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Cops seek suspect in bank heist

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

An unidentified male walked into the Glenmont branch of Pioneer Savings Bank last Friday afternoon and walked out with an undisclosed amount of stolen cash. The incident is under investigation

by Bethlehem police and the FBI.

"He just went out the door and disappeared," said Bethlehem police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Heffernan.

"We don't know if he left in a vehicle or on foot."

What they do know is precisely what he looked like, thanks to images provided by a bank security camera



This man made off with an undetermined amount of cash from Pioneer Savings Bank in Glenmont last Friday.

and the description of eyewitnesses.

The white male was described as approximately 6 feet tall, 180 pounds, clean-shaven, with dark hair and a prominent nose, dressed in blue jeans, a dark jacket with a light, thin stripe on

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Simon says



Christa LeMay, left, and Kristina Howard enjoy playing with Simon, who is up for adoption from Lovin' Care Pet Adoptions, at a clinic at L.C. Smith in Delmar last Saturday.

Jim Franco

Owner, developer seek IDA PILOTS

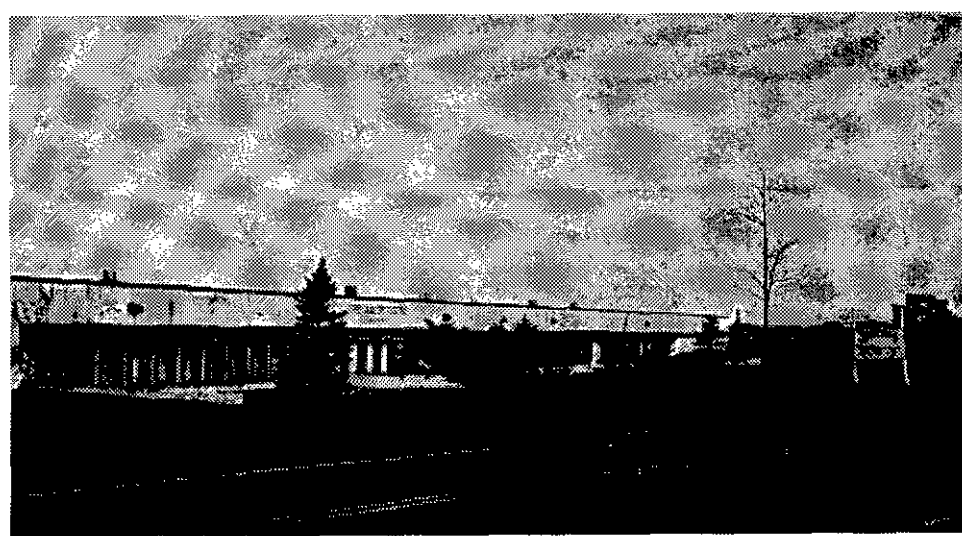
By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Texas-based Daisytek International is well on the way to completing negotiations to locate a computer and office supply distribution center in Selkirk, said corporate spokesman Craig McDaniel Monday.

The company's decision to locate in a vacant warehouse on West Yard Road in the Selkirk industrial district is a major employment coup for the Capital District, bringing as many as 300 jobs to the area within five years. Gov. George Pataki was scheduled to announce yesterday that the Empire Development Corporation would provide job-development loans in support of the project, which Daisytek hopes to have up and running by the end of the year.

"We certainly welcome the company here, with 300 jobs, over the next five years," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "The town has been out there marketing our community to bring business and jobs to Bethlehem."

The developer, Rotterdam-based Galesi Group, and Daisytek are both seeking tax incentives through the town Industrial Development Agency (IDA), which has already given fast-track approval to Galesi's initial application, under the name Selkirk Ventures LLC. On Thursday, March 28, Daisytek will submit a similar application to the IDA, which will also consider a proposed



The Galesi Group and Daisytek hope to operate a warehouse project at this site in Selkirk.

Joseph A. Phillips

payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement with Selkirk Ventures.

A PILOT would partially remove from the town tax rolls for as much as 15 years a property currently assessed at more than \$6 million, a move not expected to have a major tax revenue impact on the town. But the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district would likely bear the brunt of the revenue hit. District representatives attended a meeting on March 19 outlining the project in the IDA's third meeting on the project in a week. The IDA agency approved a "straight-lease" agreement with Selkirk Ventures, after adopting an

"inducement resolution" to accept that application at a similar session last Friday. The IDA's lease agreement — taking title to the property and leasing it back to Selkirk Ventures — includes exemptions on mortgage-recording taxes and sales tax on materials purchased for renovations.

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BC board adopts budget plan

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Important decisions occupied the Bethlehem school board at its meeting last Wednesday, involving the adoption of the 2002-2003 school year budget, appointments and resignations.

The budget amount adopted "is for \$52.8 million which will result in an increase in the school tax rate of only 4.4 percent" said Steve O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business.

What this means for the Bethlehem homeowner assessed at \$145,000 is a \$99 cent per

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Police arrest two on DWI charges

Two local residents were charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) by Bethlehem police last week, and three pending DWI cases were resolved in Town Court.

About 2 a.m. on March 17, according to a police report, officer Adam Hornick observed a westbound vehicle on the Slingerlands bypass, operating below the speed limit and weaving across roadside hazard markings.

He stopped the vehicle and administered field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening on Carol Myers Schaffer, 51, of 333 Cass Hill Road, Voorheesville.

Schaffer was charged with DWI, crossing hazard markings and impeding traffic.

She was ordered to appear in

Town Court on April 2.

An arrest on Wednesday, March 20, took place shortly before 1:30 a.m., after officer James Rexford observed a westbound vehicle weaving on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

He stopped the vehicle near Maple Terrace and administered field sobriety tests on Eric Eugene Swett, of 33 Dumbarton Drive, Delmar.

Swett was charged with DWI and ticketed for crossing hazard markings, and ordered to appear in Town Court April 16.

In Town Court on March 19, a Delmar resident pleaded guilty to a DWI charge — and two others to lesser charges of driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

Michael Everett Pickett, 39, of 604 Caitlin Court, arrested on Aug. 12 — less than a week after pleading guilty to DWAI in an earlier Bethlehem incident — pleaded guilty to DWI as a result of the prior conviction. Pickett was \$500 and assessed a \$125 state-mandated surcharge. His license was also revoked for six months.

In another case dating back to a DWI arrest in September 2000, Sherri Ann Finkel, 47, of 44 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, pleaded guilty to DWAI, and was fined \$300 and a \$35 surcharge. Her license was suspended for 90 days.

Also pleading guilty to DWAI was Mark Edward Seavey, 37, of 172 Schoolhouse Road, Albany, arrested on Nov. 28. He was fined \$300 and a \$35 surcharge and had his license suspended 90 days.

All three defendants were ordered to undergo drinking-driver remediation and to face a victim impact panel.

Delmar woman arrested on felony assault count

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Delmar woman was arrested for the felony assault of a Bethlehem police officer last week — the third such officer-assault case heard in Town Court this year.

Maryann B. Collins, 41, of 27B Cherry Ave. was charged on Tuesday, March 19, after police attempted at about 3:20 p.m. to serve her with a bench warrant for aggravated harassment issued in Guilderland Town Court.

According to police, Collins became combative when placed in custody, and struck and scratched officer James Mosca.

Subdued with pepper spray and handcuffed, Collins was arrested and transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital. Mosca was also treated at Albany Med for cuts and lacerations and a strained neck suffered in the

altercation.

Collins was arraigned before Town Justice Theresa Egan and charged with felony assault and resisting arrest. Egan ordered her held without bail at Albany County jail, where she remains following a preliminary hearing on her case Monday.

A Slingerlands woman pleaded guilty to similar charges in town court on March 6.

Appearing before Town Justice Frank Milano, Patricia Ann Desmond, 56, of 101 Meadowbrook Drive, pleaded guilty to third-degree assault in satisfaction of various charges stemming from her arrest last July 19, and was sentenced to time served.

The arrest resulted from an incident in which Desmond allegedly assaulted officer Robert Hilligras with a hockey stick as he attempted to serve her with probation-violation warrants issued by the Bethlehem and Guilderland town courts.

Paul Gerard Bartholomew Jr., 30, of 12 Winne Place, Glenmont, faces a felony charge in Albany County Court of second-degree assault, as well as misdemeanor counts of criminal mischief and resisting arrest, following a Christmas night altercation in which officer Chad Rice suffered a neck injury.

Rice, one of several officers responding at the scene of a reported late-night domestic-violence incident on Harrison Avenue in Elsmere, was assaulted while aiding another officer in restraining Bartholomew as he attempted to flee.

Bartholomew was sent to Albany County jail without bail at his Dec. 26 arraignment.

On March 19 Bartholomew case was transferred to Albany County Court for prosecution.

No county appearance date has yet been set.

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At Bethlehem Children's School, Maria Malerba, a student teacher from The College of St. Rose, left joins Melanie Darling and Cailey Heffley making dog bone-shaped cookies to celebrate their study of the Iditarod.

Board postpones WMI review

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's planning board last week postponed review of the Waste Management Inc. (WMI) administrative and truck maintenance facility in Selkirk, as it awaits interpretation of a key point of the town's zoning code from building inspector Kevin Shea.

The board will likely resume its review on April 2.

And the environmental advocacy organization Scenic Hudson also weighed in on WMI—calling for a full review of the project under the terms of the state's Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

More than 70 individuals attended the planning board's March 19 meeting, most of them members of BREATH, the citizens group opposing the project. But chairman Doug Hasbrouck announced that the board would not for the time being move forward with a SEQRA review.

Instead, board counsel Keith Silliman outlined his efforts to resolve a central issue confronting them: the meaning of the zoning code's language with respect to permitted uses in various zones—and specifically, under the "rural district, not zoned" designation that applies to the 140-acre site WMI hopes to develop on River Road.

"I believe the correct course of action would be to get an opinion from Mr. Shea as to his position (before proceeding)," Silliman said—and the board

unanimously voted to do so.

The zoning code lists uses permitted, following site plan approval by the planning board, for a parcel in a "rural district, not zoned"—among them, "administration or professional office," the principal intended use announced by WMI.

However, the applicable section omits any reference to uses not requiring site plan review. And nowhere does it list any permitted industrial uses, like a truck-maintenance facility—but neither does it explicitly bar them.

Silliman solicited opinions from attorneys representing both applicant and opponents on how to interpret the code on this point—and WMI counsel John Stockli, and attorneys Marc Gerstman and Kathleen Martens on behalf of BREATH, responded with memos and rebuttals laying out sharply divergent opinions.

Stockli, citing language in the code that "nothing herein contained shall affect the Rural Districts except special permit uses and prohibited uses as set forth," argued in his March 1 memo that it "reflects the zoning law's intention to only minimally regulate rural districts until such time as they are otherwise classified"—thereby permitting the proposed use.

But Gerstman and Martens cited other code language that they believe "demonstrates that a truck facility is not a permitted use within the Rural District's not zoned classification"—and in fact, would require a zoning change.

Hasbrouck said he expected that Shea would research his department's past interpretation of permitted use provisions and consult town attorney Robert Alessi to recommend a course of action.

Stockli protested, noting that Shea's now-retired predecessor, John Flanagan, had expressed no concerns about the proposed use when first approached by WMI officials over a year ago.

"It seems that we're revisiting

a decision that was already made, and in that case, I'd like to register an objection," he said.

But BREATH spokesman Dominic Carotta was satisfied with the board's caution.

"I'm pleased the town is taking this issue seriously and thinking about our concerns," he said.

BREATH members moved to a meeting room across the hall following the planning board discussion to meet with their attorneys and discuss the project. Their chief concern is that the 140-acre parcel, with more than 40 acres developable but only 25 included in the proposed site plan, will eventually become a waste-handling facility.

WMI officials have said they have no intention of that. But Carotta cited the amended purchase agreement, on file with the planning department, between the property's present owner, Selkirk resident Grant Thorn, and WMI. That agreement describes the project as an "operating hauling station, including hauling, hauling maintenance, overnight truck parking and office/administration"—and Carotta said his neighbors are concerned about what "hauling station" means.

"Unfortunately, Waste Management is a company that has been fined millions and millions of dollars by regulators," he said.

Scenic Hudson agrees. In a March 19 letter to the planning board, the organization's regional planner, Jeffrey Anzevino, noted that Scenic Hudson holds a long-standing conservation easement on the property south of Thorn's, a wetland surrounding the Binnen Kill.

"Scenic Hudson is concerned that the development of Waste Management's operations would place in jeopardy the conservation values found on (this) property," he wrote, calling for a "full SEQRA review" of the WMI project and asking that Scenic Hudson be named an "interested party" to further proceedings.

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Happy Scherer to retire from BC school board

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Happy Scherer has announced she will leave the Bethlehem School Board at the end of the current term this June.

"It has been a privilege," said Scherer, "but it is time to move on. Being a member of this board requires a big commitment of time, energy and experience."

According to Les Loomis, district superintendent, Scherer brings all three to the task.

"Her contributions to the board and community have been tremendous," said Loomis. "She has so much talent, so much passion and exerts full energy and personal leadership for the good of the students. She is bright and knowledgeable."

Scherer has served three full three-year terms, plus she initially filled the remainder of a vacant term before running for the board as a candidate. Two of her board runs were unopposed. She has served as president and vice president of the board. She felt the administrative experience gained in her professional career was invaluable, referring in particular to a stint as director of psychiatry at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady. There, she had to deal with professionals, personnel administration, unions and contracts.

She said her board work takes about 20 hours a month—except for budget time, when a much larger time commitment is required. She said board packets arrive from the superintendent's office almost weekly with material that must be reviewed. In addition, she said a school board makes many significant decisions to keep up with national issues and legal matters pertaining to schools.

This makes it necessary to attend training sessions provided by various school board associations and conferences to make informed decisions that are correct and in the best interests of the students, administration and community.

"The school board is the administration's window to the community," said Scherer.

"There is no doubt about it. By understanding the feelings and points of view of the community, the board and administration, as the leadership for the district, are then able to achieve a better balance. Things work best for the district when things work well and during the budget process, the window is most apparent and helps us achieve the balance we strive for," added Loomis.

Scherer has lived in the district for 20 years and when asked if she has seen a change in parents, she said "Yes. Parents, both fathers and mothers, want to be and expect to be more involved in the educational process. This has created more of a challenge for the district to deal with, which has led to the creation of the Presidents Council. The president of each PTA and other parent groups like the BC Athletic Association and Bethlehem Music Association in the district meets once a month with administration and board leadership to discuss issues."

Involvement with the board began for Scherer in an advocacy situation. As president of the Bethlehem Music Association, she was concerned about the school board's decision to economize by cutting the summer music program. The program was saved by the association, and the parents each picked up part of the cost. The association also provided some scholarship money for the program if there was a need by individual students.

While the summer music program was the impetus for her to get involved with the board, she said, "I have never been a one-issue board member." In fact, she said, "People who want to be an advocate can be more effective outside the board."

She felt, in her tenure on the board, there has not been a one-issue member who are more likely rooted to one position with no open mind. Bethlehem board members, she said, "have exhibited a high degree of civility and respect for each other and their positions. But they each vote their own conscience."

One of her recent efforts on board matters is working on committee charged with re-writing the entire district policy manual. Scherer expects this to be completed by the end of this school year. She has also been a strong supporter to open the door to BOCES for those kids in the district who would be better served by their educational offerings.

Scherer and her husband Harvey, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, have three daughters, all graduates of the Bethlehem School District. Scherer is also a volunteer puppy raiser for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, active in American Field Service and has hosted three foreign exchange students. She is currently teacher/coordinator for New Visions Health Occupations Program at Ellis Hospital, a BOCES-run program for college-bound high school seniors who are considering a career in medicine.

An amateur musician, she plays clarinet each summer with the Gunderland Town Band.

She has offered to speak with anyone interested in school board service and will share any of her insights and experiences with potential board candidates.



Scherer

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Town pool to open for fun as usual

The town pool at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar will be open this summer, according to Bethlehem town Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

Any water needed to replenish the pool water will be trucked in from outside sources.

Family takes different paths down memory lane

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Over a dinner with a group of women to celebrate her bulging tummy, Hilary barred me from the discussion about labor and delivery.

"You'll just say it was all fine, great, no problems," she had said, many years ago when our family was in its earliest stages. It was worth laughing at, for I had bought entirely into the belief that all the pain of labor disappears as soon as you hold your baby in your arms.

The main bad memory I have from the birth of two children is that Chris and Dr. Laura Corio had gotten into an intense discussion about the New York Mets while I was in the final throes of intense contractions with our first son.

"Excuse me," I'd snapped, "I'm trying to have a baby here." That moment surely marks the beginning of our family's re-visionist history. A woman does forget her labor pains quickly, but it seems like motherhood is often a long process of forgetting a lot of other stuff, too.

So many mothers exclaim with joy over a friend's first pregnancy, and promise her only rapture and delight, while simultaneously trying to soothe

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a wailing nine-month-old, pretending not to notice that her toddler has become surgically attached to Mommy's lower leg — the one in the faded jeans with the hold in the knee — which doubles as a convenient tissue. As our children grow up, memories of sleepless nights and the permanent spit-up stain on our shoulders fade to black, and we only remember rocking a warm and cozy bundle to sleep.

Those sibling squabbles that seemed to have no end lose their teeth-setting edge as time passes. Gone is the memory of the day that felt like an unending session of "Court TV," when parents had to sit and hear both sides of the case concerning the square blue Lego that got built into his boat when clearly his brother was just about to pick it up and build into his helicopter. In place of that, we remember the first time we heard the innocent one defend the

guilty party with a stern, "You be nicer to my brother," and the view of their receding backs heading off to their lair, arms slung around each other's shoulders.

We do remember that our pride in their loyalty to each other was tinged with a vague sense of foreboding. Parental forgetfulness continues into grandparent-hood, and surely reaches its culmination when a doting grandmother watches her sibling grandchildren squabble in a decidedly anti-alliance moment.

"You children sure didn't fight like that," is the guaranteed response, uttered as she looks directly into your eyes — over which you can still see the scar from the time your big sister bashed you on the head with your brand new Tonka truck. This need to alter the memory of the familial past must be driven by some primal acknowledgement that it's the only way to guarantee the perpetuation of the species.

If parents got honest with young couples about the hours they spent changing diapers that classify as biohazards; the actual amount of time they spent listening to adolescents say, eyes rolling, "Oh, Mom, really," or that some sort of super glue substance has adhered itself to the

floor of the minivan; would there ever be another generation?

So we sigh instead about the first time our infant child blew us kisses, and coo over the photograph of baby's reaction to his first solid food, and recall the day that extended family first met our treasured child.

What, though, will our children remember? Will they be more honest in their appraisal of our collective past? Of all the great experiences we give them, what will be the story they carry with them into adulthood? Sometimes, it's vastly different from what we remember. "That other family," Spotlight Executive Editor Sue Graves said her family calls it when kids and grown-ups' accounts of past events differ. That's when we have to remember that it's their childhood as well as our adulthood, and like the old-fashioned test for spaghetti doneness, it'll be interesting to see what sticks when they throw their pot of memories against the wall.

Like many families, we take these great vacations every year, and often agree on what was great about them. So we were surprised on our last vacation as we approached the car rental desk, discussing what sort of car we'd reserved, to hear about something bad.

"Just don't have one of your typical fights," Christopher had warned, wrestling the cart full of our bags.

"We have fights?" I said vaguely, pulling out my notes about what

credit card covered what insurance.

"Yes," he'd insisted. "You always fight over what size car to rent, and how much it costs, and what we really need."

"Honey," I'd said, steeling myself to not "discuss" with Chris the possibility of saving a few bucks by renting a smaller car, "why don't you go sit on those nice seats and see if you can nap for a while?" Cormac and I took a little trip to Rhode Island early last September; my clearest memory is of watching my ever-growing son play chase with waves that seemed to release a sense of autumn as they crashed on the shore. His memories are more concrete; he remembers a dinner of Rhode Island clam chowder and fish and chips, eaten on the windswept concrete patio of a nearby hotel, then walking back to our room across a darkened beach.

We always try to take the long view of child-rearing but truly hope that our endeavor is not just a guarantee that future mental health professionals will have plenty of work to do. Please God, let our kids remember the hugs, the laughter and the praise more than they remember the yelling, the reprimands and the frozen silences. Time, we hope, will be the answer. We spend as much of it together as our busy lives and children's tolerance allows, letting that be the insurance that when they are grown up, we will gather at holiday meals and have many shared and happy memories.

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Early Learning Center gets kids off on right foot

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The brochure was entitled "A Milestone in the Life of a Family." The document, located on a literature rack at the entrance to the five-year-old Early Learning Center is chock full of advice on preparing a youngster for the big first day of kindergarten, and the closing paragraph contains the following admonition, "Your child will never be this particular age again. You will never be able to rewind the tape and do kindergarten over again."

This means, of course, whatever the parent can do to prepare the child with self management skills like tying shoes, buttoning or zipping garments, and being a good listener to hear instructions properly will ease the transition from tot at home to a structured environment with a population of over 300 students of the same age.

The district has taken its own advice to heart with the Early Learning Center concept where all district kindergarten students are housed in the same building.

"It is the best thing this district has done," said Les Loomis, district superintendent, "By grouping kindergarteners together, good work can be done in terms of getting started in evaluation of students and early intervention where needs are identified. Evaluation and intervention gives students a big early boost in the learning process and the Early Learning Center is critical to that."

Helen Salamone supervises the center with a staff of nine teachers, who are aided by district speech and physical therapists, guidance counselors, special tutors and a number of aids. "There is a close involvement of the parents also," said Salamone.

While most of the students attend school for half a day Salamone said,

"There is an extended day kindergarten for approximately 50 students with special needs like speech therapy which is part of the early intervention concept."

The Early Learning Center is located in a wing of Slingerlands Elementary School on Union Avenue in a beautiful wooded setting. The main teaching area is a covered quadrangle surrounded by classrooms. Tucked in one corner of the quadrangle is a lending library, part of the 1,000 Book Child project and in another corner is a spacecraft designed and built by students. Student artwork covers almost every surface inside and out of the classrooms. The 1,000 Book Child project encourages parents to borrow 10 books each week to read to students the summer before school starts.

In early March, shamrocks, green hats and ribbon were plentiful in anticipation of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. In fact, the students assembled at 10:15 a.m. in the quadrangle for a concert of Irish music presented by "Hair of The Dog," a popular local band.

One of the band members was a Bethlehem middle school music teacher and another a parent of an Early Learning Center student. The music was thoroughly enjoyed, professionally rendered



Kindergarteners and their teachers at the Early Learning Center enjoy a performance of Hair of the Dog.

Ronald E. Campbell

and soon had the students clapping to the beat.

Everything is orderly and there is a very relaxed, happy atmosphere. A noticeable hum is evident from hundreds of young voices asking or answering questions and busy hands working on projects designed to emphasize something in one of the subjects covered in the year at the Early Learning Center. These subjects include English, math, science and social studies. The youngsters seemed to be totally engrossed in their projects or learning and there was no evidence of behavioral problems like crying or back talk or aggressiveness.

Salamone said the good behavior carries over to the daily bus ride to and from the facility. She said in only one instance are older students mingled with kindergarteners on a return home bus route.

"No aides are necessary to keep order on the buses, but one may be present on a trip if a special education student needs assistance," she said.

Salamone attributed good behavior on the buses largely to training provided early in the year by the district BEAT Team. The Bethlehem Education Awareness Team and its members are

composed principally of drivers who volunteer time to teach new students how to be "safe bus riders."

As part of a team of teachers Salamone worked with architects to design the facility and the

administration to develop curriculum and procedures for the center.

She said the district was fortunate to have gotten a lot of input from parents also in the facility and curriculum design.

Obviously proud of having been part of the design and development and then the

manager of the Early Learning Center, Salamone felt it was working well for her students and their parents by teaching good habits and skills that would allow each student to get the greatest benefit from their school career.

"The Early Learning Center concept is not unique but is the only one in this area," said Salamone.



Bethlehem Auto Service

AUTO FACTS

by John Quirk

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Matters of Opinion

Pool to open as usual

According to Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller, the town has received a barrage of phone calls regarding the town pool and whether or not it will be open this year.

Fuller assures us that the pool will be open for business as usual this summer despite the drought.

The only difference this year is that water needed to replenish the pool will be trucked in from water sources outside the town, which means the town will follow the same restrictions placed on everyone in town with a pool.

This means that residents will have their usual access to the town pool.

So stop making such a big splash, folks. Save it for lazy summer days at the park pool.

On the other hand, the lawn watering aficionados will not have their way this year, barring relief from Mother Nature. But as one editor who has never watered, rest assured, the lawns will return when the rains do.

Keep in mind that water conservation is essential in Bethlehem and a good practice to follow even when there is no drought.

We urge everyone to cooperate in following the town's restrictions on non-essential water uses, including lawn watering. It's a small price to pay for the greater good of the community.

BOU does it again

BOU has done it again. Last Friday, the group's only fund-raising effort for the year, the BOU Auction, raised about \$14,000 that will be funneled right back into the community to help local youth programs.

The proceeds also include about \$2,300 from the Peace, Harmony quilt and Love that Quilters United in Learning Together donated to BOU. That money will be given to the Robin Hood Foundation to help children affected by Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City.

BOU focuses its efforts on projects that help to guide youth toward healthy activities not associated with alcohol. BOU works closely with the school district and the human resource officers of the police department to facilitate proactive programs.

Congratulations to BOU President Phyllis Hillinger, who will step down at the end of the year, after many years of tireless service.

We commend her and all BOU volunteers for their efforts to provide healthy, positive experiences for Bethlehem youth.

The community is fortunate to have such dedicated support for programs and events sponsored by BOU.

Editorials

Why Passover night is different

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

The writer, a Delmar resident, is a freelance writer.

Few people can say that Dom Deluise, the actor/comedian/chef, has come into their home to cook the Passover meal. OK, probably no one can say that. But it happened on a Shari Lewis Passover video.

In fact, in the video, not only does Dom cook, but Robert Guillaume (TV's Benson) comes as a guest and sings a nifty tune about Pharaoh and the 10 plagues.

With or without famous actors, the observance of Passover, which begins tonight, includes participating in a seder (SAY-der), a lively hands-on religious ceremony celebrating the Jews' escape from slavery in Egypt.

Seder is the Hebrew word for "order," for the sequence of events that are part of the ceremony.

During the seder, Jews read from a special book called a haggadah. The word haggadah means "the telling," referring to the obligation to tell the story of Passover to our children each year so the story will be relayed from generation to generation.

At every seder, the youngest child recites the Four Questions, beginning with the lead-in: "Why is this night different from all other nights?"

The questions include: Why do we only eat matzo (a sort of large flat cracker) and not bread? Why do we eat bitter herbs? Why do we dip certain foods into others? Why do we recline at the dinner table?

My childhood Passover memories transport me to Aunt Selma's second-floor garden apartment in Queens. There were multiple folding tables crammed between the plastic-covered couch and the short wall overlooking the stairwell. In the early days, my aunt would never even pause from meal preparations to change out of her pajamas, and the men would be in undershirts due to the tropical climate generated by the combined radiator and oven heat.



Rachel Suitor really enjoys her matzo.

Point of View

Later, when the young adults starting bringing dates and marrying, everyone came to the table fully dressed.

Some years, the Queens gang traveled up to Voorheesville and my mother hosted the holiday by preparing both a turkey and a roast beef. Aunt Selma brought a cooler with stuffed cabbage. For breakfast, my mother made matzo-meal pancakes sprinkled with sugar.

Oh, and I loved the taste of a piece of matzo spread with Breakstone's whipped butter. Ah, the good old days. (OK, the cholesterol-filled days, but it's OK to splurge once in a while.)

Whether celebrated downstate or upstate, Passover always included chocolate-covered marshmallows treats, sugar-coated candy shaped like orange slices, sponge cake and cans of coconut macaroons.

As the youngest child, I was the one put on the spot — the adults would say "honored" — with the responsibility of reciting the Four Questions.

Actually, I would sing the questions in Hebrew and then read the English translation. Either all eyes would be on me or, more often, the din of chatter would be have to be broken by a grown-up announcing, "Shush, everyone, Robin's doing the Four Questions." The pressure was immense.

I often felt lost in a sea of older cousins and siblings. They had all attended Hebrew school in a different decade and place. They had learned different melodies. And they were old enough to partake in the wine while "the baby" was restricted to the wine-shaped bottle of grape juice.

Back then, I always wanted the seders to be more orderly, more "by the book," more like I had practiced in Sunday school. I could not appreciate the need for a family separated by many miles to just spend time together. Ironically, I am lucky enough to have my siblings close by, yet our lives get so busy that we rarely get together. But Passover brings us all together, even on a weeknight.

And now the baby of the family hosts Passover dinner. I invite family and close friends, and my goal is to make it memorable, meaningful and fun — a night where everyone feels a part of the

celebration.

A few weeks ago, I brought out the Shari Lewis Passover video. I saw it as a refresher course for 5-year-old Rachel, a way to remind her about the meaning and practices of the holiday.

We talked about how we eat horseradish, a bitter herb, to remind us of the bitterness of slavery, and how we dip a green vegetable into salt water to symbolize the tears our ancestors shed as slaves. "Maybe we'll use celery this year," I said to her.

"Yuck, I don't like celery," she replied.

"Well, the point of this holiday is not to bring out all of your favorite foods," I told her (although many folks are quite fond of matzo ball soup.) "The foods we do eat are used to tell a story, to remember the time when Jews were slaves. If we had not escaped Egypt, we would still be slaves and we wouldn't be enjoying the freedom we have today."

My arguments did not give Rachel reason to pause. Her response was, "Can we play Go Fish?"

This is precisely why we tell the story over and over, year after year, and encourage our children to ask questions. Eventually, the meaning sinks in as the child matures and learns more about the world. And the story has continued relevance since many people in the world are still not free.

We ourselves may not be slaves, literally, but we are slaves to our material wants, to deadlines, to peer pressure and to internal pressures (many of us are our own worst critic).

Some of us can't ever sit still and enjoy our freedom. We must always be doing something, sorting coupons, folding laundry, making "to do" lists, pondering past bad decisions, agonizing over details that can't be controlled, over failed relationships over less-than-perfect work projects.

The short answer to "Why is this night different?" is that the Jews are no longer slaves in Egypt. We won our freedom and now we use the seder night, and the entire Passover week, to remind ourselves how good our lives are in comparison.

If we are smart, we will take the time to relish our freedom, to enjoy hobbies, like writing articles, even when they cause us to lose sleep (it's a good kind of

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tired), and to pray for an end to terrorism and war.

I ponder what freedom means to my 5-year-old. Perhaps it's being allowed to pour her own milk out of the near-full gallon container. Or maybe it's being allowed to pick her own outfit, even if that means a striped shirt paired with flowery pants.

Hey, if she gets herself dressed, that's more freedom in the morning for her dad and me!

When Rachel thinks of Passover, she may not think "freedom," but her eyes do light up in anticipation of searching for the afikomen, a piece of matzo wrapped up and set aside for dessert.

The seder cannot be completed without the afikomen. In some families, the adults hide it and the children look for it, ultimately exchanging it for a prize. In other families, the children "steal" and hide the afikomen.

My father used to put the afikomen behind the pillow on his chair "for safekeeping." The fun part was stealing it away without him noticing and later watching him make a big commotion upon suddenly discovering it was missing. I didn't have to put a lot of energy into finding a good hiding spot, since my father never searched for the afikomen.

When it was time to continue the seder, Dad simply said, "OK, bring it back." Of course, he did provide a cash ransom. (He and mom still distribute "afikomen money" to the children).

For my own seder, I prepare a clue-based hunt for the afikomen. Hidden around the house are envelopes. Each envelope includes a clue about the location of the afikomen (such as, "You don't have to open any drawers") and a riddle leading to the spot where the next clue may be found. The older children lead the younger ones, while the big kids (you know, the grown-ups) leisurely finish dinner.

Passover seders at my house don't include any famous actors, but I do put on a puppet show of sorts, using a home-made felt board story. There is also lots of singing, jokes about "bitter herbs" (someone always pronounces the "h"), and a general aversion to gefilte fish.

It is festive and chaotic, and I wouldn't want it any other way.

Rains renew Peace Corps volunteer's spirit

Editor, The Spotlight:

The new rains mark the passage into my second year in the Peace Corps in Ghana.

Today is the first day of the rainy season, actually the first day of rain since November, which is when the dry season officially began. Mother Nature in West Africa dictates the calendar here.

Where I live in the Brong Ahafo Region of central Ghana, the rains mark not only the passage of time but the farming season. In Koase, almost everyone is a farmer and they live and die by the rains.

Today, at the moment of release, when the clouds drop some scarce drops of dusty water, I was riding in an old Nissan taxi held together with strips of rubber bicycle tubes, tightly packed with many noisy people, roosters, hens and dried maize.

When raindrops unexpectedly

hit our windshield, even the fowl quieted for a moment. One woman who was scrunched close to me in the back seat muttered a thankful prayer to God that was whispered right into my ear.

After four months of dry, windy, dust-blowing weather, the atmosphere is filled with more red-earth dust, and the first rains carry it all down. These last few months of parched harmattan weather make my throat feel like it is closing up, and I need to drink water every five minutes. By the time I wash my clothes and hang the last ones on the line, the first ones are already dry as a bone. Taxi rides on the dried-out dirt roads result in everyone wearing a nice layer of red dust from eyebrows to ears to shoelaces. All three feet of my hair only takes 15 minutes to air dry and produce static electricity when brushed.

Sitting wedged in the old taxi exhausted from a long day in the

hot sun and longing for the comfort of my little bungalow, the rain feels refreshing. Eighteen months in Ghana seems like a very long time, and returning to the U.S. sounds more and more inviting. But just when time seems to wear on me as a volunteer, the weather changes—as do the life and activities here in my village.

My attitude starts to change along with the collection of rainwater, planting of new crops and the new growth of dense green foliage in the bush. Like the rain washing the dust from the air, my frustrations and sadness seem to be wiped clean by the new rain.

The people in Koase begin to rise earlier and earlier to get a good start planting, racing with the rain clouds. Run-off waters revive the dirty thin streams and turn them into rivers that supply the town with washing, cooking, bathing and drinking water. Even

the insects are reborn as hoards of crickets, flies and mosquitoes start appearing, especially inside my bungalow.

Like ringing in the New Year or welcoming a new baby into the world, the first rains give me hope for the future and for the next nine months of Peace Corps experiences, joys, sorrows and fears. I feel ready to continue my work here in Koase. Maybe some of my AIDS education programs will work out; maybe the support groups for people living with AIDS will continue; perhaps the youth organizations I struggle with will meet again.

At least I know I can keep going, complete my two years here and know that I have touched some people's lives as they have most certainly touched mine.

Shannon Cornelius

The writer is a Delmar native and 1996 graduate of BCHS.

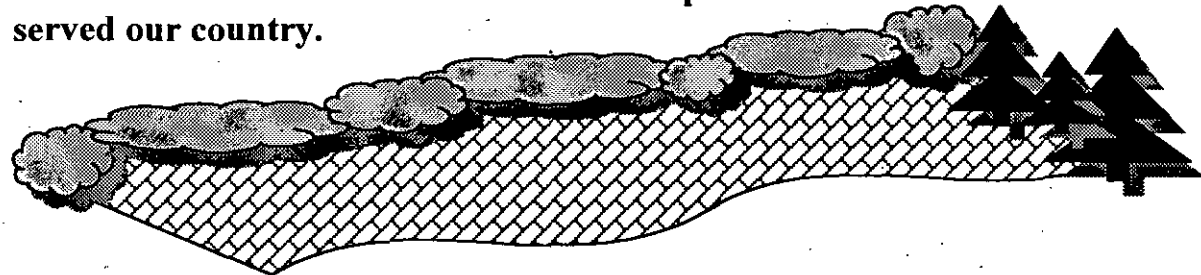


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Matters of Opinion

Parent: Halloween ban appalling

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a parent, I would like to respond to Bethlehem Central's decisions to ban Halloween costumes and parades from the schools.

I find this inexplicably appalling. What about participatory arts in our school district? Are our children's imaginations to be stifled due to grown-up paranoia?

I was an elementary art aide at Glenmont and Slingerlands elementary schools. I later taught humanities as a member of Teacher Corps at Mont Pleasant High School, and have permanent certification to teach secondary English in New York state.

Glenmont Elementary was a great school when my children

attended, and it probably still is today.

Don Robillard was then the able principal.

My three children attended school in Bethlehem. As Halloween grew near, they each enjoyed trying to figure out what they would be for Halloween. The parade at school was their chance to display their ingenuity to their peers.

They would concoct something, or I would help make costumes. It was fun for the whole family. I never found that it interrupted their study patterns for very long. Costume decision-making, although seeming to be frivolous, is actually another small part of the self-actualization process that helps youngsters

mature into adults.

The "what do I want to be" process can be very personal, and an important, yet whimsical, decision that only the child can make.

Make believe is precious, and should not just be relegated to "Disney Land." My children were never lucky enough to go there while growing up. But one did get to be an enormous polished cotton green dragon with a pink corduroy tummy. Another was Eeyore one year, and with a lifting of the ears and the addition of a magnificent horn, a Unicorn the next.

I believe both as a parent and a former teacher, that it was part of their well-rounded learning process.

Good grief — I really find this to be a sad turn of events. The child who wrote complaining that he felt cheated (and the children are going to be cheated) must feel his voice and feelings don't count in the Bethlehem school district.

Diana Ham
Glenmont

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The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children. Takeouts will be available.

For information, call 767-3342.

Easter bunny to visit bank

The Easter bunny will visit Pioneer Savings Bank in Town Squire Plaza in Glenmont on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The bunny will have special treats for children who visit.

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The free concert starts at 7 and wraps up at 8:30 p.m.

The library is celebrating the literary arts during National Poetry Month with an afternoon open mic hosted by the Every Other Thursday Night Poets on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m.

The invitation is extended to anyone who loves poetry, reads or writes poetry or just likes to listen, to come and enjoy all or part of the afternoon with us, complete with refreshments courtesy of the Library Friends.

You are welcome to bring your own poetry to read or a favorite poem by another author. Sign-up is requested.

Call 765-2791 or email to vinkb@uhls.lib.us.

Parents of seventh through 10th graders can sign up for a college preparation seminar on April 9.

The panel discussion, led by certified educational planner Sally M. Ten Eyck, is on how to help your high school student plan for

college.

Sign-ups are also being taken for a quilting workshop on Wednesday, April 10, with Linda O'Connor.

She has prepared a "mind-stretching" session to be presented at the library for experienced quilters who are ready to bend or break the rules. Let your hair down and be wild with threads.

Call the library at 765-2791 for information and sign-up. Class size is limited and is filling up fast, so call now.

Book discussion of *The Singing Boy* by Dennis McFarland meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3.

Barbara Vink

Student musicians to perform at church

Eleven outstanding high school musicians will present a recital performance on Monday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The community is invited to this performance.

The musicians include: Scott Birdsey and David Schwab, trombone; Joshua Modney and Peter Laird, trumpet; Julie Norman, violin; Caroline Lyons, flute; Evan Siegel and Tom Potter, tenor saxophone; Allegra Smith, clarinet; Brenda Schmidt, viola; and David Richardson, alto saxophone.

Later in the week, the students will be judged by the New York State Music Association for selection for All-State performance groups.

Feestelijk display coming in April

Feestelijk Bethlehem is featured on our bulletin board display next month.

The town's annual festival, which showcases local musical, artistic and dramatic talent, will take place on Saturday, April 27, at venues throughout the com-

6 to 11 p.m.

Trolley transportation to all venues is provided free.

Art & more

The Bethlehem Art Association's semi-annual member show will be on display in the library's northwest and southwest hallways next month.

Inside, check out collections assembled by library staff members. In "Library Staff and their Pets," photos pair pets, past and present, with their people.

And as a reminder that winter in these parts doesn't necessarily end in April, Kevin Mosier shares his collection of snow globes. Mosier has been collecting these

captivating items for 20 years.

Luke Peleggi's collection of baseballs will be on display in the Youth services area in April.

Local author/illustrator Thor Wickstrom will also be featured there.

Web survey

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Louise Grieco

Circus performance set at schools

The National Circus Project will perform in an assembly at Clarksville Elementary School on Thursday, April 4, and at Elsmere Elementary School on April 5.

The program at both schools will include a performance followed by hands-on workshops in circus skills for students, designed to promote physical

activity, while tying the circus theme into other parts of the curriculum.

The events are sponsored by the PTAs at both schools.

For information or a schedule of the performance, contact Kathy Betzholt at Clarksville at 768-8158 or Pete Hogan at Elsmere at 439-4996.

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Although Voorheesville's water supply has not yet been adversely affected, we are asking our users to voluntarily take measures to preserve our precious resource. Please reference the water quality report sent to you last spring for conservation tips. A list of conservation tips is also available at the Village Hall or at the Public Works Garage.

If the drought continues, please watch the Community Bulletin Board for further updates and possible mandatory use restrictions. Also details of drought conditions are available online from NYS DEC at: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dow/droughtfacts.html>.

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Area churches announce Holy Week services

Churches in the area will hold holiday services during Holy Week.

St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. The Lord's Passion with Holy Communion will be on Good Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m.

An Easter Vigil Mass will be on Saturday, March 30, at 8 p.m. The Masses for Easter Sunday March 31, are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland on New Scotland Road will hold a Maundy

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Thursday service on March 28, at 7:30 p.m.

The Presbyterian and First United Methodist churches will hold a joint service on Good Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

A joint Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, March 31,

at 5 a.m. The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland will hold its regular Easter services at 10:30 a.m.

In addition to the joint services, First United Methodist Church on Maple will hold a Maundy Thursday service on March 28, at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. (No coffee hour is scheduled following 8:30 worship to encourage worshippers to empty parking spaces for the later service).

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church on Route 155 will

hold a Good Friday service on March 29, at 7 p.m. Easter services will include breakfast at 9 a.m. and the worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Music association slates solo/ensemble festival

New York Schools Music Association (NYSSMA) will hold its annual festival this year at Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School.

More than 1,000 students from the Capital District will attend and perform before judges.

The Friends of Music will sell refreshments Friday and all day Saturday. Help is needed in several areas: support through a monetary donation, work at the concessions and/or supply a dessert. To volunteer, call Linda Pasquali at 765-4990.

Garden Club to meet

The next regular meeting of Helderview Garden Club will be on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Senior Center in New Salem.

Girl Scout leaders to meet

The Girl Scout leaders next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, 7 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Center.

Drama club to present play

Students in the fifth and sixth grade drama club will present "The Hobbit" on Saturday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. at the elementary school. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for students.

Blackbirds wins States

The Voorheesville varsity girls

basketball team won the Class C state championship at HVCC. Congratulations to Coach Jon McClement and Andrea Burch, Michelle Delacruz, Justine Moreau, Dana Herchenroder, Catherine Nicholson, Kathryn Inglis, Jaclyn Markert, Ashley Schultz, Michelle Nadratowski, Brittany Baron, Meghan Smith, Sarina Fiero, Kate Arico, Kate Conway, Stephanie Wright and Jessica Engel.

School's out Friday, March 29

Schools in the district will be closed Friday, March 29 for Good Friday

Board of education to meet

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Jr.-Sr. High School.

New Salem fish fry set at firehouse

New Salem Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual fish fry on Friday, March 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A in New Salem.

The dinners will include fish, french fries, coleslaw and a beverage. New England clam chowder and dessert will also be available for \$1.50. Eat-in dining is offered or takeout can be ordered by calling 765-2244. The cost of the dinner is \$6.50 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children under age 12.

Zoning board meeting

The next regular village Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held at village hall on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

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Funeral home owners apply for zoning change

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A rezoning request by owners of a Delmar funeral home was taken up last week by the Bethlehem planning board.

Benjamin and Stephen Meyers, owners of Meyers Funeral Home at 741 Delaware Ave., petitioned the Bethlehem town board in the spring of 2000 to rezone their lot across from Bethlehem Central High School, from AA-residential to CCC-commercial.

The town board split 3-2 in voting to refer the request to the planning board for its recommendation. Supervisor Sheila Fuller and town board member Doris Davis voted against the referral. Board members Dan Plummer and George Lenhardt also expressed reservations with rezoning, but joined then board member Susan Burns to vote in favor of the referral.

The matter was scheduled for planning board discussion a month later but postponed at the applicants' request, until Meyers wrote the town Planning Department in January of this year requesting resumption.

AA residential zones are among the most restrictive in terms of permitted uses — and funeral services are not normally among them. But Meyers operates under a special exception to the town zoning code, granted in 1965.

Attorney Ralph Mancini, representing the Meyerss, said his clients seek rezoning to expand the business to meet changing competitive demands.

They plan to build two one-story additions to the existing building, double the current parking, and build an adjoining structure that would be part-residence, part-reception area.

Stephen Meyers said the additional parking would reduce the number of vehicle on neighborhood streets during funerals, and the second building, a small, two-story colonial, would provide a residence for an apprentice and a post-funeral reception area for families.

Mancini said, "Family funeral homes are starting to go out of business because it's difficult to compete in this new market. This really needs to be done to make this a more modern and efficient home."

The zoning law restricts the

percentage of the lot on which structures can be built — meaning that without rezoning, any future building alterations, or changes of use, would require variances.

"To update and modernize would require us to go in before the zoning board for almost any change in the structure," Mancini said.

The building, Ben Meyers said, is unsuitable as a residence. "How many people can afford a 6,000 square foot building as a family home?" he said. Moreover, he and Mancini said that its limited-use status makes it difficult to obtain financing for improvements.

"We can't do this without financing," Mancini said. "And experience has shown we cannot get financing without a proper zone."

The change, however, would open up a broader range of potential future uses — including various commercial applications as well as nursing care or a convalescent home, and that was clearly a concern of the planning board.

Planning board chairman Doug Hasbrouck asked if the same ends could be achieved through zoning variances or by subdividing the property — and building the second building strictly as a residence, thereby

freeing up for funeral use the second story of the current building, now used as a family residence by the Meyers.

But Ben Meyers said the upstairs space is "not conducive" to funeral-parlor use.

Board member Parker Mathusa suggested granting the zone change with a condition restricting use to a funeral parlor.

But Mancini called it "unacceptable," arguing that it would not mitigate lenders' reluctance toward a single-use property.

Other issues — including the traffic impacts of the enlarged parking — were raised at the meeting, but board member Joseph Rooks pointed out that such details, the subject of a future site plan review if rezoning is granted, are "more or less irrelevant" at this stage.

First the board must decide on whether to recommend rezoning at all — and the implications of an expanded list of commercial uses for the property, with so many residences nearby, is a stumbling block — as is the question of whether such a single-lot rezoning would constitute illegal "spot-zoning."

But Mancini said, "While this is AA, in practice it's a commercial area."

Site planner Paul Hite added on Meyers' behalf, that "Delaware

Avenue, for all intents and purposes, from this point of Van Dyke Road on, is commercial endeavors. All of this has intermingled with single family development out here and has not seemed to have any adverse effect on it."

He pointed to an insurance company in the former Girl Scouts building across the street; several nearby professional

offices; a trucking company, a garage and the BIG Arena, all within a mile.

The planning board tabled the application, but Hasbrouck said it is likely to be on the agenda for the April 2 meeting. Should they ultimately recommend rezoning, the town board would be required to conduct a public hearing before putting the matter to a vote.

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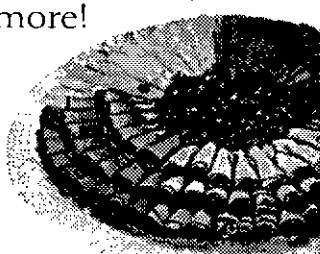


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front — and a baseball cap emblazoned with the state Lottery "Quick-Draw" logo.

But the man — who entered the Town Squire Plaza branch on Glenmont Road at Route 9W at 3:49 p.m. Friday and presented a teller with a note demanding money — was no quick-draw

himself.

"He did not display a weapon and didn't threaten a weapon," according to detective Joseph Mastriano, who is overseeing the investigation.

The teller nevertheless complied with the man's demand and turned over an amount of cash "in excess of several

thousand dollars," Mastriano said. "I don't want to put a specific amount on it. Only this guy knows what he's got."

Police, summoned by a security alarm and a phone call from bank employees, arrived shortly after the man's departure and cordoned off the bank branch. An Albany County sheriff's K-9 unit was summoned to search the area, without success.

"We have to assume he left by vehicle, but we really don't know for certain," said Mastriano. Initial reports of a specific vehicle apparently reported by workers at the nearby Price Chopper construction site proved unfounded, he said.

Investigators gathered some physical evidence at the scene

that Mastriano declined to identify.

"We have some leads, but whether they'll develop into something, I can't say," he said. A description of the man was circulated to local businesses and police agencies.

By Saturday, police obtained several clear images of the man from bank cameras — "some of the best photos I've ever seen from a security camera," Mastriano said — and begun disseminating them to local television and newspapers and through the FBI, as well as other area police and public agencies including the parole department.

"Everybody's looking out for us," said Mastriano. Bethlehem police have received some calls since the photo was distributed,

"but so far, nothing of substance," he said.

At present, no connection has been established between the Quick Draw thief and any of the rash of bank heists in the region in recent months. But the late-day robbery was not the man's first visit to the Glenmont Pioneer branch.

"Bank employees said he did come in earlier in the day inquiring about opening up an account," Heffernan said. "There was nothing suspicious about him when he came in, and they did not recognize him."

His lack of a weapon or a threat, Mastriano said, might suggest the robber was aware that a weapon would make the eventual charges against him more serious.

"It's just a matter of the right break before we do catch up to him," Mastriano said. "What we're counting on is someone responding to that photo. It's out there, and we hope someone will recognize him and call us."

Dash to kick off Sunday, April 7

The 14th annual Delmar Dash will be held on Sunday, April 7, starting from the corner of Elsmere and Delaware avenues at 9 a.m.

The five-mile road race through residential neighborhoods is open to runners of all ages and abilities.

Runners can register at 8 a.m. on the day of the race at Elsmere Elementary School. The entry fee is \$12 for Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club members and \$14 for non-members.

The first 400 entrants will receive a T-shirt. Runs for children ages 12 and under of a quarter mile, a half mile or one mile will start at 10 a.m.; the entry fee is \$1.

Following the race, awards will be presented to the male and female winners, as well as the top finishers in each age group. The race is sponsored by Charter Bank One and organized by the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club. Refreshments will be provided by Bruegger's Bagels.

For information, call 435-4500 or check the club's Web site at www.hmrrc.com.

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- 3) No new lawns to be installed that require watering from public water supply.
- 4) No new swimming pools unless water to fill the pool is trucked in from a private source.
- 5) No refilling of pools for spring start-up, unless water is trucked in from a private water source.
- 6) No building permits will be issued for underground sprinkler systems.

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Approving the transaction required no public hearing because the total estimated value of the exemptions is less than \$100,000, according to IDA vice-chairman Joseph Richardson.

Tomorrow, the IDA will discuss a more substantial tax break: Daisytek's request to finance through the agency a \$7 million re-equipping and conversion of the West Yard building into a state-of-the-art automated distribution warehouse. A draft inducement resolution, which would grant sales-tax exemption for the new equipment purchases, will be considered.

The IDA will also begin reviewing the proposed 15-year PILOT agreement to finance the \$7.5 million property acquisition. Selkirk Ventures seeks an 85 percent first-year property tax exemption, declining in 5-percent annual increments to 10 percent in year 15 and full taxation by year 16. That would mean a 54 percent savings on total sales taxes over the life of the agreement.

Both proposals require public hearings.

"The IDA wants to be responsible in bringing new businesses to town," said Richardson. "I don't think overall this is any faster response than any other. What is unusual is that they have indicated they want to separate the two (the lease and PILOT agreements)."

Based in Allen, Texas, Daisytek is a distributor of brand-name office, computer, copier and fax products and services. It wholesales to thousands of office and computer superstores, dealers and value-added resellers. Daisytek employs nearly 1,700 workers worldwide, with about 1,300 in the U.S.

The computer and office supply unit is one of three principal Daisytek divisions. As part of a program to add an expanded line of office products to its computer offerings, Daisytek plans to consolidate distribution operations at two regional hubs in the U.S. — one located near Fresno, Calif., the other at the West Yard facility.

Daisytek ships mostly by Federal Express under a new agreement announced in January, so access to public highways was a key siting factor. The 360,000-square-foot West Yard warehouse is just off Route 32 near Feura Bush, accessible to Thruway Exit 23, said Galesi managing director David Buicko.

The project could boost the IDA's efforts to promote

Bethlehem as a home for technology-based ventures. "For a company the magnitude and caliber of Daisytek to select this site for one of two national distribution centers is an important step in the process of attracting new businesses to our community," said IDA chairman Michael Tucker.

The agency is seeking to develop a technology office park along Route 9W, and is in discussions with a business considering a vacant parcel in Glenmont for a distribution operation similar to Daisytek's. "Attracting a company like this as the first player is part of a broader strategy of attracting other companies that will, in fact, add to the tax base in the long run," Tucker said.

McDaniel confirmed that other locations were considered by Daisytek before settling last December on Bethlehem, and the state's job development incentives, low-cost loans from the Albany County Partnership and the proposed PILOT were key inducements.

"We must realize that economic development requires a balance between job creation and tax-base development," Tucker said, acknowledging that the RCS district would likely bear

the brunt of the PILOT's tax-revenue hit.

"The IDA will have to balance that against the benefits of attracting a company of this size, and the additional development that is likely to result," he said.

He pledged that the school district would be a key party to PILOT negotiations.

"Certainly, planning for the future of Bethlehem, we need to take these opportunities as they come," said Fuller. "This is a whole new technology opportunity for the town of Bethlehem."

Petitions available

Nominating petitions for a position on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees are available in the office of the library director.

Petitions must contain at least 74 signatures of voter residing in Central School District No. 6 of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar by 5 p.m. on April 22.

Elections are on May 21 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School. Terms of office begin July 1.

Squad to host blood drive

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance will hold a blood drive on Saturday, April 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 1121 Route 9W, across from Becker School.

Walk-ins are welcome. Donors should bring identification. To schedule an appointment, call Debbie Pollock at 767-9323 or Rod Raynor at 767-9166.

Quilters to meet at Methodist church

QUILT will meet on Friday, April 12, at First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, starting at 9:15 a.m.

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Sports

BC boys lax hopes to fly higher in 2002

By ROB JONAS

If the Bethlehem boys lacrosse team is going to move up in the Suburban Council standings, this year is possibly its best chance.

With three of their leading scorers and their entire defense back from last year's team, the Eagles have their sights set on jumping into the top half of the league.

"The Suburban Council is anyone's game this year," Bethlehem coach Dave Rounds said. "Last year, it was a senior-dominated league. This year, it's wide open."

The Eagles are hoping to avoid the late-game breakdowns they had in 2001 that cost them several potential victories.

"There's lots of games where we'd jump out to a five- or six-goal lead, and we didn't have the horses to keep the lead," Rounds said. "I think we have a little more depth this year."

Bethlehem is bolstered by the

return of senior defenders Erik Lowery, Dave Sargent, Ryan Dalton and Mike Nuttall, as well as junior goaltender John Thibodeau. Seniors Pat Heenan, Chris Abbott and Tom Trimarchi are back to guide the offense.

"I've got at least eight guys who have played since their sophomore year," Rounds said. "I've got good senior leadership."

With a senior-dominated lineup, Rounds is hoping his Eagles will be able to challenge the traditional powers of the Suburban Council — Shaker, Niskayuna, Shenendehowa and Guilderland.

"I'm expecting a good season," Rounds said. "I think it can be a breakthrough season if we stay healthy and everything falls into place."

The Eagles are scheduled to open their season Saturday against Scotia-Glenville in a non-league game in Bethlehem. The Eagles then travel to Shenendehowa April 4 for their first Suburban Council contest.

CDYBL champs



The Bethlehem Basketball Club's fifth-grade team won the Capital District Youth Basketball League Tournament title by defeating Guilderland 23-22 in the finals March 17. The team is, from left, (front) ball boy Jack Baynes, (second row) Will Baynes, Tom Klim, Kyle Niehaus, (third row) Kiersten Swete, Ben Gollop, Matt Plummer, Sean Osborne, Tom Bell, Noah Greenstein, Matt Branigan, Kevin Wendth, Ryan Prinzo and (back row) coaches Ross Prinzo, Paul Branigan and Peter Baynes.

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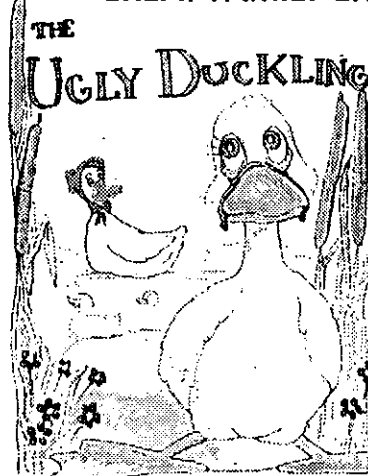
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Kearney flusters Voorheesville in Federation final

By GLENN GRIFFITH

The Voorheesville girls basketball team ended their championship season with a deluge of turnovers, fouls, and layups that refused to drop.

The New York State Public High School Class C champs dropped their final game of the season to a quicker Bishop Kearney team by a score of 67-31 in the new York State Federation Tournament last Saturday at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Coach **Jon McClement's** team couldn't handle the 18-11 Brooklyn team's pressure defense and traps. Voorheesville turnovers led to 31 Kearney points, many on layups.

"We didn't take care of the ball," said McClement. "They're quick to ball, and they do a great job defensively. When you give it up where we gave it up, it costs you. I don't know if it was the excitement of the states last week or what. That was a tough game. But we had a great week of practice. We just didn't seem ready."

Voorheesville (21-7) took the lead at the opening tip-off on a driving layup by **Katie Inglis**. But after a basket by **Jackie Markert** to make it 4-2, Blackbirds, it was all Bishop Kearney. The intense front court pressure and trapping defense by the Brooklyn girls forced Voorheesville to turn the ball over nine times in the first quarter. By the time the game was

over, Voorheesville had turned it over 41 times.

Voorheesville point guard **Brittany Baron** said she thought the team was taken by surprise with the tough defensive pressure right from the start.

"I think we were startled with their defense early on," said Baron after the game. "Their full court press and their traps were very good. They're very quick too."

With a trapping defense and pressure applied to them all over the court, the Voorheesville team tried cross court passes. Most were either stolen or sailed out of bounds.

Halfway through the second quarter with the score 24-11 in Kearney's favor, the frustration took over and the Blackbirds began to foul. Voorheesville 6-foot, 3-inch senior center, **Andrea Burch**, committed her third foul with 3:26 left in the half and McClement sat her down. Markert committed her third later in the quarter and joined Burch on the sidelines.

"The foul situation took away our scoring balance," said McClement. "I think we could have come back had we not got in foul trouble."

By the end of the game, four of Voorheesville's starters had fouled, out and Baron's replacement, **Michelle Nadratowski**, was carried off with an ankle injury with 1:50 left.

"When we all had four fouls on

us, we just agreed to go out and have fun", said Burch.

Kearney coach **Cathy Crockett** expected her team's defense to hold the Blackbirds scoring down.

"We held our last two opponents to 36 points each," said Crockett. "We beat Moore Catholic 64-36 and Holy Angels 51-36. Scoring wins games, but defense wins you championships." Crockett has coached the Kearney's varsity girls for 15 years and saw them win the Class C Federation championship in 1998.

Burch saw Kearney's zone pressure collapsed on her the entire game. Burch, the tallest player on the court, took only two shots in the first half for no points. By the final buzzer, she had taken nine shots for just three points. Her one field goal coming late in the fourth quarter.

Asked why she took so few shots Burch said, "Most of our offenses are set to man defenses. With zone, I usually see two or three players collapse on me. It makes it tough."

McClement agreed. "I think she had some opportunities. I also think she wasn't getting a clear look at the basket with all the bodies on her and decided to dish it off," he said.

This was the final game of Burch's high school career. "I've wanted to play in this building since the sixth grade when I watched my brother (David) play here," she said looking out at the Civic Center's hardwood floor. "It feels bad to lose your last game, but losing to the Federation champs makes it feel a little better."

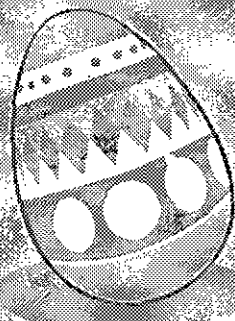
"We came out slow and we never recovered from it. We're

still state champs. I just wish that I had played better."

McClement was already thinking of next year when he spoke to his team after the game. "I told them we want to be back here. We're motivated to get back."

Baron was already thinking of next year herself. Acknowledging the loss of Burch to graduation, Baron said she felt the team was just beginning to jell. "Our goal all year was to win the states and we did that by beating Sidney last week. Jackie (Markert), Michelle (Nadratowski) and I are all sophomores. We've played ball together for years in CYO and on junior varsity, where we were undefeated. I think we can go further next year."

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Obituaries

John O'Connell

John J. O'Connell III, 64, of Voorheesville died Saturday, March 16, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Villanova University.

Mr. O'Connell worked for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. as a supervisor before he retired. He was also vice president of the former Hedrick Brewing Co. in Albany.

He was a life member of the New Salem Fire Co. He was a member of the Watervliet Fish & Game Club and the Farm Bureau. He was also a member of the board of governors and past president of the Albany Sons of St. Patrick.

He was a communicant and usher at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Survivors include three sons, Daniel O'Connell of Albany, John O'Connell of Ballston Spa, and Timothy O'Connell of Cambridge, Mass.; five daughters, Elizabeth O'Connell of Cape Coral, Fla., Kathleen Lyons, Anne O'Connell and Patricia McGee, all of Albany, and Mary Ellen O'Connell of Schenectady; two sisters, Mary Anne Grassie of Queensbury and Ellen Corcoran of Voorheesville; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany and St. Matthew's Church.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Health Care Services Cancer Care Program, Suite 100, 317 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208 or St. Matthew's Church, PO Box 346, Voorheesville 12186.

Margaret Cory

Margaret E. Cory, 90, of Child's Nursing Home, and formerly of Nelson House in Albany, Falmouth, Mass., and Delmar, died Saturday, March 16.

Born in Delmar, she worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Woods Hole, Mass., for many years.

She was a former president of United Volunteer Service in Albany and the first woman president of the Massachusetts State Federation of the National Association of Federal Employees.

Mrs. Cory was a communicant of St. James Church in Albany.

She was the widow of Arthur W. Cory.

Survivors include a niece, Lois Vargas of Albany, and a stepdaughter, Marilyn Barboza.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. James Church.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to St. James Church Memorial Fund, 391 Delaware Ave., Albany or the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

Mary M. Condon

Mary Margaret Condon, 101, of Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, March 19, at the nursing home.

Born in Troy, she was a principal clerk at the state Department of State before she retired. She had also worked for the Delaware & Hudson Railroad.

She was a Grey Lady for the

Red Cross at Albany Medical Center Hospital during World War II. She was a member of Bethlehem Senior Citizens and a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include a brother, Walter Condon of Albany.

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

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Memorial Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Jean Grattan

Jean P. Grattan, 80, of Middlebury, Vt., and formerly of Hunter Road in Delmar, died Tuesday, March 19, at Helen Porter Nursing Home in Middlebury.

Born in Albany, she was a homemaker.

She worked for several years for the Voorheesville Depot.

She was the widow of William Grattan.

Survivors include a daughter, Maureen Yauch, and a granddaughter.

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

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Robert Carl

Robert A. Carl, 71, of Clarksville died Friday, March 15, at his home.

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

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. Carl worked for the state Conservation Department, Bryant Lumber and Gerrity Lumber in Albany.

He was a first lieutenant in the New York National Guard for 11 years.

Mr. Carl was a school tax collector for Bethlehem schools and a member of Clarksville Community Church. He enjoyed his camp at Spring Lake and hunting, fishing and woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Holmquist Carl; a daughter, Linnea B. Carl; two sons, Brian R. Carl and Gary A. Carl; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in

Delmar.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Contributions may be made to Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, Clarksville 12041 or Community Hospice of Albany County, 443 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Maria Nikitins

Maria S. Solyk Nikitins of Guilderland and formerly of Voorheesville, died Tuesday, March 19, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in the Polish Ukraine, she immigrated to the United States in 1947 and became a citizen in 1953.

She and her first husband John Solyk were the caretakers of St. Matthew's Mission Church in Voorheesville.

She was the widow of Vasili Nikitins.

Survivors include a niece, Julia Hryckowian; and close friends, John and Dorothy Podgorski and Marion Kiernozek.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church.

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

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Street, Voorheesville 12186.

Francis McCaffrey

Francis B. McCaffrey, 96, of Delmar died Saturday, March 16.

Born in Northern Ireland, he emigrated to New York City during the Depression. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He attended St. John University and New York Law School.

Mr. McCaffrey worked for the NYC Bank of Savings as a foreign exchange manager and for Great American Insurance Co., retiring as benefits manager.

He was a member of the NYC Irish Co. Fermanagh Society. He served on the NYC grand jury for many years.

He enjoyed writing short stories and published several articles.

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

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth McCaffrey; a son Francis McCaffrey; and a grandson.

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

Arrangements were by the

Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Memorial Fund or Community Hospice of Albany County, 443 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Dorothy Ekirch

Dorothy Gustafson Ekirch of Arlington, Va., and formerly of Delmar, died Friday, March 8, at The Jefferson in Arlington.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., she received a bachelor's degree from Pratt Institute and Columbia University.

She was the widow of Arthur Ekirch.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl E. Remley of Newbury, Mass., and Caryl E. Williams of Arlington; a son, Arthur Roger Ekirch of Roanoke; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at the Chapel of Ferncliffe Cemetery in Hartsdale.

Contributions may be made to the Jefferson Employee Fund, Attn. T.A., The Jefferson, 900 N. Taylor St., Arlington, Va. 22203.

Raymond Felgentreff

Raymond L. Felgentreff, 77, of Delmar died Monday, March 18, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Felgentreff was a truck driver for F.F. Crannell Lumber Co. in Delmar for many years.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Delmar Second Milers, Elsmere Rod & Gun Club and the Guilderland Elks Club.

He was a volunteer fireman and a member of the Elsmere Fire Co. A, Albany County Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firefighters Association. He most recently received the Volunteer Service Award. He was also an avid sportsman and camper.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Mason Felgentreff; a daughter, Darlene Wilson of Feura Bush; and four sisters, Loretta Flanders of Jonesborough, Tenn., Phyllis Mattice of Albany, Jenny Lee Carman of Virginia Beach, and Marilyn Canon of Binghamton.

Services were from Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar 12054 or Elsmere Fire Co. A, Poplar Drive, Delmar 12054.

Choir to perform

The 2002 Fifth Grade Choir at Slingerlands Elementary School will perform "OperaTunists" on Thursday, April 4, and Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the school on 25 Union Ave.

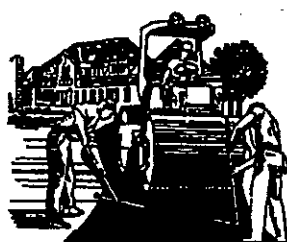
The performance will be directed by Sarah Hanna and showcases the talents of 72 fifth grade students.

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Anne Semenoff paints a wall of a home in Immokalee, Fla., during her spring break.

Local woman volunteers to help homeless

Anne Semenoff, daughter of David and Catherine Semenoff of Delmar, went to Florida during spring break to work with the homeless in Immokalee, through the Saint Michael's College "alternative spring break" program Feb. 23 to March 2.

Semenoff is a sophomore. She is a history major who graduated from Academy of Holy Names before going to Saint Michael's College.

While in Immokalee, Semenoff and nine other Saint Michael's College students volunteered at Friendship House, a shelter for the homeless directed by Ed Laudise, a 1986 graduate of Saint

Local residents win scholarships

The State University of New York College at Oneonta recently announced the names of students who have been offered scholarships for the 2002-03 school year.

Jordan Liberty and Jennifer Seay, both of Voorheesville, were awarded the Mildred Haight '22 Memorial Scholarship.

Delmar woman takes part in internship

Marcy Ryan of Delmar is taking part in an internship this spring through SUNY Oswego's Experience-Based Education Program. Ryan, a senior elementary education major, interns at Laker Hall on the SUNY Oswego campus.

The Experience-Based Education Program at Oswego places students in internships that allow them to earn college credits while garnering valuable "real life" experience.

Births

Bellevue Woman's Hospital

Girl, Nina Krainiy, to Katya Paukova and Sergey Krainiy of Voorheesville, Jan. 16.

Girl, Julia Higdon, to Kimberly and Patrick Higdon of Selkirk, March 4.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Anna-Jeanne Staerker, to Patricia and John Staerker of Glenmont, Jan. 2.

Boy, Luke Canfora, to Adrienne and Michael Canfora of Voorheesville, Jan. 3.

Boy, Michael Malinoski, to Anne Hoffman and Charles Malinoski of Selkirk, Jan. 6.

Boy, Samuel Koenig, to Julie and Michael Koenig of Delmar, Jan. 7.

Girl, Meghan Gough, to Amber and Michael Gough of Feura Bush, Jan. 14.

Girl, Alezandria Pullman, to Amanda Hoose and Edward Pullman Jr. of Selkirk, Jan. 14.

Dean's List

Marist College

Mandy Darlington of Bethlehem; Geoff Decker of Delmar; Kara Kaplan of Glenmont.

Springfield College

Tara Gerber of Glenmont; Kristyn Gordon of Selkirk.

Ithaca College

Sarah Hughes of Delmar.

Class of '01

The College of Saint Rose

Michael Burns, Brenda Clair and Jennifer Kern, all of Voorheesville (master's in science in education).

Siewert, Juene to wed

Janice Siewert, daughter of Charlene and James Siewert of Delmar, and Norman Juene III, son of Sharon Hales of Selkirk and Norman Juene Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., are engaged to be married.

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

registered nurse at Albany Medical Center.

The future groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He is a car salesman for Capital Cities Imported Cars in Glenmont.

The couple plans an Aug. 31, wedding.

BCHS graduate spends spring in Cameroon

Alexis Grant, a junior at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, is spending the spring semester in Cameroon.

She is enrolled in a course of studies at the School for International Training program in

Dschang and Yaonde.

Grant is a Bethlehem Central High School graduate and the daughter of Glenna and Richard Grant.

She is majoring in human development.

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Community



Annual After-Easter Egg Hunt

The Slingerlands Fire Department will hold its Annual After-Easter Egg Hunt at the park next to the firehouse on Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m. There will be a large egg and candy hunt together with an egg-rolling contest.

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

In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be conducted in the Firehouse Pavilion.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDARS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By DEV TOBIN

When most people think of Impressionists, the great French artists like Manet, Monet and Renoir come to mind. But the late-19th-century movement to break free of classical conventions in painting had many American adherents also.

An exhibit at the State Museum in Albany shows the variety of American responses to the French innovations in treatment of color and light. The exhibit, "American Impressionists Abroad and at Home: Paintings From the Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art," features 39 paintings and will be at the museum through June 16.

"This might be the strongest group of paintings the Metropolitan Museum of Art has toured to Albany to date," said Mark Schaming, the State Museum's director of exhibitions.

Included are works by John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, William Merritt Chase and Childe Hassam, as well as lesser-known artists like



Clifford Beal's painting, "The Albany Boat," is one of the 39 works on display at the New York State Museum through June 16.

American Impressionists featured at NYS Museum

Gifford Beal, Walter Elmer Schofield, Theodore Robinson, Willard Metcalf and Frederick Frieseke.

The state Office of General Services will also sponsor a related film series in the State Museum Theater at noon on Tuesdays in April.

On April 2, the film will be "In Open Air: A Portrait of American Impressionists." The 30-minute film will be preceded by a short lecture by Empire State Plaza Curator Dennis Anderson on "American Impressionism."

On April 9, the film will be "John Singer Sargent: Outside the Frame," followed by "A Day in the Country:

Impressionism and the French Landscape" on April 16 and "Mary Cassatt: Impressionist from Philadelphia" and "William Merritt Chase at Shinnecock" on April 23.

The film series and admission to the museum are free, although a contribution for admission is encouraged.

For information, call 474-5877

"Peach Blossoms," painted by Childe Hassam, right, is one of the works on loan from the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.



"Margot Standing in a Garden," by Mary Cassatt



Capital Rep raises curtain on classic Raisin

By DEV TOBIN

Forty-three years after its ground-breaking Broadway debut, *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry still packs a wallop, as is evident in the current production at Capital Repertory Theatre.

The drama about a working-class black family seeking to better its lot, in a variety of all-American ways (start a business, get an advanced degree, marry money, move to the suburbs), remains quite relevant today.

The Younger family, mother Lena, son and his wife Walter Lee and Ruth, their son, Travis and daughter Beneatha, see a \$10,000 life insurance settlement for Lena's husband as the ticket out of their rat-and-roach-infested South Chicago apartment, but in different ways.

Lena and Ruth want to move to the suburbs, Beneatha wants to continue her studies to become a doctor and Walter Lee wants to go in on a liquor store with two friends.

Beneatha is also pursued by two suitors, who would take her away from the slums, but also away from her dream of being a doctor.

Though outnumbered by the women

in his life, Walter Lee is the central character, and his growth from financial incompetence and drunken rage to dignified manhood marks the climax of the play.

The cast is excellent, especially Kim Sullivan as Walter Lee, Regina Hillard Bain as Ruth and Schantelle Cason as Beneatha.

The set conveys the threadbareness of a ghetto apartment, along with the dignity that the Youngers try to maintain there. The use of a railroad track as the apartment ceiling

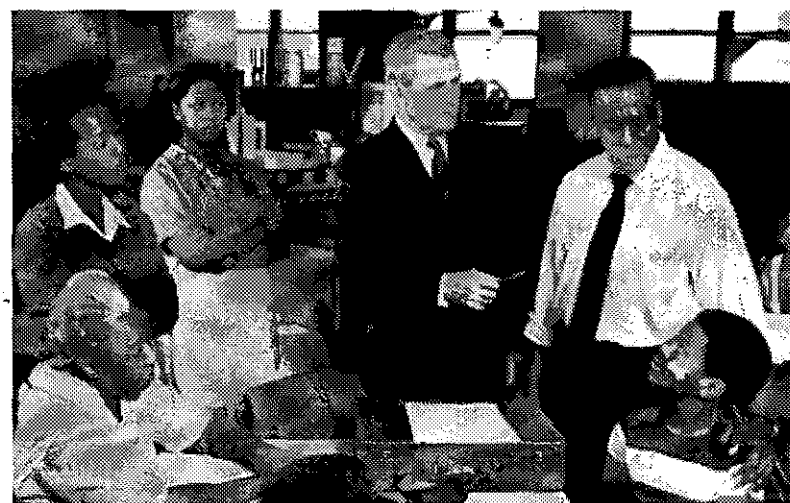
effectively hints at Chicago's El and the way the apartment has become like a prison for the Youngers' dreams.

In a rare bonus, Capital Rep will also host a "Conversation with Philip Rose," producer of the original Broadway production, on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

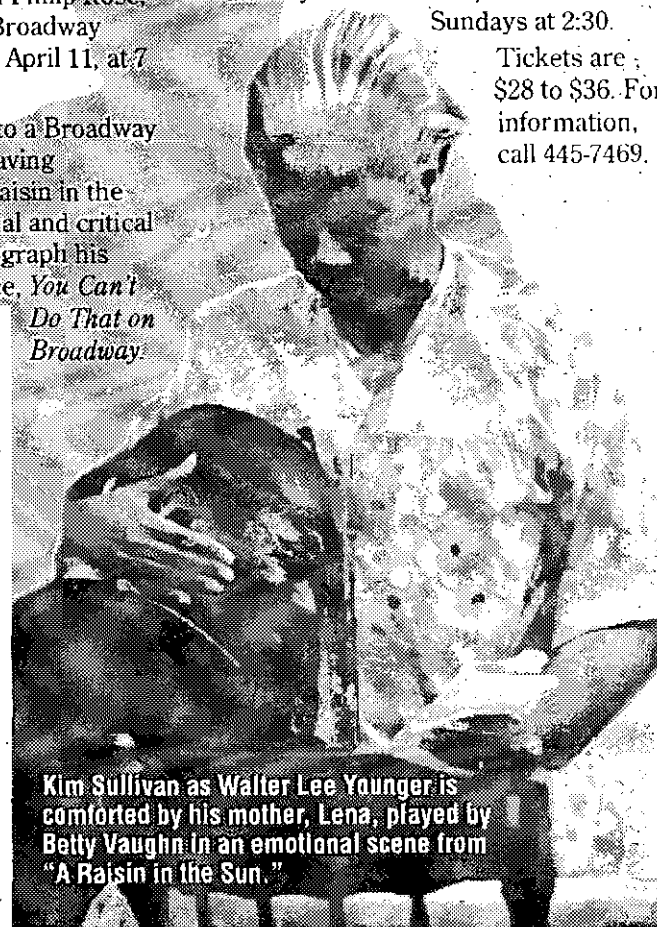
Rose had got the play to a Broadway stage despite his never having produced a play and "A Raisin in the Sun" became a commercial and critical success. He will also autograph his book about the experience, *You Can't Do That on Broadway*.

A Raisin in the Sun is onstage at Capital Rep, 111 N. Pearl St., through April 7. Shows are Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 4 and 8:30, and Sundays at 2:30.

Tickets are \$28 to \$36. For information, call 445-7469.



In this scene from the Capital Rep production of "A Raisin in the Sun," the Younger family considers selling their home. From left, Betty Vaughn (seated), Schantelle Cason, Regina Bain, Michael Hayes, Kim Sullivan and Omar Sterling McGill.



Kim Sullivan as Walter Lee Younger is comforted by his mother, Lena, played by Betty Vaughn in an emotional scene from "A Raisin in the Sun."

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

A RAISIN IN THE SUN

Lorraine Hansberry ground-breaker, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through April 6, \$28 to \$36. Information, 445-7469.

Music

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KONSTANTIN LIFSCHITZ

pianist, playing works by Bach, Brahms and Schumann, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, April 3, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 372-3651.

EARTH, WIND AND FIRE

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, April 4, 8 p.m., \$38 and \$45. Information, 465-4663.

GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, April 5, 8 p.m., \$38 and \$45. Information, 465-4663.

NICKEL CREEK

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 6, 8 p.m., \$22. Information, 473-1845.

LAVAY SMITH AND THE RED HOT SKILLET LICKERS

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 6, 8 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

CASSATT STRING QUARTET

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, April 7, 2 p.m., \$22.50. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext. 198.

Dance

BURN THE FLOOR

ballroom/Latin dance show, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, April 3, 8 p.m., \$26 to \$34. Information, 346-6204.

SWAN LAKE

Grigorovich Ballet Co. production, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, April 5, 8 p.m., \$26 to \$36. Information, 346-6204.

Comedy

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Visual Arts

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American Impressionists Abroad and Home, through June 16; Ancient Life of

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Young America, Treasures from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, through May 19, exhibits on Hudson River School painting, the Albany Army Bazaar of 1864, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

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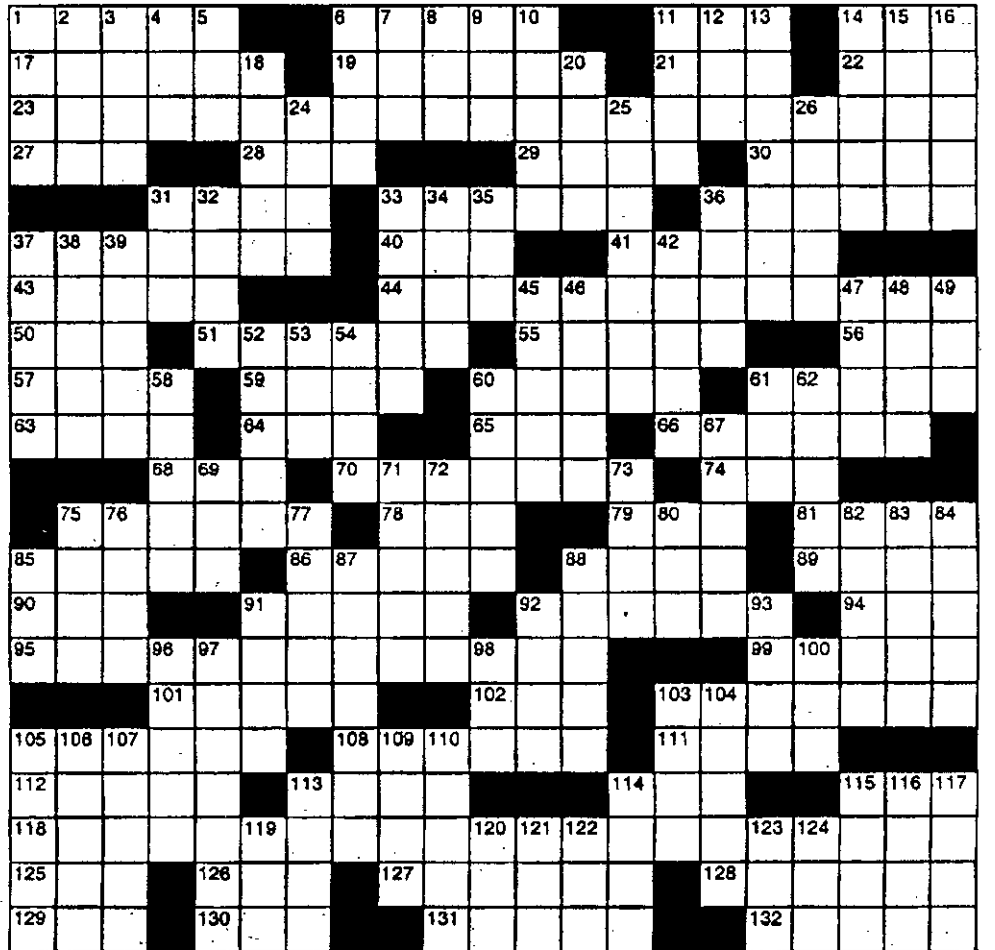
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 - 66 Kevin of "SNL"
 - 68 Service member?
 - 70 Admin-istered anesthesia
 - 74 Pangolin's morsel
 - 75 Cavern
 - 78 While House spokesman
 - 79 "— Doll" ('84 hit)
 - 81 Harvest
 - 85 Still's partner
 - 86 Carl of "Cosmos"
 - 88 Cruise
 - 89 "The Egg —" ('47 film)
 - 90 Sturdiness
 - 91 Tiny insectivore
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 - 48 Tribe
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 - 92 ER exclamation
 - 93 Emcee's site
 - 96 Took a shot at
 - 97 O'Hara's "From the —"
 - 98 Itch
 - 100 Big bang letters
 - 103 — League
 - 104 Poisonous plant
 - 105 Java joints
 - 106 Verdi's "— Miller"
 - 107 Ford's predecessor
 - 109 "— Off to Larry" ('61 tune)
 - 110 Skirt shape
 - 113 Cipher
 - 114 Funnyman
 - 115 Perry's victory site
 - 116 Neighbor of Mass.
 - 117 Had bills
 - 119 Droop
 - 120 Cambodia's Lon —
 - 121 La-la lead-in
 - 122 Coop critter
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 - 124 Alphabet sequence



The Spotlight CALENDAR

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Wed. 3/27

BETHLEHEM

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-4:30 p.m. Also Mon. Information, 439-0503.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE

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

PRAYER MEETING

evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Thurs. 3/28

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

TEEN CONCERT AT VPL

Local band Shifty; Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 7-8:30 p.m. Free.

Fri. 3/29

BETHLEHEM

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Fish fry, french fries, cole slaw, beverage, dessert; \$6 adults, \$3 children, \$3 per extra piece of fish. Take-out available. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary, Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, 4:30-7 p.m. Information, 767-9951 or 767-9838.

AA MEETING

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

CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sat. 3/30

BETHLEHEM

EASTER EGG HUNT

For all children aged 2 through third grade; indoor crafts and games in Fellowship Hall, hunt on church grounds (weather permitting). First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar; 10 a.m. Please call for reservations by 3/28 to ensure treats for all. Information, 439-9976.

EASTER BUNNY IN GLENMONT

Visit and special treats for children. Pioneer Savings Bank, Town Square Plaza, Glenmont Road, Glenmont, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

AA MEETING

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

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Call for Easter worship schedules. Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135. Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328. Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512. First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243. First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976. Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710. King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955. Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510. Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766. Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314. South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953. St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265. St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951. Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Call for Easter worship schedules. Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086. Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916. Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021. Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870. First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895. Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548. Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390. Onesequethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133. New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454. St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805. Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001. United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Mon. 4/1

BETHLEHEM

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

STUDENT RECITAL

11 BCHS students preparing for NYSSMA adjudication in a classical recital. Free to the public. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar; 7 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

Board of fire commissioners meeting, North Bethlehem firehouse, 589 Russell Road, 7:30 p.m.

EXPLORER POST 157

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

BLANCHARD LEGION POST

meeting, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. No sign-up necessary.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Tues. 4/2

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information, 449-2210.

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

PLANNING BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO

at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

A.W. BECKER PTA

Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

PLANNING BOARD

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

Wed. 4/3

BETHLEHEM

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program, Beginning Yoga and relaxation session with Kathleen Sullivan of Kripalu Yoga Center, and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Onesequethaw 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.

BOOK DISCUSSION AT VPL

"The Singing Boy" by Dennis McFarland; Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Free.

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Thurs. 4/4

BETHLEHEM

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

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.

FIFTH GRADE CHOIR

Choir from Slingerlands Elementary School perform "OperaTunists," celebration of opera composers; Slingerland Elementary School, 25 Union Avenue, Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Also Friday, 4/5. Information, 439-7681.

AA MEETINGS

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

NEW SCOTLAND

'NATIONAL CIRCUS PROJECT'

Assembly performance and workshops in circus skills for students; sponsored by PTA, Clarksville elementary School, off Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville; call for time. 768-8158.

Fri. 4/5

BETHLEHEM

'NATIONAL CIRCUS PROJECT'

Assembly performance and workshops in circus skills for students; sponsored by PTA, Elsmere Elementary School, Delaware Ave, Elsmere; call for time. 439-4996.

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779. Sat. 4/6

BETHLEHEM

FAMILY-STYLE SUPPER

Roast pork supper, takeout available. Bethlehem Grange Hall, Route 396, Becker's Corners, 4-7 p.m. \$8 adults, \$3 children. Information, 767-3342.

AA MEETING

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

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Rusch Property Management LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 2/15/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt. upon whom process may

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be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 257 State St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (March 27, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of SIEGLING AMERICA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/30/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/26/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Corps., Div., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TECHNODYNAMICS, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Organization for a limited liability company to be known as Technodynamics, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on February 19, 2002. The Company is being formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized. The principal office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address

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to which the Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 64 Mansion Blvd., Apt. L, Delmar, New York 12054. (March 27, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF TFGJ PARTNERS, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law First: The name of the limited liability company is: TFGJ Partners, LLC. Second: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany. Third: 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 this state to which the secretary of state will mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served on him or her is: 90 State Street, Suite 1500, Albany, NY 12207. Fourth: The effective date of the Articles of Organization is upon filing. Fifth: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members. Sixth: All members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized pursuant to Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

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In witness whereof, this certificate has been subscribed this 12th day of February, 2002 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made here are true under the penalties of perjury. S/ Dale M. Thuille, Organizer (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the Limited Liability Company is Thomas Inkpen, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State on February 27, 2002. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against the Limited Liability Company may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company is 38 Hedgerose Lane, Delmar, New York 12054. (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the Limited Liability Company is Total Flooring Plus,

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LLC. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State on March 8, 2002. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against the Limited Liability Company may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company is 1997 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of WSE MANAGEMENT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/7/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/9/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 1

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VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Board of Education action taken December 9, 1991, the following procedures must be followed to procure an absentee ballot to be used for elections conducted by the Voorheesville Central School District.

An absentee ballot and application will be mailed to each qualified voter who requests such in a signed letter provided the voter meets the criteria listed below:

The voter will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the school district election for which the absentee ballot is requested because he/she is, or will be on that day:

- a) a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place because of illness or physical disability or;
- b) because his/her duties, occupation, business or studies will require him/her to be outside of the county or city of his/her residence on that day;

1) Where such duties, occupation, business or studies are of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, a brief description of such duties, occupation, business or studies shall be set forth in the affidavit.

2) Where such duties, occupation, business or studies are not of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, the application shall contain a statement of the special circumstances that such absence is required; or

c) because he/she will be on vacation outside the county or city of his/her residence on that day. The application shall also contain the dates which he/she expects to begin and end the vacation, the place or places where he/she expects to be on vacation, the name and address of his/her employer, if any, and if self-employed, a statement to that effect; or

d) absent from his/her voting residence because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony. Letters requesting applications 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

The Clerk shall post the list in a conspicuous place or places during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on the list at that time, by making a challenge and the reasons known to the inspectors of election before the close of polls.

Dated: March 13, 2002

Dorothea Pfeleiderer,
 District Clerk
 Voorheesville Central School District
 District
 (March 27, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Corrugated Aluminum Culvert Pipe, Corrugated Metal Pipe and Pipe-Arch, and Plastic Pipe, as per the specifications during the period 1 May 2002 to 30 April 2003, inclusive, for the use of the Town as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m., 3:10 p.m. and 3:25 p.m. on the 1st day of April, 2002, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem "Bid Sheets" and addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted.

"Bid Sheets" and copies of the specifications must be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. A copy of the specifications shall accompany the bid.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF

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BETHLEHEM
 Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
 Town Clerk

Dated: March 13, 2002
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bingham Strategic Advisors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/7/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/3/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

C, J & D Properties, L.L.C., filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 11, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to C, J & D Properties, L.L.C., 518 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.
 (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Chuck's Woodworking Products, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 11, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Chuck's Woodworking Products, LLC, P.O. Box 221, Clarksville, New York 12041. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.
 (March 27, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of CIRCLOM LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/6/2002. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/17/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office address of LLC: 111 S. Calvert St., 21st Fl., Baltimore, MD 21202. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (March 27, 2002)

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Notice of Qualification of DEM Management Partners, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/24/02. Office location: Albany County, LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/18/01. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 5400 Westheimer Ct., Houston, TX 77056. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY Cert. of LP on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: management company.
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of FABTEX LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 02/28/2002. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 1350 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: All Lawful purposes.
 (March 27, 2002)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FIRST COLUMBIA WESTERN LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
 FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: FIRST COLUMBIA WESTERN LLC.
 SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2052.

FOURTH: The secretary of the 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:

26 Century Hill Drive, Suite 101
 Latham, New York 12110

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

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 1st day of March, 2002, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

S/Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact

(March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GE Noryl Global Products, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/28/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: GE Noryl Global Products, LLC, Attn: General Manager, One Noryl Ave., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Gordon Residential Development, LP

Notice of formation of a Limited Partnership ("LP"). Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of the State of NY ("SSNY") on 3/5/02. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: 50 State Street, 6th floor, Albany, NY 12207. The names and business street address of each general partner are available from the SSNY. The latest date upon which the LP is to dissolve is 12/31/52. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (March 27, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is GRANDVIEW REALTY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 2002. 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 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159.
 (March 27, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is GREENBUSH DONUTS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 2002. 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 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159.
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Halmar Bolton Landing Group, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 15, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Halmar Bolton Landing Group, LLC, 29 East Cobble Hill Road, Loudonville, New York 12041. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.
 (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Henry Keys, M.

d., PLLC ("PLLC"), a professional services limited liability company, was filed with the Secretary of New York ("SSNY") on 2/26/02. Principal office of the PLLC is located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the PLLC, Joseph B. Carr, Esq., Couch White, LLP, 540 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: practice of medicine for pecuniary profit.
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Horizon Milling, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/7/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Wheat flour milling in North America.
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Hubco Landscaping, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 11/27/01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: PO Box 26, Altamont, NY 12099. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MANN BRACKEN, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/20/2002. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 7/29/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 State St., Suite 608, Albany, NY 12207. GA address of LLC: 229 Peachtree St., Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30303. Arts. of Org. on file with GA Secy. of State, Corps. Div., 315 West Tower, #2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334-1530. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Mark Heithoff Photography, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 1/23/02. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Capitol Services Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Ste. 200, Albany, NY 12206, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose, including photography.
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MCMC LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/8/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 12/21/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CT address of LLC: 425

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Day Hill Rd., Windsor, CT 06095. Arts. of Org. on file with CT Secy. of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: claim management services and third party claim administration services.
 (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Michael P. Murphy, 200 Krumkill Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159 for Area Variance under Article XVIII, Rear Yards, Section 128-79, Required Depths, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a family room addition which would encroach into the rear yard setback requirement at premises 200 Krumkill Road, Slingerlands, New York.

Michael C. Hodom
 Chairman
 Board of Appeals
 (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Monro Muffler Brake, Inc./ Bethlehem Auto Laundry, Inc., 454 Rte. 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Modification to a previously granted Special Exception under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-17, CC Retail Commercial District, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to permit an unused parcel to the rear of the property to be sold to adjoining property owner on the south, Bethlehem Auto Laundry, Inc. at premises 454 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York.

Michael C. Hodom
 Chairman
 Board of Appeals
 (March 27, 2002)

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:

ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
 MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS
 PRINTING OF HIGHLIGHTS
 PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ATHLETIC SUPPLIES
 SCIENCE SUPPLIES
 TECHNOLOGY (INDUSTRIAL ARTS) SUPPLIES

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at the office of the Business Administrator at Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the same office. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Board of Education
 STEVEN O'SHEA
 District Clerk

DATE: 3/20/02
 (March 27, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NSL MANAGEMENT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/6/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/5/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 100 Second Ave., Needham, MA 02494. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of

LEGAL NOTICE

Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on April 10, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law concerning rezoning of property to Planned Residence District, PRD No. 13 for premises located at Elmsere Avenue and Feura Bush Road, Delmar. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact Nan Lanahan at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
 TOWN CLERK

Dated: March 13, 2002
 (March 27, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is QUEENSBURY QUAKER, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 2002. 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 90 State Street, Suite 1411, Albany, New York 12207.
 (March 27, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF R & R AUTO ASSOCIATES LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
 FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: R & R AUTO ASSOCIATES LLC.

SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: the latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.

FOURTH: 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:

427 New Karner Road
 Albany, New York 12205

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 7th day of February, 2002, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

S. Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact

(March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: REPUBLIC MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/12/02. 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, 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
 (March 27, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: REPUBLIC VENTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/12/02. 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, 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
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Easter Sunday March 31 10:00 am

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MAUNDY THURSDAY (March 28)

10:00 am
7:30 pm

The Holy Eucharist
The Holy Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY (March 29)
12 noon to 1:00pm

Ecumenical Service of Hymns, Prayers, and Scripture
Readings with preaching by local clergy on the seven
last words of Jesus (come and go as schedule permits)
The Good Friday Liturgy

7:30 pm

EASTER EVE (March 30)
7:30 pm

The Great Vigil of Easter, followed by festive
Easter Party

EASTER DAY (March 31)
8 am and 10:30 am

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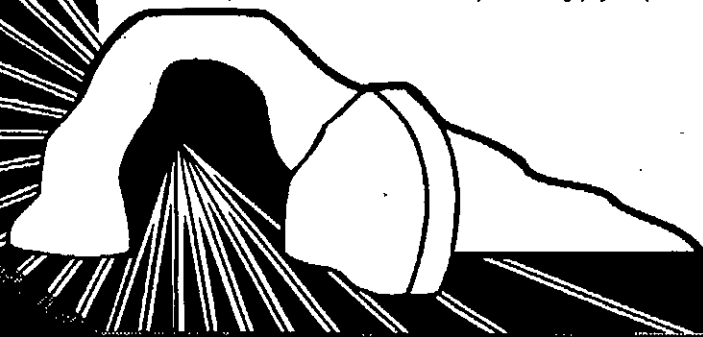
Upper Room Communion Service
Thursday, March 28 at 7 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29 - Chapel will be open all day for prayer.
12 noon - Ecumenical Service of Tenebrae at St. Stephens Episcopal

EASTER SUNDAY

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- The Erie Canal will be showcased to over 30 million visitors a year at the DestiNY USA project, a major tourist destination resort to be located in Syracuse N.Y.

The new Director must be able to leverage these developments into higher visibility, growth and fiscal stability for the Museum. The Erie Canal Museum is a 40-year-old private, not for profit organization highlighting the rich history and heritage of the Erie Canal. It is located in the historic Weighlock Building built in 1850. It is the only existing weighlock in the U.S.

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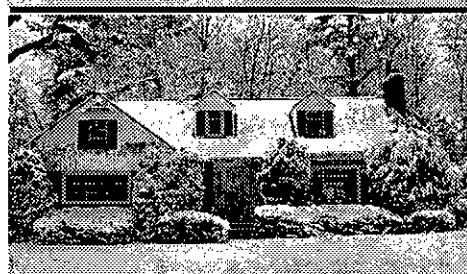
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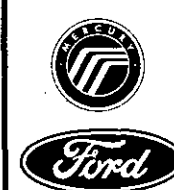
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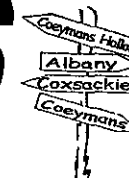
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thousand to \$23.35 per thousand. This would mean an overall increase of \$144 dollars.

The budget is based on state aid disclosed Gov. George Pataki's proposed budget, which freezes school aid to the districts at two-year-old levels.

"If the state passes a budget before the tax rate is set in August, and school aid is greater than has been anticipated in the proposed district budget, the tax rate will be adjusted to the benefit of the taxpayer at a lower rate," said O'Shea. "If the budget is approved after the tax rate is set and aid is greater than we budgeted for, the excess revenue will appear in fund balances at the end of the school year and can be used to the benefit of the taxpayers in subsequent years," he added.

In addition to facing contractual salary increases due to union agreements and increases in medical and liability insurance costs, all districts are facing the specter of refinancing debt for

building construction due to the state's revision of the formula on already agreed upon payments for aid in building projects.

The change could extend the length of time over which the state will pay building aid for already completed projects and the state is using an assumed rate of interest of 4.5 percent for financing existing debt and recalculating building aid payments. This will be the case even if existing building projects had been negotiated at much higher rates.

"The state has reneged on its commitment to districts for school building aid, and the possible increased term for re-financing plus additional interest costs puts a burden on the back of the taxpayers," said O'Shea.

Superintendent Les Loomis said he was pleased with O'Shea's work.

"Many districts are looking at double-digit increases in their school tax rates, but thanks to Steve's work on our own building

financing the district has saved the taxpayers as much as \$1.9 million dollars in extra costs," he said.

Loomis was equally appreciative of the board's efforts "in balancing community input with district needs and resources in developing the proposed budget," and felt the board "deserved a round of applause from the community."

Loomis said he would be attending district economics classes to explain the proposed budget to the students, and he and his associates would meet with all district PTAs to explain the budget and answer taxpayers' budget questions.

The board appointed Michael Tebbano as principal of the high school and accepted his resignation from the position of music supervisor for the district, both effective at the end of the school year.

The board also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Arlene Maranville from her position of assistant principal at the high school, effective July 12.

"Arlene's leadership this year has left the high school in top quality condition to leave to Mike Tebbano when he assumes the reins after her retirement," Loomis said.

Board President Warren Stoker announced the board meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, will not be needed due to the board's adoption of the proposed budget.

The next school board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 10.

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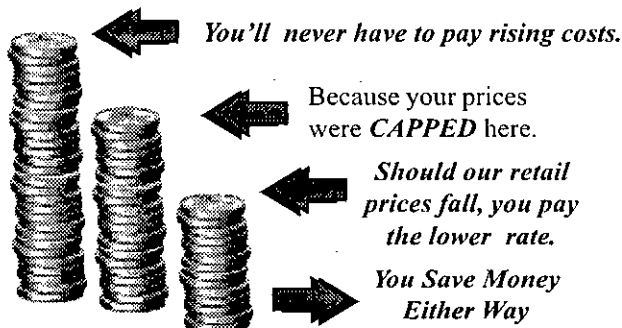
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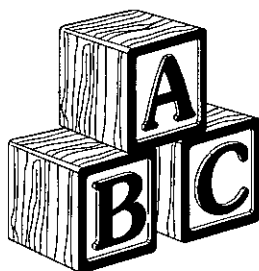


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