Route 144 residents fear more fatalities

By Mel Hyman

Barbara Burt and Pat Geurtze have been neighbors along Route 144 between Lincoln Drive and Simmons Avenue in Glenmont for just over a year.

And they've seen enough.

Last week's fatal accident, in which a 31-year-old Cohoes man died after his car crashed into a tractor-trailer was the last straw for these women, as well as several others who called The Spotlight last week to voice concern.

Their basic fear is the traffic hazard created by vehicles speeding north and south on this two-lane road. ‘Tim concerned that people know that this is the second accident in four days,” Burt said. It looked to me like the car was totaled. The tree was ripped right out of the ground. That’s how fast he was going.”

It was amazing that the driver escaped unscathed, police said.

Serious accidents along the stretch of

Burglary blitz hits Delmar

By Mel Hyman

A rash of burglaries in the Delmar area over the weekend had police hopping and neighbors wondering what in the world was happening.

Five break-ins and one attempted forced entry were reported to the Bethlehem police, who are still investigating and gathering an inventory of what was stolen.

The first call, which police received at 8:10 p.m., came from Salisbury Road. Indications are that a front door was forced open, police said. A camera, binoculars, silverware and antique jewelry were among the items stolen.

The owner of the Salisbury Road residence, along with his son, encountered the burglars when they came home Saturday.

V’ville ‘corporal’ relives Pickett’s Charge

By Dev Tobin

Bryan Gosling of Voorheesville spent a hot week in August helping to re-create the Battle of Gettysburg for the upcoming Turner Network Television mini-series The Killer Angels, but don’t call him an extra.

Gosling, his fellows in the 125th Volunteer Infantry Regiment and more than 4,000 Civil War re-enactors were “background artists” for the film, a tribute to their historical authenticity.

A retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, Gosling is now a color corporal in the 125th, a company of re-enactors dedicated to “educating the public about the Civil War, and about what it was like for the average soldier,” he said.

Gosling recounted his movie experiences in a lunchtime lecture with slides Thursday at the New York State Military Heritage Museum in Albany’s Washington Avenue Armory.

“We sat around in the August sun to a degree a regular army would not allow, but I was sorry to see that week slip away,” Gosling said.

The production’s commitment to authenticity impressed Gosling. “The Killer Angels will take you right into the firing line at the stone wall. It’s really realistic,” he said.

Showing a slide of “dead” horses littering the battlefield as “garnish,” Gosling explained that horsesides sewn over plastic forms created the realistic effect.

Gosling praised Turner, a Civil War enthusiast, for working with the re-enactment community to ensure “a serious contribution to the interpretation of the Civil War.”

A re-enactor/historian reviewed the script and gave the OK that guaranteed cooperation from re-enactor companies from across the country.
GEORGE P. KANSAS

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- 14 years in the legislature and not one, single piece of significant legislation directly relating to the citizens of our town.
- A representative who, according to The Times Union, asks us to believe that, in June, he worked 43 hours a week on county government although he is employed by the State Senate which convened 19 full days in the same month.

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BC defends writing program

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Central English faculty explained the district’s process writing program to an overflow crowd of parents and students at last Wednesday’s school board meeting.

“This is a very well-researched program that began by analyzing what real writers do,” said Val Palco, an elementary English coordinator. “Students progress through all the stages of writing: pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing and publishing.”

Most of these kids won’t grow up to be authors,” noted Martin Scullin. “We need to equip our children to function in the real world, and it seems that technical skills are being given short shrift in the 3-year-old program.

“We have a very high number of students successfully taking Regents courses,” Griffin noted, “but the school’s movement to cooperative learning will include more students in Regents-level instruction.

The department of regulations in requiring strict confidentiality and safety procedures for cleaning up body fluids.

“Thank goodness parents care much,” he added.

In other business, the board got its first look at a new policy regarding teachers and staff members with the human immuno deficiency virus (HIV), the precursor to AIDS.

The board policy essentially tracks state law and state education.

The board also accepted the resignations of two longtime high school teachers, Richard Gorman and John Nydol, who are resigning effective Dec. 1 to take advantage of the early retirement incentive program.

Town planners braced for more court action

By Mel Hyman

Some people say the only things you can count on in this world are death and taxes.

Well, members of the Bethlehem Town Board might have something else to add to that list: lawsuits.

The seemingly never-ending lawsuit filed against the town of Bethlehem, the town board and the planning board by Gladstone Development Corporation has surfaced once again.

Lawyers for Gladstone principals Jacque Blinbaum and Ted Gladstone have appealed a Sept. 15 decision by U.S. District Court Judge Frederick Scullin to the Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Scullin ruled against the plaintiffs by dismissing the $50 million federal action on the grounds that they had adequate remedy for their claims in New York state courts.

Arguments were heard Monday in the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court on Gladstone’s appeal of three state Supreme Court rulings that denied the developers’ demand for relief.

Gladstone and Blinbaum, developers of the Meadowbrook Townhouse project, a 184-unit subdivision between Blessing Road and the Normanskild in Slingerlands, claim they have suffered irreparable harm because of delays by the state planning board in reviewing their project.

Ironically, the project was on last week’s planning board agenda, but Gladstone asked for a delay in the board’s decision as to whether the project would have a significant environmental impact until the Nov. 17 meeting.

At the Oct. 20 meeting, memos were submitted by the town engineer, town building inspector and town planning department as to unresolved environmental issues.

Several of these concerns have been voiced in the past, including soil suitability, slope stability, traffic impacts, flood plain protection on a nearby ravine and the subdivision’s proximity to the Normanskild flood plain.

“There is a lot of stuff we really haven’t gotten information on,” said town planner Janine Saatman. Concerns such as these have partly caused the protracted delay in acting on the project, which has been pending since 1984.

Lawsuits “develop a life of their own,” said County-citizen Sheila Galvin, who has hired her own lawyer to represent her in the $40 million federal suit.

“Instead of being dragged up on a deal with this, but that’s their legal right,” she said.

College preparation is Bouton goal

By Dev Tobin

Although the number of students attending college after graduation from Clayton A. Bouton High School is consistent in the high 80 and low 90 percent range, Principal G. Peter Griffin says the Voorheesville school district is determined to prepare every student for higher education.

“We try to get 100 percent of our students to think they can go to college,” he told The Spotlight. “If we set up college as a minimum expectation, kids will rise to it and change them not to let the cost of college be the reason not to go on.”

Griffin said he hears from graduates who went on to college that they were well-prepared, but they wishes funds were available for more formalized study of graduates.

Two years ago, Bouton was cited as a Blue Ribbon School, a distinction bestowed on the district’s elementary school this year.

“Without any money to buy equipment, I’m worried that we might not be able to keep up,” he said. “We need more technology here.”

Griffin’s work at Bouton was recently honored by the Administrators’ Association of New York State, which presented him with the James E. Allen Award in recognition of his achievements in administration, especially in the curriculum area.
**Cops nab two for DWI**

Bethlehem police arrested two people over the weekend for allegedly driving while intoxicated. Kevin C. Martin, 46, of 209 Mansion St., Cossackville, was apprehended at 11:04 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, police said.

He was stopped on Delaware Avenue near Oakwood Place for speeding, and was later charged with DWI. He was released, pending a Nov. 2 appearance in town court.

**Election Day dinner at Methodist church**

"Trinity United Methodist Church, Route 145, Coeymans Hollow, will serve coffee from 8 a.m. until noon on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

A chicken and biscuit dinner will be served from noon until 7 p.m.

The price for the dinner is $6.50 for adults and $3.75 for children 12 and under.

For information, call 966-4636.

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**Glenmont couple charged in area drug sweep**

Two Glenmont residents are in the Albany County Jail on federal drug trafficking charges stemming from last week's dragnet raid that netted 30 suspects from the Capital District area.

Paul Walters, Sr., 33, of 31 Bobwhite Drive, and Gina Walters, 30, of the same address, were arrested on Thursday, Oct. 22. They were each charged with one federal count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, crack and marijuana.

Paul Walters remains in the Albany County Jail while Gina Walters has been released on a $10,000 personal recognizance bond.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Albany, which executed 31 warrants in conjunction with state and local authorities, has described the Walters as part of Albany's highest-level drug ring. Nearly three pounds of cocaine, 19 pounds of marijuana, $50,000 in cash, weapons and ammunition were seized in the pre-dawn raid at numerous locations throughout the Capital District.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Donald Kinsella said a box of .38 caliber ammunition was found in the house on Bobwhite Drive. No drugs were discovered at the residence, Kinsella said, although Walters has admitted to owning a semi-automatic pistol found at an Albany residence also hit by police last week.

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**Correction**

An article last week on the recent hunting accident in Bethlehem incorrectly identified where rules may be used to hunt big game.

Rules cannot be used for deer hunting in the county although they are allowed in counties to the south such as Greene, Ulster and Delaware.

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McEneny, Bailey and Sullivan vie for Assembly seat

By Mel Hyman

In a switch from many of the political contests being waged this year, Democrat Jack McEneny and Republican John Bailey don't have anything nasty to say about each other.

On many of the issues that press people's buttons, however, they have divergent views.

McEneny simply says no to the restoration of capital punishment.

Bailey, 42, supports term limitations. He is seeking the place of his former boss in the state legislature, retiring Assemblyman Richard Conners.

On other issues, Bailey opposes the $800 million job bond act, claiming it will cost as much as $2.5 billion by the time taxpayers pay the interest on the bonds.

Given the rough condition of the state's roads and bridges, it's more prudent to undertake the work now while interest rates are low, McEneny said. Moreover, "contractors are in a position where they want to work now. It's a buyer's market," he added.

Bailey, who lives in Voorheesville with his wife Georgiana, opposes any additional raises while McEneny, who lives in Albany with his wife Barbara, said he would support one provided it was modest.

Right-To-Life candidate Joseph Sullivan rounds out the field. An unsuccessful candidate in the recent Democratic primary, Sullivan has continued to wage a low-budget campaign emphasizing his rather unique slant on some issues.

The 45-year-old Albany resident does not favor reinstating the death penalty, but favors instead "automatic exile" or a "one-way trip to a tropical island" for those convicted of a heinous crime.

"I am a firm believer that there has to be a consistent turnover of people." Eight or 10 years in the state legislature should be enough, he said.

There are other ways to bring new blood into the political process, McEneny says, such as making it easier for candidates to gain ballot access and ensuring media coverage of candidate views without the need to spend exorbitant sums on advertising.

Term limitations are a "simplistic solution" that would put power into the hands of professional staff instead of elected representatives, he says.

Bailey does not seem to have any delusions about his chances in the 104th Assembly District where the Democrats have an overwhelming enrollment edge. At the same time, he's taken the last two months off from practicing law to campaign full-time.

A native of Voorheesville, Bailey prides himself on not being a professional politician. Rather he describes himself as a professional problem solver and promises to seek ways to reduce the state's huge budget deficit.

McEneny understands the implication, because he was pounded during the primary this year with charges of being an insider.

McEneny asks why should a person be criticized solely on the basis of having been involved in public service? After all, government is the number one employer in Albany, he says. "We're not exactly a one-horse town, but close to it."

The 49-year-old Albany native said he considers it a positive that he has 27 years experience as a teacher, social worker and an administrator on the local, state and federal levels.

McEneny's electoral baptism came last year when he waged a successful write-in campaign against longtime County Legislator Richard Myers. He is seeking the place of his former boss in the state legislature, retiring Assemblyman Richard Conners.

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Take the pledge!

Those "Help Hoblock" signs that abound in yards all around the county were placed by Republican candidates for partisan advantage. We applaud those Democrats because the doughty County Executive needs all the help he can get. But, in truth, it's the sincere recognition of that need and the commitment to effectively follow through which counts in this election and the three-year County Legislature term.

Certain candidates of the opposition party might even qualify for the desired "Help Hoblock" bloc in the Legislature. True, the Republicans' goal is to obtain an absolute majority in the County Legislature — 20 seats out of 39. That would mean electing six new members next week, and defeating that many Democrats in districts their party traditionally holds. Gaining a majority of seats — or perhaps even a working majority — is the real key to helping Mike Hoblock successfully fulfill his mandate to bring the county's government into fiscal stability with effective management. The absence of such a majority in the Legislature will continue the frustrating obstructionism that has prevailed this year.

Editorials

Bipartisan?

A "working majority" necessarily would involve genuine bipartisanship for the immediate future and also over at least the next three years. Is that realistically possible?

On paper, the answer to this question should be "yes." On the record, it is infinitely more doubtful. On balance, however, perhaps there can be hope.

Facing the issues

The real answer depends from the honest readiness by candidates of both parties to "take the pledge" — to face up to several issues which together form a watershed of respect for the public good versus party or personal gain. What are those issues? Try these main ones on for fit:

- The Executive's budget, and all the elements that necessarily keep it in balance or invite chaos and bankruptcy.
- Consolidation of services, as variously proposed by Mr. Hoblock, such as transferring several lawyers' positions from diverse departments to the office of the County Attorney's office.
- Creation of a human resources department — again, as recommended by the Executive, with updated work rules; a change-over from a largely professionalized full-time work force rather than an inefficient and costly part-time pickup team; and a likely further reduction in staffing to appropriate levels.
- Centralizing of purchasing, printing, and custodial services in the interests of efficiency and of limiting the temptations for rankiness.
- Coordination of goals for development of the County Airport at reasonable levels of expectation, financing, and community demand for service.
- Cooperation in initiatives for economic development in the Capital Region but more specifically in Albany County.

Charters position central

- And, most fundamentally, support for the principle of reform of the County Charter as proposed by Mr. Hoblock and reinforced by findings and recommendations of the special management advisory commission that he appointed. This item clearly delineates the division between the currently weak Executive and a powerful Legislature. To operate effectively, the Executive must have the right to manage his executive and administrative responsibilities.

But far from recognizing this basic failing in the Charter, the Legislature's present majority appears inclined to go in the opposite direction: trying to abolish the Executive's position and instead substitute an appointive County Manager subject to their whimsical thumb.

Enlightened majority.

The carefree, unchecked administration of the prior County Executive is past. To borrow a phrase, "our long nightmare is over." But not quite. To the considerable degree that the old budget process sat by while Mr. Coyne revelled in his excesses hardly commends its majority to a confident expectation of collaboration on these substantial issues.

But times have changed, along with certain of the personnel. Some encouraging gentle currents of air suggest a breeze — if not winds of change — may be moderating the insistence on doing things the old way through naked power plays.

Choices for voters

A majority of rightminded legislators — regardless of party — who are willing to commit to enacting positions to "Help Hoblock" do the needed job: that's what should emerge from the Nov. 3 voting in Albany County.

The Spotlight Newspapers urge the county's citizens to consider carefully the character and commitment of their legislative candidates and make their choice accordingly.

We can and will make government work better for you!

By Michael F. Conners II

Albany County works. Some would have you believe that all is wrong and nothing right with Albany County government. Not only is such rhetoric wrong, but its divisiveness is a disservice to the people of Albany County.

The train of pain, the worst economic situation since the 1930s, has driven the program costs for the Department of Social Services up over $33 million in the past two years. Runaway healthcare costs for the county's local share of Medicaid to over $27 million in 1992. Aid to Families with Dependent Children will exceed $31 million this year. Foster care costs have risen to almost $9 million, juvenile delinquency care is over $9 million, state training schools (secure detention for juvenile delinquents) is up to $3 million, and the list goes on and on and on.

Mandated program costs have skyrocketed while state and federal revenues have been cut.

Holding the line on property taxes

Yes, last year's Legislature passed a budget with $8 million of revenue from the sale of airport land that will not materialize this year. But, in truth, Republicans' goal is to obtain an absolute majority in the Legislature, with updated work rules; another change in the insistence on a working majority that means 26 of the 39 seats. If they get a veto-proof majority, they will effectively control every aspect of county government without any checks on their power from the County Executive or the minority legislators.

The way we were

That is the way it was before last year.

That is how the Knickerbocker Arena got built with massive cost overruns.

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Some past events cast their shadow

November the fourth — the morning after. By then, we presumably will know the outcome of the presidential election and also learn the fate of the army of other candidates for national, state, and local offices.

But I am looking at the front page of a newspaper dated November 4 — and it already presents the results. The year was 1925, so I guess that at least 67 years the calendar is identical.

The newspaper is the New York American (one of those Hearst newspapers that are distributed free), and it already presented the results. Its price was three cents (but beyond a 200-mile radius the price shot up to four cents — perhaps due to the Ku Klux Klan in the Coolidge prosperity).

I am indebted to Bob Irish of Myers Travel for having loaned me this captivating glimpse of American political and social life.

The big news — trumpeted in two lines of banner type that stood an inch and a half tall (the commas and period were larger too) — headline on this piece) — was the election of Jimmy Walker as Mayor of New York.

It was the moment when I realized the very meaning of the line: “The Hudson Highlands, a mountain of mountains.”

Constant Reader

I have written admiringly before about the periodical “Water Ways,” which describes itself in a subhead as New York’s Waterfront News. “Water Ways” is published in newspaper tabloid format every month. For people who are concerned with the history, commerce, and scenic beauty of the Hudson River and Valley (as well as New York’s other navigable lakes and streams, this publication can be regarded as must reading.

In the current issue, the featured theme is maritime and environmental education. While the contents of this issue appear limited in scope of interest, the opposite is the case.

Further, the variety of contents offers a window into the fascinating bits of news: Two bond issues sponsored by Governor Al Smith (totaling some $400 million) seemed destined to fail because of the “no” votes upstate, despite a heavy plurality in the big city. Interestingly, the biggest portion of the bond issues would go to eliminate guardrail-grade crossings.

However, contrary to popular belief, it was not a wet summer but one drier than normal with rainfall nearly two inches below average in the area. It probably seemed to most, because a good rain, more often than not, it fell during the weekend.

“New, let’s move on to what may happen this winter. First, of all, I should say that long-range weather prediction is quite difficult, and our current capabilities only range to making general, broad forecasts rather than about specific days in the future. In other words, we can say fairly accurately that the next season will be cooler or warmer, wetter or drier than average — but we certainly cannot make reliable forecasts about how warm or cold or sunny it will be on a certain day through the weekend, according to past weather records, for many years we cannot draw any correlation between the weather from one summer to the next winter to the next summer and so on.

Sometimes, a chilly summer is followed by a snowy winter and sometimes it isn’t; sometimes a chilly summer is followed by a warm, dry winter and sometimes it isn’t.... So, based on past weather records, we can ignore any possible relation between one season and the next. It’s possible to foresee roughly a 50-50 chance that the coming winter will be colder than average — but there is also a 50-50 likelihood that this winter will be easier than average.

To carry this one step further, even though three of the last four winters have had less-than-average snowfall, past weather records give no reliable guidance that we are “due” for a winter season snowier than average.

Past records offer no reliable guidance that the coming winter will be snowier-than-average

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As for “Water Ways,” a year’s subscription is $15; the address is 132 Grand Street, Crotone, Hudson, NY, 10520. Tell ‘em, Connie Reader sent you.

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A severe winter ahead? Not necessarily so

The contributor of this Point of View has been a staff meteorologist at WNYT Channel 13, since April 1988. He is also weather forecaster for radio stations WABY and WLLK. From 1977 to 1986, he worked as a meteorologist for Pittsburgh TV station. A New York Stater from Fort Chester, he received a degree in meteorology in 1971 from Lyndon State College in Vermont. He is a resident of Loudonville.

By Bob Kovachick

A subject that’s on a lot of people’s minds these days in Hudson: what is: type of winter we may have in the Northeast. After the summer we experienced, it may be natural to believe we are in for a rather severe winter.

First of all, to recap the summer of 1992, we had only two days above 90 degrees during June, July, and August. July’s temperatures averaged out to be the fourth coldest in nearly 170 years of temperature records in Albany and environs.

But it may be no wonder, the weather was cooler and wetter than average. In fact, we had only two days above 90 degrees during June, July, and August. July’s temperatures averaged out to be the fourth coldest in nearly 170 years of temperature records in Albany and environs.

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The SPOTLIGHT
Hoblock

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That was the scenario that led to a scathing audit by the State Comptroller which criticized the county finances, no-bid change orders on construction projects, and no-bid contracts.

That was the scenario which allowed an unchecked county Industrial Development Authority to squander all our economic development funds on the Olympic ice Hockey Facility in Colonie.

As examples of the difference between Democrats and Republicans, two major issues emerged in 1992. The first was charter reform, for which I campaigned last year. I am calling for equal legislative and executive branches of government with a system of checks and balances. I called for a public referendum on the charter this year.

The other major issue is the budget deficit. The 1992 Albany County budget was approved with a massive deficit — simply put, we had a spending plan without the revenues to support it.

On the issue of charter reform, the Democratic majority put the issue off into next year. They don’t want an Executive who can hold county department heads accountable. They don’t want someone elected-at-large to check on their actions. Instead, they have begun outing the idea of eliminating my job by creating a county manager appointed by them — something they never proposed when one of their own, Jim Coyle, held the job.

On the budget deficit, they have fought spending reductions all year long. They have insisted that the $8 million one-shot they included in the budget from the sale of county land to the county airport will take place before the end of the year. So far, we don’t have a single cent from that land sale — and we aren’t any closer to having it than we were last year at this time.

They have resisted every Republican resolution to cut spending and some have even been foolish enough to predict that the county would end the year with a surplus. The majority response to the deficit was to call for attrition to reduce the size of the work force. Attrition has not done the job.

Before I proposed my 1993 budget, the Democrats predicted that I would savage Social Services, Mental Health, and Health programs to balance the budget. They were wrong. I called for increased spending on social programs in 1993 and was able to do it without increasing property taxes!

The Democratic majority has taken Albany County in the wrong direction. If you support the work that I am doing, give me legislators who will work with me — not against me. They’ve had 70 years to do the job; now it’s time to give the Republicans the opportunity to do it and much better our county government can be. The choice is yours.

Disappointed chamber still hopes on Homestead

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Oct. 14, the Town Board called a special meeting to discuss enactment of the Homestead Act in Bethlehem. The Chamber of Commerce was hoping that board members who voted in favor of the Act initially would reconsider their positions.

Regrettably, the Homestead Act, which sets up a two-tiered system of taxing non-homestead properties, including businesses, at a higher rate remains on the books.

On behalf of our nearly 500 members, the Chamber wishes to publicly register its great disappointment with this lack of action. We stand by our earlier public position:

• The Homestead Act creates unfair inequities in the local tax structure,
• It sends a negative message to the local business community,
• And is, most importantly, bad for the economic health and quality of life in our community.

As always, members of the Chamber stand ready to make a positive contribution to the town and respectfully hope that members of the Town Board will ultimately reconsider their position.

Tom McCarroll, Chairman

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Study disputes argument justices must be lawyers

Editor, The Spotlight:

As an Independent candidate for Bethlehem Town Justice, I must write to reply to assertions made by Roger Fritts in his Oct. 21 letter to the editor. He claimed that a town justice should be a lawyer. I am not a lawyer, though I have extensive experience in the justice system of New York State.

For substantiation of my point of view, I brought Mr. Fritts to the attention of Doris Marie Provine, professor of political science and law at Syracuse University and author of the valuable book, "Judging Credentials: Nonlawyer Judges and the Politics of Professionalism."

Following are her comments in substance:

"This (view that a justice must be a lawyer) is a typical assertion among lawyer candidates for town justice. After using such an argument when I successfully ran for town justice (in Virgil, Cortland County), I set about studying the qualifications issue.

"With a grant from the National Science Foundation, a federal agency that supports scientific research, I surveyed the city, town, and village justices of this state, asking tough questions about due process, sentencing philosophy, and other matters that go straight to the issues judges face in local court cases. I was quite surprised to find no statistically significant differences between lawyer and nonlawyer judges on matters related to knowledge of law. I did find a few philosophical differences, the most significant being that nonlawyers tend to favor plea bargaining less than lawyer judges.

"I visited a number of lawyer and nonlawyer judges on their court nights. I noticed many individual differences in style and ability, but I found few associated with being a lawyer or not. One exception was that the nonlawyer judges tend to be more patient with defendants, on the average, than their lawyer counterparts.

"Practicing lawyers often believe there must be something wrong with a study that shows a formal legal education does not have a significant impact in a job like town justice. We lawyers spend a long time getting our education and it means a lot to us. Lawyers often tell funny stories about the way some nonlawyer judge dealt with an issue. Some of these stories are true. But just ask them to keep talking, and you will soon hear a story about a bizarre decision by a lawyer judge.

"As important a job as town justice is, and I believe it is very important, legal education is not the key to finding the right judge. Most of the judges in these courts are not lawyers. What counts is the capability of the candidate, the willingness to get the best instruction possible on the fine points of the work, and the judge's sense of fairness. I don't know Tom Dexter well enough to argue that he is the man for the post in Bethlehem, but I do know that it is unfair to hold against him the fact that he is not a lawyer."

I believe that Professor Provine's statement definitely refutes Mr. Fritts' contention. My lifetime commitment to law and justice, and my exclusive attention to the court, will ensure the legal and human rights of all who appear before me.

Delmar Thomas M. Dexter

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Independence crucial to Town Justice office

Editor, The Spotlight:

After review of credentials, qualifications, and personal character relevant to judicial temperament, as well as consideration of conduct of the campaign waged to date, I find it necessary to take a public stand on the election for the office of Town Justice in Bethlehem. As a practicing attorney who regularly appeared in Bethlehem Town Court until the time of my election and taking office as a member of the Town Board, I am fully familiar with the requirements for the position of Town Justice. I have appeared in numerous town courts in this state presided over both by town justices who are attorneys and those presided over by non-attorney town justices.

In my opinion, the single most important characteristic any town justice must possess is judicial integrity hinged on judicial independence. While political parties do play a significant role in selection of candidates under the existing system, political cronynism must not serve as the foundation of our judicial system. Competence, independence, and ability must be the only basis for judicial selection. Judicial integrity, equity, and impartiality alone foster public confidence on which that system must be founded.

Since the electorate retains the right to elect judicial candidates, with such right attaches the duty to exercise this franchise wisely.

Independence in the judiciary is not only laudable but absolutely crucial to maintaining public trust, respect, and confidence.

Public perception and public opinion of the entire judicial system starts with the office of Town Justice. From the prospective of popular belief, credibility, veracity, and propriety untrammelled by political debts, obligations, and liabilities form the footings on which judicial trust are founded. Clearly, therefore, the position of Town Justice is the single most important office in the entire judicial system. This is the level at which the majority of people who have involvement with the judicial system have their only contact with that system. Judicial temperament, competence, and ability at this level are critical to establish credibility and public confidence that our system of justice will provide justice for all.

I have reviewed all candidates’ qualifications, political background, and stature of independence. Based on this review I endorse Tom Dexter, independent candidate, for the position of Bethlehem Town Justice. His integrity and independence outweigh any alleged lack of experience. A full-time justice, free of political cronynism, with an understanding of all the public, far outweighs purported legal experience.

M. Sheila Galvin
Editor's note: Ms. Galvin’s letter was sent in reply to a letter submitted by Galbreath E. Palmer.

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Neri supported in vote for legislator in 36th

In The Spotlight’s Oct. 21 issue, in which several letters were edited because of space limitations, three paragraphs were omitted for that reason from a letter submitted by Barbara Burt. At her request, The Spotlight is publishing her complete letter hereafter.

Editor, The Spotlight:

George Scaringe urges votes for open government and states how Mike Holbuck has brought “daylight to the dark back rooms of Albany County government.” On that, I agree. However, some other dark back rooms, right here in Bethlehem, need some sunshine and airing.

Some years ago, when we moved to Bethlehem, I was delighted to be enrolled as a Republican in a Republican town. But, after the local Republican shenanigans of just the past year, we should all ask ourselves if this party is any more responsive to the populace than the Democrats are in Albany. Same game, different name.

Particularly for those of us living in the southern end of Bethlehem, this year saw a long and acrimonious fight against a huge supervisor-favored incinerator, which the people resoundingly voted down. How well were the people represented when our town supervisor was a proponent? The Homestead Act has had a major impact on farmers, most of whom are in this end of town. Do the town fathers represent us with that act? And while publicly saying they are against a massive regional ANSWERS landfill, can we really believe this when the town fathers have failed to negate this possibility by withdrawing from ANSWERS and seeking a town solution (option #2 of their own Solid Waste Advisory Committee)?

We in southern Bethlehem have been forgotten or abused at the hands of the current Bethlehem back room boys. Bethlehem needs a change to open government.

Lou Neri is known for his civic contributions. Moreover, he was a founding member of Citizens Lobby for Alternative Waste Solutions (CLAWS) and has been actively opposing the siting of a landfill in South Bethlehem or Coeymans. He successfully lobbied against ANSWERS eminent domain and enabling legislation. He fought the incinerator and has continued to promote a local solution to the solid-waste problem.

It is time to vote, not for someone to present a party, but for someone to represent us, the people. Lou Neri has demonstrated that many times over.

Barbara Burt

Matters of Opinion
Jobs bond proposal spurs debate

By Kathleen Shapiro

Voters across the state will have their say next month on whether to approve Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's $800 million Jobs Bond Act, a proposal which supporters believe could immediately create as many as 24,000 new jobs.

Opponents of the bond act, on the other hand, have blasted it as too expensive and voiced doubts over whether the measure can provide the long-lasting economic benefits it promises.

The proposed economic plan — officially titled the Jobs for a New Economic Development, as many economic growth and attract businesses interested in acquiring apprenticeship training, or are located in factories, commercial centers and industrial parks, including sewer and drainage systems, access roads, waste disposal systems, industrial parks, urban revitalization projects, energy facilities and waterfront and tourism-related developments.

Priority will be given to projects that utilize minority- or women-owned businesses, support apprenticeship training, or are located in economically depressed areas.

According to recent reports from the state Department of Economic Development, as many as 1,000 applications from communities interested in acquiring bond money have already been submitted. Under the rules of the proposal, local governments that utilize the funds must agree to pay 40 percent of the overall project cost.

Opponents of the bond act have blasted it as too expensive and voiced doubts over whether the measure can provide the long-lasting economic benefits it promises.

If voters give their approval to the bond act, funding could be available in time for the spring construction season — a move which supporters say could create an estimated 24,000 jobs in the construction industry and related industries such as engineering, architecture and materials supply.

As many as 100,000 additional jobs are projected to open up once projects are completed and new factories, commercial centers and tourism destinations are firmly in place, according to those who believe the bond act will stimulate economic growth and attract businesses to the state.

Opponents of the proposal, including large numbers of small business owners, have spoken out against the bond act on the grounds that any economic benefits will be outweighed by the high cost of repaying the bond over its 30-year life. Others have criticized the state for digging itself deeper into debt, and questioned whether the plan will really create the jobs it promises.

If the bond act is approved by the voters, funding could be used for such projects as new schools, hospitals, parks and recreation centers.

The bond act, which would allow the state to borrow up to $800 million in "seed money" to help finance infrastructure improvements across the state, including sewer and drainage systems, access roads, waste disposal systems, industrial parks, urban revitalization projects, energy facilities and waterfront and tourism-related developments.

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Playing The Numbers.

Well, the proposed County Budget has been released and the Republicans want to balance it on the backs of the working people who live in our towns.

We don't ask for much. We just want our roads and bridges plowed in the winter and maintained throughout the year.

However, that's not likely to happen this winter.

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Nolan facing challenges on GOP, Liberal lines
By Robert Webster Jr.

Longtime Democratic State Senator Howard Nolan will be challenged by two new faces in county politics this year, Republican Daniel Ehring and Liberal Norman Tillman.

A county resident for the past 17 years, Ehring, 32, of Delmar, is an accountant and attorney with the law firm of Crane and MacKrell. He has a master's degree in accounting from SUNY Albany and is a graduate of Albany Law School.

High on Ehring's agenda are creating a more competitive environment for individuals and corporations in the Albany area, shifting emphasis from jobs in the public sector to jobs in the private sector, and improvements to the assets of Albany County, notably the Port of Albany.

"I would like to see some kind of economic development plan where we are trying to create private jobs. We have a great public job base in Albany County," he said. "But it is time to seek out other avenues so we are not so dependent on state jobs."

Ehring said he would like to see a member of the majority elected to the state Senate position. "As a Republican senator, I could accomplish more than minority members can," he added.

Ehring, a former investigator with the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation for seven years, lives with his wife, Jami, on 27 Hanover Drive in Delmar.

An 18-year incumbent and life-long Albany County resident, Nolan, 60, said he has continued to be an easily accessible member of his community, which has afforded him valuable insight into the needs and wants of his constituents.

Although there are several major issues facing the county, Nolan said, his focus this election year is on "race relations and especially their ties to jobs and education."

Nolan predicted that over the next 10 to 20 years race relations and education would be the two biggest issues in the county. "Education will make it easier for people to get good jobs, which is the first step towards positive race relations," he said.

Pointing to his work on the

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Urban League board, Nolan said he has already begun "working very hard to promote harmony" in the county.

A senior partner in the law firm of Cooper, Erving, Savage, Nolan & Heller, Nolan is a graduate of Albany Law School and currently chairman of the Senate Minority Task Force on Indoor Air Quality. In addition, he is the ranking minority member of the Senate Codes Committee and a member of the rules, alcoholism and drug abuse, finance, agriculture and banks committees.

While in office, Nolan said he has been behind several initiatives in the Senate, including opening the Legislature's books to the public, establishing spending and contributions limits for campaigns and limiting the lengths of the legislative session.

He added that he has 18 years of "consistently voting against tax increases and large budgets, two areas that especially need to be addressed."

Nolan lives with his wife, Shan­ non, on 39 North Pearl St. in Albany. In addition to his political activities, he has served as a member of several boards, including St. Peter's Hospital, the Capital District Martin Luther King Jr. Commission, the Albany Urban League and the Child's Hospital Foundation.

Nolan has been especially active with the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, whose board of directors he has served on for 30 years. He has served as a member of the National United Cerebral Palsy Association Finance Committee, and is currently chairman of the Albany Center's Foundation Board.

Running on the Liberal ticket is Norman Tillman, 65, a county resident for more than 40 years.

The owner of his own small business, Discount Computer Center, Tillman previously was a lecturer in advertising and marketing, radio announcing and drama at SUNY Albany and the College of St. Rose.

Although this is his first attempt at public office, Tillman said he is ready to work for the constituents of Albany County, something he felt representatives in the past have not done.

"My number one priority would be to run a more efficient opera­tion," he said. In criticizing the legislature, Tillman said he was not singing out Nolan, but "the entire legislature is pretty irresponsible. It is time to re-examine the top echelon in the various departments and divisions."

Key areas for Tillman include ensuring the budget is passed on time, preserving the environment and working to improve human and civil rights in Albany County.

Tillman lives with his wife, Sarah, on 58 Edgecomb St. in Albany. Outside the political arena, he has served as a member of several boards in the past, including the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, the Leukemia Society of the Capital District, the Capital District Coalition on Human Rights and a past president of the Ad Club in Albany.

Active in the community, Tillman taught Sunday school for Congregation Beth Emeth in Al­ bany and drama courses throughout the area for several years.

The Spotlight remembers 10 years ago

This week, in 1992, these stories were making headlines in The Spotlight.

• Bethlehem's preliminary 1983 town budget called for a 3.8 percent increase in the property tax rate, a 5.4 percent hike in the water rate and a 2.8 increase in the sewer rate.

• In the 10th Assembly District, which included Bethlehem, Republican Assemblyman Mark Hitz was chosen chairman by Democrat Bernard Melewski. In the 104th Assembly District, which included New Scotland, veteran Democratic lawmaker Richard Conners faced Republican John Bagg. New officers of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club for 1983 were Joseph Perry, president; Leland Jackson, first vice president; Richard Goliber, second vice president; Dick Ramsey, treasurer; and James Hadam, secretary.

• Keyed by converted tight end John Zucker's 91 rushing yards, the Bethlehem Central Eagles won their first game of the year, edging Shaker 8-6 at home. The win was also the first of new football coach John Sodergren's career.

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GOP's Norman takes aim at McNulty in 21st

By Mel Hyman


But appearances can be deceiving. While both candidates for the newly created 21st District congressional seat are fairly moderate in their political views, they disagree on some major points.

Norman, 60, strongly supports term limitations for members of Congress while McNulty opposes them.

"Being a member of Congress was never meant to be a lifetime career," Norman says, "with the goal being the most lucrative pension system ever devised."

Challengers face a monumental task in trying to unseat a member of Congress, Norman said, because district lines are normally drawn so that a particular party has a substantial enrollment edge. Add to that the massive powers of incumbency and you end up with a 90 percent return rate.

"I do know that Mr. McNulty hired a New York law firm to get the district cut the way he wanted," she charged. "It's time to put the people first and restore the democratic process."

McNulty, 45, denied that the lines drawn by the district court were drawn with political purposes in mind. "It's basically a Capital District seat," he said, and was drawn in perfect accordance with state law. It encompasses all of Albany County, all of Schenectady County, most of Montgomery County and part of Rensselaer County, The Town of Waterford, in predominantly Republican Saratoga County, is also included.

Term limitations would infringe on the democratic process, McNulty said. Norman's proposal to limit members of the House of the Representatives to two years in office is "really nit-picking." It implies that "people are not smart enough to choose who they want in office."

McNulty is aiming for a third, two-year term. The former state assemblyman said health care and the economy would be his primary concerns for the upcoming session. The cost of health care is "growing through the roof" and some type of cost containment is needed.

A longtime producer and on-air personality with WMHT-TV in Schenectady, Norman agrees that health care and the stagnant economy must be addressed. She describes herself as a fiscal conservative with progressive views on social issues, such as abortion. She is pro-choice with no reservations attached.

Once again, Norman returns to the perks and privileges of office when describing her differences with the congressman.

"When (McNulty) got to Washington he voted for a 25 percent pay raise," she said. The salary raise from $89,500 to $129,500 was unwarranted. "It shows the arrogance of incumbents by voting themselves a raise in spite of the public outcry over it."

McNulty defended his support of the pay raise passed in 1989 by citing the huge cost of purchasing a home and living in the Washington, D.C. area.

Both Norman and McNulty favor cuts in the defense budget with part of the savings invested in rebuilding the nation's roads, bridges and sewer systems. "Our infrastructure is in desperate need of renewal and renovation," Norman said.

McNulty agrees with the Democratic standard-bearer Gov. Bill Clinton that troop levels abroad should be reduced. "We need to get our allies like Germany and Japan to pay for their own defense costs."

McNulty is not in favor of outlawing abortion, but opposes federal funding except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is threatened.

McNulty serves on the House Armed Forces Committee, the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and the Select Committee on Hunger. He lives in the Village of Green Island with his wife Nancy Ann.

Norman, who is making her first run for political office, lives in Latham with her husband Bob Spearman.

**Take a break, recreate!**

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department's recreational swim program will begin on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School pool.

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Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Any Bethlehem town or school district resident may swim.

Shape Up, an intermediate aerobics class, began the second session on Oct. 27. The class meets Tuesday and/or Thursday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call 439-4131 or visit the park office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Supreme court candidates debate experience

By Michael Kagan

The four candidates vying for two Supreme Court judgeships in the third Judicial District bring a wide variety of experiences, from a CIA officer to town party chairman, to their campaigns.

In the district which includes Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene, Sullivan and Schenectady counties, Democrats Karen Peters, 45, and Leonard Weiss, 69, and Republicans Bernard Kaplowitz, 55, and H. Clark Bell, 58, each are claiming they have what it takes to be an effective justice.

The judgeship is for a 14-year term and carries a $95,000 salary. The court mostly hears civil cases.

Weiss, a resident of Albany who will also appear on the Conservative and Liberal lines, was elected to the court in 1978 and has served ever since. In January, he was appointed by Gov. Mario Cuomo to be the presiding justice of the court's appellate division.

Weiss also has been practicing law for more than 30 years. A disabled Army veteran of World War II, he served as Albany City Court Judge from 1977 to 1978 before being elected to the Supreme court.

A graduate of the University of Buffalo and Albany Law School, he is married and has four children. Woodstock resident Bell, also

New York State Supreme Court

Kaplowitz and Weiss

on the Conservative and Liberal lines, is a practicing trial attorney in Kingston and questions whether Peters and Kaplowitz have the experience to be qualified judges.

"Judge Peters is a family court judge," he said. "The jurisdiction of the family court is child support, visitation, custody, child abuse, things of that nature and I do not believe that she has any significant experience in the Supreme Court jurisdiction."

"Bernie Kaplowitz is a very nice guy, but I'm really the only one who is a practicing trial attorney who works in the Supreme Court and is familiar with how the system works," he said.

Bell noted he has been a trial lawyer for more than 30 years. A graduate of Georgetown University School and George Washington University Law School, he worked on congressional staffs from 1953 to 1957, wrote briefly for the Evening Star newspaper in Washington, and worked for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1958 to 1961.

He represented Dutchess and Ulster counties in the state's constitutional convention in 1967 and was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1968, 1970 and 1972.

"I am an attorney in private practice for 27 years in Ulster County, Bell and his wife have three adult children. Peters has been a family court judge in Ulster County since 1984 and if elected would become the first woman to do so in the third district."

"Mr. Bell has never been a judge, so it's hard for me to comprehend how he would criticize my qualifications," she said. "The rules of evidence are very similar in all state courts. I've handled surrogate court, county court, supreme court and family court in my nine years on the bench."

Aside from being a family court judge, Peters has been director of the State Assembly Committee on Government Operations and counsel to the state Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. She also worked as an assistant district attorney in Dutchess County, and was a senior partner in the New Paltz law firm of Peters and Weiner.

As a family court judge, she has worked to create and implement the Court Appointed Special Advocates program, the supervised visitation program, foster grandparent day care and the Second Chance program.

She has also been the chairperson of the third district's gender bias committee and served on the state bar association's committee on alcoholism and drug abuse.

A resident of Rosendale and a single mother of a five-year-old, she graduated from the George Washington University, the New York University School of Law, the Rutgers School of Alcohol Studies and the National Judicial College.

For his part, Kaplowitz disputed whether experience in a specific court is the most important criterion in selecting a justice.

"That's not what it's all about, frankly," he said. "What you want from a judge is intelligence, integrity and impartiality. I have experience, probably in other areas of the law that (Bell) has probably never even heard of, but that's not as important as those other qualities — willingness to be as fair as possible to anyone that comes before the court."

A resident of Slingerlands, Kaplowitz has been Bethlehem town attorney for more than 14 years.

A former Albany County legislator, he has been chairperson of the Bethlehem Republican Town Committee since 1977. He is a senior partner in the law firm of DeAngelis, Kaplowitz, Rice and Murphy.

As a past director of the Government Law Center of Albany Law School and Union College, he is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Albany Law School.

He is married and the father of four adult children.

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Caponera, Breslin pound pavement in court race

By Eric Bryant

If anything, Republican County Court Judge candidate Phil Caponera is a pragmatist. "I've got to win big in Colonie to take this," he said, regarding the November election that will decide who will fill a vacancy created last November by the election of Judge Thomas Keegan to the state Supreme Court.

Caponera is squaring off against Democrat Thomas Breslin, a three-year veteran as judge in Albany County Family Court and a former trial lawyer in the county's district attorney and public defender's office.

Caponera, hoping to capitalize on the Republican surge in the county following the election of County Executive Michael Hoblock last year, said he's been pushing heavily in his adopted hometown of Colonie as well as other Republican strongholds in the county such as Bethlehem and Glenville. "Even Hoblock didn't win in the city of Albany, so I've got to concentrate my efforts where I know I can get the votes. I've got to win big in Colonie and then do very well in what are considered the Republican towns."

Breslin meanwhile, said he's not looking at any specific areas of the county to campaign in, but every night since mid-August he's been pounding the pavement to reach the voters. "I've been out there nearly every night asking the people to examine my record."

I've talked to seem to really appreciate that a candidate for judge is going door-to-door."

Both candidates seem to have a great deal of respect for one another and agree that, because there are few real "campaign issues," judicial races are generally decided on who has the best record and most experience.

While their party affiliations separate them, Breslin and Caponera developed in the world of Albany County law and politics during the same time frame. Caponera, 50, has focused his career as a judge in the town of Colonie, while Breslin, 46, has filled legal posts at the county level and as corporation counsel in Watervliet.

In addition to his Albany private practice and frequent stints substituting for other judges in the area, Caponera has served as a Colonie Town Justice since 1975. The Glen Falls native points to the fact that Colonie has one of the busiest courts not only in the Capital District but in the state with between 18,000 and 20,000 cases each year.

"I enjoy being a judge, plain and simple," Caponera said. Asked to run down his qualifications, he points to consistency and fairness on the bench, as well as respected compassion when the case requires it.

"The most important thing any judge can do is keep an even hand and don't do something out of the ordinary."

Calling the county court post, "a lifelong dream," Breslin said he's worked within the county court system "almost since I got out of law school," a background that makes him the most qualified.

Caponera is likewise travelling to the far corners of the county to seek votes in what is basically a campaign based on character and experience.

"When they say Salem Hills (in Voorheesville), believe me there are hills," Caponera joked. "I'll tell you one thing though, the people..."
Craft fair patrons can purchase holiday items

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Parent-Teacher Organization will host a districtwide "Deck the Halls" craft fair on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school, Route 9W, Ravena.

"We have over 80 vendors scheduled, with more space requests every day," said craft fair coordinator Phyllis Ingraham. Vendors and exhibitors will be coming from as near as Delmar and Catskill to as far away as Greenwich and Valley Falls, she said. A wide variety of goods ranging from wood and fabric items to porcelain, jewelry and personalized glass engravings will be offered.

Food booths will serve beverages, fast food items and hot food entrees asReading Partners (PARP) coordinator Phyllis Ingraham.

"Other areas businesses have donated items for raffle made up into wicker theme baskets, from hair care supplies toNative Americans. For information, call 767-2405 or 767-3179.

"Skaters to roll in Becker school gym

The A.W. Becker Elementary School book character parade has been scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. at the school on Route 9W in Selkirk.

The parade is part of the Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) program, now in its final week. Pupils will bring their costumes to school for the afternoon parade. Parents and siblings have been invited to attend.

Clothing drive to benefit Native Americans

The Becker Parent-Teacher Association has planned its annual Native American winter clothing drive from Monday, Nov. 2, through Friday, Nov. 13.

This year's clothing donations will benefit the New York State Onondaga Nation, near Syracuse. Clean winter clothing for all ages may be brought to the school during regular business hours in bags or boxes, or may be sent in with students.

Donations of money are also being accepted to aid in transportation costs. Bethlehem's Hagnagri Elementary is participating in this year's drive as well as seven area churches.

Library offers series on positive parenting

The Ravena Free Library, 106 Main St., Ravena, will offer a Cornell Cooperative Extension series on positive parenting during November.

The first presentation will be Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Barbara Eastman will discuss eating disorders and nutrition.

The preschool story hour presentation will be on American Indians. For information, call 756-2503.

Ladies auxiliary to host home products party

The Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary will host a Stanley Home Products party on Monday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. at the Selkirk firehouse.

Proceeds will benefit auxiliary support activities. Phone orders will be accepted at 767-9242.

Ladies auxiliary schedules Saturday spoon dinner

The Onesquehaw Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Unit No. 4 has scheduled a "spoon dinner" from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Clarksville Firehouse, plank Road.

Bulk items will cost 25 cents a scoop. A wide range of hot and cold homemade foods will be offered, including desserts.

Proceeds will benefit the group's support activities. For information, call 768-5436 or 768-2954.

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Today's Story Hour will also have a Halloween theme with some ghostly tales read by librarian Meg Hughes.

The Story Hour for Friday, Oct. 30, has been cancelled. The regular schedule will resume next week.

On exhibit beginning Monday, Nov. 2, and running through the month are works by Constance Elliott. A resident of Delmar for many years, Elliott has had varied careers, ranging from physical therapist to photocomposition editor to homemaker.

Although her preference is to portray unique human faces and forms, Constance also paints popular general subjects, landscapes, seascapes and stilllife.

For two years, Elliott's works have been exhibited at The Art Gallery of Fells Points in Maryland, and locally she has exhibited and/or won awards at the Bethlehem Library and Town Hall, Pruyne House, Colonie Town Hall, the Sanford Library and the Albany Institute of History and Art.

In a recent competition, her painting of "The Paddock Store at the Four Corners circa 1918" was selected by the Bethlehem Historical Association and the Centennial Commission as "the best depiction of a significant historical building."

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November, antique bottles from the collection of Mark and Kathy Switzer of Voorheesville will be on display. Both exhibits can be viewed Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nimblefingers, a needlework group meeting on Tuesday afternoons concentrates on embroidery, bargello, counted cross stitch with lots of companionship thrown in for good measure.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The library will be open regular hours on Election Day.

Christine Shields
V'ville girls volleyball breaks into win column

By Greg Sullivan

Despite a four set loss to Cohoes last Wednesday, the Voorheesville girls varsity volleyball team broke the ice and recently picked up its first victories of the season.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the Ladybirds traveled to Waterford where they emerged with their first league victory in convincing fashion. It took the girls only four games to dispense with host Waterford in a best-of-five game format.

Voorheesville coach Jim Ascone said, “Allison Vinson, Chris Paraso, Michelle Martin, Becky Bryden, Angie Praga and Jen Stany held up throughout the match.”

The victory party did not last long, however, as Ascone and the Ladybirds traveled to Emma Willard on Thursday, Oct. 15, where they faced one of their toughest league opponents of the season. The girls battled hard and played well, but came up short as Emma Willard handed Voorheesville the defeat.

The girls took the loss in stride, however, and bounced back on Friday, Oct. 16, by winning their second match in four days. Again their opponent was Waterford, but this time the Ladybirds played in front of the home fans in Voorheesville.

Three straight games was all it took for Voorheesville to put away Waterford and pick up their second victory of the season. Good games were turned in by Cindy Law, Wendy Reynolds, Rachael Avgere and Jill Kramer. Kramer, in fact, served eight straight points in one game contributing to her team’s victory.

It was a complete team effort. They put everything together. — Jim Ascone

X-country teams finish with high hopes for future

By Pete Loux

The Bethlehem Central girls varsity and boys freshmen cross country teams both fared well on Oct. 23 at the Albany County Championships.

Led by juniors Nicole Mizener (5th place), Kristen Russo (15th) and sophomore Cara Cameron (26th), the girls varsity ended up fourth in the county.

Ninth grader Nate Sadjack placed 15th to lead the freshman boys to a fourth place team finish. Last Tuesday, Oct. 20, both varsity teams suffered defeats at the hands of Suburban Council powerhouses, Shaker and Shenendehowa, in their last dual meet of the season. Although the girls team was 2-8 and the boys 1-9, the future looks promising for BC cross country.

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**BC lady swimmers improve record**

By Kevin VanDerzee

The Ravena Indians traveled to Schalmont Saturday to play the Sabres in a Capital Conference match-up. In a game in which the momentum bounced back and forth, the Sabres came out on top 20-14.

The Indians chose to receive the ball right away, hoping to open the scoring up early. After driving the ball down to Schalmont’s 40-yard line, the Indians were forced to punt. The Sabres then went 75 yards on 12 plays to make the score 6-0 after the kick sailed wide right on the extra point attempt. RCS then took the ensuing kickoff 74 yards on eight plays with junior Joe Esponosa scoring his first touchdown of the season.

The extra point attempt by Seth Roe was blocked leaving the score tied at 6-6. The teams traded punts until there was about a minute left in the half. Roe was about to punt for the Indians when he fumbled and it was recovered by Schalmont, which scored two plays later for a 12-6 lead going into the half.

The Sabres scored first in the second half and converted the two-point conversion making the score 20-6. Elton Tune then scored for the Indians and Michael Jordan caught the extra point pass to make the score 20-14. Ravena attempted to drive one more time but Romano was intercepted to end the Indians drive, and the game, with Sabres winning 20-14.

Elton Tune once again led the Indians running game with 73 yards rushing.

**Gambelunghe’s 304 yards and 4 TDs key BC win**

By Michael Kagan

Mike Gambelunghe shattered his own school rushing record Saturday as the Bethlehem Eagles outlasted home team Troy in a mud-match, 34-13.

Gambelunghe, who had set the school mark of 211 yards in the first game of the season against Schenectady, averaged just under seven yards per carry in gaining 304 yards. He also scored four touchdowns, all on the ground.

The Eagles never trailed, mustering 406 yards of total offense. Gambelunghe scored on five yards run in the first quarter and quarterback Josh Lannifound tight end Dan Willf from 12 yards out early in the second quarter.

Gambelunghe scored another six points on a 10-yard run before Troy found the end zone twice for its only scores of the game.

The Bethlehem Central girls volleyball team finished its regular season in top form, with wins against Mohonasen, Oct. 29, and against Columbia on Oct. 23.

These two victories put the Eagles league record over .500 (8-7), and secured them the fifth seed in the upcoming Suburban Council tournament.

After suffering a quick defeat at the hands of undefeated Burnt Hills on Oct. 20, the Eagles rebounded, wrapping up Columbia 9-15, 15-11, 15-3, 15-13 and then Mohonasen 15-7, 15-12, 15-11. Coach Nancy Smith said simply, "It was a real good way to finish the season."

The tournament begins Oct. 27.

The fourth quarter, like many quarters this season, belonged to Gambelunghe, as he scored two more touchdowns, on runs of six and two yards.

Playing on the rain-soaked field, the teams combined for three missed extra points.

Bethlehem’s record now stands at 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Metropolitan Conference. Troy is 3-4 overall and is winless in four games in the conference.

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Victory lifts BC girls soccer from doldrums

By Jessica Romano

The victory over Columbia High, on Tuesday, Oct. 20, ended the Bethlehem girls soccer five game losing streak and boosted their league record to 3 and 8. Their season record was 8 and 8.

"We really needed to win," said coach Tony DiSilvio. If BC wins its remaining league games, it may be possible to go to the sectionals.

The Lady Eagles offense came back after training 1-0 in the first period. First to score for BC was Jessica Romano, assisted by Casey Cannistraci. Kristen VanDuzer then scored off a direct kick, following a Columbia penalty.

Cannistraci and Gisotti each added a point late into the second half. "I was scared in the first half because we were losing, but thank God we came back and scored in the second," said DiSilvio.

Despite missing two key defensive players, Lisa Dearstyne and Melissa Mann, the BC defense allowed only nine shots on goal. Goalkeeper Jennifer Radliff saved seven. "We hope to have Melissa Mann and Kristen VanDuzer back 100 percent for our next game," DiSilvio said.

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THE SPOTLIGHT
**V’ville girls soccer team finishes second in Colonial Council**

**Greg Sullivan**

After dropping the first two games of the season, the Beacon girls varsity soccer team made some drastic improvements and finished their regular league schedule last weekend as the top teams in the Colonial Council.

Their two wins over Waterford and Emma Willard, and a tie with a Watervliet, gave the team a 7-3-4 overall record. "We wanted to win so badly, but we simply played awful," said V’ville head coach Rick Yarnall.

"We should be happy with this," said the team's goalie, Paula Cole 240.

Watervliet jumped out quickly, scoring two first half goals before dropping back into a defensive stand. By the time V’ville put anything going it was too late and the score remained 2-0, leaving V’ville with a modest second place finish.

"We seemed to forget how to play," added Halton. "I was very disappointed."

The rest of the week, however, went more V’ville’s way. On Thursday, the Ladybirds scored a 10-0 victory over Watervliet. Junior striker Megan McCarty scored with about 11 minutes to go in the game.

Despite the results, Halton was not altogether pleased. "The outcome was a win, but nobody really felt good about it. We outshot them 21-4, but couldn’t manage to put the ball away."

On Saturday, at Emma Willard, V’ville seemed to come together and play much better soccer. After falling behind 1-0 early in the game, the Ladybirds tied the game on a Kate Pakenas penalty kick to even the score to 1-1 at halftime.

In the second half, the game quickly shifted in favor of V’ville. The second half was all ours," Halton said. The Ladybirds pounded the ball continuously until senior Becky Baily found the net off a corner kick, making the final score 2-1.

After the win on Saturday, V’ville finished second in the Class C division. They were scheduled to play the second place finisher of the Class B division, Schalmont, on Monday. The game will count as a league game and may affect the seeding in the sections, which will begin late this week.

Boys of Beacon

A string of three wins over the last week places the boys volleyball team, currently gold at Colonie, at the top teams in the Colonial Council.

"In the beginning of the year they just didn’t play to win," said Coach Chuck Carpenter, Christian Smith, Greg Carpenter, and John Gould.

"In commenting on their success, tri-captain Brian Mullan said, "In the beginning of the year they said we’d be a 6-12 team... we’re 14-4 now."

The boys volleyball sectional tournament will be held this week at Colonie High School. Aiding in the team’s wins last week were Chris and John Gould. Andy Carpenter, Christian Smith, Socarios, Lee Bix, Dave Seegal, Jon Fishbar, Tim Phillips, and Tommy Dorgan.

To the delight of their fans, the Eagles walked off the court Friday with smiles on their faces.

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Activities honor Native Americans

In November, the children's room of the library will celebrate 1992 as "The Year of the American Indian" with a series of programs and activities.

A Congressional proclamation calls on Americans to recognize and honor Native Americans, who have made "distinct and important contributions in many fields."

The children's room will provide a variety of programs for children of different age groups. Parents have requested programs for very young children, toddlers and preschoolers, who are just beginning to learn and develop reading and listening skills.

Native Americans are a diverse group of people, with different languages, clothing, shelters, foods and rituals. They belong to a name will be drawn, and the lucky winner will get his/her wish.

Children ages 2 through 13 from the town of Bethlehem are invited to see the totem pole display and drop a wish for a favorite book in the Indian drum. At the end of Children's Book Week on Nov. 20, a wish per child, please.

Check It Out
Bethlehem Public Library

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m., Mary Galea of Feura Bush will present a lecture on Native Americans and their lore, handicrafts and artifacts based on her collection of arrowheads, pottery, beadwork, quill embroidery and Hopi kachina dolls.

Galea has done workshops for local schools and has participated in numerous fur trade era rendezvous. The program is designed for youngsters in grades five and up and adults. To register, call the library at 439-5934.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m., children in grades one to four can register for "Backyard Archaeology," and learn how to be a history detective in the backyard. Amateur archaeologist Donna Crispull will show the Indian arrowheads, fossils and colonial life artifacts she has unearthed in her backyard. Participants can bring shell, arrowhead or similar object to make a fossil craft.

Preschoolers, ages 3 through 6, are invited to experience Native American culture at "Tom-Toms and Talking Hands" on Friday, Nov. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

The library will be open for regular hours on Halloween, Election Day and Veterans' Day. The library's regular hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Fabric store to sponsor costume parade

Crafts and Fabrics Beyond the Tollgate, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, is sponsoring its third annual Halloween costume parade and contest on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 4:30 p.m.

The event is open to the public. Participants must wear a handmade costume. For information, call 439-5632.

American Legion sets spaghetti dinner

The American Legion Voorheesville Post 1493 will sponsor a spaghetti supper on Friday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion, 31 Voorheesville Ave.

Cost will be $5.50 for adults, $3.50 for children 6 to 12 and free for children under five.

Takeouts will be available.

Slingerlands PTA plans Nov. 3 bake sale

The Slingerlands Elementary School PTA will sponsor a bake sale on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the school.

Proceeds from the sale will help finance various PTA school activities throughout the year.
Fatalities

(From Page 1)

Route 144 between Wemple Road and the Three Farms Dairy are not uncommon, according to Geurtze, who moved to Glenmont a year ago after living in Unionville for many years. "If I witnessed four accidents within a mile of my house in 18 years that was a lot," she said.

Her son also happened to be waiting for the school bus last Friday after living in Unionville for a while. "I get woken up in the middle of the night by tractor-trailers just flying by the house," she said. "I'm afraid to let my son out there (in Unionville), but at least it was relatively safe. I hold my breath every time I take a left into my driveway."

Last Friday's fatal accident, which occurred at 2:41 a.m., was the second crash this year to claim a life along Route 144 in Glenmont. Josef L. Robles, 60, Saratoga Springs, was traveling southbound when his vehicle crossed over into the northbound lane and collided with a tractor-trailer driven by George E. Larkin, 35, of Lee, Mass.

A third vehicle, operated by Larry E. Rivers, 24, of South Main St., Coeymans, then collided with the tractor-trailer, police said.

Robles was pronounced dead at the scene while Larkin, Rivers, and James L. Douglas, 28, of Peura Bush, a passenger in the Rivers car, were taken to the Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Bethlehem Ambulance Service and the Delmar Rescue Squad. They were treated and released from the hospital.

Also assisting at the scene was the Selkirk Fire Department.

Burt attributes the traffic problem in part to trucks looking to avoid stoplights on Route 9W and tolls on the Thruway. "They don't pay any tolls but unfortunately the people on this road pay a toll in a different kind."

"I think this is the only area in Bethlehem that has a 55 mph limit where the road is two lanes," she continued. "People routinely travel 65 or 70 at the least."

In Delmar

The Spotlight is sold at Convenient-Express, Steurts, Tri-Village Drugs and Sunoco Elm Ave.

Board OKs removal of contaminated soil

By Michele Bintz

At a recent meeting, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education approved the removal and disposal of contaminated soil caused by leakage of a 30-year-old failed 12,000-gallon in-ground oil tank in the south parking lot at the A.W. Becker Elementary School.

They also approved the conversion of the heating system from oil to natural gas, as recommended by Robert Abromaitis of HASP Consulting and Engineering of Clifton Park.

According to business administrator Roger Lewis, the replacement of the tank — which was discovered leaking in a routine pressure test last month — and the conversion of the existing system to natural gas could cost the district upwards of $100,000.

Although the problem is not covered by current insurance policies, he said, the district is eligible for aid up to 64 percent of the cost to resolve the problem.

A temporary 1,000-gallon underground oil tank has been installed at Becker. However, board member Sarah Hafensteiner said she is concerned that students can't go outside during recess and urged the board to act immediately to resolve the tank problem.
BIRTHS

Albany Medical Center Hospital
Girl, Catherine Marie, to Marie and Patrick Sanderson, Delmar, Sept. 1.
Girl, Kaityn Elizabeth, to Patricia and Kevin Wilson, Glenmont, Sept. 7.
Girl, Allison Rose, to Diane and John Teevan, Delmar, Sept. 9.
Girl, Alexandra Emily, to Karen and Sam Randia Jr., South Bethlehem, Sept. 12.
Boy, Francis Dylan, to Kim and Karl Seitz, Slingerlands, Sept. 16.
Boy, Dylan Maurice, to Gloria and Donald Foley, Delmar, Sept. 16.
Girl, Teagan Elizabeth, to Karen and John Waddingham, Delmar, Sept. 21.
Girl, Samantha Kaitlyn, to Christine Costa and Michael Porter, Selkirk, Sept. 25.
Boy, Matthew Travis, to Kimberly Treinen and Jeffrey Montgomery, Delmar, Sept. 30.
Boy, Christopher Michael, to Kim Duncan, Selkirk, Sept. 30.
Girls, Cameron Anne and Kylie Healy, to Sue and David Caesar, Delmar, Sept. 30.
Boy, Christopher John II, to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bonacci, Glenmont, Sept. 30.

PHILLIPS, ZUPAN MARRY


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Business Task Force reports to chamber

Holly Billings, president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, and Mona Prenoveau, Bethlehem Networks Project Coordinator, have extended an official "thank you" to Marty Cormick and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Bethlehem Community Partnership Business Task Force made a brief presentation at the chamber's recent breakfast meeting.

Denis Foley, Director of STOP DWI and Mike McMillen, DARE Officer, represented the Business Task Force. Other task force members are Evelyn Bernstein, Marilyn Corrigan, and Mary Ahlstrom.

Foley and McMillen presented the results of a survey of local businesses, and explained how all members of the community need to be involved to help fight alcohol and drug abuse. They asked chamber members to work with the task force to create a youth/business alliance.

An example was given of how chamber members might help two eighth-graders trying to find outdoor volunteer work.

Also at the breakfast meeting, Billings and Prenoveau talked about the background of the Community Partnership and described the work of the other task forces.

For information about the partnership, call 439-7740.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Zupan

Phillips, Zupan marry


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William and Jacqueline Hartloff

Larabee, Hartloff wed

Jacqueline Chenot Larabee, daughter of John Larabee of Hillsdale, Columbia County, and Marcia Larabee of Round Pond, Maine, and William Michael Hartloff, son of Ethel Hartloff of Hamburg, Erie County, and the late George Hartloff, were married Oct. 3.

The ceremony was performed by the Hon. Douglas Mills at the Cock 'n Bull Restaurant in Galway, Saratoga County.

The matron of honor was Mary Smith, and Rebecca Owen, Cathy Musterman and Judy Rand were honor bridesmaids.

SUNY Cortland. She is a graduate of SUNY Albany and a graduate student of psychology in SUNY Albany.

The groom is a graduate of SUNY Cortland. He is employed by Allerdice Building Supply in Saratoga Springs.

After a wedding trip to France and Switzerland, the couple lives in Galway.

Mark Russell Comedy Special - Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Election '92: Meet the Candidates - Thursday, 10 p.m.
... Talking with David Frost - Friday, 9 p.m.
Le Cinema - Saturday, 9 p.m.
Learning Matters - Sunday, 7 P.M.
The Great Upset of '48 - Monday, 9 p.m., Election Night coverage - Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Corporate neighbors committed to serving the community
Bellevue Hospital
Girl, Jessica Nicole, to Margaret Lauretti and Scott Clemens, Slingerlands, Sept. 15.
Boy, Gregory Page, to Patricia and Brian Crawford, Voorheesville, Sept. 28.
Boy, Elliot John, to Sharon and John Shine, Glenmont, Sept. 29.
Girl, Meghan Elizabeth, to Mary and Patrick Seeley Jr., Delmar, Oct. 4.
Girl, Amber Noel, to Tina Marie Hallenbach, Selkirk, Oct. 12.

Eugene Millett and Candie Drobner

Drobner, Millett to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Drobner Sr. of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter Candie Drobner to Eugene Millett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Millett of Cohoes. An April wedding is planned.

Celebrant Singers plan Delmar concert

The Celebrant Singers, an internationally known Christian music ministry headquartered in California, will present a concert of contemporary Christian music on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Community church, Delmar.

Their two-hour service is a blend of inspiring music, praise and worship, and preaching of the Word. Featuring 10 singers and a 12-piece orchestra, this particular group of Celebrants has returned from an extensive mission outreach to East Africa, and is currently on a six-month tour of the U.S. and Canada.

Teachers listed in Who's Who

Several local teachers were recently listed in Who's Who among America's Teachers, including:

- From Voorheesville Central School District: Patricia Burnham and Richard Freyer.
- From Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District: Bruce Stott.

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Delmar church slates annual country fair

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar will present its annual Old-Fashioned Country Fair on Saturday, Nov. 7, beginning at 8 a.m. at the church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Fair highlights will include handcrafted wooden children's toys, crafts and collectibles, a Christmas boutique, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, plants and books.

For information, call 439-9976.
Obituaries

Ida Smith Foody
Ida Elizabeth Smith Foody, 90, a former Voorheesville resident, died Thursday at the Cheyenne Adult Home in Las Vegas, Nev.
Born in Voorheesville, she was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. She moved from Voorheesville to Florida 15 years ago, and to Las Vegas two years ago.
She is survived by several nieces and nephews, including Leonard Smith Jr. of Delmar.
Services are today at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Church, with burial at Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Helene H. Entin
Helene H. Entin, 64, of Stamford Drive, Glenmont, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, at her home.
She was raised in Nassau and lived most of her life in New York City before moving to Glenmont from Yonkers two years ago.
Mrs. Entin was employed as an administrative assistant at the Apple Bank of New York City, retiring in 1990.
She was a life member of Hadas-sah and was a great lover of tennis and music.
Survivors include her husband, Marvin Entin; two sons, Jeff Entin of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, and Glenn Entin of Brockport, Monroe County; a daughter, Meris Ruxov of Clifton Park; a brother, Bob Hochberg of Baltimore, Md.; and four grandchildren.
Services were from Beth El Cemetery, Oradell, N.J.

Clayton E. Rose
Clayton E. Rose, 89, of San Diego, formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Oct. 17.
Born in Corning, Steuben County, he lived in Delmar for 21 years before moving to San Diego in 1971.
Mr. Rose taught in New York state public school systems for 43 years. He taught and served as principal of Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Madison County, and as superintendent of schools in Penn Yan, Yates County.
He served as director of public relations for the New York State Teachers Association from 1950 until retiring in 1967.
He was a member of the Rancho Bernardo Community Church in San Diego, the Rancho Bernardo Library, and was president of the Rancho Bernardo Homeowners Association.
Mr. Rose was also a member of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the American Association of School Administrators and was president of the National School Public Relations Association.
He was husband of the late Jessie M. Rose.
Survivors include a daughter, Earlene R. Callahan of Rochester; a son, Clayton E. Rose Jr., of Delmar; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

Milton Snyder Jr.
Milton H. "Fuzzy" Snyder Jr., 61, of Cedar Grove Road, Selkirk, died Thursday, Oct. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.
A native of Berne, Snyder was a graduate of Ravena high school. He was employed as a truck driver by Callanan Industries, South Bethlehem, at the time of his death.
He was a member of the Teamsters Local 294 and a member of Selkirk Fire Co. 3.
Survivors include his wife, Fay VanAlstyne Snyder; Stepson, James Seaburg of Ravena; three stepdaughters, Susan Fink of Westerlo, Mary Quay of Selkirk; two sons, Alan R. Snyder of Ravena and Terry L. Snyder of Delmar; and six grandchildren.
A memorial service was from Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Roland Whitney
Roland Whitney, 68, of Oakwood Road, Delmar, died Thursday, Oct. 22, at his home.
He was born in Brighton, Ontario, and lived in Delmar for 44 years.
Mr. Whitney was a self-employed contractor in the Bethlehem area for many years.
He was a member of the Nathaniel Beekman Post 1044, American Legion Post 1040, Elsmere Fire Co. and the Elmstead Rod and Gun Club.
Survivors include his wife, Barbara Saunders Whitney; a daughter, Lori L. Whitney of Delmar; two sons, Alan R. Whitney of Ravena and Terry L. Whitney of Delmar; and six grandchildren.
Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar under the direction of the Applebee Funeral Home.

Elmendorf from Albany Medical Center Hospital.
To allay fears about casual transmission, Dr. Elmendorf said that there is no record of any transmission of the virus in school through hitting, saliva or blood from an injury.
She noted that a study of deep puncture wounds by infected needles shows that less than 1 percent of the time could the wounds catch the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) that is a precursor of AIDS.
The numbers of AIDS patients locally is rising. Elmendorf noted, with most of the increase among women in their childbearing years.
There's a growing overflow into the pediatric population, as these women pass the virus to their fetuses, she said.
Although the video stated that persons "with a need to know" in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's department would be told which students are infected with HIV, Elmendorf pointed out that under New York State's education department's rules, parents may choose not to inform school authorities that their child has the virus.
If school officials become aware, either formally or informally, of an AIDS patient's illness, they are to be on their best behavior, Frits explained, the law strictly prohibits disclosure to staff or parents without specific written authorization.
One parent asked if the district's health curriculum advocates safe sex with condoms.
"Our curriculum does not encourage sex, and specifically states that abstinence is preferable," responded Sullivan.
Whether condoms should be distributed at school is "an issue that residents of education, but I don't feel it's advisable," Elmendorf commented.
Asked whether infected students could participate in contact sports, Elmendorf said it would depend on the circumstances. "It depends on the severity of the illness. If they have HIV it's probably OK, but if they have full-blow AIDS they probably would be too sick.
Other questions dealt with what a student should do if he or she wants an AIDS test and the difference between AIDS and hepatitis B.
Monday's session is "probably the first in a series," Loomis told the audience. "I'm not asking you to inform your child about AIDS because you're asking indicate the kind of information we should be transmitting to other parents."
I was a pre-teen Dracula

By Eric Bryant

Having been "weened" on the tradition of getting decked out each Oct. 31 as Dracula (always my favorite), a boxer (very cold), or a bum (the ultimate in last-minute costuming) and traipsing around the neighborhood with an old shopping bag, it's a bit depressing that the flow of costumed youngsters seems to have dried up a bit in the past few years.

Perhaps it's just that folks aren't having as many kids as when I was young, but these days it seems like half the candy in the family bowl goes to supposedly health-conscious middle-aged women rather than to children dressed as the Wolfman or Barbie.

I must admit that, as a youth, I never bobbed for apples or tried to eat a doughnut off a string. Maybe I missed out on some good wholesome fun, but I always got into the two most important aspects of the season — post-holiday sugar shock and sheer terror.

Picture a 10-year-old Dracula wearing Keds and fake plastic fangs, carrying an A & P shopping bag and a lunch — not for blood — but Tootsie Rolls. That's me, greedily grabbing caramel popcorn balls from Mrs. Lawrence on Hawthorne Avenue, and double dipping at the house that has Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

While the thought of razor blades in apples and crushed glass in Snickers bars terrifies our parents, it didn't seem to concern us too much. We knew where we could go and where we shouldn't.

We also knew that Mrs. Lawrence made the best caramel popcorn balls in the entire known universe.

To get another chance at those gooey concoctions, we would swap costumes a couple of times a night, sometimes coming up with bizarre combinations like devil in a tutu or G.I. Pirate. She would recognize us, but it wouldn't matter.

I doubt if anyone still gives out home-made goodies. If they do, do cautious parents throw them out because they're not hermetically sealed? I can understand the parents' perspective now, but it's hard for me to comprehend a Halloween without caramel popcorn balls and candied apples.

Aside from gorging on candy, the main purpose of Halloween in the eyes of a child is to simply and effectively terrify yourself. For me, terror came in the form of roving teenagers who would often terrorize me up to stealing my precious package of sweets.

Some years later, for a short time, I would join those hooligans jumping out from behind bushes and buildings, as smaller bodies scrambled for safety.

As we got older — not quite to the roving teenager stage — the major scares became peer-induced, like daring each other to go near the one house in town that seemed haunted or walking through the graveyard. Granted, for a 12-year-old

Which witch is which?

Heather Pomykaj, 5, of Scotia, transforms herself into Heather Pomykaj The Witch (all in the spirit of the season, of course) at The Costumer in Northway Mall recently. She gets some help along the way from Michael Quay. Quite clearly, she's the happy kind of witch, not preparing to turn anyone into a toad, but practicing her craft for the great candy hunt on Saturday, Oct. 31. Hundreds of temporary ghosts, monsters and other unusual figures are expected to be out on similar quests.

Photos by Hans Pennink
An image of a page from a document is present, containing various sections of text that appear to be related to cultural activities and events. The document seems to be a newsletter or a program guide, highlighting upcoming concerts, theater performances, and other cultural events. The text includes sections on dance performances, music events, and visual arts exhibitions, all scheduled in various locations across the Troy area. The dates and times are specified, providing a detailed calendar of events for the interested audience. The page also features advertisements for The Spot Light, a newspaper associated with the region, indicating its relevance to local community happenings. Educational and cultural institutions are mentioned, such as The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), The College of St. Rose, and the University at Albany, suggesting a diverse range of activities catering to different interests from performance arts to visual arts exhibitions. The page is organized in a clear, readable format with a mix of bold and normal text, making it easy to navigate for event scheduling and information purposes.
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

ALBANY COUNTY

CAPITAL DISTRICT HEMLOCK SQUARE DANCE Workshop, Pastoral Center, 10 a.m. Information, 518-463-0629.

TECHNIQUES FOR CHARITABLE PLANNING An estate planning seminar, Diamond Americana, 660 Alarion Drive, Colonie, 10 a.m. Information, 237-8994.

THE EFFECTS OF FAMILY ON THE INSURANCE BUSINESS Workshop, Postcard Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 237-0205.

FLU SHOT PROGRAM Believe Hospital Nursing Core, Columbus Street Extension, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Cost, $37. Information, 237-0973.

FARMERS' MARKET through November, Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander Avenue and Washington Ave., Albany, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 237-0893.

SINGLES HALLOWEEN DANCE at Albany Jewish Community Center, 5308 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie, 7:30 p.m. Cost is $5. Information, 454-1174.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

ALBANY COUNTY

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY at Empire State Plaza, South Concourse, Albany, 6-9 p.m. Free and open to the public. Information, 474-0591.

Halloween Dance Single Outreach Services Inc., Poland Community Center, 990 Poland Avenue Ext., Albany, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Cost, $4 for members, $6 members. Information, 785-9438.

SINGLE FARMER'S MARKET through November, Townsend Park, Central and Washington Avenues, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 438-6051.

SENIOR CORALE at Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6051.

BABYSITTING at Albany Jewish Community Center, 1020 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6051.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET through November, First Congregational Church, 380 Maple Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 590-0200.

SHIPEARL WORKSHOP sponsored by the New York State Farm Bureau, 2153 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-4 p.m. Cost, $35. Information, 524-3556.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

ALBANY COUNTY

RABIES RABBIT, 470 Nott Road, 7 a.m. Cost, $7. Information, 976-4757.


SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC. self-help groups for former mental and nervous patients, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 237-0177.


MONDAY NOVEMBER 2

ALBANY COUNTY

RABBIES RABBIT, 3077 Nott Road, 7 a.m. Cost, $7. Information, 976-4757.


SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC. self-help groups for former mental and nervous patients, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 237-0177.
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 28**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BC PARENTS MEETING**
for special needs, Bethlehem Central Middle School "P.I." 7 p.m. Information, 439-8503.

**PERFORMANCE POETRY**
hosted by Charles Roeter, Bethlehem Central High School, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**YOUR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**
every Wednesday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m. noon. Information, 439-0503.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**
every Wednesday, First Church of Christian Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

**WELCOME WAGON**
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 765-9540.

**NORWEGIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**
every Wednesday, Bible study and prayer meeting, for Rockefeller Road, Elnaer Information, 439-7864.

**ROCK SCHOOL工業**
every Wednesday, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. Call in prayer, and Call in Prayer, 7-8 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

**BETHELLM ARCHEOLOGY GROUP**
every Monday and Wednesday morning, excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, call 459-7791. Route 32 South. Information, 439-6830.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**MOUNTAINVIEW**

**EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**
every Wednesday, evening Bible study, and prayer, route 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**
every Wednesday, at 11 a.m., Otsego Community Center. New Scotland, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2109.

**NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE**
section, every Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

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**BC PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP**
meeting, Gloria Jean, school counselor at A. Nason Elementary School, will speak on "Gaining cooperation from the school." Contact 439-8503.

**BC PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP**
meeting, program sponsored by Blackstone Preservation Society, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**PANEL SPONGE DAHNER**
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-0503.

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every Thursday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

**BETHELHUM SENIOR CITIZENS**
every Thursday, Bethlehem City Hall, 455 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4500.

**CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**
every Thursday, Delmar Church of Christ, United Church, 9 a.m., 8 p.m. Information, 439-6800.

**OUTDOOR EXCURSIONS**
every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**
every Thursday, 7 p.m., Project Hope and Bethlehem City Council, United Church of Christ, United Church, 7-9 p.m. Information, 765-0456.

**BETHELHUM LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Church meeting, 7 p.m., 9 a.m., at 11 a.m., nursery care provided. 9 a.m., 10 a.m. Information, 439-4280.

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**HALLWEG OPEN HOUSE**
environmental costumes encouraged. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9999.

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF DELMAR**
church school, worship nursery care provided. 9 a.m., 10 a.m. Information, 439-6800.

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every Friday, United Church of Christ, Route 85, New Scotland. 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

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**BETHLEHEM**

**HALLOWEEN**
environmental costumes encouraged. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9999.

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**
chapel service, 9:30 a.m.; youth group, 7-9 p.m., Route 6, Clifton Park, 765-4245.

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church school, worship nursery care provided. 9 a.m., 10 a.m. Information, 439-6800.

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**HAUNTED HOUSE**
Greenhouse Department, New Scotland Road, 7-9:30 p.m.

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Bible study service, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9076.

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worship service, church school, 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour, adult education programs, provided. 10 a.m. Information, 765-1756.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**
morning worship, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. Information, 439-9071.

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**TEMPLE CHURCH OF FORBESVILLE**
worship, 10 a.m., church school, 11 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

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**EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**
bible hour for children and adults, 9 a.m. worship service, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2912.

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worship service, 9 a.m., nursery care provided. 9 a.m., 10 a.m. Information, 765-2690.

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**ELECTION DAY Bake Sale**
supported by PIA, Singletown Elementary School, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

**ONEQUAHEUGH LODGE 1906**
Fundraiser, 9 a.m., Delmar Masonic Temple. Information, 439-2105.

**MEDICARE FORM AID**
sponsored by Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-2106.

**TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP**
every Tuesday, Bethlehem Community Church, 328 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m.

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**NEW SCOTLAND**

**STORY HOUR**
every Monday, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3**

**BETHLEHEM**

**MOTHER'S TIME OUT**
event, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9900.

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided. 11 a.m., 12 p.m. Information, 439-2912.

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**TEMPLE CHURCH OF FORBESVILLE**
Story Hour every Thursday, 10 a.m., Voorheesville Public Library, 91 School Road, Voorheesville.

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**15TH ANNUAL INDIAN RIVER CITRUS FRUIT SALE**

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Dramatic dancers

Nicole Laliberte, left, Bart Morell, Ed Robinson, Maude Baum, Lynda Capocello and Vanessa Paige will perform in Maude Baum and Company's Brave New Dances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 through 8, at the eba Theatre, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany.

Alain Roullier

Kids can learn to create containers and candles

The New York State Museum will offer a "Crafts for Kids" program for children ages 9 through 12 on two Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The program, a series of hands-on workshops, will help children create their own containers and candles. Containers will be made at the first session, and candles will be made at the second.

The fee is $8 per person, and museum members will pay $5. The registration deadline for the first program is Wednesday, Oct. 28, and the second session deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 4.

For information, call 474-3801.

Capital District churches to sponsor music festival

The Capital Area Council of Churches will sponsor its annual Ecumenical Musical Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, corner of Lark and Lancaster streets, Albany.

The featured group will be "Bryd in the Bush," and choirs from First Presbyterian Church, Trinity United Methodist Church, Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church will perform.

The Capital District Community Choir and the Handbell Choir from the Delmar Presbyterian Church will also be featured.

For information, call 463-5450.
Cartoon collector

Rob Curtiss of Schenectady shows some of his extensive collection of Ripley’s Believe it or Not memorabilia, which has been featured by nine libraries, five newspapers and on WTCN-TV. Curtiss is coordinating a “show and tell” evening for collectors at the William K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie on Monday, Nov. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Davis’ shows to feature ‘Animals Nobody Loves’

The New York State Museum will host a Wild Weekend with Dean Davis on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22. Davis will present the program “Animals Nobody Loves” at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Admission will be $2 for adults and $1.50 for children.

For information, call 474-5877.

Antiquarian book fair to feature 1,000 vendors

The Albany Institute of History and Art will sponsor its 18th annual Antiquarian Book and Ephemera Fair on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New Scotland Armory on New Scotland Avenue, Albany.

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For teens without a lot of cash, a concert at the Knick, Palace Theater, or SPAC can create quite a crunch.

Few people, however, take advantage of the wealth of free or cheap rock shows put on by national acts at area clubs and record shops.

For example, this Thursday, Oct. 29, local favorites the Spin Doctors will be playing at the Palace Theater for about $20 a ticket.

Though it’s nice to see them performing in a larger venue, there has been no shortage of opportunities to see the Doctors play before.

In the past year, they have played at Bogie’s twice, Saratoga Winners once, and gave a free acoustic show at Rhino Records.

***Bogie’s, located at 297 Ontario St., Albany, is a bar with a small stage that offers shows for all ages every Sunday evening. Many of these shows are alternative rock.

In the past, major-label acts to grace the club’s stage have included Material Issue, the Spin Doctors and the Mighty Might Bosstones. The cover charge usually ranges from $3 to $9.

Rhino Records on Central Avenue in Colonie is a large independent record store where recording artists often give free shows to promote their albums. While many of the artists are local, major-label acts that have played there include the Spin Doctors and Cracker.

Seeing a group at a smaller club can create an intimate musical experience. It’s also an opportunity to see developing bands before they reach a higher level of commercial success, not to mention being easier on the wallet.

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Many motor vehicle accidents could be avoided if drivers would simply go back to basics and not let coffee, a snack, the car telephone, the stereo or even the kids interfere with your driving. While drinking coffee and driving should be a no-no, it okay if you're a passenger. In fact, a safe driver makes sure that only passengers use the car phone or have coffee.

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The new MX-6 has been designed to appeal to young adults who value sophistication and style, but also demand responsiveness and functionality.

Two models are offered: the MX-6, and the more luxurious and sporty MX-6 LS. The MX-6 is powered by a 118 horsepower, 2.0 liter DOHC 16-valve four cylinder engine. The LS is powered by one of the only V-6 engines in this class; a potent 2.5-liter DOHC 24-valve engine that produces a class-leading 184 horsepower.

The MX-6 features four-wheel independent suspension for a solid, stable ride with excellent handling. Power rack and pinion steering is standard on both models. Brakes on the MX-6 are ventilated discs in front and drums at the rear. The LS model features four-wheel disc brakes. Anti-lock Braking System (9ABS) is offered on both models. The ABS option adds rear disc brakes to the MX-6 model.

The styling of the MX-6 is fluid, yet aggressive, with flowing lines and a steeply raked windshield that emphasize its sporty nature. The wide stance and sleek cabin of the MX-6 give it a look of great stability and strength. Careful attention to airflow over this shape has resulted in a 0.31 coefficient of drag.

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Jobs bond proposal spurs debate

By Kathleen Shapiro

Voters across the state will have their say next month on whether to approve Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's $800 million Jobs Bond Act, a proposal which supporters believe could immediately create as many as 24,000 new jobs.

Opponents of the bond act, on the other hand, have blasted it as too expensive and voiced doubts over whether the measure can provide the long-lasting economic benefits it promises.

The proposed economic plan — officially titled the Jobs for a New, New York Bond Act on the Nov. 3 ballot — was approved by the state legislature in July. It will authorize New York to borrow up to $800 million in "seed money" to help finance infrastructure improvements across the state, including sewer and drainage systems, access roads, waste-disposal systems, industrial parks, urban revitalization projects, energy facilities and waterfront and tourism-related developments.

Priority will be given to projects that utilize minority- or women-owned businesses, support apprenticeship training, or are located in economically depressed areas.

According to recent reports from the state Department of Economic Development, as many as 1,000 applications from communities interested in acquiring bond money have already been submitted. Under the rules of the proposal, local governments awarded funds must agree to pay 40 percent of the overall project cost.

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If voters give their approval to the bond act, funding could be available in time for the spring construction season — a move which supporters say could create an estimated 24,000 jobs in the construction industry and related industries such as engineering, architecture and materials supply.

As many as 106,000 additional jobs are projected to open up once projects are completed and new factories, commercial centers and tourism destinations are firmly in place, according to those who believe the bond act will stimulate economic growth and attract businesses to the state.

Opponents of the proposal, including large numbers of small business owners, have spoken out against the bond act on the grounds that any economic benefits will be outweighed by the high cost of repaying the bond over its 30-year life. Others have criticized the state for digging itself deeper into debt, and questioned whether the plan will really create the jobs it promises.

Instead, they have called for changes to the state's tax structure and regulatory oversight system in ways which will benefit businesses and allow them to grow without carrying a huge tax burden.

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Mothers face hard choices in bringing up baby

By Regina Bulman

"You're lucky there are so many choices for new parents today," a friend with grown children and grandchildren exclaimed when I announced I was expecting my first child earlier this year.

As I quickly write this while my beautiful 7-week-old daughter is sleeping, I realize the choices my friend talked about were some of the most difficult decisions my husband and I ever had to make. And, as Mallory Rose grows, I'm sure there will be many more.

My friend was right, though. Parenthood in the 90s is all about choices — all the way from childbirth methods to the perfect brand of baby wipes.

Today's expectant parents — signing up for prepared childbirth classes and deliberating over cloth or disposable diapers — can hardly imagine a time when mothers-to-be simply followed doctor's orders with little understanding of what was happening to them, and fathers nervously waited in smoke-filled rooms for the news of whether the child was a boy or girl.

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Thankfully, we do have a choice, but what if the choices we make are not politically correct or in line with what's socially acceptable or popular?

As a new mother who was medicated through most of what I anticipated to be a "natural" labor, who is bottle-feeding instead of breast-feeding, using disposables instead of cloth diapers and going back to work and using full-time...
League helps women make their votes count

By Kathleen Shapiro

In 1920, just one year after American women first won the right to cast their ballots in national elections, the League of Women Voters was established by one of the country’s leading suffragists.

It was Carrie Chapman Catt’s goal to educate the nation’s newly-enfranchised women on the importance of being informed voters who would use their hard-earned power wisely.

Seventy-two years later, the League has expanded its horizons and is taking that same message to all Americans.

“There’s usually a debate every few years about whether we should change our name,” said Karen Bonventre, programming vice president for the Albany County League of Women Voters, which was established in 1922, making it one of the nation’s first chapters as well as one of its largest.

“We’re really promoting the education of all voters,” she said, pointing to the league’s efforts to inform voters on campaign issues and register everyone from office workers to homeless people, students and the disabled.

In January 1922, Albany newspapers were touting the fact that there were no women in the Assembly for the first time since women were eligible to run for office in the state. Meanwhile, local women were busy forming the core of what would ultimately become a powerful lobbying group of more than 100,000 members on the local, state and national levels.

As a nonpartisan organization, the League of Women Voters has built a strong reputation for fairness and is a respected leader in the field of organizing political debates. (Local league members were most recently involved in lending a hand during the recent debates between the two candidates for the U.S. Senate, state Attorney General Robert Abrams and Sen. Alfonse D’Amato.)

Throughout its history, the group has taken a stand on legislation and political issues without supporting or endorsing political parties or candidates.

In the 1970s, the organization opened its doors to men for the first time. Although mixed membership is common today, the league’s foundations still run deep.

“I would say our agenda is definitely pro-female,” said Pat Jukins, past president of the Albany County chapter. “We see that women are impacted by all issues, but we address a lot of the ones that men don’t seem to think are important.”

Among widespread concerns, such as defense spending and the economy, league chapters across the nation have been primary supporters of issues such as equal pay, more equitable divorce laws, family leave and legislation to help curb domestic violence.

“These are things that should be important to all people, but unfortunately (women) are the only ones who’ve noticed,” said Jukins.

With next month’s 1992 presidential election edging closer, the national league has concentrated much of its efforts on researching and pushing for four main goals: election reform to help eliminate negative campaigning and make voter registration easier for the majority of Americans; basic health care reform, including cost controls and universal health coverage; waste management and pollution control, with an emphasis on increased recycling; and privacy in reproductive choice that will force the overturn of legislative gag rules and guarantee a woman’s continued right to make her own reproductive decisions.

Such issues are not taken lightly by league members. The organization has a comprehensive grassroots system for deciding which issues to focus on, and what kind of a stance to take. It arrives at its positions by forming study groups on given issues and reaching a consensus locally. The results are then passed on to the national league, which takes its cue from local chapters around the country.

Members may not all agree on a position, but everyone has a vote in it, said Bonventre. “You can’t get much more democratic than that,” she said.

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Single mothers find joys outweigh frustration

By Corinne L. Blackman

At 15 years old, Tameka Lawyer became pregnant. At 16, she had her first child.

Now, as a 21-year-old mother and a sophomore in college, she is struggling to complete her college degree while raising her 5-year-old son.

Sheryl Lontrato became pregnant four years ago. She left her son's father when the child was still a baby. Now, she juggles a full-time job at a restaurant with being the only parent at home.

Lawyer and Lontrato have something in common—they never planned to be single parents. Making the choice to have children was not an easy one, and the task of raising them has been even harder.

Lawyer said that her pregnancy was "something that just happened. I was young and I was scared and embarrassed," she recalls.

On the advice of her mother, who was very supportive when she became pregnant, Lawyer went to talk to a counselor. It was when she heard the baby's heartbeat in the doctor's office, though, that she decided to leave school and have her baby.

Lontrato was already out of school when her son was born, and living with the child's father. When she caught him with another woman, she packed her bags, took her child, and moved in with her parents. Now, she is raising her child alone.

Another mother, Jill LeCakes, became a single parent of three children through divorce. The hardest part, for her, was seeing other families together.

One night, at bedtime, her son told her, "But, Mom, I can't kiss my Daddy good night." She walked out of the room and cried, she said.

All three women have a lot of company in the single-parenting arena.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, last year over eight million women in America headed up single parent households, almost three times the number since 1970. In contrast, the number of men caring for children on their own is just over a million.

Thomas Swan, assistant director of counseling and psychological services at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, said these statistics reflect the changing patterns of the society. "Long ago, people felt connected to their own," he said.

Although Swan thinks family values have not changed, he does, however, feel that the numbers show that women have become more independent — both financially and emotionally.

Next May, Lawyer's son, JaQuaad, will be 6. Although she does not regret her decision, she admits that the realities of motherhood are not what she expected.

"I couldn't hang out with my friends anymore," she said. "My mother used to let me go out while she watched my son, but then she told me that she couldn't do that anymore because I had to take more responsibility for him."

For Lawyer, parenthood has meant both sacrifice and hard work. "A lot of times I couldn't get what other people had or a lot of times I had to go without in order to give him what he needed," she said. This was especially true of school. Lawyer delayed going back to school in order to raise her son.

Sheryl Woloshyn, author of Going It Alone, The World of the One Parent Family, said these sacrifices are not uncommon. Based on the data she collected, only one-quarter of female single parents finished high school. Although Lawyer was forced to leave school, she was one of the few to return. But school was not without its demands.

"Trying to finish high school being a single parent is tough," she said. "My mother would watch him while I was in school and while I was doing my homework."

In May 1991, Lawyer received her high school diploma and, two months later, she enrolled at Saint Rose in the undergraduate elementary education program. Last semester, she made the dean's list with a 3.6 average.

Tameka Lawyer finds time in her busy schedule to help her 5-year-old son, JaQuaad, with his homework.

It is generally assumed that women raising children alone are especially apt to face economic hardships.

According to Woloshyn, this problem is not really from the absence of fathers, but the "absence of a father's love." Before Lontrato had her child, the child's father promised that he would always be around for them. Once Lontrato had her baby, "He didn't want to play Daddy anymore," she said. Without a job and money, Lontrato was forced to turn to Social Services for help.

"Money is always a problem, it's a lot of money for a child by yourself," Lontrato said. "I don't have a husband to fall back on, so the child is very dependent on me, and everything is money, money, money, and it gets expensive."

She said her former boyfriend for child support. Now, after three battles with him in the courts, Lontrato receives $150 a month for her son.

Unlike the other mothers, LeCakes never had any trouble getting money from the child's father. "He always supported them. There was never a problem paying their child support."

Despite the drawbacks, the women take pride in their success as mothers.

"I keep pinching myself and saying, 'I've done it,'" Lontrato said.

Lawyer said she single motherhood has made her more mature, responsible and successful. "If I could do it all over again, I would do it the same. If it wasn't for JaQuaad, who would I have finished high school. Having him at a young age matured me and made me more responsible."

LeCakes said, "I think it's wonderful when a parent can say I love my child and have become I love the adult each one of my children have become, and that makes the sacrifice worthwhile."

Corinne L. Blackman is completing her four-month student internship at Spotlight Newspapers. She currently attends the College of St. Rose in Albany, where she is pursuing a degree in public communications.

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Editor finds vocation in ‘gender neutral’ field

By Susan Graves

When Marlene Kennedy was a senior in high school, she was told she had two options as far as a career was concerned. She could either become a nurse or a teacher.

Kennedy, 40, now editor of the Capital District Business Review, said after thinking about her guidance counselor’s advice, she decided teaching was the way to go since she hated the sight of blood. At that time, she didn’t envision herself as a journalist because “the people who were all men.”

But Kennedy gives her old guidance counselor credit, since without the advice, she probably would not have gone on with schooling.

Still, she said, as she went through college she realized, “This is not what I want to do.” So when an internship opened up at the Cortland Standard, she began carving out a third option for a career.

Marlene Kennedy

Kennedy, like many neophyte journalists, began working on obituaries, weddings and society items at the daily publication in her college town, which had a circulation of about 13,000. She then moved on to cover meetings with veteran newsmen and ultimately landed a job as a reporter in 1976. “I began creating my own beat,” covering planning and zoning board meetings, she said. Four years later, Kennedy was named city editor.

When she was 30, the Watervliet native said she began to look for larger opportunities in the news business. In 1984, she was hired by United Press International in Albany only to fall prey to hard times. “I was among the first wave of layoffs,” she said.

Shortly after, Kennedy had her first child and withdrew from the work force only to be lured back by the Business Review to fill a temporary two-month position. But during that time, the paper — which was in the process of a change of ownership — decided there was a need for two associate editors for news and special reports.

Kennedy moved into the news position and then to the managing editor’s slot and finally to editor. “And here I am,” she said.

If you’ve got what it takes, you’ll just make it there.

Marlene Kennedy

But quick to give credit where it’s due, she added, “If my husband wasn’t who he was, I could never have pulled it off.” Kennedy’s husband, Ed Peabody, cares for the couple’s two daughters, Kenlyn and Meredith Peabody.

“Seriously, I could not do this if it were not for the support from him.”

For Kennedy, her work is something that she has her heart and soul into “200 percent,” she said. “It’s very consuming.”

Kennedy believes that journalism is “gender neutral” and that success depends upon how much you want it. “You’ll get where you want to get,” she said, “if you’ve got what it takes, you’ll just make it there.”
Entrepreneur will fight chaos for a fee

By Susan Graves

If you're one of those people who spends a lot of time worrying about where things are, you might benefit from the services of Leticia Miller.

Miller's business, Secrets of Success, is a new organizational consulting firm based in Albany.

Miller said she works with small businesses or those just starting out in a venture to help manage their own lives.

If one thing springs from the most sophisticated business concerns to the way things are shelved or filed in a cabinet, Miller can also help the harried homemaker who is knee-deep in volunteer or fund-raising work.

She believes there's a big need for her services, particularly among those between age 30 and 40. "They want to pamper themselves a little more. They're very busy and want their lives to run as efficiently as possible," she said.

In today's world, for many people, "It's a real juggling act to get your life to run smoothly," she said.

Currently as a measure of community goodwill and to promote her new business venture, Miller is offering to share her expertise in talks for community organizations. But she and another businesswoman, Leslie Vail of Living for Tomorrow, which deals with stress management and health-related issues, don't come cheap.

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Leticia Miller

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Activists make their mark in a man's world

By Mel Hyman

Betsy Lyons of Glenmont, spokeswoman for Bethlehem Work on Waste (BGWOW), is used to dealing with a male-dominated culture, even as it exists within the environmental movement.

But that hasn't deterred her in the least. Working on environmental issues was "something I always wanted to do," she said. "It's been an interest of mine since college days."

She was a paid staff member of the Environmental Planning Lobby for six years and later a salaried staff member with the New York Land Institute.

For the past few years, she's opted for a part-time involvement because of financial constraints. "It's really rough for a woman to support a family" on the salaries offered in the environmental field.

"By and large, there have been quite a few women willing to spend tremendous numbers of hours doing environmental work at low wages," she said, but it's still a hard nut to crack when you consider this work your career.

"I went to a college that was totally male and went cold," she recalled, so that was good preparation for what to expect out in the real world. And when she worked for EPL as a lobbyist with the New York State Legislature, she was once again immersed in a predominantly male milieu.

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Ghandi said the time commitment called for in being a community activist was not the only obstacle keeping more women from becoming involved.

"A lot of people believe they just couldn't deflect a change. But I don't think that's just a problem exclusive to women."

A former educator and public relations expert, Ghandi was recently named to the board of directors of the Shaker Heritage Society.

Millie DiBlasi of Albany has always been energetic and high profile. So it's not surprising to see her name connected with much of what's happening around the Capital District arts scene.

A social worker by trade, Di-
Blasi has organized numerous poetry readings over the past few years, including several that have radio show. Her "exotic, erotic years. but it cuts both ways, she said. "Unfortunately, more and more women are being forced to work for a salary to help support a family" and they are reluctant to get involved. At the same time, she noted, "Those who have already been involved are being forced to go back to work to pay for things like college expenses for their children."

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Probing ins and outs of current fashions

By Laura Taylor

It's time to look into my crystal ball again to see what will happen in the fashion world in 1993.

Looking at fashion magazines really makes me wonder who buys all that stuff! Most women's magazines show the outermost fringes of fashion and usually at the highest price levels. It is difficult to believe that the average woman in the tri-cities is really cares what anyone is wearing in Paris when it comes to building her own wardrobe.

Keeping this in mind, I decided to ask local people in the fashion business what they thought would be hot in '93.

Fashion isn't just what you wear, it's how you look. Keeping that in mind, I talked to Laura Taylor, President of the Capital District Businesswoman Network. From her, I learned that today's look for hair is simplicity. The basic ideas from most designers have been "less is more," a shift to a softer feel for the hair in every length possible. Waves that flow softly are in and curly, curly hair is not.

The hard spiky cuts are being faded out in favor of a more natural treatment. With most women working these days, the keystones of hair and nails is simplicity. "If it can't be done in ten minutes, women just don't want the style," Theresa told me.

The 90s so far have been a real potpourri of styles. The basic ideas from most designers have been retro-dressing. Whenever the economy starts to falter, the big and small design houses look to the past to soothe their nerves.

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Looking at fashion magazines really makes me wonder who buys all that stuff!

Laura Taylor

• Long wrap skirt with short fitted jackets, somewhat like a waiter's jacket.
• Twin sweaters reminiscent of the 50s have made a comeback.
• "Hot" is a key item for working women with great double breasted jackets.
• "Bumps" in lots of colors with high sweaters.

Warnar also mentioned the Southwest look in terms of using fringe as an accent on a more relaxed denim body. For spring she said some hot colors will be "banana" and "sage."

Overall, there seems to be an anything goes attitude in fashion for the next year. Designers are creating long leggy looks in split dresses and short perky styles for those of us who enjoy the short looks.

Citrus cleaners are eco-friendly.

Here are some ideas to help you help the environment. Buy products in easily recyclable packaging and in the largest available size.

Compost your food and yard waste. Use resealable containers to store leftovers.

To get tough stains and spots out all around the house, and on your hands, many people use an environmentally-safe, citrus-based product that's used by mechanics and other professionals in the workplace.

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The cleaners are great for cleaning up after gardening, getting rid of smell and oils after fishing or cleaning fish and after working around the house, garage or shop.

Other uses include safely removing paint spatters from hair; removing spots from upholstery, clothes and carpeting; putting the final bright polish on chrome faucets; removing stubborn stains from plastic laminate counters; removing furniture polish build-up; and cleaning windshields.
Dividing property and assets, negotiating alimony payments and determining custody and child support are complicated and emotional aspects of any divorce. The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants urges considering the tax consequences of these and other divorce-related matters in order to negotiate a more equitable settlement.

Even in two-income households, alimony is an important topic to be addressed as part of a divorce. Knowing the variety of forms of alimony many also influence how much money you will offer to or accept from your spouse. Alimony is considered part of your income, and the person who pays alimony can deduct it, while the person who receives it must report it as income. The spouse receiving alimony and is not deductible for the person who pays it.

Do not assume that your property will automatically be divided in half as part of the divorce.

The amount of financial support you provide to your children does not determine your eligibility to claim them as dependents. The parent who has custody of the children for the greater part of the year is allowed to take the dependency exemptions. The custodial parent can, however, transfer this right to the other parent for one or more tax years by filing IRS Form 8332.

Do not assume that your property will automatically be divided in half as part of the divorce. Rules about the division of property vary depending on whether you reside in a community property or a common law state.

In a community property state, each spouse owns half of the property, even if one has legal title. In a common law state, the person who holds legal title of the property is likely to be recognized as the sole owner. Regardless of where you reside, however, any property acquired by one spouse before the marriage, or any gifts or inheritances received during the marriage, are generally considered separate property and not divided as part of the divorce.

Property settlements negotiated as part of the divorce are generally tax-free. So, for example, an individual can transfer appreciated property (such as real estate or stocks and bonds) to a spouse in lieu of alimony payments without incurring a capital gains tax.

Similarly, if you opt to give the house to your spouse as part of the divorce settlement, you are not responsible for paying any capital gains tax that may result from the home's increase in value. These taxes become the responsibility of your former spouse upon the sale of the home.

If you and your former spouse decide to sell your home and then split the proceeds, each of you generally must pay a capital gains tax on your own portion of the proceeds. You can escape this tax only if you purchase a new home for at least as much as your share of the old home's adjusted sales price.

Divorcees who are age 55 or over are subject to different tax rules. If you have lived in your home for at least three of the last five years, and are at least age 55 when you sell it, you may exclude from your income $250,000 of gain realized from the sale provided you have not previously taken this exclusion. You both may qualify to exclude your portion of the gain if you each meet the residency and age tests are divorced at the time you sell your home.

While a house is often a couple's largest asset, retirement benefits are usually a close second. Some spouses seek to receive benefits from their former partner's pension, company profit-sharing plan or individual retirement account (IRA). The amount of benefits to be paid to the participant's spouse must be specified in a court order known as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

Understanding the tax consequences of divorce can be time consuming. If you need professional tax advice in negotiating a fair settlement, you may take a tax deduction for the fees paid to a CPA or another tax adviser.

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An Associate Broker, Estelle has been with Roberts Real Estate for ten years and holds her GRI designation. She has a BA degree from the College of Mt. St. Vincent and a MA degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Surgical procedure eases ordeal

A growing number of the more than 650,000 American women who have hysterectomies (surgical removal of the uterus) every year, are benefiting from a new, minimally invasive surgical technique that dramatically reduces hospital stay, pain, scarring, recuperative time and costs for many patients.

Called laparoscopically assisted vaginal hysterectomy, or LA VH, the new procedure is gaining acceptance among surgeons and patients because of a new instrument developed by United States Surgical Corporation. In addition to serving as the surgeon’s scalpel, the instrument simultaneously seals off the cut tissue with three rows of hand sewing. A new, minimally invasive surgical technique is sending more patients home within two days of a hysterectomy.

Like other laparoscopic surgery, LA VH is performed through tiny incisions using specialized surgical instruments. The surgeon views a magnified image of a patient’s internal organs on a video monitor via a laparoscope—a tiny telescope connected to a camera.

Until recently, abdominal hysterectomy patients faced a hospital stay of nearly a week, up to six weeks of painful recovery and were left with an unsightly four-to-six inch scar.

In contrast, most women who undergo the new procedure can leave the hospital within two days following surgery, have minimal pain, only three or four time marks and return to their normal activities in a week or two.

Laparoscopy was pioneered by gynecologists in the 1960s and is currently used for appendectomy, hernia repair, gynecologic and bowel surgery and a broad range of gynecological procedures. Nearly 80 percent of all gallbladder surgery is done this way.

At informative brochure about LA VH is available free by calling 1-800-623-USCC.

Osteoporosis can be prevented & treated

While most women have heard of osteoporosis, a crippling bone disease which affects 25 million Americans, it seems few understand the distressing physical and emotional effects this disease can have on their lives, according to a new Gallup survey sponsored by the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF).

The majority of women, the survey reveals, do not realize that osteoporosis can lead to significant loss of height, a painful stooped posture, and broken bones. All too often women wrongly think that brittle bones and a frail body are an inevitable part of growing older. Not surprisingly, the survey confirmed that few women knew that osteoporosis can be treated and prevented.

Treating osteoporosis is extremely important since the disease may leave a woman unable to care for herself. Everyday activities like lifting groceries or walk down stairs become difficult tasks.

Women with osteoporosis may lose the independence they have enjoyed for years because of painful fractures or disability resulting from a broken hip.

Despite the physical and emotional problems caused by osteoporosis, the survey of 750 women between the ages of 45 and 75 found that many were largely uninformed about the disease.

The survey revealed that 60 percent of women are unable to identify significant risk factors for the disease, such as having a family history of osteoporosis, having had surgery to remove ovaries before age 45, having a slender build, being Caucasian or Asian, not exercising regularly and smoking.

More than 80 percent of women are unaware that the disease often leads to hip fractures, even though experts say a woman’s risk of breaking her hip is equal to the combined risk of developing breast, uterine and ovarian cancer.

More than 90 percent do not realize that death is a potential outcome of the disease. Given this widespread lack of understanding about osteoporosis, it is not surprising that three out of four women surveyed had never spoken to their physicians about the disease. Yet, experts emphasize that speaking with a doctor about osteoporosis may be the most important step in its prevention.

“Since osteoporosis is symptomless until broken bones begin to occur, it is especially important that women seek medical help early, when it is most effective,” explained Dr. Lawrence Riggs, president. “At the very least, these women should obtain available information from NOF or a health care provider. Properly taken, a bone density related to osteoporosis occur most often in the hip, wrist and spine. The spine is made up of a long series of connected bones called vertebrae. When a vertebra fractures, the spine can begin collapsing, leading to a loss in height and curvature of the spine.

Hip fractures are the most serious osteoporosis-related fractures since they often lead to long-term hospital and nursing home stays and, in about 20 percent of all cases, result in death.

Women are four times more likely than men to develop the crippling bone disease. After menopause, a woman’s ovaries produce less estrogen, a female hormone which plays an important role in maintaining strong bones. Estrogen deficiency after menopause may lead to rapid and accelerated bone loss, most of which occurs in the first five to seven years following menopause.

But osteoporosis can be prevented and treated. It is not a normal part of growing old.

Today, more than ever, we can help women suffering from osteoporosis maintain their health and independence,” Riggs said. “Treatments are available that can slow down the bone-thinning process, reduce the fracture rate, provide relief from the pain, and add both quality and years to a woman’s life.”

Doctors can tailor treatment programs to individual patients, taking into account, for example, if a woman is in the early stages of the disorder and has already suffered a fracture. In any case, a treatment program will most likely include medication, diet recommendations and an exercise program.

Women concerned about osteoporosis should discuss the disease with their doctor. Information is also available from the NOF, Dept. MR, 2100 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

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Study shows gender gap still exists in schools

Classroom conduct often fails test of fairness

By Rita Stein

In an era of increasing opportunity for women, does single-sex education still offer real advantages for girls?

At the Albany Academy for Girls, an independent, college preparatory day school for girls pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, we believe that the answer is a resounding “yes.” And, after reading the study “How Schools Shortchange Girls,” many would agree.

The 116-page report, which examines virtually every major research study on girls and education from 1985 to 1991, makes clear that, in spite of 20 years of progress, girls in public schools are still “not receiving the same quality, even quantity, of education as their brothers.”

Commissioned by the American Association of University Women, and written by a team of scholars headed by Susan Bailey, director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, the report confirms that gender bias in public schools not only exists, but carries damaging consequences for girls.

"This is truly a wake-up call to the nation's education and policy leaders, parents, administrators and guidance counselors that, unless we pay attention to girls' needs today, we will find out 15 years from now that there is still a glass ceiling," said Anne Bryant, president of AAUW.

Released last February, the report concluded that:

- Teachers pay less attention to girls than boys.
- Girls still lag in mathematics and science scores, and even those who do well in those subjects tend not to choose math and science careers.
- In an era of increasing opportunity for women, does single-sex education still offer real advantages for girls?
- Reports of sexual harassment of girls by their male classmates are increasing.
- Some tests remain biased against girls, hurting their chances for scholarships and getting into college.
- School textbooks still ignore or stereotype women, and girls learn almost nothing in school about many of their most pressing problems, including sexual abuse, discrimination and depression.
- In one of the best-known studies cited in the report, Myra and David Sadker observed teachers over three years and found that most teachers called on boys more often than girls, offered boys more detailed and constructive criticism, and allowed boys to shout out answers but reprimanded girls for doing so.
- Over time, such bias holds girls back in school and erodes their self-esteem. "The lone-rance im-

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Mother

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Mother, I can attest that each "choice" in today's world carries with it an enormous amount of pressure: The question always looms: "Am I doing what's best for my baby?"

While I certainly would not want to trade places, I think back to the simplicity of my mother's generation, not because it was easier or better, but because they knew what was expected and the choices were already made for them. Mothers were medicated through childbirth, without the luxury of making an informed choice about what type of medication was being used. Most mothers bottle-fed their babies according to Dr. Spock's prescribed schedule, and disposables were unheard of. There really was no question as to which parent would return to work. And, while many of us were raised the way society expected our mothers to raise us, even today's parents find it difficult to ignore societal pressure of what is currently believed to be healthiest or best for baby.

It seems as though the pendulum regarding childbirth has swung back to where mothers can and do accept medication during labor without feeling they are harming their babies. The idea of completely "natural" childbirth has been replaced by prepared childbirth classes, which include information on the option of different types of medication and how they affect baby and mother.

While the emergence of formula made bottle-feeding enormously popular (and an enormous business), most expectant mothers are now encouraged to breast-feed. Mothers who choose this option no longer must face awkward stares or negative comments about their choice. In fact, with urging from doctors and nurses and so many recent articles about its benefits, I'm sure I'm not the only mother who feels a fair amount of guilt for not breast-feeding. And when disposable diapers first came on the scene, heralded as one of the world's greatest modern conveniences, who would have imagined the environmental dilemma parents would have to work through before using them? I know mothers who have been lectured in supermarket checkout lines, Pampers in hand, by well-meaning strangers on the moral and ethical issues surrounding the use of disposables.

But perhaps the most erratic swing of society's pendulum concerns working families and child care. During the past few decades, women have received many conflicting messages — to go back to work and handle career and family, to stay home and be proud of the full-time job of mothering and to work from home while caring for their children.

We've heard going back to work is bad for children in the long run, but staying home and putting career on hold is bad for mommy. We've heard day care does not fulfill a child's need for nurturing, and that a child that stays at home does not fulfill his socialization needs.

No doubt, decisions about childbirth and child care are complex, but my friend was right to envy today's parents. While we may always wonder if we're doing right by the baby, at least we can feel somewhat reassured that we're the ones making the choices that, hopefully, pave the way to our child's happy, secure and well-adjusted life.