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# Dems, GOP shape up election choices

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

This November's electoral picture for the town of Bethlehem became clearer last week, with announcements by both major parties of their local candidate endorsements.

For the town Republican Committee, it was a relatively easy task, given that most of the incumbents seeking re-election hail from the GOP. "It's a situation where we're looking for people qualified to do the job, and we didn't have to look far — these people were already there," said GOP Chairman Brian Murphy.

The party will formally back Supervisor Sheila Fuller, Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk, Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, and Receiver of Taxes Nancy Mendick, all but Sagendorph having previously announced their intentions to seek re-election.

The GOP committee also endorsed incumbent town board member Doris Davis in her bid for re-election. And they completed their town slate by selecting Parker Mathusa, a retired employee of the state Energy Research and Development Authority and a member of the town planning board, to run for the seat being vacated by board member Robert Johnson.

The Democratic Committee, said

Chairman Matthew Clyne, "is still looking for a supervisor candidate" to oppose Fuller. The party also opted not to endorse a candidate for town clerk or highway superintendent. "Nobody's expressed any interest in them," Clyne said of the two offices, "and we didn't really feel we were going to go out and twist people's arms to run."

But Clyne last week announced that George Harder, an employee of the state Department of Taxation & Finance, who ran unsuccessfully for the town board two years ago, and Daniel Plummer, a lobbyist on behalf of various businesses and organizations and first-time

candidate for public office, would stand for the two available town board seats.

"There were others we talked to who were interested in a seat on the board, including supervisor," Clyne said. "But (Harder and Plummer) are the ones we felt were the strongest candidates. It pretty much came down to them right off the bat."

The Democrats also endorsed Anthony Cornell Jr. for the post of receiver of taxes.

Clyne attributed his party's difficulty in securing a supervisor candidate to the cost of leaving present employment

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## Convicted sex offender in Delmar

By MAUREEN FREEMAN

A convicted rapist released from the Massachusetts prison system on Monday is now living with relatives near Bethlehem Central High School, according to police and school officials.

The man's presence has so alarmed the school superintendent that he sent out hundreds of letters to parents urging them to take precautions, such as traveling in groups and staying away from strangers.

The letter, dated May 17 and signed by Superintendent Les Loomis, does not provide many details about the ex-convict other than to say he is in his 40s and that he had attacked women in their late teens and early 20s during the 1970s.

Nor does the letter, which was written in consultation with Bethlehem Police Chief Richard LaChappelle, give the man's address; rather, it says only that he is "living in the immediate vicinity" of the high school.

In the letter, Loomis expressed regrets that he could not provide additional information about the man, stating that state law prohibits him from doing so.

"I know that this limited information is disconcerting, and I wish I could be more specific," Loomis said in the letter. "If we can

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## Bethlehem Court hears 1st jury trial in 11 years

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The first jury trial in Bethlehem Town Court in more than 11 years convened the afternoon of Wednesday, May 12, and concluded shortly after midnight the following morning with a verdict in the case of a Coeymans Hollow man charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI).

The seven-member jury (including an alternate) convicted 19-year-old Royal Boomhower, of 5341 Indian Fields Road, of a lesser charge of Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI) in an incident on Nov. 5 of last year.

With Town Justice Kenneth Munnolly presiding, Boomhower was also convicted of leaving the scene of a property-damage accident and failure to keep right. He will be sentenced on the charges in Town Court on June 1.



Munnolly

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Amy LaGrange, left, and Kate Madden, Bethlehem Central Middle School seventh graders, conduct a water test on Onesquethaw Creek as part of a stream monitoring project.

Katherine McCarthy

## Donohue meets with BCMS student council

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Former Clarksville Elementary School teacher and current Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue returned to Bethlehem last week to meet informally with members of the middle school student council.

Donohue was there as chair of Gov. George Pataki's task force on school safety. She spent the better part of an hour listening to students talk about an issue brought sharply into focus by the school shootings in Littleton, Colo.

Town officials, school district representatives and administrators, police and media from throughout the Capital District greeted Donohue at the entrance to the middle school. Seventh-grader Adam Shpeen presented Donohue with an anti-hate pin the student council is selling for \$1.

Speaking with students in the school's media center, Donohue explained that meeting with students directly was the most important way to feed back information to the task force.

"I have a son going to middle school," Donohue said. "His safety is my main concern."

The students all agreed that they feel safe in their school, but addressed some of the issues that have arisen since Littleton, among them ostracism, respect, and communication between students and adults.

Sixth-grader Federico Rodriguez pointed out that past episodes of school violence have been attributable to students



Bethlehem Superintendent Les Loomis greets Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue at the middle school last week.

Elaine McLain

who feel left out. When Donohue asked for recommendations to help people respect differences, the Bethlehem students talked about programs already in place in the middle school.

"We have Respect Day," sixth-grader Emily Coles said, "where high school students come and speak to us. It should be everyday, though; we should try to find the good in people."

"People shouldn't be afraid to express their own beliefs," said sixth-grader Allison Kennicutt, referring to the Littleton student

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## Police arrest two for DWI

A Delmar resident and a Clarksville man were recently arrested and charged by Bethlehem police with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

The first arrest occurred on Tuesday, May 11, about 4 p.m., when Officer Jeffrey Vunck responded at the scene of an accident involving two vehicles on

Kenwood Avenue at the intersection with Adams Street. According to the police report, the driver of one of the vehicles, Michael Don Simmons, 34, of 1 Albin Road, Delmar, was arrested by Vunck and charged with DWI and with following too closely.

Simmons was arraigned later that day before Bethlehem Town

Justice Kenneth Munnely, and his license was suspended pending a June 1 court appearance.

The other driver, Tracy A. Delmerico of 17 Riverwalk Way in Cohoes, was transported by EMS personnel at the scene of the accident to St. Peter's Hospital, where she was subsequently treated for minor injuries and released.

The second arrest occurred on Thursday, May 13. At about 3:17 a.m. while on routine patrol, Officer Christopher Pauley reported observing a vehicle westbound on Delaware Avenue passing Bethlehem town hall, weaving over the center and shoulder lines of the road and operating at erratic speeds. Pauley followed the vehicle as it turned onto Cherry Avenue, where he stopped it.

After administering field sobriety tests, Pauley arrested Lawrence Charles Storm Jr., 25, of Stove Pipe Road in Clarksville. He was charged with DWI and failure to keep right, and ordered to appear in Town Court June 1.

## Genuine article



Chris Jussel of the Antiques Roadshow looks over a Tiffany tray with Dennis Holzman of Delmar at the Trunk Treasures benefit Saturday at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road.  
Elaine McLain

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## Court cases settled

Two men charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) by Bethlehem police pleaded guilty in Town Court on May 5 to lesser charges of driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

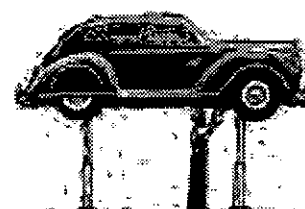
Lawrence Karl Hammond, 36, of 2267 Route 39 in Worcester, was arrested on the DWI charge Jan. 8. Following his DWAI plea, he was fined \$300 and assessed an additional state mandated \$30 surcharge, and had his license suspended for 90 days.

Also pleading guilty to a DWAI charge was Daniel Peter Brate Jr., 50, of West Shady Grove Trailer Park in Selkirk, who was arrested on April 9. He was also fined \$300 and a \$30 surcharge and had his license suspended 90 days.

Bethlehem Town Court also mandated participation for both men in a drinking-driver remediation program and a victim-impact panel.

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## Fund-raiser sets sights on birds

By Katherine McCarthy

It may have started out as a lark, but the '99 Bird-a-thon challenge raises real money for Five Rivers Limited, the support group for Delmar's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

For a long time now, former Five Rivers director and current Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) employee Alan Mapes has been tracking birds in Albany County. And Ray Perry, who runs youth camps for the DEC, has been tracking birds in Schenectady County.

Last year, George Steele and Alex Steele, husband and son of Five Rivers environmental educator Anita Sanchez, took up the call and began tracking birds in Montgomery County.

The birders started a friendly competition to see who could count the most species. They solicited sponsors, who pledged a certain amount of money per species counted, and donated the money to Five Rivers.

The friendly competitors will be on the lookout again this Saturday, May 22, with Ron Harrower, a former Five Rivers intern, counting crows — and any other species he can find — in Saratoga County.

With each team looking to spot about 100 species of birds, Five Rivers is turning to the public to sponsor one or all of the teams. Some of Five Rivers Limited's projects include purchasing and maintaining bird feeders, and providing interpretation at Five Rivers.

"The birders will do their tracking from midnight to midnight," Sanchez said. "Listening counts; you don't have to see the bird. True dedicated birders get up at 2 a.m. That's when you might hear



Avid birders enjoy getting a glimpse of a bald eagle.

a great horned owl, which would be an unusual bird to see."

Where the birders go will depend on the weather, Sanchez said. "They'll probably scout out the terrain first, and find a spot where it's known that a certain bird is nesting."

Sanchez said a pair of red-tailed hawks are nesting around the interpretative building at Five Rivers. If Mapes birds there, he is also likely to see warblers, orioles, great blue herons, green herons, and an array of feeder birds, like cat birds, chickadees and goldfinches.

"The rarest bird is as good as the most common bird, since it's the number of species, not individual birds, that count," Sanchez said.

May is the peak season for spotting migrating or nesting birds, Sanchez said. "The bird-a-thon is great for fund-raising, and the fun of competition," she said, "and if

you do it enough years in a row, you build up some significant data on the numbers of birds in the area." Sanchez pointed out that Five Rivers has been keeping records on birds for 20 years.

To become a sponsor of the bird-a-thon, call Sanchez at Five Rivers, 475-0291, and let her know what amount per species you'd like to pledge for which team.

For anyone not sure which team to sponsor, Sanchez suggests relying on county loyalty to pick a team, or pledging for the total number of species found on the 22nd.

However the competition finishes up, everyone is invited to bring along a dish or nonalcoholic beverage to share on Sunday, May 24, at 4 p.m. at Five Rivers on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The birders will surely tell tales of birds spotted and near misses. It's bound to be a hoot for everybody.

## Young announces bid for 2nd legislative term

By Joseph A. Phillips

David A. Young, the Republican whose 34th Legislative District represents most of Delmar, has announced his intention to seek a second four-year term this November.



Young

Young is a senior budget analyst with the state Senate Finance Committee, where he is responsible for budgetary policy oversight in higher education for the Senate majority. He has worked for the Finance Committee since 1993, following a brief career in the private sector.

Young joins his Republican colleagues James Ross and Robin Reed, two of the other three incumbent county legislators representing Bethlehem, in announcing his intention to run again this fall. The fourth, Dom DeCecco in the 33rd District, is not seeking another term.

In a year in which the GOP is just three seats shy of switching from minority to majority in the Legislature, and thus controlling reapportionment of legislative districts for the coming decade, holding those incumbent seats will be crucial for the Republicans. "I'm hoping as the year moves along and we get into the summer and fall, people will realize there is a lot at stake out there in this election," Young said.

As yet his Democratic opponent has not been announced, but "regardless of who it might be, you can never ever make assumptions," Young said. "You just get out there and run hard."

He is hoping to secure the backing of not only the Republicans but the Independence and Conservative parties as well, endorsements that he regards as increasingly crucial to a run for local office. "If you look nationally at what's going on, the idea of a third party is catching on, and there's definitely room for it," he said. "Evolution of the process is healthy. I don't know where it's going, but personally I'm not bothered by that."

He is bothered, he said, by partisan gridlock in county government. "It would be nice for the first time to have some balance in the county political process," Young said in announcing his decision. "With the county executive and county Legislature both in Democratic control, it does get a little frustrating."

He cites several long-rebuffed minority initiatives, including an effort to purchase a building for the county probation department and a proposal for public hearings on reducing the size of the Legislature, which was recently defeated along partisan lines. "We should at least have a public hearing on this," he said. "Let's get it out there ... but we could barely even get that to the floor. That sort of thing can't go on ... it's that sort of garbage for the sake of political bantering that frustrates me," Young said. That frustration, he said, is likely to be a key issue in this campaign.

In the Legislature, Young serves on the Audit and Finance and Public Safety committees, two posts that give him a broad overview of everything from county leasing practices to the county jail. It is, he conceded, a lot for a first-time legislator to have on his plate, but "I'm doing my best. I think I've got a bit of my father in me; I'm a workaholic. I enjoy the constant workload."

On the Finance Committee he has pushed for energy audits for all county buildings and to reduce the county's debt service, and sponsored a resolution to adopt formal budget guidelines that he feels have made the Finance Committee "a little more efficient in how we process information."

He has also favored permanent elimination of county sales taxes on purchases of children's clothing. The Legislature also recently set a May 25 public hearing on a broader roll-back of county sales

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David Young

taxes on all clothing purchases under \$110, which many municipal officials in the county oppose for its likely impact on local government tax revenues.

"I don't think it would be responsible for me to vote to reduce both of those," he said. Yet Young stakes out a careful middle ground on the broader proposal: "It's an option we should at least be considering," he said. "But I also understand as a fiscal conservative (the impact of) reduced revenues. I would like to hear more public discussion of both options."

He has been an advocate of improving what he calls the "horrible, embarrassing" working conditions for the county Probation Department. "It's very important we move that along and get that done," he said.

He is concerned about what he sees as increasing gang violence at the county jail. And he has raised an alarm about dwindling recruits for local volunteer fire and EMS companies, introducing a resolution to designate May as Albany County Emergency Services Volunteer Month to highlight the problem.

He feels his staff role in the state Senate is an asset for county service. "Working in the Senate, I think I bring an awful lot of broader experience to the seat," he said. "I've learned a lot from my service there."

He particularly hopes to make county government both more responsive and more relevant to voters. Citing county services from nursing homes to road improvements, he said, "It would be nice if out of the campaign this year people became more aware of the services provided by their tax dollars."

## Loomis names Clarksville principal

By Maureen Freeman

A former Glenmont Elementary School teacher was named as the next principal at Clarksville Elementary School this week.

David Ksanznak, who taught fourth grade in Glenmont from 1991 to 1997, will succeed Joseph Schaefer, the current Clarksville principal who plans to retire in July.

The appointment will be Ksanznak's second as an elementary school principal. He is currently finishing his second year as principal of Edward J. Arthur Elementary School in Athens. The school has an enrollment of about 350 students in kindergarten

through the sixth grade.

While teaching at Glenmont, Ksanznak developed and coordinated the Glenmont Leadership Program, which was designed to promote confidence and self-esteem in "at risk" students. He was a co-director of the school's student council and helped coordinate a fund-raiser for the school's playground.

In the second half of his final year at the school, Ksanznak also worked there as an administrative intern. He received his certification in supervision and administration from the University at Albany in 1997.

The Bethlehem Central School District received 20 applications for the Clarksville position, and

Ksanznak was selected in a process Superintendent Les Loomis described as "typical."

A committee made up of several Clarksville teachers and parents, a member of the school's support staff, the co-presidents of the school's PTA and district administrators, met with four finalists in the first round of interviews. The committee narrowed its choices to two candidates, who were again interviewed by a reduced committee of two Clarksville teachers and three district administrators.

"The interview committee felt Dave would be an excellent match for Clarksville," Loomis said. "He's bright, enthusiastic and very committed to reaching out to the Clarksville community."

## BCHS committee needs help

The graduation celebration committee is seeking donations and volunteers to help organize the annual drug and alcohol-free party on June 25 for graduating Bethlehem Central High School seniors.

Monetary donations to help defray the cost of entertainment, prizes, decorations and publicity are being sought. Checks can be made out to "Graduation Celebration" and mailed to Donna Green at 59 Dover Drive, Delmar 12054. Donations of prizes, materials

for decorations, printing supplies and food are also needed. To make a donation, contact Green at 439-2371 or Pat Clement at 439-4636.

Parents' help is being sought to decorate the high school on the evening of June 24 and afternoon of June 25. To assist with the project, call Green or Dave Kvam at 439-6197.

The committee is also looking for copies of pictures of 1999 graduates to use in a "Memory Hall."

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# Day-to-day crises trigger mom meltdown

By Katherine McCarthy.

Last week, the toilet started leaking into the basement from around the bottom of the brand new piece of porcelain installed three short months ago.

I was patient the first day, and called the plumber to come take a look. On the second morning, with the wet spot on the wooden cellar beams spreading in spite of shut-off water and the unsightly sodden towels swathing the toilet, I was a little more on edge.

As I attempted to be firm, not hysterical, on the phone with the plumber, a second crisis reared its ugly head.

"Mooooommm," Cormac wailed, "you made the eggs wroooooong! The yolks are like rocks and I like them all runny!"

I snapped. Why the heck had I made eggs, when there was a perfectly good box of Apple Jacks in the pantry? Why couldn't the

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plumber take more responsibility for his mistake and send somebody the hell over to my house? When would the children be old enough to make their own lunches so I wouldn't have to cradle the phone in one ear, listen to the egg complaint in the other, try to remember who liked turkey and cheese and who only liked turkey in their lunch sandwiches, get the barking dog back in the house before she drove the whole neighborhood crazy, and hope there were clean socks in the dryer for the boys to wear to school that day?

After the children were safely at school and their dad off to work, I took a moment to lecture myself, for the millionth time, about shutting up and just dealing with little, inconsequential, things like hard egg yolks and slowly leaking toilets.

I snapped because, beyond the many things that need to be accomplished before the children get out the door, there is a never-ending list of things to do. Parents everywhere know the drill: jobs, housework, lawns to mow, activities for the kids, homework and projects to oversee, community activities, extended family members to take into account, bills to pay.

Having too much to do has become the new way of keeping up with the Joneses. To not be completely frazzled makes you feel like a freak. How busy we are is the main topic of conversation among most parents. But too many of us seem unhappy with the busyness we wear like a badge of honor.

When did it become necessary to do so much? When did a job become something that consumes us, and a vacation becomes a luxury many feel they can't indulge in? When did it become essential for our children to have something to do every second of their lives?

We are living in an era of unparalleled affluence. Rather than enjoying it, we seem to be obsessed with constant movement.

In the spring, local playing fields seem to have sprouted grass and children simultaneously, and their adjoining parking lots look like a crop of mini-vans ready for

the harvest. All over American towns, Scout troops, music lessons and after-school programs induct our children into a frenetic, programmed pace of life at an early age.

Mind you, I'm not advocating lying down on the job, or not enriching our children's lives. But balance is important, too. When there is so much to do that nothing seems enjoyable anymore, it's time to ratchet it back a notch or two.

In our house, our boys are better than we are at realizing when enough is enough. When Chris and I ignore that, we usually pay for it with a public meltdown that could have easily been avoided.

So we step back and do a little less, and try to stop complaining about how busy we are. Time, then, to re-invoke the phrase I repeat to myself like a mantra: Life Is Good. When I catch myself indulging in a big old pity party, I need only look at the headlines to realize that I don't have a clue about hardship.

I am not being forced to flee my homeland as it's ethnically cleansed. I do not have a debilitating disease, and my family is healthy. We are not homeless, and there is plenty of food on the table. We live in a good and caring community, and our children attend a safe school with attentive teachers.

I vow to stop complaining, and see the little, attention-requiring details as gifts of a fulfilling life, and not manufactured hardships to be endured. And try my best to make eggs with soft yolks tomorrow morning.

## Delmar church to construct fellowship hall

Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will break ground on a new fellowship hall in ceremonies on Sunday, May 23, at 10:15 a.m.

There will be guest speeches, performances by church children and youth, refreshments, and the ceremonial turning of the ground.

The 158-year-old congregation now claims more than 1,000 members.

The building of the new fellowship hall will culminate a two-year fund-raising campaign for the growing congregation.

The current building was constructed in 1859 and completely renovated in 1927. An education wing was added in 1951.

The public is welcome to attend.

## Delmar library plans summer Book Buddies

Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar will participate for the third summer in Book Buddies, a mentoring program designed to foster a love of reading and improve reading skills.

Book buddies will match volunteers ages 14 and over with children in kindergarten through second grade to reinforce the reading experience.

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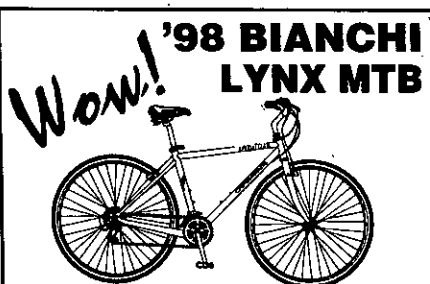
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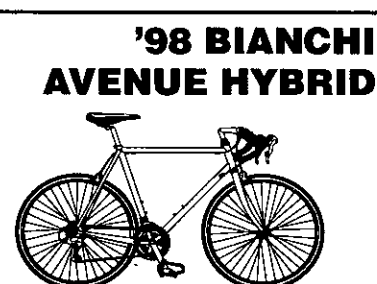
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## Change in attorney slows Riley lawsuit

By Joseph A. Phillips

The discrimination lawsuit filed by former Slingerlands resident Carole Riley against the town of Bethlehem and town officials has further narrowed in focus, as a result of actions before a federal magistrate last month. But a change in Riley's legal representation has slowed progress.

Town Building Inspector John Flanigan is now the principal target of the suit, charged with selective enforcement against Riley of town zoning codes, barring her from operating a business office in her former home on New Scotland Road.

But Magistrate Ralph Smith, at a status conference held on April 15 in Albany involving attorneys for both sides, ruled the town itself remains liable as well. Riley is seeking \$3.75 million in damages against the defendants, and another \$11 million against Flanigan alone.

Tom Daley, the attorney who appeared on behalf of the town at the conference, expressed disappointment at the outcome. "That's the posture the case is in now, we're going to deal with it, and we're confident when we get to the merits that Mr. Flanigan will be exonerated, and so will the town," he said.

The April 15 conference followed a ruling issued on March 30 by U.S. District Judge Thomas McAvoy, on a motion filed last August by the defendants seeking dismissal of all charges.

McAvoy's ruling dismissed charges against town Supervisor Sheila Fuller, zoning board Chairman Michael Hodom and the members and former counsel of the zoning board. But it left standing a single charge of selective enforcement against Flanigan, and was ambiguous on whether the town itself, or the zoning board as a body, remained liable in the suit.

But at the conference before Smith, all parties "agreed that the decision (by McAvoy) effectively removed the zoning board as a defendant in the case," said Daley. "But the feeling of the court was, though our motion for summary judgment included the town, inasmuch as the decision of (McAvoy) didn't specifically address the issue of the town's liability, the town should remain a party to the action."

Smith ordered the town's attorneys to file an answer to Riley's remaining charges, and Daley filed such a response on April 28, acting on behalf of both the town and Flanigan. It declared that "all actions taken by the defendants were performed in good faith,

without malice and without any intent to violate the rights of the plaintiff," and that "the actions of the defendant Flanigan were at all times in accordance with the policy, customs and practice of the Town."

The next step in the case: Smith will convene another pretrial conference on the matter by the end of June. The delay was necessitated by the withdrawal of Riley's previous attorney in the discrimination suit, Peter Pryor. He announced his withdrawal at the close of the status conference.

Daley said no reason was given at the hearing for Pryor's withdrawal and no replacement has yet been named. Efforts to reach Pryor were unsuccessful.

Meanwhile, the more than 40 Pizza Hut locations operated by Horizon Foods, the home-based franchise business co-owned by Riley at the heart of the dispute, have now officially changed hands. In February, Pizza Hut of America, through its subsidiary, Southern Tier Pizza Hut, took over operation of Horizon's 44 franchises.

After closing three of them, Pizza Hut turned over the rest to another franchisee, V&J United Enterprises of Milwaukee, on April 22. V&J closed two more stores immediately, but will continue to operate others throughout the Capital District, including the one at 159 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Other area Pizza Hut locations now under V&J management are in Albany, Troy, Colonie, Scotia, East Greenbush and Schenectady.

## Local scholars earn honors

By Joseph A. Phillips

Two local residents have recently won prestigious national honors in their respective research fields.

A University at Albany professor, literary scholar and Delmar resident was named a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, and a Slingerlands researcher employed by the state Department of Health was elected to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), one of the highest honors to be accorded a research scientist.

Marlene Belfort, director of the Division of Genetic Disorders of the Health Department's Wadsworth Center laboratories, was among 60 researchers recently selected for NAS membership at the academy's annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

With Belfort's elevation, New York's is the only state health department to have a NAS member on its staff.

Belfort, who received a doctorate in molecular biology from the University of California at Irvine in 1972, has been a Health Department researcher since 1978, and was named division director in 1992.

Her research specialty is studying genetic elements known as "introns," segments of DNA that interrupt genes and disrupt the flow of genetic information. Her research work contributes to understanding of various congenital abnormalities and some cancers.

Belfort is among only 133 women among the academy's

1,825 members, and one of fewer than 200 in its biochemistry section. The NAS is a private organization established in 1863 by an act of Congress to serve as an official adviser to the federal government in science and technology, and to further the study and application of science.

Warren Ginsberg, former chair of the University at Albany's English department and a faculty member since 1984, has received a 1999 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, one of 179 scholars from among more than 2,800 applicants nationwide to win a Guggenheim this year.

Ginsberg has published extensively, and is considered a leading authority on Middle English and medieval Italian literature. He will use his Guggenheim fellowship to combine the two disciplines, writing a book to be titled "Chaucer's Italian Tradition," focusing on the noted 14th century English writer's experiences traveling in Italy and its impact on his work.

Ginsberg has been a visiting lecturer at Columbia University and has previously published such scholarly works as *Dante's Aesthetics of Being*.

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation was founded in 1925, and annually awards grants to individuals and institutions to promote the advancement of learning.

## Indian Ladder Farms hosts petting zoo

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# Matters of Opinion

## Signs of the times

Even though political signs can be rather unsightly as one letter writer suggests this week, they're as American as apple pie and most candidates, winners and losers, are quick to remove them once the election is over.

What is more disturbing than the signs, is that some are apparently removed long before the election. Take the entrance to town on Delaware Avenue, for example. One day there were a number of signs brandishing several school board members' names, and the next, most of the signs had disappeared.

All candidates deserve the right to place signs in various places throughout town. Removing someone's sign is a petty act and unfair. Now that the school board race is over, let's hope the town and county candidates have "equal" time promoting their campaigns along town by-ways.

## Congrats in order

Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety got some well-deserved recognition recently when the group was honored as a finalist for the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award. The safety group became one of 10 regional "heroes" for its service to the community.

That service really translates into raising public awareness about the critical need to follow the rules of the road, and in this case the rules of the sidewalks, throughout the town.

The Pedestrian Safety group accomplished this in several ways, including working with existing town agencies — in particular the Traffic Safety Committee — to make town roadways safe for everyone.

At this time of year, with the spectacular spring weather, it's very important for both drivers and walkers to be vigilant.

Our congratulations and thanks to the Pedestrian Safety members for their ongoing efforts.

## Wedding bells

This week, *The Spotlight's* special bridal supplement details some traditional and offbeat wedding motifs, with suggestions and ideas to help couples make their day one of the most special times in their lives.

For those who enjoy the elegance of the past, there's a story on Victoriana, and how to design a wedding that takes us back more than a century to a lacy, ornamental time. And for those who prefer to be on the cutting edge of the up-to-date, there are weddings where the bride can choose the floral accents from a field of wildflowers.

Custom-made rings can also help make the wedding a one-of-a-kind event. Whatever direction the wedding takes, it's important to plan well ahead of time, so ensure a worry-free day, or at least a day when the bride and groom can truly enjoy themselves.

## Working together, we will succeed

By Alan R. McCartney

The writer is superintendent of Voorheesville schools.

Most schools are safe. Although fewer than 1 percent of all violent deaths of children occur on school grounds — indeed, a child is more likely to be killed in the community or at home — no school is immune.

The violence that occurs in our world has found its way inside the schoolhouse door. And while we can feel comfortable that schools are among the safest places for young people, we must not drop our vigilance.

I, for one, don't know if there is really such a thing as a "random act of violence." Even if there is, I think it's important to act as if there were no such thing. We should always assume there is a reason, and that there is something we can do about it.

In my district, we have never reacted to threats as if they were pranks or idle remarks. That doesn't mean we don't exercise some discretion over the reaction.

What Littleton and other situations have done is to take away our ability to exercise any judgment whatsoever. We must now react to every bomb scare or any other threat as if it's the real thing, no matter how frivolous it may seem to be.

We have also recognized that this has badly frightened everyone — parents, students and staff. So our first order of business has been to review all procedures having to do with security on both a district and building level. The law enforcement agencies in our area have been very helpful and cooperative and clearly want to work with us as partners.

We are determined to use this crisis as an opportunity to do things better. I hope we're able to recognize that there are things we can do short of metal detectors in every classroom and guards in our halls, that just might preclude the need to go to that extreme.



## Point of View

In the Capital District, we have well-functioning schools that foster learning, safety and socially appropriate behavior. We have a strong academic focus and support students in achieving high standards, foster positive relationships between staff and students, and promote parental and community involvement.

Our schools continue to provide programs to meet the needs of our parents and students in spite of the fact that education has become more of a political issue than one of teaching and learning. It would be entirely too easy to go on with examples of political decision-making that further exacerbates our problems.

When business people and politicians talk about the shortfalls of our system, rarely do they seem to calculate the fragility of school communities. They do not seem to realize that it is every bit as hard to create a good school as it is to build a successful family, and just about as predictable.

Even less do they seem to understand the fundamental difference between products and people: that the failure of an Edsel is quite different from the failure of children. When I hear complaints about everything schools have a hand in these days that affect children's lives, my answer is always that it is the one place where we eventually reach most children.

Over the last few years, we have focused on increasing student achievement and raising test scores. That is important and necessary. But, in providing more instruction in academics, we must also protect those activities that motivate students, such as art, music, sports, extra-curricular activities and clubs. We have to be on guard that in our rush for school reform and low tax rates, we do not disconnect the head from the heart.

Our schools must always bal-

ance the needs of each, because our students are the key to our future. Our schools are filled with high-achieving academic scholars. Among them are numerous leaders and outstanding musicians, artists and athletes.

The vast majority of kids in my schools are not discipline problems. They still exhibit basic values, concern about others less fortunate, and respect for their families, friends, teachers and each other.

In any given year, our students are involved in hundreds of community service projects. These kids don't get a lot of press because they are the norm — nothing different, exciting or shocking. They are the majority who will make a difference in their lives and in ours.

School level administrators and superintendents are becoming one of our nation's scarcest resources because of the mounting pressures and expectations they face daily. If the accomplishments of our students didn't continue to outweigh the rhetoric of our critics, the exodus from our profession would be faster.

It is easy to stand on the outside and criticize. To quote Theodore Roosevelt, "The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the greatest enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause; who at the best, know the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

We have a place we call school, we have caring people we call educators; we have the continued indication from the public through polls, surveys, focus groups and anecdotal data that tell us the highest priority in their minds is a good education. And we have communities that recognize that together we can make a difference in the lives of children — in not only their future, but also in our own. It is inevitable that we will be successful.

## Feestelijk promises even greater things in future

Editor, The Spotlight:

By all accounts, Feestelijk Bethlehem '99 was a magnificent success. For the first time since its inception, the weather cooperated fully and families turned out in large numbers to sample and enjoy the many and varied talents of our local artists.

With an enthusiastic turnout, those who entertained rose to the occasion and beyond by performing with a degree of enthusiasm and virtuosity rarely seen.

That Bethlehem possesses so many talented people who are willing to perform at such a high level before their friends and neighbors is something in which we all should take pride.

To the many fine community-minded people who devoted many hours of their time and energy to assure that Feestelijk Bethlehem

'99 would be the best ever, I say thank-you for a job well-done.

To the artists and performers who entertained us so splendidly throughout the evening, I say, Bravo.

And last, but certainly not least, to the large number of residents who came to savor our once-a-year bit of hometown magic, I want you to know how greatly your enthusiastic support is appreciated.

If the original intent of Feestelijk was to foster greater community pride and spirit, that goal has certainly been realized.

I know we can look forward with anticipation to an even bigger and better Feestelijk Bethlehem 2000.

Sheila Fuller  
Bethlehem supervisor

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Bethlehem police deserve community recognition

Editor, The Spotlight:

No it cannot (Columbine High School massacre) happen here in Delmar, because at the high school, we have Officer Vince Rinaldi.

He knows what is going on. At the junior high, we have Officer Mike McMillen. They do their best and are on top of what is happening.

When I was growing up in Que-

bec, nobody but nobody would ever criticize the church or the teachers, they were always right. The parents and society would never accept such behavior.

Wearing a trench coat has nothing to do with kids' behavior. Discrimination is learned at home.

Let's recognize our police department and thank God for them.

Marie N. Capone  
Delmar

## 9-year-old's poem captures consequences of prejudice

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the wake of the Littleton tragedy, a heightened, compelling dialogue about securing our children's physical and emotional safety continues. In light of this dialogue, I believe that this poem deserves a broader audience that those who pass by my refrigerator door.

It was written by my 9-year-old daughter, Juliana.

"Sticks and stones can break your bones,

But names can never hurt you,"  
Is totally untrue.

Names can hurt your feelings  
Really, really bad.

Names can make you cry

Or make you very mad.

Don't call people names

And don't throw sticks and stones.

They can both hurt you.

That's why I wrote this poem.

Judy Wellins Sagor  
Delmar

## Pols should keep signs on lawns, not public places

Editor, The Spotlight:

Once again, I am writing to complain about campaign signs in the small grass plot at Elsmere and Kenwood avenues in front of Bethlehem Cemetery.

This year, it's candidates for the school board, whose signs are placed alongside of two well-kept tulip beds, planted and maintained by the town of Bethlehem and now in full bloom.

In the near future, there will be a political campaign, and I would hope the political parties of the town would honor the work

the town does in beautification areas like this one, like the areas east of the railroad underpass where daffodils and ornamental trees have been planted and at many other areas in Bethlehem.

Politicians should plant their campaign signs on front lawns, not on public areas that are owned by all the people of the town.

I hope I won't feel compelled to write again this fall.

Alan K. Riedel  
Delmar

## World of Difference is helping kids

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the wake of Columbine, many of us feel shock, disbelief, anxiety, grief and a fear of the possibility of violence here in Bethlehem. Much has been and will be written and discussed about this tragedy in order to attempt to make sense of an unbelievable and incomprehensible event. In many ways, Columbine is a suburban high school similar to ours.

However, Bethlehem is different in an important way. We have the A World of Difference Institute Program of the Anti-Defamation League, which promotes support and respect for people's differences. Every student at the high school has experienced a day-long workshop led by their peers that provides prejudice awareness training and promotes tolerance of others.

Every student has had the opportunity to be part of an atmosphere of trust and acceptance of one another. Every student has had the opportunity to share painful experiences about being excluded because of their differences and develop an action plan to fight discrimination. Every student has felt the administration's support of the program because of the commitment that a day-long workshop and ongoing programs require.

All sixth-grade and some eighth-grade students have also been trained to deal with hurtful rumors and how to help others feel included.

While everyone scrambles to come up with ways to try to avert violence in schools, I believe that we are already doing something that makes a difference.

When students are surveyed following trainings, many say that they responded differently to situations and spoke up in the face of

prejudice.

Students comment that the workshops increased their ability to identify prejudice in situations, and that the efforts to include people were successful. Students state that though difficult to do, their actions were necessary and had a positive, ongoing impact. I believe that if Columbine High had had A World of Difference at their school, they might have become known for their academic, music, arts or sports achievements instead.

I think we need to thank the peer trainers, the administration and the faculty at the high school who are involved in the program. I have seen an idea from five years ago turn into an effective action. The student trainers are known throughout the school as promoting nonviolence and acceptance of others. In their quiet way, these people are making our schools

and community a safer place.

We are a role model for other schools because of the depth and level of our commitment to this program and to our increasing tolerance. This creates an atmosphere of greater trust. As a social worker with the BOCES program at BCHS, an A World of Difference training consultant and a parent whose daughter is a peer trainer, I have noticed positive changes since the program has been in existence.

We still have a long way to go. To make everyone feel included and accepted is a difficult task that requires many factors in addition to what the program can provide. However, as Columbine shows us, we can't afford not to do this. Please support this program at our schools and allow it to continue to make a difference.

Evelyn Loeb Garfinkel  
Delmar

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# Matters of Opinion

## Officer is grateful for boating support

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, the Bethlehem Police Department again sponsored the New York State Young Boaters Safety Course.

Once completed, this course allows youth between the ages of 10 and 18 to be the sole operator of a motor boat or personal watercraft. We have been able to continue sponsor this course at no cost to the participants and in doing so I must give thanks to those who helped.

Thanks to the Bethlehem Ambulance and Rod Raynor for their continued support of the police satellite office and the use of the facilities, to McDonald's of Delmar and owner Dan Formica for his generous contribution of food and beverages and to Dunkin' Donuts of Delmar.

I would like to give my personal thanks to all the participants who cared enough to take the course and learn the safe and proper ways to enjoy boating and our state's waterways.

David J. Harrington  
Bethlehem Police officer

### Letters policy

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## Group seeks donations

Editor, The Spotlight:

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These children are employed in sweatshops, firework factories, where there easily could be an explosion. Some children are paid with room and board, and others earn barely enough to stay alive.

We work to set these enslaved children free. We believe that all children have a right to an education and a right not to be abused. If you would like to join Free the Children or find out about it, call 439-7940. Thanks for your generosity.

Hilarie Dahl

Free the Children member

## More tributes to mothers

By Deborah Kitchen

Thoughts of You Mom, with Love from Debbie,

The love I feel for my Mom is immeasurable. Her beauty shines from within and I have often thought that the silky smooth texture of her cheeks must reflect some of the warmth and softness of her heart. She is extremely photogenic and when I close my eyes and think of her it is easy to recall the smile that is so effortlessly captured on film. She is someone I can count on to listen and encourage me. I stand in awe of her faith in God and how she has dedicated her life to her family. I have also admired how she practices the motto, "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything." My husband claims that she is the type of mother-in-law son-in-laws only dream about. My children adore her.

I have so many fond memories of my childhood and feel extremely fortunate that my mother chose to stay home and care for us when we were young. It was during those early days that I began to realize what a warm-hearted and compassionate person my mother is. As I look back on the

way she cared for our family, I can say without a doubt, that I never, ever, questioned my mother's love for me. I remember feeling like I had the best and bravest mom in the whole wide world. She took the time to participate in some of our adventures, applaud our performances, serve as referee, teach us right from wrong, and always encouraged us to use our heads. We were allowed to get dirty, make mud pies, and play in the rain, enjoying the innocence of our childhood while remaining unaware of the extra work we created for her.

One of the things I treasure most about Mom is her amazing ability to soothe our pains, wipe away our tears and make everything seem like it was going to be alright. Even now, as Dad, Terri and I share her love with two son-in-laws, Jeff and John, and six grandchildren, Raeann, Ryan, Rebekah, Ross, Sarah and Kyle, it always seems that Mom, aka Grammie, has enough love to go around. She has the ability to pass out "Wasson Kisses" and hugs as effortlessly as she takes each breath. Oh how we have been blessed.

## One mom's inspiring life

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am very proud to announce that my mom, Susan Virginia Gra-

ham, has been awarded a bachelor's degree in political science from The College of Saint Rose.

Since graduation in the class of 1939 in Charleston, W.Va., as salutatorian, she's worked in the Pentagon and the Army Signal Corps during World War II.

She also endeavored to work as an auto dealership accountant in the 1950s, spent a few years with the IRS and 29 years for the state Senate. She was the only woman to have been clerk of the powerful rules committee.

Her leisure time pleasures have included DAR, bridge playing, golf, politics and raising four sons.

She has been an inspiration to me and a fountain of knowledge and strength for my life.

Everyone who knows her fun-loving nature would certainly agree that this is a crowning achievement in a great woman's life. We're very proud of her and have been blessed to have her in our lives. Thank you, mom. Love, always.

R. Graham Redmond  
Delmar

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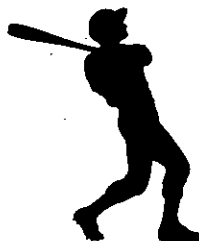
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## Choices

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behind for the \$71,441-a-year post. "Finances are the main consideration," he said. "It's a full-time job, and many of the people who were asked were not able to swing it financially." Clyne anticipated convening a designating caucus in the coming week to settle on a candidate.

Both parties await the outcome of legal action over whether Town Justice Kenneth Munnely, a Democrat, must run for re-election this year. A State Supreme Court justice recently agreed with Munnely's contention that he is constitutionally entitled to two more years in office before he must face the voters. But Bethlehem Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz reported last week that Thomas Spargo, the election law attorney representing Republican county Election Commissioner George Scaringe, was considering appealing the decision. Spargo could not be reached for comment.

Murphy said the Republican Committee has a prospective candidate in the event that the office is listed on the November ballot. He declined to name that would-be nominee.

Both committees also announced their selections for county legislative candidates. The New Scotland Democratic Committee announced several weeks ago their backing of New Scotland supervisor Herb Reilly for the 33rd District seat being vacated by incumbent Dominick DeCecco. Last week, the Bethlehem Democrats joined in endorsing Reilly as well.

Their Republican counterparts backed Slingerlands attorney Thomas Marcel for the seat, which represents an area stretching from Slingerlands to Voorheesville. The New Scotland GOP is anticipated to follow suit.

In the 34th, encompassing most of Delmar, incumbent David Young won GOP backing for a second term. His opponent will be Gary Olsen, a veteran lobbyist for 14 years, currently representing the General Building Contractors' Association.

And in the 35th District, a horse-shoe-shaped district extending from Slingerlands through Elsmere to Meyers Corners, long-time legislator James Ross will seek another term with Republican backing, and will be opposed by state Senate majority staff employee Charles Dawson, a first-time candidate for office.

Bethlehem's Democrats have

opted not to run a candidate in the 36th District, encompassing Selkirk, South Bethlehem and portions of Glenmont and Coeymans as well. Popular Republican incumbent Robin Reed is thus virtually assured of smooth sailing in her bid for re-election, barring a third-party candidate or challenge by petition.

Both parties' candidates have sought the backing of both the Conservative and Independence parties, but neither smaller party has yet announced its choices.

Two other legislative districts, principally located in the city of Albany, include portions of Bethlehem as well. In the 12th, Majority Leader Frank Comisso, a Democrat, represents North Bethlehem. He confirmed last week that he is seeking his party's nod for another term. His Democratic colleague Joseph Cannizaro, whose 10th District extends into Slingerlands as far as Font Grove Road, has not yet announced his intentions regarding another run. The Albany Democratic Committee has yet to announce endorsements.

Albany Republican Committee Chairman Marc Gronich said his party intended to announce its entire citywide slate of legislative candidates simultaneously, some time before the end of the month. But he confirmed last week that in both the 10th and 12th districts, strong consideration is being given to candidates who are Bethlehem residents. He declined to name them.

June 8 is the first date on which petitions for this fall's election can be circulated by candidates.

## Firefighters set open houses

New Salem and Voorheesville volunteer fire departments will both hold open houses on Sunday, May 23, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, May 26, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The New Salem fire house is on Route 85A and the Voorheesville firehouse is on Altamont Road.

The open houses are for anyone who wants to learn about becoming a volunteer firefighter.

The countywide "Answer the Call" program, is being held in conjunction with the county Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee.

### Elementary school to hold concert

Voorheesville Elementary School's spring concert is tonight, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. from the high school.

The fifth-grade chorus, fifth-grade band, sixth-grade chorus, and sixth-grade band will perform.

### Juniors to enjoy prom

There will be a walk-through for the Voorheesville Junior Prom on Saturday, May 22, at 5 to 7 p.m. at the high school.

Professional pictures will be taken, and prom participants will be announced and escorted through the area. The community is invited.

Participants will then attend a private prom at the Albany Marriott in Colonie.

### Second-grade parents to clean up playground

Parents of second-graders will participate in the semi-annual playground maintenance on Saturday, May 22, at 9 a.m. to noon at the elementary school.

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#### Voorheesville

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Appropriate maintenance and clean-up tools are suggested.

For information, call Paula Handen at 765-3236.

### Village board to meet Tuesday May 25

The Voorheesville board of trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 25, at 8 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

### Activities night rescheduled

The sixth-grade activities night is scheduled for Friday, May 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Sign up is required and can be done at the school office.

### Parents to attend seventh-grade meeting

The parents of current sixth graders are invited to attend a seventh-grade orientation meeting on Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

### Village selling personalized bricks

The village of Voorheesville is

selling personalized bricks that will be placed on the grounds of Evergreen Park on the corner of Maple and Voorheesville avenues.

The bricks can be engraved with as many as three lines of up to 14 characters each.

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Order forms can be picked up at the village office and the public library.

### PTA to sell school logo apparel

The PTA will be selling sweatshirts, T-shirts and gym shorts with the Voorheesville monogram embroidered on them through June 14.

The clothing is sized for children and adults. For information, call Linda Pasquali at 765-4990

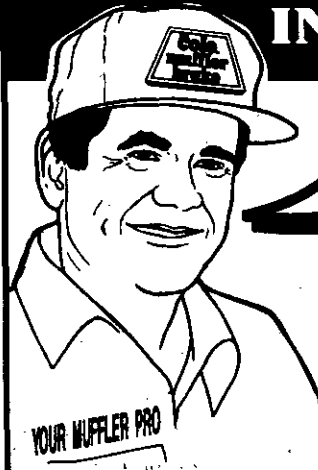
### Centennial items on sale Wednesdays at village hall

Centennial items can be purchased on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

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Centennial items will also be available during the centennial celebration on Memorial Day weekend.

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## Tri-Village to hold garage sale

Tri-Village Nursery School at First Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will hold its annual garage and bake sale on Saturday, May 22.

A preview sale is planned for Friday, May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. with a \$2 admission charge.

The sale begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday and continues to 2 p.m. There will be a \$2 bag sale from 1 to 2 p.m.

Geurtze's barbecue, will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at \$4.75 per half chicken.

## Friends annual meeting set May 27

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library will hold its annual meeting Thursday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m.

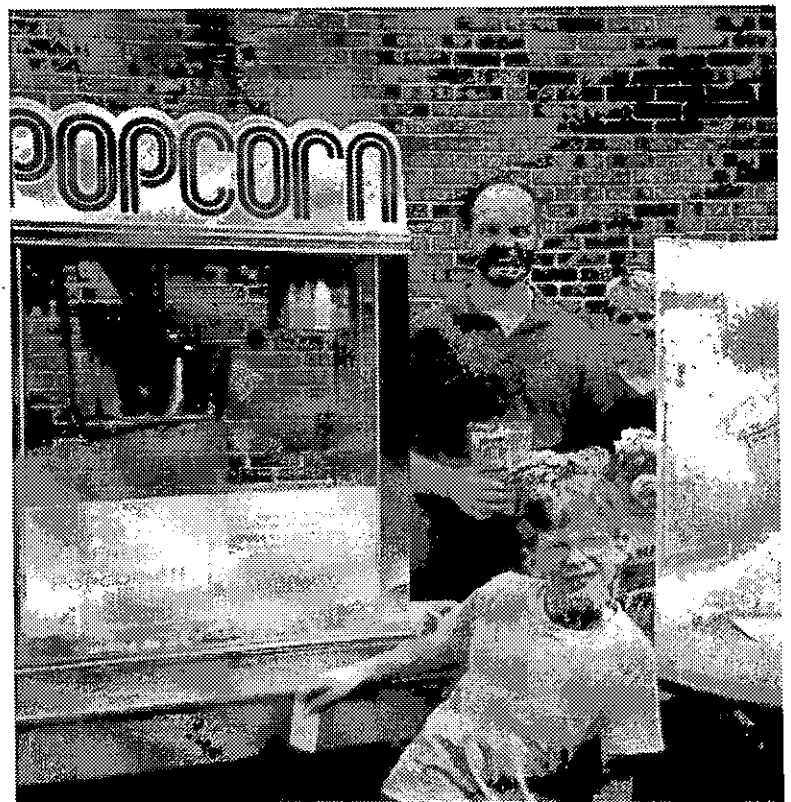
Guest speaker Susan Keitel, executive director of the New York

### Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

Library Association (NYLA), will give a talk on library advocacy called "Sharing Your Jewel: Bethlehem Public Library."

The meeting is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Keitel, who lives in Delmar, has served as NYLA's top executive since 1989, lobbying on behalf of library concerns and monitoring relevant regulatory activities. She is an ardent advocate of libraries and has been active in public relations and fund-raising



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Recent Friends' contributions to our library include seed money for the library's new rental book collection, purchase of a popcorn machine for library events, refreshments for the annual summer concert series Evenings on the Green, new curtains for the community room, and financial support for the publication of "Community Contacts," an annual directory of service and interest groups in and around town.

Dues are nominal and tax-deductible: \$5 for an individual membership, \$8 for a family. Other donor categories range from Supporter (\$10) to Benefactor (\$100). Members receive a newsletter and qualify for special prices to Friends events such as an annual bus trip to New York City.

Membership brochures are available at the reference desk.

Friends officers are happy to answer questions; names and phone numbers of 1998-1999 officers are provided in the brochure.

The library will be closed Saturday, May 29, through Monday, May 31, for the Memorial Day weekend, but between barbecues you can visit us on the Web at: <http://llwww.uhls.org/bethlehem>.

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## Campaign kickoff



Lois Smith, president of the Bethlehem American Legion Auxiliary, left, presents Supervisor Sheila Fuller with a poppy to mark Fuller's proclamation of Wednesday, May 19, as Red Poppy Day. The annual sale helps to raise funds in support of disabled veterans. *Joseph A. Phillips*

## Art association to meet at library

Bethlehem Art Association will meet on Thursday, May 20, at 6:45 p.m. in the board room at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The College of Saint Rose art department will present a lecture and slide presentation as part of the program.

Also, winners of a painting and two \$50 cash prizes will be drawn.

## Historical association sets annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association will take place on Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road, Selkirk.

Peggy Eyres, a singer/songwriter known as the First Lady of Adirondack music, will provide entertainment.

The public is welcome to attend. For information, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

## Story hour to focus on train theme

With the Voorheesville centennial upon us, "Hear the Whistle Blow" is the appropriate theme for Books Before Bed on Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

Preschoolers can come in their PJs to hear train stories and songs and make a craft with Joyce Laiosa, youth services librarian.

### Voorheesville Public Library

Copies of Calvin Trillin's vignettes of American life, food and foibles *The Tummy Trilogy* are now available at the reference desk when you sign up for the June book discussion group.

Trillin and his long-suffering wife Alice take you on a tour of the good ol' USA, searching for the perfect barbecue, the elusive history of the Buffalo chicken wing and the places in every town where the locals love to eat, encountering similarly food-obsessed characters such as pizza baron Fats Goldberg.

The book is a thoroughly enjoyable romp that will make a great discussion piece.

Sign up now by e-mail at: [voorefq@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:voorefq@uhls.lib.ny.us).

The group meets tonight, May 19, to discuss *The Road from Coorain* at 7 p.m.

Patrons are reminded that the library switches to summer hours in June. The library will be closed

on Sundays and open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays for June, July and August and resume regular hours after Labor Day.

There is only one more week to see the Centennial Art Show and cast your vote for the "People's Choice Award."

The library will be closed on May 29, 30 and 31 for the Memorial Day holiday. Have a wonderful celebration. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, June 2.

Book lovers are reminded that the annual Friends book sale will not be in May this year, but at a date to be announced in the fall.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 2, when the library hosts a special evening with *Times Union* columnist Fred LeBrun.

LeBrun will talk about his Hudson River Journey and the influence of the river on the life, heritage, vitality and culture of the region.

*Barbara Vink*

## MS group to meet

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## RCS student musicians golden at NYSSMA fest

Three musical units from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools received gold awards for their outstanding performances in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Evaluation Festival held on April 29 and 30.

The senior high chorus, under the direction of William Baxter, travelled to Niskayuna High School on April 29 and performed at NYSSMA Level 5, for which it won its gold citation.

The next day, the senior high band, under Brent Wheat, and the seventh and eighth-grade band, under Scott Andrews, travelled to Shaker High School, where the high school unit was a winner at Level 4 and the middle schoolers

at Level 2.

The senior high band will follow up its NYSSMA honors with a public lunch-hour concert on Monday, May 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the gazebo at Coeymans Landing. The rain date is May 25.

The band will preview its upcoming spring concert with several selections that were among its NYSSMA presentation.

They will also reprise selections from earlier concerts this season and conclude with a pops segment, featuring arrangements including "The Pink Panther Meets The Wizard of Oz" and a selection of tunes by the rock band The Police arranged for concert band.

## County plans road work

The Albany County Department of Public Works is accepting bids to reconstruct a stretch of Krumkill Road in the northeast corner of New Scotland. The project is expected to cost upwards of \$730,000.

A bridge over a branch of the

Normanskill will be raised a few feet to improve clearance underneath. Plans currently being drafted also call for the road, part of Route 306, to be realigned a few feet to meet the raised bridge.

Traffic along Krumkill between Font Grove and Johnston roads will be rerouted during construction, which is expected to be completed this summer, according to a spokesman from DPW's engineering division.

Bids are being reviewed, but a formal announcement of the project is expected this week. Work on the project could begin on or around June 1. The project is one of several to be undertaken by the department this summer, including others announced in Guiderland and Rensselaerville.

Joseph A. Phillips

## Show girls



Last week's presentation of the Broadway classic "Guys and Dolls" at Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, the first musical at the high school in years, involved a "Bushel and a Peck" of Hot Box Dancers, including (rear, from left) Cate Robichaud, Solange Tournier, Jessica Fuld and Jillian DeGregorio; and (front) Leah Demo, Kelly Ulion and Stefanie Pivar.

Elaine McLain

## Town to replace Glenmont water mains

By Joseph A. Phillips

A water main break on Route 9W in Glenmont on May 5 was quickly repaired -- but has prompted the Bethlehem Department of Public Works to prepare for a substantial overhaul to water mains in the area.

The break occurred in a section of pipe about 25 feet from Route 9W, across from a Petrol gas station just north of Magee

Drive. Called in to public works at about 8 p.m., it was repaired by about quarter to two the following morning.

Only three customers lost service during the 6-hour interruption, and public works crews replaced about 10 feet of pipe.

"The pipe had split," said Bruce Secor, commissioner of public works. "We've had four or five breaks in that area recently. Ei-

ther the pipes are corroding because of aggressive soils (of a slightly acidic makeup), or we got a bad delivery of pipe some time ago."

Public works now plans to replace between 1000 and 1500 feet of pipe in the area, including water mains along Corning Hill Road, further north in Glenmont, that have experienced similar frequent main breaks. Though it will be funded through the department's normal maintenance budget, "this happens to be a bigger section than we normally attack all at once," Secor said.

The current cast iron pipe, Secor said, will be replaced with either polyethylene pipe or a newer ductile iron piping, lined with cement and sheathed in plastic, that can better withstand corrosion. The replacement work will be performed later this summer. "We're going to wait until we can be sure of dry weather," Secor said.

The department will also soon seek town board permission for special bids on overhauling another section of water main in North Bethlehem. This project will take place in anticipation of roadwork along Route 85 by the State Department of Transportation, expected to be announced shortly.

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**Physically Speaking**

by Nick Valenze, P.T.

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# Residents haul in tons of hazardous waste

By Sharon Fisher

'Well organized,' 'worthwhile program,' 'thank-you,' 'very efficient' and 'outstanding service' were key comments on surveys taken on May 1 at the town of Bethlehem household hazardous waste collection.

The 625 plus residents who brought or sent (by way of a neighbor) hazardous waste to the program deserve a big thank-you.

The vendor, Environmental Products and Services of Albany, consolidated toxic wastes for proper disposal or recycling.

Kudos to highway department personnel who helped unload vehicles, recycle certain items and guide traffic to correct destinations. Thanks to the town board and town employees who helped greet participants and take surveys for statistical data.

Six percent of Bethlehem households participated in the program. This is clearly a record above the normal 3 to 4 percent statistically attending household hazardous waste programs in New York.

## Chamber seeks help to clean up town

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, has targeted Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, as Pick It Up Bethlehem Days, a campaign to clean up litter in the town's streets and neighborhoods.

Bethlehem businesses, residents and community groups are encouraged to select cleanup sites, and with the help of chamber staff, obtain permission from property owners to clean up litter from these sites.

Team leaders will monitor safety rules, recruit volunteers, obtain extra equipment and coordinate trash removal through the Bethlehem highway department. A roving photographer will take "before" and "after" photos.

Property owners with sites in need of cleaning up can contact the chamber, which will match sites with volunteers. For information, contact the chamber at 439-0512.

Waste disposed of included 5 tons of empty containers and non-hazardous waste, 1,220 pounds of bagged asbestos, 385 gallons of flammable liquids (gas, kerosene, etc.), 23 55-gallon drums of pesticides, 14 large household propane tanks, nine home fire extinguishers and other miscellaneous toxic substances.

Workers consolidated 14 55-gallon drums of latex paint for reuse, 376 gallons of waste oil to recycle with Sheldon Oil, 3,100 pounds of lead-acid batteries to recycle at the Port of Albany, more than a half-ton of corrugated cardboard, two 5-gallon pails of household batteries, 15 fluorescent light bulbs and one drum of antifreeze.

Everyone agrees that a hazardous waste collection cuts down on ground and water pollution and is definitely a better alternative to tossing waste into the trash.

The very best alternative is to buy wisely. Choose items that are the least toxic. Buy smaller quantities and use according to directions.

At the end of each season, use up gas and/or oil mixtures by running machines until empty. Do not drain fluids into the sewer system. Think of preventative pollution solutions first, not after it is too late.

*Fisher is recycling coordinator for the town of Bethlehem.*

# Peggy Eyres coming to Cedar Hill

Singer songwriter Peggy Eyres will entertain at Bethlehem Historical Association's annual meeting on Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. at Cedar Hill Schoolhouse on River Road in Selkirk.

Eyres, known as the First Lady of Adirondack Music, has appeared in two PBS documentaries about the Adirondacks.

The public is welcome to attend.

For information, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

## Library to sponsor small business seminar

Vincent Spataro of the Small Business Development Center will present a seminar on How to Set Up a Small Business on Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m. at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library at 15 Mountain Road in Ravena.

To register, call the library at 756-2053.

## Schools slate spring concerts

Senior high students will perform orchestral and vocal music in this year's spring concert on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Fifth and sixth-graders will perform in their spring concert on Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

## National Honor Society to induct members

National Honor Society mem-

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bers will be inducted in a ceremony on Friday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

## Soccer Club schedules sign-ups

Sign-ups for fall recreational soccer will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at the middle school soccer fields.

## School transition sneak preview

Current fourth-graders will have a sneak preview of fifth-grade on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25 and 26, at the middle school.

The middle school band will be recruiting current fourth graders on Thursday, May 27.

## Library to host child-care program

A speaker from the Child Care Coordinating Council will present a program on Starting a Child Care Business in Your Home on Thursday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at RCS Community Library in Ravena.

To register, call the council at 426-7181, ext. 21.

## Book discussion group to meet at library

The book discussion group at RCS Community Library is reading Temple Grandin's autobiography *Thinking in Pictures and Other Reports From My Life With Autism* for its next meeting on Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

For information, call the library at 756-2053.

## Lions Club seeks walkers for fund-raiser

Bethlehem Lions Club will sponsor a community walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 22, as a Journey for Sight.

The proceeds of the fund-raiser will support the Lions Eye Institute of Albany and other programs; the group hopes to raise \$10,000 this year.

The Lions are seeking both walkers for the event and pledges and donations.

For information, call Rob O'Malley at 475-1743 or Mike Durant at 439-8981.

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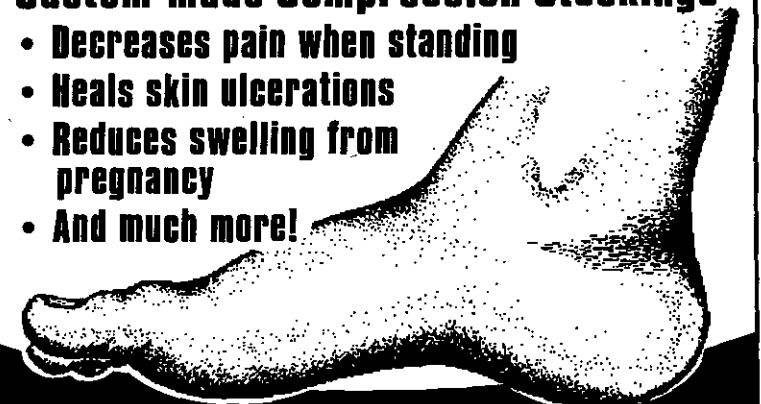
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# Sports

## Schalmont's Sabres cut down the Blackbirds' flight

By Jeffrey Foley

To some, it may have been just a late-season matchup between two Colonial Council baseball squads who have each lost more than they've won this year, a game with no grand playoff implications.

But neither Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School's Blackbirds or Schalmont High School's Sabres were thinking that way. The two sub-500 squads met in Voorheesville on May 12 to play a serious game of baseball.

"Win this one for yourselves," shouted a Schalmont assistant coach as his team crowded around him before the game got under way. "Don't win this one for me or coach. Go out there and win it for yourselves."

Schalmont's junior shortstop **Anthony Teta** stepped into the on-deck circle and swung a weighted bat as senior center-fielder **David Viscusi** took the first pitch from Voorheesville's big gun, sophomore pitcher **Nate Richard**.

"He's probably our best pitcher," Voorheesville coach **Mike Paolino** said. "The reason



Nate Richard brings the heat for the Blackbirds against Schalmont High School on May 12.

Jim Franco

he pitched today wasn't necessarily to beat Schalmont, but he pitched seven innings on Friday (May 7), and I try to get him in

after five days rest. He's probably the heart and soul of this team, though. He's the toughest kid we've got."

But it would have been understandable if Paolino had planned to throw his best arm at Schalmont. The two teams met earlier in the season, and the Blackbirds came up on the short end of the stick, losing 15-14.

Richard opened up the game with a strong curve and a fastball, quickly getting ahead of Viscusi in the count.

"Come on, Dave, get us started," Teta shouted.

But Viscusi went down on

strikes and Teta stepped up to the plate, looking wired. He sent a blast up into the swirling winds in center field. The ball looked like trouble, especially since Voorheesville's outfield has no fence.

**Kevin Vanderwarker**, who was playing deep to begin with, gave chase. The Voorheesville freshman outfielder couldn't catch up with the shot, though, and Teta dashed around the bases with a stand-up home run.

"I didn't even feel like I got all of it," Teta said as his teammates greeted him at the plate with high fives and slaps on the back.

"As you can see, the ball launches all over the place here," Paolino said. "It just takes off."

As if to reemphasize that point, sophomore designated hitter **Ryan Clark** also pounded a shot to center field. The ball carried back and Vanderwarker, sprinting and glancing over his shoulder, hauled it in.

"Holy cow!" said one of Schalmont's assistant coaches. "He'd be playing outside the fence at our park. Did you see Clark's hit? It goes 400 feet, and it's an out?"

Richard then got sophomore first baseman **Garrett Hopper** to ground out to **Paul Buzzard** at second base, ending the inning. Schalmont senior **Dan Townsend** jogged out to the pitcher's mound and warmed up.

"This is only his second start of the year," Schalmont coach **Bob Anderson** said. "He wasn't supposed to pitch today, but we've got the flu going around."

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away. Buzzard, a senior, batted leadoff for the Blackbirds and smacked a long drive to right field. Senior **Bryan Frattine** chased the rolling ball while Buzzard cruised into third with a triple.

"Yeah, we got our bats today," shouted the Voorheesville players, rising off their bench.

**Chris Spina**, a sophomore shortstop, then drew a walk and stole second base.

Voorheesville had runners on second and third with nobody out, but the Blackbirds couldn't capitalize.

Townsend struck out senior third baseman **Aaron Benedict**. Sophomore first baseman **Collin Adalian** then popped out to Teta, and Townsend got Richard to ground out to sophomore second baseman **Jordan Daviero**.

Richard had control issues in the second inning. He faced nine batters, and the Sabres tapped him for four hits, two walks and five runs.

Senior catcher **Jeff D'Alessandro**, Daviero and Viscusi all singled and scored in the frame. Sophomore left fielder **Dan Lee** and Frattine both scored after drawing walks. And Clark drilled a double to center field.

"Come on, kid, keep your head up," Voorheesville's Adalian yelled to Richard. "It's still early."

But by the end of Schalmont's at-bats, the Sabres had a 6-0 advantage.

"If I blow this lead, somebody kill me," Townsend said to a teammate before the Sabres took the field for the bottom of the second inning.

Townsend had good reason to be concerned. And he probably figured he had something to prove, too.

"Even when we were behind today, we thought we were OK," Paolino said. "When we played Schalmont over at Schalmont (earlier this season), we were down something like 12-5 and actually came ahead to take the lead in the top of the seventh. We lost 15-14. We went ahead 14-12 in the top of the seventh and then they scored two runs. But we thought we were OK today. Danny's the one we got the rally on over there."

This time though, Townsend and his defense turned up the heat and fought to protect their lead.

Townsend retired the side in order in both the second and third innings.

Richard then reached on an error with two outs in the fourth inning and **Justin Maikoff**, a senior left fielder, belted a two-run homer to left-center field.

"Yeah, we're chipping away," cheered the Voorheesville squad as they surrounded Maikoff.

The score was 7-2, and Townsend struck out senior right fielder **Will Dubritz** to end the inning.

Townsend didn't allow another hit until the seventh inning.

He struggled a bit in the final frame, but made it through after giving up three more runs.

"My back's kind of sore from throwing the curveball and the sidearm pitch, but I wanted to finish this game so bad," he said. "The team played good and we

needed this win real bad."

Schalmont pounded out 14 hits en route to a 12-5 victory. Townsend improved his personal record to 1-1 on the season.

He scattered four hits, two of them coming in the seventh inning, and he struck seven Voorheesville batters.

Schalmont improved to 6-7 in the Colonial Council and 8-11 overall with the win.

All Section II teams that win at least half of their league games automatically qualify for the Sectionals this year.

The Blackbirds dropped to 4-10 in Colonial Council play and 5-10 overall.

"Danny stepped in and did a real nice job," Anderson said. "We're reaching for the .500 mark. We're young and we're trying to get it together and get these kids some experience for the Sectionals."

"We've given a lot away this year. We've lost some games that we probably shouldn't have and we want to get to the Sectionals. We have six games left and we know what we have to do to get there. This was a real big win for us."

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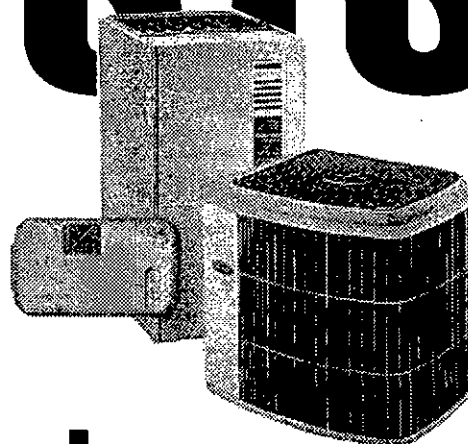
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The Spotlight	5	0	0	-	W5
Beth. Police Off. Union	3	0	1	1.5	W3
Frangella Associates	3	1	1	2	W2
Farm Family Insurance	2	2	0	2.5	L2
I Love Books	2	2	0	2.5	W1
Adirondack Record Man.	2	3	0	3	L1
Rhodes Remodeling	2	3	0	3	W1
Riccardo Studios	0	4	0	4.5	L4
Dr. Chris Maestro, DDS	0	4	0	4.5	L4
12 and under division	W	L	T	GB	STR
Allen and Taub	5	0	0	-	W5
Bob Bellizzi Softball	5	1	0	.5	L1
DARE	4	1	0	1	L1
Sherrin and Glasel, LLP	2	3	0	3	L2
Brown & Brown	2	3	0	3	W1
Adams Station	2	4	0	3.5	W2
Frangella Associates	1	3	0	3.5	L2
LG and E Power, Inc.	0	3	0	4	L3
GE Plastics	0	3	0	4	L3

14 and under division	W	L	T	GB	STR
Capital Waste and Rec.	3	1	0	-	W3
BEFF's	3	1	0	-	W2
Saratoga Shoe Depot	2	1	1	.5	W2
Bennett Contracting	2	1	0	.5	W2
C.R. Orthopaedic Assoc.	0	3	0	2.5	L3
Morgan Stanley D. W.	0	3	0	2.5	L3
18 and under division	W	L	T	GB	STR
VFW Post 3185	2	0	0	-	W2
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Morgan Stanley D. W.	1	1	0	1	L1
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Exit 23 Mobil	0	2	0	2	L2
Klersy Building Corp.	0	2	0	2	L2

## 10 and under game results

Bethlehem Police Officers Union 12, Rhodes Remodeling 6 (B - Sarah Gadomski and Casey Swete, great pitching; R - None reported). The Spotlight 15, I Love Books 12 (S - None reported; I - Allison Greenburg, exceptional pitching).

Rhodes Remodeling 21, Riccardo 2 (R - None reported; R - No report filed).

Bethlehem Police Officers Union 12, Rhodes Remodeling 6 (B - Sarah Gadomski and Casey Swete, great pitching; A - No report filed). I Love Books 16, Dr. Chris Maestro, DDS 5 (I - Emily DiMuria and Robin Bogan, pitched shut-

out innings; D - No report filed).

The Spotlight 22, Farm Family Insurance 0 (S - Liz Durfee, struck out six batters; F - None reported). Frangella Associates 17, Adirondack Record Management 10 (F - Kim Watkinson, strong catching; A - No report filed).

## 12 and under game results

Allen and Taub 15, Sherrin and Glasel, LLP 10 (A - None reported; S - None reported). Bob Bellezzi Softball Camps 15, Brown and Brown 13 (B - Sarah Lackner, two singles, four runs scored, Katie Dombrowski, four innings pitched, 12 batters struck out; B - Erin Fitzpatrick, home run).

Allen and Taub 24, LG and E Power, Inc. 13 (A - None reported; L - None reported). Bob Bellizzi Softball Camps 22, Sherrin and Glasel, LLP 7 (B - Abby Keefer, two singles, four runs scored, Erin Kammerer, singles, two walks, Chelsea Arduini, two doubles, single, scored four runs; S - no report filed).

Adams Station 14, GE Plastics 0 (A - No report filed; G - Game forfeited).

Adams Station 36, Frangella Associates 9 (A - No report filed; F - Shara Bellamy and Sydney Schwartz, two singles each).

Brown and Brown 9, Bob Bellizzi Softball Camps 8 (B - Laura Drislane, four great innings pitched, Erin Fitzpatrick, home run; B - Katie Leary, home run, two singles, Alyssa Rosenblum, double, single).

Allen and Taub 36, DARE 5 (A - None reported; D - None reported).

## 14 and under game results

Capital Waste and Recycling 18, Saratoga Shoe Depot 9 (C - Kate Mendel, three innings of excellent pitching; S - No report filed). Saratoga Shoe Depot 23, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter 13 (S - No report filed; M - Jennifer Marro, home run).

Beff's 18, Capital Region Orthopaedic Associates 13 (B - Heather Brady, triple, single, Shannon Powers, four singles, Kimberly McCall, double, two singles, Colleen Plumber, three singles; C - No report filed).

## 18 and under game results

McNamme, Lochner, Titus and Williams 5, Exit 23 Mobil 2 (M - Christine Potter, struck out 12 batters; E - Heather Leary, single, two RBI).

Bethlehem Democratic Committee 8, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter 0 (B - Kim Prior, pitched a shut-out, Melissa Jenks, single, two walks; M - None reported).

VFW Post 7, Klersy Building Corp. 6 (V - Amanda Ahlemeyer, pitched a six-hitter, struck out eight batters; K - No report filed).

## BCHS soccer club to meet

A Bethlehem Central Soccer Booster Club meeting is scheduled for May 24 in the library conference room of Bethlehem Central High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The primary agenda items will be election of officers and a change in the club's bylaws. For information, call 439-8096.

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## BCMS

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who was shot after saying she believed in God.

"Is there enough education about discussing problems?" Donohue asked. "Do kids feel comfortable acknowledging that they have problems?"

"I think the majority of students here feel safe talking about their problems," said Danielle Wolinsky, a seventh-grader. Kristen Barnes, an eighth-grader, pointed out that the middle school has the "MYO" program, a health curriculum for seventh-graders called "Myself and Others" that helps them take problems into consideration.

Donohue also asked if the students were learning conflict resolution skills. "What makes you able to deal with conflict?" she asked.

"We hear a lot about respect from TV commercials and in magazines," Shpeen said. "We can listen, and try to take those into account."

"We have a peer mediation program," Rodriguez said. "There are two mediators, who are volunteers, and neutral. They listen to both sides and try to find a good solution."

"There are 16 students in this program," middle school Principal Steven Lobban explained when Donohue asked about the peer mediation program. "It's a staff guided; there's a training session, and two students and a staff member work as a team. It's an after-school activity, and we're two to three mediation sessions into the experience. The power of this approach is that the kids create the culture of their school."

The students nodded their assent when Donohue asked if they thought the peer mediation program was a good one. "As a district attorney, one of the things I did was to start a Youth Court," Donohue said. "Letting students help students is one of the most effective ways of dealing with problems."

"The best people who know students are students," Shpeen said.

School Superintendent Les Loomis praised the various community coalitions in Bethlehem. "We have Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the Community Partnership. The police are very active and we have a school resource program. These initiatives have made a difference," he

said. Loomis also cited the World of Difference program, geared to teach students respect.

The students had mixed responses to Donohue's questions about metal detectors. "Some schools that we've visited have metal detectors, and that helps. Would that be appropriate here?" she asked.

"No," seventh-grader Stephen Allen said. "This is a safe environment; everybody's kind to everyone." Eighth-grader Sarah Horn thought that a metal detector might be reassuring, and Kennicutt thought if it was a definite necessity, it would be OK.

"In certain schools, maybe there should be a metal detector," eighth-grader Alex Leckerling said. "This school is safe. If you put a metal detector in, then students might suspect things aren't safe."

Donohue said the task force is also considering installing a hot line for students to call if they suspect there is a problem. Coles said students might not feel comfortable using a hot line, since they wouldn't know who they were talking to.

"It would have to be done exactly right," Donohue said. "Would you feel comfortable being a whistleblower?"

"I'd feel safe telling someone at school if there's something that needs to be taken care of,"

Leckerling said. "I wouldn't feel good if something happened, but I would feel good if I'd said something."

Donohue asked how much of the responsibility lay with the schools and how much with parents. "Should the task force look beyond the schools?" she asked. "Is it a private responsibility for the family, or time for the public sector to give some support? Should the school and the community reach out more?"

"It's important that children and parents talk a lot," Coles said. "If parents have no discipline, and are only buying things for their kids instead of spending time with them, that's not good. We need limits sometimes."

Kennicutt concurred. "When kids don't get disciplined, it makes them feel unloved. It makes them feel like they're out there and nobody cares."

Donohue invited the students to stay in touch with her office as the task force begins its hearings.

"The governor has issued a 17-point plan to make sure our children are safe," Donohue said. "This is something we need to think through. We don't want to make any quick decisions. We want to do something that makes a difference. You're the leaders of tomorrow, and we need to make you feel safe."

## Offender

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legally provide more information we will."

Loomis said in an interview Monday that he felt compelled to warn people given the potential risk. "We thought it was important to get an alert to the community, and I felt the responsibility to get information to school staff and parents," he said. "We felt (the letter) was the best note of caution we could provide."

LaChappelle said that officials were looking into the question of whether additional information about the man could be obtained from the state's Sex Offender Registry and released to the public.

That registry was created as part of a recently enacted law intended to warn communities of the potential dangers from people convicted of sex crimes. The law sets up procedures for alerting the public when a sexual offender is released from prison and moves into their community.

The law, enacted in 1996, is modeled after New Jersey's so-called Megan's Law, which was

adopted in that state after 7-year-old Megan Kanka was murdered and a paroled sex offender who lived near her was charged with the killing.

But New York's law does not apply to people convicted before the law was enacted in January 1996.

According to police, the ex-convict now living near the high school was convicted of two counts of rape and assault in 1976. Police said he served a maximum sentence of 18 years at a state prison in Walpole, Mass., and another five years in a treatment.

## Library plans program on Internet genealogy

Audrey Watson, head of automated services at Bethlehem Public Library will present a program on "Internet Genealogy" tonight, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.

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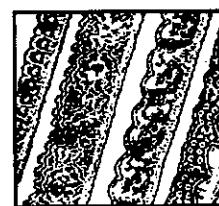
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# Jury

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Prosecuting the case, Assistant District Attorney Patricia DeAngelis presented eight witnesses. Several testified that on the evening of Nov. 5, they observed Boomhower's vehicle knocking down a 100-foot fence on property along Route 396 in South Bethlehem, and struggling to get back on the road.

He was subsequently seen driving southbound on Route 396 on the bare rim of his front left tire, leaving a trail of sparks and a rut in the road surface behind him that police were able to track to his home.

Two members of the Coeymans Hollow volunteer fire department also testified to being summoned to Boomhower's home at about 8 p.m. by a report of a burning car. Also responding at the scene was State Police Trooper Jeff Goldman, assigned to the New Scotland barracks.

A 12-year veteran, Goldman testified to the procedures he followed that led to arresting Boomhower on suspicion of DWI. Goldman and Bethlehem Police Officer Robert Markel, who was summoned to the New Scotland substation following Boomhower's arrest, both testified that Boomhower refused to submit to blood alcohol testing and also to their observations of his behavior, leading to their conclusion that he had been drinking.

Markel, a certified trainer of DWI arrest procedure, was on the

stand for more than an hour testifying and being cross-examined by Boomhower's lawyer, Francis A. Woidzik, particularly on the implications of certain physical tests Markel administered.

Boomhower also testified in his own defense, challenging the various witnesses' versions of events and asserting that medication he takes for a heart condition prevented him from drinking. Woidzik presented two other witnesses to bolster that contention. But the jury, after deliberating for nearly an hour and a half, found otherwise.

"It's clear the jury didn't buy what he was saying," said DeAngelis later.

The unusual jury proceeding, which began at 1 p.m. with selection of jurors from a prospective pool of 22, was Bethlehem's first since March of 1988, according to court clerk Barbara Hodom. "I've participated as an attorney in a few trials, but it's certainly the first jury trial I've ever presided over," said Munnelly in the aftermath of 11-plus hours in court.

It may not be his last such trial. Munnelly noted an ongoing case in which an individual is challenging whether police had the requisite 'probable cause' to make a DWI arrest. "There are a couple others at the discovery stages or hearing stages, including the probable cause DWI challenge, that could head to trial," Munnelly said. "But it's just a guess on our part. We have a lot of cases on a trial

track, as many as 50 at any given point. But most of those end up plea-bargained out."

DeAngelis said her office had sought that route with Boomhower as well. "We made an offer, he didn't like it, so we went to trial," she said.

Both DeAngelis and Munnelly said the jury selection and trial ran smoothly, and Munnelly offered words of praise for the jury. "They were great," he said, "very patient. They had to listen for a long time. I felt sorry for them." For their labors they received a \$10 per diem and dinner brought in during a 40-minute recess.

Polled by the judge on adjourning at dinner time and resuming their work the next day, the jury unanimously opted to continue the trial and their deliberations into the night hours.

"They wanted to work right through," said Munnelly. "That's always my preference, but I wanted to give them the option. But whenever it's possible, it's preferable to do it in one sitting."

An initial pool of 40 names was provided to Hodom by Albany County court clerks, but almost half the prospective jurors were unable to respond to the summons. Glitches — like at least two who were simultaneously called for county jury duty — will be worked out with the county in the event of a future Bethlehem trial.

Otherwise, Munnelly said, "the main thing I've learned is, we're gonna start jury trials earlier in the morning in the future."

## Changes in DWI law may lead to more trials

By Joseph A. Phillips

It's no coincidence that Bethlehem's long dry spell without a jury trial would be broken by a DWI case, in the view of the judge who presided over the recent Boomhower trial.

Recent changes in New York's DWI law have greatly reduced judicial discretion in plea bargains, said Bethlehem Town Justice Kenneth Munnelly. While most of the 90 or so DWI cases brought before the Bethlehem Court each year result in a plea to a reduced count of Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI), judges are severely restricted in accepting nonalcohol-related pleas, like a simple traffic infraction.

Assistant District Attorney Patricia DeAngelis, who prosecuted Boomhower, concurs. "Courts can deviate from 1192 (the statute covering DWI) if they have good reason to do so. For instance, if there's something faulty in the arrest procedure," she said, but the hard-line public attitude toward drinking and driving, and the intensive coverage such cases receive, greatly limits prosecutorial and judicial discretion.

"In any case, even if a prosecutor recommends a lesser charge, the judge doesn't have to accept it," said DeAngelis.

And Munnelly said, "I've taken the position that I don't accept plea bargains out of the alcohol-related category. But I'm just following the intent of the statute."

The four-year-old "prompt suspension" law, which specifies that those charged with DWI have their licenses immediately suspended, pending a verdict, upon their first appearance in court, has produced other new procedural wrinkles.

Prompt suspension penalizes a defendant for delay in resolving the charges in court. But it also leads to so-called "Pringle hearings," in which defendants can challenge whether evidence in their case justified such a suspension.

The law also provides for immediate license suspension if a defendant refuses blood alcohol

tests at the time of arrest. This gives an individual arrested for DWI this Hobson's choice: forfeit one's license on the spot, or provide what may be crucial evidence that could lead to a conviction.

The only recourse, Munnelly said, is a so-called "Huntley hearing," seeking to suppress evidence such as the blood-alcohol results or the arresting officer's subjective observations on various technical grounds.

The end product of limited discretion and prompt suspension, in most cases, is to reduce a defendant's options to a DWAI plea, or a jury trial. "All of these laws have stopped the lawyering and all the bargaining," Munnelly said. "The result is a greater likelihood of a case going to trial if a defendant wants to fight it."

But it's an uphill fight in Bethlehem, said DeAngelis. "In Bethlehem Courts, traditionally they take a hard line on DWI," she said. "And the police in Bethlehem are very well trained in DWI procedure. I've worked on cases in several jurisdictions, and the Bethlehem police are always good witnesses."

### Delmar library plans summer Book Buddies

Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar will participate for the third summer in Book Buddies, a mentoring program designed to foster a love of reading and improve reading skills.

Book buddies will match volunteers ages 14 and over with children in kindergarten through second-grade to reinforce the reading experience.

Training and materials will be provided to volunteers. For information, call the youth services department at 439-9314.

### Breakfast set May 30

Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co. will host its monthly breakfast on Sunday, May 30, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Clarksville firehouse.

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## Youth Network

### Rotary Club supports mentoring program

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The program is supported by the Bethlehem Central School District and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

We are very grateful for financial assistance from the Rotary Club, which will help us continue the mentoring program for the next three years.

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Tammy Foster and Kenneth Newkirk

## Foster, Newkirk engaged

Tammy L. Foster, daughter of Larry and Sheila Foster of Canton, Pa., and Kenneth A. Newkirk, son of Kathleen Newkirk of Selkirk and the late Theodore Newkirk, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Troy High School and the radiologic technology program at Hudson Valley Community Col-

lege. She is an X-ray technologist at Albany Associates in Cardiology.

The future groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School and Clarkson University. He is an environmental engineer for the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

## Delmar man named vice president of state nursing home association

Wade Johnston of Delmar recently joined the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (NYAHS) as vice president for member services and development.

A former director of contracting and provider services for Kaiser Permanente's Eastern New York Division, he will oversee NYAHS's public relations and marketing, as well as the Foundation for Long Term Care, which

performs research and education for continuing care professionals.

He will also lead NYAHS's strategic planning, and will head the organization's regionalization plan and outreach to members.

Before his association with Kaiser Permanente, he was employed by AHI Healthcare Systems/The Albany Memorial MSO, and as a legislative aide to Sen. Hugh Farley.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Levi Yosef Kovach, to Ilana and Robert Kovach of Albany, April 29. Paternal grandparents are Stu and Rainy Kovach of Delmar.

## Dean's List

Columbia University — Arif Kabir of Delmar.

University at Buffalo — Andrea Kreiger of Elsmere.

## Class of '99

### Empire State College

Robert Coggins of Delmar (bachelor's in management).

### SUNY Fredonia

Paul Riche of Glenmont (bachelor's in physics) and Leanna Curley of Selkirk (bachelor's in music education).

### SUNY Oswego

Elizabeth Hallenbeck (bachelor's in communication studies), Patrick Roberts (bachelor's in history, cum laude) and Nicole Wittman (bachelor's in elementary education), all of Delmar, and David Norkun (bachelor's in trade subjects education) of South Bethlehem.

### University of Mississippi

Andrew Gordon of Delmar (master's in music).

## BCHS grad named to Honor Council

Winifred Corrigan, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been elected to the Honor Council, a student-led disciplinary body, at Davidson College.

Corrigan, a sophomore at the North Carolina liberal arts college, is the daughter of Texanne Vickrey and Peter Corrigan of Delmar.

The Honor Council serves as the primary judicial organ of the college, responsible for hearing cases involving violations of the school's Honor Code and Code of Responsibility.

## Delmar student earns college honor

Philip Poczik of Delmar was inducted into the Chimera Society during annual Charter Day ceremonies at Hobart College.

The Chimera Society honors academic excellence for students entering their junior year.



Jennifer and Michael Robinson

## Flynn, Robinson wed

Jennifer Eileen Flynn, daughter of Joseph and Kathleen Flynn of Delmar, and Michael Robinson, son of Patricia Robinson of West Palm Beach, Fla., and formerly of Amsterdam, and the late Isadore Robinson, were married Oct. 17.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edward Kacerguis at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. A reception followed at Albany Country Club.

The maid of honor was Megan Flynn, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katie Flynn, sister of the bride, Karen Robinson, sister of the groom, Heather Marshall and Suzanne Hynes.

The best man was Joseph

Mattera. Ushers were Kevin Robinson, brother of the groom, Michael Barylski, Michael Slezak and Patrick Dennis.

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

She is information center manager for Point of Purchase Advertising Institute in Washington, D.C.

The groom is a graduate of SUNY Oswego and Texas A&M University.

He is a research meteorologist at NASA Goddard in Greenbelt, Md.

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

## BCHS graduate wins fellowship

Kelley Banagan of Delmar, a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School who attends St. Lawrence University, has been awarded a Vivien Gardner Hannon '43 Fellowship.

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established to assist students in participating in internships that will enhance career opportunities. The award process is competitive.

Banagan will intern at Children's Hospital in Boston, Mass.

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## Community Corner



## Feura Bush church to host spring festival

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"Guitar George" will be on hand to provide music, and a multi-family tail-gate sale will be held. (Space for this sale can be rented by calling 768-2994.)

Books, hand-made crafts, baked goods, plants, and other bargains will be on sale, and refreshments and lunch will be available.

# Obituaries

## Jacoba Applebee

Jacoba Prins Applebee, 87, of Delmar died Wednesday, May 12, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Passaic, N.J., she was a resident of Delmar for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Applebee studied nursing at City Hospital in Manhattan, the former Albany Hospital and the Trudeau Clinic in Raybrook. During World War II, she became director of nurses training at Albany Hospital.

Mrs. Applebee became a licensed funeral director in 1941. She co-owned and was president of the Applebee Funeral home in Delmar for many years before she retired. She was a founding member of Bethlehem Community Church.

She was the widow of Paul W. Applebee.

Survivors include two sons, Peter Applebee of Delmar and Paul Applebee of South Bethlehem; two sisters, Jeanette VanLenten of Lancaster, Pa., and Charlotte Wynbeek of Whiting, N.J.; and a brother Herbert Prins of Wyckoff, N.J.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar 12054 or Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Claude B. Marshall

Claude B. Marshall, 90, of Martins Hill Road in Ravena died Saturday, May 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he left school when he was in the eighth grade to work for the railroad. In 1932, he and his brother, Bill Marshall started a gas station in Aquatuk, specializing in rebuilding canvas and wooden roofs on cars. They later moved the business to Route 9W in Ravena and named it Marshall's Garage. Three years later, they began selling Chrysler Corp. cars.

Mr. Marshall was a member of Congregational Christian Church in Ravena and a charter member of the Ravena Lions Club.

Mr. Marshall ran the business until 1975 when he retired.

He was the husband of the late Ruth Marshall.

Survivors include a son, Richard Marshall of Delmar; and three grandchildren.

Services were private.

Burial was in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery in New Baltimore.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main St., Ravena 12143.

## Joseph W. Smith

Joseph W. Smith, 85, of Maple Road in Voorheesville died Thursday, May 13, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

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

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

Mr. Smith worked for Sheetmetal Workers Union Local 83 in Albany before he retired.

He was a member of the Neuropathy Association and American Legion Fort Orange Post 30. He played baseball for the Twilight League in the 1930s.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Swift Smith; two sons, Joseph J. Smith of Colonie and John F. Smith of Voorheesville; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Neuropathy Association, 60 E. 42nd St., New York 10165.

## Winifred McDonald

Winifred McDonald of Delmar died Wednesday, May 12.

Mrs. McDonald retired from the former state Department of Mental Health.

She was the widow of James J. McDonald.

Survivors include a daughter, Alice Frances Esmond; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Burial was in Colleburgh Cemetery in Athens.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

## Joseph N. Silverman

Joseph N. Silverman, 79, of Delmar died Monday, May 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Wolfson Silverman; a daughter,

Rita Silverman of Slingerlands; a son Howard Silverman of Novi, Mich.; and a sister, Ruth Wertheim of Hollywood, Fla.

Services will be today, May 19, from the Levine Memorial Chapel, 649 Washington Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in Beth Emeth Cemetery in Loudonville.

## Charles Mirabile

Charles Mirabile, 78, of Glenmont died Saturday, May 15.

Survivors include two sisters, Sadie Cervone and Sarah Murphy, both of Philadelphia; and a brother, Joseph Mirabile of Albany.

Services are scheduled for 8:15 a.m. today, May 19, from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany, and at 9 a.m. from St. James Church.

## Steven Utterback

Steven G. Utterback, 45, of Albany and formerly of Delmar died Wednesday, May 5.

He was raised in Saranac Lake, Delmar and Utica.

He was a magna cum laude graduate of Syracuse University. He received his doctorate from SUNY Binghamton. As a graduate student, Mr. Utterback was a research associate for the National Institute of Health and National Science Foundation. He was also a chemistry instructor at SUNY Oneonta.

He did postdoctoral research at IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center and then joined the permanent research staff and became a project leader. He was awarded a patent for his design of a backscatter electron detector used in quality control analysis of microchips.

He taught chemistry as an adjunct assistant professor at Hostos Community College of CUNY and was a postdoctoral research fellow at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. He also held a postdoctoral fellowship in the chemistry department at the University of Chicago.

He was widely published throughout his career.

Survivors include his mother, Joan Mullen of Delmar; and two brothers, David Utterback of Potal, Ariz., and Paul Utterback of Tacoma, Wash.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

## Ann C. Williams

Ann C. Williams of Elsmere died Friday, May 14, at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Augustine Williams; two sons Bruce Williams and Daniel Williams, both of Delmar; a daughter, Kathleen Nicolai of Colorado; two brothers, Edward Ryan and William Ryan, both of Troy; a sister, Madelyn Burns of Troy; and three grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

## Robert M. Selkirk

Robert M. Selkirk, 91, of Tucson, Ariz., died Monday, May 3, in Tucson.

A Selkirk native, he was the fifth generation to operate Selkirk Poultry Farm and hatchery.

Mr. Selkirk was a member of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem for 80 years. He was also a deacon and elder of the church.

He was a member of the Farm Bureau and its extension service and a charter member of the Selkirk Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Sybil Selkirk; two sons, Charles Selkirk of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ronald Selkirk of Selkirk; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from First Reformed Church.

Contributions may be made to First Reformed Church, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

## Clare E. Matthews

Clare E. Matthews of Delmar died Tuesday, May 11, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Matthews was a registered nurse. She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

She was the widow of James R. Matthews.

Survivors include three sons, Michael J. Matthews of Delmar, Richard J. Matthews of New York City and Paul E. Matthews of Wantagh, Nassau County; a daughter, Frances Cafiero of Glenmont; a sister, Sylvia McGory of Pound Ridge, Westchester County; two brothers, Dr. Adrian Hogben of Ellsworth, Maine, and David Hogben of Gaithersburg, Md.; and four grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to MDA, Executive Park East, Albany 12203 or the St. Bernadine Siena Fraternity, c/o Gloria Daly, 151 Chiswell Road, Schenectady 12304.

## John J. Healy

John J. Healy of Slingerlands died Monday, May 10, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, he was raised in Albany.

He was a graduate of Vincentian Institute and received a degree in business from Siena College.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Healy worked in the real estate field for more than 30 years. For 25 years, he operated his own business, John J. Healy Realtors. Most recently, he was associated with Prudential Manor Homes.

He was a member of the Albany Board of Realtors, Normanside Country Club and the Village Stage.

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

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Healy; two sons, Stephen Healy of Syracuse and John Healy of Amherst, Mass.; a daughter, Elizabeth Healy-Lyons of Warwick; five sisters, Rosemary LaRue of Palos Verdes, Calif.,

Kathleen Blais of Plainfield, N.J., Maureen Salvador of Troy, Patricia Burton of Windsor, Conn., and Ellen Speicher of Tucson, Ariz.; three brothers, Robert Healy of Albany, Richard Healy of Clifton Park and Michael Healy of San Francisco; and five grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

## Clara M. Frisbee

Clara M. Frisbee, 87, of Voorheesville died Wednesday, May 12, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

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

She was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

She was the widow of Leland Frisbee.

Survivors include three sons, Leland C. Frisbee of East Greenbush, Raymond W. Frisbee of Voorheesville and Charles G. Frisbee of Latham; a daughter, Ann F. Aurilio of Albany; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont and St. Matthew's Church.

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Voorheesville Ambulance, 21 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville 12186.

## Five Rivers to host outdoor walks

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar, has planned a pair of walks to explore seasonal flora.

The first is a guided wildflower walk through various habitats on Saturday, May 22, at 2 p.m. Center naturalists will lead the group through the fields and forests searching for spring wildflowers. Participants should bring flower identification books if they have them.

The following Saturday, May 29, at 10 a.m., state Department of Environmental Conservation educator and botany expert Frank Knight will lead an in-depth survey of trees and shrubs along the Vlomankill Trail.

This will be the first in a series of adult-level bio-assay walks to catalog the flora on the grounds. Participants are requested to pre-register by Wednesday, May 26.

Both programs are free, and participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call 475-0291.

## Library to close

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed Saturday, May 29, through Monday, May 31, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Regular library hours will resume at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1.

## Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

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



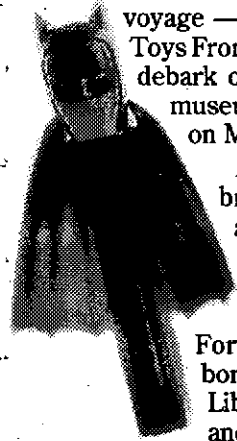
# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# TOYS FROM THE ATTIC

By Joseph A. Phillips

**W**ith just a few weeks to go before their prize exhibit closes, the staff at the Berkshire Museum is preparing to say goodbye to the first major exhibition entirely mounted, created and curated by the museum's staff. Or rather, they'll say bon voyage — for "Kid Stuff: Great Toys From Our Childhood" will debark on a five-year national museum tour after it closes on May 30.



Already lining up to bring the exhibit to town are such major museums as Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry; the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich.; New Jersey's Liberty Science Center; and the Duluth Children's Museum in Minnesota.

There is still room for bookings in the tour schedule, which kicks off at Vermont's Shelburne Museum in July.

Before it moves on, the Berkshire Museum expects a big farewell turnout of visitors over the forthcoming Memorial Day weekend.

The show, which displays classic toys of the past half-century, has been a hit for the Pittsfield museum since it opened in early February. It has garnered national notice from the "Today Show," a front-page story in *USA Today*, and coverage in special-interest periodicals from *American History* and *Yankee Magazine* to *Barbie Bazaar* and *Country Living*.

And it has brought unprecedented crowds as well — "tens of thousands of visitors," according to Amy Burger of the Berkshire Museum. "It has been a fabulous exposition and a great success."

And why not? Who over the age of 6 wouldn't want to get a crack at playing with Matchbox cars once again, or kicking off their shoes for an hour or

two of Twister? There's a Lionel train layout running through the museum, a display of Pez dispensers, lots of Lincoln Logs, dress-up sets of Barbies and GI Joes, whoopee cushions and joy buzzers, Slinkies and Easy-Bake Ovens, even old-fashioned Mr. Potato Heads with real potatoes instead of the plastic kind.

"People have so much fun with it all. They play, they reminisce," They relive childhood in a pre-computer game age.

"This is an American pop-culture gold mine of things that defined the Baby Boomer generation growing up in the '50s," said Burger. "And it's interesting to watch children come in, look at older toys their parents played with, and say, 'Wow! These are really different!'"

The museum's staff has accompanied the toys with lots of cool trivia about their origin (Slinky was intended as a measuring device for military use; Play-doh was a failed plastics experiment).

The older, vintage toys, the real museum pieces, are under Plexiglas. And changes in our understanding of children's play has made some of the other classics hands-off too. "There are lot of toys children can't play with on display," said Burger. "Tinker toys have too many small parts." And there's a 5-foot tall dragon sculpted out of Legos that's been permanently glued together.

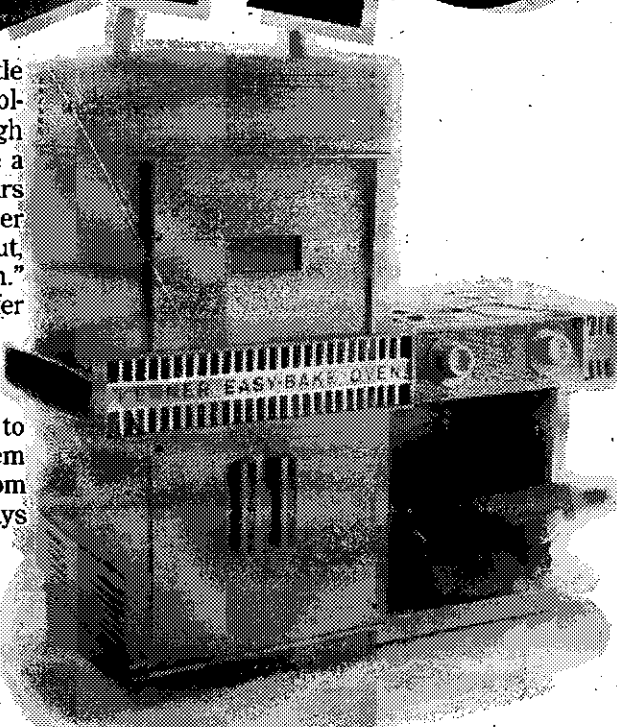
But the emphasis of most of the exhibit is on the interactive — on dad showing junior how a yo-yo works, or the family playing Colorforms, or for middle-aged "girls" to dress up Barbie. It's meant a lot of wear and tear on the exhibits, Burger said.

"We keep a whole stock of yo-yo's on hand, and we replace them all the time," she said. And she noted that the giant Twister board, "just by virtue of all the

thousands and thousands of little stocking feet being on it, the colors are fading. And we go through a lot of Slinkies too. We have a perfectly calibrated set of stairs to walk them down, but after awhile, they get all stretched out, and we have to replace them." And a diligent museum staffer starts every morning cleaning off the Lionel train set after so many hands have touched it.

There's still two weeks left to wrap your hands around them too. The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays until 8.

Admission to the museum is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and \$4 for children 3 to 18. For directions to the Berkshire Museum, call (413) 443-7171.



## More kicks for kids

A gala ribbon-cutting and an afternoon full of special events will herald the grand re-opening of the State Museum's hands-on learning center for young museum goers, The Discovery Place, on Saturday, May 22.

The interactive learning area for kids from preschool to grade eight has gotten a fresh coat of paint — and has also been beefed up with new science exhibits and computer equipment and displays culled from the museum's collections.

Museum employees put the finishing touches on the new installation just last week. It replaces the older, dinosaur-themed one that was closed last year for renovation. A new, larger learning space has been installed, as well as an improved respite area for waiting parents.

Thanks to a \$50,000 gift from Fleet Financial Group and the donation of five new computers from IBM, the Discovery Place will also feature not only computer learning opportunities but a series of SciWorks interactive displays illustrating principles of science and geometry.

A ribbon cutting for the new facility is set for 11 a.m. on May 22, kicking off a whole day's activities. McGruff the Crime Dog and Rowdy the River Rat

will both be on hand, as well as storytellers from the Little Book House, and special art gallery tours and activities will be available.

A special talk about mastodons will be presented by a museum staffer at 1 p.m., and at 2 p.m. there will be a talk about Adirondack animals, with a live skunk and an eagle as special guests. From 1 to 4, museum biologists will present talks, with live specimens, about crabs, reptiles and amphibians. Kids can also make American Indian cornhusk dolls from 2 to 3, and hear folk tales and sing folk songs during the afternoon.

Not all the activities will be purely for learning. Outside, a Stomp Around Airbounce will be set up, and Albany firefighters will let little ones climb aboard a real fire truck. DJ's from WXLE will spin records and hold prize drawings, and Hobbytown USA will set up a track for racing remote-controlled cars.

Kids can also be fingerprinted for safety by the Albany police, meet and adopt cats from the Estherville Animal Shelter, and even learn about how and why people and animals sleep — something that will come in handy for tired little ones after a busy afternoon's activities.



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### THE KILLINGS TALE

New York State Theatre Institute production of new mystery play by W.A. Frankonis, the Little Theatre of Russell Sage College, Troy, May 20 and 21 at 10 a.m., May 21 and 22 at 8 p.m., \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

### RED ROSES AND PETROL

Actors' Collaborative production of contemporary Irish family drama, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, May 21 and 22, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 473-1845.

### THE 13 SECRETS OF POETRY

By British performing poet Adrian Mitchell, the Little Theatre of Russell Sage College, Troy, May 23 at 2 p.m., May 24, 25, 26 and 27 at 10 a.m., \$17, \$14 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

## THE KING & I

hit musical, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, May 21 at 8 p.m., May 22 at 2 and 8 p.m., \$34.50 to \$39.50. Information, 346-6204.

### THE MUSIC MAN

Broadway musical, Mac-Hayan Theatre, Route 203, Chatham, May 27 to June 6, \$17.90 to \$19.90, \$9 for children under 12. Information, 392-9292.

### NEXT OF KIN

Interactive murder mystery, Mini Mall Art Theater, 40 Russell Road, Albany, May 21 and 22 at 7 p.m., May 23 at 2 p.m., \$35 includes dinner, \$20 for show alone. Information, 453-1048.

### ON TIDY ENDINGS

by Harvey Fierstein, Circle Theatre Players, Route 43, Averill Park, May 21 and 22 at 8 p.m., May 23 at 2:30 p.m., \$7. Information, 674-3151.

## MUSIC

### MOSE ALLISON

blues singer/pianist, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, May 21, 7:30 and 10 p.m., \$20. Information, 381-1111

### MARIA MULDAUR

folk/blues singer, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, May 23, 7 and 9 p.m., \$14. Information, 381-1111.

### ORGAN CONCERT

Dennis James playing the Wurlitzer theater pipe organ, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, May 23, 3 p.m., \$12, free for children under 12. Information, 346-6204.

## GOTTAGETGON FOLK FESTIVAL

with James Keelaghan, Bernice Lewis, Dave Webber and Anni Lentim, Woodshed All-Stars and much more, Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Route 50, Ballston Spa, May 29, 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., May 30, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., \$18/day, \$9 for students 12 to 21, free for children under 12. Information, 884-8404.

## FAMILY FUN

**RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS**  
Pepsi Arena, Albany, May 18 at 7 p.m., May 19 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., \$10 to \$30. Information, 476-1000.

## VISUAL ARTS

**NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM**  
stoneware and antique furniture exhibits; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

## ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

200 Years of Collecting, through May 30; Shining Objects from Our Past, silver from the Institute Collection, through May 30. The Iconography of George Washington, through May 30, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 449-4756.

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

contemporary drawing exhibition, through July 2, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### AUDITION

for roles in Clifton Park Players' summer production, "Finian's Rainbow," Cohoes Music Hall, May 17 and 18, 7 p.m. Information, 590-0273.

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-1603.

### AUDITION

for Colonie Youth Theater summer production of musical "Once on This Island," May 27 at Shaker High School auditorium, May 27 at Colonie Community Center auditorium, 6 to 10 p.m. both nights. Information, 783-2741.

## AUDITION

for October Schenectady Light Opera Co. production of "Shenandoah," 826 State St., June 7 and 9, sign in at 7 p.m., auditions begin at 7:30. Information, 381-6124.

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

openings for percussion, tuba and bassoon players, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 356-4331.

## AUDITION

for summer performances of the New York City Ballet at Saratoga Performing Arts Center, June 6, 1 p.m., at Lewis A. Swyer School of the Performing Arts, Route 9, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-9330.

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for trumpet players, rehearsals on first Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 384-1924.

## AUDITION

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

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

**WOMEN'S CHORUS**  
invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, The Secretary of Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

## Area FREEBIES

### Friday, May 21

■ Jazz saxophonist Eric Person, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

### Saturday, May 22

■ Union College Choir, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, 3 p.m.  
■ Songwriters showcase, with Brian Austin Whitney, Valerie DeLaCruz, Corley Roberts, Mikki Bakken, Buck Malen and Janell Donovan, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF PRIMAX CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Under Section 1304 of the Business Corporation Law  
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is PRIMAX CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
SECOND: The corporation is a North Carolina Corporation and was incorporated on July 7, 1998.  
THIRD: The purpose for which Primax Construction, Inc. is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Business Corporation Law of New York State. It is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board or agency or other body.  
FOURTH: The Corporation's office in the State of New York shall be located in the County of Albany.  
FIFTH: The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the Corpo-

## LEGAL NOTICE

ration upon whom any process in any action may be served. The address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the corporation is c/o CSC Corp., 80 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.  
SIXTH: The Corporation has not since its incorporation or since the date its authority to do business in this state was last surrendered, engaged in any activity in this state, except as set forth in paragraph (b) of section 1301.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this certificate of incorporation this 27th day of April, 1999, and I affirm the statements contained therein as true under penalty of perjury.  
John F. Von Ahn, Attorney-in-Fact  
(May 19, 1999)

### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF W-MC HOLDINGS, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

## LEGAL NOTICE

1. The name of the limited Liability Company is W-MC HOLDINGS, LLC (the "Limited Liability Company")  
2. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.  
3. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: P.O. Box 677, Albany, New York 12201.  
4. The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
5. None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members") in their capacity as Members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company.

## LEGAL NOTICE

6. The Limited Liability Company shall have all powers and purposes allowed it by law.  
(May 19, 1999)

### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MESITI FOUNDATIONS, LLC

Under section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York  
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is MESITI FOUNDATIONS, LLC (the "Limited Liability Company")  
2. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.  
3. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: 1005 New

## LEGAL NOTICE

Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208.  
4. The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
5. None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members") in their capacity as members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company.  
6. The limited Liability Company shall have all powers and purposes allowed it by law.  
7. The effective date of formation of the LLC shall be the date of filing of these articles of organization by the New York Department of State.  
(May 19, 1999)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**BBL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.L.C.**  
Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on May 4, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.  
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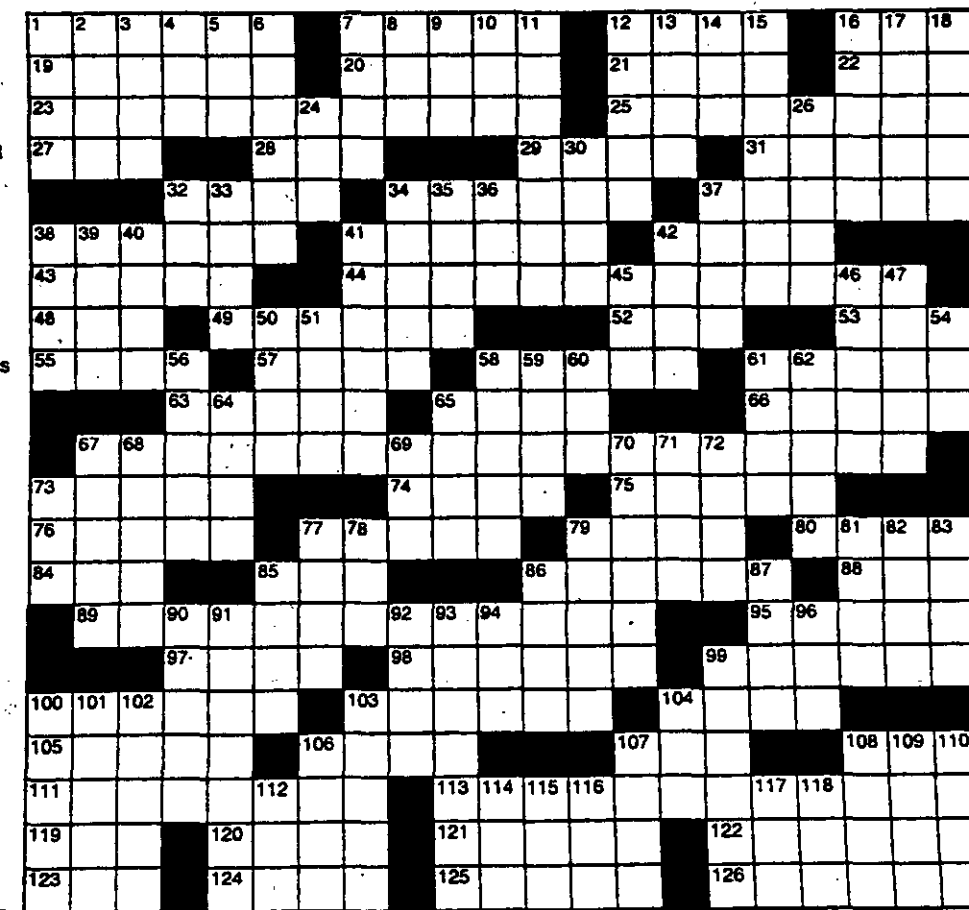
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 19

## BETHLEHEM

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Breakfast meeting, speaker Christopher Roseffo on fraud in the workplace; Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7:45 a.m., \$7 with reservation. Information, 439-0512.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

### "BOOKCHAT" AT LIBRARY

Discussing "The Witch of Blackbird Pond" by Elizabeth George Speare, for grade 5 and up. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information 439-9314.

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Public hearing on an application by Fred Newdom/Susan Faulkner, 347 Wellington Road, Delmar; continuation of a public hearing on an application by Amerada Hess Corp., 1358 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

### "INTERNET GENEALOGY"

Program by Audrey Watson, director of automated services, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information 439-9314.

## 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.

## BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

## BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

## TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7:00 p.m. Information 765-2791.

### V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

### 4-H TEEN COUNCIL

Monthly meeting, William Rice Jr. Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

### FAITH TEMPLE

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

### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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.

THURSDAY  
MAY 20

## BETHLEHEM

### OUTDOOR PROGRAM

"Early Birder" bird walk at Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, refreshments 7 a.m., 7:30 a.m. walk. Information, 475-0291.

### BETHLEHEM COMM. CHURCH

women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. in a local home, children's program and nursery provided for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

### RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

### AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON

for members, guests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

### HOMEWORK HELP CENTER

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6 to 8 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

## SPRING STORY TIME AT LIBRARY

Program for preschoolers, age 2-6, including stories, songs, fingerplays, film, crafts; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information 439-9314.

## BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

## BETHLEHEM ART ASSOC.

Meeting, slide show/lecture, raffle drawing, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 768-2624.

## 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 HISTORICAL ASSOC.

Annual meeting, program with Adirondack singer/songwriter Peggy Ayres, Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road, Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

## CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

## AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### "BOOKS BEFORE BED"

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7:00 p.m. Information 765-2791.

## NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY  
MAY 21

## BETHLEHEM

### "LIBRARY BABIES"

Monthly social gathering for babies 15-21 months and their parents or caregivers; toys, board games, puzzles available. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

### GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

Preview sale, to benefit Tri-Village Nursery School; toys, clothing, sporting goods, collectibles, household items, baked goods; First Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 6-8 p.m., \$2.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Pastor Justin and Yvonne Metcalf; special guest pastor/musician Jason Alvarez. Solid Rock Family Outreach Center, 1 Kenwood Ave. at Route 32, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

### 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.

## OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Bethlehem Central High School Lower Gym, sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Department, 8-11 p.m., \$1. Information, 439-4131.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

SATURDAY  
MAY 22

## BETHLEHEM

### GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

To benefit Tri-Village Nursery School; toys, clothing, sporting goods, collectibles, household items, baked goods, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; \$2 bag sale starting at 1 p.m.; Guertze Barbecue, \$4.75 per half chicken, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. First Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

### EMS DAY IN SELKIRK

Competitions, demonstrations, EMT training; GE Plastics campus, 1 Noyl Ave., Selkirk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 475-5312.

### OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Wildflower Walk at Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

### AA MEETING

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SCHROON RIVER LODGE, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the above named Limited Liability Company has been formed for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Schroon River Lodge, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State in which the office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located is Albany.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as the agent for the Limited Liability Company upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served and the address within the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process in any action or proceeding against the Limited Liability Company which may be served upon him is P.O. Box 3084, Albany, New York 12203. The Limited Liability Company does not have a registered agent within the State of New York.

5. The character of the business to be transacted by the Limited Liability Company is to engage in any activity for which a limited liability company may be lawfully engaged under the laws of the State of New York. (May 19, 1999)

### LEGAL NOTICE SORELLE ELECTROLYSIS, LLC

1. The name of the limited liability company is SORELLE ELECTROLYSIS, LLC.

2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on March 9, 1999 and became effective on said date.

3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the Agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is SORELLE ELECTROLYSIS, LLC, c/o Patricia Popolizio, 52 Orchard Street, Albany, New York 12203.

5. The latest day upon which the limited liability company shall dissolve is December 31, 2085.

## LEGAL NOTICE

6. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in the electrolysis business, and any business purposes permitted by law. (May 19, 1999)

### LEGAL NOTICE

The limited liability company American Design & Contracting LLC was formed on April 1, 1999, by Marc Micare and Joseph Sutherland. The address of the company is 103 Halfmoon Drive, Altamont, New York 12009, in the County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company on whom process can be served. (May 19, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is ALLIANCE REPORTING SERVICE, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 26, 1999. 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 P.O. Box 12459, Albany, New York 12212-2459. (May 19, 1999)

### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Cosmetic Laser Surgery of Albany, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State ("SSNY") on April 16, 1999, effective upon the date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 1345 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery and for any lawful act or activity in furtherance thereof, in connection therewith, or incidental thereto, for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. (May 19, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Co-

## LEGAL NOTICE

lumbia Colvin, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 7, 1999. 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 19, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia 19th Street, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 31, 1999. 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 19, 1999)

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

The name of the LLC is Truewind Solutions, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 26, 1999. 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 251 Fuller Road, Albany, New York 12205. (May 19, 1999)

### NOTICE

Re: Charles R. Vaughn Educational Trust  
c/o Jeremiah Manning, Esq.  
27 Brookman Avenue  
Delmar, New York 12054  
El# 14-1785189  
The Charles R. Vaughn Educational Trust is a private foundation. Its annual "Return of Private Foundation" (Form 990-PF) is

## LEGAL NOTICE

available for inspection at its principal office (27 Brookman Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054) during regular business hours (9-5 Monday - Friday) by anyone who requests inspection within 180 days after the publication date.

Please contact:  
Jeremiah F. Manning, Esq.  
27 Brookman Avenue  
Delmar, New York 12054  
(518) 439-2911

Please note: Anyone can request to inspect the subject private foundation's copy of its application for recognition of exemption and the IRS's response. (May 19, 1999)

### NOTICE TO BIDDER

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District at Delmar, New York, in accordance with Section 103, Article 5-A and Article 119-0 of the General Municipal Law, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for School Bus Suburbans for Purchase by participating school districts. Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., May 27, 1999, at the Transportation Office in the Transportation Department, Bethlehem Central School District, 82 Van Dyke Road, Delmar, New York 12054, at which time all

## LEGAL NOTICE

bids will be publicly opened. Copies of specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Transportation Office. The Board of Education for Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities relative to the bid and reject any or all bids. All bids submitted will be binding for sixty days subsequent to the date of the bid opening.

Signed, Steven O'Shea  
District Clerk  
Bethlehem Central School  
(May 19, 1999)

### VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special vote of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said District on Wednesday, June 30, 1999. The polls will be open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

To vote on the following Proposition:

## LEGAL NOTICE

PROPOSITION  
Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

"Shall the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, be authorized to repair/replace the elementary school roof at an estimated maximum cost of \$182,000 and to expend funds available in the Capital Reserve Fund to pay the cost thereof, or so much thereof as may be necessary after utilizing any available fund balance?"

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

Clerk, Board of Education  
Voorheesville Central School District  
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## Answers to Super Crossword

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## MAGIC MAZE

### THINGS FOUND UNDERGROUND

S E L I E B X U Q N J G D Z W  
T Q R N K H D A X U R P M J G  
D A X U V D S Q W N K I F D A  
X V T Q S I O O T M J H F C A  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Aquifer	Diamond	Potato	Treasure
Carrot	Gas	Roots	Well
Cave	Moles	Sewer	Worm
Coal	Oil	Subway	

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**ESTATE SALE:** Cedar hill, Route 144 (River Road) opposite Bethlehem Historical Association, May 21 & 22, 9 to 5 (parking at end of drive only). Mahogany breakfront, desk, end tables, dining chairs, upholstery wing & other chairs, baby grand piano, empire sofa, antique chairs, grandmothers clock, sterling silver, linens, good china and glass, Royal Doulton figurines, cup & saucer 2nd Royal family collections, costume jewelry, small oriental rugs, quantities more.

**GLENMONT:** 11 Standish Drive, Chadwick Square. May 22, 9-12. Wide variety of household items. All proceeds will go to AAUW's Community Project for seniors.

**GLENMONT:** Somerset Woods, neighborhood garage sale (off Wemple) Saturday, May 22 nd. 9 am - 3 pm.

**MENANDS:** 15 Dennin Drive (Roost Estates), Saturday & Sunday, May 22-23. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. King size bed, toys, household items & much more.

**MENANDS:** 27 Tillinghast Avenue, Saturday, May 22, 9 - 4. Tools, freezer, household.

**MOVING SALE:** 3 McNamara Drive, Charlton. Friday & Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm. Furniture, toys & exercise equipment.

**MOVING SALE:** May 22 & 23, 9am-3pm, miscellaneous, tools & household items. 242 Bennett Hill Road, Clarksville, Route 443 to County Route 312.

**ADVERTISE YOUR GARAGE / YARD SALE** on the internet for free or view local garage sales on the #1 internet site [www.yourjunk.com](http://www.yourjunk.com)

## HEALTH &amp; DIET

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## LAWN &amp; GARDEN

**LAWN MOWING BY ADULT,** Just do a few so your lawn is special! 439-0610 (Save this number). Vacations also.

## MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**3 PIECE WHITE WICKER** vanity set. \$75, excellent condition. 439-7876.

**5 VARIETY OF DAYLILIES.** New Hybrids. Order now. limited quantities: "Ruby Tuesday", Merlot, Lemon Sorbet, "San Diego Sunset" (pale peachy pink with orange veining and stamens), & "Hugo"99" (yellow gold), all long-blooming like "Stella D'oro. \$12.50 each. Photos at [www.angelfire.com/ok2/do1mitzvah](http://www.angelfire.com/ok2/do1mitzvah). A NON-PROFIT VENTURE, ALL PROCEEDS SENT TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE US. Questions? 439-8786.

**8 HORSE POWER** Troy Built Chipper Mulcher. Like new. \$475. 439-2074.

**A50 POUND PUMPKIN IN YOUR GARDEN!** I did it; you can too! Send \$2.50 (cash or check) & a self-addressed envelope to K. Swartz, 33 Carstead Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159 for package of 10 unique "Carstead Giants" pumpkin seeds. A NON-PROFIT VENTURE. ALL PROCEEDS SENT TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE US. Questions? 439-8786.

**BICYCLE:** Man's Schwinn with accessories. \$50. Call 449-7495, leave message. Will call back.

**CAR TOP CARRIER:** Brand new. \$75. 767-2179.

**CELLO** soft case, two bows. \$800. Cash sale. 439-6595.

**CHERRY COFFEE TABLE & END TABLE SET,** Broyhill, Queen Anne style. \$150. 355-4383.

**CLOSET SLIDING DOOR** with hardware, fits up to four foot opening. \$25. 355-7367.

**COMPLETE SET** of left handed ladies Golf Clubs, used once, LPGA square 2/ classic lady, graphite shaft, titanium woods. \$250 or best offer. 782-1450.

**COSCO DOUBLE STROLLER,** excellent condition. \$70. 783-3851.

**DINING ROOM SET:** Pecan, table with leaf, 6 chairs, hutch, pads. Excellent condition. \$950. 765-2768.

**DO YOU SUFFER FROM ALLERGIES? ASTHMA?** Doctor recommended air purification system. No filters. New technology. \$450. 346-7096.

**DRYER, ELECTRIC** Montgomery Ward model, 9 years old. Works fine. New Belt. \$50. 475-9711.

**FREEZER:** Imperial upright, 18.7 cubic inch, vinyl exterior with temperature alarm and fast freeze control. Used 6 months. \$300. 768-2944.

**GLASS TV TABLE & Coffee Table.** Regular \$600, sell for \$150 each. 439-0350.

**GOLF CLUBS:** 2 Through P.W. Graphite Shaft, new. \$125. 3 Ping Putter, 1 Silver Scott. 1 Bulls Eye. \$10 & up. Driving Irons - \$5 to \$10. Nylon carry bag, \$10. 10" top bag, \$15. Ted, 438-8120.

**GRACO SINGLE STROLLER,** excellent condition. \$70. 783-3851.

**JENNY LIND CRIB** - dark brown, \$60, used twice. Three sheets included. 355-1134, after 5 p.m.

**LAZY BOY LAWN VACUUM** Mulcher. \$100. 439-2074.

**MEMORY GARDENS** Lawn Crypt for 2. Regular price, \$2,400, selling for \$2,200. 370-0173.

**MEN'S GOLFEQUIPMENT:** New Graphite, \$240. Steel \$160. 3 new Metalwoods \$150. 2 used putters \$45. 439-0724.

**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE** 4 Weeks, 4 Lines, \$4.00! One item per ad. Price must be stated in ad, item must be under \$1,000. Call Jaimie at 439-4940.

**MOVING SALE:** Bassett love seat & chair \$250. Entertainment center \$75. Coffee table \$75. Twin bed with everything, still in plastic \$100. Large dressing table with mirror \$60. Study table \$50. Dresser \$25. General Electric Washer/ Dryer, heavy duty \$175. 439-0195.

**NORDICTRAK,** excellent condition, like new. paid \$600, sell for \$225. 228-8928, leave message.

**PIANO:** Winter, upright with bench. \$850. 439-0724.

**PINE HUTCH:** Leaded glass doors, excellent condition. 5 ft. wide x 6 ft. high. \$300. 355-4383.

**POOL EQUIPMENT** for above ground pool. Pump with filter (\$75), Redwood deck with aluminum railing (\$100), ladder (\$20). 355-7367.

**SHIRLEY TEMPLE** Autographed depression glass milk pitcher, 4.5 inches high, blue, produced 1934-1942. Current value \$55 asking \$50. 346-8410.

**SOFA / LOVE SEAT SET,** Broyhill, blue with small flowers. \$400. 355-4383.

**SOLOFLEX** with bands, excellent condition. paid \$1400, sell for \$325. 228-8928, leave message.

**STEEL BUILDINGS** never put up. 40x30 was \$6,212 will sell for \$3,497, 50x86 was \$17,690 will sell \$8,970. Chuck, 1-800-320-2340.

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**TWO INFANT / TODDLER CAR SEATS** by Century. Excellent condition. \$25 each. 783-3851.

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**WEDDING GOWN** - Never worn, size 7, lace, pearls, straight. \$400. 462-2556.

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**6 YEAR OLD PLAYFUL GERMAN SHEPARD MIX,** very lovable, needs room to run, good with kids, loves to play ball. Please call 438-4672.

**CUTE SHEPARD MIX,** young, female, gray, short-haired. Please call Karen at 439-1505.

**PUREBRED BEAGLE,** 6 years old, all shots, great with kids. Comes with dog house. Call 439-8002.

**PUREBRED KEESHOND,** female. Abandoned, (found tied to a park bench), very friendly. Call Karen at 439-1505 to adopt.

## POSITION WANTED

**LOVING RELIABLE AIDE** 19 years experience. Skilled care. Excellent references. Call Margaret 767-0071.

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## REAL ESTATE CLASSIFIEDS

## REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

**CLIFTON PARK** Home, rent free room for male roommate in exchange for morning assistance to disabled male. Background check. 371-7456.

**DELMAR - VILLAGE GREEN,** 1 bedroom & den. Balcony, garage. Available May 1st. \$675 + utilities, 230-0501 (pager).

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**DELMAR:** 3 bedrooms + bath, 4th bedroom, bath, family room, lower level. Appliances, no pets. \$900 plus utilities. 439-6910.

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## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

**DELMAR:** Split level, 4 bedrooms, hardwood floors, family room, beautiful private yard & fireplace. \$129,900. 966-4327.

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**MENANDS:** North Colonie Schools, 2 lot's, Brookside Avenue & Kenmar Road. Information 434-2098.

**NISKAYUNA SCHOOLS** (Birchwood Elementary): Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, recently re-sided, professionally landscaped with sprinklers, custom tile kitchen floor, custom built-ins family room, many more features. \$219,000. call 869-2156.

**OPEN SUNDAY, 1-3,** Niskayuna. \$169,500. 709 Bobby Court. Spacious side hall colonial, beautiful landscaped lot, 4 large bedrooms, 2 & 1/2 bath, family room opens to patio, above ground pool, central air, 2 car garage, family neighborhood on cul-de-sac, Niskayuna Schools. May 30th & June 6th. 783-1710.

**OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1-3.** 237 Spore Road. 3 bedroom ranch, family room with fireplace, 2 car garage. \$129,900. Ozimek Realty 439-1398.

**SCOTIA - by owner,** \$39,900. Located on Irving Road. Cute 2 bedroom cottage situated on a 50 ft. x 120 ft. lot, one car garage. Available immediately. 237-0545.

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**\$600/ month,** room & board, limited home care. room with utilities, very quiet, near SUNY, cable TV, parking. Smoking ok. 438-5042.

**HOUSEMATE WANTED:** Female preferred, \$400/ month plus utilities. Located on bus line. No pets. References. 439-3552.

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**BEAUTIFUL OFFICE SPACE** for rent near Delaware Plaza. Individual offices in existing Delmar suite. Amenities include furnished waiting room with fireplace, kitchen area, and central air. Suitable for counselors or related professions. \$250 - \$300 per month each office. Contact Patricia Sarris, C.S.W., 478-0932.

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**CAPE COD COTTAGE,** sleeps 6. Available weeks of: June 26th, July 10th, July 24th, August 7th & August 21st. 439-9253.

**HOUSE ON CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE** sleeps 8, July 31st - August 7th. \$900 per week. Call 434-0469.

**CAPE COD - BREWSTER:** 2 bedroom condo; \$600 per week. No pets. Near bike trail, 5 minutes from ocean. 439-7902.

**GALWAY LAKE,** trailer, quiet, clean, cable TV. \$250/week. 882-6173.

**GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE,** waterfront, dock, sleeps 6, conveniences nearby. No pets. \$550 / week. 458-7465.

**SUMMERCAMP** on Oneida Lake, 3 bedrooms. 393-2244.

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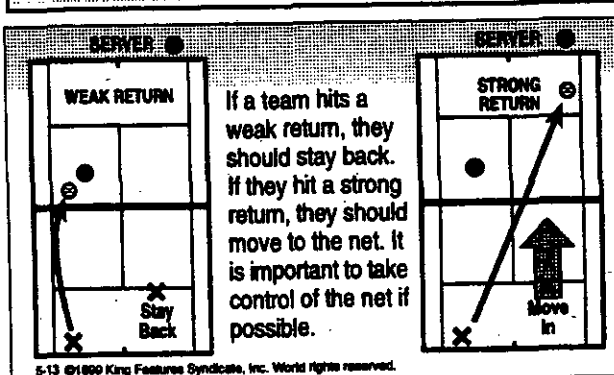
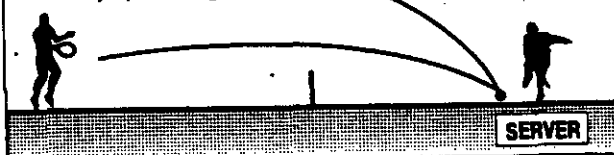
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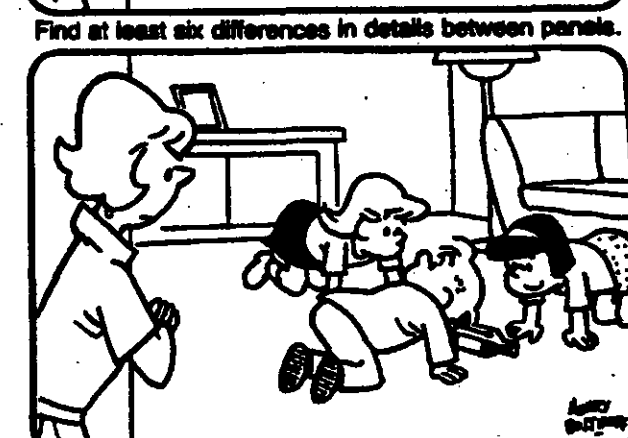
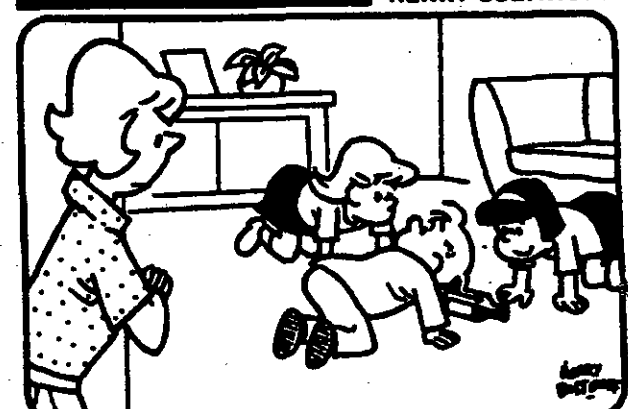
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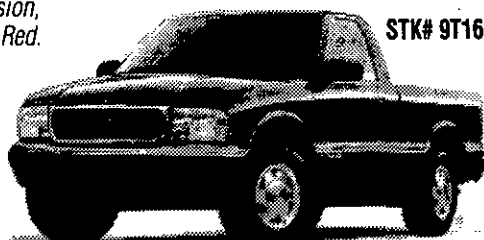
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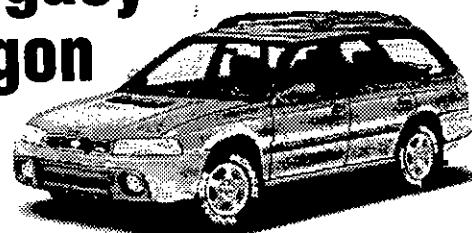
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# *Brides & Grooms*

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# Wedding bouquet flowers can match the season

By Barbara Yax

**W**HEN YOU DREAM OF YOUR WEDDING DAY YOU PROBABLY HAVE a fairly clear picture about how it will look. Perhaps you see yourself outside in a gazebo, with beautiful spring flowers all around, or maybe you see a crackling fire in a rustic lodge with holiday decorations accenting your special day. Whatever your wedding fantasy looks like, with a little thought

your flowers can complement it perfectly.

Many spring brides opt for tulips, daffodils and maybe lilacs. Fall and winter brides seem to prefer calla lilies and roses. The wonderful thing about roses is that they are appropriate at any time and are usually easy to get, furthermore they are being bred to produce a variety of breathtaking colors - one probably that will match your bridesmaids dresses or maybe one that will complement them well.

Some flowers are plentifully available during the seasons or months in which they bloom, and many of these flowers are overlooked. Consider using lily of the valley as an accessory flower in the spring, it is a small, delicate flower with a very rich perfume smell. Lilacs are also heavily scented and are available in early spring as well. Day lilies come in a rainbow of colors ranging from yellow to pink to deep red, and are available all summer long. Dahlias can be very showy and diversified, not only in color but also in the style of the petals (they range from flat to ruffle to double petals). Winter weddings could not happen in winter unless they featured holly, pinecones and boughs of spruce - the standard symbols of the holiday season.

If you are looking for something really different and unusual, you may consider choosing local grower and



A June wedding with gerbera daisies, snapdragons, dahlias, orchids, roses and stargazer lilies.

designer, Brian DeBraccio, owner of Hollyberry Ranch on Fort Hunter Road in Schenectady. He not only creates stunning designs, but he does it from his own stock of fresh flowers that he has personally hand-raised. "I tend to be a little more unusual," he said, as he commented on his reputation for combining various vibrant colors and using exhibition quality flowers. Unusual indeed, DeBraccio even offers his clients to roam his fields and pick out the flowers they would like to use.

If you are unsure which flowers are in season during a specific month, contact your florist or perhaps a local greenhouse. You may also want to inquire about which flowers last longest, while maintaining their shape and avoiding the droopiness you may see with more fragile species. Find out which flowers are draught

tolerant, this is especially useful for hot summer month weddings, since they will be without water all day and probably into the night.

Keep in mind that some flowers can be difficult to get during certain seasons, if you have your heart set on a certain kind, you may pay top dollar to get it.

"This is usually because it will have to be shipped by the florist from countries as far away as Holland or India," said DeBraccio, "also keep in mind that sometimes these flowers are not the strongest and the quality is usually poor. Silk flowers are gaining a lot of popularity for this reason. With silk you can get any flower that you want at any time, they won't fade, they won't droop and they can be kept after you wedding and will remain looking just as they did the day you were married. Some are even scented. "The draw back is that silks can be even more expensive than the real thing," said DeBraccio.

Matching your wedding bouquet to the season can add simple elegance and emphasize beauty. Don't be afraid to be creative. Use flowers you wouldn't normally choose and consider adding other plant material like small, thin, decorative branches to make your arrangements as memorable as your special day. You can contact DeBraccio at 355-6807.



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# Choose rings to reflect your lifestyle

By Maureen Freeman

**E**VEN BEFORE SELECTING A DATE AND LOCATION FOR THEIR WEDDING.

ceremony, or choosing the best wording in their marriage vows, or haggling over the guest list, many prospective brides and grooms engage in the ritual of finding the rings that announce to the world that they are committed to each other.

Often the first piece of jewelry selected is the engagement ring, traditionally presented by the man to the woman, who soon enough will extend her hand, palm down, to congratulatory friends who may see a ring as the first step in a marriage covenant.

Even radio host Dr. Laura Slessinger skeptically demands of female callers who mention having a fiancé, "You got a ring and a date?"

Choosing engagement or wedding rings can reflect the couple's personalities and styles, as do the rings themselves.

Many men take the traditional approach, shopping and buying a ring on their own, planning a special moment to present the ring and propose

**The "4 C's" of diamonds that determine the gem's value are: cut, color, clarity and carat weight.**

marriage. Just as often, though, said Marty Finkle of Harold Finkle Jeweler in Colonie, the couple comes to a jewelry store together to compare, learn, try on and choose a ring.

**The selection of a engagement or wedding ring can reflect your personality and life style.**

Whatever the individual style or personality of the buyers, they should nevertheless follow unvarying guidelines for quality, especially when shopping for a diamond.

Jewelers can give a quick lesson in the "4 C's" of diamonds, the factors that combine to determine the gem's value: cut, color, clarity and carat weight.

How precisely the diamond's angles are cut determines how brilliantly it reflects light to a viewer; color is given a grade from D (colorless and most desirable) to Z (on the yellow end of the scale); the clarity scale ranges from flawless, with an absence of any natural imperfections, to having inclusions that are visible to the naked eye; the weight of a

diamond is measured in carats, which are equal to one fifth of a gram.

Diamonds are not the only gems seen in engagement rings. Finkle said he sees rubies, emeralds, sapphires and even pearls chosen for the ring the woman will wear.

"They're not necessarily less expensive," he said, especially the rubies and emeralds, again depending on size and quality.

Engagement rings with colored stones are popular in

Europe (the late Princess Diana was given a massive emerald surrounded by diamonds), but couples here may just want something different. A second marriage may also be a reason for going with a gem other than a diamond.

Recent years have seen a trend in both engagement and wedding rings toward using platinum, a denser and more malleable metal than gold.

Being three times as dense—and up to three times as expensive—as gold, platinum is more durable and can be worked more easily to provide a stronger seat and hold for a gem.

Gold, which is relatively light in weight, is more brittle to work with, Finkle said. A buyer who can afford the extra expense may want to consider platinum.

Men's wedding bands, traditionally gold and plain, have evolved in various styles over the years, reflecting trends toward diverse tastes.

"It's a byproduct of what's going on with women's rings," Finkle said.

He sees three common alternative styles: bands with two tones of gold, either platinum and yellow gold or white gold and yellow gold, as well as those with a diamond.



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# Custom-made wedding gowns show bride's individual style

By Barbara Yax

**P**ICKING OUT YOUR WEDDING GOWN CAN BE THE MOST EXCITING PART of preparing for your wedding. You look through bridal magazines trying to find the perfect dress and go to stores to search the racks for just the right thing.

It can be disheartening when you find that perfect dress just to find the price tag attached to it is not even close to what you had expected to pay.

The average wedding dress can run anywhere from approximately \$700 to about \$3,000. Of course there are specialty dresses that can cost two to 10 times that, slightly absurd if you are trying to be practical and keep your budget in check.

Many brides have chosen a different route for just this reason.

They have decided to have their gowns made rather than buy them at a retail store.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, there are a few things you need to consider.



You can have you dream gown, custom fitted and with your choice of fabric.

Barbara Yax

First, when you have a dress made, it will come from a pattern you have selected or a pattern that has been created from what you have described to the designer.

What this means is that more than likely your dress does not exist yet and therefore you cannot try it on until it is nearly completed. For those of you who know exactly what you want this is no problem, for

those of you who need to try on every dress on the rack before choosing one, this is a slightly more distressing proposition.

Before you decide to have a dress made you may want to take a trip to a fabric shop and look at the various patterns.

If none of the patterns appeal to you, or if you simply want a dress that no one else will have, you can have a designer make one for you.

"We do a lot of custom work," said Helen Drzewicki of the Fountain o' Fabrics, a Colonie store that specializes in patterns, fabric and accessories for bridal gowns and headpieces.

"Brides come to us if they are looking for something different, unique or one-of-a-kind," stated Drzewicki. She added, We provide lots of personal service, so when the dress is finished it is exactly what they want."

Drzewicki also suggested that you come prepared when you meet with the designer. Bring plenty of pictures or drawings (and perhaps some fabric samples) with you to clearly explain what you want, and maybe more important, what you don't want.

Almost all brides will tell you, the dresses they liked in the magazines or on the rack were not the ones they liked once they tried them on.

You may want to consider taking a trip to a bridal store to try on some different styles of gowns - including the ones you think you won't like.

It will help to establish what looks good and will provide a basis on which you can "build" your dress.

Remember also that having your dress made can become expensive if you choose costly fabrics or laces.

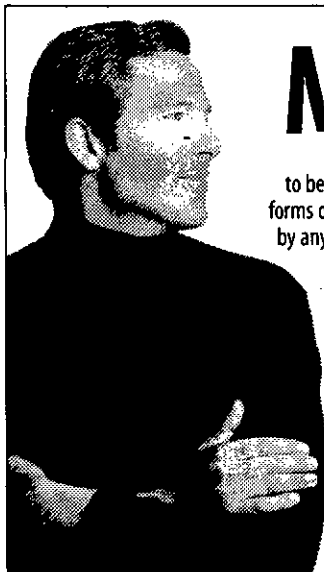
There are rare and exquisite fabrics that can cost up to \$150 or more a yard. Of course, most times you would only use a small amount of that for trim.

You will also want to factor in the price of the pattern as well as the fee of the seamstress or tailor who will bring your dress to life.



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# Single guy mulls the question of "To do or not to do?"

By Bill Fonda

**D**O I WANT TO GET MARRIED OR NOT? ON THE ONE HAND I'VE seen enough bad and broken marriages, not a lot, but enough to make wonder why people ever bother with it.

I've certainly heard the jokes about what marriage does to your life.

I can't repeat most of them, but my favorite is the one that says the only two times you're ever pronounced anything are "man and wife" and "dead on arrival." The one about the three rings of marriage — the engagement ring, the wedding ring and the suffering — is pretty good too.

And I must admit, living the bachelor life is nice. I come and go as I please without anyone wondering where I am, eating anything I want anytime I want to eat it, watching whatever I feel like on television and going to bed when I darn well please. My overweight, hyperactive, high-maintenance cat Scrapper provides me with plenty of company.



The writer and his cat Scrapper at home.

Then if I get married, I'll have to worry about kids. I can only pray that I'll be as good a parent as my parents are, but I won't

know if any of their strenghts rubbed off on me until I have children. By that point, it'll be too late for me to bail out if I don't know what I'm doing.

Children aren't cheap either, especially when you consider that by the

time my kids would be old

enough for college, tuition should cost about the same as the gross national product of a small country.

All of that is enough to make me cringe at the thought of getting married, but on the other hand, there's my Aunt Marie and Uncle Skip, who are still ridiculously in love after 40-plus years of marriage.

There's also a friend of mine who was beaming so broadly at the altar when she got married recently that I thought to myself, "Hmmm, so that's why people do this."

I also know Scrapper isn't going to live forever, although she seems pretty indestructible at times, and the thought of spending the rest of my life completely alone is not a promising one.

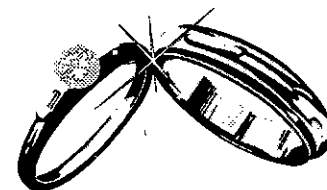
Even though I'll live alone until I plan on getting married, there are times now where I feel terribly lonely. I just can't imagine being 45 and coming home from another successful day of editing "Sports Illustrated" (I can dream, can't I?) and not having someone there to share the events of our respective days with.

To be honest, I sometimes get the feeling that I'm some kind of weirdo because I've made it to my late 20s without getting married, especially when I hear, "Oh Bill, marriage is so great. You don't know what you're missing."

The people who say that make me think there's some mysterious aura to being married, and I think they may be right.

Regardless of how someone figures it out, it must be an incredible feeling to find "the one," and then to spend an entire lifetime with that person, raising children and growing old together.

Maybe someday I'll find out. I sure hope so.



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There's also that "till death do us part" thing. Now I'm not one of those guys who is terrified of commitment, but marriage is a little bit heavier than deciding not to date anyone else. I'll never knock anyone for getting divorced because it's none of my business, but if I'm going to tie the knot, I want to do it right the first time.

But how will I know? Or will I know? Does a little man dressed in a diaper and toting a quiver full of arrows and a marriage counseling certificate tap me on the shoulder and say, "She's the one," or will I have to wing it?



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# Victorian weddings romantic reminder of days gone by

By Leigh G. Kirtley

**D**O YOU LOVE LACE? HOW ABOUT WASTE COATS, TOP HATS AND fancy dresses? Are horse-drawn carriages and pastel flowers your definition of romance? If you said "yes" to any of these, say "I do" to a Victorian wedding.

Queen Victoria reigned for 60 years and during that time styles changed. A Victorian gown could have leg o' mutton sleeves, bustles or crinolines and hoops. Many times brides and their wedding party wore their Sunday best and only the veil was unique.

The Victorian era also included cowboys of the wild west and the Civil War whose weddings could be just as fancy as any in England.

Cheryl Hurd, an expert on Victoriana and author of several books, advises brides-to-be to start by selecting a gown.

"Look through books and find something you like, than build your wedding around it," Hurd said. "And remember, you can never have too much lace."

Whether brides wore long or short sleeves — the shorter the

sleeve the longer the gloves — the idea was to cover up and the look was formal. Grooms wore gloves, top hats, ascots not ties, and longer, frock coats. Grey was more popular than black and a brocade vest for the gents a must.

Although white for the bride, symbolizing purity, became popular with the Victorians, they did not require it, and bridesmaids could also wear white as long as they didn't overshadow the bride. Bridesmaids often wore their Sunday best in soft colors like ecru, sea green, lavender and pink.

Traditionally, Victorian weddings took place in the bride's home on a weekday. A wedding breakfast followed a short, formal ceremony without music. Unlike today's reception, serving alcohol or dancing did

not figure into the festivities.

For your Victorian wedding, Hurd suggests that you may want to select a local church built in the 1800s or a turn of the century grand hotel. She also advises checking out local historical sites.

"Many of them are willing to rent space for your wedding and even have provisions for caterers," Hurd said.

Choosing the right flowers can help set the stage for true Victorian ambiance. Victorian brides loved cascades of white roses or bouquets of orange blossoms which the queen usually carried. Pastel colors dominated the arrangements and they used herbs or other greenery for accents and good luck. As a rule, they did not use lilies.

In keep with the Victorians' suspicious nature, they believed that different flowers had different meanings. Hurd recommended that brides-to-be should consult a book called "*The Language of Flowers*" to learn the significance of various blooms.

If you're not sure how much Victoriana you want, Hurd's web site, [www.teapot.inter.net](http://www.teapot.inter.net), is a great resource. In addition to information on her own Victorian Yellow Pages, she lists other books and resources for learning about the Victorian era.

Whether you go a little Victorian or you go all-out with a Civil War recreation complete with uniforms and guests in period costume, adding a little lace and satin gloves can give your wedding the romantic flare you've been looking for.

## Adventure for millennium honeymooners

Worried that the Y2K bug will spoil your upcoming wedding plans? Instead of looking at the glass as half-empty, why not take advantage of the millennium's romantic potential and add some spice to your honeymoon. If you've spent time perusing the nation's newspapers and magazines over the past several months, you've probably been overwhelmed with the amount of coverage the upcoming millennium has received. Whether a product is

marketing itself as the 'official' (fill in the blank) of the millennium, or doomsayers are predicting the end of the world, the new millennium is enjoying more than its 15 minutes of fame. And one would expect that it's only going to intensify as the year 2000 approaches. Savvy couples hoping to capitalize on this wave of excitement over the millennium have had Jan. 1, 2000 marked on their calendars for months and even years. As chance would have it,

the final day of this century falls on a Friday. Meaning, of course, that in addition to a multitude of swinging parties around the globe that evening, the new millennium will fall on a Saturday — an ideal wedding day. Can you imagine telling your grandchildren that you and your spouse were one of the very first couples of the new millennium? The honeymoon could immediately follow the reception. But where would you go? Many millennium couples have booked Caribbean cruises. The Millennium Society is planning global parties in each of the world's 24 time zones. Their motto? "Do something great for civilization and have a ball doing it!" John and Lara Olson of St. Paul, Mn are taking an alternative route to their millennium honeymoon. Having been married since 1997, the Olsons are strongly considering a second honeymoon to celebrate the millennium. "We feel like we missed out the first time around," says John. "We've already had an enjoyable honeymoon, but I really feel that my wife and I could symbolically renew our vows while bringing in the new millennium." The Olsons are not alone in their thinking. A large percentage of cruise ships, airlines and hotels are booked solid for the weeks surrounding Jan. 1, 1999. So forget your worries about an impending apocalypse and consider adding something special to your honeymoon. After all, millenniums only come around once in a lifetime.

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# Going from single to married may mean insurance changes

By Maureen Freeman

ANY TIME A PERSON'S LIFE TAKES A NEW DIRECTION, INSURANCE COMPANIES recommend, it's a good time to rethink various insurance policies he or she has.

"Whenever there's a major change in a person's life, it's a good idea to meet with your insurance agent to look at everything, to look at the total picture, to get direction for the total portfolio," said Barbara Iska, an account representative at the Stark Agency Insurance Team in Latham.

Getting married is certainly one of those major changes in a person's life, and therefore a prime time to either make adaptations in existing insurance policies or add new ones.

Life insurance, for example, might not have been a consideration to a single person, but it can take on an importance after marriage. "As a single person, it's not as important to make sure another is protected," Iska said. But for a couple with two incomes or plans for a family, that changes.

An adequate life insurance policy "can ensure that each spouse is able to maintain their lifestyle in the event of a loss," said Shirley Cacchione, who works with Stacy Ochs in her Schenectady branch of State Farm Insurance.

"Whole life insurance can also be used as a retirement tool," Cacchione added. "You can get very good dividends in whole life." In contrast to term life insurance, whole life insurance can act as an investment that allows a policy holder to cash in the policy in later years.

Having enough life insurance can be important if a couple owns a home, too.

"You may want to make sure the policy is sufficient to pay off the mortgage," Iska said, in order to avoid foreclosure or having no choice but to sell the house and move.

Merging their belongings or even buying a new home together presents a couple with property and homeowners' insurance considerations.

"If they're going to have more possessions together than they did individually, they may want to increase liability, to make sure its sufficient to cover the assets they now have," Iska said.

As newlyweds may begin to accumulate more valuable items, possibly beginning with wedding rings and gifts, they

may want to get specific insurance coverage for just those items instead of just including them under homeowners' or renters' coverage.

"It's very important to understand that unless it's written on a separate policy, it's subject to a deductible under the other policies," Cacchione said. With a separate Valuable Items policy, the policy holder will not have to pay anything to replace a damaged diamond ring or stolen silver, for example.

Merging their auto insurance policies can save a couple some money if their insurance company offers a multi-car discount. Even if the couple keeps separate auto policies, they should at least make sure they add the spouse's name to the policy as an alternate driver.

With combined incomes or savings accounts, newlyweds may find that they can afford higher deductibles on their auto insurance, which can save them some more money whether or not they combine their policies.

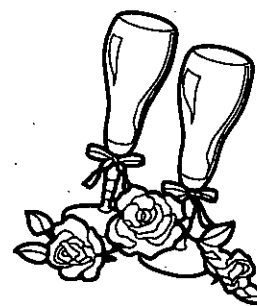
"The higher deductible you can afford out of pocket, the lower your premium will be," Iska said.

Whatever insurance policy changes or additions a couple may make after marriage, a woman who plans to change her surname to that of her husband's has one more consideration. Along with checking her driver's license, checkbook, credit cards and the like, she'll need to make sure any insurance she continues or purchases lists her new name.

## Tips and hints for newlyweds

Often the joy of marriage is enhanced by the understanding of combining two lives and two lifestyles. "Elegant Bride," magazine recommends 10 key steps for merging the lifestyles of newlyweds:

- Be realistic. Your new home should be a gradual reflection of who you each are.
- Make room for each other. Don't feel as if you need to bring (or keep) everything you had from the past.
- Eclectic is a style. Your home needn't be a study in country cute or urban mod.
- Decide jointly which areas of your new home you will share and which areas you will claim as your own, even if it's only a few bookshelves.
- Discuss which areas of your home matter to you. Does he really care what the shower curtain looks like? Do you really care if he showcases old license plates in the garage?
- Map out a floor plan for each room. See how furniture and accessories will fit. Take controversial items to your offices (provided they're not offensive there).
- Don't be daunted by empty rooms. Furnish where you live the most, first.



- Refurbish old furniture with slip covers, new upholstery or simply some refinishing to complement your newly combined furnishings.
- Budget for a 5 To 10 year plan to furnish your home. You'll have time within that period to assess not only your tastes, but how you really live.
- Budget. Financial experts advise budgeting up to a quarter of your income on home furnishings. By adding the best you can afford a little at a time, you won't end up with a lot of junk.



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# Eclectic music choices add dimension to your wedding

By Leigh G. Kirtley

**C**OUPLES TODAY ARE PLANNING THEIR OWN CEREMONIES AND ARE changing traditions to fit their personalities.

One way in which couples add their personal touch is through music. Rather than rely on the standard piano or organ to play "Here Comes the Bride" and "The Wedding March," they are looking to other instruments and musicians to serenade the day.

John Charles Cook of Colonie has been a professional musician for over 15 years and during that time has seen the popularity of guitar music for weddings grow.

He is a solo guitarist who plays classical, jazz and popular music. He has played engagements throughout the Capital District and has traveled to New York City, Boston and Buffalo.

"The guitar has a wide repertoire," Cook said. "And it's a way of bringing the old and new together."

Couples have requested everything from Stevie Wonder to Bach to accompany their ceremony. But whatever the couple selects, he says that the guitar creates an elegant, classical atmosphere without being overbearing.

Cook does not play folk music, but says there are many talented guitarists in the area that do. He added that they can create the right atmosphere for a causal, outdoor ceremony.

Because of the guitar's

diversity, couples aren't always sure what they want. Cook meets with couples to play selections for them and to make suggestions for pieces throughout the ceremony. He will even play during a cocktail hour or at the reception.

"The guitar sounds beautiful with other instruments and with a vocalist as well," Cook said.

On several occasions Cook has played duets with flute, violin and oboe. In particular, he has worked with oboist Sue Kokernak. He compares playing for weddings like playing a concert and always wants to perform his best.

Another popular instrument for weddings is the harp. Sometimes called the "grandmother of the piano," it lends versatility, romance and class to any ceremony.

for Gov. Pataki's inaugural week ceremonies.

McCaffrey sits couples down in her living room and plays selections for them to help them decide on how to fit her music into their ceremony. Her repertoire includes jazz, show tunes and, of course, classical music.

She also sings and therefore does not often play with other musicians. "I am a duet," she said.

McCaffrey said she can play in any setting as long as there is a platform or level surface and an electrical outlet. She brings her own, sophisticated sound system which allows her to play at churches, event halls or outdoor weddings.

Even bagpipes have become mainstream. Although the bagpipe only plays nine notes, it is still a versatile instrument and a spokesperson from A Bonnie Piper said that many modern pieces are written for the pipes. "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven is a popular request for weddings.

And like the guitar, the bagpipe plays well with other instruments. Hiring a solo musician for your wedding is certainly special, but it comes at a price.

Cook said that most musicians charge a minimum of about \$125 for the first hour and \$100 for each additional hour.

That amount could be higher depending on the instrument and whether the musician has to travel. Date and time of year also affect the price. McCaffrey suggests couples consider Fridays or Sundays when demand is lower.

Now close your eyes and picture yourself walking down the aisle. Do you hear the classical sounds of strings, the elegant chords of a harp or are you picturing your groomsmen in tartan plaid with the hearty strains of the bagpipe ushering you down the aisle? If you can dream it — they can play it.

**The guitar has a wide repertoire and it's a way of bringing the old and new together.**

John Charles Cook

"People often hire a harpist when there is no piano available," said Lucy McCaffrey, a professional harpist with over 25 years experience. One her career highlights was playing



Allison and Matt Person celebrated their Celtic heritage by having a bagpiper at their July 1998 wedding. Mary Jane Protus

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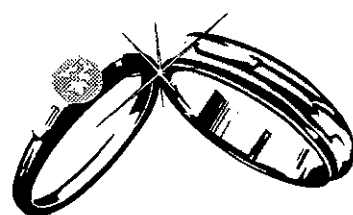
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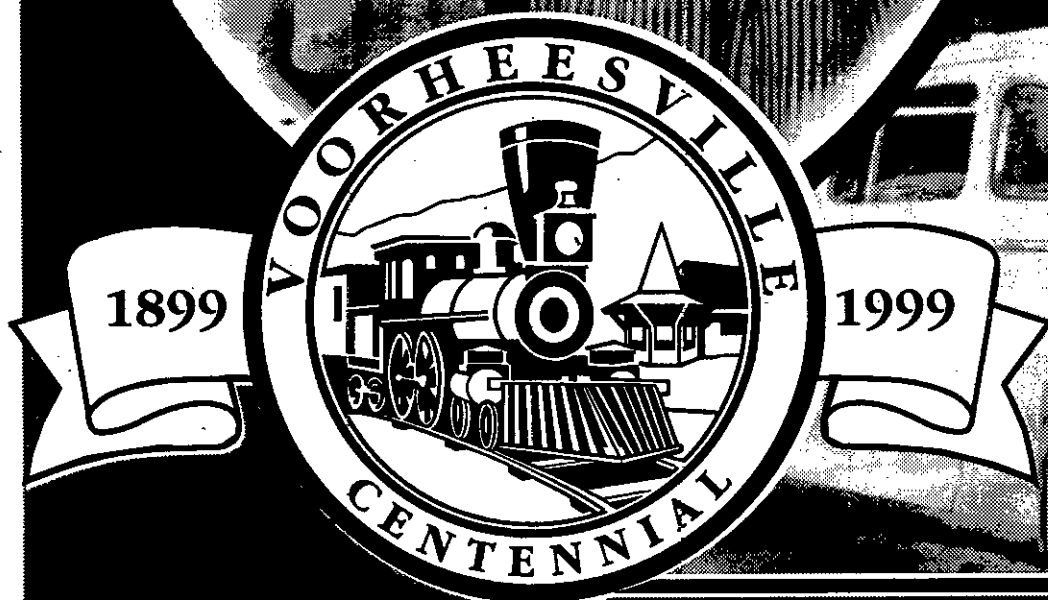
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# Voorheesville 1899-1999 Centennial





# Reminiscing about the way we were

By Katherine McCarthy

ON MAY 8, 1899, THE VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE incorporated. Sixty of its 500 residents turned out to vote, passing the resolution to incorporate by a vote of 39 for, 21 against.

The year 1899 conjures up images of a sleepy, sparsely populated town, but nothing could be farther from the truth. Village historian Dennis Sullivan's charming and detailed book, *Voorheesville, New York, A Sketch of the Beginnings of a Nineteenth Century Railroad Town*, depicts a bustling village whose citizens were both industrious and well able to indulge in the leisure activities popular at the time.

As early as 1640, records show that New Netherland — which included the town of New Scotland — had a population that spoke 18 languages, was 10 to 15 percent black, and included Palatine and Swiss Germans, Scots-Irish, Irish, Lutherans, Calvinists, Catholics and Jews. There were also Slavic Mediterranean people, as well as Southeast Asians, Chinese and

Indians.

Most of New Scotland's population were farmers in the north central part of the town, who grew mainly hay, oats, winter rye, some barley and buckwheat, and for themselves, an acre of potatoes. The typical farm was 80 acres, and by 1865, apple orchards had become part of the landscape.

Today, the Terwilliger farm is the Salem Hills development, and LeVie's stands where the Hilton farm was. But before the arrival of the railroad, New Scotland's farmers joined their neighbors from the hamlets of New Salem, Unionville and Clarksville to make the three-day round-trip journey to Albany on plank roads and turnpikes to sell their produce.

On Sept. 15, 1863, the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad (which would later become the Delaware & Hudson) cut through some of those farm fields on its way west to Central Bridge. In 1865, the Saratoga and Hudson River Railroad cut through Conrad Fryer's Farm, crossing tracks with the A&S, and Voorheesville became much more than a farming community.



Turn-of-the-century bathing beauties enjoy the water on a hot summer day.

Voorheesville was now a railroad junction town, and began what Sullivan calls "its golden era." Goods were easily transported into Albany on the railroad, both from towns further west than New Scotland, and from the apple orchards that began to spring up around present-day Voorheesville.

The village itself soon

supported feed stores, blacksmith shops, groceries, foundries, and "coal pockets," whence loads of coal could be loaded onto the trains. There were purveyors of hay and straw, and a sawmill in town.

If goods left Voorheesville, people came. The Heldebergs, the Vly Creek, and the cascading falls below LaGrange's millpond drew city people for fresh air and recreation. The Grove Hotel, the Harris House, and Nick Oliver's West End Hotel (later called the Brook View and then Smith's Tavern) provided accommodations and entertainment during the warm summer months. Boarding houses throughout town also took in visiting families and

children sent to the country for the summer.

Many city families arrived for the entire summer, and the father commuted by train to work every day. In the country, the hotels and boarding houses took their guests enjoyment seriously, providing excursions and picnics to the Heldebergs and watering holes, and bringing in brass bands and vaudeville shows.

When baseball became America's passion, teams quickly formed in Voorheesville, and rivalries between neighboring villages formed quickly. When Voorheesville stepped up to the plate against Slingerlands, it wasn't unusual to have 1,000 spectators on hand.

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Rivalries also became alliances, as residents of Bethlehem and Voorheesville occasionally got together to take train excursions to places like Lake George, filling up 12 coaches.

The naming – and unnamings – of Voorheesville says a lot about the entrepreneurial spirit that flourished in the town as the last millennium approached. Everyone knows that the town was named for Alonzo B. Voorhees, and the myth about him is that he came from New York City, built the village's first home, and worked as a lawyer for the railroad, which first sent him to Voorheesville on official business.

In fact, Voorhees lived in the village only four years, from 1867 to 1870. He made good use of his short time there, getting himself elected to supervisor of the town of New Scotland, and building a house at the juncture of Main and High – now Pleasant – Streets. Lots surrounding his house became Voorheesville's first subdivision.

It was Voorhees who applied for a post office at the railroad stop, filling in "Voorheesville" for the name of the new post office. From 1890 to 1892, though, the post office was known as the "Farlin Post Office," after Dudley Farlin, who published a popular newspaper in the area. The post office took a stance, asking for continuity, and the post office reverted back to Voorheesville, setting in stone the name of the future village.

If Voorhees and Farlin were two of the community's prominent citizens, it was Frank Bloomingdale who was perhaps the most prominent at the time of incorporation, and the list of businesses he owned is long. He started as a hay and straw man; in 1896, he opened a sawmill; in 1905, he installed machinery to build a dump wagon; he built the coal pocket at the railroad station, and he was the exclusive dealer of McCormick farm machinery.

His biggest contribution may have been that, on, June 2, 1899, Bloomingdale became the president – or mayor – of the newly incorporated village of Voorheesville.

Leroy Schell was the village's first treasurer, and Rufus Flansburgh and Abram Relyea were its two trustees. Stephen Daring was the village clerk, and James Goodfellow was the street commissioner. When the first fiscal year ended on Feb. 28, 1900, the new village's expenses totaled \$169.85, \$108 to Leslie Allen for his survey and maps of the area's newest government entity.

Many more changes would come to Voorheesville as the new village flourished. In 1901, E. Dayton Joslin opened the first library in the back of Al Borst's restaurant near the train depot. The Empire Cider and Vinegar Works, established in 1891, eventually became the Duffy-Mott plant, which by 1950, employed over 200 people on a regular basis. Iron foundries and collars sent out from Troy employed both men and women



Voorheesville grade school players in the early part of the century.

in Voorheesville.

In 1913, the village had its first long-lasting bank, thanks to Frederick Griesman and John Guffin. They paid the village board \$12 a year rent for a room in the village building. The bank was only open on Saturday when Guffin was not at his regular job; the secretary treasurer of the bank received \$2 a week and each director earned 50 cents for his efforts.

The advent of the motor car changed the village of Voorheesville. Tourists were now able to travel farther afield, and didn't need to stay in one

place. Village residents turned tourism around, travelling by car to Albany and other places. Gradually, the railroad lost some of its clout as a transporter of goods, and iron and hay became less in demand.

Yet, a vibrant Voorheesville is celebrating its 100th birthday this month. The village continues to attract residents, to some of its stately older homes, existing family homes, and new housing being built on an ongoing basis. Its library, with 80,000 visits last year, offers books and programs for young and old. Its blue ribbon schools

are a source of pride for the community, educating children who will grow to be as successful and imaginative as Alonzo Voorhees and Frank Bloomingdale. The Heldebergs still serve as a beautiful backdrop to a village that feels like both a Capital District suburb and the beginning of rural country.

As Voorheesville celebrates its centennial, there can be no doubt that the new village clock will keep time well into the next millennium for a village rightly proud of its past and ready to greet its future.



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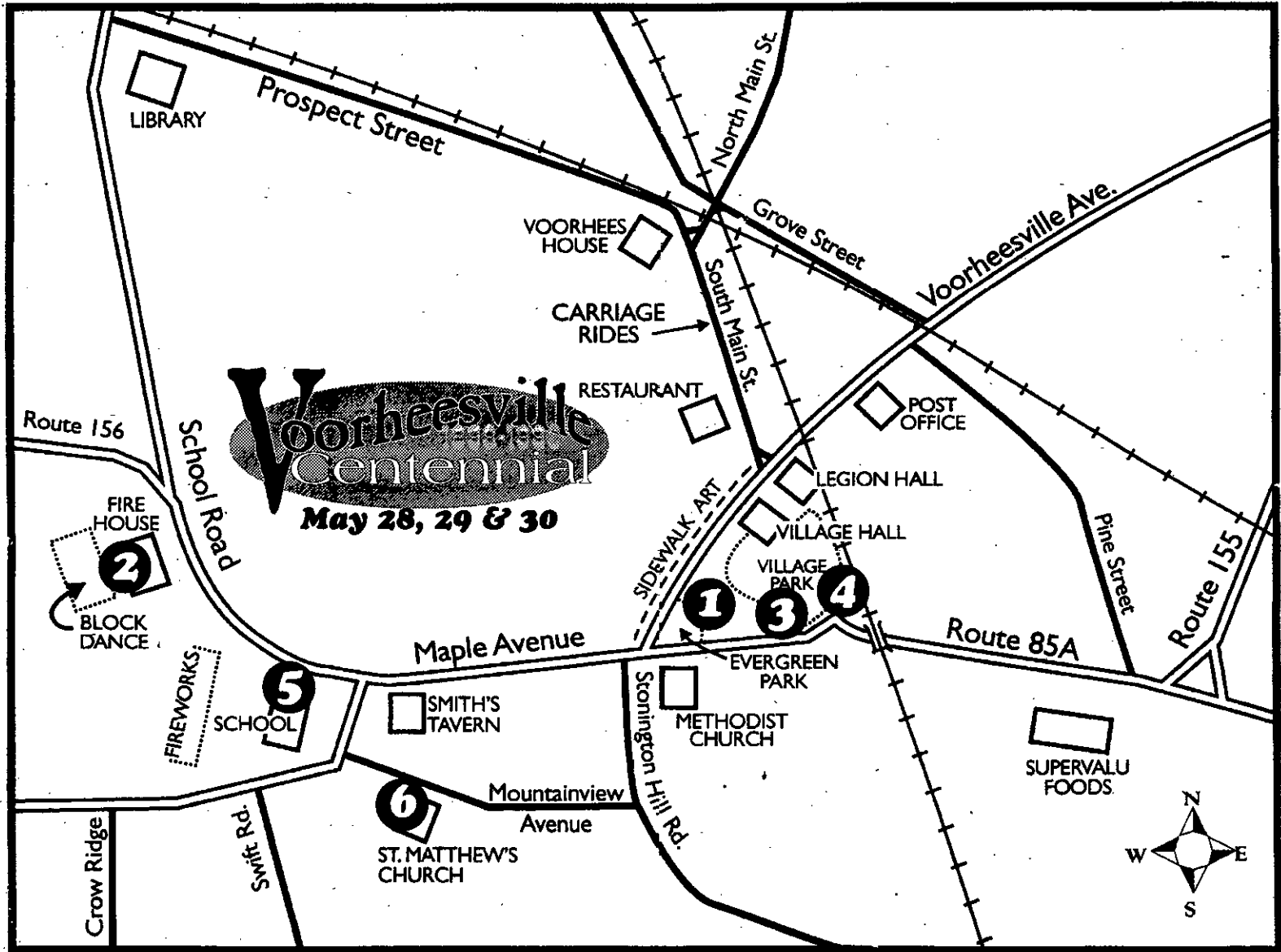
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1	SATURDAY WORKSHOPS IN EVERGREEN PARK
5	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION	
6	ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH
5	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1	EVERGREEN PARK
1	EVERGREEN PARK



### Centennial Parking

The following locations will be available for parking, with a roving shuttle bus providing free transportation to activities on Friday, May 28, and Saturday, May 29.

- St. Matthews Church, Mountain View
- St. Methodist Church, Route 85A
- Super Valu, Rt. 85A
- Voorheesville Library, School Road.
- Atlas Copco, School Road.

### Handicapped parking.

- Friday, May 28, at the Voorheesville Elementary School parking lot at the intersection of Rts. 85A & 156.
- Saturday, May 29, in the lot next to the ambulance building on Voorheesville ave. and will be accessible from the Legion end of Voorheesville ave.

### Road Closings

**Friday, May 28**  
Rt. 156 from Rt 85A to School Road will be closed to traffic from 6:30 p.m to midnight.

(This will include traffic on Swift Road and Crowridge Road at Rt. 85A)

**Saturday, May 29**  
Voorheesville ave. between 85A & Legion Post 1493 closed approximately from 8 a.m. to midnight.

Rt. 85A from Swift Road to Crowridge Road will be closed during fireworks from approximately 8:55 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### Assistance

Just ask one of the people wearing the "staff" ballcap. Or visit the Voorheesville centennial information booth in front of Village Hall, Saturday, May 29.

*Port-a-Johns will be available on Friday in the area of the Voorheesville Firehouse and in the Village park on Saturday.*

FRIDAY, MAY 28TH							
	LOCATION	6:00pm	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30 9:00
2	VOORHEESVILLE FIRE HOUSE	COMMUNITY FOOD FESTIVAL VILLAGE CENTENNIAL JAZZ TRIO 19TH CENTURY BEER GARDEN AT SMITTY'S TAVERN 6 PM - 8 PM					
					CENTENNIAL BEARD / MUSTACHE CONTEST JUDGING 7 PM		
					COMMUNITY BLOCK DANCE WITH DJ PAM PARDEE 8 PM		
					SUPERVALU CENTENNIAL FIREWORKS AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD 9 PM		



SATURDAY MAY 29TH												
9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00
			RAGTIME ISLAND WINDJAMMERS, DIXIELAND BAND 12 NOON	SCHENECTADY HORLEPIEP DANCERS 1:15 PM	BLUES SINGER CATHY WINTER W/ DAVE LAMBERT 2 PM	BARBER- SHOP QUARTET 3 PM	GEORGE WARD, REGIONAL SINGS ON BANJO 3:30 PM	MALE GOSPEL CHOIR 4:15 PM	NINETEENTH CENTURY BRASS BAND 6 PM	ALAN THOMPSON LITTLE BIG BAND 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM		
ANTIQUE CAR SHOW, WOODEN SHOE MAKING, OLD-TIME GAMES, FACEPAINTING, CLOWNS, QUILTS, TRAINS & HISTORY EXHIBIT (1ST FLOOR AMERICAN LEGION) 9 AM - 5 PM												
AMERICAN LEGION POST 1493 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONIES FOLLOWING 10 AM												
			ANNUAL 9K AND 2-MILE RACES KICKOFF THE GREAT CENTENNIAL SHOOTOUT - HORSESHOE PITCHING CONTEST 12 NOON									
			SIDEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST (VOORHEESVILLE AVE.) 12 NOON - 4 PM									
			HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES (VOORHEESVILLE AVE.) 1 PM - 4 PM									
								HISTORY BEE FINALISTS - V' VILLE 4TH GRADE 5:30 PM				
								COMMUNITY PICNIC - FOOD VENDORS ALL DAY INCLUDES  BARBECUE FROM 2 PM 6 PM - 8 PM				
								CLASSIC OLDIES WITH DJ (SMITTY' S BEER GARDEN) 6 PM.				
								ANTIQUE HAT FASHION SHOW 7:30 PM - 8 PM				
										DIAMOND NECKLACE RAFFLE DRAWING 9 PM		
			CATHY WINTER BLUES GUITAR WORKSHOP 12:30 PM	SYLVIA MARKSON & THE MAGIC TRUNK FOR KIDS 1:30 PM	BANJO PICKING & MUSIC FOLKLORE 2:30 PM	SONGS OF AMERI- CANA BY MATT PELLETIER 3:15 PM	SYLVIA MARKSON 4:00 PM	MATT PELLETIER 5:15 PM				
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SUNDAY, MAY 30TH											
7:00am	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH) 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM				ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE (ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH) 12 NOON							
						CENTENNIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) 1 PM					
									COMMUNITY CHOIR IN EVERGREEN PARK STEWART'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2 PM		
										LIVE MUSIC (SMITTY'S BEER GARDEN) 4 PM - 6 PM	



# Kick-off ceremony celebrated Voorheesville community roots

By Joseph A. Phillips

**I**N A CEREMONY UNDAMPENED BY HEAVY DOWNPOURS, THE VILLAGE OF Voorheesville kicked off a month of events in observance of the village's centennial on May 8. The day-long observance celebrated the community's

roots and was highlighted by the dedication of the centennial clock in a renovated corner of Evergreen Park.

The clock's formal unveiling, in ceremonies presided over by Mayor Ed Clark and visiting dignitaries, capped a day of tours, music and the cutting of a special sculpted cake in tribute

to the village's 100th anniversary.

Among the participants in the centennial observance was David Poletto, director of regional affairs for Gov. George Pataki.

The kickoff festivities marked the actual centennial of the vote to incorporate the village, an

action taken by 60 local residents on May 8, 1899.

As guests gathered for the formal welcome and dedication ceremonies at Evergreen Park, the Centennial Brass Quintet provided music and local religious leaders gathered in an ecumenical convocation before the formal welcome and reading

of a centennial proclamation by Clark. The clock, a 17-foot tall four-sided clock with 36-inch illuminated face, and the small recreational square of engraved commemorative bricks surrounding it, was dedicated, followed by the unveiling of unveil a sculpted centennial cake by cake designer Lynn Stapf.



Area girl scouts serve cake at the kick-off ceremony.

Elaine McLain



Elaine McLain

Above: Mildred Guffin, Ester Crounge Schultz, Phoebe Linne Ziehm, Agnes Tork and Gertrude Smith cut the first slices of cake designed by Lynn Stapf. Below right: The new centennial clock is dedicated in the rain.



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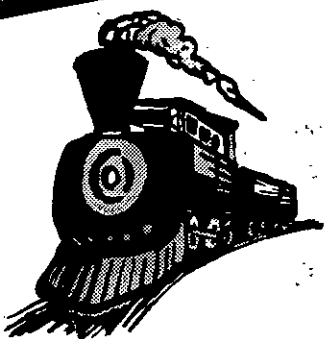
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# Nichols enjoys role in V'ville celebration

By Barbara Yax

**J**IM NICHOLS, WHO MOVED TO VOORHEESVILLE FROM DOWN STATE NEW YORK, calls himself a transplant but to the people of Voorheesville he's as good as home grown.

Nichols is the owner of SuperValu Foods and is also responsible for the generous donation of \$5,000 to make the fireworks display possible for Voorheesville's 100th anniversary celebration.

"I like fireworks myself and when I heard of the opportunity, I wanted to help," said Nichols. "SuperValu is part of the history of Voorheesville and we feel at home here."

When the centennial committee approached Nichols to ask for his participation, he immediately said yes.

According to Nichols he won't have this chance again, "We won't be here in 100 years, so we may as well do it now," he said

In celebration of the Voorheesville centennial, Nichols will also be a participant in the historic beard and mustache contest.

"I've been growing mine since Christmas Eve," said Nichols. "It's a great contest and it will be lots of fun."

The centennial committee sponsored the event to encourage villagers to recreate the

hairstyles of the 19th century. Apparently, facial hair has a historical significance to Voorheesville.

"The hairstyles of the 19th century were quite different," said Dennis Sullivan, village historian. "We hope to see



Nichols shows off the beard he is entering in the 19th century beard and mustache contest. Barbara Yax

handlebars, muttonchops and Van Dykes throughout the village all year long."

Judges will select the best in class in longest beard, neatest beard, most original beard and most unique mustache.

The 30-minute pyrotechnic show will kick-off the memorial day weekend celebration on Friday, May 28th.

The beard and mustache contest is scheduled for the same evening, just prior to the fireworks. Look for Nichols and

the other fuzzy-faced participants at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Fire Department. If you want to participate in this contest, registration will be at 6:45pm.



Village of Voorheesville Centennial Committee  
29 Voorheesville Avenue  
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Dear Neighbor:

May 8 marked the 100th birthday for the village of Voorheesville. During the month of May there will be a variety of centennial celebrations in honor of this special anniversary. We will commemorate our history, and celebrate the village of Voorheesville for what it is today, and the future it holds for us all.

I invite you to join us. We have plans for a fireworks display, community dances, entertainment, art exhibits, sporting activities and games. There will be fun for the whole family, young and old alike.

Many thanks to the volunteers of the centennial committee for the marvelous job of planning these events. Thanks also to the businesses and individuals who have been so generous in providing donations to fund the celebrations. Our community has many talented and dedicated members, making Voorheesville the special place it is.

While celebrating our wonderful life and good fortune of the last 100 years, we must also remember that Saturday, May 29, is Memorial Day. We pay tribute on this day to those who sacrificed so much to preserve our way of life. Take the time to remember them, and their families. Observe that war's continue to wage around the world. We must never take our good life for granted.

I hope to see you all having a great time at the Centennial Celebrations.

Best wishes,

*Ed Clark*

Ed Clark  
Mayor

## Centennial merchandise on sale this week

Centennial merchandise will be on sale through the centennial celebrations. The commemorative items range from historic lap robes and shirts to flags, tote bags and watches.

Many of the items feature the Voorheesville centennial logo, which has a representation of the old Voorheesville train station, and a train circa 1899.

The logo was designed by Andy Rockmore, a graduate of Voorheesville High School and RPL.

Pricing for the commemorative merchandise ranges from \$3 to \$30.

"Items are priced at 10 percent or less over cost," said Joanne St. Denis, merchandising chair for the centennial committee, "so that as many people as possible can purchase these keepsakes."

She noted that whatever proceeds were realized would be used to help defray costs for the celebration planned for

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St. Denis at 765-4748, or the Village Hall at 765-2692.

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# Ventriloquist shares her love of the art with area children

By Donna J. Bell

**I**F YOU'VE EVER PUT A SOCK ON YOUR HAND AND MADE IT TALK, YOU UNDERSTAND the joy of creation that Sylvia Markson feels each time she opens her magic trunk to "converse" with one of the zany cast of puppet characters that live within.

Markson, who will perform at the Voorheesville Centennial, loves the thought that the children who watch her performance will want to go home and create puppets of their own. In fact, at the end of her act she shows the kids how to take a simple sock and turn it into a talking animated creature.

"I want to educate children about ventriloquism — it's a lost art," Markson said. She always asks her audience if they know what a ventriloquist is and she usually finds that only one child out of the entire group will know.

After a TV diet of Sesame Street and Paul Winchell, Markson was only a tot when she discovered her love of puppetry. She got her first



Sylvia Markson and her puppet friends entertain and educate children about developing a love of books.

"dummy" when she was five and a few years later she was entering and winning talent contests.

Everything she learned about

ventriloquism she taught herself from reading books. Her love of books and reading is evident during her library and school programs and birthday parties as she and her entourage of puppets perform. With Vern, a goofy, sometimes "naughty" bird, Chico, a Latino possum, and her other friends, she hopes

to instill a lifelong passion for books and stories in the children who come to see her. Markson points out that the educational message is absorbed by the children because the venue it's presented in is so much fun.

"I want (the children) to feel happy and entertained and to

leave thinking about something that was funny," Markson said of her show. A full-time mom, Markson seems to have an innate ability to know what children do find funny. At a recent show at Garcia's restaurant children, from babies to teen-agers (not to mention a few adults) giggled and chortled at the antics of the fuzzy, furry creatures.

You can see Markson in person on Saturday, May 29, in Voorheesville's Evergreen Park at 1:30 p.m. and again at 4:30 p.m. Afterward you may find yourself hunting through your sock drawer so your children can create a little "magic" of their own.

## Centennial drawing

The Village of Voorheesville Centennial Committee will hold a drawing to be held May 29, of as custom-designed necklace commemorating the village's hundredth birthday celebration in May.

The centennial necklace is a 14-carat gold pendant set with three diamonds and a cultured pearl, on a strand of 100 round freshwater cultured pearls. The creation of Cindy Crounse, owner of Refined Designs of Voorheesville, it has a commercial value of \$600. Proceeds will defray the cost of the centennial celebrations throughout the month. Tickets are on sale at village hall. The drawing will be held at the end of the two days of centennial celebrations on May 28 and 29, at 9 p.m. at the Village Green. The winner need not be present at the drawing.

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