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Bonnie Cerasaro, Glenmont branch manager of Pioneer Savings Bank, gives a candy 'nest egg' to Barbara Grimmick last Saturday. *Jim Franco*

McCartney blames 9.8% tax increase on state aid freeze

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

The Voorheesville school board approved the 2002-2003 budget on Monday. Although the \$16,788,172 budget is only a 3.68 percent increase over the current budget, loss of revenues to the district leaves voters facing a 9.8 percent increase in the tax levy for the coming school year.

In a private meeting, both Superintendent Alan McCartney and Treasurer Sarita Winchell stressed that the school's business office and the board had worked very hard to lower the increase to 9.8 percent. The original budget, proposed on March 11, showed an increase in the tax levy of 15.56 percent. McCartney pointed to a decrease in state aid as the reason for revenue decline. Estimated state aid for the 2002-2003 budget year is \$5,240,521, which is \$637,906 less than the estimated state aid for 2001-2002. In actual fact, the district received nearly \$20,000 less than that estimated amount when the state passed a bare bones budget in August last year. Voorheesville had some revenue to defray the difference. Interest on bond money yielded \$140,000 for the district; and the capital project, in an agreement worked out for the new building, owed the general fund \$250,000.

"We were grateful to have that money," Winchell said. Still, a weakened stock market meant a loss of \$110,000 in

anticipated revenue to the district, leaving it with only \$280,000 in other revenue. The tax levy of 9.8 percent, then, is comprised of \$357,906 in revenue loss, plus \$596,192 for the budget increase.

McCartney pointed a finger at the state for causing this increase by changing the rules on debt repayment.

"The state is forcing us to amortize all our debt payment over a longer period of time," McCartney said. The district

Some taxpayers will say that the building project is causing this increase, and it's not.

Alan McCartney

receives state aid based on its debt payment, and stretching those payments out over a longer time means a decrease in revenue to the district. The most recent

building project, due to be completed by this fall, joined the district's bond issues from 1989, 1991 and 1995, still being paid.

"Some taxpayers will say that the building project is causing this increase, and it's not," McCartney said. "We told them the new building would cause a 1.25 percent increase, and that's what it will be. Without the hit on our old debt aid, along with last year's state budget freeze and estimated state aid for this year, we'd be looking at an increase in the tax levy of 4.5 to 5 percent."

To get the tax increase below double digits, McCartney, Winchell and the business office, and the school board looked for over \$570,000 in budget cuts.

"We wanted to keep staff, serve the needs of our students, keep our program and not see class sizes grow," McCartney said. First, they refined some of the

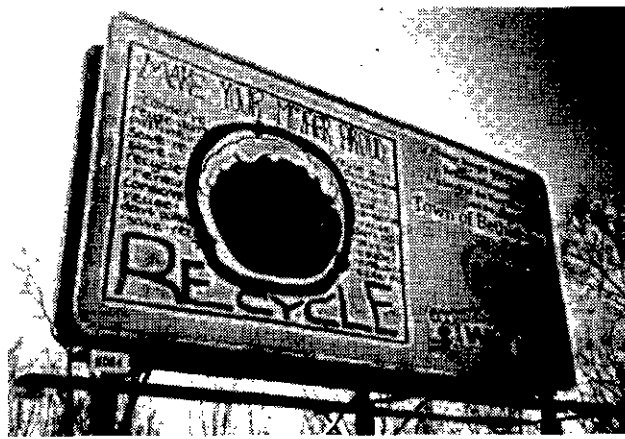
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Fuller trashes recycling billboard

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A flap over a billboard sponsored by Bethlehem's town recycling program and erected last Wednesday on Route 144 in Glenmont raised the hackles of Selkirk residents and of Supervisor Sheila Fuller, who ordered the offending billboard's removal by week's end.

What was controversial was not its principal message — a cartoon promotion of recycling, selected from entrants in a contest involving local high school students — but the juxtaposition of the display of the town seal and the corporate logo of Waste Management Inc. (WMI), one of the contest's



This billboard drew criticism from some residents opposed to Waste Management. *Joseph A. Phillips*

corporate sponsors — and the focus of controversy in Selkirk, less than a mile from where the billboard was placed.

The open-air advertisement is one of several in communities throughout the Capital District displaying the recycling sign. Several community recycling

coordinators, including Bethlehem's part-time coordinator, Sharon Fisher, took part last fall in the America Recycles Day poster contest, to which 30 high school students in schools from Schenectady to Rensselaer, competing for prizes like T-shirts and movie passes, submitted designs.

One winning entry, "Make Your Mother Proud" by Kathleen Mahoney of Albany's Academy of the Holy Names, was selected from among six finalists for

display on billboards paid for by recycling education grants in the participating communities.

WMI, along with ECO Waste Services and the New York State Alliance for Reuse, Recycling and Renewal, underwrote the

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V'ville board member to step down

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Voorheesville school board member Erica Sufrin has decided to not seek a third five-year term.

"It's been 10 years," Sufrin said. "It's been good, but this is the right time for me to go. My kids are gone, and this would be a good time for somebody new, maybe somebody with kids in the school district, to be involved."

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Police arrest four on DWI charges

Two motorists involved in accidents were among four individuals arrested last week by Bethlehem police and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

The more serious accident was a rollover on Glenmont Road near Hartman Road at about 1:20 a.m. on Monday, March 25. Police responding to a 911 call found a car overturned in the westbound lane.

According to police, the driver, Jermald David Wieczorek, 26, of 18 Dorchester Ave., Selkirk, told police he had fallen asleep behind the wheel and crawled out of the overturned vehicle through the window.

Officer Adam Hornick administered field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening at

the scene, arrested Wieczorek for DWI and ticketed him for failure to keep right and crossing hazard markings. An Albany County Sheriff's paramedic treated Wieczorek for minor injuries and transported him to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Hornick was also the reporting officer of an accident and DWI arrest about 6 a.m. on Sunday, March 24.

Hornick found a southbound vehicle, driven by Jason Edward Coulstring, 23, of 162 Miller Road, Selkirk, on River Road just north of Thruway Exit 22.

Coulstring said he had swerved to miss an animal in the road, struck a guardrail on the northbound shoulder and then swerved back across the road before stopping. After admini-

stering sobriety tests and a preliminary screening, Hornick charged Coulstring with DWI and ticketed him for failure to keep right.

A license check disclosed a revocation as well. He was charged with unauthorized operation of a vehicle and had his license confiscated.

That incident occurred less than an hour after the arrest of David Michael Parsons, 25, of 73 Crescent Drive, Albany, shortly before 6 a.m.

Officer Craig Sleurs stopped Parsons on Krumkill Road, ticketed him for crossing hazard markings, and arrested him for DWI after administering field sobriety tests and a preliminary screening.

He was also ticketed for driving with a suspended license.

Another arrest took place on Wednesday, March 27, about 7:30 p.m., on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Officer Christopher Hughes stopped Albert William Tripp Jr., 42, of 19 Hadley Drive, Hannacroix, for speeding. After administering sobriety tests and a preliminary screening, Hughes arrested Tripp for DWI, driving while ability impaired (DWAI) by drugs and unlawful possession of marijuana. He was transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

All four defendants were ordered to appear in Town Court on April 16.

Murder suspect gets bail, house restrictions

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Clarksville man charged with murder in a Feb. 20 shooting at his home was released last week on \$350,000 bail.

He remains under house arrest as the case against him awaits trial.

Alfred S. Cook, 57, arrested after the shotgun slaying of Richard Barber of Waterford at Cook's 95 Dunbar Hollow Road residence, was indicted Feb. 26 by an Albany County grand jury for two separate second-degree murder counts.

"Two separate theories," said assistant district attorney Lawrence Wiest last week. "One for intentional murder, one for depraved indifference, essentially reckless murder." Each carries a potential 25-years-to-life sentence upon conviction.

Cook was released March 26 after posting bail, originally set at \$1 million but reduced after his attorneys appealed the figure as excessive. Cook will remain restricted to his home and under supervision by the Albany County probation department.

"It's a period of pre-trial probation," said Wiest. "He basically has to check in with them, however they want him to, at Albany County probation.

That's his status until he goes to trial, and it looks as though ultimately this will go to trial."

Wiest said the conditions of Cook's release included a requirement that he wear an electronic ankle bracelet, monitored by probation officers, that will sound an alarm if he strays any further than 150 feet from his home. Cook will be permitted to work at his place of business, across the road from his home, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. He has been barred from consuming alcohol — believed by Albany County sheriff's deputies to have been a factor in the argument that led to the shooting.

No specific appearance date has been set, Wiest said, but Cook's attorneys are preparing related motions for presentation. Wiest predicted it would be several months before the case comes to trial: "We have a long way to go before we get there," he said.

Cook also faces a \$1 million wrongful-death suit filed last month by Barber's estate on behalf of his 13-year-old son. Cook's assets remain under restraint of a court order granted by state Supreme Court Judge Joseph Teresi in connection with that suit, pending a show-cause order that Cook's attorneys must answer on April 11.

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On an egg roll



Zachary Bult shows Shannon Gerety an egg he found at Indian Ladder Farms on Easter Sunday. *Jim Franco*

Warehouse principals file for PILOTs

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Daisytek International, named last week as the prospective tenant for a vacant warehouse in the Selkirk industrial district, formally presented its application seeking tax breaks before the town Industrial Development Agency (IDA) last Thursday — as the building's would-be owner, Selkirk Ventures LLC, simultaneously sought a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement with the agency.

Meeting on March 28 — its fourth meeting in two weeks focusing primarily on the Daisytek project — the IDA set a 7:30 p.m. public hearing on May 2 to review the PILOT request, and voted an inducement resolution agreeing to review Daisytek's application.

They also approved a resolution declaring Daisytek agents of the IDA for the purpose of collecting sales taxes on equipment purchased for the renovation of the 360,000-square-foot former St. James Paper Co. warehouse at 158 West Yard Road. Daisytek plans to install a \$6 million computerized material handling system, as well as new office equipment and supplies — and last week's resolution means Daisytek could save up to \$48,000 in sales tax on the new equipment.

The PILOT agreement proposed by Selkirk Ventures would represent an even larger tax break, extending over 15

years, and beginning with a 85 percent property tax exemption in its first year, declining by 5 percent a year and leading to full assessment in year 16. A deviation from the agency's uniform PILOT policy, which sets a 50 percent starting point for a 10-year agreement, it is a more generous request than the 15-year agreement reached last year with Bruno Manufacturing, which starts out at a 75-percent exemption.

The attorney representing Selkirk Ventures and Daisytek, Nia Cholakis, also told the IDA that Selkirk Ventures is likely to challenge through the tax certiorari process the \$6.4 million assessment of the property in light of the building's current condition.

"That would probably not be in the best interests of the (Ravena-Coymans-Selkirk) school district at this time because it would affect the 2002 assessment, which they have not budgeted for," she said.

Cholakis said that despite its tax revenue implications, the PILOT agreement would be a net plus for the town, helping to bring as many as 300 new jobs to the site within five years.

"To go from what was a non-income-producing property to 300 jobs, we're very excited and we hope the community will be," she said. "But for this transaction, you have a defaulting property, subject to foreclosure."

IDA chairman Michael Tucker, while welcoming Daisytek, had reservations about the PILOT as proposed. "It's very aggressive, and we're cognizant that it's a unique situation where we're taking a parcel off the tax rolls," he said — as opposed to Bruno's PILOT, financing a new

industrial plant on a currently vacant parcel.

IDA member Dan Plummer urged that Selkirk Ventures set its sights lower on its PILOT proposal. "I am comfortable with the Bruno numbers," he said. "And I do feel that was very aggressive."

Tucker urged that Daisytek consider providing other forms of assistance to the school district, as PSEG Power did for Bethlehem in its PILOT agreement with the IDA last summer.

Selkirk Ventures, a subsidiary of Rotterdam-based Galesi Group, faces a May 8 deadline to close on the West Yard property. It hopes

to begin renovations even before the closing — "next week or the week thereafter," Cholakis said.

Daisytek, the nation's largest wholesale distributor of computer products, plans to make the facility one of two central distribution hubs for its operations.

"Their operations need to be up and running by September, and we need to make several improvements," Cholakis said, before Daisytek can move in.

Cholakis acknowledged that the speed with which the project was proceeding and the secrecy concerning many of its details in the early stages. "But if this had gotten out, Rotterdam or Rensselaer County or Saratoga County might have been interested in getting this," she said.

Negotiations continue between Selkirk Ventures and the bank that holds the lien on the West Yard property, owned by a Japanese investor group. "We're all in agreement in concept" on the sale, Cholakis said, but several details remain to be ironed out.

It's very aggressive, and we're cognizant that it's a unique situation where we're taking a parcel off the tax rolls.

Michael Tucker

Earth Tech presents water system report

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

An engineering report on the town's Clapper Road water system was the highlight of the agenda of the Bethlehem town board's March 27 meeting.

The report, presented by a team of engineers from Earth Tech Environmental and Infrastructure, set forth a proposal to supplement the groundwater infiltration system on Schermerhorn Island that supplies the town's industrial water production facility in Selkirk.

Earth Tech vice president Stephen Myers and his team of hydrogeologists propose to augment the existing infiltration gallery by installing up to 7 angled wells penetrating the aquifer and extending nearly 150 feet below the river bed, as well as additional conventional vertical wells and possibly several small storage reservoirs.

The study was ordered as a part of the settlement reached last year of the lawsuit brought by the town against the designers of the plant and the infiltration gallery, J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates and Rust Environment & Infrastructure. The suit concerned the plant's failure to produce the six MGD contractually guaranteed by Fraser and Rust when the plant was commissioned more than a decade ago.

Earth Tech, which acquired Rust four years ago, assumed responsibility under the settlement for designing a supplemental solution to raise the output of the water system.

"Our principal purpose in that time has been to, frankly, solve a problem with a water supply system that is not operating up to your expectations," Myers said.

Studies of the Schermerhorn aquifer launched in 2000 and a feasibility study conducted last year led to last week's report.

Myers, joined by Earth Tech engineers Paul Cote and Gary Smith, described the tests, including seismic studies and electromagnetic surveys of the underlying bedrock. They believe the tests confirm that the aquifer, extending some 1,200 feet south of the existing infiltration gallery, is adequate to meet the town's requirements.

Last August, they obtained a permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation to install a permanent 24-inch test well, angled at 20 degrees.

"What we wanted to do was get beyond the seawall and into the aquifer and sediment beneath the river," Myers said. The well, reaching a point roughly 42 feet below the bed of the river and 95 feet beyond the seawall, has since been tested at a pumping rate of 596 gallons a minute.

"We hope the angled wells will be enough to get us where we're going and meet this need," said Myers.

But as a supplement, they also propose three conventional gravel-packed vertical wells and as many as three small "groundwater discharge reservoirs."

Earth Tech also submitted a draft Environmental Assessment form the town board will be

required to review. The project will require a public hearing before its adoption, and the board set that for Wednesday, April 24.

Myers said draft applications have been prepared for the regulatory agencies that must review the project, from state and county health and environmental reviews to the Army Corps of Engineers. They can be filed "as soon as the public hearing is completed," he said.

Assuming those permits are granted by early summer, he said, "We want to get going this construction season, with the intent of getting the infrastructure in place and completed in the early part of the next construction season" — by early 2003.

Myers said he has no concerns about any impact on the well system from the dredging of PCB-laden sediment miles upstream. And he said the reservoirs, if built, would require berming in order to ensure that they would remain above the river's 100-year floodplain.

Bill Kelleher, a retired engineer and longtime critic of the infiltration system, warned the board to carefully consider the report. The town retains the right to reopen the Fraser-Rust lawsuit if no satisfactory supplemental system can be put in place to raise Clapper Road's output, and he questioned what would happen if Earth Tech's solution proves a failure.

"What I want to do is prevent us from getting into another liability situation here," he said.

But Myers said, "Our objective is to make this work," he said. "I don't want to turn this into a financial discussion, but this is money out of the pocket of our company."

In other action:

- The board approved a 30-day "permissive referendum" requested by Parks & Recreation Administrator Nan Lanahan. If the referendum passes, it would permit her department to spend up to \$20,000 from capital reserves to build a snack bar and restroom facility at the town public baseball field on Line Drive.

- At the request of Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk, the board endorsed a resolution opposing Gov. George Pataki's creation of a new Institute for Cultural Education that would take over certain functions from the state Education Department. In order to fund the institute, he proposes to increase surcharges collected by county and local clerks on certain public documents.

Those surcharges at present fund a Local Records Management Improvement Fund providing grants to local governments to enhance record-keeping and public archives. Bethlehem has received more than \$157,000 in nine grants in recent years, used to computerize and improve the storage of the town's official records.

That money might dry up if the new proposal is enacted, Newkirk said.

- The town accepted the resignation of John Fenzl, town engineer for the past 10 years, effective in June.

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Spring breezes trigger longing for life changes

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The seed package is a light tan color, with a picture of beautifully arranged peas lined up in their pods. It's been sitting on the kitchen shelf for a couple of weeks, next to the two pots of tulips, flowers long since dead and foliage yellowed. Both are signs of spring, waiting to be buried in dirt to fulfill their future promises.

This winter, that saved its worst for last, is over and will surely yield soon to spring. The breeze has been whispering change for the last few weeks, carrying a sort of restlessness into the house as the children come home from school, the dog comes in from the yard and

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windows occasionally get opened to air out the house just a little bit. Perhaps, the warming air suggests, it's time for something different, as it wafts the scent of wakening earth under noses still used to dry and chilly winter air. The new spring scent reminds us of past years, when change either happened, or was easy to make. Bikes, scooters, Rollerblades and basketballs greet kids too long

cooped up inside. A warming breeze promises the end of a school year, with a whole chunk of time just waiting to be filled.

Warm breezes float through graduations and around boxes being moved to new apartments. New babies get walked for the first time in spring and close their eyes when breezes caress their little faces. Change can also come unbidden, and the warm air is all that surrounds us after someone we love has left this earth forever.

Sometimes, the need for change is greater in its urging than its specificity, and we hope the breeze will bring as many answers as questions. A new job? In the hopefulness of spring, there's the vision of invigorating work that teaches all sorts of new things and lets as-yet-untapped talents emerge to their fullest.

Maybe the change we need is a new house or a new location - that place we've been waiting for all our lives and we'll recognize the minute we see it. Reality can intrude quickly and harshly on spring daydreams.

Can that new, absorbing and electrifying job be part-time, so there's still time to help the kids with homework, drive to soccer, have a sleep-over on Saturday night, and have friends come over after school? Raising children is the most important job we have, and it's time-consuming, detail-oriented and unpaid.

It requires a great deal of patience and the ability to take the long view of nearly everything.

There's no annual review in parenting, probably a good thing, since it would likely have to do with the fact that, despite many reminders to the contrary, the peanut butter and jelly sandwich is still being made by applying the jelly to the peanut butter and not to the other piece of bread as directed. Other maternal deficiencies to be addressed might include being far too overprotective and an unwillingness to embrace progress by purchasing a second TV set. Best, then, to hold steady with the groove of work and childcare already in place and treasure the rewards of spontaneous hugs and occasional peals of laughter that children provide.

Maybe, different scenery is the change this spring wants. A bigger house, with loads of closet space and that room with picture windows that will inspire completion of the great American novel. Better yet, maybe a move to someplace exciting! Wouldn't the kids benefit just as much from a year tramping through Europe, following a home-schooling curriculum centered on great works of art and immersion into foreign cultures?

The dreams of greater space and constant mobility are an adult's dreams, though, and raise many questions. Getting a current house ready to sell would be an organizational nightmare. Also, who needs a bigger mortgage, and will a picture window provide more writing

time or more daydreaming? Plus, the kids feel rooted in this house, where they've hung their posters and hidden their treasures. Realistically, the rigors of home schooling would fade to decadence at the first sidewalk café their parents encountered in Paris, and the children are too young to be introduced to the beauty of an oaky Cabernet Sauvignon.

Also, would a college financial aid office regard a family year abroad as good justification for diminished financial resources? Not to mention, of course, future employers' reactions to people acting like latter-day hippies and tossing away stability for a year of perceived adventure.

Still, this tantalizing breeze beckons change, and it's easy to see why adults often live vicariously through their children. We have worked so hard to provide them with stability that we may have rooted ourselves too firmly. Our children, however, can still become whatever they want to be — star athletes, star pupils, star thespians — and, sooner than we'd like to admit, they can shine wherever they want to be. Perhaps the breeze is really speaking to them, as they grow into the people they will become.

So we look to make changes that will comfort us where we are now. Spring blows new life into New Year's resolutions, and if we clean our house and closets, we will gain more space. A fresh coat of paint, some new wallpaper and the illusion of something new takes form. The warm air calls us outside, and in a yard that needs to be cleaned or a neighborhood that's nice to walk through, we are exercising again, feeling invigorated.

We can watch with joy as our children make the changes that happen so fast to them. An added inch, a new joke, finally being able to spell that tough word, an observation about their world that gives us pause. As adults, we may seek change; children often have it foisted upon them. Our greatest gift as a family is to be able to rejoice together at both the changes and the sameness that each spring offers.

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by John Quirk

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Tech crew makes things happen

'Crazy for You' opens Thursday at BCHS

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Kelly McGrath is on top of things — literally. The technical director of Bethlehem Central High School's Stage 700 musical, "Crazy for You," is as comfortable with a power drill and heavy extension cord coiled around her arm as she is climbing up on the show's saloon backdrop.

"This is the first show I've done with big wagons," McGrath said of the wheeled sets that will go off and on the stage during the show. McGrath is a senior, and she has worked on the technical side of the school's musicals since her

freshman year. With about a week to go before opening night, she's low-key about her job of overseeing the construction of the sets, answering questions from student workers as she talks about how the show got to this point.

"There are 12 kids that come regularly to build sets," she said, over the noise of saws and hammers, "and another 12 that come off and on. A lot of the sets are recycled. It gets a little hectic toward the end, but I've come back every year to work on the show."

Fellow senior Jessica Menrath and junior Libby Pittman were the main designers of this year's sets.

"We read a copy of the script to figure out what went on, the plot, and to get the feeling of the show," Menrath said. "From there, I created an outline of six story boards."

Menrath met with art teacher George Dirolf, and along with the show's director Jim Yeara, worked out the idea to create backdrops done in the style of classic comics.

"It was probably a combination of factors," Dirolf said of the sets' theme. "The play is a revue, and it lends itself to that kind of comic quality. Once the idea got rolling, it was on everyone's mind, and the colors with the black outlines around them relate to the idea of cartoon effect. We looked at comics from the 1930s, the classics."

Dirolf said that the students really run the show.

"Our job is just organizing students and putting it in their hands," he said. "Jessica Menrath has done the set design, and Kelly McGrath has overseen the construction of the set. Both girls took bulls by horn, and we let them go."

While Dirolf has served as art adviser to the show, retired Slingerlands and BC Middle School teacher Bill Morrison has volunteered his services on the construction side.

"The kids are hard-working and industrious," Morrison said, wielding a power saw on a set of stairs. "The kids who work on the tech side spend an awful lot of time here. Some of the kids are always here, especially in the last four to six weeks. They're very dedicated."

At the back of the auditorium, senior Peter Bird is getting the sound system ready for the show. "We rent about \$1,000 worth of equipment," Bird said. "The first day we pick it up, we'll be here till about 11 p.m. There's a lot of testing and organizing."

Bird said he starts attending rehearsals in the last few weeks, to get a sense of what his work will be.

Junior Eric McArdle also started attending rehearsals in the final weeks. He is getting ready to work the lighting board.

"My job is to follow the directors, although I add my input," McArdle said. A total of eight students work on sound and lighting during the show. Bird, who has also worked on tech crews for past shows, said he loved working with the equipment.

"I love music and theater," he

said, "and it's great to see how stuff works together."

"Crazy for You" is a musical comedy in two acts, written by Ken Ludwig. Its lyrics by Ira Gershwin and music by George Gershwin include the familiar tunes, "I've Got Rhythm," "They Can't Take That Away From Me," and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

It is the story of an aspiring New York actor who ends up saving a theater in Deadrock, Nev., and as any good musical should, includes its share of love and mistaken identity.

Jason Dashew is the musical director, Fran Cocozza is the choreographer and Harris Kornstein is the student director. Jeff Barnet is playing Billy Wild, and Andrea Burriesci is Polly Baker. There are nearly 40 students in the cast.

The show will be performed at Bethlehem Central High School Thursday through Saturday, April 4, 5, and 6, at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$5 for students and seniors. They will be available at the door, and in the school cafeteria during midday.

Free lecture features Kundera novel

"Books in the Morning" will feature *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* by Milan Kundera on Friday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The free lecture will be given by Helen Adler.

The program is sponsored by Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning.

For information, call 439-9661.

Program for babies slated

Two 45-minute sessions of Bethlehem Public Library's "Library Babies" program will be offered on Friday, April 12, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

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Register for one session only by calling 439-9314.

The library is on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Learn about the Monarch butterfly

"The Butterfly Lady" will talk to children in grades one through four about the life cycle and ecology of the monarch butterfly on Tuesday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

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Matters of Opinion

Gaping budget blues

New York state again does not have a budget in place by the constitutionally required date of April 1.

So what else is new — this is the 18th year in a row our political leaders have failed to perform one of the few mandated parts of their jobs.

This chronic tardiness most affects school districts, who must adopt budgets in April to present to voters in mid-May. So every year, school districts use conservative estimates of state aid, the governor's number rather than the actual number approved later by the Legislature, in their budget packages.

Since the Legislature usually increases the amount of state aid proposed by the governor, the result is that school taxes are slightly higher every year, and districts generate larger surpluses than would otherwise be the case.

But that was before Sept. 11.

The governor's budget freezes state aid to public education for the second year in a row, due mostly to the multi-billion dollar hit that the state treasury took from the terror attacks.

The state now says it does not have the money to help fund the natural increase in the cost of public school programs, more than 90 percent of which are mandated by the state.

But wasn't the budget gap related to the World Trade Center atrocity supposed to be mitigated by the \$20 billion-plus in federal aid? Must our schools, and our highest-in-the-nation property taxpayers, suffer because terrorists chose to attack New York City?

We hope that this needed replacement for lost tax revenues does not disappear into the maw of a \$90 billion state budget, and that at least \$1 billion of the federal aid can be used to help our schools and our hard-pressed taxpayers this year.

This is happening in a year when the state's STAR partial property tax exemption stops phasing in. So most homeowners, who have not seen a school tax increase in three years, will be in for a rude shock this fall (just before legislative and gubernatorial elections).

Maybe this coincidence will inspire our state politicians to get to work and pass a budget that does the right thing for schools and taxpayers.

And voters have a responsibility to remember the egregious behavior of legislators come election time.

If almost 100 percent of incumbents in the state Legislature are re-elected term after term, what incentive to they have to do the right thing. Let's send them a clear message in November. Pass the budget on time and stop crippling our schools.

Editorials

Feestelijk promises to be a smash

By MONA PRENOVEAU

The writer is coordinator of Bethlehem Networks Project.

Did you attend the first Feestelijk Bethlehem in 1997? Did you have a great time? Were you excited in 1998 when people got together and said, "Everyone enjoyed themselves last year. Let's make it even better this year!" Did you equally enjoy Feestelijk in 1999, 2000, and 2001? I hope you did, and I believe you will have a great time at this year's celebration.

This year Feestelijk Bethlehem will be held on Saturday, April 27, and it will feature a patriotic theme. The buttons and decorations are red, white and blue. Also, as we gather together to celebrate Feestelijk and the arts, we salute and honor the many heroes of Sept. 11.

If you've attended Feestelijk in the past, you know how enjoyable it is and of course, you will want to be there again this year. If you haven't had the opportunity of attending, you may be curious about the history of this event.

People are proud to be part of the special community of Bethlehem. For more than 200 years, it has attracted many talented citizens. A Community Partnership was established in 1992 to capitalize on the many talents of our residents.

Members of the Bethlehem Community Partnership sought new ways for community members to fully benefit from their lives in the town. In one brainstorming session, the group focused on the very essence of community: what would extol Bethlehem and inspire residents of all ages and backgrounds to work together toward the same goal? How could community spirit be nurtured, so our children, parents and neighbors could affirm that Bethlehem is a great place to live?

The Community Partnership decided to expand the town's Bicentennial Celebration, which was enjoyed and praised by many. The event the partnership imagined would feature hundreds of participants as planners and performers. It would be a series

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of entertaining activities and include people from our schools, firehouses, community groups, libraries, churches and businesses.

The planning group selected the name Feestelijk Bethlehem to honor our Dutch heritage. Feestelijk is Dutch for festive. Now an annual tradition, Feestelijk Bethlehem inspires enthusiastic volunteers to stage an evening of celebration, a sparkling array of rich entertainment. It showcases the diverse musical, artistic and dramatic talents that flourish in Bethlehem. Feestelijk gives residents the chance to have fun in their own hometown. Much of the fun of the event is meeting old friends, making new friends and enjoying this "first night experience" in good weather.

What can you expect to find at Feestelijk 2002?

The main entertainment begins at 7 p.m. and continues until 11 p.m. The 15 venues around town include Delmar Reformed Church, town hall, Delmar Firehouse, Blue Sky Studios, First United Methodist Church, Main Square, Bethlehem Public Library and The Masonic Temple. A sample of the many special attractions includes: Skip Parsons, Lucy McCaffrey, the Jazz Factor, Ed Stander, Jeff Gonzales & Friends, Delmar Community Orchestra, Village Volunteers, Acoustic Hartland and Duo Dolce.

New this year are: Rant 'n' Rave, Nisky Dixie Cats, Dixieland Jazz, Bob Treffiletti, karaoke and African Hand Drums at Turtle Point Gift Shop.

There will be two music tents this year with The Swing Docs at Main Square and Hair of the Dog at the American Legion. Various groups from the Bethlehem Central School District will also perform.

While the main attractions begin at 7 p.m., events for young children will begin earlier. From 6 to 8 p.m., young children will enjoy hands-on arts activities in the middle school cafeteria. Girl Scouts from troops 576 and 567 and Cub Scouts from Troop 258 will be helping with crafts. There will be free pizza, which has been generously donated by Papa Johns.

Also for children, Feestelijk will feature: Dean Davis and his reptiles; Cranberry the Clown; Crackers the Horse; Mad Science, interactive science activities; Andy Morse, singer and storyteller; and Joe Carusone, juggling.

In the BCMS Media Center, from 5 to 8 p.m., the Albany Area Masons will be offering a free Child I.D. Program, a three minute video of your child, and Girl Scout leader Sue Larkin's group will be doing fingerprinting and photos.

Del Lanes will be offering bowling specials from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

To learn more about the

various Feestelijk events, check out the large bulletin board at Bethlehem Public Library. Programs are available on the rack below the bulletin board. You can get a program wherever buttons are sold. Visit us on the Web at www.FeestelijkBethlehem.com.

Feestelijk 2002 offers something for everyone. Riding the trolley is fun and makes it easier to travel from venue to venue. Plan to take advantage of free trolley rides on two convenient routes from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

In order to attend Feestelijk, you need to purchase a button. Buttons cost \$6 in advance and \$8 on the evening of the event. Children age 10 and under are admitted for free. Buttons can be purchased at 21 locations including the Chamber of Commerce in Main Square, Grand Union in Glenmont, Hudson River Bank in Price Chopper, Village Deli, town hall, Glenmont Beverage and Subway in Delaware Plaza. On the evening of Feestelijk buttons can be purchased at the middle school and at the two tents. Buttons will be sold until 7 p.m. at town hall and until 6 p.m. at McCarroll's.

As we swing into the Feestelijk season, we are hard at work to make certain that this year's celebration will be another winner for our community.

Perhaps you know members of our Feestelijk home team. You might be interested in our line up. Shoham Piorentino is our capable manager. Co-managers are Tanyah Simmons and Joanne VanDeLoo. Veterans Doris Davis and Lynne Lenhardt are pitching buttons. Cathy Griffin is fielding entertainment. Bob Johnson is the team money man. Ellie Prakken is drawing crowds with her artistry. John Gustella is our heavy hitter in charge of publicity. Rounding out the squad is rookie Terry Powers in charge of our Little League kids' projects. Don and Ruth Geurtze make all the calls. Monique Matuszek is our grounds manager. Lynn Rhodes is a hit with student entertainment. Marty DeLaney is our talented coach. She makes sure we all play ball well together.

Thanks to our generous sponsors: Hannaford Super Markets, Hudson River Bank and Trust, Applebee Funeral Home, Albany County Stop DWI, Grand Union, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and many others. Feestelijk would not be possible without their help and support.

Your help is needed to make Feestelijk more successful than ever. Volunteers play a vitally important role. I urge you to become a member of our Feestelijk team. You can make a contribution to the event by being a greeter. Greeters are needed at each venue (we have approximately 15 venues) to help the flow of traffic, to make certain that people are wearing buttons and point out rest rooms and other services. Please volunteer for a two hour stint as a greeter. Bring a friend. It will be fun. Call Vicki Morrell at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at 439-0512.

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Waste Management details plans

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, there have been several letters to the editor concerning Waste Management Corp's proposal to construct a two-story office building, truck maintenance and parking facility and container storage area on approximately 25 acres of property located directly off Exit 22 of the Thruway in the town of Bethlehem.

Several letters present inaccuracies to readers that we feel compelled to clarify. Moreover, it is apparent that at least some of the opposition to the project is choosing to ignore the facts of the project as presented to the town planning board.

The following facts need to be emphasized to ensure the integrity of the public review process:

1. Of the approximately 145 acres under option by Waste Management Corp., the proposed project will affect only about 25 acres. The project does not — and never will — consist of construction of a transfer station or landfill.

2. Approximately 80 acres of the property is situated in the Hudson River flatlands. Waste Management intends to place conservation easements on this land to ensure that it is left forever wild.

3. The current farm buildings on the property will be maintained and preserved. Waste Management intends to confer with state and local historical groups regarding maintenance of the farm buildings. Moreover, the farmstead will be buffered from the project site through an aggressive natural screening program.

4. The project will be largely invisible from Route 144 as a result of both traditional natural vegetative screening measures and the construction of earthen berms to minimize any potential aesthetic impacts.

5. The project will result in no

additional truck traffic along local roads, including Route 396, other than trucks engaged in local waste collection. In fact, one of the most attractive aspects of the property is its direct access to and from the Thruway.

6. The washing facility to be installed will be a state-of-the-art closed loop recycled water facility. It will not discharge wastewater resulting from the washing of containers and trucks to the property.

7. Additional water demands will be minimal with expected sanitary water usage to be in the area of 3,000 gallons per day.

8. The facility will employ approximately 65 office workers plus 80 drivers, helpers and mechanics who will be based out of the project site.

9. The project will bring significant employment and tax benefits to the town of Bethlehem and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District.

Waste Management is proposing to devote more than half of its property to forever wild status, maintain the Baker Farm buildings in their current state and commit to limitations on truck traffic on Route 396. In reviewing this project, the public should ask itself whether such benefits would be proposed by any other future developers of this site.

Waste Management has taken every step to ensure that the review of its project is done in a fair, objective and fact-based manner. While we understand that some residents are opposed to the project, we do not believe that opponents should further their agenda by misrepresenting the facts to the public at large. We have maintained an open door policy and welcome input into the project design in order to address legitimate public concerns.

John Decker
Waste Management Corporation

V'ville girls say thanks for local encouragement

Editor, The Spotlight:

Wow — we enjoyed a great basketball season, and now it's time to turn in our Ladybird uniforms.

It's also time to thank everyone for their support. We thank our coaches (past and present) for all their time and encouragement. We thank our parents and families for always being there.

We thank our classmates, teachers and administrators for sitting on those uncomfortable bleachers, game after game. Thank you to the news media for the articles and pictures.

And we wholeheartedly thank the Voorheesville community and businesses for their encouragement.

It was terrific to see so many purple and gold balloons waving at Hudson Valley and Glens Falls and to hear "Let's go 'Birds." The fire truck ride with the ambulances through the village, with blaring horns and cheers, will always be a fond memory for each of us.

We underclassman say farewell to our super seniors, Annie Burch, Michelle DeLaCruz and Megan Smith.

We wish them success in college and hope they will keep in touch next year.

The rest of us look forward to next season.

With much appreciation,
Brittany Baron for the 2001-2002 Lady Blackbirds

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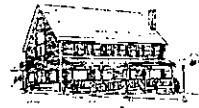
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Matters of Opinion

Selkirk resident wants town to act on WM plan **Walk to help Barth syndrome boys**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have lived in Selkirk in the town of Bethlehem for 70 years, been its postmaster for 30 years and a member of the Selkirk fire department for 52 years. So, I do know a little bit about this community.

I've seen this village go from a quiet little community to the dumping ground it is today. I've seen General Electric, gas plants, trucking terminals, auto carriers and you name it come into this community.

And a few months ago, it was discussed that they have to come up with a site in case someone wants to open up a porn shop and guess what area was discussed? I've seen truck traffic grow from a few local trucks to 500 to 600 trucks a day that go through this community with no relief in sight.

And now, Waste Management — with more trucks — wants to set up shop here. Of course, they say they won't be coming through our community. That's what they told us when General Electric came in, that's what they told us when the trucking terminals came in. If Waste Management proposed this site for the Delmar, Slingerslands or Glenmont area, we wouldn't even be discussing this now, as it would have been squashed the first day it was brought up.

We don't need it, we don't want it and you people that are supposed to be representing us, represent us. Enough is enough. You've all heard the line about "It's the economy stupid." Well with us, it's the "quality of life stupid."

Louis J Picarazzi
Selkirk

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Saturday, April 27, the Barth Syndrome Foundation will host our second Barth Syndrome Awareness Walkathon in Voorheesville.

Registration will be held at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville starting at 9 a.m., with the walk to kick off at 10 a.m.

Barth syndrome is a rare, life-threatening genetic disorder that affects males. The characteristics of Barth syndrome consist of neutropenia, weakness in the immune system increasing the risk of acquiring serious infections such as bacterial pneumonia and skin abscesses; cardiomyopathy, heart muscle weakness; and muscle weakness and general fatigue; and failure to thrive and growth retardation.

Most boys with Barth syndrome are also below average in weight and height, often substantially so.

The poor growth of Barth boys is often assumed to be evidence of poor nutrition or other secondary effects of a chronic illness, a situation termed "failure to thrive."

Early diagnosis is key to survival for Barth syndrome boys. Those who are not accurately diagnosed have only a 30 percent chance of living through the first few years of life.

With proper diagnosis at an early age, these boys have an 85 to 90 percent chance of survival. This is why awareness of Barth syndrome is so very important.

The Barth Syndrome Foundation is dedicated to end the devastating effects of the illness.

Funds raised through the Barth Syndrome Awareness Walk will support vital research and programming dedicated to finding a cure.

The walk will also support an ongoing awareness campaign geared toward the medical community and the general public, and families who live with Barth syndrome.

Scientific research has accelerated, and the increased number of documented diagnosed boys reflects the success of our "awareness campaign" thus far. More is known today than ever before about this disease.

We need to continue educating those who are unaware of this life-threatening disorder if we are to make a difference in the lives of these children. With a better understanding of this disorder, the chances of diagnosis in the early stages will be more readily accessible.

With the support of contributions and donations from individuals, corporations,

foundations and community involvement, this foundation will succeed. Last year, in our first walk, nearly 200 people from the community walked to raise awareness of this life-threatening disorder, as well as the many people who financially supported those who participated in the walk. More than \$16,000 was raised to support BSF's ongoing programs.

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Your Opinion

Parents need to know more about 'new' math

Editor, The Spotlight:

Politicians and policy-makers at all levels of government have been expressing their shock over failures in public education and have launched new initiatives designed to both "raise the bar" and "leave no child behind."

Many of us are aware of new academic standards and revisions in testing formats and requirements, but we may not have taken the time to examine the impact of these "reforms" on the curriculum in our children's classrooms.

Changes can be subtle so as to escape attention, or so dramatic as to intimidate parents who might hesitate to question the wisdom of innovative ideas and professional educators.

Issues related to curriculum content and teaching methods are often controversial and have elicited heated debate among individuals sincerely concerned with the "best interests of the child." Several years ago, an innovative concept known as "whole language" was embraced by school districts across the nation with serious and lasting consequences for students.

Recently, a similar phenomenon has occurred in the field of math education. The curriculum variously referred to as

"new new math," "connected math," "integrated math" and even "rainforest math" appeals to educators seeking to demonstrate a commitment to change.

The drive to make math seem fun and relevant is almost irresistible. Elements of this curriculum, as well as reactions of parents and mathematicians, are copiously documented at the "mathematically correct" Web site at www.mathematicallycorrect.com.

The math curriculum in Bethlehem has been undergoing a major revision in recent years. Some parents may have noticed that their children are suddenly struggling or losing interest in math altogether.

Are the difficulties due to higher standards? Does that mean students are learning more? Are they learning at a faster pace?

There will be a meeting about Bethlehem's math program on Monday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school library media center.

Parents might want to take this opportunity to learn about their children's math education — important training for beautiful minds.

*Texanne Vickrey
Delmar*

Fund-raiser does not help local pantry

Editor, The Spotlight:

Town of New Scotland residents are receiving calls for donations from someone claiming to represent the Capital District Food Pantries.

This organization claims that donations will be forwarded to the New Scotland Food Pantry for use in the town of New Scotland.

The New Scotland Food Pantry would like town residents to know that this canvassing is not in any way affiliated with our programs, and we do not receive funds from this organization.

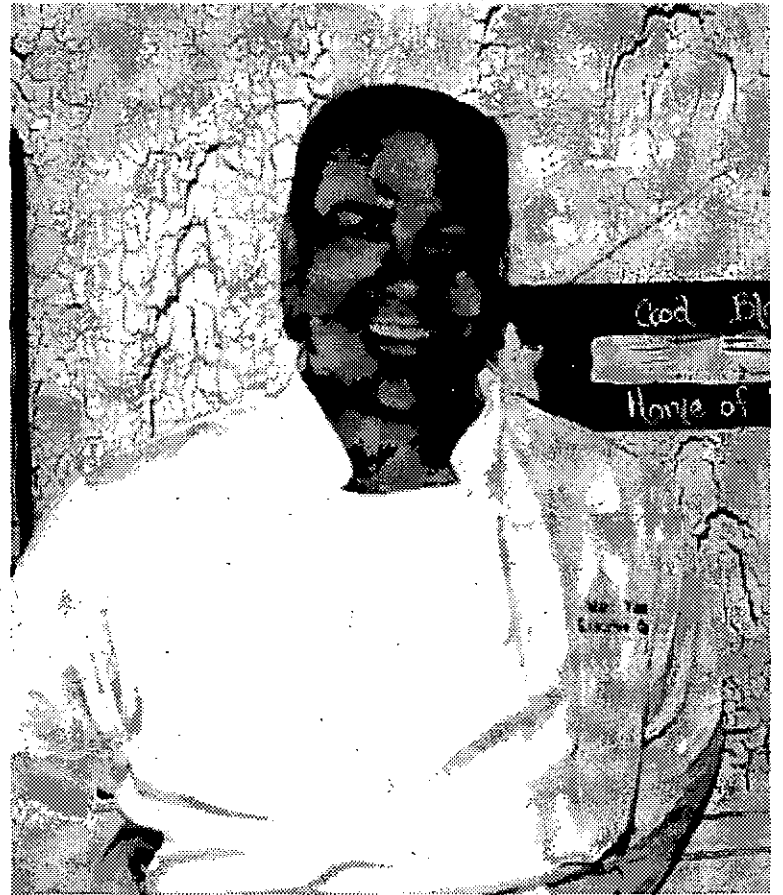
We have not been contacted by this organization concerning the use of our name or our inclusion in any fund-raising effort.

Ironically, I as chairman of the New Scotland Food Pantry, was contacted for a donation. The young woman was well rehearsed and answered all of my questions.

The pantry is now discussing what action will be taken against this organization. Please contact me with any questions at 765-2141.

*John Bidell
chairman
New Scotland Food Pantry*

Tasty too



Chef Marc Yanni of Yanni's Too at the Coeymans Landing Marina offers weekly specials at affordable prices. The restaurant with a riverfront view is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. For information, call 756-7033.

Joe Higgins

Slingerlands choir to perform April 4 & 5

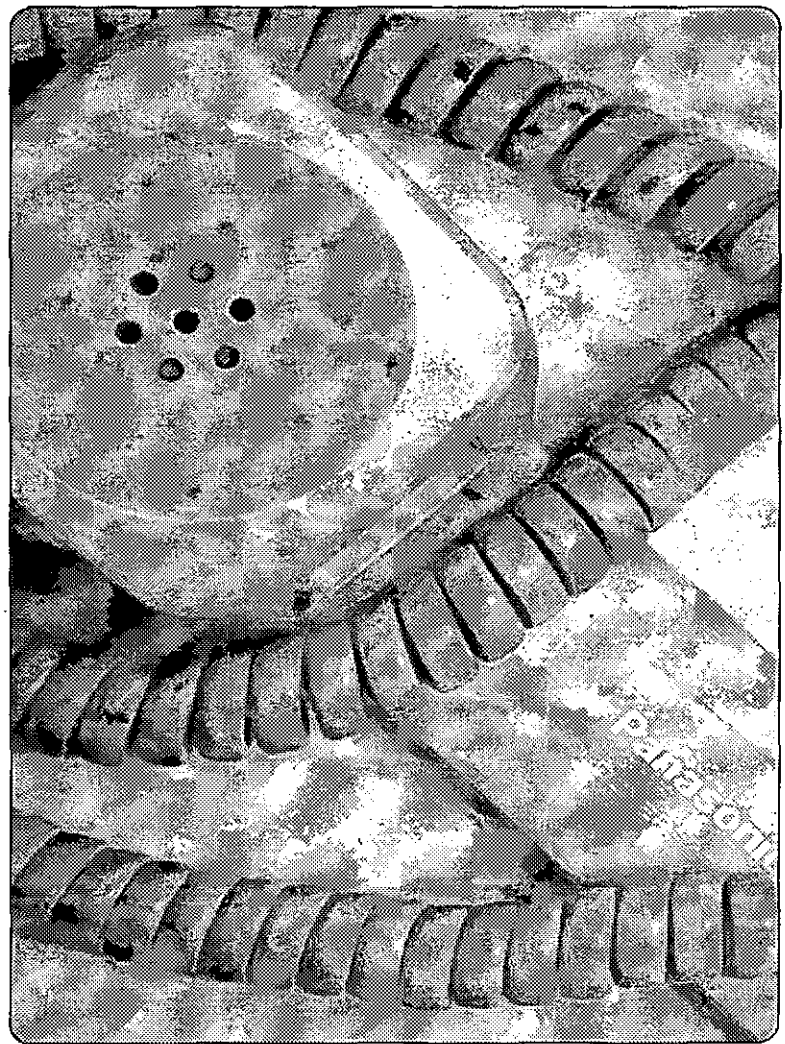
The 2002 fifth grade choir at Slingerlands Elementary School will perform "OperaTunists" on Thursday, April 4, and Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the school on 25 Union Ave. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door or through fifth grade choir members. For information, call the school at 439-7681.

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Music festival to feature 1,000 local students

The New York Schools Music Association will hold its annual festival this year at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School on Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6.

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. Show support through a monetary donation, work at the concessions and/or supply a dessert. To volunteer, call Linda Pasquali at 765-4990.

Barth syndrome walkathon slated April 27

A walkathon to benefit Barth Syndrome Foundation will be held on Saturday, April 27.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the walk will start at 10

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a.m. The 4-mile walk will begin and end at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue.

The event will include a silent auction, a drawing and entertainment. Barth syndrome is a rare but potentially fatal genetic disorder that affects boys.

It weakens the immune system and heart muscle. Early diagnosis is the key for survival.

The event is sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, Broadway Marketing and Atlas Copco.

For information, call Lynda Sedefian at 765-3044.

Club slates blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, April 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

The screening is free and open to the public.

Townwide volunteer day on deck May 4

Townwide volunteer day will take place on Saturday, May 4.

It will kick off at 9 a.m. at the Feura Bush Town Park.

Anyone who would like to volunteer or know of someone in need, please contact the town supervisor's office at 439-4889.

Food co-op orders due April 10

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will be accepting food orders until Wednesday, April 10, for the Thursday, April 25, delivery day.

Forms and menus can be picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Extra Helpings provide a preselect menu of groceries at wholesale prices.

Each order cost \$14, and patrons are under no obligation to purchase every month. Payment can be by cash or food stamps.

Anyone in the area is welcome to participate.

Early dismissal set for Friday

Elementary school students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. on Friday, April 5, for a staff development workshop. Children in the afternoon kindergarten will follow their regular schedule.

Garden club to meet

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

A flower arranging class will be given.

V'ville Elementary to hold annual science fair

The science fair will be held April 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the large gym.

Drama club

to present 'The Hobbit'

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.

Foundation sponsors trip contest

"Buy a Brick, Win a Trip." That's what the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation is saying with its new promotion.

As a thank you to anyone who purchases individual bricks, one person will win two round trip tickets to anywhere Southwest

Airlines flies in the continental United States.

The closing date for the bricks and the contest is May 7 and the tickets must be used by April 30, 2003. The bricks will be used to pave a pathway to the entrance of the middle school and high school.

The personalized brick will be engraved with up to 14 characters per line and up to three lines per brick.

A total of 1,000 bricks will be sold. For information or for an order form, call John Schachne at 765-4881.

Town board to meet

The New Scotland town board's next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Teachers to hear nature photographer

The Albany Area Retired Teachers Association will meet on Thursday, April 11, at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Tom Lindsay, a nature photographer, will speak about "Wildlife at Five Rivers."

Refreshments will be served.

After-Easter Egg Hunt gets rolling April 6

The Slingerlands Fire Department's Annual After-Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 11 a.m. at the park next to the firehouse.

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Author to discuss Civil War novel

More than 180,000 African-American men fought for the Union during the Civil War.

Inspired by the true story of a black cavalry unit in Mississippi, Allen Ballard weaves truth with fiction in *Where I'm Bound*. The novel tells of Joe Duckett, an



escaped slave who joins the Union Army, becomes a hero, and in the last desperate days of the war risks his life to return to the plantation to find his family.

Through Duckett, Ballard examines the tragedies, cruelties, corruptions and scars of that terrible war.

Ballard will talk about *Where*

I'm Bound at the library on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Ballard is a professor of history and African-American studies at UAlbany.

He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Kenyon College in Ohio and holds a Ph.D. in government from Harvard. *Where I'm Bound* is his first novel. He has also written two nonfiction books, and his articles have appeared in popular journals and newspapers.

The program is supported in part by Poets and Writers, Inc., through funds it has received from the New York State Council on the Arts, and by the Hudson Valley Writers Guild. We are privileged to have Dr. Ballard as our guest. Don't miss this opportunity to meet him. Call 439-9314 to register.

Louise Grieco

Poets to host open mic afternoon

Anyone who loves poetry, reads or writes poetry or just likes to listen to poetry, is invited to the library on Saturday, April 6, to celebrate National Poetry Month with an afternoon open mic hosted by the Every Other Thursday Night Poets.



The event begins at noon with music for socializing by Brian Kennedy and Tom Corrado, followed by readings from 1 to 4 p.m.

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.

If you would like to read, sign-up is requested.

Call 765-2791 or e-mail to vinkb@uhs.lib.lib.us.

For adults only: Parents of seventh through 10th graders can sign up for a college preparation seminar on April 9 at 7 p.m.

The panel discussion, led by certified educational planner Sally M. Ten Eyck, covers a spectrum of informational topics on how best to help your high school student plan for college.

Registration is requested.

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

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

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

Book discussion participants can now pick up a copy of *In Sunlight, In a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor at the reference desk. The group meets next on May 8.

The Friends of the Library are in need of a volunteer to take over the secretarial duties of the organization. The position requires attendance and note-taking at a monthly executive meeting. If you can help, call the library or Friends President Karla Flegel.

For information on any programs, visit our Website www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Barbara Vink

Nominating petitions available at library

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 voters 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.

Blood drive slated at ambulance squad

The 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 Elementary School.

Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring some form of identification.

To schedule an appointment, call Debbie Pollock at 767-9323 or Rod Raynor at 767-9166.

Progress Club meets to discuss biography

The Delmar Progress Club's Literature Club will meet at Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar on Tuesday, April 9, at 2 p.m.

Club members will discuss *Still Me* by Christopher Reeve.

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BCMS announces second quarter honor students

Bethlehem Central Middle School has announced the honor and merit roll students for the second quarter.

Grade six honor roll

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And Mary Beth Dineen, Thomas Dolfi, Matthew Dombrowski, Elizabeth Duclos,

Amanda Eckert, Jillian Egan, Donal Erickson, Ross Feinberg, Brenna Filipello, Aubrey Fishman, Micaela Foley, Mason Forando, Jennifer Frangella, Rachel Garbo, Maria Garguilo, Chloe Gatta, Lucas Giacone, Shari Ginsburg, Kristen Gloeckler, Molly Gordon, Sarah Gosselin, Allison Greenberg, Alexander Guntner, Kathryn Halvorsen, Brittany Hammond, Cara Hannigan, Brian Henchy, Zachary Herman, Tresne Hernandez, Brendan Herrmann, Kyle Hickey, Christina Hoffman, Jenna Hooper, Kelly Hotaling, Brittany Howland and Cody Jacques.

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Brittney Mancinelli, Lauren Manning, Anna Martin, Sam McCaffrey, Kelly McCall and Molly McCann.

And Christopher McCarthy, Hannah McCarthy, Zachary McCarthy, Gregory McCarty, Rachael McCormick, Matthew McGann, Patrick McGrath, Stacey McLeer, Stacey McWhinnie, Hannah Meckler, Cameron Meyers, Erin Miller, Jeffrey Monaco, Eric Mortensen, Sarah Moylan, Connor Muncil, Joshua Nuss, Rosemarie O'Brien, Robert O'Connor, Megan O'Donnell, Paula O'Donnell, Danielle Osterhout, Lillia Panych, Daniel Paoletti, Melissa Paty, Kristin Peck, Amanda Pettit, Alexandra Poll, Colin Pratt, Grace Python, Colin Rebord, Samuel Reichler, John Rimmel and Nicole Rice.

And Daniel Roberts, Evan Rothfuss, Molly Ruslander, Lindsey Ryan, Claire Sacco, Daniel Saltiel, Naomi Sargent, Emma Schneider, Elizabeth Scivolino, Hana Segerstrom, Patrick Sharlow, Debra Sheppard,

Samantha Shrager, Kaitlyn Shumelda, Claire Skotnes, Celeste Smith, Stefanie Smith, David Sokoler, Jonathan Stander, Andrew Sullivan, Kaitlin Taub, Rachel Tobin, Justine Trusso, Kathleen Tucker, Boris Virnik, Kaitlin Wax, Bruce Wemple, Craig Wilcox, Nina Wolinsky, Sarah Wong and Olga Yankulina.

Grade six merit list

Matt Abriel, Andrew Affonso, Michael Agneta, Elliott Ambrosio, Joseph Ascoli, Andrew Barada, Cailie Barrett, Gregory Bartow, Timothy Beagle, Kaci Behn, Jasmine Bellamy, Mike Bellizzi, Patrick Bergquist, David Bertrand, James Blanch, Darnell Brabhad, Jesse Brauner, Ryanne Brockley, Matthew Bub, Samantha Burkart, Thomas Burke, Faith Burkins-Gimzek, Wayne Burt, Alexander Canovas, Evan Carloni, Brigham Carman, Megan Carpenter, Katelyn Carroll, Samuel Cochetti, Alexandra Cole, Amelia Cole, Sean Commerford, Jessy Cooper, Emily Crisorio and Seamus

Curran.

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Grade seven honor roll

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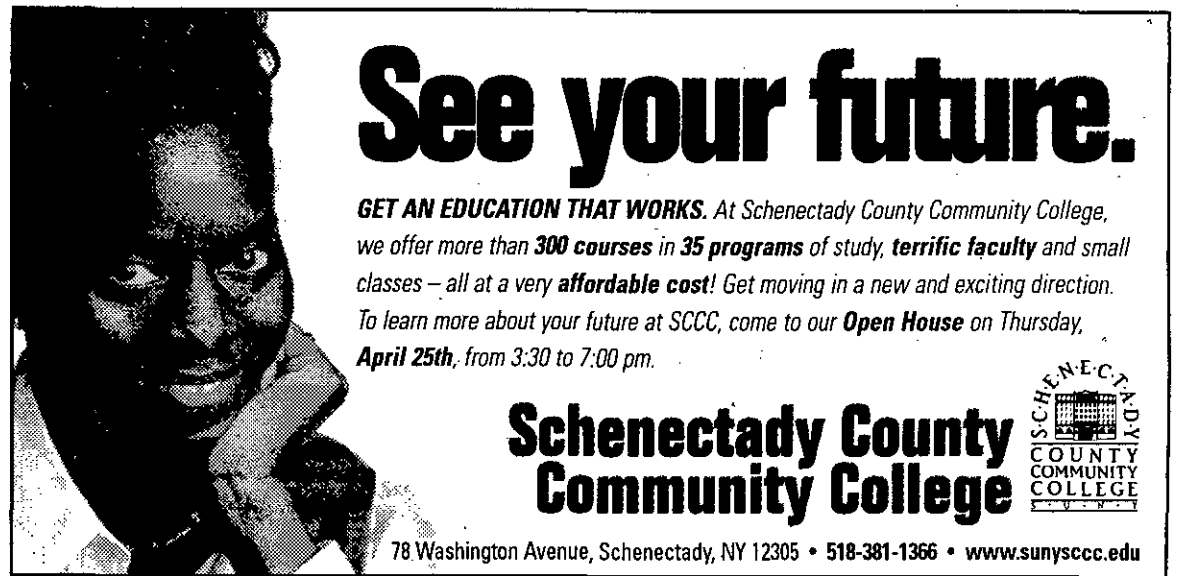
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Basketball camp for girls accepting applications

The Bethlehem Girls Basketball Camp will run from Monday, July 1, to Friday, July 5, at the high school.

The camp is for girls entering third through 12th grade will be directed by Bethlehem varsity girls basketball assistant coach John Hooper.

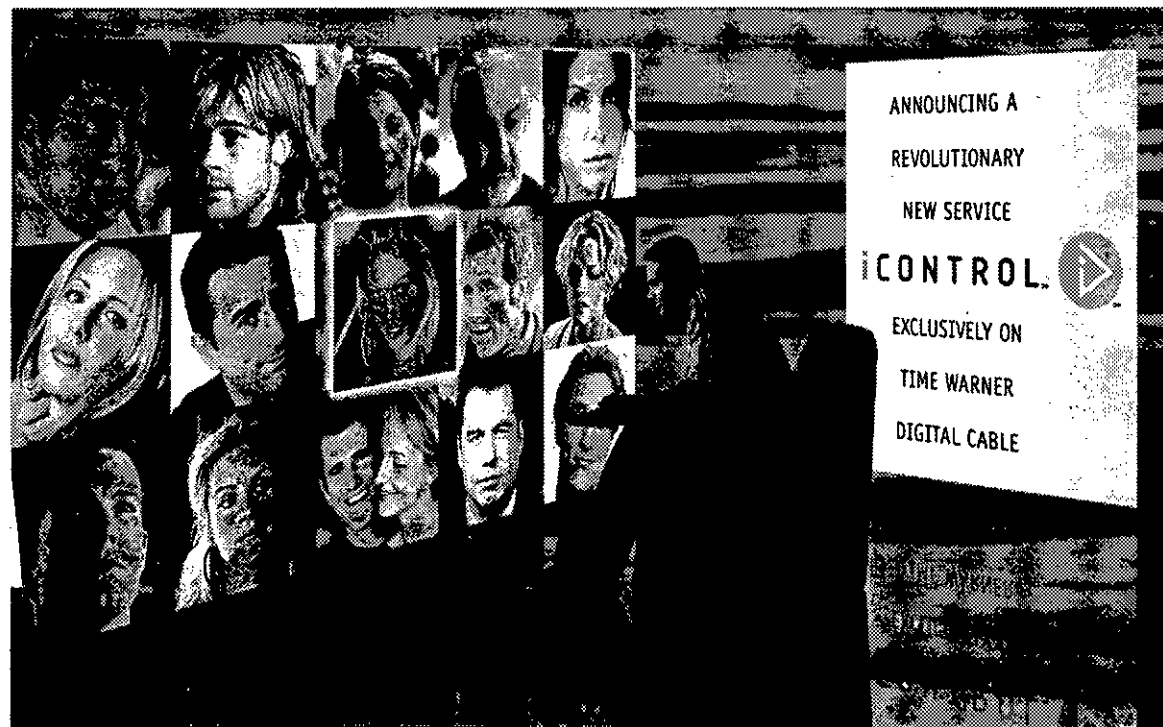
High school coaches and women college players will

instruct the campers, and there will be individual skill development as well as games.

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Board grants extension to Ventures Board stops clock in bank sign request

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The New Scotland Zoning Board of Appeals last week granted Tower Ventures another month's continuance of the public hearing, begun in February, concerning its proposal to build a 190-foot telecommunications tower on Font Grove Road.

That hearing was scheduled to resume on March 26, but Tower Ventures vice president Keith Coppins requested the continuance until the board's next scheduled meeting, April 23, to have time to review a memo from Mark Dempf of Vollmer Associates, the town's engineering consultant, outlining the proposed scope of the zoning board's environmental review of the project. That memo, dated March 21, arrived too late for a thorough consideration before the March hearing, Coppins said.

The pre-final scoping document submitted by Dempf outlined issues he felt Tower Ventures must address for the board's consideration, including the necessary assessment forms, site plan details, and documentation including visual simulation of the proposed tower as seen from several locations in the town and an analysis of the impact of similar towers in various nearby communities on local property values.

Dempf also recommended that the applicant document why the tower was necessary, and what alternative locations had been considered for possible co-location of the proposed cell phone installations.

Dempf's memo echoed an earlier determination on the project issued by the Albany County planning board on Feb. 28. That body voted to

"disapprove without prejudice" the proposal as it stood, recommending that the zoning board make a determination jointly with the town planning board of the project's impact under the terms of the state Environmental Quality Review

application," he said, requesting that the town outline the services that would fall within this escrow arrangement to ensure that they fall "within the industry standard for review."

With the decision to postpone action on the project until April, little public comment on the proposal was taken at the March 26 meeting. But attorney Kathleen Martens, retained by the Northeastern New Scotland Neighborhood Association, asked to be put on the list of "interested parties" for notification of future action on the proposal.

"We're very concerned about the substantial impacts from this project, especially the visual, which we've discussed tonight, as well as on community character," she said.

And board member Michael Cavanaugh said he would like information on any similar installations being considered in neighboring communities.

"We may be in a situation to approve one here, and Bethlehem may be about to approve one there, and then there'd be two towers (nearby)," he said.

Board chairman Ronald Von Ronne requested that Coppins set a date for an informal workshop meeting with the board, perhaps coinciding with the visual simulation test, to give the board and the public a chance to walk the site. Coppins agreed to try to arrange such an opportunity with property owner Anthony Genovesi.

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Michael Cavanaugh

Act. They specifically cited visual impact studies and a list of alternative co-locations considered by the applicants as lacking from the present proposal.

Coppins said he hoped to respond to these requests with a "comprehensive submission," but raised several issues related to Dempf's proposed requirements. He requested clarification of the visual simulation locations sought by the board and it obliged, identifying sites near Font Grove's intersection with Krumkill, near the town highway garage on Route 85, on Wormer Road and in Thacher Park.

Coppins also objected to a request from town building inspector Gerald Gordinier that Tower Ventures establish a pair of escrow funds totalling nearly \$22,000 to pay for consulting fees related to the environmental review of the project.

"We feel that this amount is excessive at this early stage of the

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Hudson River Bank & Trust will get its free-standing sign outside its new branch at 13 Maple Road in Voorheesville — but without the bells and whistles the bank hoped for.

With the bank planning to open the former Fleet Bank branch this month, the village Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 19 and voted to deny the bank's application for a variance that would allow it to install an electronic time-and-temperature sign in front of the bank building. Acting on a recommendation of the village Conservation Advisory Council, the board ruled that the sign request did not represent a hardship sufficient to grant the variance from the village's restrictions barring such signage.

The village Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on March 20 and voted

to approve a modified request by the bank for a 6-foot high, 60-inch wide sign without the electronic clock. They also approved a request to install two internally-lighted signs affixed to the exterior of the building — but set a mandatory shut-off time for the lighted signs at midnight.

The bank is not the only new business in the village that has had recent difficulty navigating the village's strict signage requirements. At SuperValu Plaza, the new China Garden restaurant, which obtained planning board approval last year, was obliged by New Scotland and village building inspector Gerald Gordinier to remove a noncompliant sign erected in February.

The restaurant briefly opened early last week but was closed by Gordinier pending issuance of a certificate of occupancy, which awaited final installation of ventilation equipment.

Police arrest assault suspect

An Albany man wanted for assaulting a police officer was apprehended in Slingerlands last week by Bethlehem police.

Shortly after 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, officer Adam Hornick investigated a man seen picking through trash cans at the Surrey Mall. Hornick recognized the man, identified as Dale A.

Warner, 37, of 777 Livingston Ave., Albany, from a flier distributed the day before by Albany police, that Warner was being sought on a felony bench warrant for assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

Taken into custody by Hornick, Warner was turned over to Albany police for arraignment.

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Family matters

Question: My 14-year old daughter and her friends wanted to spend last Saturday night at an area dance club, which advertises a "non-alcoholic teen night" inviting minors for a night out. Within these parameters, would it be OK?

Response: Most parents would not find these clubs to be appropriate for the average 14-year-old and would not hesitate to tell their daughter she may not go. Others may feel differently.

As a parent, a good decision is based on the information available to you. If you have the luxury of time, you might want to talk with the parents of your daughter's friends to find out what they know about these clubs and if they really are letting their children go. You could also call the club and ask questions.

It is always important to consider how your child could leave the event if she feels uncomfortable. In this instance, how would she call you and let you know she wants to be picked up earlier than the prearranged time? Where would she wait for you? Would you let her leave earlier with someone else?

According to high school students, there is a lot going on at these dance clubs. Kids may succeed at bringing in their own alcohol, despite the non-alcoholic advertising. "Nasty" dancing, couples making out and guys trying to grab girls are common occurrences. The street drug ecstasy may be available.

This type of social situation would be very hard for a 14-year-old to successfully navigate. Better for her to enjoy the activities held at her own school and to develop friendships in a safer environment.

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Wildlife pathologist to speak on W. Nile virus

The Men's Garden Club of Albany will hold a dinner meeting on Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the Quality Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Ward Stone, wildlife pathology specialist, will be the guest speaker.

Stone has worked in wildlife pathology for the state Department of Environmental Conservation for 32 years.

He has been actively working on causes of death and diseases in various wildlife.

He will discuss the recent outbreaks of West Nile virus, including steps people can take to reduce the probability of the virus being transmitted to humans.

For information or to arrange to make a dinner reservation, call Henry Fox at 438-7550 by Sunday, April 21.

BC board earns kudos for accessibility

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Cindy Hill presented a Certificate of Appreciation recently to the Bethlehem Central School Board for its attention and responsiveness to the needs of the disabled. Her suggestions have led to improvements within the district which have facilitated access for disabled parents and students.

Improvements noted in the certificate include, "ramps to two lower wings, handicap entrance with automatic door, parking and signage at Elsmere Elementary School."

At the middle school "ramps to the pool and locker rooms were installed along with access to restrooms near the Lower Media Center plus parking and signage."

Improvements at the high school include "outdoor ramp to lower gymnasium, elevator to lower gymnasium and weight room, and parking with signage front and rear of the building."

"Often times such requests fall on deaf ears, but everything I've ever pointed out to the school district has been worked on and fixed. The district has found creative solutions and they've done the work simply because it needed to be done," Hill said.

"We appreciate the recognition. Our district has merely done what was right to ensure that all members of our schools and community can participate fully in BC programs and activities. Cindy Hill is a very



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Ronald E. Campbell

effective leader and advocate, so this recognition is particularly meaningful," said Superintendent Les Loomis.

The progression of multiple sclerosis has caused Hill to swap her cane for crutches, and she now needs a wheelchair. During recent years, this physical

transition was occurring as she functioned as a wife and mother of three Bethlehem students, president of Elsmere PTA and an advocate for disabled people.

Hill was recently crowned Ms. Wheelchair, New York. She is also in the running for Ms. Wheelchair America, to be named in August.

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The site contains a page for current news and commentary on issues concerning the town as well as a listing of committee members. It also provides links to other Democratic organization web sites, government agencies

and elected officials who represent the town. Town residents can provide feedback to the committee and volunteer their assistance with campaign and committee work. The site can be accessed via the Internet at www.bethlehemdems.org.

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S. Bethlehem woman receives award

Jeanne Barriere of South Bethlehem, program coordinator for St. Peter's Lifeline Service, has received an Award of Excellence for her work bringing the personal emergency response services to more than 10,000 senior citizens in the Capital District.

For the 10 years that Barriere has been with lifeline services, she has provided help to more than 10,000 local seniors.

Barriere helps seniors remain at home longer, thus delaying entry into assisted living facility or a nursing home.

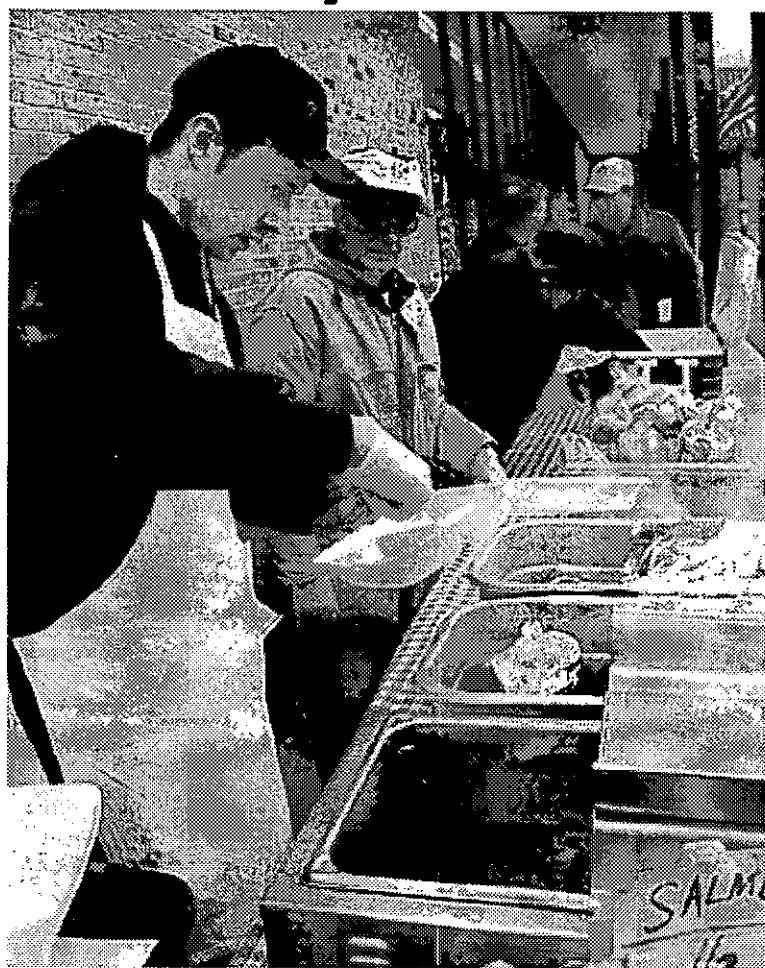
Glenmont girl wins dance scholarship

Valerie Webb of Glenmont has been named this year's recipient of the Capital District Celtic Association's under-12 Irish dance scholarship.

Webb wrote an essay on "What Irish Dance Means to Me," and won a \$250 scholarship award to help defray the cost of lessons and competition fees.

She dances for Rosemary Campbell at Campbell's school of Irish Dance.

Room to spare



Chris McMullen serves up a sparerib dinner at a recent fund-raiser sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis at SuperValu Foods in Voorheesville.

Jim Franco

Couple make donation in honor of woman

A Glenmont resident has been memorialized through a donation to the New York Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education.

John and Anne Lincoln made a memorial contribution to honor and remember Janet Hammond.

Contributions in remembrance are a positive way to ensure that school children and consumers understand food and agriculture, as an important part of every community.

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The following courses will be offered:

- Landscaping design theory on Tuesday, April 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Learn the tricks of landscaping used by professional landscape architects, and get ideas for ways to use those theories in your own back yard. Extension staffer Amy Howansky will discuss design concepts including framing, outdoor rooms, creating a destination, focal point and dimensional illusions.

The course fee is \$10.

- Build an obelisk for branches on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

During this class, participants will make a garden obelisk and take it home.

The finished piece can be used

as a support to grow climbing plants such as elematis, pole beans or roses.

Jan Shields will lead the program. A list of tools to bring to class will be mailed with confirmation information.

The course fee is \$55, covering materials for a complete obelisk.

- Wildlife damage prevention seminar on Tuesday, April 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Paul Curtis, Cornell University's wildlife specialist, will present information about common backyard wildlife (such as deer, squirrels, moles and rabbits) and ways to prevent damage to lawns, shrubs and

gardens.

- Build a trellis from vines and branches on Saturday, June 8, from noon to 3 p.m.

Shields, owner of Cut it Out, demonstrates how to construct a garden trellis from natural materials.

Everyone in the class will build a trellis to take home. The trellis size is roughly 5 feet high and 3 feet wide, but the materials and participants' creativity make each trellis different.

A list of tools required will be mailed with class confirmation.

The course fee is \$45 and covers materials for a complete trellis.

Free children's films to air on Friday

Children's films including, "The Ugly Duckling," "The Three Little Pigs," "Red Riding Hood" and "Harold's Fairy Tale" will be shown at Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, April 5, at 10:30

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This free drop-in event is for children age 3 to 6.

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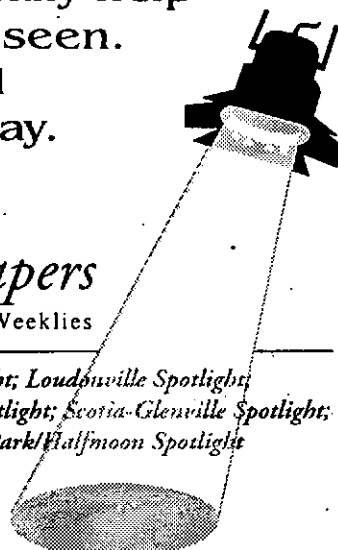
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V'ville sets public hearing on budget **New Scotland GOP names new chairman**

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The Voorheesville village board of trustees tonight begins its new year with its annual organizational meeting at village hall — and consideration of a proposed budget of just over \$1.16 million, introduced by Mayor Jack Stevens at a trustees' meeting on March 26.

A public hearing tonight will be conducted on the budget following the organizational meeting at 6 p.m. The principal item of business for the annual meeting will be oaths of office for incumbent village officers who were re-elected, running without opposition, on March 19.

One hundred-and-three voters went to the polls, and 102 voted a full four-year term for Stevens, appointed by the board to replace outgoing mayor Ed Clark in January after he was installed as New Scotland supervisor.

Town Justice Kenneth Connolly, with 96 votes, also won re-election to a four-year term, as did incumbent trustees Richard Berger (97 votes) and Camille Jobin-Davis (88). Tom Ruane,

appointed to Stevens' seat on the board in January, received 94 votes to fill the remaining two years of that term.

After other annual appointments and business is concluded, the board's first business will be reviewing the budget proposal submitted by Stevens.

It shows a drop from the \$1.89 million appropriated for the fiscal year now in progress. But the 2001-02 budget was inflated by one-time expenditures for a new fire truck for the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Co. and outlays for reconstruction of the Pine Street bridge, both funded through the village's capital reserves.

Most other expenditure lines show little change from their current levels.

On the revenue side, last year's amended budget already accounted for the project drop in tax revenue resulting from the loss in population reported in the 2000 Census; the share of that revenue distributed to local municipalities is apportioned on the basis of population.

In a bit of good fiscal news

announced at the meeting, the Census Bureau has granted the village's appeal of the results of the 2000 Census, adding an additional 70 residents back onto the village rolls.

Jobin-Davis, who reported the successful appeal to the trustees, estimated that it could result in an additional \$20,000 in county sales-tax revenue.

In addition to setting tonight's budget hearing, the trustees also set an informational meeting for Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. for residents of Salem Hills and the village's Sewer District No. 1.

The meeting will focus on the replacement of the district's sewage treatment plant, approved by the trustees last year, and the likely tax consequences of the overhaul, on which construction is scheduled to begin later this month.

Board counsel Don Meacham also presented a draft contract to be offered to residents of Mountainview Road who have sought to join the district. The board unanimously endorsed the draft contract.

The board also discussed the plans of St. Matthew's Church to connect to the new Mountainview sewer line and abandon its existing 4-inch private main connected to the village district.

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

New Scotland's Republican town committee has announced its second change of leadership in two years. Attorney John Breeze stepped down last month as chairman, citing the demands of a busy practice and various business ventures.

On March 17, New Salem's Peter Belenchia was unanimously chosen to succeed him.

A town resident for less than three years and member of the committee for less than two, Belenchia was a key figure in the campaign that elected Ed Clark supervisor last November.

"He's a very hard worker, and I'm very pleased to have Peter in that position," Clark said. "He's very dynamic, innovative and sincere. I think it'll be great to have him in the leadership."

"I would see this as a changing of the guard," Belenchia said last week. "I think at all levels in both parties, there isn't a ton of involvement by younger people. I'd like to see more people get involved, on both sides. Local government isn't as partisan as it starts to get at the county and state levels."

Belenchia, 41, a New York City native, moved to Colonie in 1987

and married shortly thereafter. He is sales director of Green Island-based Wustefeld Candy Co. — "not a lawyer or career politician," he said.

"I've always been a conservative Republican," he said; he got involved in the party committee and locally active in the Bush presidential campaign after moving to New Salem in July 1999.

"The hardest part of it was walking into a room with a bunch of people who'd been in party politics for years and lived in the town most of their lives," he said. "But my intention was always to get involved. I've always been interested." He also serves as a member of the town's recreation advisory committee.

Last spring, when Clark approached the GOP committee seeking its support, "I enthusiastically supported him and volunteered to do anything I could to help him get elected," Belenchia said. "He's a very, very bright guy, very active, interested and capable."

As the committee's liaison to the campaign, he worked closely with campaign manager Kevin Jobin-Davis.

"He was excellent," said Clark. "He was a lot of help. He did a great deal of work for the campaign."

In replacing Breeze, a longtime committeeman elected chair in the fall of 2000, "I was recognized for the amount of effort I put into the last election cycle," he said. But he acknowledged that he is still feeling his way in party politics.

"When a man with a good, solid background in town government like Mr. Breeze walks away, it's not easy to replace him," Belenchia said. "But I thought it was time to step up." Breeze has agreed to stay on the committee to pursue special projects in the coming months.

The next round of local elections is a year away, but Belenchia said the committee is "anxiously waiting to see how some of the districts for county legislative elections are carved up" in reapportionment negotiations now under way.

New Scotland is currently divided among three separate districts, all shared with neighboring towns — and served by Democrats.

Legislature chairman Charles Houghtaling of Feura Bush represents Knox as well as most of New Scotland's rural south and east.

Mary Lou DeBartolo Connolly's district is principally comprised of eastern Guelderland and West Albany, but also includes the Krumkill-Font Grove area in New Scotland's northeast corner.

Herb Reilly's district stretches from Voorheesville across the Bethlehem line into Slingerlands and was previously served by Republican Dom DeCecco until Reilly's election in 1999.

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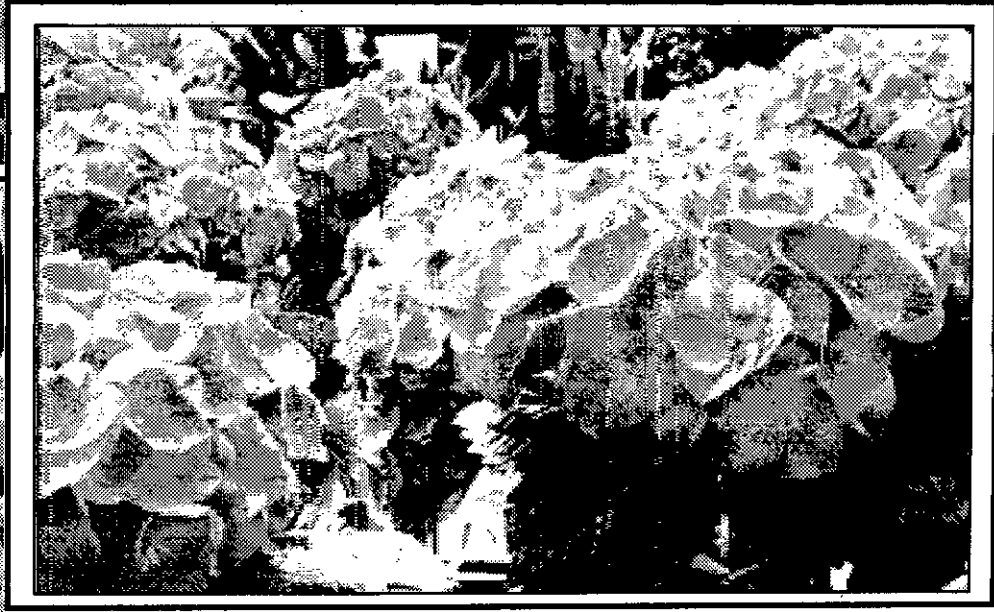
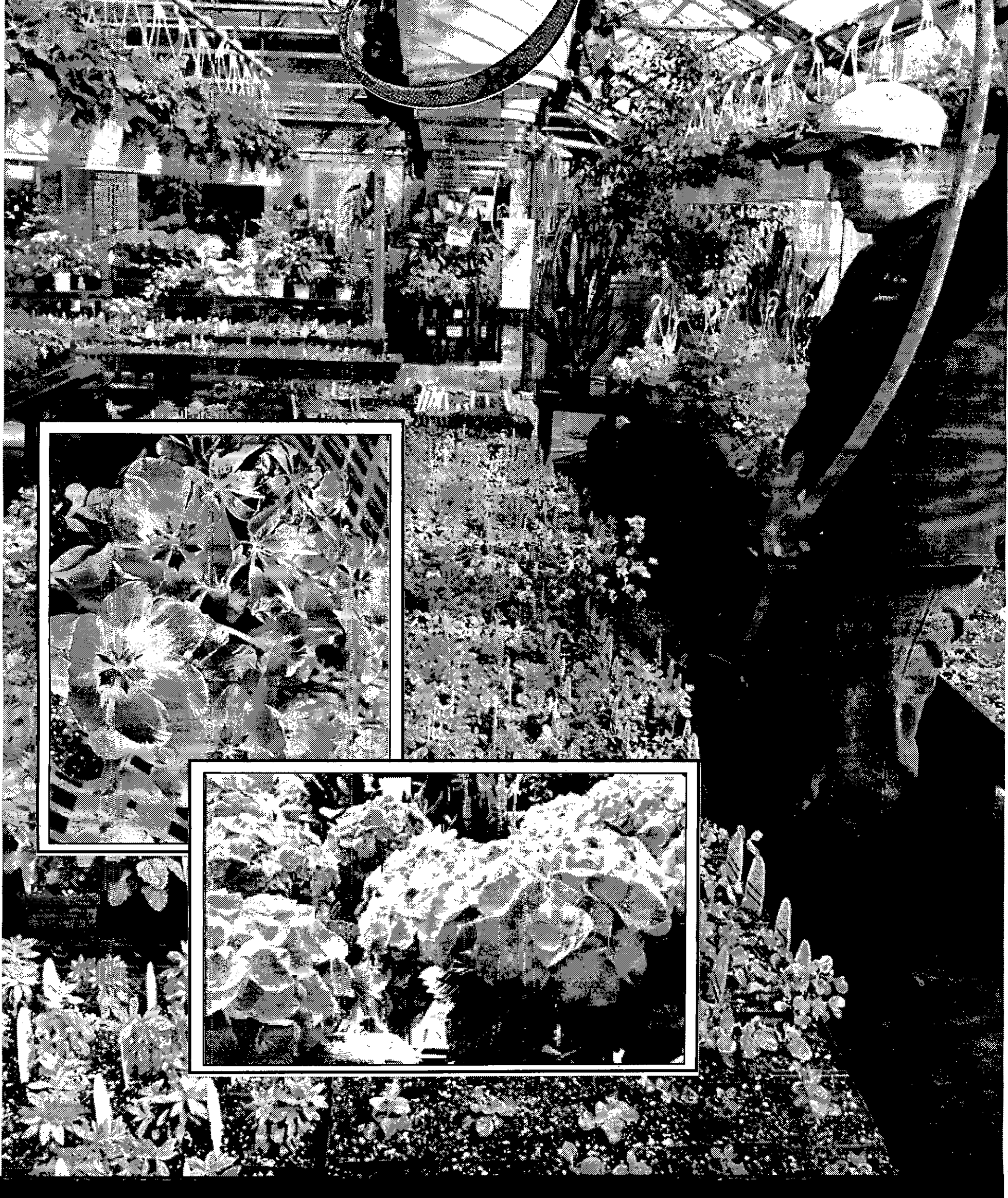
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Garden pests: the good, the bad, the ugly

BY KATHERINE McCARTHY

If the prospect of spring has you itching to get your hands into the soil of your garden, you're not alone. Any number of bugs and critters can't wait for you to get your crop - even if it's a suburban vegetable garden - into the ground.

Grubs are probably one of the most common garden pests, whether they're eating the roots of plants, or attracting birds that turn up more clumps of grass than first-time golfers do.

"Grubs are particular pests in areas with sandy soil, like Bethlehem and Guilderland," said Kevin Hemeon, a horticulturist with Green Thumb Lawn Care of Schenectady. "They can damage a root system so badly that you can lift up your lawn just like it's a carpet."

Gardeners can purchase grub control at a garden store, or call Green Thumb to tackle the problem. Hemeon advises verifying the problem first. Keeping an eye out for crows - who can tell by a

discolored lawn that grubs are on the move below - or starlings, whose long beaks make the earth look like it's been punched with a pencil, will be your first clues. "Pick up a square foot of soil, and if you see ten grubs, you have

the grubs are in the soil. Water will move the grub control into the earth, at the same time that it brings the grubs to the top of the soil." Grubs love acidic soil, Hemeon said, so lowering the Ph level of your lawn by

keeping it well-limed is one way to help get rid of grubs. Hemeon said Green Thumb gets a lot of calls about moles

cup of Castor Oil combined with one teaspoon of dish soap, sprayed on the affected area on a rainy day, or on a watering day.

"Moles are one of our biggest frustrations," Hemeon said. "You may have to resort to trapping them."

Burger, who traps small wildlife, concurred, saying it's difficult to prevent the onslaught of moles.

"Most of the work I do is live catching and removing," he said. This time of year, he's fishing a lot of squirrels out of chimneys, and he gets a lot of calls when skunks are setting up their own homes and starting their families in or under humans' residences.

Burger has two traps that he uses underground, which usually require killing

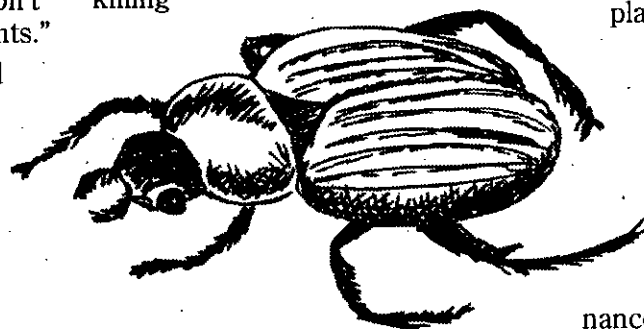
homes if they're moved to woods or swamps, Burger said, but woodchucks have developed a fondness for food that humans like, and will usually head back to a farm or housing development.

Squirrels will also sometimes eat vegetation, too. "I get a few calls every year, about squirrels eating shrubbery, maples or oaks," Burger said. "It occurs when the squirrel population is too high." Deer are another big problem in the Capital District, and Hemeon's main advice is to leave the netting up on your shrubs a little longer into the spring.

"Most people get out in their gardens on that first nice April weekend, and take the netting off their shrubs," he said. "You should leave that up till the wild plants grow in."

Linda Sedlmayer's Secret Gardens is a garden design, installation and maintenance service based

in Hannacroix. "I'm in Zone Four, so the roses I sell will live through the worst winter imaginable," Sedlmayer said. Sedlmayer also had some tips for getting rid of garden pests. "Deer, chipmunks, white-tailed rabbits," she said, "all those animals that look so beautiful from our breakfast table can really be



moles. Woodchucks, he said, must also be destroyed. "Skunks get grubbing in lawns," he said, "and grub control will take care of them. You can try to keep woodchucks out with electric fencing, but you'd have to cover 360 degrees of the garden with fencing." Skunks and raccoons will usually set up new

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a problem," Hemeon said. "Don't apply grub control willy-nilly, but only where you need it." Lawn care experts, Hemeon said, will be cognizant of which controls to apply when, and in what quantity. Most importantly, grub control requires water.

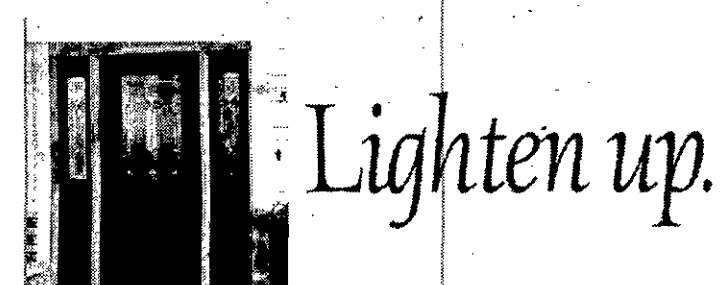
"If you apply grub control, do it when rain is in the forecast, or on a day you can water," Hemeon said. "Grub control works on the surface, and

in gardens, with people mistakenly believing that they're hunting the grubs. "Grub control is not mole control," Mel Burger of Burger-2 Wildlife, an animal trapping service, said. "Earthworms are mole's main food, and moles won't eat the roots of your plants."

"You don't want to kill earthworms," Hemeon said, "and any chemicals that might kill earthworms have been banned." Moles mostly wreak havoc on lawns, as they tunnel around for food. "Moles make the people working on Boston's Big Dig project look like slouches," said Linda Sedlmayer of Secret Gardens. Hemeon said that moles will eat the grubs of Japanese beetles, which are only one of six grub varieties common in our area. Milky spore will help treat those grubs, as will a homemade remedy of one




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Improve your home and garden with a home equity loan

By ANDREW GREGORY

You've been longing to tackle a major landscaping project. Or maybe you're ready to dive into your own pool. Perhaps you need some extra room, or a new kitchen or bathroom.

And, of course, with any financial matter, there are always special conditions. Closing costs and pre-payment are two common factors that people tend to overlook.

Three little words can make your wishes come true — home equity loan. Unless you're a loan officer at a bank or credit union, you may be completely clueless about home equity loans. Even if you are knowledgeable about home financing, the various aspects and purposes of a home equity loan can be confusing. It's time to wade through terms, interest rates and closing costs so you can finalize your home improvement project.

"Now is a great time to apply for a home equity loan," said Nancy Wooster, a relationship manager for Key Bank. Key Bank has been dealing with a recent surge in applications for home equity loans due to low interest rates.

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A variable interest rate is fairly self-explanatory; the home equity rate moves up or down as the Federal Reserve raises or decreases national interest rates.

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"It's a fairly simple concept to understand, but we urge customers to discuss their loans and terms with a loan agent. We want our customers to leave feeling knowledgeable about their loan," Lindsay said.

And, of course, with any financial matter, there are always special conditions. Closing costs and pre-payment

are two common factors that people tend to overlook.

"We have no closing costs for our loans," Lindsay said. "The only extra charge our customers pay for is the New York State Mortgage tax."

At Key Bank, only customers who take loans over \$250,000 and higher are charged a closing cost.

"It is a rare occurrence for someone to take out that much, but it does happen from time and time," Wooster said.

Paul Catan, vice president of Portfolio Management at MBT Bank stated: "We like to give our customers the option of paying the closing costs. If they decide to pay it, we will offer a lower rate on their loan."

If a borrower decides not to pay the closing cost, chances are there will be a slightly higher rate.

"With so many options, it's best to come in and speak with a loan representative," Catan said.

As far as pre-payments are concerned, a borrower may or may not be penalized for early loan repayment.

At First National Bank of Scotia, there is no penalty.

"We find that most home equity loans are paid back a few months before the end of

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By ANDREW GREGORY

The ongoing drought has forced town officials to impose water restrictions in some towns throughout the Capital District. While

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If you're going to conserve water outside of your home, you may as well do the same inside.

Mother Nature seems to be providing some relief with the occasional spring rain, water conservation is some-

Believe it or not, conventional lawn sprinklers are one of the most wasteful water

products around. "Sprinklers are ineffective due to the fact that water evaporates in the air," said

Wendy Yurkewecz, irrigation specialist for Grassland Corp. in Latham.

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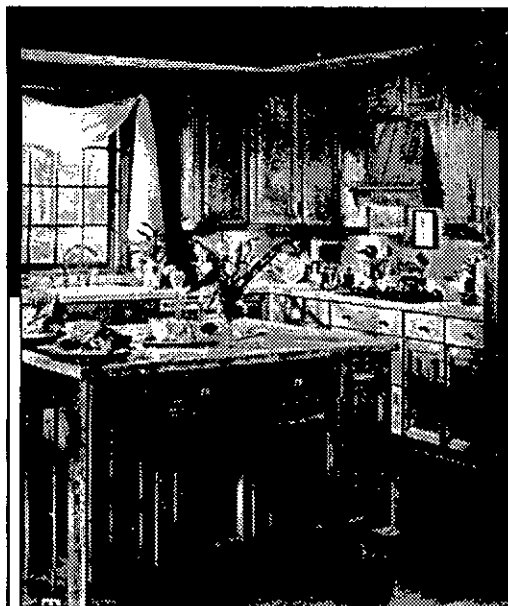
It's the time of year when a growing number of Americans get the urge to begin anew, starting with the appearance of their homes. These helpful tips offer some helpful solutions to help cure your spring cleaning "itch."

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Keep your landscape alive with small engine and tool maintenance

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Small gasoline engines are used to power a variety of lawn and garden equipment from mowers and chain saws to weed whackers, edgers and small tractors.

Several factors affect the operation and life of this

area has a heavy growing season that requires heavy usage, annual maintenance might be called for." Another factor he pointed out is a lot of dust in the area of usage could clog air filters quickly and accelerate the need for maintenance.

John Roberts of Powerama in New Scotland suggested annual maintenance.

"A big concern is proper winter storage of equipment" Roberts said. "Fuel in the tanks of equipment that sits idle for the

winter months should either be drained or treated with a stabilizer."

Roberts pointed out that legal disposal of fuel removed from tanks for winter storage is virtually impossible. So adding a fuel stabilizer seems to be the solution.

This product is usually sold in liquid form from a one-ounce package for a small tank to much larger quantities. Untreated fuel can change properties over the winter months and form an almost varnish-like film over all metal surfaces in the tank and fuel line, which will affect the starting and performance of the engine, Roberts said.

These experts agree that annual maintenance should include changing spark plugs, air and fuel filters, cleaning carburetors, inspecting the blades and sharpening them if needed and changing the oil. Maintenance also includes cleaning the grass and debris build-up adhering to the underside of the deck.

Roberts pointed out that a dull and chipped blade does not "cut evenly and causes the ends of the grass to fray. These frayed tips give the grass a brownish hue and the lawn does not look clean cut."

Lana from Turnpike Power Equipment noted that 40 percent of her sales of new mowers are to women.

She said this reflects the fact that more women are taking household responsibility for yard work more households are occupied by women only.

All the professionals agreed this is a great time to get your equipment into them to be maintained and ready for the new growing season almost upon us.

Several factors affect the operation and life of this equipment. A big factor is the quality of the equipment purchased.

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Lana from Turnpike Power Equipment on Western Turnpike in Altamont said one of her Cub Cadet Tractors could last as much as 40 years when properly maintained.

Ken Emerich from Emerich Sales and Service in Charlton agreed that quality equipment should last more than 20 years.

Both Lana and Emerich noted that less expensive equipment from the big-box stores would last half that, "five to 10 years" according to Emerich.

"To ensure proper starting and operation, good maintenance is essential," said Rick DeFriesse of Shaker Ace Hardware in Latham. "Try to get your equipment in to us for maintenance in early March and we will get it back to you in a couple of days. If you wait until the height of our maintenance season, in early April, the wait for service may be as much as two weeks."

Maintenance of these small engines "can be scheduled every other year in some cases, DeFriesse said.

But he cautions, "If the

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Beautify your home with pressure washing

By ANDREW GREGORY

While cleaning your garage and basement will

help you get a head start on your spring cleaning, you shouldn't forget about your house.

Your siding, windows and deck could all probably use a thorough cleaning. However, this is not a simple task. Pressure washing professionals can help keep the outside of your home as clean as the inside.

R. Mosall's Pressure Washing has thrived on repeat business for 14 years.

"Since my name is on the business, I make sure every customer is satisfied," said Robert Mosall, owner and proprietor.

The pressure washing process is somewhat compli-

cated, but rewarding, he noted.

"We have to consider the size of the house and the type



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of siding as well as several other factors," Mosall said.

Whether you have vinyl or aluminum siding, Mosall's Pressure Washing has the right tools for any job.

The initial process begins with a board by board scrub. This rids the siding of light dirt. With various types of nozzles, cleaning caked-on dirt and debris off of siding and windows usually takes a few hours.

"There haven't been too many instances where we couldn't get the job done within a day," Mosall said.

In addition to cleaning siding and windows, it's a good idea to clean your roof and deck.

"The whole idea behind pressure washing, besides the aesthetic aspect, is to maintain the area being washed," Mosall said.

Pressure washing your deck will bring out the natural color and maintain its integrity. While you may never look at your roof, shingles need a good cleaning every couple years.

"People often neglect the state of their roof," Mosall said. "Mildew, which eats away at your shingles, can be easily eliminated with a strong washing."

With a reputation for excellent service and quick turn-around time, it would be best to call early for your free estimate.

"Due to the unusually warm winter, we've been getting calls for pressure washing already," Mosall said.

If the outside of your home isn't as beautiful as it could be, call R. Mosall's Pressure Washing at 482-0961.

Maintenance and cleaning of rain gutters

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Anyone interested in information about rain gutters, from installation, to types of materials, cleaning and repair can find a wealth of information on the Internet.

A quick visit to the Internet can make your conversation with a contractor, for cleaning, repair and or installation, far more productive when you take the time to learn about choices and options available to you.

A good example is the wealth of information and links provided at this site, www.spokaneraingutter.com. Using the key words "rain gutter" on your search browser can get you into dozens of similar sites almost instantaneously.

Most contractors involved in cleaning gutters recommend one annual gutter cleaning, in the fall, after the deciduous trees have lost their leaves. The Seattle Web site recommends spring and fall cleaning.

Steve Francis of Outdoor Professionals in Schoharie agrees with the annual fall cleaning after the leaf drop, but adds, "The frequency really depends on the proximity of your house to trees."

Outdoor Professionals is a tree service company, but also cleans and repairs gutters. The firm does work throughout the Capital District.

Gutters are installed on a house to keep water directed away from vulnerable house areas like patios and basements. They also prevent spattering of mud and dirt on the siding of a house. Gutters full of leaves, twigs, tree seeds and needles will overflow down the side of a house and defeat the purpose of the gutter installation.

The do-it-yourselfer can get up on a ladder and with a scoop or gloved hands clean out gutters. Down spouts can be cleaned by forcing a garden hose down to a blockage with the water on. Stubborn blockages may need a plumber's snake to untangle.

Gutter helmets and screening are available to prevent collection of debris in the gutters. Francis said, "Most of these accessories are not effective. Plus the homeowner is faced with removal and reinstallation of the devices before cleaning, which increases the cost of cleaning."

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Gazing out from the gazebo

By Katherine McCarthy

If you're seeking a quiet, shady place to reflect on the wonderful world around you, maybe a gazebo is the answer. "Most people use gazebos to sit, read, maybe listen to music, or in an attempt to get

"The whole idea behind a gazebo is that it's supposed to be whimsical,"

— Tom Myers

closer to nature," said Tom Myers, owner of Home Structures. If your gazebo is just for you, or for a small group, or for a backyard setting, Myers suggested an eight to 10-foot octagonal structure. If you're looking for a place for a family, or where a larger group can gather, or if you're planning on reenacting the Sound Of Music's romantic "You Are Sixteen" dance number, maybe a 12 to 14-foot gazebo would be more fitting.

"In an open area, you could have a gazebo as big as you want," Myers said. When building a gazebo, Myers recommends cedar or mahogany wood. Even before the ban was enacted, he stayed away from pressure-

treated lumber, concerned about the effects of its chemical contents on children. "Cedar is most people's first choice," Myers said. "It's a domestic wood, and the prices are better, although mahogany is only about five or 10 percent more."

"Cedar weathers fine," Myers said, estimating that it costs about \$30 per square foot. "If you're diligent about applying preservatives to cedar, it keeps its red color. If you're less diligent about preservatives, you get that gray luster that houses on Cape Cod have." The luster inland will not be as intense as in coastal areas.

Maybe the best part about a gazebo, though, is that it gives its owners a chance to play a little bit.

"The whole idea behind a gazebo is that it's supposed to be whimsical," Myers said. "They often have a fairy-tale look, and have a lot of decoration, and window boxes."

People often design their gazebos to reflect their

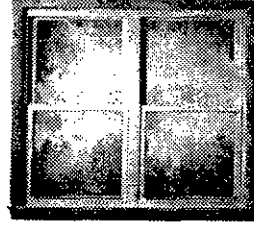
environment. "If you're putting it near an oak grove, you might want acorn finials on it," Myers said. "If it's overlooking a pine grove, you could put a lot of triangular shapes on it to reflect the pine cones. Some people like regular gingerbread designs."

Myers hesitated to attach a specific cost to your dream gazebo, since so many factors affect it. Lumber costs vary, and the size of the gazebo will determine costs, as well as the amount of elaborate woodwork that goes into it. If a gazebo is built on a hill, and requires stairs, costs would be higher than someone building on level ground. Still, he estimated, a nicely decorated 12-foot gazebo would run between \$4,000 and \$4,500. Myers has owned Home Structures, based in Niskayuna, for more than five years, but has been in the construction

business all his life. Although he does any kind of residential work, his specialty is fine woodworking and cabinetry building.

"I also build decks, gazebos, cabanas, and things like that," Myers said. Home Structures can be reached at 456-0283.

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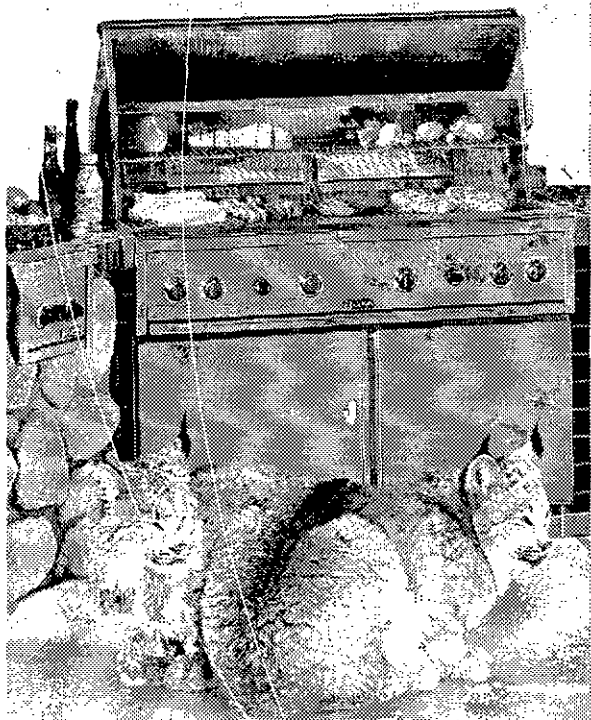
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Spring is time to organize your garage

By DONNA J. BELL

If you couldn't squeeze another bicycle, let alone two cars into your garage, you may need to take a serious look at spring cleaning and organizing.

Somehow the big empty spaces in our homes (attics, basements and garages) become a catchall for all the tools, hobbies and sports equipment we collect over the years. Everything from woodworking gear, to the 10 pairs of roller blades the children have outgrown, to broken chairs and discarded toys make these spaces so crowded that it is no longer useful, even as storage. If you want to get a handle on all that clutter, you call on experts for help.

"The first thing

you should decide is what you want to store in your garage and do you have adequate space," said Diane Campion, local owner of Organize This.

Campion said there are rules to organizing whether it be your home office, your child's room or your garage.

"First, decide to store like things together," Campion said. "Put painting and wallpaper together, sports equipment in one section, gardening tools in another.

Then store the things you use the most in the most accessible spot."

Campion recommends starting small — perhaps setting aside an hour or two to devote to one corner of garage instead of looking at the entire garage and becoming overwhelmed by the enormity of the task.

Start with four or more large boxes. You should label one for items for a garage sale or to donate, another for

trash, still another for items that need to be moved to another area of the house, and of course, one for items to keep. Begin with one corner and complete that one area and then move on to the next corner.

"The way to complete any big project is to break it into increments," Campion said.

Completely finish the first corner before you move on to another area. That means you should get rid of the

trash box, move items you've indicated don't belong in the garage to other rooms, and give away the donate box before you begin to organize another spot. Take a good look around the garage and decide where you are going to store your various items. You can even tape little signs to walls to give you an idea of how much space you will need or what type of storage organizer you may need.

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Get a head start on your garden

By DONNA J. BELL

Creating a beautiful garden doesn't begin when you put your first plants into the soil. The real work is done weeks before you when you prepare your garden for the growing season. To ensure that your plants look dazzling at the height of summer you must start planning and preparing as early as possible. Putting in that extra work early on will let you enjoy big returns later. One of the first things you should do is clean up any left over debris like dead leaves and perennials that have died down over the winter, said Bruce Herrington, owner of Horticulture Unlimited, in Selkirk. That helps reduce

fungus problems, particularly in perennial gardens. The debris from healthy plants can be a great addition to the dark, rich humus that your compost bin provides — but be sure to not to put any weeds or diseased shrubs or twigs into the mix, they can cause problems later. The early spring is also the time of year you'll want to give your lawn its first feeding and you will also want to fertilize your flower beds. For perennials add a rich layer of compost and well-rotted manure. You can add a nice thick layer of bark mulch, about 5 to 8 inches deep, said Herrington, adding that the deep layer will help reduce weed problems because the sunlight won't

penetrate through the mulch. The mulch also conserves water by trapping in the moisture. This year, with the drought problems many areas have experienced cutting down on watering is more important than ever. Now is the time to trim those deciduous trees in your yard however, Herrington recommended an expert for that tricky task. If there are plants in your garden you would like to move, it's important to do that before they start to wake up and start their growing season. When the ground dries up a little more, you may want to consider edging your lawn and giving it its first mowing of the season. It's also a good time to start a map of the garden and where you'd like to make improvements for the spring. If this is the year to make major improvements you may want to call on a landscape designer to help you create a plan that will enhance your property for many years to come. And while you're cleaning up your garden don't forget about cleaning up the feeders for your little feathered friends. Over the winter your bird feeder may have become dirty but a little elbow grease and a stiff brush should take care of the job. You can reach Herrington at Horticulture Unlimited at 767-2004.



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- Clean up with bleach- Bleach not only keeps your home bright, but it is also a great antiseptic. Bleach will kill the bacteria that may have been left behind by rodents. Mix one part bleach to 10 parts water and wipe down countertops, as well as the inside of all kitchen drawers and cabinets.

- Give your home a good sweep-Clean all the nooks and crannies in your attic, your basement and all those hard-to-reach places. You never know who may have visited.

- Seal up spaces and seal out unwanted guests-Seal cracks in foundations with flexible urethane caulk and seal other potential entrances with sheet metal, steel wool or cement. Repair

holes in outside walls and check under porch areas for gaps where rodents can find their way inside. A mouse can fit through a hole the size of a dime, and a rat may fit through a hole the size of a quarter.

- A clean house is a rodent-free zone-Wash dishes and cooking utensils immediately after use. Keep counters and floors free of soiled food. Clean the insides of cabinets and pantries frequently to avoid feeding furry creatures.

- No food, no water, no problem-Keep all food, water

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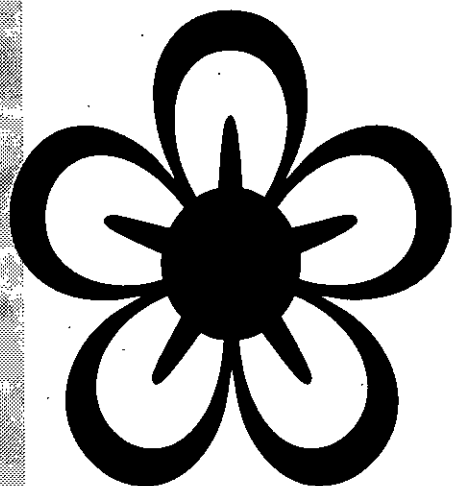
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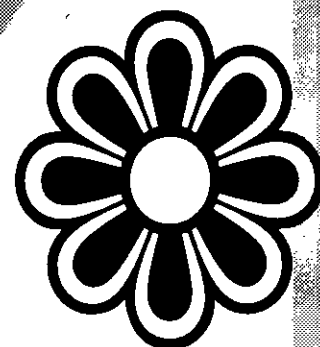
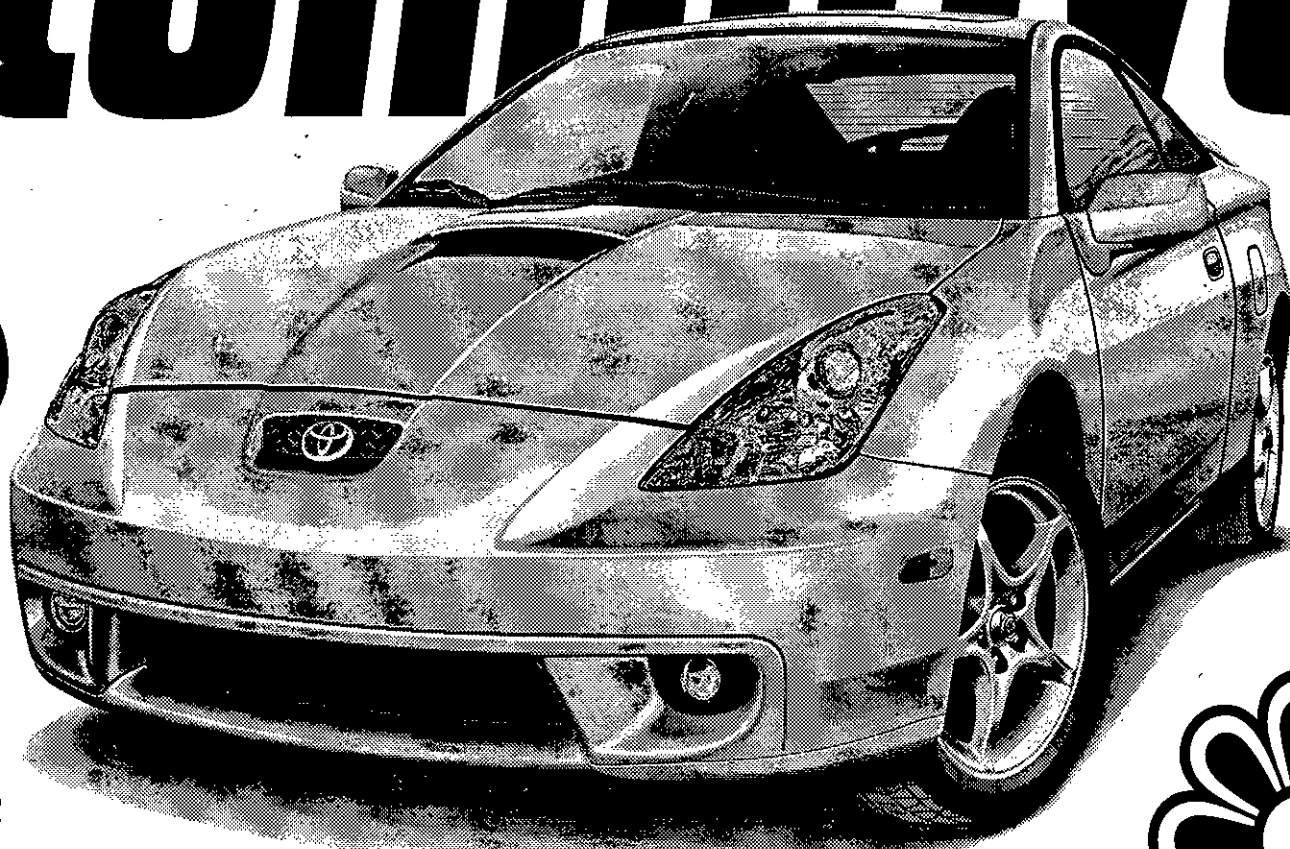
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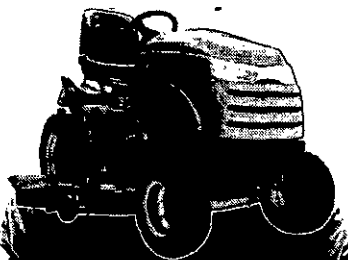
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There are numerous ways of containing items. For example, hooks on the wall work wonderfully for items you'd like to hang like lawn chairs, shovels and garden items, sleds or even bikes. You may want to place items that are bigger and bulkier nearer to the door so that you don't have to carry them throughout the garage to remove them for use.

Items that are used infrequently can be stored higher up on the wall. Open shelving makes it easy to see and remove items, but be sure to store chemicals or sharp tools in a locked cabinet to avoid any accidents.

Stackable bins with covers can be used for seasonal items; you can move the box most likely to be used this season to the top of the pile. Whatever method you decide to use, you'll save time and patience by putting all your stuff in its place.

Pests - from page S2

a nuisance. I'm a cat-a-holic, so I'm sensitive to this, but cats consider a garden a litter box with a view."

Sedlmayer cautioned that transporting wild animals is against New York state law.

"You could trap them with a Have-A-Heart trap, then call a professional or animal control," she said. "Five Rivers also keeps a list of animal rehabilitators."

Hardware cloth is one line of defense against animals interested in eating your garden. "It's actually a fine-meshed screen," Sedlmayer said. "Dig a trough, plant your bulbs, line it with hardware cloth, leaving an aperture for the plant. It prevents a lot of critters from eating them." Sedlmayer said



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there are also a number of repellents on the market, from time-release tablets that release bitter, to Ropel, a substance with blood in it. Some old-fashioned remedies include soap, and bags of human hair hung in the garden. Currently popular is a substance made up of Milwaukee sewage, that requires a fine hand when applying. "The problem is that after two weeks, deer get used to these substances, and treat them like condiments," Sedlmayer said. "A fence is really the best option."

David Rivers of Earth Sense Organics, his 29-year-old Glenville business, has long advocated organic gardening as the best way of dealing with pests. "I'm the original organic landscaper in the Capital District," he said. "Nowadays, more people want to know about the timing of life stages of insects, so they can time their planting around insects' chewing stages." Rivers said that a diverse garden is a big deterrent to insect damage. "Plant daffodils, marigolds and cosmos with your cabbages and beets. Inter-crop corn with squash and beans. If you give insects more choices, you won't see one group of plants damaged entirely."

Rivers said that many insects are beneficial to a garden, as are many natural predators. "Lacewings, praying mantises, ladybugs, and many kinds of wasps are

very helpful in a garden," he said. "As well, songbirds, in addition to being beautiful, will eat insects that damage a garden." To attract birds, Rivers recommended planting lilacs or forsythia along the edge of a garden, where they can hide from the cats and dogs that threaten them, and keep an eye on your garden for the pests they consider delectable. Mulching, Rivers said, is about the best thing you can do for your garden, particularly in a year that is starting off with a drought. Mulch helps the soil retain water, and by providing a shady cover, prevents weed growth, which might attract more pests.

Rivers, who said he became "100 percent organic 100 percent of the time" after noticing that natural gardens performed better over the long term than those treated with chemicals, has been encouraged by people seeking more knowledge about pests and plants.

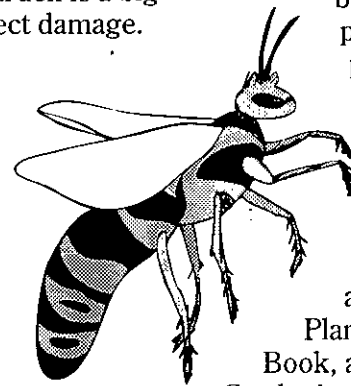
"Rodale publishes books that let people identify pests," he said,

"as well as beneficial insects."

Two books that he refers to regularly are The Organic

Plant Protection Book, and The Organic Gardening Encyclopedia.

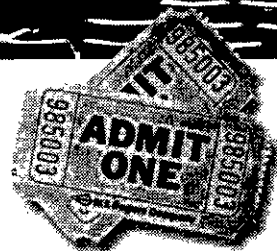
"We're just gaining an understanding of what goes on beneath the soil," Rivers said. "It's nice to have friends in the garden, and know that you don't have to squish or chase away everything."



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Step

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Sufrin first began working with the schools when she and another parent, Bob Mitchell, started the science club at the elementary school. "As a psychologist, I kept statistics," Sufrin said, "and we had 1,700 student attendances in 30 to 40 programs. The kids constructed things, watched dissections at Five Rivers, visited a veterinarian's office and toured the state police crime lab."

In 1990, Sufrin lost her first bid for the school board, but won in 1992. "My biggest goal was to shape academic programs," she said. "I wanted the board to have a voice whose primary focus was on academics, not for saving money, not for athletics, but for academics. There's never been any doubt about why I was there."

Sufrin is pleased with the way things have changed in the district during her tenure.

"More kids are going to college than went 10 to 12 years ago," she said. "More are going to four-year colleges, and more are going to out-of-state colleges, which means they're broadening their horizons."

Sufrin also said that there is more of an emphasis on improving writing and addressing the way science is taught. Foreign languages are being taught at a younger age and math acceleration — and earth science acceleration for eighth graders — are available. Technology in the school district, Sufrin said, has grown, and she pointed to one part of the current building project as a good example of how

it takes a big team to run a school district.

"About three years ago, Education Commissioner Richard Mills came to speak one Friday morning," Sufrin said. "My son Matt told me it was my obligation to voters in the district to go and ask questions."

Sufrin's main question had to do with the proposed auditorium in the building project, which would not receive any state aid. "How can you have a good arts program without an auditorium?" Sufrin asked. Mills gave Sufrin the name of a person to contact to discuss justifying state aid for the auditorium. From there, Business Superintendent Anthony Marturano wrote up the justification, and fellow school board member Bob Baron, who does a lot of institutional construction work, did some calculations. "That chain of events," Sufrin said, "led to our neat auditorium, funded based on its use by our arts program."

Sufrin said there were many aspects of being a school board member she hadn't expected.

"I didn't realize a board worked so much with personnel," she said. "The superintendent is the one district employee who has direct responsibility to the school board. We do a lot of policy work, and board members sit on negotiating committees with the unions." Sufrin said she has been surprised by how little fiscal discretion a school board has.

"Ninety percent of a district's costs are fixed," she said. "There are contractual salaries, contractual health benefits and

mandated expenditures."

Still, Sufrin said, boards must make sure that all competing interests get handled fairly.

"In crunch time," she said, "you need good judgment and a board diverse enough to fairly represent all the competing areas, remembering that our mission is to provide the best academic program that we can." Sufrin said she strongly supported increased parental involvement in the high school.

"It's a terrible thing to have your kids swallowed up into this brick hole every day," she said. "To be a responsible parent, you have to have familiarity with your children's school. Parents need to address problems, and they need to feel comfortable discussing things with the administration."

Working with the administration and the high school principals, the board has helped to make the school more open to parents.

"You see more parents visiting classrooms, joining Friends of Music, the PTA, and being part of the humanities program," Sufrin said.

Sufrin said the board's annual retreat helped the members to work well together.

"One of the things you realize is how critical a well-working team is," Sufrin said. "An individual can't do all this alone, but one person can throw it off. You need lots of people and conscientious input." Being in a small district has its pros and cons, Sufrin said. "One of the

challenges for a small district is that you're precluded from offering some of the courses that large districts can. Some of the advantages are that all the faculty know the kids, and it's a small pond, so a lot of kids have the opportunity to do a lot of things."

Sufrin, 58, has lived in Voorheesville since 1978. She is married to Edward Horn, a research scientist for the state Department of Health. They have two sons, 23-year-old Christopher, who is a research assistant at Rand Corporation, and Matthew, 20, a sophomore at Cornell. Sufrin has a bachelor of arts from Russell Sage College in science, and a physical therapy certificate from Albany Medical College. She has an M.A. in physical therapy and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, both from the University of Southern California. She works mostly with adults in her private psychology practice, and teaches psychology to second year residents at Albany Medical College. Voorheesville Elementary School Principal Ed Diegel said that Sufrin will be missed as a board member.

"She's always been very supportive of our programs and open to new initiatives," Diegel said. "She's very well read on education issues, she's insightful and she's got a great sense of humor." Superintendent McCartney also commented on Sufrin's insightfulness, and the amount of research she brought to board meetings. "Her emphasis was always on programs, and she

always sought to challenge all our students to work beyond where they thought they could be," McCartney said.

As Sufrin leaves the board, she reflected on the challenges facing education today.

"All this business about testing and accountability is good to a point," she said, "but it doesn't do anything to bring about change." One change Sufrin said she'd like to see is in the way teachers are educated.

"Teachers' undergraduate education should be by discipline," she said, "and should de-emphasize the teaching of teaching." Sufrin said that applied not only to middle-level and high school teachers. "Elementary teachers need an exposure to science and history, and everybody needs a good Western Civilization course," she said. "We need the programs to be challenging so that they attract bright young people." Sufrin also expressed frustration that schools are being looked to for many different aspects of child rearing.

"Kids are out of school more than they're in," Sufrin said. "Schools aren't surrogate parents, but they can function in consonance with the rest of society. We need to look for societal accountability — what do we do about kids who are up too late, whose parents don't read to them, or kids who don't have any structure in their lives? We have to all take responsibility for how our kids spend their time."

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numbers in the budget, on items like the hook-up to the village sewer system, a new 60-passenger bus, furniture and equipment, computer maintenance, special ed transportation, tech staff reduction, and leasing and purchasing computer equipment. Doing this, the district cut \$121,690.

From there, they looked at reduction of new initiatives. Since the death last year of Linda Wolkenbreit, assistant principal for the middle level, no one administrator had been the point person for the K-12 curriculum. The district has shelved its plans to hire an assistant superintendent for curriculum, saving \$84,914. A new middle level secretary will not be hired this year, and a planned elementary school science teacher post will instead be a teaching assistant post. There will not be an increase in middle level guidance staff, a small bus won't be purchased and only one set of graphing calculators, instead of one per student, will be purchased for a math level. New musical instruments will also not be purchased. These changes led to a \$190,599 reduction.

The district has eliminated its

distance learning classes, although classes taught at Voorheesville will still be offered. Model schools, a teacher training program, will be eliminated, and in-service programs will be provided at the school instead.

New Visions, BOCES-sponsored internships, will be eliminated, although students will be able to do internships through the school. Students attending Model United Nations will have to pay their own transportation costs. Summer school offerings will be limited to special ed only, a .20 FTE psychologist will not be hired, business office staffing will be reassigned when an employee retires instead of hiring a new person and the new custodian for the new building will not be hired until January 2003.

A new physical education teacher will not be hired when the second gym opens in the fall, and students playing a varsity sport will be exempt from physical education during the semester they are on a team. There will be two science labs in six days, instead of three labs in six days, and music groups will be restructured so that it's not necessary to hire a new music teacher. The high school and elementary school will each see

the elimination of one teaching assistant.

Clubs and sports that were not being fully utilized will also be eliminated. These include the riding club, the junior high drama club, modified basketball, modified baseball and softball, and boys varsity volleyball. McCartney and Winchell were loathe to speculate on what the tax rate would be on a 9.8 percent levy.

"We don't have the equalization rates yet, and the tax rolls aren't published till May 1," Winchell said.

Still, McCartney estimated that taxpayers in the town of New Scotland could be looking at a 9 to 9.5 percent tax increase. Both McCartney and Winchell said that they had expected some change after Sept. 11, but not to the extent they now face.

"I never expected the building aid formulas from the past to change," Winchell said. "The state has also not passed any mandate relief."

After Sept. 11, we didn't expect to get any more money," McCartney said. "But we would have expected the state to not pass more mandates and to work hard to pass an on-time budget,

so we could know how much money we'd have to work with."

McCartney is concerned that the 9.8 percent increase would lead to a defeated budget. If voters defeat a school budget twice, state law requires a contingency budget be put in place. The base budget in that case could not increase more than 3.36 percent, and McCartney and Winchell pointed out that the current budget calls for an increase of 3.68 percent — not that big a difference.

Further cuts, McCartney said, would come from staffing and program reductions, which would mean larger class sizes and fewer services to students.

"I hope that people will look at what was done to get down to this 9.8 percent increase," Winchell said. "I hope they'll examine what was cut, and the effort that was made. What's important is what's in this budget. It's a sound educational budget that keeps our core subjects, maintains class sizes and extra-curricular activities, while providing a safe and secure environment for students."

School districts across the state vote on their budgets on May 21.

Police nab youth for burglary

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Albany County sheriff's deputies last week arrested a Voorheesville youth and charged him with involvement in at least two burglaries of neighbors' residences — where he gained entrance through unlocked doors.

Ronald J. Henry, 16, of 99 Woodview Court was arrested on Tuesday, March 26, and arraigned before New Scotland town Justice Thomas Dolin on three felony counts — fourth-degree grand larceny and two counts of second-degree burglary — as well as petit larceny and filing a false written statement, both misdemeanors.

According to senior investigator Mike Monteleone of the sheriff's substation in Voorheesville, who supervised the investigation, the first burglary occurred at a private residence on Voorheesville Avenue sometime in January or early February and was reported to the sheriff's department. Henry is alleged to have entered the home and took a quantity of cash from an unlocked strongbox.

Monteleone said Henry admitted to the Voorheesville Avenue theft. But in attempting to account for a quantity of cash traced to him, "He eventually made some admissions about" a second burglary in mid-March for which a complaint had also been filed, at a home on Circle Drive, Monteleone said. In that instance, cash was taken from an unlocked vehicle in a driveway and then from the unlocked home.

Henry also told investigators of a third burglary, in the town of New Scotland, for which "no complaint has been filed. I doubt we will ever have a complaint there, because it involved the possible larceny of some illegal substance from the home," Monteleone said, and Henry has not been charged in connection with that incident.

Henry has been cooperative with investigators, Monteleone said. "He's been pretty truthful with us, and decided it would be pretty beneficial to make a full confession," he said. Investigators questioned Henry about several other reported incidents, but, said Monteleone, "At this time, as far as his direct involvement goes, these are the only incidents we are aware of for which we have a direct complaint."

At Henry's arraignment, Dolin ordered him held at Albany County jail without bail. An attorney representing Henry waived a preliminary hearing in town court Monday and will likely seek a bail hearing later this week in Albany County Court.

Burglaries by a village youth, Monteleone said, provide a cautionary tale for neighbors comfortable with unlocked doors.

"He didn't force entry to anything," Monteleone added. "He found opportunities where he could simply go right in. Even in a small community like Voorheesville, where everybody knows everybody else, locking the doors to your car and your home is a good policy to go with."



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Sports

Eagles throttle Tartans in opener

Hoffman wins division at Easter Ball tourney

By ROB JONAS

Bethlehem boys lacrosse coach **Dave Rounds** couldn't have asked for a better start to the 2002 season.

Tom Trimarchi scored five goals, and **Pat Heenan** added three goals and two assists to lead the Eagles to a 13-1 victory over Scotia-Glenville last Saturday in a non-league game at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

"It was a nice start," Rounds said. "We moved the ball real well, we played good defense, and it led to a good win."

The Eagles (1-0) jumped out to a 7-0 lead after the first half and never let up against the younger and less-experienced Tartans (0-1).

"I knew they were a young team from the discussions I had with their coach (**Darren VanHeusen**), but to be honest, I don't know how much that had to do with it because we moved the ball very well," Rounds said.

John Bartow and **Aaron Griffin** each had a goal and an assist, while **Mike Nuttall** provided two assists for Bethlehem. **John McCardle**, **Pat Riegel** and **Andrew Kelleher** also tallied.

The Eagles return to action Thursday against a Shenendehowa team that is coming off an impressive victory over Brewster (Section I) in its season opener last Wednesday.

"It's a great early-season test for us because Shen is one of the



Bethlehem's Ben Rauch, left, heads upfield during last Saturday's non-league game against Scotia-Glenville. *Jim Franco*

teams to beat," Rounds said. "If we can win on Thursday, that would be a huge win for us. Even if we play well, that would be huge for this program."

Bethlehem follows its game with Shen by playing Shaker next Tuesday.

Glenmont's **Robert Hoffman** took the boys 16-year-old singles title at last weekend's Easter Ball tennis tournament at Schenectady Racquet & Fitness.

Hoffman dropped only six games in his first three matches before defeating top-seeded **Nick Rutherford** of Clifton Park 6-4, 6-4 in the finals.

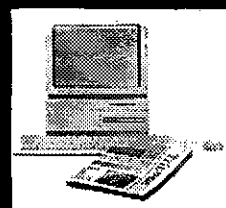
Delmar's **Christopher Bradt**

took third place in the boys 16 division by beating Pittsford's **Tennyson Saucedo** 6-3, 6-4 in the consolation finals.

Glenmont's **Brittany Lutz** reached the finals of the girls 12 singles division before losing to top-seeded **Angela Leva** of Clifton Park 6-3, 6-2. **Rebecca Weissman** of Glenmont lost to Loudonville's **Constance Crummey** 6-4, 6-1 in the consolation finals.

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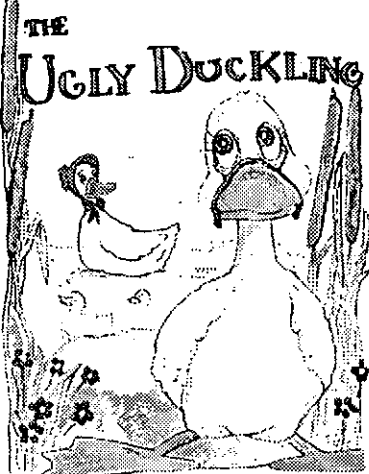
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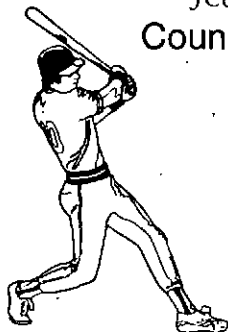
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School baseball teams eager to start season

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem baseball team enters the 2002 season with a revamped pitching staff and newcomers in key fielding positions.

The Eagles lost several players from last year's Suburban Council Gold Division championship team, including pitching ace **Avi Rasowsky** and infielder **John Nowak**.

"That's going to be a void we have to try to fill," Bethlehem coach **John DeMeo** said of Rasowsky's graduation, "but we have **Mark Bulger** back."

Bulger, who was Bethlehem's No. 2 starter behind Rasowsky last year, assumes the No. 1 spot in a rotation that also features three newcomers from the junior varsity team (**Jason Calacino**,

Jeff Young and **Connor McMahon**) and a pair of varsity veterans (**Jim Morrill** and **Brendan Hughes**).

"We're obviously going to expect him to be on his game most of the time," DeMeo said of Bulger. "Hopefully, he'll have a good defense behind him and a good offense."

Morrill and Hughes will also provide veteran leadership in the field, along with second baseman **Parker Brown** and catcher **Matt Drislane**.

"Brown led the team in hitting last year, so we're expecting him to contribute offensively," DeMeo said. "We're also going to look for guys like Hughes and Morrill to contribute."

The Eagles will begin the defense of their Gold Division title April 10 against Columbia.

Blackbirds aim for return trip

In Voorheesville, the Blackbirds are gearing up for another berth in the Section II, Class CC playoffs.

"We're looking to make it back to Sectionals," first-year coach **Craig Tynan** said. "With the guys we have back, if they play up to their potential, there's no reason they can't make it back."

The Blackbirds have several players from last year's Sectional semifinalist squad including pitchers **Mark Tidd** and **Kevin Vanderwarker**, outfielder **Mark Murray** and infielder **Greg Conklin**.



Voorheesville's Pat Selby crouches to make the catch during last Thursday's baseball team practice at the elementary school. *Rob Jonas*

Vanderwarker and Tidd will be part of a five-man pitching staff that will also include **Steve Hensel**, **Ryan Blakeney** and **Adam Hatch**.

"What I'm going to try to get is a three- or four-man rotation," Tynan said. "I have to look at the kids we have and look ahead at our schedule, and try to map out the best rotation from there."

Tynan doesn't see a lot of

power potential in his lineup, so he said the Blackbirds will rely on their speed to manufacture their runs.

"We're going to try to use aggressive base running," Tynan said. "My hope is there is to win some games by getting some extra runs that maybe we don't deserve."

Voorheesville opens its season Saturday against Watervliet.

Indians look to build on 2001 season

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk baseball team has its sights set on making the playoffs after struggling through a 4-14 season last year.

"I think we'll be improved from last year," RCS coach **Robert Dorrance** said. "I had a young team last year, (and) we lost a lot

of close games. We'd give up a big inning somewhere along the way, and we couldn't get over the hump."

Dorrance has two veteran pitchers at his disposal in senior **David Cross** and junior **Adam Sugrue**. The rest of the staff features newcomers **Gary Auclair**, **Eric Vasquez** and **Anthony Teriele**.

"I've got six guys (overall) who can throw strikes, but they're not going to overpower anybody," Dorrance said. "That's why it's important for us to play defense this year."

C.J. Berghela, **Chris Currey**, **Jeremy Irwin**, **Jimmy Currey** and **Desi Beichman** are also back for the Indians, who start the Colonial Council season Monday against Lansingburgh.

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Lady Eagles gear up for season

By ROB JONAS

For the last three years, the Bethlehem Lady Eagles have ruled the Section II girls lacrosse world.

But for the Lady Eagles to complete the "four-peat" in 2002, they will have to rely on a group of six freshmen to contribute on a regular basis.

"We're just trying to get the savvy," Bethlehem coach **John Battaglini** said. "They're brand new — one of them is in her first year of lacrosse — and they're going to be thrown in the thick of things. You're just going to have to be patient."

Two freshmen, **Katie Rowan** and **Cecilia Corrigan**, have earned starting defensive roles, while **Mackenzie Riegel** joins a revamped attack that lost several players to graduation, including All-Americans **Carley St. Lucia** and **Suzie Breaznell**.

"It's a big jump," Battaglini said. "They can't get away with the same habits as they did last year (on junior varsity)."

Bethlehem hasn't been left without weapons, though. Several key attackers are back, including **Brianna Bubeck**, **Amy O'Donnell**, **Katie Wagoner**, **Emily Cohen** and **Kristin Link**. Veteran goaltender **Dani Blanchard** also returns, as does **Kate Metevia**, who Battaglini is moving to the backfield to anchor the defense.

"I'm hoping to use her as an offensive threat later in the season," Battaglini said of Metevia.

Wagoner said the returning attackers know they will have to pick up the slack left by the graduation of St. Lucia and Breaznell.



Bethlehem's Brianna Bubeck looks for someone to pass the ball to during a recent girls lacrosse practice. *Rob Jonas*

"There is a little bit more weight on us this year, but it makes it more fun," Wagoner said.

Bethlehem begins its quest for another Sectional title Thursday against Shenendehowa.

"I always set high goals for them, but I want them to be doing

some of the little things I'm stressing right now," Battaglini said. "The wins will take care of themselves."

Conway earns honors from Big East conference

Bethlehem Central High School graduate **Nicole Conway** was named the Big East Conference's Scholar-Athlete of the Year for women's basketball.

The Boston College senior guard averaged 9.9 points and 5.4 rebounds per game for the 2001-02 season.

Off the court, Conway is the women's basketball representative to the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Board, as well as a volunteer tutor for middle

school students and the BC Pen Pal Program, which corresponds with elementary school-students.

Conway — an elementary education/math and computer science major — receives a \$2,000 scholarship, which can be applied to graduate or professional studies.

In addition to her scholar-athlete award, Conway was named to the Verizon Academic All-District I first team and an All-Big East honorable mention.

Cobleskill taps Ansaldo

SUNY Cobleskill named Bethlehem Central High School graduate **Lee Ansaldo** the Fighting Tiger Athlete of the Week for the period ending March 28.

Ansaldo, a member of the track and field team, qualified for the NJCAA Division III National Championships by finishing 10th in the 100-meter dash in a time of 11.11 seconds at the Monmouth University Invitational in West Long Branch, N.J.

He also anchored Cobleskill's 400-meter relay team to a fifth-place finish in a national qualifying time of 45.60 seconds.

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Rissacher leads Keene State softball team

Voorheesville graduate **Jan Rissacher** had two hits, including a double, to help the Keene State softball team defeat Suffolk University 12-3 March 21.

Rissacher drove in a run with a single in Keene State's second game of the day, an 8-0 victory over Cazenovia College. The win improved the Owls' record to 7-1.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Rowe

Elizabeth Abbott Rowe of Delmar died Monday, March 25, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Reading, Mich., she earned degrees from Hillsdale College, the University of Michigan and SUNY Albany.

She was a registered nurse in Michigan and in New York.

Mrs. Rowe was a teacher in Michigan schools. She was supervisor of pediatrics at Sparrow Hospital School of Nursing in Lansing. During her tenure as a faculty member at Hillsdale College, she received a W.K. Kellogg grant to develop a course in health education for college students.

During World War II, she taught an emergency program to nurses aides for the Michigan state board of education.

After moving to Slingerlands in 1956, she taught at the former St. Agnes School and in the Bethlehem Central School District. In 1963, she joined the biology faculty at Hudson Valley Community College, where she worked until she retired in 1977.

Mrs. Rowe received the New York State Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1975, and the Capital District Senior Issues Forum's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000.

She was the widow of Robert C. Rowe.

Survivors include two daughters, Laurie Ann Rowe of Delmar and Mary Christine Rowe of Michigan; a son, Robert Abbott Rowe of Shelburne, Vt.; and two grandsons.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Entombment was in St. Stephen's Columbarium.

Arrangements were by the Bryce Funeral Home in Troy.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Avenue, Delmar 12054 or Bethlehem Senior Projects, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Lowell Rich

Lowell H. Rich, 81, of Slingerlands died Tuesday, March 26, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a technician for the former New York Telephone Co. for 40 years before he retired.

Mr. Rich was an avid hunter and fisherman. He had a private pilot's license and flew his own plane for 22 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. He was a bombardier on a B-24. He flew 40 missions and received two Distinguished Flying Crosses. He also served in the National Guard as a captain. Mr. Rich's name will be entered into the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Remington Rich; two daughters, Pamela Rich Amari and Gretchen Remington Rich, both of New Hampshire; and two grandsons.

Services were private.

Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, N.H. 03086.

Veronika Riggs

Veronika S. Riggs, 80, of Greenwich, Conn., and formerly of Delmar, died Thursday, March 21, at Greenwich Woods Nursing Home.

Born in Wonsovue, Kan., she attended Albany area schools and was a graduate of Elmira Normal School.

She received a master's degree from Columbia University.

Miss Riggs taught in Bethlehem Central schools for eight years. She later taught at Midland Middle School in Rye before she retired.

She was a former president of the Rye Teachers Association and

was active in the Rye Women's Club and the Rye Historical Society. She enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include two nieces, Veronika Webb of Higganum, Conn., and Anna R. Higgs of Canyon Country, Calif.

Services were from Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Rye Women's Club, c/o Joan Walsh, Philanthropic Chairwoman, 285 Milton Road, Rye 10580.

Davina Sherman

Davina E. Sherman, 84, of Slingerlands died Tuesday, March 26.

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, she was educated at the former St. Agnes School in Albany.

She was a graduate of the former Connecticut College for Women.

Ms. Sherman was an assistant vice president of Savings Bank Life Insurance for the former City & County Savings Bank of Albany.

She was active in the Red Cross Motor Corps during World War II. She was a member of Albany Country Club, the Junior League of Albany and volunteered at the Albany Institute of History & Art.

Survivors include a niece, Davina Spencer of Bountiful, Utah, and a longtime friend, Wallace Smith.

Services were from Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Community United Methodist Church, 1497 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159.

Mildred Guffin

Mildred F. Guffin, 94, of Albany, and formerly of Voorheesville, died Wednesday, March 27, at Child's Nursing Home in Albany.

Born and educated in Albany, she was a graduate of the former St. Agnes School and Vassar College.

She was a librarian for the state Department of Taxation & Finance before she retired.

She was the oldest member of First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany and a former member of the Adirondack Mountain Club.

Survivors include a cousin, Jane W. Fowler of Gunderland.

Miss Guffin donated her body to the Albany Medical College Anatomical Gift Program.

A memorial service is

scheduled at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany.

Camille Pelletier

Camille R. Pelletier, 77, of Colonie, and formerly of New Scotland, died Monday, March 26, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in New Scotland, she was a graduate of the former Cathedral Academy in Albany and Albany Business College.

Mrs. Pelletier was a communicant of St. Francis de Sales Church in Colonie.

She was the widow of John J. Pelletier.

Survivors include seven sons, John W. Pelletier of Watervliet, David Pelletier, Roger Pelletier, Gregory Pelletier and Donald Pelletier, all of Colonie, Michael Pelletier of Niskayuna and Robert Pelletier of East Greenbush; six daughters, Betty Ann Poutre of Waterford, Jeannine Snavey and Kathy Lifite, both of Colonie, Renee Bossini of Petersburg, Laurie Staats of Albany and Lisa Garcelon of Gunderland; 33 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. Francis de Sales Church.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 2 Executive Park, Albany 12203.

Paul Nasner

Paul Nasner of Albany, and formerly of Feura Bush, died Saturday, March 23, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Feura Bush, he was a longtime resident of New Salem and Voorheesville.

He was a See Bees veteran of World War II.

Mr. Nasner was an electrician operating P&N Electric in New Salem.

He was a woodworker and a home builder.

Survivors include his wife, Ilene Martin Nasner; and a daughter, Paulette L. Moak of Delmar.

Services were from the Hans Funeral Home in Gunderland.

Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in New Scotland.

Contributions may be made to the DAV Dept. of New York, 200 Atlantic Ave., Lynbrook 11563, The City Mission of Albany, 259 S. Pearl St., Albany 12202 or the Hunger Action Network of NYS, 94 Central Ave., Albany 12206.

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The Bethlehem Business Women's Club is offering scholarships to a senior graduating from Bethlehem Central High School. A high academic standing is not necessary.

The application deadline is April 19. For details, call the guidance office or call 439-4955, ext. 183.

Local woman named to hospital post

Jane Norris of Voorheesville was recently named manager of volunteer services at St. Peter's Hospital. The office coordinates about 600 volunteers who provide a range of services to patients and visitors.

In 2001, the value of these volunteer services was calculated to be \$800,000. The manager's position also serves as the liaison to St. Peter's Auxiliary, the corporate component of St. Peter's Health Care Service. The auxiliary contributes financially to St. Peter's Health Care through the gift shop, thrift shop and baby photo program, as well as other fund-raising efforts. The auxiliary also supports a variety of educational programs.

Tangora Technologies receives award

Tangora Technologies, Inc. received the Home Automation Networking Association's Mark of Excellence Award recently in Orlando, Fla.

The company was recognized for its work in improving a 1916 center hall colonial home, a building that falls under the category of "Single Family Residential Installation — Classic Home Style."

BCHS students become finalists

All seven of Bethlehem Central High School's National Merit semifinalists have advanced to finalist standing.

The finalists are: Peter Bird, Nichole Bronson, Miranda Davis, Andrew Eckel, Celinda Gebhardt, Jozef Kpochick and Michael Schwab.

From 16,200 semifinalists chosen last September, 15,000 finalists were chosen. Roughly 8,000 students across the country will be chosen from the finalists to receive Merit Scholarships. The winners will be named this spring.

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

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

IN MEMORIAM Robert J. Davis, Sr.

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Dean's List

Siena College - Presidents list
 Matthew Allegretti, Alysan Brod, Kristin Robinson and Edward Wyluda, all of Delmar; Sonya Smelyansky of Glenmont; Lauren Englisbe, Laura Farley, Elina Lyustikman and Brian Mirochnik, all of Slingerlands; Carli Bareis, Denise Siver and Michael Wiater, all of Voorheesville.

Siena College - Deans list
 Peter Allegretti, Elizabeth Brookins, Brooke Ford, Amanda Kelly and Scott Kind, all of Delmar; Beth Ann Filkins and Amy Nevins, both of Glenmont; Jessica Marsh of Selkirk; Katie Donahue and Susan George, both of Slingerlands; John Kazukenus and Jessica Stewart, both of Voorheesville.

The University at Albany
 Brittany Burnham of Slingerlands; Melissa Padula of Delmar; David Pietrafesa of Glenmont.

Tufts University
 Emily Putnaul of Delmar.

Morrisville College
 Christopher Pace of Selkirk.

Michigan State University
 John Bragle of Slingerlands.



Mark and Lynn Kruegler

Schoonbeck, Kruegler wed

Lynn Schoonbeck, daughter of Susan and Robert Schoonbeck of Ravena, and Mark Kruegler, son of Mary and Stephen Kruegler of Latham, were married on July 13. The Rev. Briegle performed the ceremony at Birch Hill in Schodack. A reception followed at the conservatory at Birch Hill. Bridesmaids were Christine Gordinier, sister of the bride, Brenda Flint and Kristine Tracey. Ushers were John Wisenburn,

John Paratore and Chris Morigerato. The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and Siena College. She is an auditor for the New York State Insurance Fund. The groom is a graduate of Shaker High School. He is an electrician for IBEW Local 236 in Niskayuna. Following a two week tour of Europe, the couple resides in Latham.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service. Black and white and color photos are acceptable, however Polaroid photos cannot be printed. For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to P.O. Box 100, Delmar 12054.



Angela Rosetti and Jared Austin

Rosetti, Austin engaged

Angela Rosetti, daughter of Mary Ellen and Joe Rosetti of Delmar, and Jared Austin, son of Kimberly and David Austin of Castleton, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School; SUNY Cobleskill.

She will receive a bachelor of arts degree from Siena College this May. The future groom is a graduate of Maplehill High School and SUNY Cobleskill. He is self-employed. The couple plans a Oct. 26 wedding.

Two local students named to Who's Who

Forty-nine students at Hudson Valley Community College were recently inducted in the 2001-2002 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*.

Colleen Moore of Selkirk and Lauren Whiton of Slingerlands were among those that were named to the list.

Moore is a president's list student in the Liberal Arts and Sciences/Humanities and Social Sciences Department, who in addition to her full-time studies, works part-time as a secretary at a doctor's office.

Whiton has participated in various on-campus extracurricular activities, including the Stuart Cooper Society and Physician Assistant Program information sessions and interviews.

The students were honored at a recognition ceremony in the auditorium of the Bulmer Telecommunications Center on the Hudson Valley campus.

The students were nominated by faculty, department chairs or advisers, based on their outstanding academic achievement as well as participation in either extracurricular activities on campus or volunteer service to their respective communities.



Jeremy Zucker and Wendy Proskin

Proskin, Zucker to marry

Wendy Proskin, daughter of Martha and Arnold Proskin of Menands, and Jeremy Zucker, son of Margery and Alan Zucker of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

She is a pediatrician at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx. The future groom is a graduate of Shaker High School and SUNY Albany.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Shaker High School, Brandeis University and Downstate Medical School.

He is an equity trader for Heartland Securities in New York City. The couple plans a June 23 wedding.

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Halfmoon Button Club meeting scheduled

The Halfmoon Button Club of the Capital District will meet on Wednesday, April 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The program will be on China Buttons. The public is welcome.

SPOTLIGHT ON **Family ENTERTAINMENT**
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WAMC performing arts studio offers entertainment variety

By BILL FONDA

In addition to being deputy executive director of WAMC-FM, Selma Kaplan is a musician, and one of her recent performances was one of the opening activities at the station's new performing arts studio on Central Avenue.

"I was crying," she said. "It felt so good. It was a wonderful thing."

The centerpiece of the 5,400-square-foot Fleet Bank-turned auditorium across the street from WAMC's studios on 318 Central Avenue is the 226-seat Linda Norris Auditorium. This venue is the site for a series of chamber music performances.

WAMC's chamber music series began late last month, and continues with the Cassatt String Quartet April 7. The quartet was the first in Juilliard's Young Artist Quartet Program, and has performed at Carnegie Hall, Tanglewood and Kennedy Center.

The John Corigliano Quartet comes to the studio April 14, and Bert Lucarelli and Simon Wynberg will be the featured artists April 21. All performances begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50, but station Director of Underwriting Dona Frank, who runs the performing arts studio with Kaplan, said that the somewhat higher ticket price is because the chamber music performers require guarantees. They are the only performers receiving them.

"And they're working for a quarter of what they usually charge," Kaplan said.

Typically, prices are closer to the \$5 charged for the Saturday children's series, which takes place weekly at 10 a.m. Upcoming Saturday shows include The Ivy Vine Players April 6 and the Brian Melick Percussion Workshop April 13. Frank said the shows provide a family venue.

"People are looking for places to take their kids," she said.

Wednesday nights are music nights, with live performances at 9 p.m. WAMC's "Dancing on the Air" show is scheduled for April 10, and "The Tao of Tao," featuring Tao Rodriguez Seeger, will be April 17. Tickets are \$8 for station members and \$10 for nonmembers.

For shows such as "Dancing on the Air," some of the seats are removed so audience members have room to dance.

"People love to dance, and this is a good dancing floor as well," Frank said.

Thanks to a state-of-the-art movie screen and sound system, the auditorium also hosts weekly movies for \$6.

"We only do classic films, 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' ones like that," Frank said.

In addition providing an entertainment venue, Kaplan said the studio

has given the station the ability to expand what it already considers to be great programming.

"When you have Alex Torres playing for 60 people who are dancing, it's a lot different than Alex Torres playing in an empty room," she said.

In addition, Kaplan said it allows programs like bringing in more than 300 schoolchildren to listen to music.

"We could have never fit them in across the street," she said.

Other institutions are also recognizing the center's impact on the local arts scene. One of its recent performers, Voices on the Verge, was booked after Peter Lesser of The Egg recommended the center to the vocal quartet.

"He thought they'd be better in a smaller venue," Frank said.

Kaplan hopes such cooperation between arts venues will become the norm.

"The whole idea is what's good for one is good for all," she said.

Since WAMC is aired in all or parts of seven states, into Canada and on the Internet on thepublicradiostation.com, Kaplan said she hopes performances presented and aired by the station will pique audience members' interest.

"We're hoping that we're sending audiences to other organizations," Kaplan said.

Although the center has only been open since February, Frank said it has already had an impact on the businesses around it.

"If there were another restaurant around here, it would be packed," Frank said. "People do more business as a result of the people we've been bringing in."

Kaplan added that part of the station's intent is to help revitalize the neighborhood.

"The Central Avenue BID (Business Improvement District) called this a catalyst project," Kaplan said. "That's very important to us. We're very

committed to this neighborhood."

Parking is available on Central Avenue, behind the studio, the lot next to WAMC's main building and at nearby Rehabilitation Support Services.

"People have never complained about a place to park," Frank said.

Security cameras monitor all sides of the building at all times, and a guard is on duty for night performances.

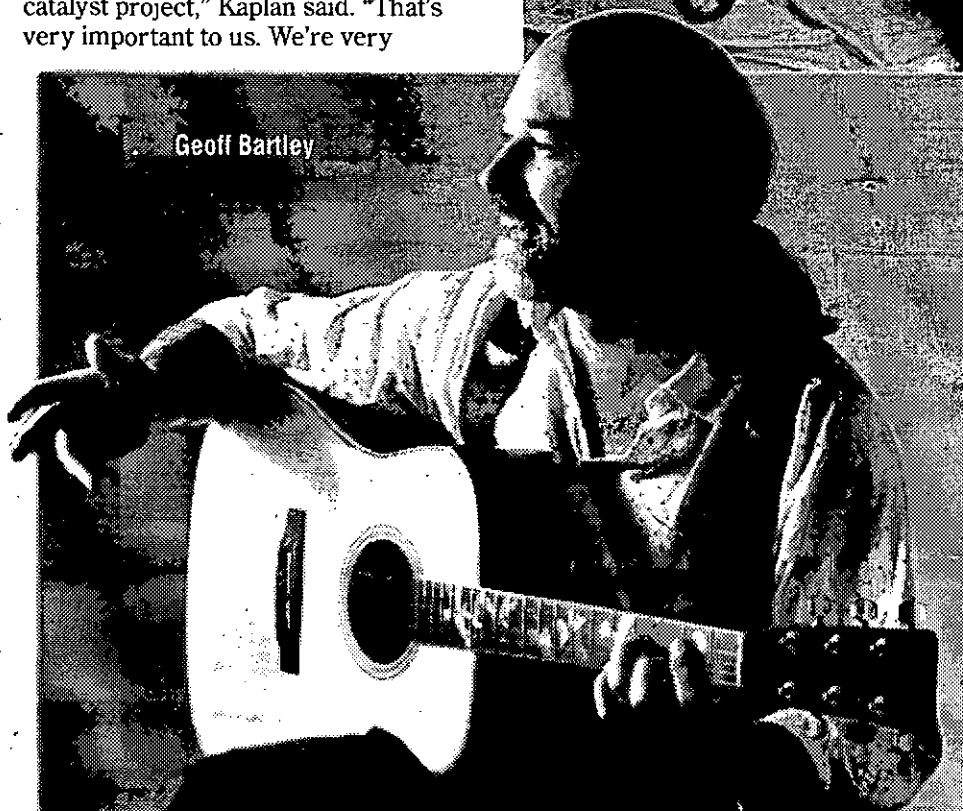
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school district budget will be held on the 8th day of May, 2002 at the Educational Services Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m., EDT.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2002 to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, Warren Stoker and Robin Storey and petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2002, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Susan Birkhead, must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., EDT, April 22, 2002.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. For the election of three (3) members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years, all commencing July 1, 2002, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, Warren Stoker and Robin Storey;

3. Upon the appropriation of \$1,109,400 to purchase fifteen (15) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

4. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

5. For the election of one (1) trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2002, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Susan Birkhead.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that application for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 21, 2002, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be available at the polling place on May 21, 2002.

Steven O'Shea
School District Clerk
Dated: March 13, 2002
Publish dates: April 3, 24, May 1, 15, 2002
(April 4, 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.

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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.
(April 4, 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.
(April 4, 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.
(April 4, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CIRCLECOM 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.
(April 4, 2002)

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Notice of Formation of COMPATIBLE CONNECTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/15/02. 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: The LLC, P.O. Box 14372, Albany, NY 12212. Purpose: any lawful activity.
(April 4, 2002)

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Notice of filing of articles of organization of a limited liability company ("LLC") named Conroy Realty I, LLC. Articles filed with NY sec. of state ("SOS") on 3/20/02. Office location: Albany County: SOS, designated as agent for service of process, shall mail copy of process to The LLC, 1867 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.
(April 4, 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 gen. ptr. available from SSNY Cert. of LP on file with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: man-

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agement company.
(April 4, 2002)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2002-2003.

And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Erica M. Sufirin.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

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

Voorheesville Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Clayton A. Bouton High School: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day not later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District Voorheesville, New York 12186
Dated: April 3, 2002
Dorothea Pfeleiderer
District Clerk

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT at said hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York held on May 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said district, the Public Library budget for the year 2002-2003 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.

And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the term of Homer Warner.

2. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

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

Voorheesville Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Clayton A. Bouton High School: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Library Board must be filed with the Clerk of the Library Board not later than the 30th day preceding the school

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meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the Library Board, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidates and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day not 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
Gail Sacco, Clerk
Dated: April 3, 2002
(April 4, 2002)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 27th day of March 2002, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to build a rest room and snack bar building at Elm Avenue Park, Line Drive, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will be approximately \$20,000 and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such construction are in the Recreation Capital Reserve Account; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the rest room and snack bar building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve monies to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$20,000 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account the funds necessary up to \$20,000 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

This motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Plummer, was seconded by Mr. Lenhardt and duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Marcelle.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mrs. Davis.

Dated: March 27, 2002
(April 4, 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.
(April 4, 2002)

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 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

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the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
S/Jesse Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(April 4, 2002)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FOLIAGE CONSULTING LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: FOLIAGE CONSULTING 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 on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is December 31, 2052.

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:

P.O. Box 103
Slingerlands, New York 12159

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
(April 4, 2002)

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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.
(April 4, 2002)

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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.
(April 4, 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.
(April 4, 2002)

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

The name of the LP 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

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mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159.
(April 4, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

The name of the LP is GREENWICH PARTNERS, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the LP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 6, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
(April 4, 2002)

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.
(April 4, 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.
(April 4, 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.
(April 4, 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.
(April 4, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

The name of the LP is LANSINGBURGH PARTNERS II, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the LP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 6, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
(April 4, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

The name of the LP 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

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Louis Byrne Physician, LLC was filed with the Secretary of State New York on March 22, 2002. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: The LLC, 3 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The registered agent is: Louis Byrne Physician, LLC, 2 Tower Place, Executive Park North, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (April 4, 2002)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections and Iron Castings (highway, grates and covers) during the period from 1 May 2002 to 30 April 2003 inclusive, for the use of said Town, as and when required. Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. for Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections; and 3:10 for Iron Castings, on the 16th 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 addressed to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. 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 shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

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

Dated: March 27, 2002
(April 4, 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. (April 4, 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. (April 4, 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 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. (April 4, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

NRG REAL ESTATE, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the

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New York Secretary of State on March 18, 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 NRG Real Estate, LLC, P.O. Box 98, Latham, New York 12110. 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. (April 4, 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 St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 4, 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. (April 4, 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. (April 4, 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. (April 4, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 257 State St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. (April 4, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 4, 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 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. (April 4, 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.

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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.

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. Thuillez, Organizer
(April 4, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the Limited Liability Company is Thomas Inkpen, LLC.

LEGAL NOTICE

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. (April 4, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: TOBIAS REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/20/02. 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, 400 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (April 4, 2002)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the Limited Liability

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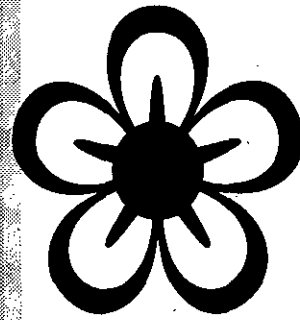
Company is Total Flooring Plus, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State on March 8, 2002. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located 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. (April 4, 2002)

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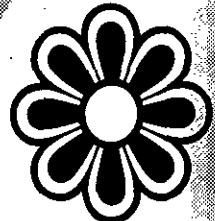
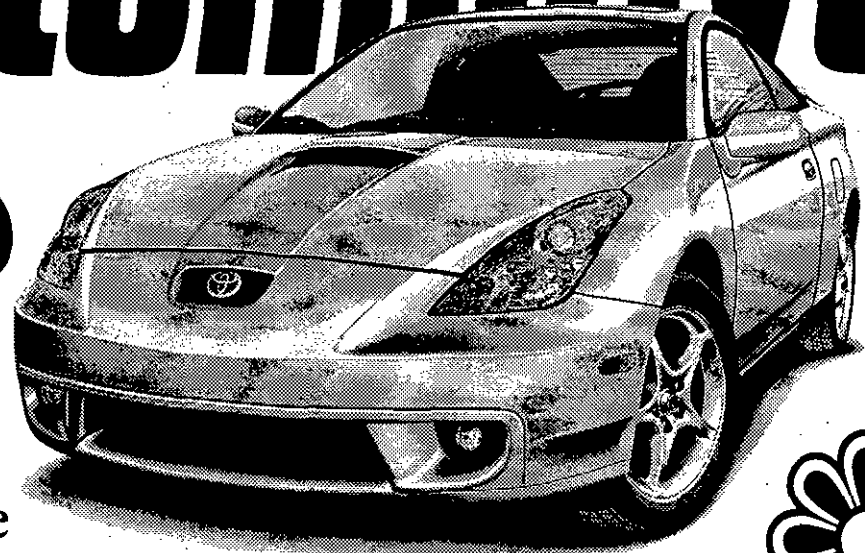
Notice of Qualification of WSE MANAGEMENT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/7/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/9/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 702 SW 8th St., Bentonville, AR 72716. Arts. of Org. on file with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (April 4, 2002)

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

To update or correct calendar listings, call 439-4949, ext. 28.

Wed. 4/3

BETHLEHEM

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

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.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

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.

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

BINGO

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

BOOK DISCUSSION AT VPL

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

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

Thurs. 4/4

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.

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; Slingerlands 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.

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. 4/6

BETHLEHEM

OUTDOOR WALK AT FIVE RIVERS

To celebrate the 165th anniversary of the birth of naturalist John Burroughs, a guided walk of the grounds in search of robis, bluebirds, and other thrushes, accompanied by passages from Burroughs' nature essays: Dress for weather. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

POETRY PERFORMANCE DAY

Signup at desk. Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 1-4 p.m.

Sun. 4/7

BETHLEHEM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

85 Elm Ave., worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices, handicap accessible, coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED

Sunday School and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m. T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with children's program. Nursery care available at all worship times. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Worship services 9 & 10:45 a.m.; nursery and Sunday School through 5th grade provided at both services. 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, 65 Willowbrook Ave. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM

Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11

a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child-care provided, vespers 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Krumkill Road at Schoothouse Road, North Bethlehem.

FIRST UMC OF DELMAR

Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

KING'S CHAPEL

Traditional Baptist Bible service, 10 a.m.; 434 Route 9W, just south of Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-9955.

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 10:55 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child-care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

worship service, 11 a.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Services Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mill Road, Normansville, beneath the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-5710.

WINE-TASTING FUNDRAISER

An evening of wine and hors d'oeuvres, benefit for the BREATHE and SAFER community advocacy committees; 1408 River Road, Selkirk, 4-7 p.m. \$30 per person.

NEW SCOTLAND

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided. Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship service, 10:30 a.m., fellowship following worship service; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided; 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

JERUSALEM REFORMED

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2021.

Mon. 4/8

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.

CHESSMATES

Parent-child chess club's monthly meeting; bring chess set if possible. Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 6-8 p.m. Information, 439-3616.

DELMAR KIWANIS

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

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.

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.

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

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Tues. 4/9

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.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Limited to six registrants; tutorials on use of mouse and keyboard, online catalog, basic searches. Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 1:30 and 3 p.m. Also April 23. Registration, 439-9314.

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

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

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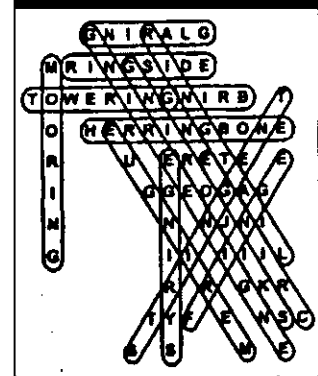
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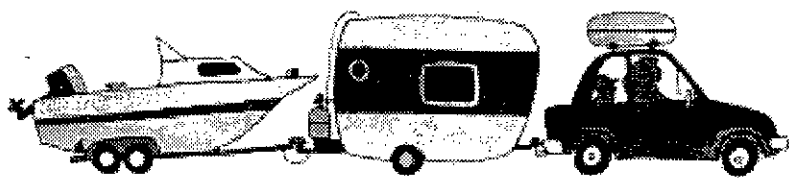
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- Steering/suspension
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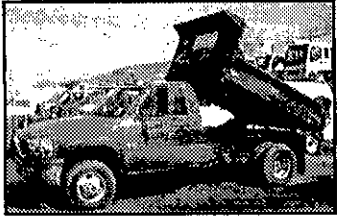
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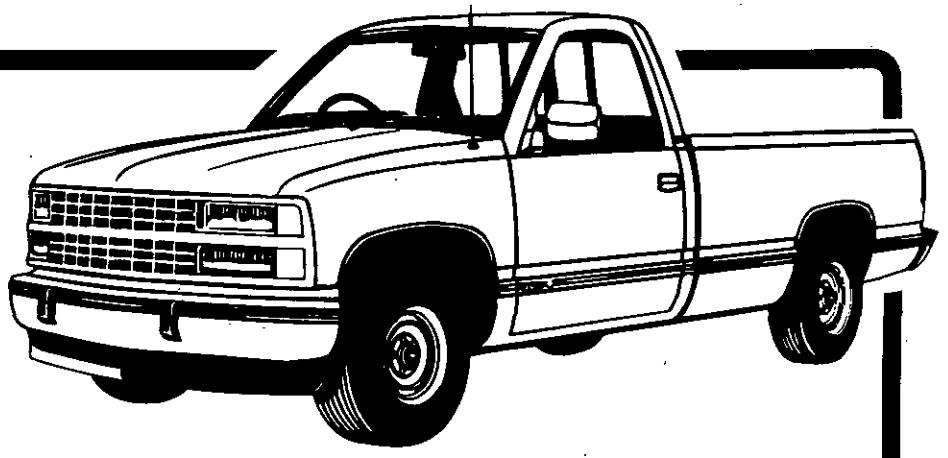
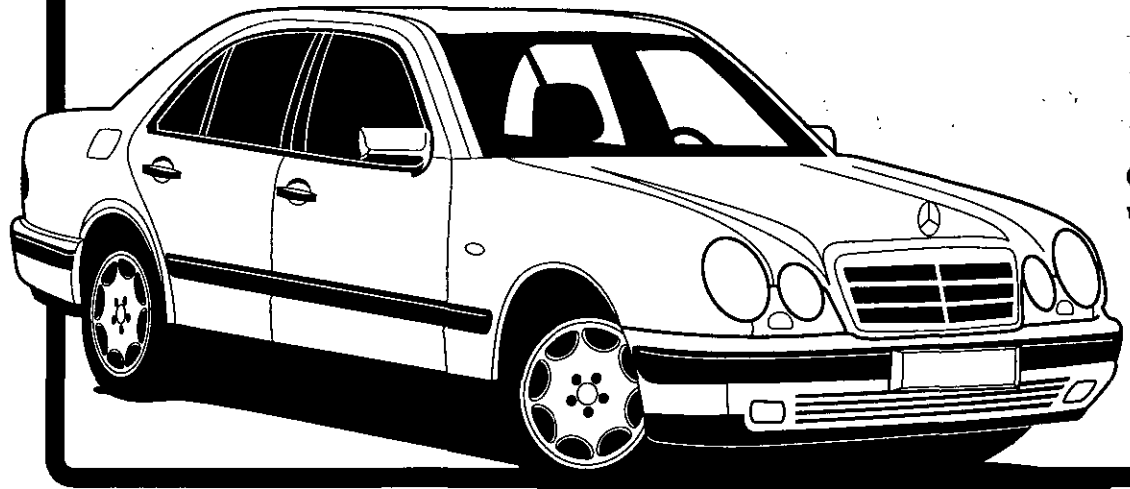
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Billboard

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prizes — and won placement of their corporate logos along the bottom of the billboard, right below the town seal.

It was the billboard's posting in Bethlehem — along Route 144, River Road, near the Glenmont Job Corps — that drew fire.

Arranged through a commercial billboard company, "It was the only (billboard) available for it," Fisher said. "We were told the others in town were all booked."

As it happens, WMI has a proposal currently under review by the town planning board to build an administrative building and truck-maintenance facility, a

project that has drawn opposition from a citizens group called BREATH — Bethlehem Residents Environmentally Against Trash Hauling — made up principally of residents of nearby Selkirk.

The project site is along River Road — less than a mile from where the promotional billboard went up. Its appearance prompted immediate criticism from several BREATH members, who contacted Fuller by phone and e-mail to register their objections.

"I think it's clear who the town of Bethlehem is supporting on the Waste Management project!" wrote Paul Giordano. "What an insult."

Calling the sign "the latest insult to our community" and its placement "at the very least

untimely" and "a gross mistake," BREATH spokesman Marcus Poirier wrote Fuller, "At such a time, it would be prudent for the town to consider the implications of associating itself in a partnership with a corporation that is actively being fought by many residents."

The controversy went public last Wednesday at the conclusion of the Bethlehem town board meeting, when Fuller read a two-page statement prepared by Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, Fisher's supervisor.

"This is both unfortunate and untimely, and most certainly a poor location for such a display," Fuller said. "This afternoon was the first time I was aware that such a project was taking place."

While she stressed that the

town is "fully supportive" of recycling and the promotional campaign, Fuller said she directed Sagendorph to remove the billboard.

In an e-mail message distributed to BREATH members last Wednesday night, Fisher apologized for the gaffe. The sponsors had contributed "insignificant amounts" for the prize money, she said. She noted that she had suggested simply removing the WMI logo from the billboard, but concurred with Fuller's decision.

"The recycling billboard was not supposed to be so controversial. This was only meant to bring a message (about) recycling. Sorry for the controversy," Fisher wrote.

Fuller said later that she was

embarrassed by the flap, and took Fisher to task. "It just was so insensitive," she said. "Certainly Waste Management has been on the planning board's agenda since February 2001. This is totally inexcusable that a town employee would not have been aware of the controversy and sensitive to this community issue."

Fuller also found fault with the use of the town seal.

"Why would you go and do something like this without saying a word to me about it?" she said. "The use of the town seal is not something that should be done lightly. Anyone driving down Route 144 isn't seeing the message. They're seeing 'Town of Bethlehem,' and right under it, 'Waste Management.' What are people supposed to think?"

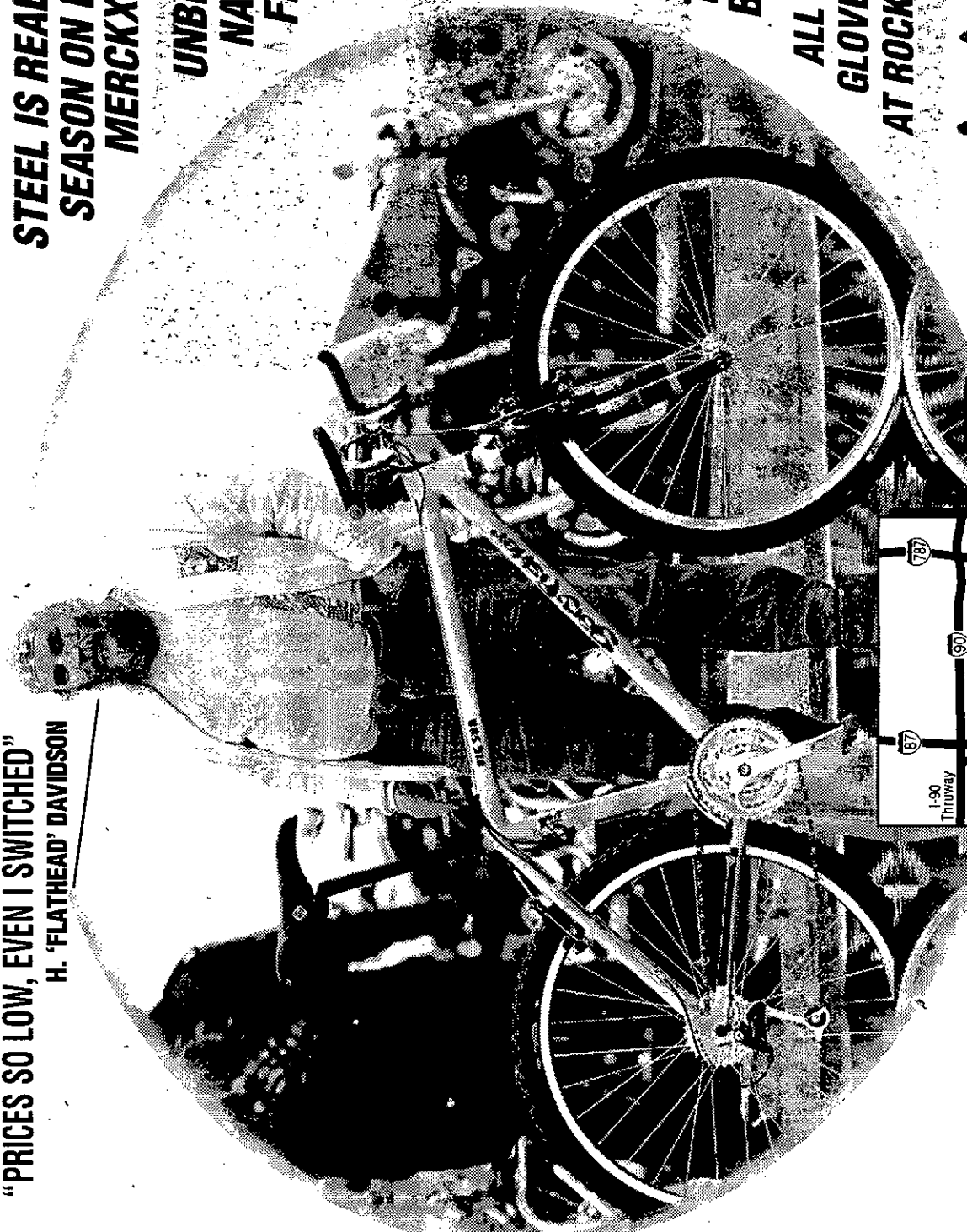
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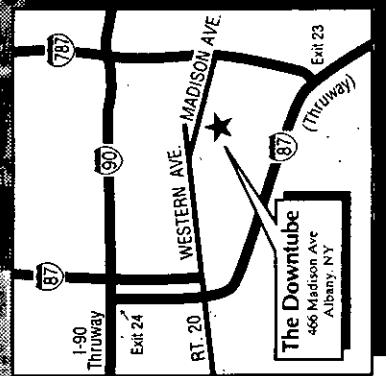
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