Elsmere volunteers to ask for pensions

By Mel Hyman

Voters in the Elsmere Fire District soon will be asked to approve a pension program for qualified volunteer firefighters.

A similar program is already in effect for the North Bethlehem Fire District, while Selkirk voters spurned the concept just two years ago.

The vote is set for Tuesday, June 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the firehouse on West Poplar Drive. Active volunteers with at least five years of service can qualify, and no firefighter would receive a benefit prior to age 65.

The maximum pension would be $400 per month based on 40 years of active service. Members must earn a minimum of 50 points per year by participating in fire company activities.

Fire company officials say that the pension program is crucial to maintaining an active and experienced firefighting force. While the current membership of 73 active volunteers provides an effective force, not all members are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"The fact is that day-time response is limited because many volunteers work outside of town," said Elsmere fire chief Richard Webster. "Only 18 volunteers work in the town of Bethlehem, which is cutting it.

"You can’t look at fire companies in the same light as Little League or other groups," said Webster.

BC top dogs earn keep, according to colleagues

By Dev Tobin

Compared to other Suburban Council school districts in Albany County, the Bethlehem Central School District has fewer administrators, but they are paid substantially more on average.

In part, the difference in average salary is because several BC administrators have worked for the district for many years, and in part the difference is because BC’s fewer administrators handle more duties, said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

Five BC administrators have been with the district for more than 20 years, according to district records.

"We seek the best people for the job, and compensate them fairly according to their qualifications and capabilities," Loomis said. "We are very lean. Our two assistant superintendents have more range and breadth to their jobs than would be the case in other districts."
Volunteers roll up their sleeves for cleaning

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Homeowners fume over new assessments

By Mel Hyman

Homeowners fuming over new assessments in New Scotland are feeling the pinch of a reassessment that has led to a $153,600 valuation on a filters new home.

By Dev Tobin

New Scotland: Current Councilman Burkhard is well aware of the need for bipartisan government.

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Partnership committed to circulating pledges

As part of its campaign to increase awareness of illegal drug use and underage drinking, the Bethlehem Community Partnership will circulate written pledges to town businesses, service, school, youth and church organizations.

"The goal is to involve every institution in town," said Bethlehem Central School Superintendent Leslie Loomis, a partnership member.

"This is a way for organizations to make a public commitment to doing something about drug use and underage drinking," said Holly Billings, president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, another partnership member.

The pledge reads as follows:

 Nights for teens to begin

The first weekly "Saturday Teen Night" will be Saturday, May 22, from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Back Home Buffet & Bakery, 53 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Students and adults of a Community Partnership Task Force helped plan this activity.

The admission fee is $5 per person, and covers dancing, food, soda and live entertainment. This week's show features the Billy McFreak Band.

About 30 volunteers gathered in downtown Feura Bush on Saturday to plant some 225 shrubs, evergreens and fruit trees donated to beautify the community by longtime resident Carl Touhey.

"After the completion of the Route 32 railroad bridge and the 32 South roadwork, I couldn't help but notice all the residents fixing up and sprucing up their lawns and properties," Touhey said. "So, I decided to help out. These trees and shrubbery will help give a nice introduction to a nice community.

For about 10 hours on Saturday, volunteers, including Onesquethaw Volunteer firefighters, local landscapers, heavy equipment operators and school age kids, dug, shoveled, pushed, pulled, planted and watered a variety of trees and shrubbery along Route 32.

Landscaping architect Mark Sengenberger designed and planned improvements on both sides of the railroad bridge embankments.

"Last year, Carl asked me to sketch up a plan for the beautification of this community, and I did," he said. "Last week, Carl called Charlie Houghtaling (Albany County Legislator), Fred Sparkling (Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company fire chief), John Loucks (town planning board member), and myself, gave the go-ahead, and here we are."

Volunteers Dave Ingraham, left, and Carl Touhey get down and dirty during the Project Sunday on Route 32.

Some minor work must still be done, but most of the heavy and tiresome part of the project has been completed. Residents and volunteers will continue to nurture and maintain these latest
The Res Junk progress in the last few weeks of the town junkyard ordinance.

Dunston's automobiles junkyard at drive down the road and not see Board received a positive progress report on the cleanup of Dunston applied for Dunston estimated that the cleanup should be complete by 443 in Clarksville. In January, Dunston estimated that the weather seemed more than half done, and board members informal appealed their assessments, but the final tax impact loss to the current reassessment is Tuesday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in new assessments will affect them. According to preliminary figures, the town-wide revaluation will raise total property tax payments more than $300 for more than 800 residential property owners. About that many people have informedly appealed their assessments, but the final tax impact won't be known until after the town Grievance Day May 25. The school board will meet Monday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the high school to consider what to do next. "I'm inclined to let the community tell us where to go from here," Cole said. The board can put up the same budget again, put up a revised budget with a lower tax rate, or go to a contingency budget with separate propositions for items like transportation and interscholastic athletics, McCartney said. "We'll have to take a look at everything in the budget and see if we can trim some more," he said. The school board will meet Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the high school to consider what to do next. The vote. Since only two residents spoke up since the plan-

In other business, the board approved a lighted sign for Tee Golf, a driving range and miniature golf facility under construction on Route 85. The approval stipulates that the lights for the sign be turned off 30 minutes after the close of business, or 11:30 p.m. The board also approved favorable recommendations to the zoning board of appeals on area variances for William Banahan on Rowe Road and for Shirley Mosler on Tarrytown Road. The next meeting of the board is Tuesday, June 8, at 7 p.m.

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The Spotlight

Memory and honor: the true spirit

As the national Commander of the American Legion, Roger A. Munson, reminds us in a formal statement, the observance of Memorial Day offers us an opportunity to stop and reflect on the unique history of the United States and our rights and responsibilities as citizens.

"Make no mistake," Commander Munson states, "Memorial Day doesn't glory war for no one hates war more than those who have fought the battles. To the contrary, Memorial Day glorifies peace by reminding Americans that we are entrusted with remembering those who paid the ultimate price so that our great country would endure.

"Their selfless sacrifice spans the history of America, from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. These patriots left their homes and families when their country called and gave their last full measure of devotion in defense of freedom.

"It is fitting that we celebrate on Memorial Day the freedom that has been won and sustained by our fallen heroes. They answered their country's call, put themselves in harm's way, placed the welfare of others above their own safety and put duty ahead of personal interests. Their sacrifice must never be forgotten."

In many parts of the country in past years, Memorial Day also was known as Decoration Day—that is, a universal occasion for decorating the graves of those who have gone before. This, in essence, exemplifies the true spirit of the day set apart for such a solemn act of dedication.

BC's 12 pct. turnout branded as pathetic

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read your article on "BC budget passes by wide margin" in the May 12 Spotlight and was astounded by President Boardwoman Pamela Williams' explanation of the low turnout (down one-third from last year). I'd like to think public participation is better than the work we do," she said.

About 12 percent of the eligible voters voted in the Bethlehem school budget and all we hear is the people must be satisfied? There are constant complaints of an unpopular public when our presidential elections get maybe 50 percent of the national voters out. My view is Bethlehem school-budget voters just don't give a hand what the board does to their children and don't get out and vote, they are complacent!

In the same article, we are advised public participation in the board's budget workshops increased this year. From what I read, they were the special-interest groups.

But what has that to do with about 16,000 voters in the school district not coming out to vote? They were all satisfied! I think not. More likely, the general feeling is that parents don't care what the board does as long as the district continues to take their children and fulfills parental responsibilities during the day: "Just take my kid and don't bother me."

It is a pathetic assessment—but we have a pathetic public in Bethlehem, except for the 2000+ who came out to vote.

Walter C. Weidlich

Delmar

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Vox Pop

Honors recital shows soloists' high caliber

Editor, The Spotlight:

If you happen to be walking along Kenwood Avenue on Monday, May 10, you would have heard the strains of Mozart, Brahms, and other composers waiting out through the open doors of First United Methodist Church. The event was the fifth BCHS Honors Recital which showcased the talents of 19 young musicians. These students are all from the highest level of performance for the New York State School Music Association Festival held in the spring each year.

The soloists were impressive, not only for the difficulty of their selections, but also for the poise and feeling which infected their performances. Years of lesson, daily practice, and other preparations culminate in an evening such as this. As the writer Bernard Edmonds described, "To trust yourself to test your limits—that is the courage to succeed."

The community should be proud of the caliber of this group. Our congratulations to those who participated. They include: Colleen Walsh and Olga Boshart, clarinet; Brian Lenhardt, tenor saxophone; Emily Firewood, Mike Neary, French horn; William Hawley, Benjamin Pierce, euphonium; Tom Birdsey and Aaron Thomas, trombones; Kevin Rice, tuba; Rebecca Rice, viola; Julia Donnarumma, Jamie Sommerville, Jennifer Thorpe, soprano; Mola Hughes, Kristen Jones, cello; Nicholas Sattenger, tenor; Janice Gallagher, violin; and Kim Hart, trumpet.

Delmar

Anna Birdsey
Towns, cities are using sales tax riches poorly

The contributor of this Point of View was elected in 1992 as a Democratic member of the Albany County Legislature, representing the 24th District in Colonie. He is a resident of Latham who is legislative director of the social services committee of the New York State Assembly.

By Timothy D. Nichols

While town supervisors and the cities' mayors bicker and plead with Albany County lawmakers to extend the 8 percent sales tax rate (now scheduled to expire on Aug. 31) one fact remains constant: your taxes will go up—and so too will government spending.

When you cut through the rhetoric, the argument put forward by the supervisors and mayors really amounts to a threat: Either support the sales tax or watch your town's tax base go over more of its revenue—or pay higher property taxes. With that prospect, you can expect to be bullied into accepting another year of 8 percent sales tax. No where is there a commitment by localities to control spending.

A recent report, "Taxes Begin at Home," by Fahey, of New York State, showed that New York's local governments—namely towns, school districts and, in some cases, cities—for one year of sales taxation from 1980 to 1990. Further, the towns and cities outpaced counties in spending, despite the many unfunded State mandates imposed on counties.

Closer to home, several of Albany County municipalities' expenditures were nearly twice the rate of inflation.

Let's look at some numbers. The rate of inflation during the study period (1980 to 1990) was 64 percent. Albany County's spending increased below inflation, at only 60 percent. Yet during the same period, towns in Albany County spent at 101 percent! Guilderton, the lowest spender, came in at an amazingly low rate of only 30 percent. (If Guilderton is removed from the equation, the average spending growth jumps to 108 percent.) While the County spent below the inflation rate, towns and cities were on a spending frenzy.

With the freedom to collect 40 percent of Albany County's sales tax revenues, the towns and cities are hooked on this no-strings-attached income

Albany County's cities' average was 86 percent. But that does a poor job in reflecting that two of the county's three cities, Albany and Cohoes, had growth rates of 71 percent and 77 percent, respectively. Watervliet was at 111 percent, obviously skewing the overall city average high.

What this shows is that towns were the true spending culprits by comparison during the 1980s. Some local towns, with little or no bi-partisan balance, have had carte blanche spending. Take my home town of Colonie as an example.

Fourth highest in spending, Colonie's spending growth was 114 percent, far more than the inflation rate of 64 percent. No wonder Supervisor Fred Field is leading the charge to keep the towns spending 8 percent sales tax. During the '80s Colonie built a new Town Hall and a new police station costing over $15 million.

To be fair to Colonie, it is the freedom for the past decade to collect 40 percent of the sales tax revenue of Albany County, municipalities have become hooked on the influx of this "no-strings-attached" revenue. The problem is, nobody has been watching very closely to see how these municipalities were doing with the extra money. As a result, spending has soared.

This fact is more disturbing when you take into consideration the fact that, unlike towns and cities, counties are forced to pay for far more unfunded State-imposed mandates. Social services
Nichols (From Page 7)

mandates such as Medicaid and Home Relief cost counties, billions of dollars a year—but not towns and cities. "Title XX" and higher-education mandates cost counties—not towns or cities. Mental health services and special education mandates come down on counties.

To make matters worse, the State imposes "administrative spending caps," making it even harder for counties to implement the State-imposed mandates. Towns and cities escape all these mandates.

That's why Albany County (and other counties) must make difficult choices while towns and cities could continue spending faster than inflation. It also means that Albany County is doing a good job in controlling spending (despite press reports) though we must continue working hard to keep the additional sales tax revenue.

How are they going to control much? What were they doing with more from town and city mandates. The county's mandate-riddled budget. It's time to change that: Require counties to submit budget revisions. But balances the town and city share of the current rate of 40 percent. Albany County should keep more of the share to balance the county's mandate-riddled budget. Then, towns and cities should be required to submit budget information, staffing levels, pay scales, summaries of revenue and expenditure, and "promises" on ways to control spending. Then, and only then, should we consider keeping the sales tax at 8 percent. Without this, counties throughout New York State with a population similar to Albany's (Rockland, Dutchess, and Orange, for example) might keep more of the sales tax for themselves. Rockland County keeps 92 percent and does out only 8 percent to its municipality. Orange County keeps 85 percent, while Dutchess keeps 85 percent. Rensselaer County (with only half the population of Albany County) keeps 64 percent. Albany is by far the most generous county since it keeps a mere 60 percent.

It's time to change that: Reduce the town and city share of the sales tax revenue back from the current rate of 40 percent to its previous rate of 33 percent. Albany County should keep more of the share to balance the county's mandate-riddled budget. Then, towns and cities should be required to submit budget information, staffing levels, pay scales, summaries of revenue and expenditure, and "promises" on ways to control spending. Then, and only then, should we consider keeping the sales tax at 8 percent. Without this accountability, I will never support the continuation of Albany County's 8 percent sales tax.

He loves town, but—new ideas needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter is to rebut that of Betty Albright on the proposed Southgate Commons shopping complex.

Ms. Albright should remember that Bethlehem is not just Glenmont. The town is a combination of many villages and people. Personally, I am tired of having only one store to go for food. Also, I am surprised that the town has no movie complex. I keep hearing about senior citizens; how about the teens? Our 14-year-old has very few places to go unless he is a super jock. Where is the teen center?

Ms. Albright complains about the proposed complex that would go up near the Glenmont school. Well, how about the Fluree school near a liquor store?

As for the traffic, I can hardly pull out of my driveway without being run over by speeding cars and trucks. Still, I put up with it. Why? It's because I love Bethle­hem. I love the parks (when they are open), the school system, the churches, and most of its people.

What do I not like is: So many banks—and only one market to buy food from. We need to enter grocery stores, teen centers, movie houses, year-round swimming pools. And how about some affordable housing? We have great minds in this township. Let's get them working on these ideas. Not more but better. Let's approve Southgate.

Elsamere

New mail application should be a concern

Editor, The Spotlight:

For many months the planning board has been reviewing an application for a new strip mall on Delaware Avenue near the Tasty Freeze.

For those who think this development will not affect you, think again. If this project is approved it would dramatically impact those who travel Delaware Avenue. Tremendous traffic confusion already exists at the junction of Old Delaware and Delaware.

There will not be a public hearing on this project.

Please take the responsibility and let the board know your concern. Don't sit back and let others make choices that will affect your health and safety.

J. A. Gallagher

Delmar

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Student decry 'No' Voorheesville vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week the Voorheesville School District's $35 million budget was defeated by a narrow margin of some 83 votes. Although a proposition to buy new buses was passed, the monetary increase on the district's taxes seemed too high to allow the whole package to go through.

So now the cuts may begin again. The honored Voorheesville school system, recognized at both elementary and high school levels as a Blue Ribbon National School of Excellence, has to begin to cut the programs which earned it this strong reputation.

As a longtime student of the Voorheesville school system, I can say first-hand that for a district of its size, Voorheesville has allowed a student the opportunity to participate and become active in the school as well as in the community. School for me and the majority of the students at Voorheesville has become central focus in our lives. We devote the majority of our time to the academics, sports, and numerous activities and organizations within the school. Without a doubt, the following years would not be the same if these opportunities were lost. Voorheesville students have been recognized at the academic level as well. Students have received awards in nearly every academic core, writing, and math competitions. We have had AP Scholar Awards, AP students, and leadership recognition. Students can be placed in technical or commercial-training classes or be offered remedial help as needed. These are, in fact, integral parts of our lives, that if taken away would not easily be filled. We need varied opportunities to allow as many students as possible to become involved in the school and community so we can stay positively directed.

Part of the reason Voorheesville schools received state and national recognition was the relationship the school has with the community. This is evident if one looks at the number and variety of community organizations that use school facilities and fields; that sponsor and support school groups; or that attend adult education classes. The schools and community should not be adversaries in the funding dilemma.

We should try to resolve the problem together, including student opinion. We attend school, go to classes, and participate in school activities, but I remember a couple of years ago that it did. However, one value that my parents instilled in me will not allow me to do that. They have always encouraged me to give something back whenever possible. I cannot do that with money right now, but I can give time by volunteering, and support by the simple fact that we all consider keeping an excellent program in place for all the other young members of our community.

It was there for me, and I appreciate it. I am also certain many other students would agree. Our community should not allow this superb area school experience to be slowly taken away.

Greg B. Sullivan
Voorheesville

BCHS students protest loss of administrator

Editor, The Spotlight:

We, the undersigned students of Bethlehem Central High School, are writing to express concern about a recent administrative decision. The non-renewal of Assistant Principal Thomas Mawhinney greatly distresses us. Never before have we had an administrator who has had such a pronounced and positive impact on the school community.

An effective administrator is one with whom we feel we can relate. He or she should be approachable and willing to listen and to respond to our concerns. The atmosphere should not be "us" against "them"; rather, it should be administrators and students working together to create a positive learning environment.

We, the undersigned students, write to protest this decision. We believe that Mawhinney has a tremendous connection with the students and administration for whom he cares. We do not blame Mawhinney for acting on the instructions received from above, but we would like to state that we are extremely concerned about the decision.

Kim Piper, Melissa Freeman, Timothy Philippo, Mike DeCocco, Mike Fritz, Kelly Deyler, Melissa Mann, Debi Kneiss, Matthew Ostraff, Scott Rider, Theresa Grohbecker, Stephanie Shamson, Scott Gits, Caroline Jenkins, Megan Cornell, Larry Fisher, Dana Cole, Wendy Nicholson.

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**Voorheesville Plaza's assessment denounced**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Business and industry in this country are in trouble. Bankruptcies are at an all-time high. Banks are failing. Millions of people are out of work. Everything seems to be moving to Mexico and Canada.

With this in mind, let's focus our attention on the decision by the Town of New Scotland Assessor, Dick Law, to arbitrarily sign totally unrealistic values to a number of commercial properties in the town, taking the calculated risk that all these business interests will not bring him to court for a reduction.

Cole-Layer-Trumble, a licensed, reputable firm, made judgments based upon accepted principles of appraisal to come up with values for both residential and commercial properties. They made their reports to the Town of New Scotland and were paid a tidy sum. Mr. Law, apparently unsatisfied with the appraisals submitted, has opted to take it upon himself to appraise these commercial properties.

I want to make a few points relative to the Voorheesville Plaza, a property in the center of Voorheesville that has really experienced economic hardship for many years. The plaza has been hit with assessments that will effectively double the tax bill.

I want to let residents of the town know that we are on the verge of possibly seeing a beautiful new grocery store in the plaza, which would create many jobs for local teenagers, and give local residents an alternative source of food without the hustle-bustle of the large grocery stores in the area. It will help provide additional tax revenues for the local government and school district. It can help with many things, but we, as owners of the plaza, cannot do this and submit our tenants to unrealistic tax levies.

Further, doubling the assessment on the "strip" portion of the plaza, where the Voorheesville Pharmacy, Liquor Store, and Key Bank are located, will surely adversely affect these tenants. I know most people think that independent business people are "rich." Well, folks, they are not; they are living on a shoestring just like many families are today.

So, go ahead, Mr. Law and the Town of New Scotland. Let's chase away the only hope for a new grocery store in the town in 10 years; let's bankrupt our small stores so everyone has to drive five miles to get a prescription filled, buy some spirits, do your banking. Besides, let's have our teenagers ride their bikes down Route 155 and Route 20 to get to their part-time jobs. Great idea you have here.

One point to remember—with our business and industry there are no jobs; without jobs we cannot afford to buy homes and provide for our families. With the large grocery stores in the town, residents will not be able to afford the taxes and have the quality of life that every town in America used to desire, not tolerate as they seem to today. And, ultimately, remember that if the residents cannot pay you, you and many others are out of a job.

Then, maybe you will understand what the rest of America has to deal with; then, maybe something will be done to encourage expansion of your tax base, not just increasing your tax rates.

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**Crazy for quilts: success for show**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Those attending the Quilt Show at Bethlehem Central High School experienced a design panorama that not only stimulated the visual senses but also the creative soul.

Works of many talented artists were on display during the two-day event, including: The Town of Bethlehem Biennial Quilt, designed by Barbara Boynton, and Celebrate Bethlehem 1733-1993, designed by BCHS Fiber Art Class.

The Bethlehem Central Community Organization (BCCO) would like to express its appreciation to Pat Nuding, Beverly Reinhardt, and Quilters-United-In-Learning/Together for their generous donation to the BCCO scholarship fund; to Holly Billings, Ann Jacobs, and Betty Guard, for all their effort on behalf of the show; the Village Deli for providing gastronomical treats; and to everyone who attended.

Maureen Geis, for
Bethlehem Central Community Organization

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Faced with lack of space at the A.W. Becker Elementary School, parents, administrators and building leadership teams have put together a multi-age level educational plan.

According to a memo recently sent to parents by Becker principal Diane Kilfoile, there will be three kindergarten classes at Becker next year. The library will be used half of the day as a kindergarten room, and two combination first-second and third-fourth-grade classes will be set up.

An informational meeting about the space problem is scheduled tonight, May 19, at 8 p.m. at the middle school. The program will be repeated May 20, at 3:30 p.m. at the school.

**PIE to meet**
Middle school Parents in Education (PIE) will meet tonight, May 19, at 7 p.m. at the middle school on Route 9W in Ravena.

**District grant council to meet Thursday**
The RCS district drug-free grant council has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, May 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the board office, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk.

At the meeting, the group will discuss the 1992-93 program and begin planning for the coming year. The council, made up of faculty, counselors, area clergy, parents and community agencies, advises the district on drug-free grant funded activities.

The group's next meeting will be Thursday, June 17, at the board office.

For information, call Gloria Jean at the Becker school at 767-2511.

**Library goes to the beach**
Preschool story hours this week at the Ravena Free Library, 106 Main St., will follow the theme "A Day at the Beach."

Programs are scheduled on Thursday, May 20, and Saturday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m.

**South Bethlehem church slates drama and dessert**
The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, will present Neil Simon's comedy God's Favorite on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, and June 4 and 5.

The evening will also feature a dessert selection prepared by chef Roberta Osborn.

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Music mural brightens Bouton hallways

By Dev Tobin

Students working in a centuries-old art form, mural painting, have begun to brighten Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville.

The music wing of the school used to feel "sterile like a hospital," according to music teacher Lydia Tobler.

That feel has changed, Tobler said, thanks to a mural painted by students in Marie Triller's advanced drawing and painting class, which meets around the corner.

"I love it. The concept is just so marvelous," Tobler said. "Every time I look at it, I see something different."

The mural, done in acrylics, depicts a conductor leading various instruments, which are playing by themselves.

"The students were inspired by <i>Fantasia</i> to come up with the theme of instruments playing without people," Triller said. "They spent 10 weeks working on it, five of those with student teacher Lynn Wittmore from the College of Saint Rose."

Wittmore's help for the first five weeks of the 10-week project was crucial, because Triller could not be in the hall and in the classroom with her other students at the same time.

The students got so involved in the mural that they even spent time after school working on it, and were treated to pizza one night by the school's Friends of Music group.

Throughout the project, the students' skills evolved, Triller said.

"Beginning with a rough drawing, the concept just got better and better," she said. "The more they painted, the more they developed a keener sense of color and of three dimensions."

The music muralists are Dave Burch, Jill Frender, Miina Laine, Kate Pakenas, Mike Stone and Samantha Tuttlebe.

Several of Triller's other students have also used murals with ancient themes to decorate her classroom/studio.

The earliest surviving murals in the world — the cave paintings of Lascaux — inspired Mike McDermott and Joel Pomp to design and paint paleolithic animals on an overhead cabinet; and Beth Lucia and Marcia Gaudio turned a drab yellow storage cabinet into a brightly-colored replica of an Egyptian sarcophagus.

Triller said she hopes future students are inspired to paint murals as well, and that the cafeteria and gymnasium areas may be next in line for murals.

"With this enthusiasm and the number of kids in the art program, hopefully this can continue," Griffin said.

With the music mural they created are Voorheesville art students, from left, Jill Frender, Bob Sapienza, Samantha Tuttlebe, Kate Pakenas and Miina Laine, and, standing, Dave Burch and Mike Stone.

Dev Tobin
NEIL D. BRESLIN, a 1964 graduate of Fordham University and the University of Toledo Law School where he was Editor in Chief of the Toledo Law Review in the years of his graduation in 1971. Upon returning to Albany he practiced law with the firm of Garrity, Cahill, Edmunds and Breslin, uniting his brothers in 1981. Neil has a diverse practice including real estate planning, corporate and matrimonial law.

Neil has been active in the New York State Bar Association and is the incoming chairman of the General Practice Section. He served as the founding longtime board member and past president of Arbor House, a shelter for battered and abused women. He has taught continuing education classes for attorneys as well as adult education on the law for the Bethlehem Central School District. He was also a long time Board Member of the University Club in Albany.

MICHAEL G. BRESLIN graduated from West Point in 1961. He spent eighteen years as an infantry officer including a tour of duty in Vietnam as an infantry company commander and led the Army with rank of Major in 1966. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Toledo Law School in 1981. Michael's practice includes representation in personal injury and related matters.

Michael has been active in the community. He was a twenty year board member and past president of the Catholic Charities' Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, a residential drug rehabilitating facility in Albany. He has coached for Little League, Babe Ruth and Tomboy boys, a long time religious education teacher at St. Thomas, and adult education teacher. He ran three times for Town Justice and was a Democart in Bethlehem in the 1990's, once getting over 40% of the votes and Town Democratic Chair in the early 1990's. He is the Counsel for the Anne Institute in Albany and the former General Counsel to the Capital District Transportation Authority.

Anne Marie Couser is a 1983 graduate of Albany Law School. She earned her juris doctorate from the University of Toledo where she was Editor in Chief of the Toledo Law Review in the year of his graduation. She has been active in the community. It was here that she became interested in serving the senior citizen, and this interest has carried over into her legal practice. Her practice includes representing and advising elderly clients in their estate planning needs, including preparation of Wills & Trust Agreements, Health Care Proxy, Living Wills, asset protection, property management and cohabitation agreements/ Guardianship pre- ceedings. She also concentrates in the probate and administration of estates. If you are fixed to your home or to a health care facility, Ms. Couser will meet with you there.

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Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School's Spring Music Festival will return to the West Capitol Park in Albany on Tuesday, May 25, at noon.

Michael Tebano, music director, will conduct the high school stage and concert band.

Senior prom set at Marriott Hotel

"Imagine" is the theme for the junior-senior prom at the Albany Marriott Hotel in Colonie on Saturday, May 22, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Pictures will be taken at 7 p.m., and payment is requested at that time.

A dinner buffet will begin at 8 p.m. and includes either chicken piccata or baked lasagna. D.J. Kevin Baker will entertain for the evening of dancing. Class advisers John Sittig and Karen Griffin said parents and friends are invited to view the coronation of the king and queen from 11 to 11:30 p.m. only.

Walk down memory lane at the library

The Voorheesville Public Library will sponsor an evening of reminiscences on Thursday, May 27, from 7 to 9 p.m.

As part of the Small Town at the Millennium celebration, residents will have the opportunity to share memories and experiences of living in a small town.

For information, call the reference desk at 765-2791.

Fire volunteers to host hungryman breakfast

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will hold two Hungry Man's Breakfasts to coincide with Memorial Day and the Small Town Millennium celebration on Sunday, May 30, and Monday, May 31, from 7 a.m. to noon.

Breakfast will be served at the firehouse on Altamont Road and will consist of pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast, juice and coffee. The cost is $4 for adults and $2.50 for children.

This fund-raiser will benefit Voorheesville community and the fire department, who are hosting the 1994 Albany County Firemen's Association meeting.

For information, call Mike Hotaling at 765-4745.

Community to celebrate small town life

The Voorheesville community is coming together once again to participate in a celebration of Memorial Day and the Small Town at the Millennium Festival.

First the 18th annual Voorheesville Memorial Day Parade will step off on Saturday, May 29, at 10 a.m. from the former Grand Union parking lot.

Marchers will assemble at 9:30 a.m.

The parade will proceed down Maple Avenue, turn left onto Stonington Drive and right onto Mountainview Road.

Kindergarten children will join the parade at the Voorheesville Elementary School and continue down Maple Avenue. They will stop at Halping Park for a wreath-laying by the women's auxiliary.

Marchers will proceed to the American Legion Post where Mayor Ed Clark and New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly will speak.

At the end of the presentations hot dogs and beverages will be available.

Slingerlands carnival scheduled at school

A carnival is scheduled at Slingerlands Elementary School, 25 Union Ave., Slingerlands, on Friday, May 21, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Family activities include games and a raffle.

For information, call Carolyn Hejna at 459-0130.

Program to explore summer jobs for kids

A program on summer job opportunities for students in grade six and up will be presented on Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service Director Sharon Felsen, Audrey Ehrick of the Volunteer Center of Albany and Linda Oehlerking, director of volunteers at Child's Hospital Nursing Home, will talk about how to track down worthwhile paid or volunteer jobs.

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Charter commission member to speak at Democratic dinner

Robert P. Roche, Albany attorney and member of the Albany County Charter Revision Commission, will be the main speaker at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 22, at the Colonie Elks Club in Latham.

The event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., is a campaign fundraiser for the Bethlehem Democratic Committee.

Roche will discuss a variety of issues accompanying charter reform and highlight the commission’s recent recommendations to the Albany County Legislature.

Fire department plans Saturday pig roast

The North Bethlehem Fire Department, 589 Russell Road in Bethlehem, will sponsor a pig roast on Saturday, May 22, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Several families will display goods on tables for a bake sale on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A bake sale is also planned. 30 Church Road, Selkirk.

The rain date is Saturday, May 29.

Youth group sale set

Members of the youth fellowship group of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, have planned a churchwide garage sale on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Several families will display goods on tables in the churchyard. A bake sale is also planned.

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Voorheesville's annual parade begins at 10 a.m. on May 29, followed by a veterans' tribute, children's races on the village green, the Boy Scout 25-Mile "Tour de Troop" bicycle race and the 18th annual 15 km and 3.2 km race.

Voorheesville Elementary School will be teeming with activity, beginning with sports and games for the whole family from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited, including the family pet, who can be entered in the Neighborhood Dog Show at 1 p.m. (All dogs must be securely leashed.) The competition is low key, and everyone gets a prize. Call the library at 765-2791 to register.

The Rakowana Archers will demonstrate their expertise at this historical sport with some modern techniques, also at 1 p.m. If you would like a shooting lesson, call ahead to Warren Brockley at 872-0570.

We are anticipating a fiercely competitive (and enjoyable) old-fashioned horseshoe tournament from 2 to 4 p.m. All horseshoe enthusiasts out there, limber up your throwing arm and join us!

Local vet Dr. Holly Cheever will be on hand from 3 to 4 p.m. with cows, horses and goats for horsey fans of all ages. Bring your appetite, you can enjoy a short program which includes Mayor Ed Clark, the presentation of the People's Choice Art Award and the winners of the Friend's Quilt Raffle and a performance by the Community Choir, under the direction of Nagi Ragan, of some old favorite songs and sing-alongs.

In case of inclement weather, rain sites have been arranged for most of the events. Call the library at 765-2791 for a schedule. We are looking forward to a whole millennium's worth of pleasure on this weekend, and we want you to enjoy it.

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Onequethaw church slates spring festival

The Onequathaw Reformed Church in Feura Bush will sponsor its annual spring festival on Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Events at the festival will include a bake sale, a book sale and a community garage sale. For the children, pony rides, face painting and games are scheduled.

An auction will begin at 1 p.m., featuring a variety of items, including antiques housesware, furniture, hardware and tools.

For information, or to arrange to donate items to the auction, call 767-8250, or 767-9143. 

Chamber breakfast features police chief

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's May breakfast program will be on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 a.m. at Alten's Restaurant on Route 9W in Glenmont.

The program, "Who's who are you in your place of business, at home and in your car?" will be presented by Bethlehem Police Chief Patrick Connelly.

A hot buffet breakfast will be served. The registration deadline is today, May 19. The cost is $8.

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Mystery maven Betsy Blaustein will visit the library on Wednesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. to talk about the latest trends in mystery writing and make suggestions for summer reading for fans of whodunit fiction.

Call 439-9314 to register for the presentation, which is free and open to the public.

Bethlehem has more than its share of mystery readers. Mysteries account for about 10 percent of the library's fiction collection, and about 19 percent of all fiction circulated in 1992.

Blaustein, owner of Haven't Got a Clue mystery bookstore in Guilderland, is not surprised by the genre's popularity. "Mysteries are like fairy tales. We like to see virtue triumph over evil. We also like to escape and solve puzzles too."

She credits Edgar Allan Poe with inventing the modern mystery, which was then refined by British writers including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

The 1930s and 1940s were the "Golden Age" of mysteries, she says. Dorothy Sayers, Agatha Christie and G.K. Chesterton created plots and characters that gave insight into human emotions. American writers invented the more realistic, "hard boiled" school of detective fiction.

Blaustein divides the current output into five basic categories: "Cozy mysteries" have British roots, a traditional format, domestic settings, and an amateur detective, à la Murder, She Wrote.

"Hard boiled" detective stories, epitomized by writers Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett, feature urban settings and private detectives who are one dimensional characters with their own moral code.

A less violent, multi-dimensional version of these is what Blaustein calls "soft boiled." These include the Ellery Queen novels and Rex Stout's books featuring Nero Wolfe.

Police procedurals, such as Ed McBain's 87th Precinct novels, are a category in themselves, as are mysteries with a topical or regional flavor, such as the Dick Francis stories about horse racing.

"The face of the modern mystery is changing," says Blaustein. "There's more character development, including minorities and women detectives and police. There is also a crossover into other genres like science fiction, novel plot twists and humor."

Blaustein got into book selling through the back door. She says, "I graduated from SUNY Albany during the last recession and there were no jobs for Spanish majors." Eventually she became a merchandising manager for J.C. Penney in Connecticut.

When she returned to the Capital District 10 years ago, she confesses to reading about five mysteries a week. "I began to wonder, 'What if I had my own business?'" Blaustein said there were only about 10 mystery bookstores in the country then, all in big cities.

Blaustein put her business savvy to work, opening her store in 1989. Today the shop is one of 60 specializing in the genre across the country.

Anna Jane Abaray Selkirk man receives engineering award

Selkirk resident Peter A. Co­coza, a Union College class of 1993 civil engineering major, was recently awarded the Moles Prize. The award is given to a student whose academic achievement and application show outstanding promise of personal development leading to a career in construc­ting engineering and manage­ment.

Cozza is a 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.
The Bethlehem baseball team (8-3, 13-3) won three of four games this past week, but remained behind undefeated Burnt Hills in the Suburban Council Gold Division.

The Eagles defeated Gloversville 14-9 in a non-league game on Saturday, May 15. Mike Pelletier added a double, Kosac shut down Schenectady's bats, giving up just one hit, that in the first inning. He then set down 21 consecutive batters.

"He (Kosac) had an excellent day. The first guy got a hit, and that was it," Hodge said. "When you get 21 straight, there's not much you can say. It was excellent pitching."

In their only loss of the week, Niskayuna defeated the Eagles 5-4 on Monday, May 10. Bethlehem only registered three hits, those coming from Lanni and Marc Mannella. Miles gave up all five runs in the first two innings.

"It was a combination of walks and scratch hits," Hodge said. "Then Brian Garver came in and pitched very well."

"We didn't hit the ball well. We were flat early. We didn't get to the field until 22 minutes before game time. We came back from five-nothing to five-four, but we didn't have enough to pull it out."

The Eagles defeated Columbia 11-8. Gambelunghe, Lanni, and Mike Futia combined for eight RBIs.

"Columbia hit the ball hard early," Hodge said. "They knocked Dadzik out in the second inning. Then Dave Miles came in and shut them down. Columbia's a decent hitting team."

In a non-league game on Tuesday, May 11, the Eagles defeated Schenectady 6-1 in Schenectady's Central Park. Lanni hit three singles and drove in one run. Mike Pelletier added a double.

The Eagles used four pitchers and two-teams. They have a very athletic staff for four consecutive games the next week.

"Gary VanWormer had trouble with control. He hasn't pitched in a while," Hodge said. "Josh) Lanni wanted to give it a try in a non-league game. His control wasn't that good, but his arm was fine."

"They (Gloversville) are seven and two in their league right now," said BC coach Ken Hodge. "They're one of the better Class B teams. They have a very athletic team."

The Eagles used four pitchers against Gloversville, saving their...
**BC girls team stays hot until Columbia steps up**

The Bethlehem girls softball team (7-2) won two games and lost one last week.

Against Niskayuna on Monday, May 10, BC won 10-3. Niskayuna scored the first three runs on an early BC error, before going into the fifth inning, the score was 3-2, Niskayuna.

BC came back in the fifth and sixth innings, scoring four runs in each inning. BC had five back-to-back singles. Wendy Wright led the offense.

"We had problems early in the game," said coach Sandy Collins, "Our biggest problem is that we took them too lightly. Defense is usually our strong point."

Bethlehem's starting pitcher Regina Conti pitched an excellent game. She had three strikeouts, and gave up three hits. Melissa Trent pitched the last two innings.

On Tuesday, May 11, BC played Mohonasen, and averaged an early-season loss by winning 8-7 in extra innings.

BC went into the sixth inning, 4-3. Mohonasen had scored one run in the sixth to tie it up.

Sarah Mineau got a single for BC in the bottom of the eighth, and stole second. A sacrifice moved her to third. With two outs, Emily Barnes hit a blooper over left field and Mineau scored the winning run for BC.

**Vville boys endure power outage**

By Kelly Griffin

The Voorheesville baseball team dropped three straight decisions in a past week to Mechanicville, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Schalmont.

According to Coach Don McDonald, the Blackbirds' lack of production at the plate was the main reason for the losses.

"We had no hitting whatsoever last week," he said. "So far this season, it's been our offense that's carried us. We just did not hit all week."

Prior to the three losses, Voorheesville was third in the Colonial Council in team batting and had three of the top 15 individual hitters in Derek Lewis, Greg Sullivan and Kyle Tracy.

"All of our stars took a nose dive last week," McDonald said. Previously, the team had been averaging over 10 hits a game. Last week, 10 was roughly their three-game total.

"The pitching wasn't overpowering," McDonald said. "We're just not showing patience at the plate."

The Blackbirds have four games this week and two games next week to wrap up their season.

Looking ahead, McDonald says, "All season, we've counted on our hitting. We didn't get it last week but hopefully, we'll get it back to finish the season strong."

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**Boys tennis team bounces back**

By Emily Church

The Bethlehem boys tennis team went undefeated last week, with strong wins over Saratoga, 7-2; Burnt Hills, 7-2; Mohonasen, 7-2, and averaged previous losses by defeating Guilderland on Wednesday, May 12; 7-2; and Niskayuna on Friday, May 14, by a score of 5-4.

Although BC lost to Shenendehowa and Niskayuna the previous week, the team bounced back, and now has the third best record this season. The second doubles team of Josh Norek and Steve Dorman have had an undefeated season, and continued their record with a win over the Niskayuna team, 6-2, 6-3.

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BC girls track team places 5th in field of 14

By Jessica Romano

The Bethlehem girls varsity track team showed their flexibility on Saturday, May 8, when they competed in the annual Hank Whither invitational track meet at Niskayuna High School.

At the Whither meet, the BC girls scored 29 points — which earned them fifth position out of 14 schools — and placed in six of the nine events in which they competed.

One of the team’s most valuable middle distance runners, Kristen Ruso, won the 800-meter run in 2:19.1, despite a sore hamstring. The run was Ruso’s best this season.

Assistant coach Mike McMillen said, “Our strongest runner is obviously Ruso. She has a personal goal of breaking the school record, and we hope to accomplish that by the end of the season.”

Jessica Romano finished second in the 400-meter hurdles, posting a personal best time of 69 seconds for the season.

The 3200-meter relay team of Cara Cameron, Kate MacDowell, Carly Moskowitz and Betsy Halenbeck, placed fifth with a time of 11:23.9.

The 400-meter relay team, consisting of Sara Svenson, Amy Schron, Romano and Molly Conway also finished fifth, with a time of 54.3 seconds.

The 800-meter relay team of Ayana Bakari, Rebekah Connolly, Sanoma Morison and Schron made sixth place, and the mile relay team of Romano, Svenson, Conway and Ruso took the third-place trophy with a time of 4:25.

In the field events, Kristen Mahoney and Bakari each set personal records in the discus and long jump, respectively.

“We have a very young team, discus and shot-put wise, but they are working real hard and growing as athletes,” McMillen said.

Sharks open season

The Sharks, Bethlehem Soccer Club’s Under-9 team opened their outdoor season with two wins. The season began with a 6-0 win over New Scotland and continued with a 5-1 win over Latham Circle.

Goal scorers included Chris Affiniti, Mark Bugler, Steve Hoghe, Kevin Neubauer and Nitin Roper. Offensive support was supplied by Ryan Dalton, Dan Dugas, Dan Kidera and Erik Turner. The opponents’ scoring was stifled by defenders Michael Hoghe, Tim Kindlon, Andrew Swiatowicz and Stephen Perazzelli.

Goalies Dan Dugas, Mike Nuttall and Erik Turner stopped several of the opponents’ scoring opportunities. The Sharks finished third in their division in the Guilderland Soccer Club Tournament held on Saturday, May 15.
Seasonal Inspiration

Inside: Local students express themselves in a gallery of poetry, essay, fiction and visual media, beginning with our cover shot by Dave Bibbons, a senior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. Bibbons took the photo recently in Washington Square Park in New York City.
5:30 a.m. Vigil

By Rebecca Bloch

This morning it is beautiful. The air is so crisp and cold that it seems like a piece of flawlessly clear crystal. Bundled in layers of clothing, I am still chilled. Annette, also cold, suggests that we run to get our blood moving.

Cold air explodes inside me with my first deep breath, threatening to immobilize my lungs. Fortunately they are strong, warming and expelling the air in small clouds that melt away before my face. The steady beat of our feet is slower and more controlled than my asthmatic response to the cold air.

It is not until we finally stop that I feel my blood begin to move, sluggishly at first and then hot with the beat of life and activity. It warms me as I stand listening to the coach seat us.

Turning the boat parallel to the river with a few strong strokes, we begin to move, starting with one pair and adding people until all eight bodies are moving together. It almost feels like we are flying.

The silent ritual of putting a rowing shell in water and the gentle play between sport and the break of dawn...
Volunteer doors open wide during summer

By Susan Graves

A task force of the Bethlehem Community Partnership has compiled a list of summer volunteer opportunities for the second year in a row.

This year's brochure provides an expanded list of possible volunteer jobs for middle and high school age youth.

"Summer is a tough time for kids," said Mona Prenoveau, director of the Bethlehem Networks Project, a group that works to create activities which encourage a healthy lifestyle for youth.

Helping out at an area hospital, working with senior citizens, working at a day care camp for children with cancer or working in an office are just a few of the things young people can do over the summer. "It keeps them busy, away from TV and out of trouble," Prenoveau said.

Volunteer work also expands horizons for youth and gives them a sense of self-satisfaction in having helped someone else, she added. There are so many positive ramifications - meeting people who are positive role models.

The brochure lists outdoor activities, including helping at the Delmar Tennis Academy camp, assisting in arts and crafts at the Heldeberg Workshop or caring for animals at Five Rivers Environmental Center. Indoors, kids can help at the medical center or the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in a variety of ways.

The student response to last year's brochure was enthusiastic and many participating organizations asked that it be published earlier.

This year, Nancy Rice, working as a task force of one - with lots of help from her friends and Cindy Tomain of Networks - put together an expanded brochure. "We're hoping to really get kids involved. It's a great opportunity for them," Rice said.

Rice has already moved to her next project, which will list things young people can do in the summer. The volunteer brochure also includes a list of tips on how to pursue a volunteer opportunity, as well as a map of local CDTA bus routes. Young people, ages 16 and under, can purchase a bus pass for $14.50 that covers all CDTA routes throughout the summer.

The Bethlehem Public Library is sponsoring a program on "Youth Summer Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities" on Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m.

Youth in grades six and up are invited to hear about how to track down paid or volunteer jobs. Sharon Felson, Bethlehem youth employment service director; Audrey Kibrick, from the Volunteer Center of Albany; and Linda Ohlerting, director of volunteers at Childs Hospital Nursing Home, will speak.

To register, call the library at 439-6514.

A Sampling of Summer Volunteer Activities

Working with Children

- Five Rivers Environmental Center, Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Students ages 12 and up can help out with the summer program and with the wildlife exhibit. Limited openings are available. For information, call Anna Sanchez at 475-0291.

- Center for the Disabled, Clover Patch Camp in Glensville. Students ages 14 and up can assist clients in the water or at mealtime, or help with food preparation, gardening, music, drama and theater. For information, call Christina Bufi at 437-5651.

- Bethlehem Pre-School, Route 9W in Glenmont. Students ages 12 and up can assist teachers. For information, call Eleanor Howell at 463-9901.

- The Cornell Cooperative Extension Summer Scene, Lincoln Park or Ridgefield Park in Albany. Students ages 14 and up can assist children ages 7 to 12 with arts and crafts, music and drama programs. For information, call Jane Cesisline at 765-2000.

- Albany Children's Academy, 1110 Western Avenue in Albany. Students ages 16 and up can assist with arts and crafts, swimming and outdoor activities. For information, call Jackie Jackson at 459-5454.

- Renamed Child Development Center, 709 South Pearl St. in Albany. Students ages 16 and up can assist child care workers. For information, call Gina Yarn at 465-0904.

- Camp Good Days and Special Times, Washington Park Lakehouse. Students ages 17 and up can assist counselors at day camp for kids with cancer. From June 21 through June 25. For information, call Shannon Campbell at 488-6515.

- Heldeberg Workshop Voorheesville. Students ages 10 and up can assist at the medical center or the hospital in a variety of ways.

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Parents persist in trying to control children's choices

By Michael Kagan

When I was much younger, the most coveted culinary experience in the world was a meal at McDonald's. I would often have traded my entire lunch just for a bag of their unbuttered french fries. Many of my friends might have turned down a catered feast, prepared by the most renowned chefs from all corners of the earth, to have their birthday party meals served in Happy Meal boxes.

Parents, as interested in reducing grams of dietary fat as their children were in removing the pickles from their Big Macs, did what they could to keep their kids away from Mickey D's. But, while they could reduce the number of visits, kids would always find a way to get their fill of McDonald's cuisine.

A friend of my mother's waged a heroic battle to shield her daughter from the dangers of fast food. For years, this valiant warrior struggled to keep her child from even knowing what McDonald's was.

But, alas, one can hold back the seduction of the Golden Arches for only so long. Her daughter, like most of the other sons and daughters I know, eventually ended up eating at McDonald's.

The tragic end to that epic struggle was perhaps a metaphor for what parents have to cope with as their children are exposed to more dangerous offerings than fast food. While not everything is as inevitable as that first trip to McDonald's, even the most persistent parents cannot entirely control what their children are exposed to, nor what choices they must make. In light of this fact, the traditional parent-child relationship needs to be changed.

The traditional role of parents is to "set limits." Many seem to think children will somehow respond to the rationale "because I...

Spotlight writer Michael Kagan surreptitiously makes off with some treats from the Delmar McDonald's store. Parents often wage a quiet war over their kids' proclivity for fast food.

Elaine McLain
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Parents need to give real and believable reasons to their children if they seek to change their behavior. Many parents, I believe, are more frightened of having a genuine give-and-take discussion with their children than they are of drinking and driving or AIDS and pregnancy.

Teenagers have been having sex since the first human beings reached puberty and they've been drinking since the first grapes were turned to wine. Parents are not going to change this behavior by simply saying "no."

Many parents feel the need to provide justification diminishes their authority. Providing reasons for desired behavior implies the child can disagree. For good or for bad, that is reality, and I think it scares parents.

The environment in which children grow up today gives them the opportunity to reject everything their parents tell them. The relationship between parents and children cannot function unless parents are able to respect their children enough to acknowledge this reality.

Many advocates of more traditional parenting say that children should be made to accept their parents' rules, that their unending questions of "why?" don't really have to be answered. In To Kill A Mockingbird, Atticus Finch says, "When a child asks you something, answer him, for goodness sake. Children are children, but they can spot an evasion quicker than adults, and evasion simply muddies 'em."

We need to change the way we think about parent-child relationships. The traditional vision of the relationship, in which children are subject to their mother and father until they reach some predetermined age or status, cannot function in a world in which children have to obey their parents only when their parents are around.

The only relationship that works when a child is away from his parents is one based on mutual respect. As a society, we expect parents to love their children, to care for their children, to discipline but not abuse their children, but we do not expect parents to respect their children. Unfortunately, a parent-child relationship based on respect is easier to talk about than to build.
Eighth-grader takes reins of leadership

By Dan Mojallali

Recently, I was chosen by my teacher at Bethlehem Middle School to attend a workshop on leadership skills at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Participants were chosen because of their potential leadership qualities.

When we arrived, we were greeted by the leaders and the cause of their potential leadership.

The first speaker, Dr. John J. Pelizza, talked about how a mentoring copy of his book There's Magic in Discovery.

After the lecture, we had a quick break with refreshments provided by Mr. G's. At the end of breakfast, we split up into three separate groups for individual classes that we had selected before the workshop.

My first class was called "The Powerful Influencers," taught by Meg Bugler. In this class, we learned about how the alcohol and tobacco industries use advertising to try to persuade people to drink and smoke, and who they target with these ads.

At the end of this class, I moved to a class on "The Rain Forest: We Can Make a Difference," taught by Brian Kellogg. We learned that the rainforests were not only being destroyed at an amazingly rapid rate, but that over 47 species of plants, insects and animals are becoming extinct every day because of this destruction.

We also learned what we can do to help save these forests. For example, we discussed having a school fund-raiser sponsored by Ben & Jerry's, where the proceeds would buy acres of rainforest.

After the second course, all 60 of the students went into the lecture hall for lunch, also provided by Mr. G's. We also received a cup of "Ben & Jerry's Rain Forest Crunch" ice cream, from which 60 percent of the proceeds go to buy rainforest acres.

My friends and I agreed that it was a worthwhile experience.
**Freshman has pointers for school board**

By Samantha Bianchini

On several occasions, I have attended South Colonie district school board meetings. As a student in the district, I am interested in decisions made by the school administration and board that will impact my future. Through my attendance at these meetings, I’ve come to realize how many people are working to improve the district.

As a student at Colonie high school, I feel that some of the most important issues are the curriculum, the atmosphere in the schools, and the instructional methods used by the teachers.

Over the years, I have encountered a few teachers who fail to stick to the course curriculum, and waste time talking about personal lives and movies that are not relevant to the material we’re studying. Fortunately, there are more teachers who are so enthusiastic that it makes the students want to learn more.

Another problem is teachers who feel that using a textbook is their job; they are there to help. Some teachers employ good teaching methods to deliver a well-established curriculum. In my Spanish course, for example, we watch videos on the topic at hand, and learn about life in different Spanish-speaking countries. The curriculum also includes reasons to learn a foreign language, and how it opens our country’s lines of communication.

In my English course, we recently finished reading the Diary of Anne Frank, and a few days later we had a guest speaker who talked about the Holocaust. Students are mostly well-behaved, but of course there are exceptions. Sometimes students treat teachers with disrespect, and I believe that disciplinary actions should be more severe. Overall, I believe Colonie high school provides a good learning environment where students can become well-educated adults.

Increased student, parent, and faculty involvement at the board meetings could help improve the performance of our schools. At the school board meetings I’ve attended, only two faculty members and no students other than myself were present. One way to increase faculty and student participation is to better publicize the meetings. Meetings could be announced in the schools, as well as in the local newspapers. Another change which I feel is necessary is to improve the efficiency of the board meetings, to help the board members get through the agenda more effectively.

At the past two or three meetings, different building planning teams have presented one to two projects. Following these steps would mean not only a better education for the students, but a more effective and appreciated school board.

Samantha Bianchini is a freshman at Colonie Central High School.
Local talent at work

Students from several school districts have been working on projects for classes and local exhibitions. At right, Menands School sixth-grader Eddie Rankin used faux hair for a three-dimensional look. Above, Menands School second-grader Lauren Deeb used pencil, ink and watercolors for her painting of a flute. At left, Shaker Junior High School seventh-grader Kelly Saulpaugh employed printing techniques for "Pig," while classmate Mark Belice used markers to create "Negative/Positive Sharks."
Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

In 1988, office workers discarded 7.3 million tons of office paper throughout the country. That time, paper (including cardboard and newspaper) comprised the largest component of the municipal waste stream, or about 40 percent of the nation's waste. Office paper is the fastest growing generator of paper waste.

Waste prevention in the office is often a challenge, but with practice, can become part of the daily routine.

The most common tips to reuse paper products such as Manila envelopes, file folders and corrugated boxes whenever possible. Typed sheets can be single-spaced, routine. the price of purchasing new cartrudge and extremely funny.

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To share office waste prevention or reduction tips, call the recycling coordinator at 767-9618.

Bob Kerker, as Joe Benjamin, and the Rev. Richard Reynolds, as Sidney Lipton, discuss fate in God's Favorite, playing this weekend at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church Dessert Theater.

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Pensions

(From Page 1) pretty close" since four firefighter- ers and an officer are needed to man each of the company's three pumps and another six volunteers are needed to operate the company's ladder truck.

Of the 18 volunteers relatively close by during the daytime, four are limited to serving as fire po- lice.

"When you look at the gross numbers, it might seem like we're pretty well off," Webster said, "but there is no way to guarantee that every one of the 18 will be there."

If Bethlehem were strictly a residential community, then there might not be such a sense of urgency, said Anthony Granito, a former commissioner and an official of the New York State Associa- tion of Fire Chiefs.

Elsmere has changed over the years, Granito explained. "It's really a mixed community now, with commercial as well as resi- dential, plus you have a number of high-risk facilities such as schools and nursing homes."

Not every property owner in Elsmere is thrilled with the idea, however. "The thousand points of light were not supposed to drain the battery," says John LaForte of Dunbarton Drive. "I'm opposed to it. There are other volunteers who give generously of their time and energy to the community and receive nothing."

"That doesn't take anything away from what these people do. We're all very grateful for their service."

Many of the volunteers work for the state or the town and if they put in 40 years they can prob- ably retire on 75 percent of their salary, LaForte said. "Adding another $400 a month on top of that is dipping into the kitty a little too far. A lot of people have to work many years just to qualify, for a decent Social Security check."

Salaries

(From Page 1) earn an average of $66,394. South Colonie has two school districts and an enrollment of about 5,300.

Smaller school districts generally have lower administrative costs, with Voorheesville, whose six administrators average $63,781, Voorheesville has two schools and about 1,500, students. In the same year's school budget elections, Guilderland's budget was rejected by the voters earlier this month, and South Colonie's budget passed by a mere two votes. North Colonie's budget passed by a 7-2 vote.

The BC budget passed easily by a 3-2 margin, and public con- cerns about administrative sal- aries were rarely voiced during the public budget workshops preceding last week's vote.

During his budget presentation prior to the vote, Loomis noted that BC ranked sixth in the Subur- ban Council in its administrator/ student ratio. None of the district's elementary schools has an assis- tant principal, and its total of four central office administrators is among the lowest in the council.

Loomis' salary of $97,704 is third-highest in Albany County and third-highest in the entire Suburban Council, and he's worth it, according to school board presid- ent Pamela Williams.

"Les came to us (six years ago) with two degrees from Harvard and an incalculable experience," Williams said, adding that the district hired Loomis and Judith Woos- ter, the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction who earns $85,400, after both had "been offered good jobs in education" and earned doctoral degrees.

Loomis has kept the district "at the cutting edge of academic excellence," Williams noted, who also improving communication with the community outside the schools.

"He is out in the community all the time, explaining what the schools are doing," she said. "He has solid answers to the ques- tions people have."

Property

(From Page 1) The total of 783 building permits were issued by the town last year.

There were a few commercial projects that helped beef up the rolls, Leafer said, such as a new warehouse for Owens-Corning Fiberglas and a warehouse distri- bution center for Hamilton Press in Glenmont.

It's impossible to gauge what effect the increase will have for the average fire resident, but it should help ease the property tax burden after a new budget is adopted later this year.

Taxes went down about 2.5 percent for 1992, but if the addi- tional 1 percent Albany County sales tax is not extended then taxes could rise by a huge amount.

The new total also reflects some reduction made as a result of small claims and certiorari judg- ments from 1992. About 1,200 grievances were filed with the assessor's office last year, which is an extremely large amount con- sidering the town's size. But the bulk of those were filed in re- sponse to the townwide revalu- ation that took place.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet at town hall from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 25, Grievance Day.

Special on CHANNEL 17

American Playhouse: Thank You and Goodnight! Wednesday, 10 p.m.
40 Something: Quiet Frenzy Thursday, 10 p.m.
Great Performances: Dance in America - American Indian Dance Theatre Friday, 10 p.m.
17th Street Theatre: Summer Stock Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Nature: Spirit of the Sound Sunday, 8 p.m.
Great Performances: Instruments with Terrell and Dean Monday, 8 p.m.
Nova: Brain Transplant Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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The concert is free and open to the public. For information, call 439-5014.

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Residents are urged to attend to discuss ideas for South Slingerlands firehouse to host info meeting

The Slingerlands Firehouse No. 1, 1520 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, will host a public information meeting on Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

The meeting is designed to keep the people of Slingerlands informed about how the department provides fire protection and prevention in the community.

Country dance class planned at church

Nancy Karina and Ritch Mandel will teach popular Country Western dances on Friday, May 21, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont.

For information, call 435-5709.

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The Slingerlands Firehouse No. 1, 1520 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, will host a public information meeting on Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

The meeting is designed to keep the people of Slingerlands informed about how the department provides fire protection and prevention in the community.

Country dance class planned at church

Nancy Karina and Ritch Mandel will teach popular Country Western dances on Friday, May 21, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont.

For information, call 435-5709.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo.

Back and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed. The closeness of the couple should be clear and sharp.

Send information to 123 Adams St., Delmar 12054.
Obituaries

Addison Cox Jr.
Addison Fletcher Cox Jr., 63, formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, May 9, at Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Fla.
Born in Knoxville, Tenn., he graduated from Vanderbilt Academy and moved to Florida in 1983.
Mr. Cox was employed by the Roberts Furniture Co. in Tampa.
Survivors include a daughter, Suzanne Cox of Albany; a son, Addison Fletcher Cox IV of Albany; a sister, Linda Schepkowsky of Albany; a brother, Jeff, one-on-one in basketball, where MS had a levelling effect, slowing Kramer a step and limiting his vision to balance. However, his appetite and weight never changed.
Consequently, Kramer said, MS made their matches faster.
But three years ago, the most challenging task was the physical aspect of his disease. He no longer writes on the blackboard. Walking grew more difficult and the rancor of his job hit him so thoroughly he had little energy for anything else.
Finally, he left the college for what he hoped would be temporary sick leave in the winter of 1999. But after six months it became clear he’d be unable to return.
Instead of getting better, the MS got worse.
Kramer said he’s always tried to live his life with an ethic of contribution in mind. His general philosophy was that doing a job is different than leaving the world a little bit better than it would have been if he hadn’t passed through it. As he steadily lost the physical ability to contri-
ute in any manner clearly valuable, however, his sense of pur-
pose was sorely tested.
An unnerving question con-
fronted him: “If you’re important for what you do, then what are you when you can do anything?”
“He always wanted to be a teacher,” Kramer said. “Until the day he passed through, he steadily lost the physical ability to contri-
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Alvina Houghtaling
Alvina M. Ernst Houghtaling, 84, of F. Bush, died Monday, May 10, at her home.
Born in Albany, she was a lifelong Capital District resident.
Mrs. Houghtaling was a clerk at the Albany County Supreme Court clerk’s office for 17 years, retiring in 1975.
She was an elder of the Jeru-
salem Reformed Church and a past officer of the Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary. She was a member of the Albany County Democratic Women’s Club.
She was also a member of the Onequeshaw Volunteer Fire Company. She was a charter member of the Albany County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and auxiliary and past vice-president of the New York State Supreme Court Clerks Association.
She was the widow of Charles E. Houghtaling.
Survivors include a son, Charles E. Houghtaling Jr. of F. Bush; two daughters, Mrs. Alvin White of Selkirk and Barbara Van Schoick of Albany; a brother, John Ernst of Albany; a sister, Marie Overrocker of Fort Johnson, Montgomery County; six grand-
children; five step-grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.
Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany.
Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery.
Contributions may be made to the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 20, F. Bush 12007.

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Elaine Ginsburg
Elaine Geckman Ginsburg, 60, of Blenheim Road in Slidgianers died Thursday, May 13, at her home.
Born and raised in Providence, R.I., she moved to the Capital District as a teenager and was a longtime Albany resident.
She had worked as the executive assistant to former state Assemblyman Ralph Goldstein and Peter Abate for more than 22 years.
Mrs. Ginsburg was a member of B’nai B’rith Women and the Independent Benevolent Society.
She was the widow of Bernard Ginsburg.
Survivors include three sons, Dr. Marc Ginsburg and Bruce Ginsburg, both of Slidglanders, and Scott Ginsburg of Guider-
land; a sister, Karen Germain of Warwick, R.I.; and three grand-
children.
Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany.
Burial was in Independent Benevolent Cemetery, Guider-
land.
Contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of North-
ern New York, 800 New Loundon Road, Latham 12210 or the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

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Ruth Moak Radliff of South Bethlehem, died Saturday, May 15, at St. Peter’s Hospice in Al-
ban.
Born in Delmar, she graduated from Albany High School. She had been a South Bethlehem resident since 1935.
She was employed as a legal secretary before retiring in 1973 from the Albany law firm of Garry, Cailh and Edmunds.
Mrs. Radliff was a member of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, where she served as church secretary for eight years, until the time of her death. She was also treasurer of the United Methodist Women at the church.
She was an avid bowler and a member of the Sunshine Senior Citizen Group of Selkirk.
She was the widow of Harold “Hap” Radliff.
Survivors include a daughter, Judith Nomad of Uncasville, Conn.; two sons, Charles Radliff Sr. of South Bethlehem and Den-
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Spirit
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Much of that has developed through my exploration of a Hindu discipline called siddha yoga, practiced at a handicapped-accessible ashram about two hours south of Albany, Kramer said.
Through exercises and medita-
tion, he said, the teachings had helped him maintain his peace with his circumstances. As a result, his sense of priorities has been trans-

"The universe had to hit me on the side of the head with a two-by-four to get my attention," he said.
And though he’s unhappy about the prolonged battle, he now says "I’m thankful for the insight this struggle with the disease has brought him. "I doubt it would have happened if I hadn’t been for my body," he said. "Something is happening that is really nice."
"He no longer worries about changing the world or solving large-scale problems. He does what he can, he said, and most of all..."

"My philosophy is changing quite a bit," he said. "Being alive, having consciousness, is such a precious gift that I haven’t even thought about suicide in the last year, even though my body is worse."

While he has his bad days, Kramer said he’s grateful for the days when he feels better. Those days have redirected his life, and remains grateful enough about the possibility of “miracles” to continue to hang on to the gri-

"Two years ago, I was pretty suicidal," said Kramer, "because my body wouldn’t let me do any-
thing I thought was important. Instead of being a helpful influ-
ence, he worried about becoming a burden on his wife, Mickie, and the people around him."

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Go Greek on Whitehall Road

By Dev Tobin

Greece comes to Whitehall Road this weekend, as St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church presents a three-day Greek Cultural Festival.

The annual event showcases authentic Greek food, music, dance, jewelry and handicrafts, and celebrates the diversity of Greek life, according to festival spokesman John Koutoufaris.

The festival takes over the church's parish center at 449 Whitehall Road, just south of New Scotland Avenue, Friday, May 21, from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 22, from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, May 23, from noon to 7 p.m.

The highlight of the festival is continuous Greek music and demonstrations of traditional dances.

The Festival Folk Dancers, more than 50 children ages 8 to 18, will perform 15 traditional dances, including the Kalamatiano, the Greek national dance, in authentic costumes accompanied by live music.

The dancing will be performed hourly in the parish center and in the festival tent.

Throughout the festival, diners can choose from 13 gourmet Greek appetizers, dinners and pastries, including moussaka, tirofeta and baklava. All dinners are priced under $10, and include salad vegetable, rice pilaf and bread.

New this year is the Taverna coffee shop for lighter dining, serving appetizers, pastries, coffee and drinks.

Also, the festival's Kiosk includes a Kiddie Korner serving hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, as well as souvlakia and loukoumades.

Besides food and fun, the festival offers guided tours of St. Sophia, with explanations of the mosaics and iconography unique to Greek Orthodox churches.

The tours will be at 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday; at 2, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturday; and at 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For the shoppers, the festival has imported one-of-a-kind jewelry, icons, records and tapes, and paperweights of marble and onyx, all available at Festival shops.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the festival, with the drawing for a $10,000 prize Saturday at 9 p.m. and the drawing for a $2,000 prize Sunday at 5 p.m.

The festival also sponsors the Albany County Heritage Essay contest, which attracted nearly 500 entries from area students in grades three through 12.

After researching their family history, students wrote about their own heritage and what it means to them.

The award-winning entries, as judged by area education, business and government, will be on display at the festival.

Admission to the Festival is free.

Nature preserve draws hikers to historic Rensselaerville

By Eric Bryant

Nestled in the southwestern corner of Albany County and hard in the shadows of the looming Catskill Mountains sits a village suited to the visions of Norman Rockwell's Americana.

There are no convenience stores in tiny Rensselaerville. No stores period, really, unless you count several craftsmen's workshops, a gallery and an antique boutique or two. On the surface, this village, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, seems to epitomize what was once so special about small-town America — well-kept streets, the white church on the hill, a pond for kids to fish in and trails forever wild for them to explore.

The village, on certain days and with the sun shining at just the right angle, could be transported directly from the 1800s, it seems. You just have to ignore the cars and the telephone wires.

But for all the historic charm of the village, what draws most visitors down Route 85 and through the towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Westerlo, is the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve — a 2,000-acre wood located adjacent to the village and deeded to a private land trust in 1937 by relatives of E.N. Huyck, the wealthy scion of a local family. Accessed via a parking lot on one of the roads immediately south of New Scotland Avenue, Friday, May 21, from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 22, from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, May 23, from noon to 7 p.m.

This spring and summer, birdwatchers and amateur biologists can have a literal "field day" at the preserve. Two birdwatching contests are being held, judged by the professionals. The first, June 27, is an all-day affair with a $100 prize for the winner. The second, July 25, is a shorter contest, with a $50 prize. specials.

The highlight of the festival is traditional Greek costumes, dancing and music. The highlight of this weekend's Greek Cultural Festival at St. Sophia's Church on Whitehall Road in Albany. Also featured are Greek gourmet delicacies, one-of-a-kind imported gift items, guided tours of the church and fund-raising raffles.

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Rensselaerville

• Location: Southwestern Albany County, south of the Town of Berne and west of the Town of Westerlo.

• Directions: Southwest on Route 443 (Delaware Avenue) through the towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Westerlo. Route 443 joins Route 85 which ends in the Village of Rensselaerville.

• Driving time: Approximately one hour from Colonie; 40 minutes from Bethlehem; 30 to 40 minutes from New Scotland.

• Cost: Admission to the E.N. Huyck Preserve is free. Several bird-watching programs sponsored by the preserve this summer do have a fee.

• Hours: The Huyck Preserve is open from dawn till dusk.

• Tours: Nearly a dozen free tours, guided by scientists working at the preserve, will be given this summer. Call 797-3440 for details.

• Food: The Palmer House Cafe on Main Street is the only restaurant within the village. The restaurant serves dinner Thursday through Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. and brunch on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
THEATER

THE SECRET GARDEN
NYT Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy. May 19 to 21, 7-9 p.m.; May 22, 7 p.m. Information, 270-6888.

STUDENT THEATER OUTREACH PROGRAM

TALKIES TO TECHNICALCOLOR new revue by Martin Kelly, dinner theater, First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Sunday, June 6, 5 p.m. Friday, June 11, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 13, 6 p.m. Reservations, 392-3811.

MUSIC

FLASHBACK show and dance band, Dominick's, Water vibrator, 28 Second Ave. Thrus., May 20, 7 p.m. Information, 336-0258.

VICTOR BORGE pianist/comedian, Proctor's Theater, 432 State St., Troy. Sunday, May 23, 7 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

SKIP PARSON'S RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND concert at the Lakehouse, Delmar. Wednesday, May 19, 5:30 p.m. Only at 756-6635 or 756-9555.

THE DAVID COATE GROUP Christian rock group, The Refuge Concert Club, light of the World Christian Church, 28 Spooksvil Road, Athens. Friday, May 21, 7 p.m. Information, 272-7232.


CLASSES

CAPITAL BALLET WORKSHOP sponsored by the Albany Dance Institute, Killy Carroll, Empire Center of the Egg. Albany, Saturday, May 22, 7:30. Information, 475-1645.

POETS

3 GUYS FROM ALBANY poetry performance group, Mother Earth Cafe, Quail Street and Western Avenue, Albany. Saturday, May 22, 7 p.m. Information, 439-2863.

ELAINE FAIRALL vocalist with piano and guitar accommodation, Spencertown Academy, Route 23, Spencertown, Saturday, May 22, 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

"MONTH OF LOVE" classical, semi-classical and whimsical art songs by the Saratoga Chamber Players, Saturday, May 15, 8 p.m. Empire State College, 1 Union Ave., Saratoga. Sunday, May 16, 3 p.m. The Adirondack Hotel, Broadway, Saratoga. Information, 584-4132.

LA SALLE INSTITUTE BAND annual spring concert, La Salle Institute, 203, Chatham. Troy, Thursday, May 20, 7-30 p.m. Information, 283-2836.

NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS every Friday, 12-30 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany. Information, 283-3602.

ONE HEART Karen Shea and Maureen Deluca, Monica's Village Inn. Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Information, 499-5180 or 393-5802.

HOOTS NIGHT open stage, The Eighth Street, 434 Second St., Troy. Thursday, May 21, 7-30 p.m. Information, 766-2642.

FLYe II jazz brunch buffet every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fri, Saratoga. Information, 563-1900.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT


THE TOTALLY ECLECTIC PIANO CONCERT featuring the music of the 20th century. Proctor's Theater, 401 State St., Troy. Sunday, May 23, 2 p.m. Information, 212-3693.

VISUAL ARTS


Christian Buhm, left, Kathy McGinn, Joe Freeman and Suzanne Lang comprise the cast of "The Mollusc," or how to work hard at doing nothing. The comedy, which opens Thursday, May 20, at the Maureen Stapleton Theater at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, is a production of The Masque Theater Inc.
Around the Area

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CHORUS REHEARSAL
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 438-6661.

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Dinner Theater
at the First United Methodist Church
of Delmar
Riverview Productions’
new revue
“Talkies To Technicolor”
A breezy, bouncy, bouyant excursion through movie music and comedy from post-silent film days to the era of the big movie musicals
Staged by Martin P. Kelly with musical direction by William Hickman
featuring
Janet Stasio, Grace Hepburn,
Stephen Burns and William Hickman with Joanna Rautenberg as musical accompanist
Sunday, June 6 at 5 p.m.
Friday, June 11 at 7 p.m.
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Full prime rib dinner with home-baked dessert and complete show... $19/person
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Reservations.........463-3811

Mac-Haydn Theatre opens 15th season in Chatham with No, No Nanette revival
A popular 1920s musical, No, No Nanette, is being revived tonight (May 19) as the opening production of the Mac-Haydn Theatre’s 25th season.
The theatre troupe which originally performed in the cattle judging barn at the Chatham Fairgrounds, has been housed in its own theater nearby for the past 12 years.
No, No Nanette gained popularity in the late 1970s through a Broadway revival that featured the late Ruby Keeler and Bobby Van.
Since then, Mac-Haydn has had a successful presentation of the upbeat show. It was brought back this season because of audience demand.
The theatre, administered by artistic directors/producers Lynne Haydn and Linda MacNeil, is one of the few summer companies throughout the country which produces musical comedy revivals.
No, No Nanette will be the first of seven musicals presented this summer. The schedule includes a production of a new Phantom that has been appearing planets around the country and is compared favorably with Andrew Lloyd Webber’s version in New York.
No, No Nanette plays through May 30. Information and reservations are available at 392-6992.

New Lebanon’s Theatre Barn celebrates 10th season with June 18 opening
Lead Me A Tenor, Ken Ludwig’s zany farce, opens the 10th season for Theatre Barn at New Lebanon in Columbia County June 18. This will be the first of six productions.
The season announced by producer Joan Phillips has a new musical review, Closer Than Ever, by Richard Maltby Jr. and David Shire opening July 1.
This is followed by the musical spoof, Dames At Sea (July 10), The Hollow (July 24, a P. G. Wodehouse play).
Boon, a new musical revue, On The Way To The Forum (Aug. 13); and Pirates of Penzance (Sept. 2).
Information is available at 794-8989.
Victor Borge brings his comedy recital to Proctor’s Theater this Sunday
The seemingly ageless Victor Borge continues to tour his comedy recital throughout the country and appears in this region this Sunday, May 23, at Proctor’s Theater in Schenectady.
The famed pianist/humorist combines fine musicianship with a sharp wit that produces surprises at each performance as he works off the audience’s reaction to his humor.
Now 85 years of age, he continues to maintain an active schedule. When not performing his humorous recital, Borge is a serious musician who has conducted numerous symphony orchestras throughout the United States.
Information and reservations at 343-6204.

New musical revue to debut in Delmar at First United Methodist Church
A new musical revue, Talkies To Technicolor, produced by Riverview Productions of Albany will make its local debut Sunday, June 6 as a dinner theater presentation by the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. Performances are in the church hall on Kenwood Avenue.
Three more performances will be offered on the following weekend, June 11, 12 and 13. All are dinner theater performances.
Talkies To Technicolor moves from the post silent film days through the era of the big movie musicals, featuring some of the biggest stars in movie musicals.
The four performers, Janet Stasio, Grace Hepburn, Stephen Burns and William Hickman also contribute some of the humor of these musicals in the two-act presentation.
Hickman also serves as musical director and Joann Rautenberg is accompanist.
Information and reservations at 463-3811.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

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THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY MAY 19

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SOLID ROCK CHURCH
Kawum Road, evening prayer and Bible study, 7 to 9 p.m.
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BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY CLUB
Research and laboratory experience for volunteers. Archaeology Lab, Route 32 North. Information, 439-6301.

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Kawum Road Community Center, Sunday Night. Information, 439-5957.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 104 City Hall, 8 p.m.
Information, 439-3886.

ONESEQUEHAN CHAPLET ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Avenue, 8 p.m.
Information, 439-2181.

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NEW YORK SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyrm Oseren Restaurant Community Center, Willowbrook Avenue, call for time.
Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND

SOUP KITCHEN
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 40 Maple St., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 40 Maple St., 8 p.m.
Information, 477-4476.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Scotland, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 765-2870.

THURSDAY MAY 20

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

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AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Selkirk, Elm Avenue, 8:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4581.

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TUESDAY MAY 25

BETHLEHEM

RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Albany County Department of
Health, Bethlehem Town Park, Em Avenue, 8 to 10 a.m., Information, 439-5360.

DELMAR ROTARY

Dinner, Route W, Information, 482-8824.

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BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

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

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at Bethlehem High School, Route 161, Ravena, 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-4955.

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American Legion Post 1040, 11 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m., Information, 439-5688.

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First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m., Information, 477-4476.

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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; prayer, 10:30 a.m.; B escorted bus to Gertrude Stein, Trip to Delaware Furnace, Information, 439-5201.

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THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE \GUIDE TO RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Since I’ll be going off to college in four months, last week I started trying to copy the music I’ve bought from other people onto tapes. I don’t want to have to spend $15 on each album in a record store.

For the most part, I’ve been copying compact discs and tapes borrowed from my friends, parents and brother. But, the process has also been educational — I’ve learned how to use a record player.

Records had already been largely phased out by the time I took an interest in music. With tapes and CDs, you don’t have to worry about whether to put it in right side up or upside down. I never had to worry much about needles, scratching or different speeds before.

The reason I’m using records now is that my parents have a whole collection of old albums left over from when they were in college. Apparently, they had forgotten how to use a record player too, because they’ve all been stored for years in a dusty corner of the basement.

The reason they don’t use them is that, first of all, they don’t like the sound of CDs better too, but I don’t think they sound $15 better.

In my non-expert opinion, after listening to records for part of one week, a record in good condition actually doesn’t sound all that bad. My parents both bought copies of a number of albums, so their collection has a lot of duplicates. My mother’s collection has been the best quality, because many of my father’s records look like an art project. I’d like to destroy my own.

But, I don’t think they sound too much better than CDs. I mean, they don’t have the same crispness, but it’s not like it is easier for people to get rid of music they could never listen to or throw out.
Spring fashion fling

Photos by
Elaine McLain

At the recent St. Thomas Spring Fashion Show and Dessert Party, clockwise from above, Katie Gould, Megan Dole and Aimee Gould take a break from modeling; Jennifer Gould and Kevin Smith show off smart prom wear; event planning committee members Cathy Griffin, Arlene Grady, Pat Fischer, Pam Seward, Martha Smith and Maureen Daley get together one more time; Maura and Kathleen Cullen enjoy the show; and Kathy Davis, Brianne Davis and Barbara Hodom model casual wear.
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DELMAR: Kelholm Pool Assoc., 78 Dumbarton Drive, off lower Kenwood Ave; housewares, toys, books, much more. May 22, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Rainshine.

GARAGE SALE: 12 Rita Court, Delmar; May 22, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Girl's bike, step ladders, snow tires, toys, clothes, household and more.

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With the recent announcements of its special events, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) has put together one of the strongest schedules we've ever had," according to Herb Chesbrough, president and executive director.

The special events calendar includes:
- Glenn Frey and Joe Walsh, June 5.
- Little Feat with the Band, June 25.
- Newport Jazz Festival, June 26 and 27, noon to midnight.
- Spin Doctors with Soul Asylum and Screaming Trees, June 28, 7:30 p.m.
- Kenny G, June 29.
- Kenny Burrell, June 30.
- Wynton Marsalis, June 30.
- Moody Blues with Symphony Orchestra, July 2.
- Steve Miller Band, July 3.
- 10,000 Maniacs with world Party, July 11.
- Barry Manilow, July 18.
- New Orleans Festival, July 25, noon to 8:30 p.m.
- Yanni with St. Cecilia Orchestra, July 27.
- Alman Brothers Band, July 30.
- Tina Turner, July 31.
- Bon Jovi with Extreme, Aug. 1.
- DeLer поп with Ugly Kid Joe, Aug. 8.
- Steve and Eydie, Aug. 10.
- The Woody Herman, Artie Shaw and Glenn Miller Orchestra, Aug. 17.
- Steely Dan, Aug. 22.
- Frank Sinatra, Aug. 24.
- The Beach Boys, Aug. 25.
- Peter, Paul and Mary, Aug. 26.
- Reba McEntire with Brooks & Dunn, Aug. 27.
- Clint Black and Wynona Judd, Sept. 5.

Chesbrough said that 10 to 12 additional special events will be announced in the near future.

The SPAC classical schedule includes the New York City Opera performing "The Mikado" on June 17 and 20, and Carmen on June 18 and 19.

From June 7 to 24, The New York City Ballet will present a three-week tribute to its late founder and ballet master George Balanchine.
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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE FOR SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICT
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NEW SCOTLAND

May 9, 1993

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a special meeting of the Board of
Fire Commissioners of the
Town of New Scotland, County of Albany, will be held on
June 9, 1993, at 7:00 P.M., at the
Fire Headquarters, Slingerlands, New Scotland, in the best interest of the
Fire District, for the purpose of
scheduling a special meeting to consider the acquisition of an apparatus
for the Fire District. A proposal
has been submitted by the
State of New York, through the New York State Fire Services Fund,
requesting the Fire District to
consider, and if necessary, to
appropriation and spending up to
$100,000.00 of Fire Commissioners of the Town of New Scotland will sched­
ule a special meeting to consider
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STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY
TENTATIVE RESOLUTION OF THE
Board of Fire Commissioners
(Pursuant to Section 506 of the Real Property Tax Law)
HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessor of the Town of
New Scotland, County of Albany, has completed the tentative as­
sessments for the current year,
that a copy thereof has been left for
the prevention of fraud and
imposition of liability, and
that an assessment of
$100,000.00 has been
located at 1520 Poole".

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THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT of the
Fire District has determined that it
will take place on June
9, 1993, between the hours of 66.
p.m. and 9:00 P.M., at the
Fire Headquarters, Slingerlands, New York, for the purpose of
considering whether the
assessments shall be in accordance
with the provisions of the
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### Preserves

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pedestrians and a dozen guided tours on specific biological topics are planned between now and late August.

On June 5, the Second Annual Owl Prowl, complete with wine and hors d'oeuvres afterward, will be led by the New York State Museum's Dave Steadman. Steadman will also lead a family outing to view nesting birds at the preserve June 26 at 7 a.m.

Budding scientists may enjoy Hayck Hills, which usually take place on Sunday afternoons and are free of charge. The sessions allow laymen to walk alongside working scientists doing field studies at the preserve. For more information on this summer's events at the preserve, call 707-3440.

The preserve also contains the remains of the Hayck Felt Mill, which sat some 100 feet below Rensselaerville Falls during the 1880s. Hayck moved the mill to Albany in 1880 after spring floods destroyed his mill wheel.

With four or five operating mills and a central position among area commerce, Rensselaerville was a bustling center of activity during the first half of the 19th century. As business moved away from the small town and into the cities, however, the village's economy faltered. The last grist mill closed in the 1940s. Today the building is used to house the town's historical society.

Perhaps because of its rapid economic decline and geographical seclusion, Rensselaerville's appearance still suggests the 19th century. Some of the homes in the village are constructed as early as 1790, and not great battles of the Civil War, but their names and memory live on at the memorial.

Rensselaerville Town Historian Porter Wright calls the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Main Street and Methodist Hill, "the finest example of Greek Revival you can find within a day's drive from here." In addition to the Episcopal Church, which dates from the early 1800s and whose spires can be seen entering the town, two other former churches are within the confines of the village and now serve as private residences.

Noted by a state historic marker, the village's crowded and cubby-holed library on Main Street was one of the first in the area and dates back to the town's first incorporation in 1790.

Although there isn't an actual food store within the village, there is a restaurant. The Palmer House Cafe on Main Street serves dinner Thursday through Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Lunch is served on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rensselaerville is a 35-minute trip from the city of Albany. To get there, follow Delware Avenue south out of the city and continue through Bethlehem, New Scotland and Westerlo. Route 85 ends in the village of Rensselaerville.

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