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## Patriotism on parade

Delmar families came out en masse to watch the annual Memorial Day parade in Delmar. Clockwise, Greg Reeves and Jillian Reeves and Will VanUllen enjoy the festivities, while tuba player Robby Bellizzi has his hands full.

James Wegielewski

## Bethlehem dedicates new park

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The summer season will begin in earnest for Bethlehem's public parks this weekend with the dedication of the town's newest facility in Selkirk.

On Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m., Supervisor Sheila Fuller will preside over ribbon-cutting ceremonies at Selkirk Park, on Houck Drive just off Thatcher Street.

The new park was completed in just over a year at a cost of about \$83,000.

"We were able to save a lot of money by doing this project entirely in-house," said David Austin, Bethlehem's parks and recreation administrator. "We didn't use consultants or outside contractors."

Instead, the project, built on land donated by Gil and Helen Houck almost three years ago, was developed in the town's planning and engineering departments and constructed over the fall and winter by employees of the parks department and the town highway department.

The park has also benefited from volunteer labor from members of the community, particularly the Elfun Society, an employees' group with a chapter at GE Plastics in Selkirk and the Job Corps in Glenmont. Elfun members planted 26 trees and landscaped the park grounds, while Job Corps employees assembled picnic tables.

Numerous local businesses also contributed \$9,000 to help defray some of the cost of the new facility, including a \$5,000 donation by Teppco, Austin said. Fund-raising efforts were coordinated by

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David Austin

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## Pedestrian safety group earns kudos

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The honors continue to roll in for Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety — but the grass-roots activist group isn't ready yet to rest on its laurels.

The committee was recognized last month as one of 10 Capital District finalists for the JC Penney Community Service Awards. The committee received a small cash award as a semi-finalist, which it intends to use to purchase items such as educational fliers and reflective flashers for bicyclists.

Last week, Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller added her own kudos to JC Penney's, recognizing the group with a proclamation at the May 26 town board meeting.

The committee's founding chairwoman, Lynn Finley, and present chairwoman, Fran Stevens, were pleased with the notice. "It means

recognition for what we've done and some money for our coffers," Finley said. "But to me, it's the recognition even more than the money. The recognition is worth thousands. It lets people know we're here, that they can join and get involved."

Added Stevens, "I hope as a group, this recognition means that the message we're trying to put out is becoming more established."

The nearly three-year-old committee has worked closely with its counterpart, the Pedestrian Safety Committee launched by the town police department, to develop signs, promote bike and pedestrian safety through the school district, and raise awareness of the issue through public informational displays and literature.

"Our group has really carved out community education as our mission," said Stevens, "but we also played a role early on in encouraging the

town to step up its efforts at road marking, safety improvements and enforcement." The group remains active in identifying and prioritizing areas of town in need of particular attention.

What's more, it has provided concerned citizens with a point of access to town government, Finley said. "Because we're a grass-roots group, people in town feel they can approach us



Lynn Finley and Fran Stevens.

## Bicyclist suffers serious injuries in Delaware Avenue accident

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

On what is traditionally one of the busiest days of the year for traffic accidents, Bethlehem police responded Tuesday morning at the scene of a mishap on Delaware Avenue that left a bicyclist with serious injuries.

According to Traffic Safety Officer Jeffrey Vunck, the accident occurred just before 6:40 a.m. in the eastbound lane at the intersection of Snowden Avenue, near Delaware Plaza.

A vehicle driven by 17-year-old Ashley McDonnell, of Homestead

Avenue in Albany, apparently sideswiped cyclist Herman Barrier, 40, of 33 Liebel St., Albany, as he swerved slightly to avoid a curbside drain.

Vunck said Barrier was ejected from the bicycle onto a nearby sidewalk. Officer Christopher Pauley was the first on the scene, and Delmar Fire Department ambulance and Albany County EMS also responded.

Barrier was transported to Albany Medical Center. At press time he was still undergoing evaluation, but preliminary reports indicated probable leg, back and internal injuries.

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## Woman attacked during robbery

By Joseph A. Phillips

An elderly woman living at her son's home in Slingerlands was the victim of a beating and robbery last week that is still under investigation, according to Bethlehem police.

Sara Krepostman, 82, suffered contusions and bruises to her head and face and broken ribs at the hands of two unknown assailants in the mid-afternoon incident on Tuesday, May 25. The attackers broke into the Devonshire Drive home of her son Jaime, 47, and made off with as much as \$5,000 in cash and coins.

"We've had some good leads, which we're following up," said

Lt. Fred Holligan of the break-in. "There were other people in the area — construction nearby, joggers and so forth. We've developed information supplied by them, as well as other leads we're developing. We've got officers going through the neighborhood seeking information. We're fairly confident we'll close this case." Detective John Cox is supervising the investigation.

According to police, Krepostman, a recent emigrant to the United States from Peru, was alone in the home sometime after 2 p.m. when she responded to a knock on a garage door. Confronted by the two assailants, but unable to

understand them as she speaks only Spanish and Yiddish, Krepostman was struck on the face and then dragged down a flight of stairs, where she was left unconscious.

Earlier reports to the contrary, "We don't feel she was targeted personally," said Holligan. "It was the home we feel was targeted, to judge by the way the crime went down. Someone knew there was money in that residence. The fact the woman was there was just a coincidence."

Though he described it as "strictly speculative at this time," Holligan said he would not discount the possibility that the assailants may have been from the neighborhood.

When Krepostman regained consciousness, she crawled back up the flight of stairs. Uncertain of how to contact police, she lay down on a couch instead and was found shortly before 5 p.m. when her son returned home. She was treated at St. Peter's Hospital for her injuries.

With her son serving as translator, Krepostman was unable to describe her attackers except to say that one of them was "skinny." Police are continuing to seek information in the case, and anyone able to provide any can contact Bethlehem police at 439-9973.

## Priest pleads guilty of stealing from church

By Joseph A. Phillips

The long saga of the Rev. Brendan O'Keefe, onetime pastor of Glenmont's traditionalist Roman Catholic St. Michael's Shrine, moved a step toward closure last week.

Accused of stealing more than \$40,000 in church property nearly two years ago, O'Keefe offered a guilty plea last week to two counts of grand larceny in Albany County Court.

O'Keefe who had fled the area and settled in Chicago, accepted a plea bargain arranged through the District Attorney's office. He will be sentenced next month.

The plea agreement calls for six months in jail and payment of \$7,500 in restitution to St. Michael's, from whom O'Keefe took more than \$10,000 in cash as well as various other items of church property.

The plea agreement also releases those church items, including altar implements and vestments, currently being held as evidence by police in Bethlehem and Chicago. O'Keefe was arrested earlier this year at a Chicago apartment after more than a year and a half in hiding. Members of the shrine, adherents to

Roman Catholic practices in effect before the Second Vatican Council reforms of the 1960s, travelled to Chicago last week to reclaim the recovered items.

Bethlehem Detective John Cox oversaw the investigation.

## Police make DWI arrest

A Ravena man was arrested on Sunday, May 23, by Bethlehem police and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Responding to a phone report from a local resident at about 5:30 a.m. reporting a vehicle on River Road missing two tires, Officer James Rexford responded and found a van answering that description on the shoulder of the road just north of Parker Road.

According to the police report, several individuals were on the scene, including Sean Richard Maile, 25, of 158 Main St., Ravena. Maile was found seated in another vehicle and subsequently identified as the driver of the van.

Following administration of field sobriety tests, Rexford arrested Maile and charged him with DWI, citing him as well for an unsafe tire.

He was ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on June 15.

## Woman charged in hit and run

By Joseph A. Phillips

A search for the driver involved in a hit-and-run accident in East Greenbush on May 12 led to the arrest of a Selkirk woman.

Christine M. Driscoll, 41, of 336 Route 101 surrendered to police on May 17 after they enlisted public help in identifying the driver of a pickup truck that struck two men on Columbia Turnpike and failed to stop at the scene.

One of the victims, both of whom are visitors from England, remains hospitalized at Albany Medical Center Hospital with serious head and pelvis injuries suffered in the accident.

Driscoll was arraigned on May 17 in East Greenbush Town Court on felony charges of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, and a preliminary hearing in the matter was held May 20.

The two teen-age victims and a companion were crossing the busy four-lane roadway, near the intersection with Route 9, at about 9:15 p.m. on May 12 when they were struck by the eastbound vehicle reportedly driven by Driscoll.

Numerous tips led police to obtain a warrant to seize Driscoll's truck, and investigators from the Forensic Investigation Center of the State Police examined the vehicle, which bore severe recept dents, and obtained hair, clothing fibers and other trace evidence from its fenders.

Driscoll remains free on her own recognizance as she awaits further proceedings in the case.

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## Selkirk man raises bypass questions

By Joseph A. Phillips

With a public meeting set for next Monday to outline options for a proposed Selkirk Bypass, the topic made an appearance at the end of the May 26 Bethlehem town board meeting.

Selkirk resident Albert Penk raised concerns about what the state Department of Transportation has in mind for the proposed link between Route 9W and Route 144. The bypass is intended to divert truck traffic that now passes through Selkirk on Maple Avenue, Route 396, a two-lane road.

Penk inquired if the board members intended to appear at the forthcoming informational meeting June 7 at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, at which DOT plans to present the various options. All indicated they would attend — though board member George Lenhardt pointed out his attendance would be as a citizen, not in his official capacity, a remark that drew general agreement from his colleagues.

Penk and his wife Carol reside on Clapper Road, in the vicinity of one of the proposed alternative routes for the proposed highway. They made several appearances before the board earlier this year to raise concerns about that proposal as well as the current truck traffic on 396.

Penk suggested that the format of the informational meeting was designed to pit "the hamlet against the RFD's," the Selkirk residents in the more densely settled area nearer to Maple Avenue against those in the more sparsely-built rural areas. He also continued to raise concerns about a possible tandem-truck area to be built at a possibly relocated Exit 22 — though DOT officials have dismissed that possibility.

The meeting, set to begin at 6 p.m. with a presentation of the proposals, will then break into "working groups" to discuss the various alternatives.

The working groups will later reconvene in the school auditorium, where project staff will then man information stations to answer questions.

## Correction

There were several errors relating to Saratoga National Historical Park in last week's family entertainment story.

There are no carriage rides at the park; the monument will not be open this year; and the telephone number is 664-9821.

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## Church cherubs



Children in the Happy Voices Children's Choir participated in the groundbreaking ceremony at Delmar Reformed Church. Choir members from left, include Emily Larkin, Lenore Hesse, Laura Lambert, Kate Kurtessis, Lauren Kilpatrick, Sarah O'Brien, Katherine Rice, Nicole Rice, Jonathan Martin and Kaitlyn Martin.

Elaine McLain

## Committees shape up election slates

By Joseph A. Phillips

The New Scotland Republican Committee recently completed its slate for upcoming town elections, and the Independence Party committees for New Scotland and Bethlehem announced some endorsement surprises.

Both major parties in New Scotland will enter the fall campaign with untried candidates bidding to replace incumbent Supervisor Herbert Reilly. The New Scotland GOP, taken by surprise by Reilly's decision to run for the county Legislature rather than for another term as supervisor, selected Kurt D. Anderson as its supervisor candidate.

A Slingerlands resident, Anderson is a self-employed consulting engineer who retired five years ago after two decades' service with the New York State Power Pool. He is a first-timer to elective politics, but participated in the early 1970s in Voorheesville village government as a chairman of the then newly-founded village planning commission, where he helped shepherd subdivision regulations through the drafting stages. Anderson also served on advisory panels to establishing a town park and village reservoir.

On the Republican ticket, he joins previously-announced candidates for the town council, incumbents Michael Fields and R. Mark Dempf. The GOP has also given an endorsement nod to Kathryn Martin to succeed her boss, Town Clerk Corinne Cossac, who is stepping down. Martin has served as assistant town clerk for five years, and is currently serving as acting town clerk.

Another political newcomer seeking office is a surprise highway superintendent candidate,

paving contractor Joe Iacobucci, who will take on incumbent Darrell Duncan for the job. The current receiver of taxes, Marilyn Holmberg, won the GOP nod for another term.

The Republican Committee joined its Bethlehem counterpart to back Slingerlands attorney Tom

Deschenes for town clerk, and Duncan for highway superintendent.

No candidate for receiver of taxes has yet stepped forward to interview with the Independence Party, Caputo said, but the committee continues to review its options.

***We tried to keep major-party affiliation out of the mix, but no Republicans came forward. We had gotten some interest from people considering running on their own as third-party candidates, but they all fell through.***

Paul Caputo

Marcelle as Reilly's opponent in the 33rd Legislative District. The town GOP did not endorse a challenger for Charles Houghtaling, the incumbent Democrat in the 38th District, but the Westerlo town committee has yet to announce a decision on a possible challenger. The 38th includes Westerlo and all of New Scotland outside of Voorheesville and the town's northeast corner.

The Republican slate in New Scotland received a setback this week at the hands of the Independence Party. Lacking an organized committee in the town, the committee from neighboring Gunderland oversees New Scotland endorsements. It announced its ticket this weekend — and has thrown its support almost entirely to the Democratic slate.

According to Gunderland Independence Chairman Paul Caputo, the committee backed Democrats Martha Pofit for supervisor, Cathy Connors and Richard Reilly for town board, Diane

"We tried to keep major-party affiliation out of the mix," Caputo said of his committee's wholesale endorsement of the Democrats. "But no Republicans came forward. We had gotten some interest from people considering running on their own as third-party candidates, but they all fell through."

"We certainly have what I feel is a very good slate of candidates in New Scotland. We're very, very excited to have the people we do representing us, and I'm very excited at the prospect of the town of New Scotland forming their own committee in the future," he said.

The next round of committee selection will take place a year from September, he said, "but I'm certainly hopeful someone from New Scotland comes forward between now and then to take over as chairman. It's certainly my hope that within a very short time we can get New Scotland organized to the point where they can handle their own nominations."

Meanwhile, the Independence Committee for Bethlehem, chaired by David Pillittere, announced a split ticket last week.

With the Democratic Committee still searching for a standard-bearer, the Independence Committee last week opted to back incumbent Sheila Fuller for another term as supervisor. The committee also backed Kathy Newkirk for town clerk and Gregg Sagendorph for highway superintendent, both of whom currently lack any GOP opposition.

But in its endorsements for the two seats up for grabs on the town board, the Independence Party supported GOP incumbent Doris Davis for another term, but threw its support to Democrat Daniel Plummer for the seat being vacated by Republican Robert Johnson. In doing so they passed over Parker Mathusa, the Republican candidate for the open seat, and Democrat George Harder.

Currently, Susan Burns is the only Democrat on the town board.

The committee also gave its blessing to the candidacy of Democrat Anthony F. Cornell in his bid to unseat incumbent Nancy Mendick as receiver of taxes. Cornell, a member of the Albany County Conservative Party, is also believed to have an inside track on that party's nomination; the county Conservative Committee is continuing to interview candidates and has made no announcement about its slate.

The two Independence committees hope to endorse county legislative candidates this week. No announcements have been made on town or county slates by the much smaller Green and Liberal parties in the area.

# Board modifies policy to hire computer programmer

By Joseph A. Phillips

The Bethlehem town board voted last week to modify its payroll policy in order to secure an urgently needed computer programmer for the town — but not before the policy change generated an unexpected flap at the

May 26 meeting.

The board's only Democrat, Susan Burns, vigorously dissented from a series of votes to remove the programmer/analyst position from the current civil service grade and step schedule; provisionally hire Jean Cunningham to

fill the post; and raise the salary of her supervisor, Management Information Services (MIS) Director Jeffrey Dammeyer.

But while Burns was alone in her "no" vote on most of the resolutions, other board members expressed misgivings about the departure from current civil service practice. And board member George Lenhardt voted with Burns in opposition to the salary increase for Dammeyer, expressing concern that it was too large a pay hike.

Cunningham, who comes to the new post from a position as a computer application specialist at Billing Concepts of Albany, will be paid more than \$50,400 for her job, the equivalent of a civil service grade 24 and considerably more than the \$33,813, grade 18 salary initially offered for the position.

Dammeyer's salary will climb to a grade 28 at \$73,586; he was paid just shy of \$60,000 in 1998 for a position he has held for nearly 15 years.

Bethlehem Comptroller Judith Kehoe, who advocated the salary changes, told the board they were needed "to accommodate what the market is bearing and demand-

ing" for qualified MIS candidates, particularly with the requirements sought by the town of AS-400 computer experience.

The job became available with the resignation last winter of programmer/analyst John Esposito. The position was advertised extensively in local daily and weekly newspapers, in *The New York Times*, and was briefly listed with a corporate headhunter. But not a single candidate could be found, with the appropriate qualifications, who would accept the salary offered, Kehoe said.

"I could leave my job tomorrow and there'd be plenty of applicants to interview at the salary currently offered," Kehoe said later. "But everyone I've consulted told me we weren't offering enough to hire the person we wanted."

The county's list of eligible civil service hires also carried no appropriate candidates, she said. Only days before the board's vote, a state civil service eligible list for such a job title was established. But it was a "non-mandatory" list, meaning fewer candidates were eligible than the requisite three that would require civil service employers like municipal governments to consider candidates from that list. By the time it was established, a tentative offer had already been made to Cunningham, pending the board vote.

Both Kehoe and Supervisor Sheila Fuller also defended the salary boost for Dammeyer. "I would say it's already paid off in terms of the extra work Jeff has

taken on in the last 10 years and the money he saves the town. He knows the full gamut of how to make the show run up there, and that's definitely worth something," said Fuller.

But Burns objected to the change in policy, suggesting it set a bad precedent for other in-demand town hires. "There is a need in the town (for the position), but not to change the policy," she said.

She suggested instead considering alternatives, including interviewing the two state civil service eligibles, revising the job description or re-rating it within the civil service classification system. She also felt that the fall budget process would be a more appropriate time for such changes.

"We should go by our established policy," she said. "This is about policy and principle ... it would be bad practice to change our policy and deviate from our established (practices). It opens doors and is just bad policy."

Lenhardt declared himself "in partial agreement with my colleague, Miss Burns," but added, "I have problems changing policy because it opens up other problems, but in this case, I'm going to make an exception."

Though similar sentiments were expressed by others, board member Robert Johnson advocated the change. "Sometimes I think the easiest way out in any management decision is to follow the book," he said. "The hardest is to do the right thing." The raise was approved by a 3 to 2 margin.

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## VIEWS ON DENTAL HEALTH

### Parents, Just Say "No!"

Parents have a tough enough job to do without having to battle their children every time they are waiting in the grocery store check-out line. Most of our markets and pharmacies tend to put the candy right under our toddlers' noses. The verbal and sometimes physical tug of war that ensues unfortunately could have been avoided if the candy counter were somewhere else in the store and under glass.

As guardians of the next smiling generation, we as parents have an obligation to protect these unwitting consumers from the extensive damage that candy can cause. It is your duty as a responsible parent to recognize the danger to your child's teeth if they are allowed unlimited access to candy.

As a frequent shopper, I am astonished by the amount, and type of goodies that adults allow their kids to put into the cart.

Parents, I implore you to learn to say "NO". You are the boss! In the long run you will spare your child from hours of work in the dental chair. You will also save yourself the unavoidable expenses that accompany dental visits. Save your kid's smile - trust me, they'll thank you!!

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# Mommies-to-be should savor the pleasures of pregnancy

By Katherine McCarthy

There seems to be a slew of pregnant women right now. Is it millennium angst, or the baby boomlet ready to read *Goodnight, Moon* to babies of their own?

Lots of these women are expecting for the first time, and their main feeling seems to be worry. Worry that the baby will be OK, worry that they'll gain a lot of weight, worry about how labor and delivery will go.

It's an awesome, intimidating responsibility, carrying that new life inside you, feeling fully accountable for its growth and development. But what I want to tell all these women is to relax and enjoy their pregnancies. It is such a cool time.

I loved being pregnant, and love how their stories remind me of some of my favorite times. I love the details they relate: how tired they are, if they're nauseous, when they feel the baby move for the first time, how breathtaking the heartbeat sounds, and how incredible it is to see an identifiable baby wiggling away during the ultrasound.

Being engaged in a constant battle with my weight, I was delighted to feel it was all right to gain weight for nine months.

Not too surprisingly, I ate healthiest during those times — nothing like being responsible for a developing life to make a banana look better than an Oreo. After, of course, the morning sickness went away. During that time, I

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remember eating Saltines, and those funny candy spearmint leaves. When I got to work — frequently with a stop to get rid of my breakfast — I would drink a can of Classic Coke. I had my doctor's blessing, of course, for what first-time pregnant woman doesn't haunt her obstetrician with insane minutia?

My European boss, who didn't think much of American dietary habits, had utter disdain for that morning Coke. "Can't you drink coffee like real people?" he sneered. I told him I'd developed a stomach problem from my stressful job, and he never mentioned it again. When I finally told him I was pregnant, I had the good sense to tell him my job was the best one I'd ever had.

With both of my pregnancies, I had a calm stomach by the end of the first trimester. I also had that energy surge they promise you, a need for maternity clothes and a constant sense of the life growing inside me.

I found that being pregnant bonds you with other women, whether you want to or not! When I was expecting Christopher, I was regaled with tales of others' pregnancies, and the full details of their

labor. Expecting Cormac, I had my own labor story to throw into the mix, and got to hear women with more than one child talk about the differences between their two labors.

Women's willingness to share this deeply intimate experience must surely be one of the great Mars/Venus dividers. Husbands are a vital and usually enthusiastic part of the delivery, but those men gathered around the office water cooler are still talking about the Bulls, not the episiotomy.

I was part of a group of mothers talking about labor in front of a 10-weeks-pregnant woman recently. Our intent was to comfort, I think, but her reaction to what she's learned about the reality of labor is "No way." I hope we didn't go too quickly into the sort of details that make newly pregnant women wonder what the hell they've gotten themselves into.

It seems to me that no matter how we feel about labor when we go into the delivery room, within a very short time, the only thing we want is to get that baby out. After a very brief time, it doesn't matter who sees us, how much noise we're making, or what horrible things we're saying to our sainted husbands. Just get that baby born!

Sometimes, there are humor-

ous moments; the woman, who, in a post-Caesarean fog, asked for a stamp. Or another who told her husband to go get the nurse, and, like an elderly aunt scolding an unruly child, added "and tell her I mean business."

I remember Christopher's delivery, when, in spite of the most wonderful epidural ever, I would push and then nearly fall asleep. My dear husband and the doctor had bonded during the day as they watched baseball on the TV in the birthing room.

As I lay back, they switched from "You're doing great, push, push!" to specifics about the Mets. "Hellooo," I remember saying demandingly, "I'm trying to have a baby here."

Miraculously, with or without back labor, an epidural, or hours of pushing, the baby always ar-

rives, and just like every other parent has said, your life changes instantly. This red, slimy, cone-headed, bawling thing wearing a Smurf hat lies on your tummy, then gets put into your arms, and suddenly, your life has a clear goal and purpose.

After that, your baby is public property. Yours first, then your family's, then all those women with labor stories who have child-care tips that would help you raise an army, not only this little tiny life.

Soon, those nine months of pregnancy — whose details you were certain you'd never forget — fade into memory. But try to remember some of them, so that you'll have your own stories to tell, and your own special memories of the days when the baby was yours alone.

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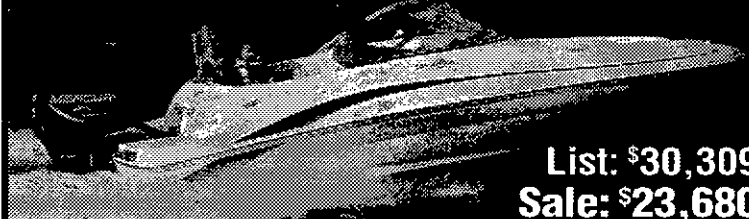
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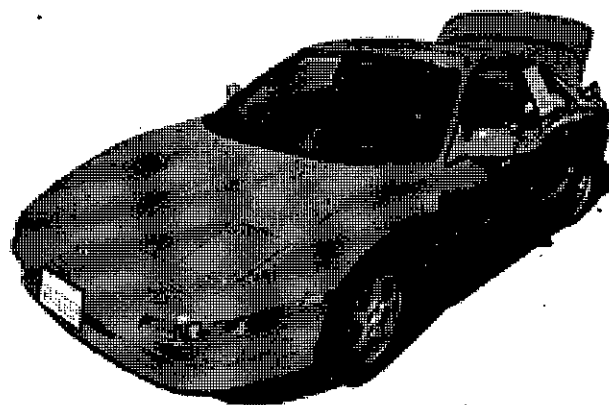


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# Matters of Opinion

## Don't be a victim

The recent robbery at a Devonshire Drive home is a grim reminder of how careful we have to be, even when we are in our own homes. These brazen thieves not only stole money and valuables, they assaulted an 82-year-old woman who had recently come to the United States to live with her son.

The poor woman wasn't even able to summon help because she did not speak English.

This time of year, when many of us spend more time outdoors in the garden, it's especially important to keep doors locked and to be on guard.

It is also important to send would-be fix-it people packing. Be wary of people who offer to pave or seal the driveway, trim your shrubbery or fix the porch roof. Reputable contractors do not do business door-to-door. Report any instances of people offering services door-to-door to the police. It's also a good idea to call police about people in your neighborhood who don't belong there.

Unfortunately, an editorial about potential burglars and scam artists is prompted every year about this time because someone has been victimized.

Don't let this happen to you. Stolen property is rarely recovered and victims of scams are often bilked out of thousands of dollars.

## Kudos to park project

Bethlehem's Parks Department will officially add another feather to its cap when the new Selkirk facility is dedicated on June 5. Town park facilities are second to none in the region. Under the leadership of Dave Austin, Bethlehem parks are not only maintained, they are groomed to perfection.

The new park will provide a number of offerings, making it easier for residents in the southern part of town to avail themselves of a top-notch recreational area.

Another nice feature about the new park is that it was created for a relatively modest cost. Thanks to Gil and Helen Houck's donation of land, other monetary contributions and the hard work of volunteers, the in-house project carried a total price tag of \$83,000.

This is an example of town government functioning at its best.

The question now looming is whether or not a similar effort could be mounted for a community center — something *The Spotlight* advocated 10 years ago.

However, the inflated \$7 million proposal that went before voters was defeated, and rightly so. A more grassroots effort, similar to that of the new park's, would likely gain acceptance. At least one group, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, has expressed its desire to establish a center here.

Perhaps now's the time to seek out others who might like to see this longtime dream become a reality.

## Grads need to manage finances

By Leo J. Quinn Jr.

The author is a 1990 graduate of Siena College and the founder of the DEBT Project in Saratoga Springs.

You've done it. You worked hard for four, five and maybe six or more years to get your degree.

If your next step is employment in the "real world," hopefully you have a job already. The financial decisions you make in the next several months have the potential to haunt you for years to come. Ninety-six percent of Americans end up financial failures.

If you are like most new college graduates, you have credit card debt. At the very least, you have credit cards. Statistics vary, but average balances of \$2,000 to \$5,000 are common for the newly graduated, in addition to student loans.

This is where the trouble begins. If you have a job, you will now be making more money than you ever have before. When you look at the \$2,000 balance on your credit card statement, you are amazed you only need to pay \$40 per month. This is nothing compared to the "windfall" you now earn.

This new earning power now means you can fly from the comfort of home and get your own place. No more explaining to Mom where you are all the time. You can stay up late and eat dessert for dinner. Most importantly, you can now get all those cable channels your folks were too cheap to pay for every month.

Transportation is important. Why continue to drive your clunker when the car dealerships are offering special deals to people just like you? You're making a lot of money now, right?

These changes come with a cost, a cost much greater than you might imagine.

The \$2,000 balance on your credit card? If you continue to make minimum monthly payments on it, figure you could still be paying on it 20 to 30 years later, if you don't charge any more. You could end up paying \$10,000 for that \$2,000 charge.

It gets worse. If you had taken

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that \$40 per month and invested it in an investment that averaged 10 percent per year for 20 years, you'd have more than \$30,000 saved.

Your new car could make or break you. First, do not lease. The smaller payment is nice, but at the end of the lease you have nothing. You'll continue to make payments on the same or a new vehicle.

Never finance a car for more than three years. Some companies are now offering six-year financing. If you can't afford the payments at three years, you can't afford the car.

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The cost of your new living arrangements can vary considerably based on several factors. Will you have a roommate or two? Is the heating system electric, gas or wood? Are you lucky enough to have central air conditioning? Do you want those five HBO channels?

Furniture is important. Do you have any? If not, it will cost you. Run away from the rent-to-own places. You could end up paying three times the cost. Look for furniture at garage sales. Take a good sniff before buying anything, though. Cats are tricky.

Then there is food. Are you expensive to feed? Do you insist on name brands instead of the identical generic brands? Do you prefer to eat out rather than prepare your own meals?

If you average only \$5 per day in food outside the home, you are wasting a potential \$300,000! Five dollars per day equals \$150 per month; invested at 10 percent for 30 years, it would grow to over \$300,000.

As a new college graduate, you are likely 22 years old. Do you know any 52-year-old who has

\$300,000? Probably not, and if you do, it is very unlikely they are debt-free. Sure, they might have a nice big retirement fund, but do they have a big mortgage or two? Car loans? Student loans for the kids?

Most people are far less prosperous than they appear. Sad but true.

Get a copy of the *New York Times* best-seller *The Millionaire Next Door* by William Danko and Thomas Stanley. You might be surprised about how many of them got to be millionaires.

As hard as it might be now, please start to take a long-term view with regard to your finances. People get in trouble when their spending expands to meet their income. Your life will be much more enjoyable if you live below your means. Maybe you can afford a Lexus, but realize it's just a Toyota with a different label.

Listen to those older than you. If you spend any time at all around them, you'll find much of their conversation is focused on money and specifically how "little" they have. The fact is, the amount of money they make probably would have made their parents feel rich. But they focused on how much the monthly payments were, rather than the total cost of anything they bought.

Don't make the same mistake. Avoid debt; keep expenses to a minimum; start saving for your future and by the time you are ready to retire, you'll have more than enough to live comfortably.

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Can you live on that? Remember, only 4 percent of Americans retire in relative comfort. The others wish they had read and used information like this when they were your age.

Where will you be at retirement? I hope to see you in the 4 percent. Good luck.

## Member-elect says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

Election to public office is an exhilarating and yet humbling experience.

"What did you win? was a question my 5-year-old grandson asked me. When I explained it was a seat on the Bethlehem school board, he replied, "You mean you have to go to a lot of meetings? If I won, I would just want an ice cream cone." It makes me realize why I opted to seek election.

To those who voted, I want to thank you for your participation. It cast me into a position I have wanted for some time. I am grateful to those who encouraged and supported me in this endeavor. I will do my best over the next three years to live up to your expectations. Now the work begins, and I look forward to it.

Warren Stoker  
Delmar

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Legislator calls for accessible public transportation

Editor, The Spotlight:

When we think of our home town, we always focus on that one word — home — and all that it means to us as individuals: finding pleasure in familiar, comfortable surroundings with a "Welcome" sign actually or figuratively at our door.

But it's really much more than a single dwelling that attracts us and livens our spirits—it's a neighborhood, composed of other families, friends new or old.

And Bethlehem is composed of many neighborhoods, which together give us the sense of community for which we are so happily know in the Capital District.

Within the last several decades, comfortable homes in pleasant new neighborhoods have been built for many thousands of families who were attracted to Bethlehem for both its amenities and ambiance.

But there's one troubling draw-

back for residents of these neighborhoods. It cries out for attention and a solution — accessible public transportation — or rather the absence of it.

How to "get there from here" might appear to be less than a pressing problem in this automotive age. But numerous residents of Chadwick Square and similar neighborhoods in the Wemple-Beacon-Feura Bush roads area — are stranded during the day.

What they need, and what we must promptly set about confirming and then offering, is an updating of CDTA bus routes in order to serve them properly. Our existing routes, focusing on the main arteries of Delaware and Kenwood avenues, but little else, were designed decades ago. It's past time when the bus line supervisors should be recognizing the facts of life and responding effectively. In some ways, they seem to operate as though they were still The Trac-

tion Co. whose equipment could only go where there were rails.

It makes absolute sense for regular bus schedules to be extended into Glenmont, the fastest growing section of our town.

Bethlehem's growth area quite likely has attained a population

density equivalent to Delmar and Elsmere, where the current lines are focused.

I am arranging meetings with CDTA staff to discuss developing these alternate routes. The Capital Region is widely and accurately known as a transportation center.

We need to be alert to serve our own people in that tradition. I will welcome suggestions and comments from residents.

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Albany County Legislator  
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# Students tuning up for high school concert

The high school vocal concert will be on Thursday, June 3, at 7:30 in the auditorium.

The chorus, under the direction of Julie Ploss, includes seventh through 12th-grade students. The concert is free and open to the public.

## New Scotland museum opens for season

The New Scotland Historical Association will re-open its museum for the 1999 season on Sunday, June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The opening will feature an exhibit on the Hamlet of Clarksville and refreshments will be served.

The museum is open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. During July and August, it will also be open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Admission is free.

## Music department to hold information night

The elementary school music department will hold an information night for fourth-grade students and parents tonight, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

The fifth-grade instrumental program will be discussed and students can sign-up for instruments.

For information, call Lydia

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## PTA to sponsor book fair

The PTA will hold a thank-you book fair June 1 to 8 at the elementary school.

Children can buy books during regular library time. The book fair will also be open on Friday, June 4, from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Columnist to speak at public library

Fred LeBrun will give a presentation on his voyage down the Hudson River tonight, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the public library on School Road.

The *Times Union* columnist will show slides and talk about his three-week adventure traveling the length of the Hudson River. The program is free and open to the public.

## Summer volleyball league to play at village park

A coed volleyball league will play on Thursday evenings, June 3 to Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. in the village park behind village hall.

Players of all levels are encouraged to participate. Informal instruction and skill drills will be available.

For information, call George Klapp at 765-2416.

## Summer swim program sets registration

Helderberg Aquatics summer swim program will hold registration on Wednesday, June 16, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the high school.

Payment is required at registration.

The American Red Cross-approved swim program will offer three sessions; June 28 to July 8, July 12 to 22, and July 26 to Aug. 5.

Classes will be held Monday through Thursday for 50 minutes each. Session times vary depending on course level.

Courses include an infant and preschool aquatics program, instructional levels 1 to 5, and adult evening classes.

Registration forms can be picked up at the high school main office. For information, call 765-7987.

## School board to meet at high school

The school board will hold its regular meeting on Monday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

## Awards program slated Monday

The seventh- and eighth-grade awards program will be held on Monday, June 7, at 7:45 a.m. at the high school. Ninth- and 10th-grade awards will be given on Tuesday, June 8, at 7:45 a.m. at the high school.

The 11th-grade awards program will be on Thursday, June 9, at 7:45 a.m., also at the high school.

## Kiwanis to sponsor blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis-sponsored blood pressure clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue.

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Parameters such as location, school population, tuition range or major can be entered to yield select lists of colleges that meet the searcher's personal criteria.

At this time, our library is the only public library in the Capital District with access to *CollegeSource Online*. Two reference workstations are fitted with this sleek replacement for the cumbersome microfiche catalogs of yesteryear, which will no longer be produced after the year 2000.



*CollegeSource Online* is speedy and easy to use, and on-screen text size can be enlarged for easier reading.

Another source for college hunters is [www.nycolleges.org](http://www.nycolleges.org), the Web site for New York state's private colleges and universities. It offers financial aid information, a college open house calendar, descriptions of campuses, sports programs, clubs and activities and links to college Web sites.

This site is supplemented by a free print resource, *Your College Search*, which explains how to start the selection process and lists nearly 500 associate's and bachelor's degree programs, cross-referenced with the schools that offer them. More than 100 private colleges and universities in the state are profiled, including costs, application requirements and deadlines.

*Your College Search* is available now in the career resource

center. Copies can also be ordered by calling 518-436-4781 or by writing to the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU) Affordable Choice Program, 17 Elk St., Albany 12207. You can also e-mail them at [colleges@nycolleges.org](mailto:colleges@nycolleges.org).

Look for library signs pointing you toward *CollegeSource Online*. Watch for upcoming college-related programs offered by career resource center this summer and fall: "SAT Strategies" in August and "College Admission Demystified" in October. And check our homepage at [www.uhls.org/bethlehem](http://www.uhls.org/bethlehem).

Louise Grieco

## Business women to install officers

Bethlehem Business Women will hold its monthly dinner meeting tonight, June 2, at Normanside Country Club in Elmsmere.

The group will install its 1999-2000 officers and honor its scholarship award recipients at the gathering, which begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour.

An indoor picnic dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the scholarship honors and a speaker, Jeff Bazinet of Intelligent System Solutions, who will discuss the potential risks of businesses not being Y2K compliant. The installation of officers will follow the program.

## Croatian librarians to make local visit

The library has received a grant from the Open Society Institute, which is working toward the democratization of eastern European nations. Voorheesville is one

assembly hall at SUNY Albany. If you have an opinion on the importance of public library services and how to improve them, you are invited to speak up as the state Regents commission develops its report. For information or to register, call 474-1195.

*Times Union* columnist Fred LeBrun will be at the library tonight, June 2, at 7 p.m. to discuss his "Voyage of Life: A Hudson River Journey." LeBrun will explain the influence of the river on the life, heritage, vitality and culture of the region.

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library, and no sign up is necessary. The presentation is sponsored by the Upper Hudson Library System, fund by a grant by the New York Council for the Humanities.

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of three locations that include Queensborough Public Library and the State Library which will host two librarians from Croatia as they study and work in the United States from April through September.

Dajana Brunac, a children's librarian from Zadar City Library on the Dalmatian Coast and Ivana Soljacic-Richter, a regional librarian from Zagreb, will be in the Albany area from June 1 to 16. Their time here will involve discussions, conferences and tours to become acquainted with various types of libraries in our country.

If you would like to stop in greet these visitors, they will be at an informal reception at the library on Thursday, June 10, from 7 to 8 p.m.

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## Tom's Tastee Treat hosts music series

Tom's Tastee Treat on Route 85 in Slingerlands will present its weekly series of live acoustical music performances, every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. through Sept. 5.

This week's featured performers are Jeff Strange on Friday, June 4, and Mother Judge on June 5. For information, call 439-3344.

## Iris society sets perennial sale

The Capital-Hudson Iris Society will sponsor a perennial plant sale on Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Main Square Shoppes, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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## Couple's gift to create nature center

State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Commissioner Bernadette Castro today announced a gift of \$400,000 from Fred and Martha Schroeder of East Greenbush, that will be used to create the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center at Thompson's Lake campground in Albany County.

"The Schroeders generosity is a great gift to all of New York. Their donation will help us in our commitment to preserving the environment while simultaneously offering our youth a magnificent educational opportunity," Castro said.

Located on the site of the former Albany Boys Club, Camp Thacher, the emphasis of the nature center will be on children's activities, environmental education and resource protection.

"We believe that preservation of our environment is crucial, and that children, in particular, should be aware of the dangers inherent in its misuse. Our hope is that the Nature Center will enhance people's appreciation of the natu-

ral world around them while enriching the programs of John Boyd Thacher and Thompson's Lake State Parks," stated Fred and Martha Schroeder.

In addition to the \$400,000 gift, the Schroeders have committed \$350,000 in additional funds for an endowment to underwrite the operation of the nature center.

At the Schroeder's request, the center will honor Emma Treadwell Thacher. In 1914 she deeded large tracts of land in the Helderbergs to the state in the name of her husband, John Boyd Thacher.

She stipulated that the land on Thompson's Lake be used as a resident camp by the Albany Boys Club.

A committee to raise funds for educational equipment, programming materials and interior furnishings is being established.

Preliminary members of the committee include the Schroeders daughter-in-law, Beth Schroeder; Jim Gilmer, president of the Friends of Thacher and

Thompson's Lake; and Thomas Maggs of Schenectady.

The committee's goal of \$75,000 has a head start with a \$10,000 gift from Bruce and Carol Hammond of Andover, Mass.

The Hammonds are pleased they can contribute toward the establishment of a nature center on Thompson's Lake, where Bruce Hammond spent much of his youth during summers at Camp Thacher learning the value of this land.

Thompson's Lake State Park includes lake, forest and field ecosystems that create a place for children and their families to learn about and interact with the natural environment.

Educational programs at the nature center will foster an awareness of the need for protection and conservation for future generations.

The official groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, at Thompson's Lake.

## Graduation committee seeking volunteers

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."

Mailboxes Etc. at 163 Delaware Ave. in Delmar has agreed to reproduce copies of photos of students, alone or with friends, for only 69 cents a picture.

Original photos will be returned, and copies kept for the graduation celebration.

The committee urges that donated photo selections be kept a surprise to add to the fun of the celebration night.

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# TV station honors two local students

Two local youngsters were among 13 honored by WYNT-TV and First lady Libby Pataki for their service to their communities during recent ceremonies at the Executive Mansion in Albany.

Among the honorees were Carrie Holligan of Delmar and Stefanie Pivar of Voorheesville.

Holligan attends Bethlehem Central High School and Pivar is a student at Clayton A. Bouton High School.

The honor ceremonies came as the culmination of a series of on-air profiles, "13 Kids Who Care," that highlighted the volunteer efforts of local young people.

Selected from among 100 nominations submitted by Channel 13 viewers, the 13 have been featured in profiles on the station's Wednesday newscasts since March. Each honoree was also presented with a \$500 donation from the sponsors to be donated

to the charitable organization of their choice. St. Peter's Hospital and MercyCare Corporation co-sponsored the awards.

Holligan was honored for her volunteer work with children, through Girl Scouts, where she is the leader of a Brownie troop, and also the Albany Therapeutic Riding Center, where she works with children with disabilities. She has also volunteered for six years at the Disabled Men's Residence in Albany. Her \$500 award will go to the Therapeutic Riding Center.

Pivar, whose brother attends Wildwood, a school for the disabled, was cited for her volunteer work there and also for organizing an effort to get other students involved as Wildwood volunteers. Thanks to Pivar's efforts, more than 20 of her classmates now volunteer at Wildwood an afternoon every other week. Her \$500 donation will be directed to Pond View Farms.

# Student probes Indian Ladder History

By Matthew Zimmerman

The writer won first prize in an essay contest sponsored by the New Scotland Historical Association. He is a seventh-grader at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

Indian Ladder Farms, a popular fruit farm, has been a part of New Scotland history for about 84 years.

In 1915, Peter G. Ten Eyck bought and started a small fruit and dairy farm on route 156 at the base of the Helderbergs. There were many small fruit and dairy farms in the area around that time, for the soil was very rich for farming. Not only a farmer, Peter G. Ten Eyck was also a state and community leader. He served in Congress for two terms, worked for deepening the Hudson and was the Commissioner of Agriculture in New York State.

The Ten Eycks chose Indian Ladder for their name because of the history of the area. Long ago, when the white men were first settling in the area, the Mohawks wanted to establish a trade route from the Hudson River west. At the Helderberg escarpment, the Indians cut down very large trees, trimmed their branches, set them against the cliffs, and climbed up and down them .... Indian Ladders!

In the summer of 1949 the Ten Eyck's dairy barn burned to the ground. They sold their 100 dairy cows and moved into beef cattle. After a while things didn't work out, and they sold their beef cattle and just farmed fruit, mainly apples and pears.

Over the years, the Ten Eycks expanded their operation through the purchase of several fruit farms. Today, Indian Ladder Farms is about 350 acres and made up of five smaller farms. That is where the "s" on the end of Farms came from. The family felt they should acknowledge the farms that they bought.

The Ten Eycks used to sell their fruit wholesale only. They shipped apples to New York City and beyond. During the late 1950's Peter G. Ten Eyck II (the current owner) asked his father if he could sell apples on their front porch. His father agreed and promised him ten percent of all sales. Soon Peter's dad had to cancel the deal because his son was making too much money! That was the beginning of selling apples directly to the public at Indian Ladder Farms. Currently the Ten Eyck's business is almost all retail.

Today Indian Ladder Farms is not only a retail fruit farm but also offers family entertainment. Many people love to hike, pick apples and enjoy a meal or snack at the farm. Now Peter Ten Eyck II's daughter, Laura, is helping him run the business. She has convinced her father to establish a petting zoo at the farm, just as he suggested to his father the importance of buying a donut machine many years ago.

Indian Ladder Farms has been in the Ten Eyck family for about

84 years and is currently being managed by the fourth generation. This wonderful farm has contributed to the town of New Scotland by offering farm tours to students, selling its delicious apples, and providing a place to enjoy a beautiful view of the Helderbergs. We will all benefit if this farm continues for many generations to come.

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## Library to sponsor independent film fest

Bethlehem Public Library will sponsor an Independent Film Fest on Saturday, June 12, from 1 to 5 p.m..

The festival will feature the work of two local horror film makers, Bruce Hallenbeck and Joe Bagnardi, who will be on hand to discuss their work at the library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Hallenbeck is the auteur behind the 1990 "Vampyre" and the "shockumentary" on the history of vampire movies, "Fangs," Bagnardi directed "Shadow Tracker: Vampire hunter." Both films were shot locally and released on video by E.I. Cinema.

The fest is appropriate for grade six and up. To register, call 439-9314.

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# V'ville Methodist church has deep historical roots

By Sarina Fiero

The writer is the second-place winner of the New Scotland Historical Association essay contest. She is a seventh-grader at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

The history of the Methodist Church is important to me because it connects me to the history of my house and the village I live in.

A small group of people, mostly of English descent, settled in Van Rensselaers' West manor. Most of them had contact with Methodism previously. They began to meet in each others homes and barns to practice their religion.

Freeborn Garrettson rode out from Albany to preach to them in Jacob Martin's barn. The group eventually rose to the status of an organized Methodist society in 1815 led by Reverend Elais VanDerlip.

Elais VanDerlip began preaching to another group, just like the first one, along the Heldebergs and Vly and Black Creeks. This group became known as the Black Creek Methodist Society. Ten years later the group became strong enough to build a church and incorporated themselves as the North Methodist Episcopal Society of the Town of Bethlehem, and in 1826 the church building was erected. They carried on the same name until 1832 when they were reincorporated under the name of New Scotland.

In 1870 Reverend H.C. Chase was assigned to be pastor of the New Scotland Church. During the next twenty years the village of Voorheesville came into existence due to the railroad junctions.

In 1887 a parsonage was built on a lot donated by David Bradt. This still stands at 8 Voorheesville Avenue.

In 1890 the church was taken down and rebuilt in the village. The lot was purchased at the present location for four hundred dollars. On November 13, 1890 a

Mr. VanAuken was injured by a falling timber when helping to move and re-erect the church. He died and his funeral was the first service in the "new" church. The church then unofficially became known as Voorheesville as did the village.

In 1891 Reverend John C. Fisher and his family moved into the new parsonage. The years from the coming of the railroad until World War I were a time of growth in the community and surrounding areas. Due to available transportation to the city the church became a popular summer boarder. The church was the center for much of the social and religious activity. The church hall was the only meeting place in the whole community.

After the war, in the 1920's, there was a period of great activity in the church. The sanctuary was remodeled, a new pulpit was installed, and stained glass windows were put in. The church's front window was changed to fit a special window honoring World War veterans. A pipe organ was given to the church and halls were turned into Sunday school rooms. The church kitchen was also improved. The debt for all the work was cleared away in 1932.

In 1941 Public School kindergarten classes were held in the

Sunday School rooms. Linoleum flooring was installed and given as a memorial gift in 1942. In 1951 the property next door was acquired to help expand the church for growth. The cost was four hundred fifteen dollars.

Reverend Walter began a pastorate of twenty three years in 1952. In 1956 the Sanctuary was remodeled and another pipe organ was installed. This cost over ninety two thousand dollars plus uncounted hours donated as volunteer labor. The result made it all worthwhile. On September 29, 1956 the first auction/bazaar was held on the church's lawn. The church continues to hold a Fall bazaar to this day.

Reverend Taylor discovered the parsonage on fire in 1961 and the second floor was severely damaged. In 1965 the church celebrated its 150th anniversary. A historical marker was placed on the original site of the Methodist Church on Altamont Road, replacing an earlier one dating from 1935. The United Methodist Church formed a union between the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. These churches became the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

Vinyl siding was installed on the churches exterior in 1987. In 1990 the church celebrated the

175th anniversary of the congregation and one hundred years of Christian outreach and ministry from the Maple Avenue location.

The church now has more than six hundred members with Reverend George Klohek as present pastor. The Methodist Church continues to be an active and important part of life in Voorheesville.

\* I became interested in doing the Methodist Church for my project when I learned the house I live in was the old parsonage. In doing the research for this project, I found out many additional interesting things about my house. In 1912 the Ladies Aid Society wallpapered the lower rooms of the parsonage and purchased a dining room rug. Also on May 15,

1928 a motion was carried for J. Cummings to get a committee to look after the cesspool at the parsonage. Electric lights, heat, a bath, and a new roof were all installed at the old parsonage, my house, on March 30, 1916.

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Unofficial board records, meetings at the church, courtesy of Lee Flanders, church historian.

## Beth Emeth plans giant sale

Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany, will host a giant garage sale on Sunday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A special preview sale of sale items, donated by members of the

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# Noreast Real Estate owners win trade association awards

By Katherine McCarthy

The Greater Capital Association of Realtors has recognized Peter Staniels and Doug Engels, owners of Noreast Real Estate. Staniels received a Community Service Award and Engels was named Realtor of the Year.

"Peter has been involved in things outside the Realtor organization, which bring recognition to the Realtor community," said Jim Adar, executive vice president of the Greater Capital Association of Realtors.

Specifically, Staniels is being recognized for Homes for All, a nonprofit organization he started at Noreast, that aims to facilitate housing initiatives for the disabled.

"With the many advances in technology, people are living longer, and often their caregivers are gone," Staniels said. "What happens to a 55-year-old person with Down Syndrome who, in the past, might not have lived past 25?"

Homes for All also takes into account the elderly, who might benefit from slight modifications

to their houses — such as wider doors to accommodate walkers or wheelchairs, levers instead of doorknobs and removing thresholds.

A meeting with Rob Davies, director of the state Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD), gave Staniels a chance to see some of the needs from the state's perspective.

"I got an education about the needs from the state's purview," Staniels said, "and I educated Rob as to the real estate side. We both got excited about what's good about this. We've been working on a program that creates a marriage between private industry and the public sector."

Staniels pointed out that homes that might be less desirable to some are perfect for people with disabilities. "Houses on a bus line, or close to businesses, are an advantage to the handicapped," he said. "These houses are often more affordable, too, so it's good for the seller, the buyer, the town and the state."

Homes for All has worked hard

to create a different attitude about credit worthiness. "Individuals have different types of sources and qualifications," Staniels said.

"One of the good things," Engels added, "is that many of these individuals work. Computers have really changed things."

"They also might have a trust fund," Staniels said. "We've also worked with the Community Reinvestment Act, recently passed state legislation that calls for banks to reinvest 2 percent back into the community. When we approach local banks, Homes for All often fits their needs."

Staniels provided a training program about Homes for All at Albany Law School and representatives from about 85 state agencies attended.

"This is a process, not an event," Staniels said.

"The goal of Homes for All," Engels said, "is to facilitate putting individuals into homes. It may not result directly back to us."

Staniels and Engels have found that other Realtors sometimes refer customers with special needs to them. "This is an education for us and everyone else," Engels said. "We're an outlet until other Realtors become more comfortable."

Staniels' award was also based on work he does with Christmas for April, a nationwide volunteer effort that helps seniors keep up their homes.

Engels said he felt honored by his award as Realtor of the Year. As an owner of Noreast, Engels is not directly involved with home

sales. His award was based on his work with the Capital Region Multiple Listing Service (MLS), of which he's been president for the last two years.

"Doug was chosen by a panel of seven Realtors from the region," Adar said. "It was a subjective decision based on his efforts at bringing technology and making for smoother operating of the Multiple Listing Service."

According to Engels, the MLS "is the vehicle by which information about properties for sale is disseminated to members of the Greater Capital Association of Realtors."

The MLS has been accessible by computer since the 1980s, and Engels took it one step further, making it available on the Internet.

"There was a great fear that the Internet would put us out of business," Engels said. "It just creates a wider distribution for us. For instance, we received e-mail from someone in Europe, looking to move to the Capital Region. They sent their criteria, and we were able to respond. With the Internet, you can communicate without being on the same schedule, and save phone costs and not have a problem with the time difference. Being on the Internet helps us better meet our goal of delivering service to our customers."

Staniels praised his colleague's work. "Doug got people to accept the technology as a benefit to them and their customers," he said. "It took a lot of knowing how to work with people to computerize and

upgrade the system."

Engels and Staniels opened Noreast Real Estate in 1989. In addition to their office in Delmar's Main Square, there is a Guilderland office, and one in Loudonville. Forty-two real estate agents work with them as individual contractors.

"Our goal is to not necessarily be the largest, but to be the highest quality firm," Engels said.

Staniels has lived in Delmar since 1975, and has three children. One recently graduated from St. Michael's College in Vermont, one attends Hartwick College, and the youngest is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School.

Engels and his wife Ellen live in Guilderland, and have one son who attends Siena College and another at Guilderland High School.

## Bottle & can drive to help fight CF

Redeemable bottles and cans brought to Grand Union stores throughout the region through June 5 can be converted to cash in a fund-raising effort for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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For information, call the local chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 489-2677.

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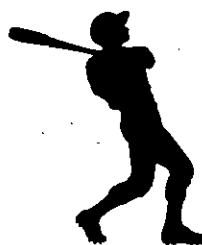


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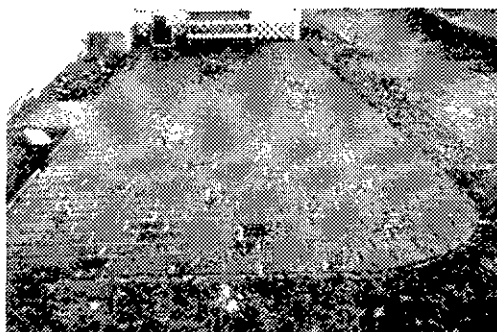
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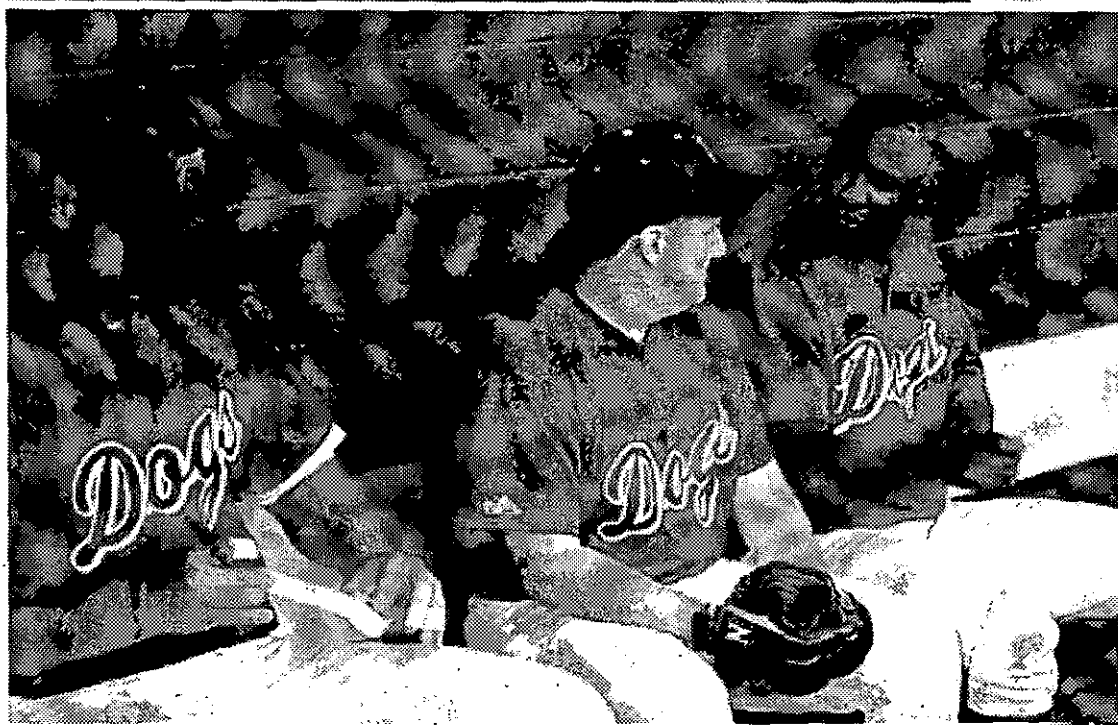


## Sports

## Every Diamond Dog has his day

## Living out a baseball fantasy

By JEFFREY FOLEY



Jeffrey Foley, middle, listens as Ramon Melo gives hitting tips in broken English. Jon Mueller, left, busies himself with a roll of tape.

All photos by Jim Franco

**T**hat damn ringside bell sounded in my head all game long. Ding. Ding. Ding. It smacked off my ears like a Mike Tyson uppercut. Or upper-bite.

But first came the call.

"Strike three! Yer out!"

The voice wasn't particularly loud or obnoxious. The hand motion, however, was.

Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs coach Charlie Sullivan, acting as umpire since the real umps couldn't make it to the impromptu May 23 matchup with the Adirondack Lumberjacks, hooked a thumb to the right. It was like being gonged from a bad 70s television show.

I slapped my 33-inch piece of lumber and began the long walk back to the dug-out.

"DING."

My head snapped back and I glared into the stands behind home plate. A fan was celebrating my debut into the world of professional baseball by smacking a ringside bell, announcing to all of Heritage Park that I had struck out.

And that was only the first time.

#### **That ball's outta here**

The arrival of summer used to signify two things for me: free time and sandlot baseball.

As soon as those warm days of June hit, I turned into a bigtime pro ballplayer.

In 1980, when I was 9, I spent the entire summer pretending to be George Brett. Every time I stepped up to the plate, whether it was at an actual field or in somebody's driveway, whether we were using a baseball or a wiffle ball, I was chasing that elusive .400 mark. I wanted to be the Kansas City Royals' star third baseman.

And in 1986, during the New York Mets' drive to the World Series, I was Mookie Wilson. Whenever the neighborhood kids and I got together on an open plot of land at a local cemetery, I imagined I was roaming the outfield at Shea Stadium. Jumbo jets roared overhead as I snagged scorching line drives.

But mostly I took on Wilson's persona

because I thought Mookie was the coolest name I'd ever heard.

Anyhow, it was always the bottom of the ninth inning when I was at bat. Even if I led off in a game where there were only three other people playing and we were only allowed to hit to left field, it was still the bottom of the last frame for me.

And there were always two outs and two strikes. In my make-believe world, the bases were loaded and we trailed by three runs. It was up to me to hit a grand slam and give the Mets a win in game seven.

As you can see, I had quite a vivid imagination. And I always imagined pro baseball would be easy.

#### **A league of their own**

The Diamond Dogs general manager laughed when I told him I wanted play for his team and write a story about my experience.

"You'd better get to the batting cages before game day," Charlie Voelker said. "These guys are good. Real good."

The Diamond Dogs compete in the Northern League, an independent baseball organization that was founded in 1992 and is comprised of 16 teams stretching across 12 states and two Canadian provinces. Voelker said the league is Double A-caliber, but some so-called baseball purists, bothered by a lack of affiliation with Major League Baseball, have called the Northern League a glorified beer league.

"People who say that kind of stuff obviously haven't seen much of the game," Sullivan said. "And if they were true baseball purists, you'd think they'd like the fact that we've got guys out here who just want to play baseball."

Guys like Jon Mueller, who starred at Stillwater High School and has belted 50 home runs in four years. Guys like Chuck Bauer, a Rensselaer High School graduate who has played for three MLB organizations.

Teams in the Northern League play 86 regular-season games each year, plus play-offs and a championship series. The players make a minimum of \$700 per month, and players like Pete Rose Jr., who is a member of the New Jersey Jackals, make as much as \$6,000 per month. Albany-Colonie averaged roughly 2,500 fans per contest at Heritage Park last season, up from 1,200 people per game in 1996.

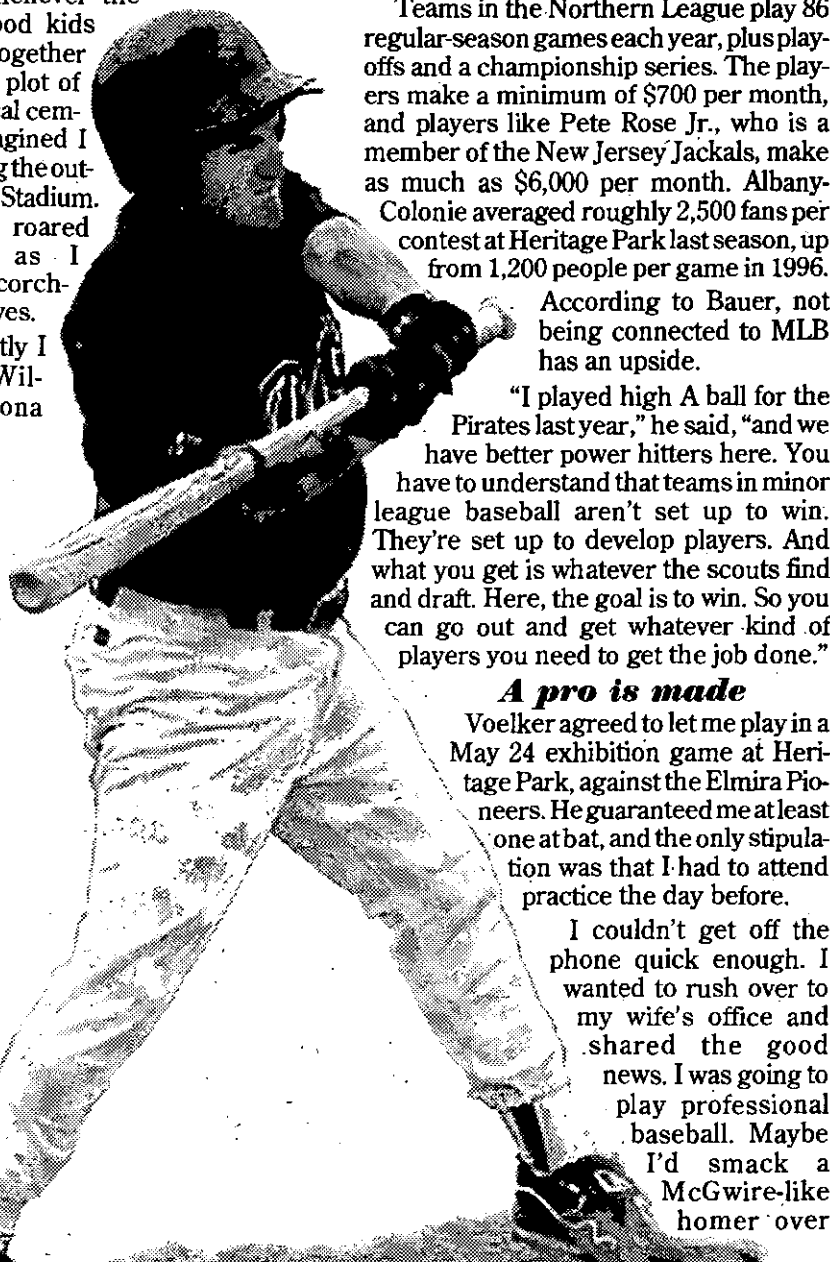
According to Bauer, not being connected to MLB has an upside.

"I played high A ball for the Pirates last year," he said, "and we have better power hitters here. You have to understand that teams in minor league baseball aren't set up to win. They're set up to develop players. And what you get is whatever the scouts find and draft. Here, the goal is to win. So you can go out and get whatever kind of players you need to get the job done."

#### **A pro is made**

Voelker agreed to let me play in a May 24 exhibition game at Heritage Park, against the Elmira Pioneers. He guaranteed me at least one at bat, and the only stipulation was that I had to attend practice the day before.

I couldn't get off the phone quick enough. I wanted to rush over to my wife's office and share the good news. I was going to play professional baseball. Maybe I'd smack a McGwire-like homer over



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## Diamond Dog

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Heritage Park's left-field wall. And then some fan could retrieve the ball and sell it back to me. I'd sign it and give it to my wife.

Yeah, she'd like that. There's nothing like more clutter around the house.

So every night for the week leading up to May 23, I planned on going to a batting cage. And every night, something came up. The lawn had to be mowed one evening, I had to work late several others, and a pint or two of Guinness sounded too good to pass up a couple of times. I never got my swings in.

But I figured I'd be OK. How hard can it be to hit a baseball? It doesn't look that tough on TV or from the stands.

Besides, I was pretty good in Little League. I hit a triple one time that could have been a home run if I was faster.

### Fighting for chemistry

Mueller's a pretty big boy. He obviously gets some of his hitting power directly from his 6-foot-5 frame.

At 10 a.m. on May 23, my first day with the Diamond Dogs, Mueller and Ramon Melo went toe-to-toe in right field. About 10 of their teammates gathered to watch as they rolled around on the wet grass.

"Oh no, he's going for the pin," said one of the players in between guffaws. Melo, who checks in at 5-foot-11 and 165 pounds, rolled a limp-bodied Mueller off his stomach and onto his back. Mueller looked stunned, semi-conscious. "Jon could lose the belt."

The slow-motion WWF-style grappling match had been going on for about 10 minutes.

Melo had already gathered dirt and rubbed it all over Mueller's face, like the dirt was acid or some other type of blinding agent. He had also stolen a tin of tobacco from Mueller's back pocket and smacked him in the head with it.

And he had gladly accepted the six-foot-long piece of Styrofoam piping a teammate had tossed him. He used the piping like a club, batting Mueller in the head and sending the 245-pound designated hitter to the canvas. Or grass.

Now, Melo had his opponent where he wanted him. The Spanish-speaking infielder looked around for somebody to count Mueller out.

Nobody moved.

"One ... two ..." Melo said in broken English as he slapped at the grass.

But suddenly, Mueller came to life. He tossed Melo high into the air and pounced on the smaller player in one fluid move. With

little obvious effort, he lifted Melo above his head and tossed him over his shoulder.

Melo's chest reached for the sky. His back arched against Mueller's shoulder like a shoe on a foot. He groaned.

The pin came easy for Mueller after that. He kept his inter-team title.

"How was that torture rack?" said Mueller with a grin as his teammates laughed and slapped at their knees. "I hate to say it, but we're gonna be good. We're in mid-season form already. Especially as far as busting goes."

### Showtime comes early

We had already done some stretching and running, and I was playing pitch and catch with a couple infielders. Everybody on the team was dressed in white baseball pants and red batting practice jerseys. So with the exception of my height, or lack thereof — I'm 5-foot-7, small on any athletic field — I looked just like everybody else on the squad. I was feeling more like a baseball player with each catch I made.

And that's when it happened. A throw came in and I stuck my glove out. The ball popped against the leather and the pain was instant. Searing even. It felt as if half the bones in my left hand had been broken.

I grimaced and tossed the ball away, trying not to shed tears in front of the guys. I excused myself, saying I had to go talk to Coach Sullivan. Then I pulled my glove and the batting glove underneath off. The side of my palm closest to my thumb was bruised, already turning black and blue.

That might make the next day-and-a-half difficult. I thought, but at least it'll get me some sympathy at home.

I found the coach sitting on a bench, studying some charts.

"Hey," he said, "we've got a scrimmage with Adirondack at noon. Our game got rained out the other night, so they're here

today. What do you think? Do you want to play, maybe get three or four at bats?"

Hoo-boy.

I was supposed to have an extra day to get mentally prepared. I thought about telling Sullivan about my bruised hand. That could be a way out. Or I could tell him about my ankles, which are prone to twists and sprains.

Get a grip, I thought. Are you 28 or 88? This is baseball, it's supposed to be fun.

"I'll play, coach," I said, putting my batting glove back on.

"Good," Sullivan said. "You can bat 10th. You'll be an extra DH (designated hitter). Nobody will care since this is just pre-season."

### Taking the fast way out

During my inaugural at bat, in the bottom of the third inning, I only saw three pitches.

Well, I didn't actually see any of them. It was more like I heard them hit the catcher's mitt.

The first pitch was a fastball, a called strike. I didn't swing because the ball was past me as soon as it left the pitcher's hand. The next two pitches were also fastballs. I swung, but they blew by me like tumbleweed in the heart of a tornado.

Back in the dugout, I asked Mueller how bad my swing was.

He arched his eyebrows and said, "Pretty bad. But it's hard to make changes in a game situation. Just try to keep your hands loose on the bat. Stay loose at the plate and be ready to swing."

That made perfect sense.

"Lay down a bunt," Sullivan said. "That's what I'd do if I was you."

That made even more sense. Too bad the Adirondack pitching staff refused to cooperate.

My teammates got off the dugout bench during my second at bat, offering encouragement.

"Come on, Jeff, are you gonna get a hit or what?" yelled Andre Johnson, an outfielder who had already smacked a home run.

"Help us out."

"Make him come to you," Mueller said. "Wait for your pitch."

"There wasn't much waiting involved. Another 85-mile-an-hour fastball roared toward me and I lowered my bat, attempting to bunt. The baseball gods took a moment to smile down on me and I made contact.

But the ball skidded foul.

"That's alright," Mueller said. "You've got two more. Swing away now."

"Little pressure from the dugout?" said the Adirondack catcher with a laugh.

I figured he knew I was a sports writer, not a ballplayer. And I figured he was enjoying himself as he called for yet another fastball. I was right, but it didn't matter. Strikes two and three happened in the blink of an eye.

And, of course, I had to listen to that damn ringside bell.

"It's OK," said Melo, speaking in his broken English. "Second swing look good."

Yeah, right. Good for a blind person.

"Just don't run back to the bench if you strike out again," Mueller said. "Don't ever run back."

I put that advice to use after my third and final at bat. I walked away slowly, tallying up my day. Three at bats. Three strikeouts. Three times I had to listen to that ringside bell. But we won 7-2.

### Rain, rain, go away

I was ready the next day. I was going to smoke the Elmira pitching.

But Mother Nature had other ideas. The skies opened up and spat rain in the bottom of the fourth inning, with me standing in the on-deck circle. I pulled my batting helmet off as the field crew rolled out the tarp.

"Ladies and gentleman, tonight's exhibition with the Elmira Pioneers is canceled because of the rain," the stadium announcer said. His voice boomed into the dugout. "Thanks for coming out to Heritage Park."

And just like that, my professional baseball career was over.

"Where's No. 16?" said one of the Diamond Dogs trainers, sticking his head into the dugout. I glanced at my white jersey; that was my number. "Come on," he said, "a couple of kids want to see you."

I followed the trainer out to the side of the field, where two boys were holding baseballs and a pen.

"Can you sign these?" asked my 16-year-old brother-in-law as my 12-year-old cousin grinned. "I bet they'll be worth something someday. They'll probably be a very limited edition."

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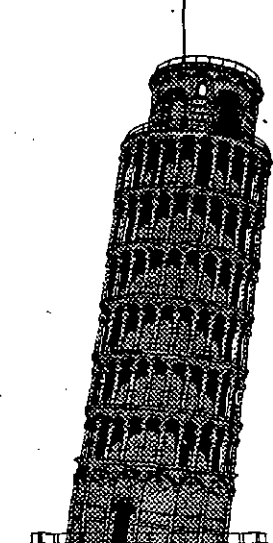
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# Sports



Bethlehem's Lauren Peterson (16) and Carley St. Lucia (20) apply defensive pressure on Shaker's Shawnie Naessens.

Jim Franco

## Eagles streak past Blue Bison

By Jeffrey Foley

In the first half, it looked like a little tinkering might do the trick. Shaker High School's girls' lacrosse squad dropped their usual eight-meter defense and attempted to stifle Bethlehem Central High School with a man-to-man effort.

And with 25 minutes down in the Section II Class A semifinal matchup on May 27, Shaker trailed Bethlehem by just one goal, 5-4. But the Eagles found their rhythm in the second half, scoring a 19-5 win in front of their home crowd.

"I think we were just a little bit nervous," said Bethlehem coach John Battaglini, explaining how badly his team wanted to win and extend their season. "I was nervous today. I tried to hide it, but I only got about two hours sleep last night."

The Eagles scored four times before the Blue Bison got on the board. After Shaker's first goal, by attacker Meghan Sise, Shaker took a time-out.

After that, he Blue Bison seemed to turn things up a notch. Courtney Clement, Leslie Pollock and Shawnie Naessens all scored, and Shaker goalie Brooke Burton did her part, turning aside point-blank shots.

With 13:45 left in the first half, Burton stood in the net as Bethlehem's Grace Tsan blasted downfield on a breakaway. Tsan fired a bouncer toward the goal and Burton swatted it away. Fifteen seconds later, she denied

Ellen Lowrey.

There was no denying Bethlehem in the second half, though. The Eagles made some adjustments of their own and soared.

"We kept shooting low on the goalie, and she kept stopping them," Lily Corrigan said. "So once we went out there in the second half, we had to concentrate on hitting her high. And that was the key. If we could put some in early on her, we knew we could get her frustrated and get ourselves more confident. And that was really the turning point, when we started to put in a couple early ones in the second half."

The Eagles did indeed find the back of the goal early. And often. They outscored Shaker 14-1 in the second session.

"We just took a little long to get our groove together," Bethlehem's Heather Axford said. "And they played really good defense, so it wasn't just us. I think we were maybe too confident coming into this and the first half was

kind of a wakeup call. In the second half, we were just like, 'We have to do this now or never.'"

Lindsay Carter Piechnik led Bethlehem with five goals. Corrigan had three scores and an assist. Tsan, Susie Breaznell and Carley St. Lucia each had a pair of goals and helpers.

Stephanie Sherman made seven saves for Bethlehem (14-2-1). Burton stopped 14 shots for Shaker (13-7).

Bethlehem will take on Saratoga High School in the Class A championship game on June 2. The contest starts at 7:30 p.m. at Shenendehowa High School.

"If we play like you saw in the second half ... we can do it," Battaglini said. "Saratoga's the No. 1 ranked team in the state. We've got to play like we did in the second half. We battled in the second half. We came up with ground balls. We just did all the little things and bodies were flying. That was great. And that's contagious. If we do that in that game, one game, we can beat them."

## Hughes going to RPI

By Christine Potter

Bethlehem Central High School senior Pat Hughes began his baseball career at the age of 2 when his father first placed a baseball in his hand. Hughes went on to play tee-ball at 7 years old and has been playing baseball ever since.

Hughes, now a 6-foot, 180-pound ballplayer, has come a long way since those carefree days of tee-ball.

As co-captain of Bethlehem's varsity baseball team, Hughes batted .423 during the regular season this year. He plays first base, and has also taken on the role of pitcher, which is a position he has always aspired to.

The right-hander had posted a 7-2 record with one save in the regular season. He had a 2.86 earned run average, with 65 strikeouts in 58.2 innings.

According to Hughes, his intensity helps him stand out. When he sets his mind to do something, his competitive fire helps to step up and accomplish his goal.

"It's rare to find a player that has exceptional ability, works hard all the time, is a strong competitor and a leader," Bethlehem baseball coach Jesse Braverman said. "How rare is it to find all four of them in one player?"

Hughes has always worn uniform No. 7 in honor of his favorite baseball player, Mickey Mantle. Hughes considers himself a true New York Yankee's fan and also looks up to many of their more recent players, especially Don Mattingly.

Other inspirations can be found



Pat Hughes winds up earlier in the season.

Jim Franco

much closer to home.

"There is no way I could have been as successful or involved without my parents," Hughes said. "I would also like to thank Coach Braverman, Coach (John) Sodegren, Coach (Chuck) Abba and all my coaches from previous years."

Although Hughes has been playing baseball longer than any other sport, he also captained the varsity football and basketball squads this year.

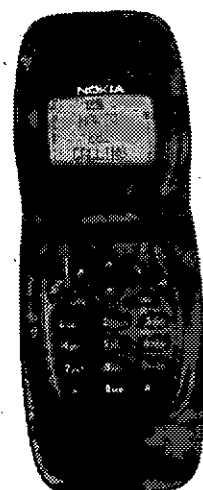
Hughes carries an 86 average at Bethlehem. He'll be moving on to Rensselaer Polytechnic University next year, where he plans to play both football and baseball.

He plans to study physics.

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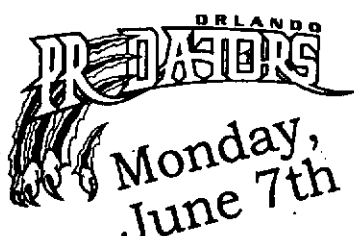
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# Students monitor Onesquethaw Creek

By Katherine McCarthy

The sound of the babbling Onesquethaw Creek lures fishermen, picnickers, and most recently, science students.

Nancy Heinzen of Delmar, a science teacher in the Voorheesville Central School District, has been teaching students from Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools the specifics of stream monitoring. May's good weather finally gave the students a chance to get wet and put their knowledge to use.

Heinzen had been looking for a way to get kids out in the field, and her involvement with the Albany County Water Quality Coordinating Committee gave her that opportunity.

"The Albany County Water Quality Coordinating Committee includes all kinds of organizations," Heinzen said. "Groups like the Audubon Society, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, Trout Unlimited and the League of Women Voters all belong to it. Its purpose is to identify key water bodies in Albany County and protect them. They also make state, federal or county money available for watershed improvement projects."

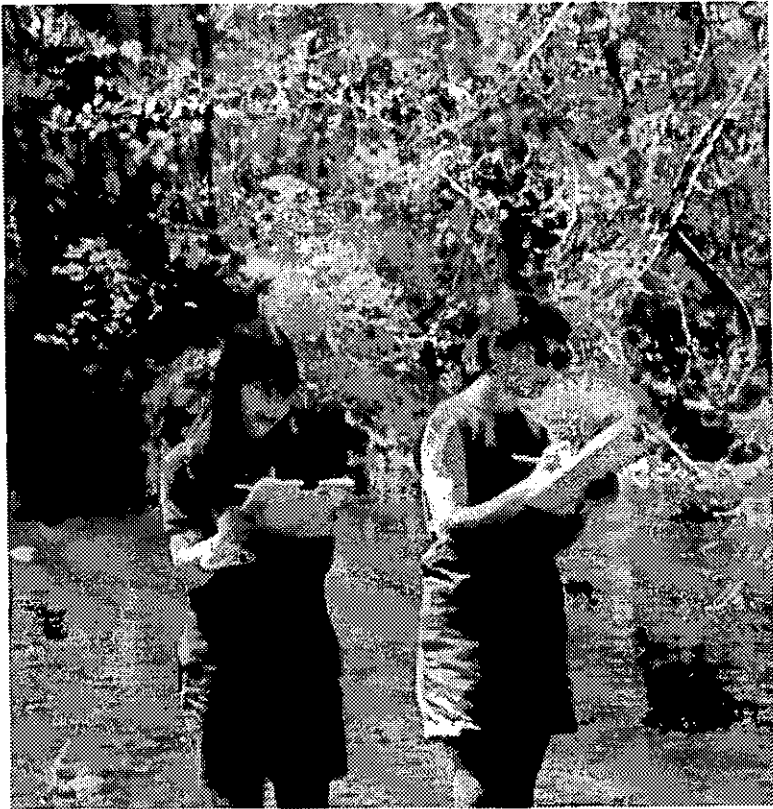
Through the Albany County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, Heinzen received a grant of \$4000 for her stream-monitor-

ing project. She purchased stream-monitoring equipment, and has followed protocols that she took from the national group River Watch, and the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Heinzen and the students she has worked with have broken their monitoring into three major components. One is chemical testing, with each of the schools taking a slightly different focus. The second area is the study of benthic macroinvertebrates: bottom dwelling life forms with no backbones. Students are collecting these creatures, and identifying and sorting them, to check the life-supporting quality of the stream. The students are also studying the actual physical characteristics of a stream, pinpointing a certain spot to see how much water moves across it. Scientists use this method to assess stream erosion.

Student participation has been voluntary so far. Fifteen seventh graders from Bethlehem, along with teachers, Lisa Wood and Ed Gill, met with Heinzen for a number of Fridays before heading out to monitor the Onesquethaw Creek near where the Coeymans Creek comes into it.

Twenty-two seventh through ninth graders from Voorheesville's enriched science program checked out a tributary of the Onesquethaw coming out of Camp Pinnacle, as well as Mill Pond,



Students Amy LaGrange and Cara Ferrentino record their observations of the Onesquethaw Creek.  
Katherine McCarthy

where the creek comes above ground after running through the Clarksville Cave, and two AP biology students from RCS have monitored the Onesquethaw Creek near Route 9W.

On a beautiful May day recently, the Bethlehem students were intent on their work. "I've learned a lot about identifying invertebrates," Kate Madden said, pausing from the titration test she was performing with Amy LaGrange to check the oxygen level in the stream. "If there's too little oxygen, the fish can't breathe. This stream is fine."

"This is more fun than in class," Mandy Calvagno said. "It's something you could do when you're older."

"This is real science," Gill, their teacher, said. "The kids are gathering real data."

The next step will be analysis of the data, and on June 11, from 9 to 11 a.m., the students will present their findings to the Albany County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, during a meeting at the Cornell Cooperative Extension offices in Voorheesville.

Heinzen has been pleased with the students' reaction to her pilot program. Although she joined the Albany County Water Quality Coordinating Council out of personal interest, the educator in her saw the possibility of meeting a long-term goal.

"You don't learn anything about the outdoors without being right in it," she said. "I've always wanted to create a program that combines a research project with the government."

Heinzen would also like to see stream-monitoring projects integrated into schools' science curricula. She pointed to other area monitoring projects — also done on a voluntary basis — as a movement towards more hands-on work. Science clubs in Niskayuna and Schalmont have been monitoring the Normanskill, the Zanzakill, and the Indiankill on a regular basis.

"I'd love to see one watershed organized and researched well, so that people pay attention to what's happening in it. We need to analyze based on evidence, not emotion, and this contributes to that," said Heinzen.

## DEC to sponsor bird watch at park

Bethlehem's Henry Hudson Park will be the site of a Hudson River bird watch program on Wednesday, June 2, sponsored by the state Department of Environmental Conservation — the second of three such watches being set on consecutive Wednesdays this spring.

Beginning at 7 p.m. near the boat launch, staff from Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will be on hand to discuss the migratory birds of the Hudson Valley.

Geared for beginning birders, discussion will focus on waterfowl and other Hudson species.

Participants should bring binoculars and bird identification books, if they have them. In the event of heavy storms, the watch will be cancelled. A similar watch will take place June 9 at Albany's Corning Preserve.

For information on the bird watch program, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

## RCS library slates business programs

A speaker from the Child Care Coordinating Council will present a program on "Starting a Child Care Business in Your Home" Thursday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at the RCS Community Library at 15 Mountain Road in Ravena.

To register, call the council at 426-7181, ext. 21, or the library at 756-2053.

## Library Babies to meet

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Library Babies, a social gathering for babies 15 to 21 months and their caregivers, will be on Friday, June 4, at 10 a.m. at the library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Toys, board books and puzzles will be on hand for the one-hour, gathering. To register, call 439-9314.

## Parsons slates annual Lawn Festival

Parsons Child and Family Center at 60 Academy Road in Albany will hold its annual Lawn Festival on Wednesday, June 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., with a rain date of June 17.

Family activities will include games, music, hay rides, food and a petting zoo.

A groundbreaking will be held to celebrate the construction of the new therapeutic activity center. For information, call 447-5234.

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## Safety

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with their concerns," she said. "Sometimes I think the community isn't quite sure who to go to, but if they come to us, we can point them in the right direction."

She credits Fuller and the Bethlehem police for accessibility. "I'd call them very responsive, but I think sometimes people in town feel we're more responsive than the town is," she said, adding that the perception is often undeserved.

Stevens cited the long-running discussion about installing sidewalks along Elsmere Avenue as an example — a complex matter involving numerous property owners' interests.

"Citizens sometimes feel the town is giving them a runaround," she said. "But some things are simply beyond their control. My impression is that since the town government has gotten involved in the issue of pedestrian safety, the response to things which the town can act on has been very fast."

While the group has a strong track record of reaching students through the schools, their parents are another matter. "One of the biggest things we need to concentrate on is getting information through children to their parents in a way that they'll hear it," said Finley.

Stevens also stressed the need for pedestrian awareness to become a part of driver education programs. And the committee is looking for a way to confront what it feels is a major traffic hazard: "all the commuters," said Finley, "who drive through Bethlehem on their way to wherever."

And Stevens and Finley are concerned about what they view as an increasing tendency of drivers in the community to short-cut through pedestrian-heavy areas, such as the CVS parking lot at Delaware and Elsmere avenues, to avoid the traffic light.

"People in a hurry are not aware of the impact of their actions. They think of it as a very small infraction, and don't think of the increased risk they put themselves, their children and other pedestrians in," said Stevens.

They have their work cut out for them. "Safety is a hard sell," said Stevens. "It's not exciting, it's not colorful, and we're all in a hurry today, so we're all involved. But we still need to reach people we haven't touched yet in some way."

## Accident

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McDonnell, who had been visiting a Delmar resident and was returning home at the time of the accident, was ticketed at the scene for failure to exercise due care.

Vunck said driver inexperience appeared to be a contributing factor, as did the driver's alertness, having awakened shortly before starting to drive.

"Also, a low level of alcohol was detected in the driver, and we're looking into that as a contributing factor for the accident report," Vunck said.

Investigation of the incident continues, and additional charges may be forthcoming, said Vunck. Police had not yet had an opportunity to interview Barrier.

The accident was the most serious of several reported in Bethlehem on the morning after the Memorial Day weekend, and Vunck said such volume of traffic incidents is typical.

"Today and tomorrow are traditionally busy days for us," he said yesterday. "I don't know if it's that everyone is not yet back into the right frame of mind or what. But after a three-day weekend, everyone is well advised to drive defensively and be prepared for the worst."

### Library to host Teddy Bear's Picnic

Bethlehem Public Library will host its 16th annual Teddy Bear's Picnic for children and their families on Monday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m.

The picnic will take place on the library green at 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, or move indoors if it rains.

Participants should bring cookies to share, blankets, and bears; juice will be provided. To register for the free event, call 439-9314.

### Church dinners

Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands continues its springtime series of Zippy Tuesdays takeout dinners from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The June 8 dinner will be barbecue ribs and potato salad followed by barbecue chicken and macaroni salad on June 15.

## Library offers help to 'Look It Up'

Bethlehem Public Library will offer tips on using the library's catalog, database and search resources to identify summer beach reading with "Look It Up: Good Reads" on Tuesday, June 15, at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

Reference librarians will be on hand to assist in the program at the library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. To register, call 439-9314.

## Mom, daughter group to meet at library

Bethlehem Public Library's Mother-Daughter Book Discussion Group will talk about *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, on Wednesday, June 16, at 7 p.m.

The book will be available at the youth services desk.

The discussion group is open to girls in grade four and up. The library is at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. To register, call 439-9314.

## V'ville Legion Post to serve breakfast

An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Voorheesville American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue.

The menu will include eggs, sausage, bacon, corned beef hash, French toast, home fries, toast and beverages, and costs \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children.

## RCS committee to meet at school

The next meeting of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District's Safe Schools Committee is set for Tuesday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school library on Route 9W in Ravena.

For information, call 756-5200.

## Internet workshop

"Safe Netting," an introductory workshop on the use of the Internet for fourth graders to adults, will be offered on Wednesday, June 9, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

# Bethlehem, DEC agree to shore up Onesquethaw

By Joseph A. Phillips

The town of Bethlehem will enter into an agreement with the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to shore up the banks of Onesquethaw Creek along a right-of-way owned by the town in South Bethlehem.

The town board authorized the agreement at its May 26 board meeting.

Bethlehem Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor told the board that floodwaters in the bed of the creek, a regulated stream under DEC supervision, has eroded the embankment in

the vicinity of the former South Shore Road right-of-way. He said the erosion threatened the parsonage of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue.

Heavy spring runoff last year contributed to the embankment's erosion, he added.

DEC required the legally-binding agreement to insure that the remediation work is environmentally sound. Secor said the embankment will be shored up with rock and that work could begin as early as this summer.

# Host families needed

Host families are needed for 30 foreign exchange students who will be coming to the Capital District for the 1999-2000 school year under the auspices of the American Field Service (AFS) exchange program.

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cial interests which match theirs, such as athletics or music.

AFS provides local family orientations and volunteer support, as well as social and educational events for students, host families and host siblings.

For information about hosting, or about intercultural opportunities for U.S. high school students to study abroad, contact Happy Scherer at 439-0016, Cathie Currin at 581-9199, or call 1-800-AFS-INFO.

# Girl Scout camp registration

The Hudson Valley Girls Scout Council is currently accepting registrations for 1999 sessions at its two summer camps.

Open to Scouts and non-Scouts alike, the camps run from July 5 through Aug. 23.

Camp Is-Sho-Da offers a day camp program for girls entering first-grade and above.

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# Park

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three Bethlehem volunteers, Craig Wickham, Bill Borger and Robin Reed.

"They really helped push development of the park and went out to talk to businesses to get these donations, which really helped," said Austin.

A new softball/baseball playing field and a playground area have been built at the new park. Along with adjacent basketball and tennis courts on property belonging to the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, "It now forms a nice little recreational area, with four different types of activity available," Austin said.

Though the park has been open to the public since the winter, finishing touches continue. Among future projects at the park, Austin said, "The tennis courts will need some work in a couple years, and we're planning on resurfacing the basketball court soon."

The park's completion brings the number of public parks in Bethlehem to six. No major changes are in the works this summer at the town's three smaller parks, in North and South Bethlehem and Veterans Park in Slingerlands.

Also standing pat is Henry Hudson Park in Selkirk. With the addition of a new boat dock last summer, Hudson Park "has become a very popular spot for a lot of Bethlehem residents who

weren't able to launch in Bethlehem on the Hudson for many years," Austin said. There were more than 1,300 boat launches from the park last year.

As parks department personnel concentrate on completing the new Selkirk facility, construction work has also been in progress at Elm Avenue Park, the town's largest, to beautify it and improve access to the pool complex in anticipation of its June 12 opening.

Railroad ties used as part of the park's decorative landscaping are being replaced after nearly a quarter century, and a new paved bicycle parking area is being added. But the biggest change is an improved drop-off area in front of the pool pavilion.

"All the major construction will be done before we open," Austin said. "It's really going to help improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the pool complex. We think it's going to look a lot nicer too."

Playground equipment on the lawn outside town hall is also being replaced this summer, thanks in part to a donation of more than \$4,000 from the Stewart's Shop at Cherry and Delaware avenues and other private donations. "The existing equipment is very old and doesn't really have a proper surface under it," Austin said.

The improvements come in response to growing demand: More than 279,000 participated in the town's parks and recreational programs last year, up by more

than 50,000 since 1990. Elm Avenue park alone will see more than 170,000 visitors this summer.

"So far, we've been able to keep up with demand, for the most part," Austin said. "But with the growth of the town and increasing awareness of fitness and recreation, we have to look to the future."

That future may include the purchase of some additional land for public use; a capital reserve account set aside by the town board for such purchases now exceeds \$100,000. But a more urgent need at the moment, Austin said, is for indoor facilities.

"We rely a lot on the school districts, and they're great about letting us use their facilities," Austin said. But as the schools face space shortages of their own, "We're having a little difficulty finding appropriate space available in the schools," he said.

Other organizations, from youth athletic programs to the nonprofit Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning, are suffering

similar space shortages, Austin noted, "and there is a need for a teen-age facility of some sort." A community center would be a step in the right direction, but, "Is there a large push for one? I don't know at this point," he said.

In the meantime, maintenance of the existing parks and development of programs, particularly for the summer months, are top priorities. This summer, the department's camp programs, which employ more than 200 summer workers, have linked up with School's Out to provide before- and after-camp programs for youngsters.

"For working parents, it will help a lot, because there's care available from 7:30 in the morning to 5:30 at night this year," Austin said. Numerous public events and performances are also in the works for Elm Avenue Park this summer; a full schedule of programs and activities is available from the Parks and Recreation Department or at town hall.

## Academy for Girls graduates named

Three students from Slingerlands and Voorheesville will be among the graduating class at the Albany Academy for Girls at the school's 185th commencement exercises to be held Wednesday, June 9.

Meenakashi Gupta and Sivanipriya Nattama, both of Slingerlands, and Marcia Maloney of Voorheesville, will be part of the graduating class of 22 receiving their diplomas in ceremonies at the school's courtyard at 140 Academy Road.

## Delmar student wins academic honors

Thomas Downes of Delmar, a sophomore majoring in physics at the University at Buffalo, has been presented with a Grace P. Capen Academic Award by the University at Buffalo Women's Club.

The Capen award, accompanied by a \$200 cash award, is presented to students who have completed at least three full-time semesters and a minimum of 45 to 50 credit hours while earning a quality-point average of 3.9 or better. Some 46 sophomores were so honored.

## Financial manager attends conference

Mark Bryant of Bryant Asset Management, a Slingerlands-based financial services company, recently attended the 1999 Century Club Conference, sponsored by Nathan & Lewis Securities of New York.

The conference affords top consultants a chance to share perspectives with colleagues on trends and issues in financial services. Attendees are selected on the basis of the growth and quality of services offered their clients.

Bryant is a certified financial planner specializing in estate and retirement planning.

## Historical group names essay winners

The New Scotland Historical Association has announced the winner and runner-up in its annual E. Dayton Joslin Prize competition.

The Joslin Prize is an annual award for the best local history essay written by a seventh-grade student residing in the town.

Matthew Zimmerman, whose essay was on the history of Indian Ladder Farms, won first prize, which is accompanied by a \$100 cash award.

The runner-up was Sarina Fiero.

## 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 read-

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# Obituaries

## Ella Tymchyn

Ella Hallenback Tymchyn, 87, of New Salem died Monday, May 31, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

A native of New Salem she lived there for most of her life.

Mrs. Tymchyn was a seamstress. She worked for Cohoes Manufacturing, retiring in 1974.

Survivors include her husband, William Tymchyn of New Salem; and a granddaughter. Services will be on Thursday, June 3, at a time to be announced.

Calling hours will be today, June 2, at the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, 9 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

## Luella Franz

Luella R. Franz, 80, of Selkirk died Sunday, May 30, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany.

A lifelong resident of the Capital District, she was an avid crocheter.

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

She was the widow of William J. Franz.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Robinson of Selkirk; a son, William G. Franz of Ravena; two sisters, Helen Prusik and Jeanette Green, both of Selkirk; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for today from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or Villa Mary Immaculate Flower Fund, 301 Hackett Blvd, Albany 12208.

## Kenneth Van Alstyne

Kenneth R. Van Alstyne, 81, of Selkirk died Thursday, May 20, at Good Samaritan Health Care Facility in Delmar.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Van Alstyne was a bookkeeper for Callanan Industries for 52 years before he retired in 1983. He was a member of the Albany Obedience Club.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was the husband of the late Ruth Ostrander Van Alstyne.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane Barger of Coeymans Hollow and Olive McNessor of South Bethlehem; a son, Kenneth G. Van Alstyne of South Bethlehem; a brother, Lester Van Alstyne of Huntington, Pa.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

## Lucie Loftus

Lucie S. Loftus, 87, of Delmar died Thursday, May 20, at Good Samaritan Health Facility in Delmar.

Born in Ushers, she was a registered nurse at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Loftus was a member of the Catholic Nurses of Albany and a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

She was the widow of James J. Loftus.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Jacobson of Fairfax, Va., and Kathleen Phoebe Loftus of Pelham; a sister, Ann Bleibtrey of Glens Falls; a brother, William Soloski of Mechanicville; and two granddaughters.

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

Contributions may be made to Five Rivers Education Center, 5 Game Farm Road, Delmar 12054 or Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Paulette Hodgson

Paulette Hunsberger Hodgson, 49, of Glenmont died Wednesday, May 26, at Community Hospice of Albany County.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Hodgson, her mother, Pauline Hunsberger, two brothers, Leon Hunsberger and Samuel Hunsberger; and three half sisters, Mary Weeb, Jeannie Jacobs and Betty Hunsberger.

Services were from the Moser Funeral Home in Warrenton, Va., and Midland United Methodist Church.

Interment was in Midland Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 1747, Culpeper, Va. 22701.

## Nancy L. Rourke

Nancy L. Rourke, 76, of Delmar died Wednesday, May 26, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin F. Rourke; two sons, Michael F. Rourke of Kingston and John T. Rourke of Storrs, Conn.; a daughter, Susannah Iglar of Saratoga Springs; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

## David L. Troy

David L. Troy, 57, of Voorheesville died Tuesday, May 25, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany.

Born in Sharon, Pa., he was raised in Buffalo.

Mr. Troy was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

He worked in construction.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary M. Troy; his mother, Dorothy Diehl Cullis; three daughters, Joelle D. Roesler, Hope M. Troy and Debra M. Czajkowski; three sons, Jeffrey D. Troy, David S. Troy and Daniel D. Troy; two brothers, Donald Cullis and Daniel Cullis; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the New Comer-Cannon Family Funeral Home in Colonie and St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville. Burial was private.

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

## Correction

In last week's article about this year's recipients of the Good Samaritan awards, two past recipients were omitted. Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller and Good Samaritan volunteer coordinator Norrine Cooke also have received the award.

## Extension opens demo garden

The Master Gardener Memorial Garden at Cornell Cooperative Extension Center of Albany County at 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville, is now open for viewing from dawn to dusk.

Designed and cared for by staff Master Gardeners at the center, it offers a display of flowering annuals, perennials and herbs, along with a gazebo and picnic tables suitable for a picnic lunch.

Master Gardeners are volunteers who offer help with gardening, insect and wildlife problems.

Master Gardeners are available to answer questions through a hot line, on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 765-3500

# Black bear rescued after being hit on 32

By Joseph A. Phillips

Ward Stone just happened to be in the neighborhood.

More exactly, the state Department of Environmental Conservation wildlife biologist was on the road, nearing Selkirk's GE Plastics plant around dusk on Saturday, May 15, when a black bear came lumbering out of the woods. "I happen to really like bears," he said. "It was a real coincidence."

And it was luck for the bear that a friend was nearby. "I was coming toward GE, and another car was going in the opposite direction," he said. "And the other car struck the bear." A quick U-turn and Stone was on the scene, with Bethlehem police summoned to the accident site not far behind.

More fortunate still for the bear, it had an awfully hard head. The bear was struck in the skull by the oncoming car, Stone said, "but it didn't even break its teeth." It did seem a little disoriented and uncoordinated, he recalled, perhaps suffering from a mild concussion, as it lumbered away off the road, coaxed by Stone wielding a tree branch.

"It ran up the side of a little hill, and then it turned and came back at me," he said. "You might think it was attacking, but I clapped my hands, and it ran the other way." Plainly, he thought, it didn't really see him at all. He tracked the bear to some nearby greenhouses while state bear biologist Lou Berchielli was summoned, and they succeeded in tranquilizing the bear and luring it to an oversized dog trap.

From there it was taken to Five Rivers Environmental Education Center to recover from its injuries, which turned out to be minor. Its appetite quickly returned when offered some Dunkin' Donuts, and "we fed it a diet of Fruit Loops and fruit-flavored Gatorade, which it savored," Stone said. Once fully recovered, it was returned to the wild in a bear-friendly Catskills habitat.

"It was 90 to 100 pounds, a young male bear, about 15 months old, just at the age where a bear would have been separated from its mother and gone independent," he said. How independent? Stone theorized it had originated somewhere in the Catskills.

And just what was it doing in Selkirk? Stone attributed that in part to an unusually dry April. "It hasn't been the best spring for producing food, what with the lack of rain," he said. "We think the bears may be looking for food more to the north than usual."

But suburban sprawl is a contributing factor, too, he noted. Encounters of man and wild creatures have been on the rise in Bethlehem and New Scotland. "We're getting a lot of calls on wildlife sightings," he said. "With

suburban movement, people are building their homes right in there with the wildlife. And they are getting so used to people, to traffic noise, to TV noise, and so forth. They just aren't afraid of people."

This has contributed to ongoing concern over the spread of rabies. Adding to a recent string of similar local reports, another case of a raccoon bite was reported in the Elm Avenue area of Selkirk after dusk on May 18, when a three-year-old boy was bitten. Though the raccoon fled to the woods, its aggressive behavior led county health officials to believe that it might have been rabid. The boy, Michael Campigno, and his father Anthony, 38, who came in contact with blood from his wounds, have both begun rabies vaccination treatments.

Stone warns that rabies may be present in skunks, various breeds of fox and even whitetailed deer, a problem exacerbated, Stone said, by the recent discontinuation of a vaccination-in-the-wild program by the Albany County Department of Health. All of these species have been spotted with growing frequency in ever-more-residential neighborhoods.

And he says the bear caught in traffic isn't all that unusual a sighting in Bethlehem either. "We have more bears moving into Bethlehem every year," he said. "We even have some every year end up down near the Normanskill for a time."

"It's pretty common, really. The bear population has been expanding its range as the forests in the Catskills have come back," he said. "And as their range grows and the suburbs expand, it will keep on happening, more and more frequently."

Not, in all likelihood, with this particular bear. Restored to the Catskills; it was tagged before it was released and will be tracked, in case it should come back to Selkirk to look for a few more doughnuts or hitch another ride.

"At least the story has a happy ending," Stone said. "Though I never did see what happened to that car."

## RCS voters OK budget

Residents in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School district gave thumbs up to the \$27.8 million proposed budget on May 18, with 676 votes in favor and 417 against the proposal.

Voters gave solid backing to two other school board proposals on the ballot. A resolution to purchase a half dozen new buses for \$336,000 passed convincingly, 715 to 377. Voters also approved by a margin of 653-425 a measure to establish a capital projects reserve fund for the district.

In voting to fill three vacancies on the school board, Cathy Long led the voting with 659, followed by 641 for Renee Rider and 622 for Linda Marshall. Howard Shafer missed in his bid for a board seat with 548 votes, and Joseph Laux trailed, polling 305 ballots.

## 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.

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# Nurse brings dignity, compassion to dying process

By Ann Treadway

Sheila Otto of Elsmere is a warm and cheerful woman who loves her work — even though her job puts her face to face with death on almost a daily basis.

A nurse at Albany Medical Center, Otto is also a staff member of its Ethics Center, which was formed a few years ago to provide guidance to medical center staff and patients' families when ethical issues relating to treatment arise.

One of Otto's major responsibilities is to help the families of terminally ill patients reach end-of-life decisions. She is passionate about every patient's right to be treated in the most humane way possible, and about every family's right to understand and participate in medical decisions.

She can recall many difficult cases, such as that of the 32-year-old mother of two young children who was tossing a Frisbee with her husband in their yard on a beautiful fall day, when she suddenly collapsed. Resuscitated by an ambulance crew, the young woman was hospitalized in a deep coma from cardiac arrest.

"It was so tragic," Otto said, "but only the machine was keeping her alive. It was clear to all the hospital staff that she could never recover." The family received counseling over the next few days from Ethics Center personnel, including Otto.

"Basically, we just helped them realize it was OK not to prolong the dying process," Otto said.

Three days later, treatment was withdrawn and the woman died, surrounded by her grieving family.

More often, of course, such decisions face families of elderly people. And usually, she said, it is the most estranged family members who demand the most extreme and lengthy measures to keep someone alive.

She attributes that to "unfinished business" between relatives, recalling a middle-aged woman returning to Albany from the West Coast after an absence of many years, who berated and battled with every hospital staff person in sight for not curing her very old and comatose mother.

Albany Medical Center established an ethics committee about 30 years ago, Otto said, making it one of the oldest such groups in the country. Its function has been to review hospital policies, help resolve ethical problems that arise, and provide occasional consultations upon request.

Now the newly-formed Ethics Center at Albany Med — merged with the ethics committee — seeks to provide even more guidance to patients, families and hospital personnel, as technological advances have led to more and more ethical dilemmas.

Dr. John Balint, director of the center and a resident of Selkirk, said medical personnel must now consider not just "What can we do?" but also "What should we do?"

Otto recognized this need almost immediately when she joined

the intensive care unit (ICU) staff at the medical center in 1985, after getting an associate degree in nursing from Maria College. "Frankly, it was depressing," she said. "Here were all these end-stage patients just being kept alive by machines." She thought it was "not good — not a good way to die."

She was soon invited to become a member of the ethics committee, and has been learning new skills related to medical ethics — and helping train others to recognize and deal with ethical problems — ever since. As a staff member of the Ethics Center, along with Balint, Wayne Shelton, Liva Jacoby, and Sister Lucille Theroux of the hospital's pastoral care department, Otto finds her job "always fascinating."

She took up nursing after having been an elementary school teacher for five years and then staying home for 10 years to raise her two children. When her son, Alexis, now 25, and daughter, Pilar, 22, were in school in the early 1980s, she cast about for something to do.

"I'd had enough of little kids for awhile," she said with a laugh, so returning to teaching held much appeal. A neighbor, who was in medical school at the time, happened to invite her to a class and she was immediately enthralled, even though her college degree was in English and education, and she had no science background.

"It was as if I'd walked into my house and found a whole new

room," she said.

After getting her associate's degree and joining the Albany Med staff, she continued her studies, earning a bachelor's in nursing from the Regents Degree Program of SUNY and a master's degree in culture and social policy from Empire State College.

She's also attended a year-long certification program in bioethics and the humanities at Columbia University, which required weekly trips to New York City during 1997, and a seminar in medical ethics for nurses at Georgetown University.

Although there are many other ethical issues facing medical staffs today — such as reproductive procedures that are now possible but extremely expensive — Otto finds herself most often dealing with end-of-life situations. And while she recognizes why people have turned to him, she believes Dr. Jack Kevorkian is "a bad poster boy" for aid to the terminally ill.

"Death is very intimate," she said, and should involve family members and medical people who know the patient well — rather than a stranger who advertises his right-to-die services.

Otto also believes hospices provide a wonderful service. Hospice care is almost universally praised by those who choose it, she said, with the primary goal being to keep a patient comfortable with medication, rather than extending the patient's life, and to allow for gradual acceptance and leave-taking between family members.

Unfortunately, she said, there is frequently tension between family members and hospital caretakers. The level of trust has gone down over the years, she said, which she attributes partly to unrealistic expectations gleaned from the media, including TV programs, and also, in some cases, to a doctor's reluctance, or inability, to fully involve family members in medical realities.

Albany Med's Ethics Center seeks to fill this gap, Otto said, by providing consultation service whenever that seems appropriate. Shelton and Jacoby also co-direct the teaching of a course to medical students called "Health, Care, and Society," and ethics commit-

tee members provide monthly training classes. A recent class for nurses focused on advance directives, such as health care proxies and living wills, and how to discuss them with patient families.

In addition to their consulting and teaching responsibilities, the Ethics Center staff keeps up with, and contributes to, the latest research being done in the field of medical ethics. Balint and Shelton often appear on TV and radio to discuss issues related to medical ethics. They also speak to community groups about modern health care and the dilemmas brought about by the health maintenance organization delivery system, new technologies and ever-rising costs.

Otto continues to work shifts as a per diem nurse in the cardiology care unit at least every two weeks. At other times, she "floats around" the medical center, assessing difficult cases, and consulting with families and staff members about medical options for particular patients.

About 77 percent of people still die in hospitals, she said, so she sees her role in helping to personalize death for patients and families — even in such an impersonal and high-tech setting — as important work. "I'm glad I'm able to do it," she said.

## BCHS students aid hurricane victims

Students in two Spanish classes at Bethlehem Central High School recently collected more than 200 personal care items and raised money to be sent to victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras.

The classes taught by Judith Berlow and Marta Meacham became aware of the ongoing needs in Honduras through the work of student Andrew Dawson.

Another student, Andrew Swiatowicz, spearheaded the personal item community service project, undertaken to complete a requirement for the Life rank in Boy Scouts.

The students, led by Robyn Scherer and Melanie Baker, also raised \$500 through bake sales to help build a home in the area.

## Youth Network

A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

### Group to plan respect initiatives

For the past two years, a group of dedicated teachers, community members, parents and police officers conducted a Respect Day for sixth-grade students at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

The purpose of Respect Day is to help students to be more respectful, more tolerant and understanding of differences.

Students select workshops from such titles as: Understanding Disabilities, My Family Drives Me Crazy and Conflict Resolution.

Follow-up activities to the Bethlehem Central Middle School Respect Day include, A World of Difference training on diversity and tolerance, led by students from Bethlehem Central High School and a presentation by students from Hoosick Valley High School about dealing with and managing challenges.

During the spring BCMS Peer Helpers conducted a Random Acts of Kindness Week.

We will be meeting to plan our respect initiatives for next year on Wednesday, June 16, at 3:15 p.m. in the media center at BCMS.

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Patricia and Fearghal McCarthy

## Greer, McCarthy wed

Patricia Greer, daughter of Winston and Regina Greer of Selkirk, and Fearghal McCarthy, son of Jim and Mary McCarthy of Limerick, Ireland, were married Oct. 24.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Peter Fiore at St. Mary's Church in Ballston Spa. A reception followed at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs.

The matron of honor was Kathleen Cline, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Frank, cousin of the bride, and Muireann McCarthy, sister of the groom.

The best man was Mark

Serway. Ushers were Kevin Greer, brother of the bride, and Maeliosa McCarthy, brother of groom.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University at Albany and American University.

She is business manager for AAMVAnet in Arlington, Va.

The groom is a graduate of Dublin City University. He is managing director for Johan Hekelaar Investment Bankers in Chevy Chase, Md.

After a wedding trip to St. Petersburg, Fla., the couple lives in Reston, Va.

## Voorheesville grad earns Fulbright

Kjersti Nichols, the daughter of James and Elaine Nichols of Voorheesville, has been named a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship.

Nichols will use the prestigious award to spend next year in Germany on a teaching fellowship, instructing students in English.

Nichols, a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, recently earned a bachelor's degree, summa cum laude from Colgate University.

She received a Dean's Award for Academic Excellence and was elected to Phi Eta Sigma.

Nichols was also awarded the Valentine Piotrow German Prize at the university's annual awards convocation.

The Fulbright program, based on an annual competition, enables American students, artists and other professionals to study abroad and conduct research in more than 100 nations.

## Class of '99

### Boston College

Katherine Tobin of Delmar (bachelor of arts, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa).

### Boston University

Jennifer Oates of Voorheesville (bachelor's in elementary education, summa cum laude).

### The College of Wooster

Karen Grimwood of Delmar (bachelor's in anthropology).

### Hamilton College

Sarah Cook of Delmar (bachelor's in biology, summa cum laude).

### Marist College

William Conway III of Glenmont (bachelor of science), and Elizabeth Mahony (bachelor of arts), Kenneth Schulz (bachelor of science), Matthew St. Lucia (bachelor of science) and John Svare (bachelor of arts), all of Delmar.

### University of Michigan

Ross Borzykowski of Delmar (bachelor of science), and Jordan Gomborg (bachelor of fine arts) and Nicholas Sattinger (bachelor of fine arts in musical theater), both of Slingerlands.

### Vassar College

Bradley Carnell of Slingerlands (bachelor's in philosophy).

### Warren Wilson College

Sarah Anne Crepeau of Delmar (bachelor's in environmental studies).

## Dean's List

James Madison University — Andrew Read of Delmar.

Providence College — Bradley Colacino of Delmar.

University of Rochester — Sarah MacDowell of Delmar.

## Local students win essay contest

Two local students were among the winners of the 1999 Knights of Columbus Patriotic Essay contest.

Justin Van Dyke-Restifo of Feura Bush, an eighth grader who attends St. Thomas School in Delmar, won first place in the contest.

He received a \$300 savings bond and Rep. Michael McNulty presented him with a U.S. Flag flown over the Capitol for his school.

Jessica Murphy of Glenmont won second place in the contest, and received a \$200 savings bond.



Douglas and Michele Deforge

## Marks, Deforge marry

Michele Marks, daughter of Charles Oliver of Albany and the late Martha Oliver, and Douglas J. Deforge, son of Robert and Marie Deforge of Coatsville, Pa., were married April 3.

The ceremony was performed by Bethlehem Town Justice Kenneth Munnally at Normanside Country Club in Elmsmere.

The matron of honor was Christine Urschel, sister of the bride.

The best man was Robert Deforge, brother of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Mercy High School and Marywood University.

She is a customer service correspondent for Combined Life Insurance in Latham.

The groom is a graduate of Siena College.

He is district manager for Alza Pharmaceuticals in Palo Alto, Ca.

After a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., the couple lives in Voorheesville.

## Fryer, Leto engaged

Brenda Christine Fryer, daughter of Stephen Fryer of Troy and Donna Fryer of Delmar, and Michael Joseph Leto, son of Arnold Leto of Loudonville and Rose Norkus of Pattersonville, and stepson of Joseph Pitcherello of Albany, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of

Bethlehem Central High School. She is a student at Russell Sage College and a waitress at the Tavern at Sterup Square in Raymertown.

The future groom is an estimator for A. Leto & Sons Paving Co. in Latham.

The couple plans a January wedding.

## Mail weddings, engagements

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### Garden tour set for June 16

A tour of six gardens in Slingerlands and North Bethlehem is planned for Wednesday, June 16, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold June 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the south end of Price Chopper Plaza on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Proceeds support the "Tree Bethlehem Project" of Bethlehem First and the Bethlehem Garden Club.

For information, call 349-6861.

# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

I pause in front of the State Capitol to snap a picture, of a statue of a man snapping a picture. He in turn is snapping a picture of two other statues, with the statuary in front of the Capitol as their distant backdrop. Nearby stands a man watching me — a real man, standing like a statue, but not a statue.

I savor the compounded irony.

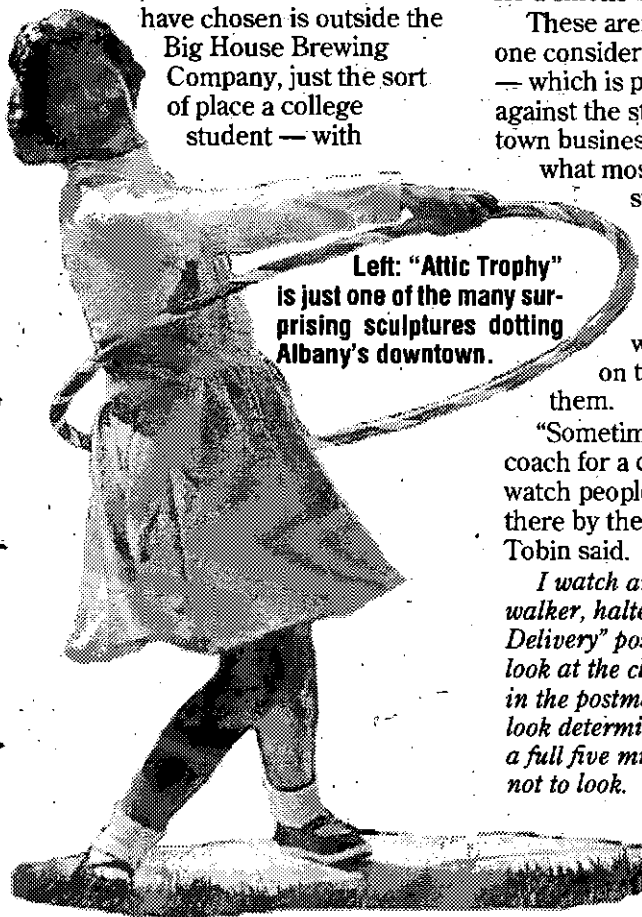
On such moments are the pleasures of "Sculpture In The Streets" built. The outdoor installation of 18 sculptures by artist J. Seward Johnson, arrayed in the public spaces of downtown Albany, is back again this summer, a return engagement including new pieces, sponsored for the second year by the Downtown Albany Business Improvement District and a host of corporate co-sponsors.

This year's display, which hit the streets May 7, is subtitled "Celebrating the Familiar," and like last year's, is a collection of nearly life-sized sculptures of ordinary folks engaged in ordinary things: work and play, or the contemplation of it; purposeful activity, or a little R&R. For example, a police officer about to write a ticket; a woman wrestling with an unruly umbrella; a man reading a book as he walks, head down, oblivious to passers-by; a girl swinging on a stop-sign, braids flying.

The installation of the pièces, supervised by curators from Sculpture Placement Inc. with the assistance of local contractor Judd Cleary, places the works "as much in their natural environment as possible," said Pamela Tobin, the BID's executive director.

Putting the statue grouping of a tourist snapping pictures of his family, entitled "Photo Shoot", in front of the photogenic Capitol building makes perfect sense. Most of the pieces are similarly logical in their placement — a postman ("Special Delivery") next to a mailbox in front of the BID offices on State Street; a couple of suit-jacketed businessmen engrossed in conversation ("Let's Just Skip the Meeting") on a sidewalk in front of a bank; a pair of kite-fliers ("Out of Sight") on the edge of Academy Park.

And a couple of the placements show real wit. A young girl sitting cross-legged reading a book ("My World") has managed to find a quiet, green space on bustling State Street — a grassy patch in front of the Omni Hotel. "Between Classes" depicts a college student leaning up against a wall; the wall the curators have chosen is outside the Big House Brewing Company, just the sort of place a college student — with



Left: "Attic Trophy" is just one of the many surprising sculptures dotting Albany's downtown.

Art imitates life as three sculptures by J. Seward Johnson blend in with life on the streets in downtown Albany. Above: "Special Delivery"; right: "Photo Shoot", and below right: "Let's Just Skip The Meeting".

Joseph A. Phillips

## Art imitates life

### Lifelike statues enliven downtown

appropriate I.D., of course — might be found on a weekend evening in downtown Albany.

Then there's "Caution, Man Contemplating Work," a fellow in a light jacket and a baseball cap gazing at some planks in his hand, a bristle of nails protruding from his lips. He's been placed outside a downtown building under renovation, where he blends in perfectly with real workmen pausing for a smoke break.

These aren't heroic bronzes, unless one considers everyday life to be heroic — which is part of their charm. Viewed against the streetscape of the downtown business district, they're doing what most of the flesh-and-blood statues hanging about downtown are doing. And part of the fun of taking a walking tour around the streets to view them is watching actual passers-by on the streets interact with them.

"Sometimes I'll stop at the Stagecoach for a cup of coffee, and I'll just watch people interact with the piece up there by the Commerce Building," Tobin said.

I watch an elderly man with a walker, halted next to that "Special Delivery" postman. I watch him furtively look at the clutch of crumpled envelopes in the postman's fingers; I watch him look determinedly away. I watch him for a full five minutes, trying to look and not to look.

I watch him become a part of the sculpture.

"People bring their families downtown with a camera to take pictures of their kids with the sculptures," Tobin said. "Which was one of our goals in putting the sculptures downtown — to get people to bring the family downtown, and see all the family activities here."

The quirky exhibit has drawn attention from national media, but most of the regulars on State Street pay their bronze compatriots no mind, strolling on by as they continue about their own work day or idling on their own lunch break. But every now and again, someone pauses to look: is that really a sculpture — of somebody doing the same kind of thing I do? Is that art? Am I missing something?

"Some people don't just walk by them, they walk by and do a double-take," Tobin said.

Maps of the sites of the 18 statues are available at the BID office, at 50 State St., or at the Albany Visitors' Center at Quackenbush Square. After hours, the BID has Downtown Ambassadors on hand at the Omni and roaming the streets with brochures as well.

The sculptures are scheduled to remain in Albany through the end of July at least, which may be extended to late August or beyond.

The BID is planning events keyed to the display, including a summer-long Scavenger Hunt related to historical landmarks and the statues, details of which will be announced this week, and a series of musical concerts, public performances and other events, at



various locations near the statues.

But the performance events are icing on the cake. For the casual art fan taking the walking tour, the map of the sculptures clutched in hand, the real performance art lies in watching the flow of passers-by, noting which will be alert enough, curious enough, puzzled enough to stop and observe what the statues are doing.

Tobin related an encounter with a 9-year-old boy, who struck up a conversation with the sculpture of a man laying a brick wall.

And there are those who begin to wonder if the real people hanging about on the streetscape are really sculptures.

"Last year, after we put up the statues, we'd see people standing outside Jack's Oyster House, and other people walking up to look at them, and only then realize they're real people," Tobin said.

I see real people, realizing their city has other people in it, too — not just statues.

I savor the moment of recognition.



## ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

## THE MUSIC MAN

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

## JUNE MOON

Tin Pan Alley comedy, StageWorks, North Pointe Cultural Center, Route 9, Kinderhook, June 9 to 27, \$14 to \$18. Information, 822-9667.

## SOUTH PACIFIC

Broadway musical, Mac-Haydn Theatre, Route 203, Chatham, June 10 to 20, \$17.90 to \$19.90, \$9 for children under 12. Information, 392-9292.

## RENT

Broadway musical, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, June 8 to 13, \$42.50 to \$49.50. Information, 346-6204.

## LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS

dinner theater at Crooked Lake House, Route 43, Averill Park, June 11, \$30 includes dinner. Information/reservations, 235-9323.

## MUSIC

## MAINBRACE

British duo sing seas chanteys, Old Songs Dutch Barn, Altamont Fairgrounds, Route 146, June 4, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 765-2815.

## EDGEFEST

more than a dozen rock bands on two stages, Altamont Fairgrounds, Route 146, June 5, beginning at noon, \$20. Information, 449-3343.

## ELVIN JONES

jazz drummer, The Van Dyck, 235 Union St., Schenectady, June 5, 7:30 and 10 p.m., \$30. Information, 381-1111.

## SANTANA

with guest Ozomatli, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, June 6, 7:30 p.m., \$15.50 to \$35. Information, 584-3330.

## JOHN MELLENCAMP

with guest Son Volt, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, June 13, 8 p.m., \$20 to \$37.50. Information, 584-3330.

## ALBANY SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA STRING QUARTET under the stars at Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany, \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, children under 12, \$5. Information, 436-9826.

## JOURNEY and FOREIGNER

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, June 19, 7:30 p.m., \$15 to \$30. Information, 584-3330.

## HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH

with guest Shawn Mullins, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, June 20, 8 p.m., \$12.50 to \$20. Information, 584-3330.

## DANCE

## MIAMI CITY BALLET

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, "Bugaku," "Prodigal Son" and "Rubies," June 11 at 8:15 p.m. and June 12 at 2 p.m., "Arden Court," "Partita," "Theme and Variations" and "Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux" June 12 at 8:15 p.m. Information, 584-3330.

## SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 449-4756.

## ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

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

## FULTON STREET GALLERY

aspiring artists exhibition, 408 Fulton St., Troy, through June 5. Information, 439-2955.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

## DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

## OPEN CALL AUDITION

for adult actors, prepare one-to-two minute nonclassical monologue, bring photo and resume, New York State Theatre Institute, Little Theatre, Russell Sage College, Troy, June 9 from 2 to 5 p.m., June 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. Information, 274-3200.

## 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.

## CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

## CLASSES/LECTURES

## MUSIC CLASSES

in many folk instruments, Old Songs, ROI Center, Route 155, Guilderland. Information, 765-2815.

## MUSEUM ART CLASSES

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

## DANCE CLASSES

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

## ART CLASSES

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

## MAGIC MAZE

## WORDS WITH A "MARK"

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## VISUAL ARTS

## NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Urban Views 1900-1940, works from the Whitney Museum of American Art, through July 11; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

## STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

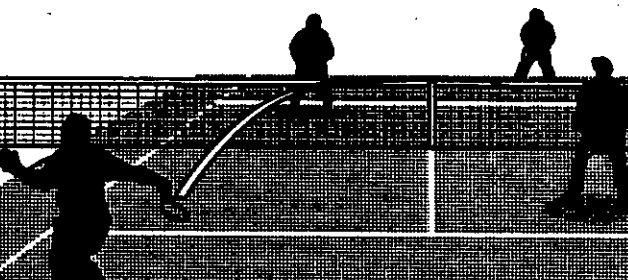
## RETURNING THE BIG SERVE



In doubles, if the server is hitting powerful serves and rushing to the net, it can be hard to know where to aim your return. First, don't try to take a big swing at the ball.

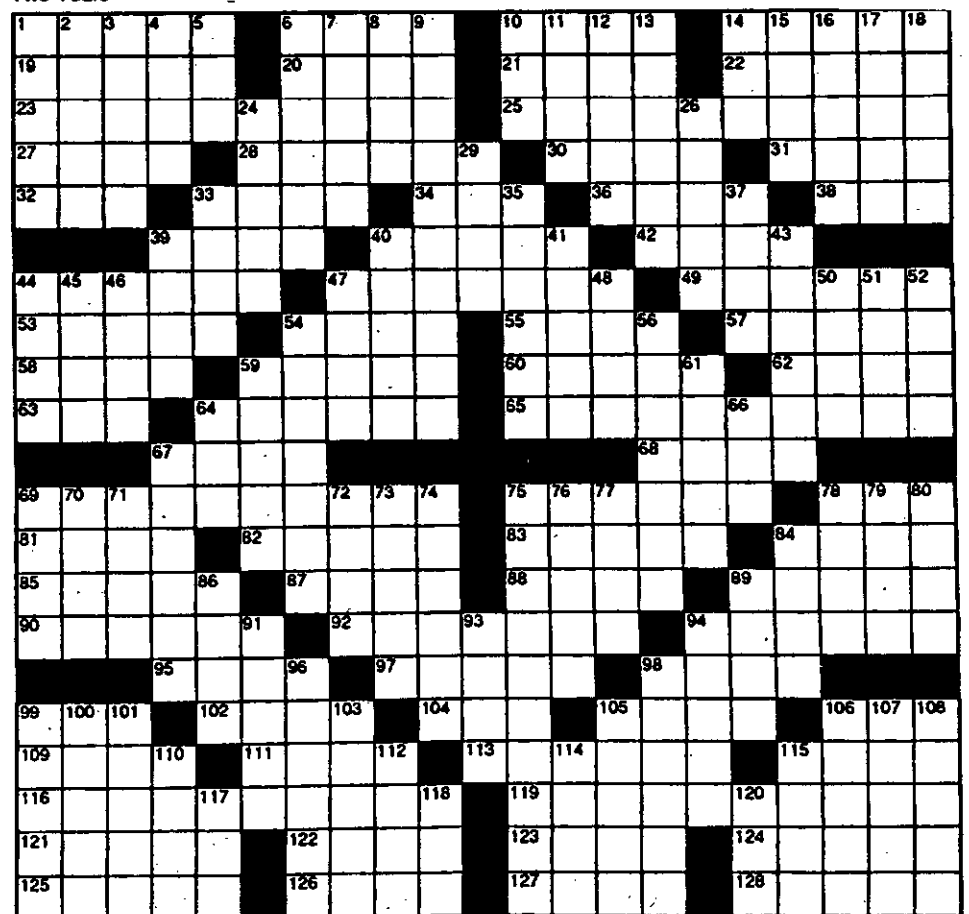
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Instead, try to hit the return with underspin so that it stays low, and aim the shot at the feet of the onrushing server.



## Super CROSSWORD

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# Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JUNE 2**
**BETHLEHEM**

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SVCS.**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503. Also Tuesday, Thursday.

**BETH. BUSINESS WOMEN**  
Meeting, dinner, installation of 1999-2000 officers. Normanside Country Club, Salsbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m. Information, 439-3791.

**RIVERFRONT BIRD WATCH**  
Sponsored by DEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center; boat launch, Henry Hudson Town Park, via Route 144, Selkirk, 7-9 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**  
Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BINGO**

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

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**  
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**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.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**V'VILLE ZONING BOARD**  
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

**LECTURE AT LIBRARY**  
"Hudson River Journey," talk by Fred LeBrun, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**THURSDAY**  
**JUNE 3**
**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

**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.

**FAMILIES FIRST**  
support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-8839.

**AA MEETINGS**

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

**FRIDAY**  
**JUNE 4**
**BETHLEHEM**

**'LIBRARY BABIES'**  
Social opportunity for infants, 15-21 months, and their caregivers; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information 439-9314.

**AA MEETING**  
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 5**
**BETHLEHEM**

**PERENNIAL PLANT SALE**  
Sponsored by Capital-Hudson Iris Society, Main Square Shoppes parking lot, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 393-8205 or 377-4987.

**FAMILY-STYLE DINNER AT GRANGE**  
Baked ham dinner, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Route 396, Selkirk, 4-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children \$4. Information 767-3342.

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

**MONDAY**  
**JUNE 7**
**BETHLEHEM**

**MOTHERS' TIME OUT**  
Christian support group for mother's of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**'TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC'**  
Annual event for children and families; bring blankets, bears, cookies to share. On the Green, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**DELMAR KIWANIS**  
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

**INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING**  
Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

**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 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 Corporation 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  
(June 2, 1999)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF W-MC HOLDINGS, 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 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.  
(June 2, 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 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.  
(June 2, 1999)

**MCH-MT, LLC**

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on May 17, 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 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.  
(June 2, 1999)

**BBL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC.**

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 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

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process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.  
(June 2, 1999)

**BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

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

SNOW PLOW, CLEARING & REMOVAL, AND SANDING  
FUEL OIL-BURNER  
DISPOSAL OF REFUSE  
INTERIOR PAINTING

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on June 17, 1998 at the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business at Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Operations and Maintenance facility, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Steven O'Shea  
Dated: May 24, 1999  
(June 2, 1999)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 30, 1999 Mayflower Lake Realty Co. LLC filed Articles of Organization of a limited liability company with the Secretary of State, effective that date. Its principal office is to be located in the County of Albany and State of New York. The purpose of Mayflower Lake Realty Co. LLC is any purpose that is a lawful purpose for a limited liability company in the State of New York pursuant to Section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of Mayflower Lake Realty Co. LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process to 419 Elm Avenue, Selkirk, New York 12158.

Dated: May 7, 1999  
(June 2, 1999)

**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

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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.  
(June 2, 1999)

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 11, 1999 SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State, of a limited liability company, effective May 11, 1999, its principal office is to be located in Albany County. The purpose of SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC's Business is to engage in all lawful business for which a limited liability company can be formed pursuant to Section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process to 38 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.  
(June 2, 1999)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.**

NAME: SAFE STORAGE III, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/14/99. THE DURATION DATE IS 12/31/2098. 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 process to the LLC, 1025 Central Avenue (Rear), Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
(June 2, 1999)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.**

NAME: AARON'S ASSETS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/05/99. 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 process to the LLC, c/o Aaron Flach, RD 1, Box 299, Athens, New York 12015. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
(June 2, 1999)

**LEGAL NOTICE**
**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.  
(June 2, 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.  
(June 2, 1999)

**LEGAL NOTICE**
**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:

**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

Voorheesville, New York 12186

Dorothea Pfeleider

District Clerk

Dated: May 12, 1999

(June 2, 1999)



## Spotlight on Dining

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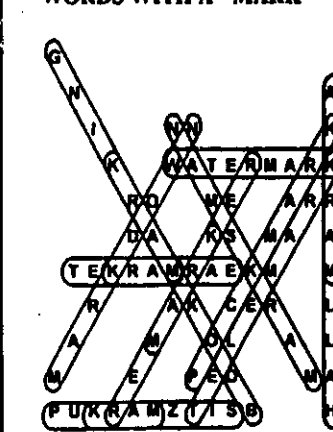
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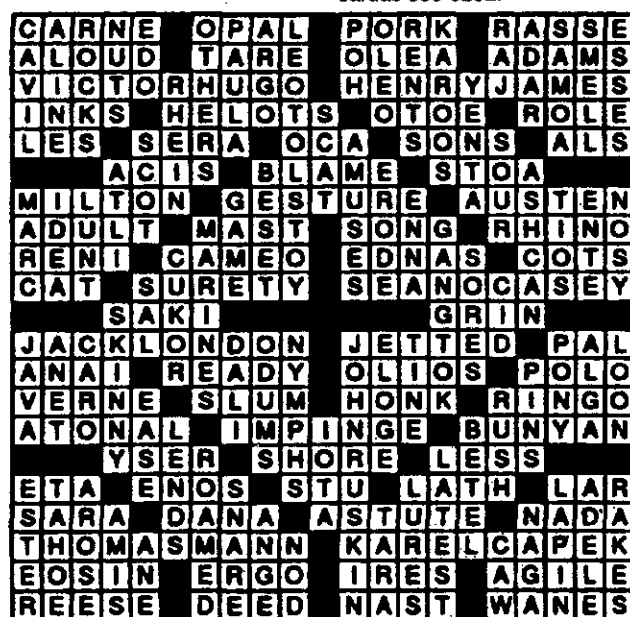
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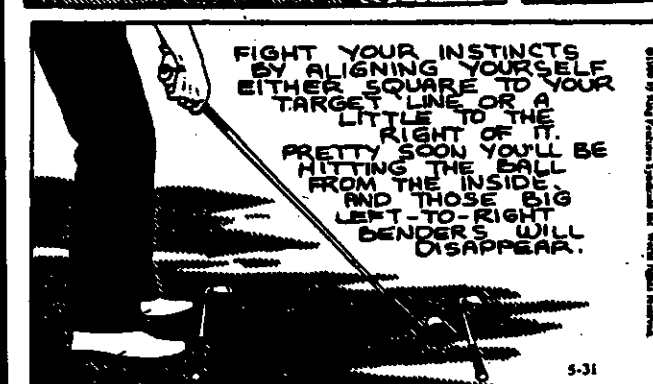
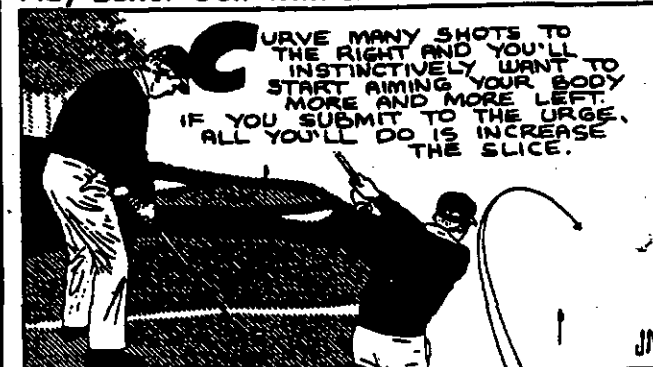
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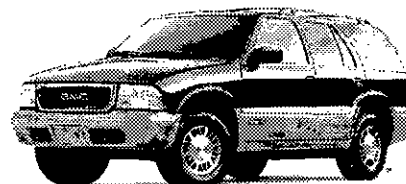
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# Delmar man to serve as GOP county chairman

By Joseph A. Phillips

With the departure of former Colonie Supervisor Fred Field from the chairmanship of the Albany County Republican Committee, the task of leading the county GOP through this fall's "Majority 2000" electoral campaign has fallen to a Delmar resident.

At a committee meeting on May 19, the committee's incumbent treasurer, Peter Kermani, was elected to the chair. Taking his place as treasurer will be Glenmont resident Keith Wiggand.

The move gives both major parties new leadership at the county level in recent months, with New Scotland's Michael Burns

having taken the reins of the county Democratic organization in March.

A longtime member of the county GOP committee and, at seven years, its longest-tenured treasurer, Kermani will take on his party's effort to secure a majority in the county Legislature this November without the benefit of having held electoral office himself.

Yet he discounts any handicap in that. "There's only one challenge," he said. "To win these races with good candidates and good ideas that will appeal to the voters."

He declined to be specific about how he would approach the com-

ing electoral season. "We're developing our budget as we speak, analyzing the races district by district to see where we have the best opportunity. And we're developing candidates right now for county-wide office." The Republican Committee met last week to finalize some of those choices.

"I'm delighted to have Peter step forward. I've known Peter for a number of years," said Bethlehem GOP Chairman Brian Murphy. "Peter will bring a lot of energy to the committee. Peter will be very focused. He's a businessman."

Following graduation from Albany Academy and St. Lawrence University with a degree in finance and business administration, Kermani served a stint in the Army before joining the family rug business. He later launched a retail stereo business and then Albany Records, an internationally known classical music label.

Kermani served a dozen years with the American Symphony Orchestra League, including a stint as its chairman, and is a past chairman of the Albany Symphony Orchestra board, on which he continues to serve as a member.

His resume also includes numerous other voluntary activities and organizations, principally in the arts.

His successor as treasurer, Wiggand began service with the county GOP committee as a district representative from Bethlehem in 1993. He was nominated for the current post by Murphy.

Wiggand is a lifelong Bethlehem resident and 1973 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He has a degree in criminal justice from SUNY Oswego and worked for more than a decade as a security investigator for Conrail in Selkirk.

He left that career to take the reins of the family contracting and property management business, J. Wiggand & Sons, before being tapped two years ago to serve as assistant fraud inspector general for the state Workers' Compensation Board, a post he continues to hold.

Re-elected to their current posts as officers of the county committee were Vice Chair Cathy Rogowski of Cohoes and Secretary Robert Kahn of Albany.

Howard Brown of Knox was named a special assigned vice chair, with specific responsibility for helping town and city chairs fill vacancies on the county committee.

Both Kermani and Wiggand discounted any particular significance to the shift of three of the five top party officers being from the southern suburbs, two of them from Bethlehem. County GOP Executive Director Marc Gronich, who is also city chairman in Albany, concurred. "We have a wealth of talent down in that area," he said, "but we certainly didn't choreograph this."

## Computer campers create Web site

A group of Spring School Break computer campers in a program sponsored by Cyber Haus Computer Learning Center in Delmar turned a recent visit to the Delmar Fire Department into a Web site recording the experience.

The site on the World Wide Web includes an account of the visit, fire safety information, pictures of firefighting equipment, and sounds of fire engines recorded during the visit.

To reach the Web site, log in at <http://www.cyhaus.com/dfd/>.

## Delmar student wins college honors

David Goodfellow of Delmar, a member of the class of 2001 at St. Lawrence University, was named a Faculty Scholar at recent Moving-Up Day ceremonies.

To be named a Faculty Scholar, a student must have completed two to four semesters of academic work and have a cumulative average of 3.5 or higher.

## Physically Speaking



by Nick Valenze, P.T.

### EXERCISES FOR TENNIS ELBOW

"Tennis elbow" is an overuse condition involving the tendon on the outside of the elbow. It can be treated with rehabilitative resistance exercises that work the forearm muscle groups that attach to the bone of the elbow. The first of these is wrist extension, in which the fingers are spread wide and then closed. Next, wrist flexion involves bending the wrist (hand palm-down and loosely closed) upward then downward. Then, again with palm down, radial deviation calls for the wrist to be bent to the inside; ulnar deviation involves bending the wrist to the outside (palm down). It also helps to rotate the forearm from a pronated position (palm down) to a supinated one (palm up).

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