALENDAR • ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Miss Marple heads Christie play in NYS Theatre Institute debut

Agatha Christie's gardener-detective, Miss Marple, made her debut Sunday in Troy as the New York State Theatre Institute presented *Murder at the Vicarage*.

The handsomely mounted production with a 14-member cast which captures the tone of the Christie mystery, is complete with the numerous red herrings the late British mystery writer used so profusely in her work. The cast also attains the comedy that supplies a relief from the tension and the lengthy dialogue.

Overlong by a good half hour, one could snooze during the first two scenes and still be brought up to speed during the last scene in the first act when everything is recapped.

The second act moves with a better pace as a murder is committed to cover revelation of the original murderer.

Harriet Nichols' staging, her first at NYSTI and her first Christie play, keeps the characters moving swiftly in and out of the elaborate vicarage study but she falls victim to some wordy scenes that can't be energized.

Given their due, the cast members still give solid performances.

Carole Edie Smith plays Miss Marple with a determined yet gentle insistence that she can solve the original murder. She contests the investigation of Inspector Slack (John Romeo) with understated intelligence.

John McGuire is fine as the vicar who finds a murder committed in his study and still must contend with an upset maid and a young wife who can't cook and won't. Cynthia Marty plays the young wife with sufficient girlish charm to provide the concern the vicar feels.



Martin P. Kelly

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Jeanne Cherubino adds a marvelous comedy scene as the maid prepared to quit the vicar's service because of an insult. It's a wonderful comedy turn when she gets the vicar to beg her return even as she acknowledges her deficiencies in work habits. Cherubino's every entrance in the play is a delight.

David Bunce is an artist living in the vicar's guest house who has a past with several of the women and can be a logical suspect in the murder.

But, then so can others in the company as Christie covers her tracks until the very end.

Murder at the Vicarage runs until May 23.

Information and reservations are available at 274-3256.

Tintypes completes its run in Schenectady this weekend

A production of *Tintypes*, a musical revue dealing with social issues and cultural changes at the turn-of-the-century, completes its two-week run starting tonight (May 13) at the Schenectady Civic Players Church Street theater.

This production ends the theater's 70th season and is the first musical presented by the troupe since 1984.

As written by Mary Kyte, Mel Marvin and Gary Peale, the use of popular music of the day and some real characters help recreate the late 19th and early 20th century period. Such characters as Emma Goldman, played by Judi Merriam, a social activist who urged help for working women, are linked to Teddy Roosevelt (Matthew Morass) who won fame in the Spanish American War and became governor of New York State and

president of the country.

They are complemented by fictional characters such as a domestic (Michelle Adams), a society woman and Broadway star (Joanne Mensching) along with a Chaplinesque street person (Shawn Cahill).

Duncan Morrison is co-director and set designer while Lloyd Waiwaiole handled the musical staging.

Reservations and information are available at 382-2081.

Ray Romano does stand up at Proctor's Theater May 16

A once lesser-known stand up comic who has gained nationwide appeal on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, demonstrates his laid back style Saturday, May 16, at Proctor's Theater.

The one-night stand is among the performances Romano will make around the country now that his television season is finished. Quickly snapped up by CBS for another season, Romano has made a comic impact as the insecure husband and father of three who's bedeviled by his parents and brother living across the street. He has proved to be an ingratiating comic whose 8:30 p.m. show following *Cosby* on Mondays has given the network a solid hold on audiences for that time period.

His stand-up depiction of absurd occurrences in ordinary life propelled him from comedy clubs to winning appearances with David Letterman.

Johnny Carson and Jay Leno. CBS saw the potential and the *Everybody Loves Raymond* show has proved the network's confidence in him.

Information and reservations are available at 346-6204.

AROUND THEATERS!

A Little Night Music, Sondheim musical at Capital Rep through May 24 (462-4531) ... *Love! Valour! Compassion!* at Albany Civic Theater through May 17 (462-1297) ... *Sleuth*, British thriller at Home Made Theater through May 17 (587-4427)

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THEATER

"A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC"

Sondheim musical, presented by Capital Repertory Theater, 111 N. Pearl St. Albany, through May 24, \$25-\$42. Information, 454-5242.

"MURDER AT THE VICARAGE"

Agatha Christie play featuring Miss Marple, presented by the New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, through May 23, \$16, \$14 seniors and students, \$8 12 and under. Information, 274-3256.

"LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION!"

Terrence McNally's comedy-drama for mature audiences, Albany Civic Theatre, 235 Second Ave., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m., \$10. Information, 462-1297.

MUSIC

THE GREAT CHORAL TRADITION

Albany Pro Musica concert featuring the music of Bach, Handel and Mozart, with full orchestra and soloists. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, May 16, 8 p.m., \$15, \$13 seniors, \$7.50 students. Information, 273-0038.

FIDDLERS THREE

an evening of fiddling with Allan Block, George Wilson, and thirteen year old fiddling sensation Brendan Carey Block, Spencertown Academy, 790 Route 203, Spencertown, Friday, June 5, 8 p.m. Information, 392-6521.

KIDS' ARTS FESTIVAL

Schenectady's fourth annual festival, will feature international performers, hands-on activities, Alex Torres and the Latin Kings, Dutch folk music and dance direct from the Netherlands, outside Schenectady's City Hall, Schenectady, Saturday, June 6, noon through 4 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

ALBANY TULIP FESTIVAL

variety of popular music in Washington Park, May 16, 1 p.m. Cole Broderick Quartet, 2:30 p.m. Jeanne Newhall, May 17, 3 p.m., Albany Symphony Orchestra plays The Best of Broadway.

THE MUSIC STUDIO ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

featuring students playing with members of the Albany Symphony Orchestra and its conductor David Alan Miller, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, May 16, 3 p.m., free with reservation. Information, 459-7799.

THE FURTHER FESTIVAL

featuring The Other Ones, Rusted Root, Hot Tuna, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, Saturday, July 4, 6:30 p.m. Cost, \$32.50; \$25 lawn. Information, 584-9330.

JOHN FOGERTY

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 5, 8:15 p.m., \$27.50, \$23.50, \$15 lawn. Information, 584-9330.

STEVE MILLER BAND

and Little Feat, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 27, 7:30 p.m., \$20, \$12.50 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

LILITH FAIR

featuring Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant, Bonnie Raitt, Lauryn Hill, Tracy Bonham, Heather Nova, Beth Orton, Imani Coppola, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 12, 4:30 p.m. Information, 584-9330.

MICHAEL BOLTON AND WYNONNA

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 19, 8:15 p.m., \$55, \$45, \$20.50 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND

Saratoga Performing Arts Center Saratoga Springs, July 26, 7 p.m., \$30, \$25 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF CATSKILL PARTNERS, L.P.

Under section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act

1. The name of the limited partnership is "Catskill Partners, L.P."
2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.
3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against the limited partnership served upon him is 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
4. The names and business addresses of the general partners are:

Schuyler Development Co., LLC
c/o Schuyler Companies
582 New Loudon Road
Latham, New York 12110
5. The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve is January 1, 2098.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 9th day of April, 1998, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date thereof.

CATSKILL PARTNERS, L.P.
s/ Kenneth B. Segel,
Schuyler Development Co., LLC
By: Kenneth B. Segel, Member
(May 13, 1998)

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

Schuyler Development Co., LLC Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York secretary of State on April 14, 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 c/o Schuyler Companies, 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (May 13, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FLP)

The name of the FLP is The Keenan Family Limited Partnership. The fictitious name of the FLP is The Daniel G. and Theresa J. Keenan Family Limited Partnership. The Application for Authority to do business in New York State of the FLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 14, 1998. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of the FLP is January 16, 1998. The principal office of the FLP is located at 490 Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York in the County of Albany. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against the FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is c/o Daniel G. Keenan, 490 Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York 12209. The purpose of the FLP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. A list of the names and addresses of all general partners of the FLP is available from the secretary of State. The name and

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address of the authorized officer of the FLP in the State of Georgia where a copy of its Certificate of Limited Partnership is filed is the Georgia Secretary of State, Suite 315, West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530. (May 13, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is 215 Washington Ave., L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with 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. (May 13, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Brandywine and State, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with 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 Secre-

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tary of State Shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (May 13, 1998)

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

Name: United Physical Therapy, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SOS") on 3/20/98. Office location: Albany County, SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to LLC, c/o Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, 1 Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Practice of physical therapy. (May 13, 1998)

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

Name: United Occupational Therapy, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SOS") on 3/20/98. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to LLC, c/o Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, 1 Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Practice of Occupational therapy. (May 13, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MEADOWDALE ESTATES, LLC.

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "Meadowdale

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Estates, LLC." SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Albany County.

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is April 1, 2053.

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

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served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

Meadowdale Estates, LLC., 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205.

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

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

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

s/Allyson Reek, Manager
(May 13, 1998)

Super Crossword

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| 1 Seasonal song | 50 Pressure | 97 Stout relative | 4 Dog-show entries? | 78 Tropical spot | 79 Search for truffles |
| 6 "Woe is me!" | 52 Take on | 98 Inhabitant: suffix | 5 Mauna — | 80 — de force | 81 Sothem or Sheridan |
| 10 Shoats | 53 Chou En — | 99 It's heard in a herd | 6 Pop star Paula | 82 Fortify | 85 "It's not my cup —" |
| 14 Burst of energy | 54 Flu, quaintly | 101 Medieval architecture? | 7 Director Sergio | 86 Greek letter | 90 Reprises |
| 19 Blessed sound? | 56 Trattoria treat | 108 Charles or Burl | 8 Baldwin of "The Shadow" | 91 Unwanted one | 94 Jackson or Farrell |
| 20 Composer Bartok | 57 Coup d'etat | 112 Adam of "Northern Exposure" | 9 Cumberbund or obi | 96 "Miserables" | 97 Oriental |
| 21 Shampoo ingredient | 59 Board | 113 "To Live and Die —" (1985 film) | 10 Dispose of deceptively | 99 What trumpets do | 100 Car bomb? |
| 22 Lawford or Lupus | 61 Nephrologists' org. | 114 Composer Khachaturian | 11 Poor reasoning | 101 Settled a debt | 102 Chip off |
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| 24 Forest females | 63 Bad hair day? | 116 Homeric epic | 13 Trickle | 104 Label number | 105 Recruit-to-be |
| 25 Gin flavoring | 64 Make, as profit | 117 Zanzibar has two | 14 Upright relative | 106 Went under | 107 Arboreal item |
| 26 Tabriz native | 70 Start to paint | 118 Fiddling emperor | 15 Conductor Faith | 107 Like Narcissus | 110 Punta del — |
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| 31 Sedan school | 76 Circus prop | 121 — of Eden" | 18 Speaker of baseball | 110 Went under | |
| 33 "Star Trek" journal | 79 Rock star David Lee — | 122 Quick-witted | 28 — vivant | 111 Showstopper | |
| 34 Essential | 80 Skater | 123 Ed of "Lou Grant" | 29 "Untouchable" Ness | 112 Showstopper | |
| 35 Wears | 82 Book before Joel | DOWN | 30 Order of the czar | 113 Showstopper | |
| 37 Fiction genre | 83 He may be taxing | 1 Lloyd Webber musical | 31 Sky streakers | 114 Showstopper | |
| 39 Pablum variety | 85 University of Maine site | 2 Dull pain | 32 Like a cobra | 115 Showstopper | |
| 40 The end? | 87 Time and again | 3 Perlman of | 33 Slanting | | |
| 43 — Buddies" | 88 Guys' counterparts | | 34 Form of coverage: abbr. | | |
| 44 Cookout debris? | 89 Attila's horde? | | | | |
| 47 European capital | 92 Stains | | | | |
| 48 Pocahontas' hubby | 93 Is for two | | | | |
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MAGIC MAZE

"G" WORDS IN SPORTS

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| Gallery | Gap | Goal | Guards |
| Gallop | Gate | Grand slam | |

AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY
MAY 13

ALBANY COUNTY HEALTHY EATS FOR BREAST CANCER PREVENTION
Mangia's, Stuyvesant Plaza, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Information, 452-3456.

RESOLVE SUPPORT GROUP
Infertility, Women's Health Care Plus, Guilderland, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 452-3456.

VEGETARIAN LASAGNA DINNER
Save the Pine Bush, 33 Central Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 434-1954.

SAINT ROSE INFORMATIONAL SESSION
420 Western Ave., 6 p.m. Information, 454-5143.

DAILY LIFE: WORK AND PLAY
Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 12:10 to 1 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

"THE MILLIONAIRE NEXT DOOR"
book discussion, The Desmond, Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie. Registration, 371-7748.

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

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

THURSDAY
MAY 14

ALBANY COUNTY

FOSTER CARE INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2868.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY
MAY 15

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purpose of engaging in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of State of New York. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is c/o the Company at 29 Armstrong Circle, Altamont, New York 12009. (May 13, 1998)

THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: FORT ORANGE FUNDING (LLC) was formed on March 25, 1998 by Christopher and Steven Davie. The address of the company is 21 Everett Road Extension, Albany, New York 12205 in the Town of Colonie and County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the company on whom process can be served. (May 13, 1998)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Application for Authority of Dancris Telecom, LLC ("LLC") was filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 14, 1998. The LLC was formed on July 21, 1995 in the State of Arizona. The LLC will have an office in Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail copy of any process to the LLC's principal office located at 6900 East Camelback Road, Suite 1003, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. A copy of the LLC's Certificate of Organization is filed with the Office of the Corporation Commission of the State of Arizona located at P.O. Box 6019, Phoenix, AZ 85005. 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 Limited Liability Company Law. (May 13, 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 April 9, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (May 13, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of LLC is Cairo Associates, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 22, 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. (May 13, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of LLC is Cranberry Lodging & Hospitality, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 23, 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 50 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. (May 13, 1998)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CRANBERRY LODGING & HOSPITALITY, LLC, LLC.
under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Law. The name of the limited liability company is CRANBERRY LODGING & HOSPITALITY, LLC, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on March 23, 1998. The principal office of the LLC is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The latest date on which the LLC is to dissolve is December 31, 2050. The LLC is formed for the

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
FIRST: The name of Limited Liability Company is CAMBRIDGE ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on March 17, 1998.
THIRD: The County within New York in which the office of the company is to be located is Albany.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 26 Computer Drive West Albany, NY 12205
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolutions set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "law").
SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to provide financial services and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (May 13, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
FIRST: The name of Limited Liability Company is ETON ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on March 30, 1998.
THIRD: The County within New York in which the office of the company is to be located is Albany.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 26 Computer Drive West Albany, NY 12205
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolutions set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "law").
SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to provide financial services and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (May 13, 1998)

SENIOR FAIR
Cahill Room, Albany County Office Building, 112 State St., 1st floor, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 447-7040.

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

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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. (May 13, 1998)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

TICE 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 Stuart Lyman and Dennis Stevens and petitions nominating candidates for the offices of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) 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;
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);

LEGAL NOTICE

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
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
MAY 13

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD
Town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apartments, 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 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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

WELCOME WAGON
Newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-1531.

RED MEN
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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

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

THE LIBRARY CLUB
Voorheesville Library, 51 Library Road, 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
MAY 14

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

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

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. in a local home, children's program and nursery provided for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

FRIDAY
MAY 15

BETHLEHEM

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

PLANT SALE
Elsmere Elementary School, 1 to 7 p.m.

SLINGERLANDS SCHOOL CARNIVAL
Slingerlands Elementary School, 25 Union St., 5 to 8 p.m. Information, 439-1856.

SATURDAY
MAY 16

BETHLEHEM

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

AL-ANON MEETING
The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES
First Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Information, 439-7571.

PROGRAM ON CAMPING
Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, 10 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

NEW SCOTLAND

SPRING FESTIVAL
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Groesbeck Road, Feura Bush, 10 to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY
MAY 17

BETHLEHEM

KIWANIS BREAKFAST
American Legion Post, corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive, 8 a.m. to noon, \$4 adults, \$2 for kids. Information, 449-1656.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
traditional worship, 9 and 11 a.m., T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship, 5:30 p.m., nursery care and Sunday school for children during all services, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:30 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, handicapped-accessible, large-print materials and assistive listening devices, coffee and fellowship following services, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FROMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Articles of Organization of F&G Holdings, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 1, 1998, effective upon the date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been diagnosed 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 25 Mason Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159. 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 L.L.C. (May 13, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ("LLC")
Name: Second Street Realty, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY ("SOS") on 1/2/97. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS

LEGAL NOTICE

shall mail copy of process to LLC, 1770 N.W. 64th Street, Suite 500, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309. Purpose: any lawful business. (May 13, 1998)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL RETURN
The annual return of McNamee Foundation, George C. McNamee and Alan P. Goldberg, principal managers, is available for public inspection within 180 days of this notice at First Albany Corporation, 30 Pearl Street, Albany, NY, telephone number is (518) 447-8500. (May 13, 1998)

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LEGAL NOTICE

(May 13, 1998)
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD DELMAR, NEW YORK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of Feura Bush Associates, 743 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY, for approval by said Planning Board of a thirteen (13) lot subdivi-

sion of a 13.37 acre parcel located on the westerly terminus of Domenico Dr., Glenmont, as shown on map entitled, "ADAMS WOODS - SECTION TWO, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York", dated 11/1/88, revised to 4/29/98 and prepared by Brewer Engineering Assoc., P.C., East Greenbush, NY.
Douglas Hasbrouck
Chairman, Planning Board
NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advance notice is required. (May 13, 1998)

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GARAGE SALES

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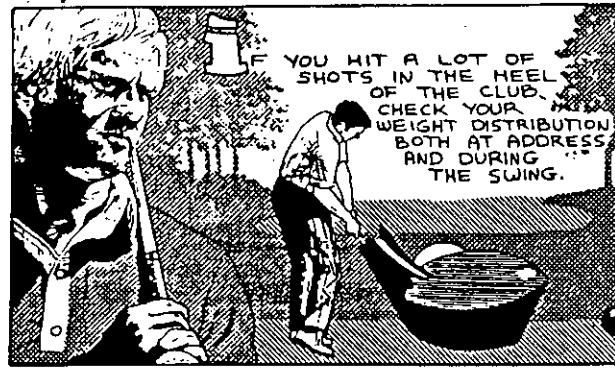
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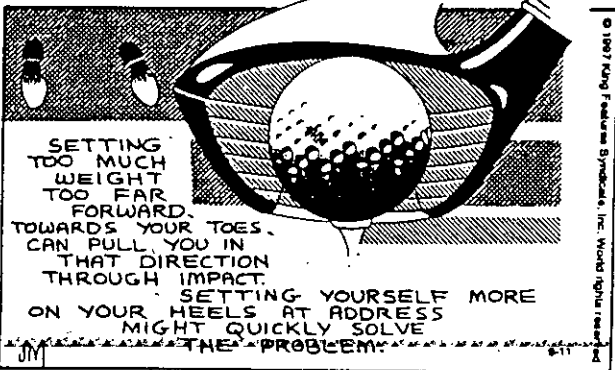
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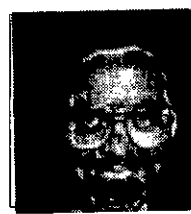
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librarian. There will be two librarians at the middle school and a three-hour library aide at the high school, allowing full-day student access to technology.

Loomis said the board included provisions in the budget to help students meet Regents requirements. They include an additional extended-day kindergarten teacher and extended-day intern, psychologist, speech teacher, remedial reading teacher, high school alternative discipline teacher and an aide, expanding the summer ELF to first and second grades and additional funding for the middle school's Strive for Success program.

Funding for textbooks, curriculum development of the high school alternative program, technology services and Growing Healthy materials are also included in the budget.

Maintenance for all school buildings, the transportation center and the operations and maintenance warehouse are also included in the proposal.

Nursery school plans reunion luncheon

Beth Emeth Nursery School has scheduled an alumni families reunion and farewell luncheon for Sunday, June 7, from noon until 4:30 p.m. at Herbert's Caterers at Birch Hill in Castleton.

The cost is \$23.50 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Laura Davis at 456-1064 by May 15.

Also, memories of the school

Loomis said this is a good budget year, which he credited to state aid, not having to do a land proposition, decreased medical, hospital and dental insurance rates, and decreased retirement systems rates.

School board vice president Lynne Lenhardt said she was happy to be able to approve a budget that provides for the needs of the district and still maintains a healthy bottom line.

During the public comment period Winston Greer, a district bus driver, asked Loomis if provisions had been made in the budget for the non-instructional staff's new contract.

"Certainly, there is money in the budget," Loomis responded.

He said that the board included funds in anticipation of a contract with non-instructional staff.

Loomis took the opportunity to assure members of Bethlehem Central United Employees Association that the "district and board are not looking to subcontract transportation and cafeteria services."

are needed for a book to be dedicated to staff members.

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Voorheesville

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is in the process of reviewing applications from architects and construction management firms to begin expanding its facilities.

Following new state requirements, McCartney presented the budget in three parts — program, administrative and capital costs. The program budget, which details the costs of providing educational programs and direct services to students, is the largest portion of the budget at \$10,028,165. This is an increase of \$75,902 over last year's budget.

Changes to teaching staff include adding .4 full-time equivalent (FTE) high school art teacher and .6 FTE social studies teacher. Due to smaller enrollments, there will be one less teacher at the elementary level. There will be special education teaching additions of .25 FTE reading teacher, .2 FTE speech teacher, and a full-time counselor for the elementary school. The counselor time will be offset by a decrease of .4 FTE counselor supplied by BOCES.

More teaching assistants will also be added to work one-on-one or with small groups of special education students. Even with the addition of counselors and assistants, McCartney feels the trend to bring special education students back to district schools is more cost-effective for the district.

Other support staff additions for next year are a part-time teaching assistant for the Distance Learning Lab, a part-time teacher aide to free teachers for remedial services, two hours a day of clerical help for technology and extra-curricular programs, and a part-

time bus monitor for special education students.

The teacher salaries line of the budget is down by \$19,000, due to the retirement of five senior staff members.

Enrollment in kindergarten through sixth-grade for the fall is down, projected to be 687 students. High school enrollment will be up to 648 students, versus 624 this year.

The administrative budget, which includes all costs, including fringe benefits, comes to \$1,293,460. McCartney pointed out that this seems to be an increase of \$46,100 over last year's budget only because portions usually allotted to program were required by the state to be moved to administration. In fact, he pointed out, payments to the Teachers Retirement System have decreased due to a rate change by that group.

The capital budget, which in-

cludes expenditures and fringe benefits attributable to operating and maintaining the district's buildings and grounds, decreased this year as the district's debt service declined.

The capital portion of the budget is \$2,001,720, a decrease over last year's budget of \$28,205.

The biggest news on district revenue is the increase in state aid. Voorheesville expects to receive \$3,727,000 in state aid, a 27.97 percent increase of \$143,230 over last year.

District residents will also vote on a new school board member and the public library budget next Tuesday. Thomas McKenna of Swift Road is running unopposed for the board seat formerly occupied by Steven Schreiber. The proposed library budget is \$546,500.

The vote will take place on Tuesday, May 19, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school foyer.

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