Ferraro stumps Delmar with Assembly hopeful

By Mel Hyman

In politics, these days, it’s never too early to start your campaign.

Former Congresswoman and Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro seemed to be doing just that last week when she toured the Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home in Delmar with Democratic Assembly candidate Rena Button. The apparent reason for Ferraro’s visit was to publicize the expansion and renovation projects going on at the Good Samaritan complex on Rockefeller Road.

But it was an occasion for politicking as well, as Ferraro struck out against cuts in the growth of Medicare spending proposed by Republicans in Congress.

“She was in Congress, I worked to try and save Social Security and the Medicaid/Medicare system,” she told an audience of nursing home patients.

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Boards express concerns on trips

Board member: Are they effective?

By Katherine McCarthy

 Voorheesville school board member Robert Baron raised concerns about the effectiveness of school field trips at Monday’s meeting.

Baron was particularly concerned about seventh and eighth grade trips to New York City and Boston, which were on the agenda for approval at the meeting. “I think the agenda should be more specific,” Baron said.

Erica Sufrin recommended that school-related field trips be teacher run with parent assistance, and suggested that trips be taken on Saturdays so students don’t miss school. She also said it was important students “come back with something” vs. just having a field day.

Board president John Cole also expressed his concern about students who don’t go on field trips, and effectively have a day off.

Superintendent Alan McCartney recommended that the

Safety a factor for BC member

By Dev Tobin

As the cultural capital of the country, if not the world, New York City is a nearby and unique resource that beckons high school field trip planners throughout the Northeast.

Despite the city’s obvious appeal, Bethlehem Central school board member Dennis Stevens has regularly questioned the advisability of New York City field trips for the past several years, and last week, with three such trips coming before the board for approval, he raised his concerns anew.

“I’d like to see the rationale for these trips to New York City,” Stevens said. “I have concerns with New York City as a destination, given the past history. More attention should be paid to why a trip has to go to New York City.”

Stevens said his concerns relate to safety, particularly the prospect of students being unsupervised in a potentially dangerous city, as apparently happened on more than one occasion
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**Button offers Faso toughest race in 10 years**

Republican incumbent defers challenge, repudiates challenger’s criticisms

By Mel Hymen

Other than the four-way Republican primary he won in 1986, Assemblyman John Faso has never had a really tough race.

This year’s challenge from Democrat Rena Button may not be any different. But then again it may.

Faso has been campaigning hard, and so has Button.

In only her second run for public office — she made an unsuccessful run for Albany County clerk back in 1987 — the 71-year-old Button has been aggressively attacking her opponent and spending considerable time and money on a race she definitely considers winnable.

Faso, 44, counted to an easy victory over Democrat Anthony Schwartz in School District #2 two years ago. He’s seeking his sixth, two-year term in the 102nd Assembly District, which encompasses parts of four counties and includes the town of Bethelhem.

Button, who announced her intention to run back in March, came out swinging in this spring and hasn’t let up for a minute.

She’s been out of campaign not solely on the Gov. George Pataki backlash factor, but on Faso’s record, which she considers pro-business and anti-people.

First off, in newspaper as well as in TV ads, she’s criticized Faso for having a poor record on protecting the environment. She points to a relatively low rating given him by the state’s leading environmental group, Environmental Advocates. Specifically, she claims the Kinderhook Republican would oppose proposals for safer use of pesticides.

“There are only four members of the Assembly who have lower rating,” she charged. “When one looks at his votes on environmental issues, you note his careful protection of the chemical industry.”

By Dev Tobin

For the second straight year, the annual exhibit of the Irish American Heritage Museum has found an off-season second home in the mezzanine gallery area of Albany County Airport. Just a week after the exhibit’s subject was incorporated by law into the state’s educational curriculum.

The exhibit chronicles the potato famine of the late-1840s, from a botanical description of the potato and Irish peasants’ near-complete dependence on it to the famine’s impact on emigration and Albany’s contribution to the relief effort.

Robert Mulligan of Delmar, a curator at the New York State Museum, curated the Great Hunger exhibit. Its major materials were also provided by the Irish Famine Museum in Strokestown, County Roscommon.

He added that the script to a floor space and to an American audience,” said Mulligan, adding that the exhibit included a research on the Albany relief effort and located historical artifacts from the state museum and library to complement the panels. Most of the artifacts did not accompany the exhibit to the airport, but appearing in the security and space concerns.

Mulligan noted that the exhibit laid out much of the challenges of the Irish famine, including the potato’s basic role, its absence from Irish diets, and the impact of the famine’s on the body, and the subject of the famine’s is taught in public schools, it will be with a similar avoidance of finger-pointing.

Mulligan said he was “continually encountering viewpoints that change the way I think about this very complex topic,” which he said was more suited to college-level study.

For example, he noted that the majority of private famine relief came from England. Also, while many believe landlords and commercial villains of the famine story, Mulligan noted, “Some landlords were princes (in caring for their tenants), and a lot of landlords lost their estates.”

Assemblyman John McEneny, D-Albany, whose district includes New York, said many visitors to the exhibit will be moved to state “the highest compliment a donor can give...”

A historian himself, McEneny added that the exhibit will move to the Empire State Plaza during the holy month of March.

There’s a lot of I didn’t know that in this exhibit,” John McEneny

The concluding panels of the exhibit outline the contemporary work of the Irish relief group Concern Worldwide, “creating an awareness of hunger today,” Dolan noted. "History
New BCHS vice principal hits ground running

By Katherine McCarthy

Arlene Maranville, the new assistant principal at Bethlehem Central High School, had a baptism by fire when Principal Jon Hunter was unexpectedly hospitalized on the first day of school, which put her in the No. 1 one position.

"I had a minute of panic," Maranville said, smiling calmly. "But Maranville said, smiling calmly. I added to the smooth running of programs for the schools. Maranville evaluated the staff, the Diocesan schools of Albany. The students, and if there is a chronic offender, get to the root of the behavior problem.

Maranville go in and say, 'Here's what I want to do.' It's easier to deal with people after you know the history and expectations of a community. I want to spend some time listening, hearing and watching, and see what will evolve, and what's changing." Maranville's position is intended to be more than the traditional assistant principal role of disciplinarian. There are four deans in the school's administrative structure—three for each grade level—whose function it is to handle daily disciplinary matters like class cutting and insubordination.

Maranville said there have been positive feelings about how this works, with four deans handling discipline instead of just two assistant principals, which leads to faculty getting faster feedback and quicker discipline taking place. The deans can get to know the students, and if there is a chronic offender, get to the root of the behavior problem.

"It's more of a challenge, and it takes longer, to get to know people in a public school," she said. "Catholic schools are not necessarily better. Teen-agers are teen-agers everywhere you go."

Just six weeks into her career at BCHS, Maranville said she has gotten to know two different constituencies so far, the students and parents who are very involved, and those with disciplinary problems.

"There are a lot in the middle to get to know," she said, outlining her personal goal of doing just that in her first year. "It's folly to think they're all the same—like the age, their intelligence, their diversity," she said. "And I like their need to be heard."

"It's nice not spending 90 percent of my time on discipline," Maranville said. "There are many components to this job, which reflects my background."

On her comprehensive list is teaching, the curriculum handbook, and scheduling. Maranville said she is pleased to be back in a single school setting, rather than dividing her time among a number of schools.

The Greenville resident added, "the quality of the faculty, and the high standards of the academic program are some of the strengths I have seen at the high school, and she has been impressed by the care and concern shown by people in supportive positions like guardians and social workers.

"They are concerned with students' well-being, and want to help," Maranville said.

Maranville's husband Jack teaches at LaSalle Institute, and they have three children, two granddaughters. Still, one of the reasons she was happy to be back in a school setting is that she likes teen-agers.

"I like the age, their intelligence, and their diversity," she said. "And I like their need to be heard."

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Police officer finds child near Route 9W

Bethlehem K-9 officer Wayne LaChappelle was in the right place at the right time Monday morning.

While driving on Route 9W near the junction with Route 396, LaChappelle noticed a 22-month-old girl — clad only in a diaper — walking about three feet from the roadway.

He put the toddler in his pickup truck to get warm and asked the attendant at the nearby Hess gas station to call 911. The baby was then transported by Bethlehem Ambulance Squad to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where she was treated and released into the custody of Albany County Child Protective Services.

The baby's mother, Alice Gagnon, 35, of 7 Miller Ave., Selkirk, was found sleeping in a chair at her residence, which is a few blocks from where the baby was found, police said.

She was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and unlawful possession of marijuana.

She was released on $300 bail by Town Justice Peter Wender pending a Nov. 4 appearance in town court.

Public hearing set for town budget

A public hearing on the tentative 1997 Bethlehem town budget is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (tonight) in the town hall on Delaware Avenue.

The general tax fund rate for next year is pegged at 42 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation, which is the same as 1996.

The proposed tax rate for the highway fund is $1.41 per thousand.

Overall spending is projected to increase 2.9 percent in the general fund to a total of $10.25 million. Funding for the highway department is pegged at $3.89 million, a 1.4 percent increase from this year.

Hodom receives honor

Bethlehem Court Clerk Barbara Hodom of Delmar this week was named 1996 Court Clerk of the Year by the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks Inc. at the group's annual gathering in Lake Placid.

She was chosen by a vote of her peers over two others who were also nominated for the award.

Hodom has served as Bethlehem court clerk for the past 17 years and is a past president of the Association of Magistrates Court Clerks.

She has lectured and conducted seminars for court clerks and judges on the rules and procedures of Magistrates Court.

And she has actively participated in a number of committees involving state agencies as well as her own organization.

"She is a true professional who works very hard at making the town's court system one of the best in the state," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

Police arrest 2 for DWI

Bethlehem police recently arrested two people on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Deborah Gail Marcucci, 36, of 85 Woodside Drive, Albany, was stopped at 10:25 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, for speeding on the Slingerlands Bypass, police said.

She was charged with DWI and speeding and released pending a Nov. 4 appearance in town court. Officer Robert Markel investigated.

William T. Conway Jr., 50, of 4 Patriot Drive, Glenmont, was stopped on Wednesday, Oct. 16, for failing to signal and failing to wear a seat belt while driving in the Knarat parking lot on Glenmont Road, police said.

He was charged with DWI and released pending a Nov. 4 appearance in town court. Officer Robert Berben investigated.

Harvest fest to include Native American songs

The Bethlehem Children's School will present its annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Nov. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church at 1459 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

There will be a family sing-along with Paul Straussman at 12:15 p.m.

Native Americans Powhatan Swift Eagle and Matsuaka Little Eagle will perform Native American dances, songs and storytelling at 2 p.m. Other activities will also take place.

For information, call 767-3013.

Celebrant Singers to perform locally

The Celebrant Singers, an internationally-known Christian music ministry, will present a community concert on Friday, Nov. 1, at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Community Church at 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

The concert will consist of contemporary Christian music, praise and worship, and personal testimony and ministry.

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This is National School Bus Safety Week and a good time to emphasize the fact that by law drivers must stop whenever the bus red lights are flashing and children are getting on or off the bus.

The Hudson Valley Auto Club reports that one third of the students killed in school bus-related accidents in the past were struck by vehicles other than their bus. The club also reports that a rising number of drivers are ignoring the law.

We hope New York’s Operation Safe Stop helps to curb this alarming trend. More police officers will be riding on buses, supervising them in efforts to arrest offenders, who are jeopardizing America’s most precious cargo. Court fines are a stiff $150 for a first offense (as they should be), since no amount of money can compensate for the loss of a child.

Know your candidates

Members of the Bethlehem community will have an opportunity to find out more about the candidates for the 102nd Assembly District seat on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Glenmont Elementary School.

Incumbent John Paso, R-Bethlehem, will field questions on the issues, while Rep. Rena Button, D-Bethlehem, who is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Residents can submit questions for consideration in writing on the night of the forum, which is co-sponsored by the league and The Spotlight.

We hope voters — especially those who may still be undecided — attend the forum. An up-close-and-personal view of the candidates is a perfect opportunity to help make a reasoned choice at the polls Nov. 5.

In presidential election years, too many people tend to ignore local races, yet it is the state and local-level decisions that impact our lives the most. Make your concerns known at the forum through your questions. Be involved.

Think it through

The Bethlehem zoning board of appeals is wise to hang fire on the Bell Atlantic Nynex proposal for a new cellular communications tower in Glenmont. This would destroy visual assets, as Supervisor Sheila Fuller says. She is right to advocate a “go-slow” approach before a decision is made.

Local officials in Wilton along the Northway were so concerned they imposed a moratorium on cell towers. Perhaps Bethlehem should follow that lead.

Once the iron telephone horses are up, one can be sure they’ll be around for a long time. Let’s check rein before the horse gets out of control.

Worthy fund-raiser

Dom Deccecco of Slingerlands deserves credit for a Kiwanis Club fund-raising idea for the pediatric trauma unit at Albany Medical Center.

For a $1 donation, people can write their name on a bell of Life card that will be displayed throughout Bethlehem in participating business establishments. The really nice thing about this local campaign is that practically 100 percent of the money will go directly to the unit, where children are treated for head injuries.

All too often campaigns run by outside organizations generate more money for the organization itself, rather than the cause such as the trauma unit.

Another nice touch is that prospective donors won’t be solicited. Deccecco’s idea makes a lot of sense, and we hope the Kiwanians reach their goal of $10,000 in this leg of their campaign to raise $50,000 for the trauma unit over the next few years.

Point of View

A liberal arts education aims at strengthening those intellectual virtues or abilities apart from which knowledge, no matter how technically advanced, becomes self-absorbed and self-defeating. A liberal arts education hones the ability to explore widely, to think thoughtfully, to test one’s ideas against those of others, to discern critically, and to adduce reasons to one’s assertions rather than merely brandish them.

These intellectual virtues are not autonomous, they are directed and governed by the heart. How and to what end they are exercised depends on a person’s moral character. That is why the ideal of a liberal arts college — inclusiveness, by definition, a commitment to moral education, why our colleges and universities must continue to be, or must once again become, places where young people are educated in the practice of those moral virtues that make one a good and not merely an accomplished person: self-discipline, compassion, responsibility, friendship, hard work, courage, personal honesty, loyalty, civility, decency, respect, citizenship, faith in God.

It is particularly vital that a Franciscan college like Siena be a place where, whatever our religious tradition, faith in a personal and provident God is not politely set aside as peripheral to the educational quest, but is taken seriously as an integral, morally responsible, and, yes, decisive op- Editors

By The Rev. Kevin E. Mackin

The writer is the recently appointed president of Saint Rose College in Loudonville. The following is an excerpt from his inauguration speech.

A liberal arts education is holistic in nature. Its goal is not simply to inform the mind, but to train the mind of a whole person ‘ready to take his or her place articulately and responsibly in the complex and interrelated society of our time.” What I would call your attention to particularly is not so much the challenges themselves — the dizzying explosion of technological capability and information, the ominously widening gap between the rich and the poor but in our country and worldwide, the violence and discord that blight the promise of multiculturalism, the dark cloud hanging over the natural environment, the daily coarsening of public entertainment, the sophistry that more and more triumphs over substance in political discourse, to name a few — not so much those challenges as the imperative which those challenges lay on us as educators to instill in the young, and perhaps first of all to rejuvenate in ourselves, the intellectual and moral virtues needed to expose and address them.

St. Francis’s ideal of building and serving community is especially illuminating in this regard. For perhaps the greatest threat posed by the ambigui- tultual and moral energies needed to ness and stress of the world taking shape before us is that these challenges will drive us into a private ethical and personal morass: emotional, economic, cultural, professional or even religious dreaming, forgetting our ties to the larger community in which, whether we like it or not, we live.

Fostering an ideal of college life as a community disciplined in a vigorous search for the truth that sets us free can effectively counter such a destructive privatization of the self.

This ideal, in turn, can only take root and thrive in a community whose fundamental tenor is one of moral goodness. We need to remind ourselves that morality is essentially defined not by the observance of rules but by the attainment of good ends. The community marked by a justice that respects all equally and, perhaps more tellingly, by an all-pervading civility, a community where people respect and care about each other, and, not to forget joy, a community that can celebrate togetherness, intellectual and cultural events which make any college or university worthy of the name “an exciting place to be.”

A read on body language in presidential debate

Editor, The Spotlight:

Body language can be a powerful means of expression. An example of it was shown when, presumably to give emphasis, he pounded one of his hands into the other — an action he should know his opponent, whose right hand was maimed in combat in World War II, was unable to do.

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Matter of Opinion
Candidate is distressed by lawn sign vandalism

Letters

Crosstown not feasible for Elsmere neighborhood

Editor, The Spotlight:

Homeowners on Elsmere Avenue and nearby streets — be alert.

With a very poor map, the story in the Oct. 9 Spotlight has opened up a real can of worms.

The Bethlehem planning board and town engineer John Fenzl are to study a plan to extend Elsmere Avenue southward to intersect a proposed new route between Elsmere Avenue and Route 9W.

Imagine, if you will, Elsmere Avenue, already overloaded with commercial and other vehicles, additionally overloaded with 9W vehicles. Shortcutting via an Elsmere Avenue "bypass," with traffic peaks of one vehicle every three seconds and a primary route for police, fire, ambulance, public works and trucks.

Is it not time for Fenzl to make an exhaustive study of traffic use on both Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road before considering construction aspects?

Just what traffic would be served with an additional road when this section of the town reaches its maturity, going south via Elm Avenue Extension?

Are there not more significant considerations, such as relieving the traffic load on Elsmere Avenue, resurfacing the Delmar Bypass (What has it been, 25 years?), and perhaps widening the access road at the 9W mall.

Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

My daughter, Rachel, recently participated in "A World of Difference" at Bethel Central High School.

Although she approached the day-long workshop with some degree of apprehension, her poignant account of the day made it clear she had a significant impact on her.

The heterogeneity of the students — scheduled by home room, rather than by academic classes — gave the students an opportunity to discover the diversity among themselves, despite their many obvious similarities. The values-clarification activities provided personal relevance in addition to the intended global framework.

Discussing her perceptions of the workshops with me over dinner, Rachel excitedly recapped the themes and activities that had made an impression on her. She ended our conversation with "You know, mom, the kind of stuff you and dad always talk about, the kind of stuff we talk about at home."

It was very satisfying to be reminded of the excellent programs at our high school. "A World of Difference" is outstanding; it does make a difference.

It was very rewarding to be reminded of how important parents are in the lives of their children, and how children actually hear and internalize what they hear at the kitchen table.

Helene Steiner Copp

Delmar

Resident targets Breslin for Albany political ties

Editor, The Spotlight:

Many of us live in Bethlehem because we consider the town safe and well-run. It also has free public and parochial school systems. Appearing Democratic senatorial candidate Neil Breslin and his family feel the same way, since they have abandoned their roots in the city of Albany and live in Delmar.

Perhaps 70 or so years of Democratic hegemony in Albany has made it a less desirable place to live and raise a family. The nice thing about America is that, like Mr. Breslin, we can still vote with our feet and raise our families in a community not run by a Democratic family cabal.

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Matters of Opinion

Mulch ado over plaza landscaping

Editor, The Spotlight:

Let’s call it Mulch Island Shopping Center that “beautiful” shopping center at the corner of Route 9W and Feura Bush Road in Glenmont that houses Grand Union, Ames and the post office.

Note the “clean-up” activity that has gone on during the summer. Those who watch paint dry or grass grow will agree progress on cleanup has even been slower.

Dead trees and shrubs have been removed and replaced with mulch — hence the name Mulch Island Shop­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…”

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expensive ones, have little or no self-esteem or think they are superior. We should accept the occasional parent with kids in car seats since parents usually move quickly.

The violators have no respect for laws or safety, they come first.

Even the elderly and handicapped park in appropriate areas.

How about the trees that block the east-bound stop sign at the four-corner stop next to McDonald’s.

Fortunately, it’s fall and leaves drop, so we will now be able to see the signs. Someday, someone is going to get hurt there. I am surprised the local police have not demanded correction of this absolutely stupid example of landscape artistry.

I have had fun with my shopping center letters to the editor. The response has been beyond expectations. Let’s hold off on a senior citizen sit-in that was suggested until next spring. Maybe Sheila Fuller and crew will make something happen.

Editor, The Spotlight:

For the past six years, a community garage sale has benefited Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Festival Fund and Bethlehem Senior Projects.

All three groups work within the community to provide programs, items and equipment for town residents.

On behalf of senior projects, we would like to thank Noreast Real Estate Group who worked so hard to make this event a success.

Bethlehem Senior Projects is a community-based nonprofit corporation, which works with the town’s municipal senior services department to help the elderly remain as residents. Programs include senior transportation, Bethlehem Food Pantry, monthly screenings and displays for independent living and equipment purchases.

Thanks to individuals and organizations like Noreast, Bethlehem Senior Projects is able to continue to fund services and programs for the elderly in town.

Charles J. Tobin III

Delmar

V’ville homeowner wants sewer queries addressed

Editor, The Spotlight:

My letter is in reference to the Voorheesville village board’s decision to allow a homeowner on Swift Road to access the District 1 sewer facility, which is basically composed of residents of Salem Hills and six homes in the originally proposed Salem Woods Extension on Swift Road, which were all part of Rosen Michaels development plans of the mid-1980s.

The understanding I have is that the young couple who built and live in this beautiful home, have been given permission to join the district if they can find a path, to connect to it. Since I am directly across the street from them, and between them and the main line, guess who has the most pressure to be the path?

My wife and I are trying to work with this couple to assist them as much as possible.

My main concern now is the infrastructure, which was designed to connect to Swift Road, all using environmental pumps. The distance and below surface level of the new home requires a more powerful pump than the current six homes use.

If this new connection is hooked up at a 90-degree angle to the auxiliary line, like the other homes, I have serious concerns for the system. We all have been in the system for more than 20 years and have had no problems. For the sake of all members of the sewer district, who will bear the burden of repair expenses, I hope the village had an engineering firm determine that a 90-degree connection will work, as opposed to a 45-degree connection to the main line, which would seem to eliminate any need for the cross-lot auxiliary line, built for six homes.

The irony of this situation is that this above-ground trans vap system was allowed to be placed in the front yard of a home less than 50 feet from the road. This was done months after a village law was enacted forbidding this. Even though it required ripping out hundreds of square feet of established lines and oak, replacing them with a barren six-foot mound, 20 to 50 feet from the road on a rockbed, the then-zoning board allowed it.

We can only hope that future boards and commissions consider the laws, aesthetics, and common sense of community (rather than developer anxiety) in helping to develop our community, by retaining the natural beauty of the area.

One last item of concern is that during the years I served on the village board of trustees, we had at least three false starts at attacking storm drain runoff into the sewer lines in District 1. To my knowledge, none of the attempts ever materialized.

However, we are now allowing homes with excessive runoff problems outside the district to join. Since the current case in point is in a dilemma because of a zoning board decision, perhaps the village should try to help.

But for the sake of those whose homes have been in the sewer district for more than 20 years, I would hope the board will find other solutions in the future or ensure a better defense to ward off the need for such solutions, at the expense of longtime residents who have paid to maintain the sewer system all these years.

I would appreciate a professional engineering response to the hook-up process to Tar not to T.

Ed Donohue

Voorheesville

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Since taking office in 1987, your Assemblyman, John Faso, has accepted over $20,000 from nursing homes, managed care corporations, medical societies, and pharmaceutical corporations.

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fill in for employees who take advantage of the family leave law. Requiring such businesses to find a replacement for a key worker would be costly and often difficult, if not impossible.

Other bills misleadingly cited by Ms. Carney contained other practical problems. For instance, the objects to my vote against a measure to "provide supplemental aid to libraries." This bill actually would have created a new income tax checkoff to specifically benefit libraries.

A nice idea certainly; but one, in my view, that would simply add complexity to an already cumbersome and detailed New York state tax form. Moreover, if we add another tax checkoff for this good cause, what should we do when such treatment is requested by worthy volunteer organizations for other good causes. The list, I believe, would be endless.

Further, there is no guarantee that monies generated by such a checkoff system would not simply replace money the state is currently spending on general library aid. I should add that I have long supported aid to libraries and believe that our general purpose aid should be increased beyond the $80 million annually.

A representative, said Madison, owes his or her constituency a considered judgment when pondering how to cast a vote. I do not pretend to be infallible; but I do pride myself on actually reading a great majority of legislative proposals under consideration.

Something, it seems obvious, neither Mrs. Button nor Ms. Carney bothered to do. John J. Faso

Assemblyman 102nd District

Bethlehem Recycling Corner
By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

This is a great time of year to clean out closets and the attic. Here are some suggestions for some of the items you might find.

Textile and clothing recycling will continue at Bethlehem town hall until Thursday, Oct. 31. Please remember that clothing must be clean and dry, placed in a plastic bag and tied shut. Pairs of shoes or boots must be tied together.

Unusual hats or clothing could be donated to a nursery school or kindergarten for play activities. Good generic flower vases from holiday floral gifts are often welcomed at florists, who are always seeking containers for arrangements. Clean, undamaged plastic and clay flower pots are sometimes welcome too. Call ahead before bringing items to a garden shop or florist.

Motor vehicle fluids and batteries are often found in basements and garages. Motor oil can be taken to any local service station that changes oil for their patrons. Anti-freeze is acceptable at any radiator shop. Vehicle batteries (lead-acid) of any size can be recycled at Knapp and some local service stations. They cannot be deposited in the household battery boxes located throughout town.

Paint is another thing you might find. It is latex paint and has been stored for more than 10 years, there is a chance it might have hardened. Dispose of the hardened paint in the regular trash. It comes out of the can, recycle the empty can and lid in the recycling bin. If the paint is liquid, oil or latex, pack the cans in boxes, ready to be brought to the town’s household hazardous waste program next year.

If hardcover text books or worn out paperbacks are taking up room, prepare them for the next book recycling collection. Books can be deposited starting Friday Nov. 8, at town hall. This collection program will run through Friday, Dec. 6.

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Home on the range makes debut in real estate

By Mel Hynes

Value range marketing is a new concept in real estate sales that reportedly sells homes three-to-five times faster than normal.

The traditional method of pricing a property is to put it on the market at a fixed price and then let the chips fall where they may. Under value range marketing, in use since late September by Prudential Manor Homes locally, a seller offers a range of prices that would be acceptable instead of a fixed price. The idea is to attract a much broader base of potential buyers and reduce the amount of time a property remains on the market.

The idea originated in Australia several years ago, then spread to Europe and has now been adopted in the U.S. by Prudential.

"The net effect is that it still brings about the same price to the seller, but it reduces the number of days it takes to sell a property by about 25 percent," said Cathy Griffin, manager of the Prudential Manor Homes branch in Delmar.

As an example of how the new marketing system works, Griffin pointed to a house in Clifton Park that had been listed at $119,000. Using VRM, it was then offered for sale for anywhere from $100,000 to $120,000. There are 50 pre-set (and overlapping) pricing categories under VRM.

The appropriate VRM category is decided by discussion between the seller and the broker.

Despite the possibility that value range marketing will result in homeowners selling less for their homes than they would like, Griffin insists that it normally doesn't work out that way.

"Experience has shown that it doesn't normally devalue a property," she said.

And there are other benefits as well. For example, suppose there is a family where one spouse "has already relocated and the other is left behind with three children at home," Griffin said. "It can be a real burden knowing that you need to have that house ready for a walk-through at any time for the next five or six months."

The average amount of time that it takes to sell a home in the Capital Region is about seven months.

"It makes the process a lot easier for everyone involved," Griffin said. By providing a low range to start out with, a prospective buyer can feel comfortable making an offer on the low end of the range, and "No one is insulted."

"It is strictly an option," Griffin added. "People can still offer their homes at a fixed rate."

Peter Staniels, president of Noreast Real Estate in Delmar, said he finds the VRM technique "very intriguing."

"We're looking at it very closely, with an open mind," he said. "It seems aimed at helping to get the negotiating process going."

In the meantime, VRM notwithstanding, many potential home buyers don't seem willing to make the leap of faith lately, Staniels said.

While the Greater Capital Association of Realtors reported a 14 percent increase in the dollar value of all real estate sold as of September, "Sales have leveled off during the second half," Staniels said. "The first half was a very robust, very dynamic market for every body, but it's quieted down in the second half again and unfortunately we seem to be returning to same type of situation we've had for the past few years where there is a lot of interest, but people are hesitating to put their names on the dotted line."

Tae kwon do event to raise DARE funds

For the seventh year in a row, Hudson Valley Tae Kwon Do Center of Glenmont will host its DARE Benefit Tae Kwon Do Championship at the Edward F. McDonough Complex at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy on Saturday, Oct. 26.

In the past, this tournament has raised over $85,000 for DARE.

The entry fee is $5 for adults, $3 for children under 12, and free for those under 5 years old.

For information, call 427-9462.

Saturday storytimes for working families

The Bethlehem Public Library's Youth Services Department will continue its series of Saturday morning storytimes to accommodate children whose parents work during the week on Nov. 2 and 9 from 10:30 a.m.

The library is located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-8314.

New Salem firefighters celebrate 50 years

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department will hold a 50th anniversary dedication and open house on Wednesday, October, 30, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the New Salem Firehouse on New Salem Road in New Salem.

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Highway expenditures a main focus

NS board members scrutinize budget

By Dev Tobin

At their first budget workshop, New Scotland town board members took care of the town's most pressing fiscal need—borrowing $90,000 for highway department work that will eventually be funded by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

Supervisor Herb Reilly's preliminary budget for 1997 contains a tax increase for the first time in six years, largely due to uncertainty about federal reimbursements for highway and bridge repairs associated with the January thaw and a couple of major spring storms.

Reilly said the town spent more than $325,000 on storm-related repairs and reconstruction of roads and bridges, and was verbally promised reimbursement of 85 percent of those costs. So far, the town has received just one check for $7,136.

During the budget workshop, the board tentatively approved a new printer for the supervisor's office, repairs to the old furnace at town hall, $1,000 in funding for the town's Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee, and bids to replace, rather than repair, the roof over the old part of town hall.

Councilwoman Victoria Ramundo disagreed with Reilly's proposal to exempt part-time employees, repairs to the old employees part of town hall.

Ramundo noted that compensation was an issue for some planning board members, who would not receive a raise in the preliminary budget.

The preliminary 1997 budget calls for spending $3,564,307, up about $175,000 (approximately 5 percent) from this year's budget.

The estimated tax rate to support the budget would be $1.26 per thousand of assessed value for town residents (an increase of 4 cents, or 3.2 percent, over this year), and 92 cents per thousand for village of Voorheesville residents (a decrease of 14 cents, or 13.2 percent, from 1996).

Reilly said there will be additional budget workshops, scheduled during the board's meeting on Nov. 12. The budget must be adopted by Nov. 20.

A $1,900 check for Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited from the Noreast Real Estate Group of Delmar is accepted by Dr. Roger Drew, left, Lorie J. Bruenn, Phyllis Hillinger, Paul Guzman and Peter Staniels.

Garage sale benefits BOU

Delmar man elected to ophthalmology board

The New York State Ophthalmological Society, a professional organization representing eye physicians and surgeons, recently elected Dr. Jordan Kassoff of Delmar to its board of directors for a three-year term.

Kassoff, an attending surgeon at Albany Medical Center, will play a major role in defining and guiding the activities of the society's more than 1,100 members.

A primary goal of the state society is to help prevent blindness, particularly among New Yorkers.

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The forum will be broadcast on TV Channel 31 Saturday Nov. 2nd from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, Nov. 4th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Please Join Us!
V’ville music friends sponsoring fall cabaret

Voorheesville Friends of Music will sponsor a fall cabaret on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The evening will feature performances by community members, students and faculty. A faculty magician will put on a special appearance. Refreshments will be served.

The cost is $3 for adults and $2 for students and senior citizens. Proceeds will be used to fund "Friends of Music scholarships.

Kiwanis invite kids to Halloween party

Children from preschool to fifth-grade are invited to the annual Kiwanis Halloween party on Sunday, Oct. 27, starting at 1 p.m. in the large gymnasium at the elementary school. Prizes will be awarded for games and costumes. Cider and donuts will be served.

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland recently installed new officers. They are: Peter Luczak, president; Terry Barlow, vice president; Mike Malark, secretary; and Dick Ramsey, treasurer. The immediate past president is Warren Schleichner.

Church to serve chicken barbecue

New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85 will dish up a Gilly's chicken barbecue on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m. Dinners are takeout only, and include a half chicken breast, baked potato, coleslaw, beverages and dessert.

The cost is $7 for adults and $5 for children under age 10. Chicken halves are $4. To expedite your order, call 765-2354 between 3 and 5 p.m. on Oct. 26.

The church has a fall schedule of children's programs this fall. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Youth group meetings are held every other Friday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A clowning group gets together every Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

The junior choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., and the chime choir at 8:45 a.m. The corder ensemble practices on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Instruction is provided for all musical groups.

For information, call 765-3468.

Board announces special forum

The school board has scheduled a special Focus Forum for Monday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

The program on Frameworks for Education will be presented by Richard Long from the state Education Department.

Frameworks is a course-by-course outline of curriculum requirements for each grade level and includes the standards by which student achievement is measured.

For information, call the school district office at 765-3313.

Lecturer to address drug chemistry link

Internationally known lecturer Michael Nerny will discuss how drug use is linked to the chemistry of the adolescent brain on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

The program is sponsored by the high school PTA and is open to parents, students, and community members free of charge.

PTA sponsors reading activities

October has once again been designated as Parents as Reading Partners month. During the month-long program sponsored by the elementary school PTA, parents and children are encouraged to read together for at least 75 minutes a week.

As part of the program, an evening of reading, storytelling and popcorn will be held on Friday, Oct. 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium. Children have the option of wearing their pajamas, and bringing a blanket or stuffed toy.

For information, call Karen Bingham at 765-3071.

Conference dates set at elementary school

Parent conference dates have been set for three Fridays, Nov. 8, 15 and 22, at the elementary school. All are half days with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

Parents who didn't sign up for a conference at open house should contact their child's teacher as soon as possible.

The PTA will sponsor roller-skating at the elementary school gymnasium during the conference dates, Nov. 8 and 15, from noon to 2 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance at school.

Learn how to protect your nest egg

Roger Dickenson will speak about "Protect Your Nest Egg" at the regular meeting of the New Scotland senior citizens on Monday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Wyan Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Refreshments will be served.

New Scotland Dems planning fund-raiser

The New Scotland Democratic Committee will hold a fund-raiser on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Christine's Restaurant in Voorheesville.

Tickets are $25. For information, call Ken Kast at 765-4146.

Quilt guild meets Mondays at church

Join the Silly Sampers quilt guild on Monday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85.

The guild meets the fourth Monday of every month. Quilters should bring a sewing kit and items for show and tell.

For information, call 765-3468.

New Scotland church states Halloween party

New Salem Reformed Church is planning a community Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church on Route 85.

Children and adults are welcome to attend in costume. There will be games, crafts, refreshments and Halloween goody bag for each child.

To ensure enough treats for all, organizers would appreciate a call at 765-2354.

Halloween open house stars creepy creatures

A Halloween open house featuring information on creatures as varied as snakes and bat, bears and coyotes, will take place at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 55 Game Farm Road in Delmar on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m.

For information, call 475-0291.

Architect to present old railroad slides

Architect Michael J. Bosak will present a slide program on the renovation and adaptation of abandoned railroad stations on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Scribes of Albany's Union Station will be shown.

For information, call 430-0314.
Parks dept. plans Hay Day

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the first annual Halloween Hay Day on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park.

Activities include hayrides, trick or treat bag making, face painting and a "Count" Dracula guessing game.

Kids can bring their carved or painted pumpkins to show. Prizes will be awarded to each pumpkin.

As a fund-raising project, Bethlehem Central High School freshman will be offering refreshments at a nominal charge. Admission to Hay Day is free, and most activities will be held rain or shine.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1986, these stories were making headlines in The Spotlight:

- With Weis Markets' announcement that it would close all nine of its Albany Public Markets and lease the sites to Grand Union, the town of Bethlehem faced having just one supermarket chain - Grand Union, with stores in Elsmere and Glenmont.
- Tom McPheeters' story noted that Price Chopper is reported to have considered a Bethlehem store several times, but has never made a move.
- The Bethlehem town board allocated up to $25,000 for preliminary work on a proposed town community center.
- The Bethlehem Central School District enrollment for 1986-87 rose 98 pupils to 3,722, with more than half of the increase coming in kindergarten, according to interim superintendent Briggs McAndrews.
- Frank Filippone resigned from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board. He had been a teacher, principal and superintendent in the district.

Delmar orchestra to perform at library

The Delmar Community Orchestra will give a free concert on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Led by Jim Greg, the orchestra will present a program of pops and light classics.

For information, call 439-9314.

RCS gears up for craft fair

Come on down to Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the craft fair.

With booths offering everything from antiques to baked goods, the fair promises to have something for everyone. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Who's Who honors RCS teachers

Two outstanding RCS teachers, Josephine Prozik of the high school and Jennifer Rauch of the middle school, have been recognized for their achievements in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

The teachers were nominated for the honor by former students.

Fall concert set at high school

RCS senior high students will perform in a fall music concert on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Normanside women to hold trophy banquet

The Normanside Country Club Women’s Organization will hold its trophy banquet and annual meeting at the club on Salisbury Road in Delmar on Thursday, Oct. 24. A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will start at 7 p.m.

Golf awards will be presented and special achievements recognized. New members will also be honored.

Bethlehem Lab School holds open house

The Bethlehem Central High School Lab School will hold an open house on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The community is invited to discover what this three-year program has to offer students entering their sophomore year of high school.

The open house will include several displays, sample portfolios and examples of students’ projects, as well as the opportunity to meet and discuss the program with teachers, students and parents.

For information, call 439-8781.

Church fair offers pancakes, shopping

There will be an autumn fair at the First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A pancake breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Hot lunch will be served beginning at noon. Other fair offerings will include handcrafted wooden children’s toys and other wooden items, crafts and collectibles, a Christmas boutique, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, plants, books and other items.

A rummage sale is also slated. For information, call 439-3588.

Family histories receive lots of TLC in Bethlehem

According to genealogy/local history librarian Babs Carlson, the library has supported an interest in genealogy for many years. The Daughters of the American Revolution’s two local chapters were a likely catalyst for the library’s collection. Since her arrival on staff in 1990, Carlson has organized, maintained and enhanced a collection that she says is self-perpetuating.

The collection’s aim is to help researchers find information on family history and then use it to provide an organized account for family members and other researchers. The collection doesn’t contain original documents, but it provides information on “where to look, what to look for and how to use what you find,” Carlson says.

Published material on research techniques and compiled resources comprise most of the library’s printed genealogical material. Indexes to land records, Civil War cemeteries and ship’s passenger manifests are also available, along with city and professional directories, a genealogical clipping file, microfilm of the Bethlehem census, and a growing collection of related periodicals.

The collection is augmented by local residents, who supplied unpublished manuscripts of family histories. These are often a starting place for further family research, and provide clues as to who else is working in a particular area.

Genealogical researchers come in all ages and ethnicities. Carlson reported that more than 1,500 people participated in last year’s National Genealogy Conference in Nashville. Local schools sometimes assign projects in basic genealogy, and occasional young person can be found during the summer, pursuing a non-assigned interest.

What’s required is a willingness to dig for accurate, documented information. “You must do research in order to do research,” says Carlson, “and there is no guarantee that published information is correct.” Periodicals are often the most reliable and up-to-date sources.

The latest genealogical tool is, of course, the Internet. The library homepage (http://crsmy.org/library/county/library) has links to larger databases such as Albany County Hall of Records and the National Archives and Records Administration. Particularly useful is the Allen County Public Library, which provides good instruction on how to do research of this type. The success of a recent library program on Internet genealogy research has guaranteed future programs aimed at the “wired genealogist.”

For information about this special collection, ask for Carlson at the reference desk.

Louise Grecco

Christian Scientists to sponsor lecture

A free Christian Science lecture will take place on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard Johnson Lodge on Route 9W in Glenmont. The First Church of Christ Scientist in Delmar is sponsoring the lecture.

Jill Gooding from Hampshire, England, will present the lecture. She has spoken extensively in Europe, as well as in the United States, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

For information, call 439-2922.
Lecturer to examine 1996 election issues

Michael Malbin, professor of political science at the University at Albany, will present a timely lecture about party politics and the 1996 election issues entitled "Crossroads, or More of the Same?" tonight, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and refreshments.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Bring a poem or short prose piece to share with the group. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

Nimblefingers is also welcoming new participants to the Tuesday afternoon sewing circle. Bring your own needle craft project and join the group from 1 to 3 p.m. for conversation while you work.

Kids in grade-five and up are invited to use the community room for quiet study on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. under the direction of members of the high school honor society.

Young people can still vote in the Kids' Pick '96 Favorite Books awards. Cast your ballot the next time you come in.

The library will be interviewing for an interim librarian to work in youth services for 20 to 25 hours a week until a permanent full-time librarian is hired. Anyone interested in applying for the part-time position, which includes reference shifts and some story hours, should apply to Gail Sacco, 51 School Road, Voorheesville 12886. Resumes can be faxed to 765-3007.

Barbara Vink

Parenting initiative on Networks agenda

"Parents for Parents" is a new and exciting initiative designed to provide support and survival skills to parents who are having difficulty with the challenges of raising an adolescent.

The program will require the participation of parent volunteers who are willing to attend four hours of training and spend two hours each month assisting other parents in need of support, guidance and help with discipline, setting limits, and dealing with school problems.

If you are an experienced parent, who has faced some difficult times and would like to help other parents, call Mona Prenoveau at Bethlehem Networks Project at 439-7740 to volunteer or for more information.

Wooden toys on display

Toys made by woodworker Vince Gazzetta will highlight First United Methodist Church's annual fall fair slated for Saturday, Nov. 2, at the church on Kenwood Avenue.

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From October to April, the
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ware Avenue in Delmar, and will
use a literary work to explore the
learning process.

The schedule is as follows:
Fathers and Sons by Ivan Turgenev,
Nov. 8; "...from mistakes," Return
of the Native by Thomas Hardy,
Nov. 22; "...from evil," Heart of
Darkness by Joseph Conrad, Dec.
6; "...from choices," Portrait of a
Lady by Henry James, Jan. 3;
"...from death," The Stranger by
Albert Camus, Jan. 24; "...from fam-
iy," As I Lay Dying by William
Faulkner, Feb. 14; "...from rela-
tionships," Sons and Lovers by D.H.
Lawrence, March 17; "...from the
land," Of Pioneers by Willa Cather,
March 28; and "...from travelling
far," Zen and the Art of Motorcycle
Maintenance by William Pirsig,
April 18.

For information, call 295-7313.

Boy Scouts planning annual Sportsmart

Boy Scout Troop 75 will hold its
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Eagles soar into sectionals

By Andy Macmillan

The Bethlehem girls soccer team chalked up three more league victories and added a great showing in an area tournament to its already impressive record.

Last weekend, Bethlehem played in the Shen Scramble, which attracted 16 teams from around the region. BC won its last game in the round robin format, a 4-1 victory over Middleburgh, which is considered one of the best small schools in the state.

Katie Smith scored twice, while Emily Capek and Katie Fireovid each had a goal. Goalkeeper Winnie Corrigan recorded seven saves.

On a cold Tuesday night, BC took on a Scotia squad favored to make the finals in the Class B sectional tournament. Fireovid broke a 2-2 tie with only five minutes remaining in the game with her second goal, giving BC a 3-2 win. Heather Mann also scored for BC, and Corrigan had yet another solid game with nine saves.

On Saturday, coming off a 3-0 win against a physical Saratoga team, BC took on Burnt Hills, which has won the Class B sectional tournament two years in a row. Smith found the net once in the first half, and the rest of the game was uneventful, as Bethlehem prevailed, 1-0.

Sectionals start this weekend and BC will be either the second or third seed, depending on how well they fare this week. Coach Heather Mann has no specific goals except for the obvious — to take the team as far as possible.

"I think we're ready," he said. "As long as we keep playing hard, we'll have a shot." Bethlehem, which boasts an impressive 15-2-0 record this year, has a solid starting lineup both on offense and defense. The defensive core is led by captain Lisa Engelstein, Karly Decker, Leah Giassotti, Addie Blabey and senior goalie Corrigan.

The power behind the BC scoring machine consists of Smith, who leads the team in goals, Fireovid, Haskins, Mann and Emma Samelson-Jones.

Bramley likes team's chances

By Annette Grajny

Adding two more wins to their record last week, the Bethlehem boys soccer team is building confidence for the upcoming Section II tournament.

"We've got as good a chance as anyone," said coach John Bramley. "We have no reason to be frightened, no teams to be afraid of."

On Tuesday, the Eagles trounced Colonie, 6-1. Jason Seymour scored two goals, and Kevin Russell, Kevin Smith, Ryan Walker and Jared Alston pitched in with one goal each.

BC also performed well on Saturday, beating Burnt Hills, posting a 4-1 victory.

Greg DeMarco, Brian Walsh, Seymour and Smith each had a goal, while goalkeeper David Levine recorded the shutout.

The only game Bethlehem has lost in the last two weeks came against Niskayuna on Thursday, with the Eagles being outpowered, 4-0.

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Saratoga is too much

By Jessica Fein

Friday was the last home game for the senior members of the football team, and it proved to be a disappointing and emotional loss as the Eagles were defeated 34-0 by highly rated Saratoga.

While the offense failed to move the ball during the first half, BC junior Darrin Huggins had three important sacks of the Saratoga quarterback.

Junior Scott Kind attempted a 42-yard field goal, but it failed and Saratoga held a 13-0 lead at halftime.

The second half started off on a different note when the Eagles recovered a Saratoga fumble. It was an important play, but Bethlehem couldn’t capitalize.

“We were physically overmatched,” said co-captain Andre Ellumian. “The whole game came down to a few big plays,” said junior Dave Raab.

On the positive side, BC head coach John Sodergren said Bethlehem received strong performances from senior Don Richter, junior Mike Quackenbush and junior John Tafilowski.

“Saratoga is a good team,” said Sodergren, “but we were able to run some of our offensive plays.”

The seniors playing their last home game include Matt Quackenbush, Jason Diggs, Chris Thornton, John Reily, Richter, Matt Kelly, Dan McGee, Kenyon Hill, Gary Peterson, Phil Poczek, Paul Patane, Joe Rossi, Steve Euler and Andy Karins.
Field hockey team stays positive

By Alison Tombros

The wins were not plentiful, but there were still reasons to be optimistic.

The Bethlehem girls field hockey team finished their season in an overall record of 2-13, but several of the losses came in extremely tight games that could have gone one way or the other.

The team’s final game was played last week against Academy Academy for Girls. It was a tough match that went into overtime before Academy scored the first and only goal of the game.

“Our last game proved that we have come a long way since Aug. had what it took to rise to the occasion,” said senior Jessica Fein.

Maggie Wolfert had five points on the 2-100 freestyle, Elyse McConough and Nadine Maur also put in strong performances as did Maggie Teitelbach, swimming the 100 backstroke.

One of the most exciting events of the meet was the 2-3-4 finish in the 50 freestyle by Bethlehem swimmers: Fein, Kim Link and Maggie Teitelbach.

In the 500 freestyle, Sarah Gold and Diana Kelly both had close races but came through in the last five yards to secure important points for the Eagles.

The girls’ final home meet is on Saturday, Nov. 2, against archrival Niskayuna.

Looking back over the team’s last meet, team captain Wolfert said, “Last year we were the Southern Division Aagan League champions, and we are looking to recapture that title.”

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Voorheesville girls primed & ready for post-season

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls varsity soccer team is heading into the post-season on a high note.

The Blackbirds won one game and tied another to bring their overall record to 8-2-5.

On Saturday, Voorheesville took on winless Watervliet. They dominated the game from the outset and had numerous opportunities to score.

Freshman Liz Cacace had two goals for the Blackbirds. Other scorers were Guastella, Regan Burns and Whitney Reed.

The final score was 5-0 with Lloyd getting her sixth shutout of the season in goal.

Entering the final week of the season, the 'Birds are looking for one more win because they are one point behind Mechanicville in the standings, and the higher team will get the top seed in the sectional tournament.

They are also looking to keep their momentum going for the first round of the sectional tournament, which begins on Friday.

Sports calendars now being sold in V'ville

The Voorheesville Sports Boosters calendars are currently available at the Supervalu store in Voorheesville, the Voorheesville Mobil station, and the Voorheesville High School office.

Voorheesville senior Nicole Daigle weaves her way through a sea of defenders during the Blackbirds' 5-0 win over Watervliet on Saturday. The sectional tournament begins this weekend.

Doug Persons
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"This is the third one we've had in less than three months," he said at last week's public hearing on the Nynex variance.

Responding to Ross' refusal to be pinned down as to the company's future intentions, Hodom said, "I think you may have waltzed around this question, which is a concern to us."

Hodom also asked why the Nynex application is starting to make me a little nervous. We want to make sure we aren't envisioning some serious mistakes here," said board member Robert Wiggand.

Given the company's forecast for a 50 percent annual increase in its cellular phone business, "This is something that troubles us (the zoning board), and that troubles me," Wiggand said.

"We had a medical expert's opinion that there were no health concerns" in connection with cell phone towers, Wiggand added, "but as time goes on we certainly want to make sure of this, and we may want some input on how to proceed."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said the town may want to adopt a go-slow approach or possibly even a moratorium, as was recently done in the town of Wilton in Saratoga County.

"We need to get a handle on this," Fuller said. "I've asked the town attorney to advise us on what our options are. I've seen that other communities have tried to regulate them or impose a moratorium."

There is a series of antennas dotting the Helderberg encampment in the Thatcher Park area that is a visual eyesore," she said.

"I don't envision hundreds of these across the landscape," Ross told the ZBA. "There's a bit of hysteria about them right now. Everyone thinks that you're going to be looking at a landscape dotted with these things, but that's not going to happen. It should settle down soon."

One other tower exists in town — in the Schilkir area — which would bring the total number to four if the Nynex application is approved.

Historical association seeking new members

The New Scotland Historical Association's membership drive is coming to an end on Nov. 15.

The membership drive has been changed to a once-a-year drive instead of an ongoing monthly renewal.

For information, call 768-2836.

Local music student earns assistant post

Megan E. Gorman, daughter of Richard and Sheila Gorman of 16 Salem Road in Delmar, has been elected officers assistant of the Music Educators National Conference at Keene State College.

Medicaid aid against attacks by the administration of Repub­lican Gov. George Pataki, she said.

Ferraro, 61, was the first woman nominated by a major political party to run for vice president. She lost that race (in 1984) as Demo­cratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale was trounced by former President Ronald Reagan.

Ferraro has maintained a rela­tively high profile since then, how­ever.

In 1992, she ran in the Demo­cratic primary for U.S. Senate, and lost a close race to former state Attorney General Robert Abrams.

"Looking back, that campaign was quite disappointing," she said because "I had an 18-point lead in the polls before (former Congress­woman) Liz Holtzman and Abrams started attacking me. Eventually the mud sticks."

But there may still be some fire left in the belly. "I'll look at 1998," she said, "but all the (U.S.) Senate and the gubernatorial races. I may run. I have to take a look at it first."

The seats of both Pataki and Republican U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato will be up for the ballot in 1998.

Ferraro, who served on the Select Committee on Aging and the Social Security Task Force while in Congress (from 1979 to 1984), had kind words for the Good Samaritan expansion project, saying it was an "excellent use of taxpayer dollars." Part of the project is being paid for with federal money.

Construction of a 67-bed adult home on the campus is already under way, and the renovation/ expansion of the skilled nursing facility is expected to start on Oct. 30.

When completed, the skilled nursing home, in operation for the past 20 years, will have 120 beds and be totally up-to-date.

"We've been limping along for several years now" with a technologically outdated facility, said Robert Greenman, chairman of the Good Samaritan board of direc­tors. "Now we're moving ahead full bore."

A 36-unit senior housing development is also part of the Good Samaritan complex. Like Marie Rose Manor in Slingerlands, it serves older people on limited in­comes.

"Sometime in the future we'd like to build more income se­nior housing," Greenman said. "It's very costly. After all, if you have the money, you can live any­where."

Local student nets college scholarship

Leah Kathleen Staniels, daughter of Rita Broadhurst and Peter Staniels of Delmar, has won a $5,500 Empire State Scholarship from Saint Michael's College in Vermont for this academic year. This scholarship is one of 26 awarded to New England students.

Staniels is majoring in biology. In order to receive the scholar­ship, she must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Computer Enthusiasts to talk about printers

The HP DeskJet line of printers is the topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Capital Dis­trict Computer Enthusiasts on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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Rowland, Miller to marry

Amy Rowland, daughter of former Delmar residents the Rev. Christopher and Doris Hoyer, and Daniel Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Miller of East Setauket, Suffolk County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of SUNY Oswego, is employed as a residential manager and volunteer coordinator for the Lakes District of the American Cancer Society in Rochester.

The future groom, also a graduate of SUNY Oswego, is employed as a department manager by Toole Depot in Rochester.

The couple plans a June wedding.

Cooperative extension plans annual meeting

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the William F. Rice Extension Center at 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville.

Cookies and coffee will be served at 7 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to meet with extension personnel.

For information, call 765-3500.

Walsh, Farmer marry

Erica Walsh, daughter of John and Mary Ellen Walsh of Slingerlands, and Todd James Farmer, son of James and Kathleen Farmer of Fairport, Monroe County, were married June 8 in Christ the King Church in Rochester.

The reception followed at the Burgundy Basin Inn in nearby Pittsford.

The matron of honor was Denise Friebely, and bridesmaids were Tina Walsh, Heather Grace, Kristin Myers, Leanne Fix and Summer Hall.

The best man was Jeffrey Farmer, and ushers were John Friebely, Rob Holmes, Kevin Pompia, David Delwiche, Sean Walsh, Bryan Walsh, Daniel Farmer and Jonathan Farmer.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, SUNY Potsdam and Nazareth College, where she earned a master’s in education.

The groom, a graduate of Clarkson University, is employed as an environmental engineer by Biasland, Bouck & Lee in Rochester.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple lives in Fairport.

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**Births**

**St. Peter's Hospital**

Boy, Nicholas Austin Langenbach, to Michele Langenbach of Delmar and Donald Jepson, Oct. 7.

Boy, Zachary Peter Frese, to Beth Ann and Americo Frese of Delmar, Oct. 8.

Girl, Jamie Lynn Gervais, to Kammy and Michael Gervais of Delmar, Oct. 8.

Boy, Daniel Joseph DeMaria, to Theresa Joseph DeMaria of Feura Bush, Oct. 11.

Girl, Markey Lynn McLaughlin, to Cindy and Mark McLaughlin of Selkirk, Oct. 12.


**Bellevue Hospital**

Boy, Tristan David Welton, to Lauren and James Welton of Voorheesville, Oct. 9.

**Out of town**


**V'ville law student earns scholarship**

Kevin M. Taylor of 8 Pheasant Run in Voorheesville has been awarded a $10,000 President's Scholarship to the University of Dayton School of Law for the 1996-97 academic year.

Taylor received a bachelor's degree in sociology from LeMoyne College in 1995.

He is one of 122 students in the University of Dayton's first-year law class, which includes men and women from 25 states.

**V'ville band members selling citrus fruit**

The Voorheesville High School Band is holding its annual citrus sale to support future trips and activities.

This year, the sale features small and large cartons of oranges and pink grapefruit, as well as mixed cartons of both.

For information, call Michael Tebbano at 765-3314.

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**Romanski, Burke marry**

Kay Lynn Romanski, daughter of Eric and Christine Romanski of Delmar, and Paul Gerard Burke, son of Gerald and Katherine Burke of Slingerlands, were married July 27.

The Rev. James Walsh performed the ceremony in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with the reception following at Albany Country Club in Guilderland.

The maid of honor was Krista Romanski, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Karen Monroe and Kelly Lynn, sisters of the groom, and Carrie Straw.

The best man was Steve Massa, and ushers were Kevin Romanski, the bride's brother, Mark Monroe and William Lynn.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Fairfield University. She is employed as a nurse at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Albany. He is employed as national channel manager by net Genesis Corp in Cambridge, Mass.

After a wedding trip to Maui, the couple lives in Boston.

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Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-9494. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

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**Community Corner**

RCS to sponsor craft fair

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Parent Teacher Organization will hold its fifth annual craft fair on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at RCS Senior High School on Route 9W in Ravena.

For applications or information, call Diane Pry at 756-9503.
Theodore H. Fossieck

Theodore H. Fossieck, 82, of Eastman Drive in Slingerlands, died Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. Peter’s Hospice in Albany.

Born in Granite City, Ill., he lived in Albany before moving to Bethlehem.

He was a graduate of Shurtleff College in Illinois and received master’s degrees from Washington University in Missouri and Columbia University, where he also earned his doctorate.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in military intelligence in the Army Reserves in 1938 and retired as a full colonel in 1968. During World War II, he was a public relations and intelligence officer. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star and four battle stars.

After his retirement, he was active in the Reserve Officers Association and the Retired Officers Association.

He joined the faculty of the State College of Teachers in 1947 and became principal of Milne School the following year. He retired as professor emeritus of the university.

After he retired, he continued to be actively involved with the university. He was coordinator of the School of Education retirees and in 1994, the alumni association named him Citizen of the University. He was a member of the Otsego County Heritage Circle and the President’s Club. The former library at Milne School was named in his honor.

Dr. Fossieck established the Janice Dorr Fossieck and Theodore H. Fossieck endowment to provide American colonial history library materials.

He was a member of several local historical associations and served on the boards of Friends of the Schuyler Mansion and Albany County Historical Association. He was also a member of the Albany Institute of History & Art, the New York State Historical Association, the National Society for Historic Preservation and a founding member of the Mohawk Hudson Community Foundation.

He was a member of the Capital City Rescue Mission, the Torch Club of Albany and the Second Millers in History. He was a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Albany.

He was the recipient of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and a former communicant of St. Patrick’s Church in Albany.

Survivors include two daughters, Jane T. Biernacki of Selkirk and Mary Wilsey of Selkirk; five grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were from St. Patrick’s Church. Arrangements were by the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arthur Hasler

Arthur Hasler of Bennett Terrace in Delmar, died Saturday Oct. 19, at his home.

He was an engineer for New York Telephone Co. for more than 40 years before he retired.

He was a member of the Masonic Temple in New York.

Survivors include his wife, Mary W. Hasler, three stepsons, Thomas McLaughlin of Kennett Square, Pa., David McLaughlin of Spring Lake, Mich., and John McLaughlin of Watervliet; a stepdaughter, Millie Crummine of Morrisville; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Burial was at Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter’s Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208, or Delmar Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Florence Casey

Florence Casey, 99, of Selkirk died Saturday, Oct. 19, at Highgate Manor in Troy.

Born in Winchendon, Mass., she was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

She was a file clerk for General Electric Co. and a sales clerk for the former Whitney’s Department Store in Albany before she retired.

She was the widow of Joseph McDonald, Alfred Desbois and James Casey.

Mrs. Casey was a 60-year member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and a former communicant of St. Patrick’s Church in Albany.

Survivors include two daughters, Jacqueline T. Biernacki of Selkirk and Mary Wilsey of Selkirk; five grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were from St. Patrick’s Church.

Arrangements were by the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arthur M. Hughes

Arthur M. Hughes, 84, of Delmar died Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Albany County Nursing Home in Colonie.

Born in Albany, he was manager of R.P. Hughes Trucking in Rensselaer for 40 years, before retiring in 1969.

He was husband of the late Lillian Beter Hughes.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas E. Hughes of Delmar and Robert Hughes of Ballston Spa; and five grandchildren.

Services were from St. James Church in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Albany Funeral Home in Delmar.

Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Marie L. Leinbohm

Marie L. Leinbohm, 99, former...
Coulter performs Celtic New Year concert for Irish American Heritage Museum

By Dev Tobin

We tend to think of Halloween as a traditionally American quasi-holiday, but its roots — trick-or-treating and all — go back into prehistory, to a Celtic celebration of the end of the harvest and the beginning of a new year.

Keeping that centuries-old tradition in mind, the Irish American Heritage Museum chose “All Hallows Eve” for the date of its major fundraising concert of the year, and invited back one of Ireland’s premier entertainers, Phil Coulter, to help usher in the New Year at the Palace Theater in Albany.

In March 1995, Coulter played to a standing-room-only crowd at the Egg during a snowstorm, which is a tribute to his popularity, according to Joseph Dulan, chairman of the museum’s board of trustees.

“He’s the best — he’s enchanted millions for many years with his smooth and bright music, with a story to every song,” Dulan said.

Many were enchanted by Coulter’s music without even knowing it, since, for the first two decades of his career, Coulter worked behind the scenes as a producer and arranger for the likes of Van Morrison, Richard Harris, Tom Jones, even Elvis Presley.

Since the mid-1980s, Coulter has found his own voice in a series of best-selling recordings of highly orchestrated renditions of Irish and other classics of traditional music, as well as in his own songs, like the popular anthem to peace in his home town of Derry, “The Town I Love So Well.”

But Coulter is not just a studio performer — he has sold out venues from Dublin’s National Concert Hall to New York City’s Carnegie Hall, and even performed for President Clinton and his guests at the White House on St. Patrick’s Day 1994.

Opening for Coulter is Irish tenor Tommy Fleming, whose Gaelic rendition of “O Come All Ye Faithful” was a memorable highlight of the museum’s 1994 Christmas concert at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

The concert is vital to the museum, because like many not-for-profit cultural organizations, it faces a future of having to raise more money on its own and depending less on government support, Dulan noted.

Founded in 1986, the museum, with an office in Albany and an exhibit center in East Durham, Greene County, is the only one of its kind in America dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Irish-American heritage.

The concert on Thursday, Oct. 31, begins at 8 p.m., preceded by an informal get-together with cash bar beginning at 7 p.m. Selected merchandise from the museum’s gift shop will be on sale in the Palace lobby. Tickets are $20, and are available from the Palace box office at 465-4663.

Arsenic and Old Lace maintains its classic farce momentum

The farce in point of itself, "Arsenic and Old Lace," is having a fast-paced revival at the NYS Theatre Institute’s stage at Russell Sage in Troy through Oct. 20.

Written originally by Joseph Kesselring in the early 1940s as a thriller, a play doctor got hold of the script during out-toured tryouts and changed it into a farce with some very comments on the state of theater at the time. One suspects George M. Kaufman as the culprit: A playwright and theater critic at the time, he had a devilish sense of humor which is apparent in this production.

Directing Ed. Lange moves the play's eccentric characters through their pieces with the help of a fine ensemble of regular performers from the Theatre Institute and some visiting actors.

The tale of two elderly women in Brookly who do social work in the form of providing poisoned wine to harmless men and then burying them in their cellar, is well known to most theater-goers but it has a sense of novelty in this production.

Carole Ede Smith and Eileen Schuyler offer the proper dotty attitude as they almost make their mission seem reasonable in their explanations. While they mine the comedy from the roles, the only drawback to their performances is a similar vocal attack so that if you close your eyes, their voices meld into each other.

Still, they keep things moving for the other characters, particularly Joseph Quinn as their nephew. A theater critic who hates theater, he must marry a minister’s daughter (Mychelle Lee Vedder) romantic inclinations with his attempts to keep the police at bay as he keeps finding bodies in the cellar.

Both Quinn and Vedder capture the right tempo for the off-centered romance, blending with the fast pace of the production.

Joel Arosite creates a burly brother of the elderly poisoners as he imagines himself to be Teddy Roosevelt. There is bounce in his step and authority in his wrong headed assertions.

Another nephew, a world-wide killer of note, appears on the scene and John McGuire provides an out-sized caricature of Boris Karloff’s movie histrionics.

The set by Victor A. Becker with its long staircase and Victorian look is a character in itself.

The production is a riotous opening to the NYSIT season although Lange mừngs the pace at curtain call with an overlong, “sauce” introduction of the actors. You can’t out clever Kaufman.

Reservations are available at 274-9256.

Capital Chamber Artists presents 1996-97 Viennese Extravaganza

Saturday, Oct. 26, Capital Chamber Artists presents Viennese Extravaganza as a kickoff concert celebrating young musical genius.

The young musical genius aspect of this concert refers to the proximity of Mozart, Mendelssohn, Haydn and Strauss. All four men began composing at an early age. Mozart at the age of five, and some of their best work was written as young men.

The concert will be offered the First Congregational Church of Glendive and the First Presbyterian Church of Saratoga Springs.

Mozart’s Symphony No. 39 in E Flat will also be presented in the Hummel transcription.

The Capital Chamber Artists’ founder, violinist Mary Lou Satta, will be the featured soloist in the Concerto in D Minor by Mendelssohn. It was written when the composer was 12 years of age.

The program will close with the Blue Danube Waltz by Strauss.

Performers for the concert include Irvin E. Gilman, flute; Mary Lou Satta and Paula Morin, violins; Rosalyn Troiano, viola; Perri Morris, cello; Robert Zimmerman, double bass and Haida Jung Chang, fortepiano.

The Saturday concert in Albany will be repeated in Benson, Vermont on Sunday afternoon for information, call 458-9231.

Egyptian exhibit part of fete for family at Albany Institute

A special family event will be presented this Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Albany Institute of History and Art that uses the permanent display of Egyptian artifacts to give visitors a feeling of being in the ancient land.

Dancing, games, hands-on exhibits, story-telling and artists’ creations will all be part of the program.

Children are admitted free and there is a minimal charge for adults. Albany Institute members are admitted free of charge.

The event takes place between 1 and 4 p.m.

Information is available at 463-4478.

AROUND THEATERS!

All in the Timing, a comedy at Albany Civic Theater through Nov. 3 (462-1247) … Dancing at Lughnasadh, an Irish play by Brian Friel at Capital Rep in Albany through Nov. 10 (462-4534) … Driving Miss Daisy, a reader’s theater presentation Saturday and Sunday at Albany Center Gallery (438-6404).
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Glen Woodrow School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 355-4264.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY RIVER VALLEY CHORUS**
Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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**SCHENECTADY COUNTY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
Covenant Church, 916 Western Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m.
Information, 438-6651.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY GARAGE SALE**
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whittel Road, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Information, 439-6651.

**FARMERS’ MARKET**
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whittel Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-6651.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY JACQUARD PANEL DISCUSSION**
Information, 454-5102.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY BREAST CANCER PREVENTION**
Bellevue Woman’s Hospital, 2210 Broadway, Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Information, 469-4431.

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Hyde Park Deli-scout Council, Wolferts Roost Country Club, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4936.

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Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Beaver Street, Albany, 2 to 5 p.m.
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Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael’s Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m.
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; children's choir, 6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 2805 Route 20, Slingerlands. Information, 439-7864.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH Sunday evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 5, New Scotland, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2620.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH United Methodist Church worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11 a.m. Worship service for youth groups, 6:30 p.m. Route 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6845.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 807 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-2612.

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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH Worship service, 9:30 a.m., 1497 New Scotland Road, 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9798.

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTER REHEARSAL First United Methodist Church, Route 85, New Scotland, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Tuesday October 29

BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD Town of New Scotland, new headquarters of Planning Board. New Scotland Community Center, 7 Old New Scotland Road, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9900.

INDOOR CROSSTRAINING Delmar Community Church, Albany County Pistol Club, 164 Old New Scotland Road, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-0027.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP Free community meal, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 807 Delaware Ave., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; prayer, 9:30 a.m.; adult choir or chime choir practice, 9 a.m.; nursery care provided, Route 85. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9798.


BINGO at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6179.

DELMAR ROTARY United Farm Bureau’s Johnson’s Orchard, 439-9486.

Wednesday October 30

BETHLEHEM

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT Bethlehem Community Church, 85 Main Street, Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 439-7864.

AA MEETING First Reformed United Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6779.

CHAD CENTER Gathering, discussion and kick-off of Sunset, Elm Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-0512.

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Trips
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board approve the Boston and New York trips scheduled for this year, and he and the staff would lay out the criteria and expectations for the trips. Assessment of the trips would also be required with possible pre- and post-testing of students. The board approved the trips with those stipulations.

In a related matter, the board also discussed the large number of activities planned for the end of the year, field trips among them. With too many activities crammed into a short period of time, educational validity could be lost. "If all experiential learning is scheduled for the end of the year, kids see it as a party," board member Thomas Thorpe said. "Experiential learning should be interspersed throughout the year."

The board also heard a progress report on technology at the high school, with fiber optics continuing to be installed throughout the building. Fifty-eight computers in the school can currently use the Internet at the same time, and 150 will be able to by the end of the month, McCartney said. The majority of the staff have been trained on the Internet, and the district continues to work on creating an Internet policy. The district will have its own Web page in about a year.

On a more physical nature, the board studied maps of its playing fields. "We've been plagued with requests for another varsity size field," Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anthony Marturano said. "We've been plagued with requests for another varsity size field," Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anthony Marturano said.

Some of his suggestions included moving the football field "a little to the left," and expanding the soccer field to bring it up to regulation size. Another option would be to move toward the building, thus eliminating the need to move the football field with its irrigation and drainage systems, but necessitating the removal of some trees. The board will walk the property to study these options.

Bullock Road residents Petra and Matthew DeSalvo brought their concern over the lack of school bus pick-up for the kindergarteners on their street. Marturano had determined that the road did not have enough of a turnaround to accommodate the school bus. The DeSalvos said a driveway is now in place; Marturano plans to meet with Darrel Duncan of the Highway Department this week to inspect the turnaround. "If the turnaround is firm enough for spring and fall, and can be plowed out in time in the winter," Marturano said, "we can provide service on a trial basis.

The School Improvement Council has surveyed parents regarding honors courses at the high school, and will report on this at next month's meeting. Also on next month's agenda is the elementary school code of conduct. The board plans a focus forum on Monday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school. A representative from the state Education Department will speak about the new educational standards in New York.

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everal years ago.

"New York City is not a place our students should be wandering around," he said. Field trips in the city "require an appropriate number of chaperones and a special awareness for the safety of students."

Superintendent Leslie Loomis replied high school administrators are currently reviewing field trip policy at the board's request, and are considering Stevens' concern about supervision on trips to New York City and elsewhere as part of the review.

He said field trips requests receive "a great deal of scrutiny" and are not routinely approved.

In other business, the board received and approved the annual outside audit of the district's finances.

Board member William Collins called the audit "excellent — the kind of report we get year after year."

Loomis said the audit's high marks are "a real source of confidence in the financial leadership" of Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business, and his staff.

In another matter, the board scheduled a work session on the ongoing bond issue construction project for Thursday, Oct. 24, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in the district office at 90 Adams Place.

Jenna Townsend takes time out to eat a banana at the Clarksville school craft fair, which was sponsored by the PTA.