Clyne to try for 3rd time charm

By Mel Hyman

Town Democratic chairman Matt Clyne came out swinging last week in his latest attempt to become supervisor of Bethlehem.

Four years ago, Clyne nearly became the first Democratic supervisor this century, losing to former Republican supervisor John Fuller by several hundred votes, although, unlike 1993, he did not have the Conservative Party line to run on.

So here we go again—Clyne vs. Fuller, round three. And while Clyne had some opposition to his nomination this time around—from Matthew J. Kelly of Delmar—he still procured his party's support at last week Democratic committee meeting.

In his campaign, Clyne said he will capitalize on the groundwork of public opposition that surfaced last fall against the company that proposed a formaldehyde production plant for Route 144 in Glenmont and then chose a different location last week in the wake of the mounting controversy.

The 44-year-old son of former Albany County Court Judge John Clyne put the blame on Fuller's doorstep.

"Spurlock should never have been encouraged to come here in the first place," he said. "The administration actively courted Spurlock prior to their coming here and were in cahoots with the governor. What disturbs me the most is the smoke screen they set to cover their tracks after it became obvious this was a very inappropriate project for the town."

Furthermore, Clyne said Fuller and the all-Republican town board had to bear responsibility for unpopular industrial proposals dating back to the garbage incinerator planned for Cabbage Island in 1992.

"I feel personally that the administration has not been responsive to the feelings of the community with regard to major projects in town which directly affect the quality of life in the town and they have done virtually nothing to spur economic development and that includes the economic well-being of small business owners as well," Clyne said.

And leaving no stone unturned, Clyne hearkened back to 1990 and 1994 when the town board changed course in response to public concern about the new water plant and voted to use water from the Hudson River aquifer-derived system for industrial purposes only.

"With proper public input, the town board would never have voted to use that water for residential purposes in the first place," he said.

Fuller, who plans to seek a third term as supervisor but has opted not to announce her candidacy until the town Republican committee meets on May 1, brushed aside Clyne's attacks, and labeled as absurd the notion that there had been

Zoning law is news to new property owner

By Mel Hyman

When Carole Riley of Manhattan paid nearly $500,000 for an historic Slingerlands home last year, she thought it was a dream come true.

But now because of what she calls poor advice from her attorney and real estate agent, her dream has become a nightmare.

Riley, 40, was a successful entrepreneur in Manhattan prior to moving upstate and buying 47 Pizza Hut restaurants in the Capital District and western Massachusetts.

The property she purchased at 1545 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands was supposed to double as her home and company headquarters. But when Bethlehem building inspector John Flanigan, a Slingerlands resident, dropped by on Feb. 7 to inquire about a large trash container he saw sitting outside, the going got rough.

Flanigan was given a tour of the house, which in the 1800s was at various times used as a hotel, post office and tavern, and apprised of Riley's plans. Flanigan informed her that the property was zoned "A" residential and business uses were not allowed without a variance.

So Riley has applied for a use variance from the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals and judging by last week's public hearing on the matter, she may not get it.

Riley's attorney in this matter, Robert Wakeham of Albany, must convince the board that denial of the variance will cause his client great financial hardship. Moreover, the hardship must be shown to be unique and not self-inflicted.

Transplanted Manhattan resident Carole Riley, inset, is seeking a use variance from the Bethlehem zoning board to operate a business out of this historic home at 1545 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands. - Hugh Hewitt
Bethlehem First offers carrot to good lookers

The Bethlehem First Task Force has established a Community Appearance Honor Roll as a way to encourage local businesses to improve their properties' appearance via landscaping, facades, walls, fences, lighting fixtures, signage and street furniture.

A two-tier honor roll will recognize those businesses that make an exemplary contribution to the appearance of our community.

Tier One will recognize properties that have exhibited consistent excellence, i.e., a multi-year history of good landscaping and a high level of maintenance of trees, shrubs, lawns, signs and buildings which make a significant contribution to the appearance of the community.

Tier Two will recognize properties that have made a significant first-year effort to improve the appearance of a property through revitalized or new landscaping, painting, improved signage and/or other related improvements.

Winners will be announced in conjunction with the townwide Cleanup Day on May 17. The honor roll will be posted in prominent locations throughout the community.

For information, call Bob Horn, chairman of the Bethlehem First Community Appearance Committee, at 439-6861.

Five Rivers slates evening bird walk

A bird walk will be held on Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The program will begin with an introduction to the life of the woodcock, followed by a walk on the center grounds in search of this elusive bird.

The event is free and open to all. Participants should dress for an evening outdoors and wear walking shoes.

For information, call 475-0291.

Funds for Feestelijk

Grand Union manager Art Kane, left, presents a check to Feestelijken Bethlehem co-chair Lorraine Smith and sponsorship chairman Chris Vogel. The banner in the background will be on display at the newly remodeled store in Delaware Plaza in Elsmere. Grand Union is one of about 30 businesses to provide financial support for the 11th entertainment acts in the townwide event set for Saturday, May 3.

Hugh Hewitt

Striving for success works at BCMS

By Dev Tobin

The Bethlehem Central School District prides itself on providing early intervention that seeks to nip academic and behavior problems in the bud.

While such programs are typically beyond the state-mandated minimum for public schools, administrators see early intervention as an investment that pays off in terms of better-educated and adjusted graduates.

The middle school Strive for Success program works with pupils and their parents to improve basic study skills and provide more accountability for academic work. Yvonne Doberman, one of the program coordinators, explained to the school board at last week's meeting.

The 47 pupils in the program this year spend 50 minutes after school once a week for 10 weeks. Strive for Success covers skills like time management, note-taking, highlighting when reading, test-taking and writing.

It's really exciting to hear about programs that are so valuable to students.

Pam Williams

week from their children, said Barbara Benus, another program coordinator.

Matt Frank, a seventh-grader in the program, said Strive for Success had helped him raise his average 12 points in math and 5 points in English.

"It helps me learn what's important in textbooks," he said.

"It's really exciting to hear about programs that are so valuable to students," said board president Pamela Williams.

Also at the meeting, Superintendent Leslie Loomis formally presented the 1997-98 budget, which he called "Investing in Students."

Loomis said the budget provides funding for facilities and technology expansion and 8.6 additional full-time-equivalent teachers to deal with the district's growing enrollment, while carrying the lowest tax rate increase for district residents of Bethlehem in 12 years.

The $41 million budget, if approved by district voters May 7, will raise the school tax rate in Bethlehem by 3.7 percent, and by 2.5 percent for district residents of New Scotland.

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Police: Home health aide admits stealing $40K from Delmar senior

By Mel Hyman

Ninety-year-old Theodore Wenzl, who spent most of his life giving to others, was apparently too tempting a target for a home health worker who thought she could pilfer the Delmar man's bank account at will.

Wenzl, who suffered a stroke in recent years and cannot for himself, was in the care of Barbara Newman, 58, of 325 Mountain St., Albany, when she allegedly forged a series of checks and made unauthorized ATM withdrawals earlier this year.

The total loss to Wenzl was more than $40,000, and Newman is awaiting disposition of 16 felony charges filed against her in Bethlehem Town Court.

She is charged with three counts of third-degree grand larceny, five counts of fourth-degree grand larceny and eight counts of second-degree forgery. The case has already been adjourned several times and is currently on the docket for Tuesday, May 6.

County Assistant District Attorney Richard Hartunyan said the docket for Tuesday, May 6.

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Detective John Cox

Police Detective John Cox, when Converse, who had power of attorney, noticed that bank statements weren't coming to the house, she conferred with family lawyer Bernard Kaplowitz and then went to the bank and found out that a "lot of money had been removed from Wenzl's account."

"The family was going to terminate her, and I asked them to let me interview her first," Cox said. "After a brief conversation, she admitted to writing the checks (totaling about $22,000), and depositing them in her daughter-in-law's account."

Newman would allegedly forge Converse's name, deposit the checks in her daughter-in-law's account and then withdraw the money.

Cox then went to Wenzl's bank to examine all his financial records and discovered that $20,000 more had been removed from a different account by using a family credit card at an ATM machine.

"We brought Newman back in and eventually she confessed to that as well," Cox said.

"It's a real problem, he explained, "not just with home health care workers, but with cleaning people, home improvement contractors and people in general earning low wages. Not all of them, of course, but there are some folks who have no qualms about taking advantage of elderly people."

Any advice for potential victims? "It's kind of sad that you have to keep things locked up, but that's what it's come down to," Cox said.

A good portion of the money may be retrieved since Newman was employed by Nurse Finders, which does bond its employees although to what extent is unknown.

Scout project promotes pedestrian safety

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety are hoping that an idea developed by 14-year-old Alex Courtney will catch on.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Courtney, a member of Troop 71 based in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, designed a sash with reflective tape on it that children and teen-agers can wear when they're out on the highways and byways of Bethlehem.

Courtney's sash may be out on the highways and byways of Bethlehem.

Right now, the citizens group needs money to manufacture the sashes and purchase educational materials for school programs on pedestrian safety. Also needed is pro bono assistance from an attorney to help incorporate the organization as a nonprofit entity.

Anyone wishing to donate money to the group can send a check to BCFS, P.O. Box 241, Delmar 12054.

"We have a small core of dedicated people involved in our group," said spokesman Lynn Finley. "We're going to be focusing on specific, immediate goals for the moment. We lack the manpower to work on many long-term goals."

New blood is definitely welcome, Finley said, because "this is an issue that's in the news more and more, such as in the recent article in the safest and most dangerous cities in the country for pedestrians. There is a need for what we are doing."
By Katherine McCarthy

The walls are freshly painted; there are six coats of polyurethane on the woodwork; and the green marble-topped exam and surgical tables glisten.

Even Ethan, the 3-foot-tall, 228-pound Old English mastiff, seems ready for business, greeting visitors to Bethlehem Veterinary Hospital with a lift of his massive head.

Veterinarians Elaine LaForte and John Kearney happily show visitors around their new facility at 444 Route 9W. They first put a deposit on the building in January 1996, then waited for the town to approve their site plan.

"It took a long time," LaForte said. "We started construction in February, with a temporary site plan approval. We still want to do some planting outside, and pave the parking lot. We'll paint the building in May. But the inside's done, and we're fully functional."

For the Cornell graduates, that means routine care of household pets, including spaying and neutering, as well as more complex soft tissue surgery, like gall bladder removal, as well as small animal medicine and surgery at Louisiana State University.

Her professional interests now include ophthalmology and internal medicine.

"Dogs with skin folds are susceptible to corneal ulcers," she explained, "and we perform something like an eyelid tuck to prevent the rubbing."

LaForte also has an interest in soft tissue surgery, like gall bladder removal.

"You don't remove a dog's gall bladder," she said. "There's a procedure where you suture the gall bladder to the intestine. Some people won't do that surgery, but we will."

Kearney lives in Selkirk, and although he grew up in northwest Massachusetts, he has roots in Delmar. His father used to live on Oakwood Place, which "is a parking lot now," he said.

Kearney graduated in 1993 from Cornell's veterinary school where he was a winner of the Merck Veterinary Award. He has worked in private practice as a relief veterinarian in the area.

"I worked in 28 different clinics," he said, "and got a lot of great ideas for Bethlehem, and learned a lot not to do."

Kearney's professional interests are in pediatrics and reproductive medicine.

"Puppies have infanticile organs, systems," he said, "and can't always work with the same medicine as adults. They also succumb to diseases more easily; for instance, the herpes virus. We also have a long way to go towards eradicating puppy diseases."

Kearney named the parovirus in particular, a disease that surfaced in the 1970s, and has been responsible for the death of millions of puppies.

Proper vaccination is crucial, both doctors stressed.

"Well-vaccinated dogs don't get it," Kearney said.

As for the reproduction interest, Kearney said often people have "nice dogs with great characteristics that they'd like to pass along, but sometimes the dog is sub-fertile or older."

"Sometimes distance is the issue."

"The stud dog might be here, and the bitch in Texas. Instead of transporting the dogs, we collect the semen and transport the semen. Conversely, we can also do the artificial insemination here. This makes it easier to breed top quality dogs."

During a routine visit, a pet is weighed on the front porch scale, given a complimentary nail trim, and blood and blood analyses performed.

"Next week, we're scheduling a procedure on a cat. It's a procedure that's done under anesthesia."
Don't bring in all the pets at once, though," LaFort said, "you'll still get the discount. Each individual pet deserves our total focus.

Both said they wanted to become veterinarians for as long as they can remember.

"I wanted to be a vet since I was 3," LaFort said.

Keeney also remembers wanting to be a vet from the age of 5. "I never had another career objective," he said.

Watching Keeney with his mastiff and LaFort with her Jack Russell terrier, it is clear that animals are important to these two veterinarians.

They sum their philosophy up with one question: "What would I do if this were my pet? If we wouldn't do it, we won't ask you to."

"Planners, zoners meet to fine tune law"

By Dev Tobin

From correcting typos to debating the limits of town regulation of cellular telephone towers, members of the New Scotland planning board and zoning board of appeals continued their review of the town's zoning law last week.

Members of the two boards have been meeting informally over the past six months to come up with joint recommendations for zoning amendments that will mitigate problems that have arisen since the town's major zoning law revision in 1996.

With the current rapid expansion of cellular telephone service, the zoning law should have a "pecking order" of desired sites for cellular towers, said Robert Stapf, planning board chairman.

"Put it right in the ordinance that we prefer already existing towers, municipal land and buildings to other sites.

Robert Stapf"

The workshop also took up the issue of temporary signs.

"We've been ignoring signs people put out by the side of the road, unless the signs are big and obvious," said building inspector Paul Cantlin. "If they're digging holes, we ask them to get a permit."

"We want to be business-friendly, but we don't want to be overrun with roadside advertisements," Stapf said. "Let's think about this for next time."

The board members also addressed the issue of ownership, where the individual proposing the project didn't own the property," said Stapf.

"Many times, you don't need a survey, but should see a deed of record, with the easements on it," said Elliott, a surveyor herself.

Stapf also suggested that the zoning law be clarified regarding expansion of the area of non-conforming uses.

He noted that a junkyard on Bullock Road "keeps expanding and there's nothing we can do."

Someone with a non-conforming use expands either hours or area of operation, "He should come in" for planning board approval, said planning board member John Loucks.

Members of the two boards will continue to meet monthly to review the zoning law, with recommendations to the town board on revisions expected later this year.

"Day care center seeks members to serve on board"

Wee Care at Labor, a non-profit day care center located in the New York State Department of Labor building, is seeking volunteers to serve on its board of directors.

The day care is licensed by the state Department of Social Services for children ages six weeks to 12 years old.

"Lecture to debate life on Mars"

The last in the five-part Natural History Lecture Series co-sponsored by Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and the University of Albany's Atmospheric Science Research Center will be offered on Tuesday, April 29, at 8 p.m. at Five Rivers at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Keith Ratchfiled, professor in the department of physics at the University of Albany, will offer "Is There Life on Mars?" The claim that life existed on Mars three and a half billion years ago has evolved into recent debates involving astronomers, biologists, chemists, geologists and physicists.

For information, call 475-0291.

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Robert Stapf"
Keep the elderly safe

It's sad to hear of an older person being taken advantage of, but sadder still to think it goes on every day right here in our own back yard in Bethlehem. The recent incident involving Theodore Wenzl, who is 90 years old, is a case in point.

Older people and their families must be extremely careful about who is allowed into the home. Caregivers and aids must be checked out before they are hired. Health agencies generally do this, but as an added safeguard, families should ask for a reference from former employers or from someone already established in the community.

Anyone, in fact, who has access to the home, like house cleaning people and yard workers should be checked out. A little leg work by the family beforehand can save a lot of grief later on, after the damage is done.

Just who is the person? Does the person have a criminal record? Can the person provide references that can be verified? Is there anything suspicious that could lead to trouble for the older person and the family? If there is even the slightest doubt, the person under consideration is not right for the job.

Another consideration is where the older person is in need of care keeps hers or his financial records. Perhaps an older person in need of care at home should entrust these records (bank books, statements and valuables) to a family member, friend or even an attorney.

If these measures seem harsh, think about what could happen — what did happen. Missing (often very large sums) money, involving the authorities and the likelihood of hiring a lawyer to straighten things out. A horror story right out of a Dickens novel.

Unfortunately, precautionary measures are necessary, and could prevent a lot of heartache. We must do everything possible to protect the elderly. They have earned the right to live in their community in peace and with dignity and without fear of becoming victims of crime.

A good lesson

The Bethlehem Police Department's lead in enforcing the state's new zero tolerance law is commendable. Drivers under the age of 21 should begin to get the message loud and clear that drinking and driving will command a stiff penalty.

Young, inexperienced drivers need to realize that the consequences for violating the zero tolerance law are serious and that they are jeopardizing one of the first and probably the most coveted adult privileges — their licenses.

This law is an early wake up call to young drivers to "change their habits" says Lt. Richard Vanderbilt. We hope the law's intent is fulfilled. It can only save lives and heartache.

Some belated joke

While we haven't received any postcards from faraway climes, we still extend best wishes to our state legislators, who have managed to take a well-deserved vacation during these two weeks even though the state budget hasn't been passed.

We should take heart from this rush to vacation by our hard-working legislators. Why should we worry that the budget isn't passed. Everything must be in perfect order, or why would they leave town?

If the above sounds like a belated April's Fools' joke, be assured it isn't.

There is the backbone of these elected officials to battle their legislators to force an agreement on this budget?

Our collection of passive followers of arrogant legislative leaders should wake up to their responsibilities.

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**Anniversaries waltzing on by**

By Martin P. Kelly

The writer is managing editor of the Colomic Spotlight and resident "oldster"

You know you're part of the "senior" scene when 50th and 60th anniversaries are celebrated and you find yourself remembering the original event or having participated in it.

For example, the recent celebration of Jackie Robinson's first game in baseball, which marked the breaking of the color bar, reminded me that I saw him play at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn that year, prior to coming to Loudonville to start college in the fall of 1947. Eventually I was to become a member of the 10th graduating class at Siena College.

That personal 50th anniversary was matched in 1947 by my first employment as a newspaper writer, so I'll be celebrating my 50th anniversary in the business in October. There won't be any parades, but I might treat myself to a good dinner for the occasion.

Memories are often jarred loose by these anniversaries. For example, the game in which I saw Jackie Robinson play, the Dodgers were playing Cincinnati and, for some reason, probably tight under pressure, I stood up as the Reds were coming to bat during the seventh inning. In Ebbets Field, you only stood for the Dodgers during the "seventh inning stretch." Being as rabid as these fans were, I was the recipient of some wonderfully imaginative epithets concerning my ancestry, the legitimacy of my birth, the color of my hair and a host of marvelous tributes to my father's standing during the Reds' attack.

Fifty years later, I remember the verbal onslaught as it were yesterday.

In the meantime, a year ago I marked the 50th anniversary of leaving the service after World War II and four years ago, I was brought up short to realize I had graduated from high school 50 years earlier.

If 50th anniversaries aren't enough, you might try to get your recollection of that as a 12-year-old, you saw Joe DiMaggio as a young Yankee star, sweeping in effect as the great hurricane that ripped through New York and New England in the early fall of the 1940s.

One of the remarkable things about reaching this age is the growing vividness of the memories of long ago. Somehow, locked in the crevices of the mind, much like a computer, there remains a recollection that needs only a slight nudge to bring it to the forefront.

It was in 1937 also that Siena College was founded and while, as a youngster in New York, I had no idea the college existed, just 10 years later was to become a freshman at the school on the G.I. Bill.

As a freshman, I met a wonderful priest, Father Ben Kuhn, who was one of the founding friars, and he talked at length about the little house in which all of the faculty lived and another small house where the teaching took place for the first year or two.

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**Point of View**

He was my link, as he was for many others, to the founding of the school, which this year celebrated its 50th anniversary.

An alumnus of the school with whom I played poker was a graduate of the first class in 1941, and he filled in some of the history of these first years from another perspective.

Only a week ago, a classmate celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner at which children and grandchildren gathered with friends and memorabilia to recall their parents' life together.

It was a 50th anniversary that put this last half-century into perspective. The picture of the young man, just out of service, beginning college and marriage in the same year, and the young girl he was marrying, was a reminder of a whole host of young men and women who believed the world would be better now that the war was ended.

Probably the greatest single piece of legislation to come out of the period was the G.I. Bill, which gave millions of men and women the opportunity to go to college and seek careers that might otherwise have been denied them.

It produced a generation that established a space program second to none, a generation of suburbia that populated the country, an interstate highway system unraveled in less than a generation, an age of television, as well as medical and scientific discoveries unimaginable before the war.

The generation also gave proof that the form of government it defended in the 1940s was strong enough to withstand political folly, social unrest, an unpopular and misguided war, and economic upheaval. It tested the mettle of the generation which served in World War II and that of its children.

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The Spot Light
**Community should come first**

Editor, The Spotlight:  
I am sorry, Mr. and Mrs. Rural Landowner, but the community comes first. You see, after all those tacky new colonials have gone up, we're left holding the bag from you.

Long after you've retired to Florida with your cash, we're left with the problems you've created. After all your farms and fields are paved, we have to foot the bill. We'll be stuck with the traffic, the crowded schools, the congestion, the sprawl, the highway.

The LUMAC plan seems reasonable to me. Granted, it imposes some mild restrictions on developers, but would you have us totally gut the plan to serve your self-interests? We simply can't afford to put a house on every square foot of Bethlehem.

Vote yes on the LUMAC plan. To do otherwise is folly.

Terry Rooney  
Delmar

**Letters**

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Cara Kennedy  
Clarkeville PTA co-president

**Board must carefully review LUMAC report**

Editor, The Spotlight:  
On April 9, I had the pleasure of attending an excellent town board meeting at which citizens' concerns for and against the LUMAC report were aired. There seems to be a lot of concern about how this report is going to affect many landowners in the town of Bethlehem whose property would be rezoned. If this report is adopted and voted into law by the board, are we effectively changing zoning?

I have not had the pleasure of reading the LUMAC public meetings, but there was sufficient criticism raised about this report that it should be looked at very carefully.

I do not agree with taking away people's right to do with their property as they want, as long as that conforms with town standards. This whole process should be looked at very carefully before we adopt such a document as law.

William F. Drew  
Delmar

**BC school budget plan meets most critical needs of district**

Editor, The Spotlight:  
I am writing to express my thoughts on the Bethlehem Central School District's budget process.

This is the first year I have been involved in the procedure, and it has been quite a learning experience for me. I have spent many a Wednesday night attending board meetings.

I would like to thank the board members for all their work. They are an unpaid group of people who have undertaken a monumental task. I feel that they did a remarkable job of keeping the big picture — the quality of education for our students — in focus while trying to respond to a wide range of concerns.

I looked at the proposed budget from several different points of view — as a parent of two school-age children, as a taxpayer and as someone who used to work in special education.

I do not feel that the budget neglects any personal desires — no tax increase, money for a wide variety of district educational opportunities and the redesign of my home school into a model of the latest in educational environments!

But the budget does try to meet critical needs and ensure the best possible education for as many students as possible.

I hope that the people in our community will look past their own personal agendas and see the positives that will occur if this school budget passes. Please vote yes on May 7.

Cara Kennedy  
Clarkeville PTA co-president

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Whole community needs to protect its children

Editor, The Spotlight:

"It takes a whole community to raise a child" is a slogan which is becoming familiar in our repertoire of individual and community responsibility. I would like to offer a friendly amendment to the slogan — "It takes a whole community to protect a child." I am referring to the need to engage the whole Bethlehem community to protect children from life-threatening injuries.

As a member of Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, I am pleased that a small group of adults and children from life-threatening injuries. Editor, The Spotlight. The message this gives is that safety is just for little kids, not for all of our citizens.

As one recent letter to the editor stated, "We do see some progress when children are wearing their bike helmets, but then we see the parents with no helmets biking alongside their kids." The message gives this is that safety is just for little kids, not for adults and not for "cool" older kids. As I drive and walk on our streets, I see many adults heedless of safety issues, walking on the wrong side of the road, at dusk or during the evening, with no lights or reflective devices. How are we to teach (and protect) our children, when we ourselves are not aware of our own reckless behavior? And, if we're not mindful of safety issues as we walk and bike, we certainly are not mindful of the issues as we speed in our cars to our next appointment.

I consider myself mindful of not invading someone's personal space. However, I have begun to see people who wear helmets for this storm loading broken limbs and trees onto trucks for disposal. I can't imagine how tired and sore they must be by the end of the day. I truly appreciate their hard work. Thanks you.

Letters

Sincerely,

Delmar

Resident grateful for storm cleanup

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to publicly acknowledge and thank the workers from our town who have been diligently cleaning up after the surprise snowstorm of March 30.

From the personal experience of cleaning just our own yards, many of us know what back-breaking work it can be to pick up branches and twigs and pile them up for collection.

Yet in and out and day out since the storm, I have seen the dedicated people who work for this town loading broken limbs and trees onto trucks for disposal. I can't imagine how tired and sore they must be by the end of the day. I truly appreciate their hard work. Thanks you.

Sincerely,

Delmar

Physician applauds Breslin’s stand on issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a physician and constituent of Sen. Neil Breslin, I applaud his courage and compassion in his vote against S.1800. Ms. Shea, in last week's Spotlight, wrote that the senator's vote demonstrated his unwillingness to protect the most vulnerable in our society and accused him of worrying only about his re-election. On the contrary, I believe that the senator has witnessed great pressure on this issue. Despite such pressure, Breslin refused to support a bill that would ban an ill-defined abortion procedure, and potentially threaten the life of women who are faced with unwanted pregnancies that have gone horribly wrong.

Further, he has shown wise restraint in refusing to use the legislative process to make medical decisions, and to think that he is in a better position than a physician to determine the proper procedure for a patient. I would like to thank Sen. Breslin for recognizing the extreme nature of the bill, and refusing to play politics with women's health and lives.

Alan D. Miller M.D. M.P.H.
Delmar

More support for Breslin

Letters

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my support for Sen. Neil Breslin’s stand on the so-called “partial birth” abortion bill. During his bid for reelection, Mr. Breslin consistently opposed any attempt to ban this procedure. Like a majority of Americans, he believes that such sensitive and complex personal decisions are best made by the people involved, namely, the women, their families and doctors. These individuals are the most knowledgeable about the particular circumstances and the effect any decision will have on their lives and future reproductive chances.

Sen. Breslin is to be commended for standing by his principles in the face of vocal opposition by a minority.

Linda Simkin
Delmar
**Honesty is much appreciated**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, I did some late afternoon shopping at SuperValu market in Voorheesville. Groceries were loaded into the car, and I drove off, unaware that I had left my handbag behind in the empty cart in the parking lot.

A half hour passed before I realized the situation and returned to the market. It was with great relief that I was able to retrieve the errant handbag containing an endorsed paycheck and assorted credit cards.

To the honest thoughtful person who found the handbag and turned it over to the store's service desk, many, many thanks. I am grateful for your honesty and reassured that good and kind acts continue to be done every day in our community.

Evelyn W. Keller

Delmar

**Good Samaritans abound**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The other day I had the misfortune and good fortune to have lost my wallet in the vicinity of the Dan Post Office.

Within the hour, some considerate and caring person had turned the wallet into the post office, and I received a call from the staff telling me that my wallet had been found, turned over to them.

My sincere thanks to that individual and to the post office staff for turning a potential traumatic experience into one of relief. Thank you.

John A. Willison

Delmar

**Seaburg family says thank you**

To the honest thoughtful family of Kevin C. Seaburg, a heartfelt thank you for their support during our recent loss.

Thank you for all the sympathy cards, Mass cards and floral arrangements, food and generous donations to the trust fund.

Your prayers, thoughts and visits were a genuine comfort to all of us.

A sincere thanks to Rev. Reynolds, the South Bethlehem Women of the United Methodist Church, Father Ciotti and St. Sebastian's Church for organizing the tributes to Kevin, to Butch Apple for the memorable eulogy and to Joe Keller for his assistance.

To the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Dr. Bruce Uskokow and Albany Medical's emergency room staff, it was a great comfort knowing that Kevin had his friends by his side, providing him with the best possible care.

Your kind expressions of sympathy have touched our hearts.

God bless all of you.

Annmarie, Jessica and Sarah Seaburg, Mildred and Joe Bittig, Stewart and LuLu Seaburg, John Seaburg and Mary Ellen and Ed Floter

**Letters**

Patrick's Parish for prayers and blessings.

To the area fire companies and auxiliaries who participated in the services for Kevin, we thank you.

To the men and women of the Selkirk Fire Department and its auxiliaries, a heartfelt thanks for helping us through this difficult time.

A special thanks to Jeff Stangle for organizing the tributes to Kevin, to Butch Apple for the memorable eulogy and to Joe Keller for his assistance.
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...our gifts and talents, our community spirit and our coming together to enjoy this special evening.

For only $5, choose among 32 local talents at 13 Bethlehem locations. Come to listen to jazz, classical, choir, to music as heavenly as a harpist or as Irish as they come. Come kick up a country line-dance storm, bop to the rhythm of rock ’n roll or watch our children perform.

We offer you this opportunity to stop and share our special home town with one another. Be sure to give a Feestelijk thanks to all our business sponsors, venue hosts, representatives, school staff and former businesses in Town Hall. We are sure Dick will be sorely missed in Glenmont by our local news with us and kept us up to date on local happenings.

He provided a respite from often hectic days, and he could always tell if the time was right to chat or else he would leave me as I am sure Dick will be sorely missed in Glenmont by our local merchants and their employees.

Connie Corbett

Glenmont CVS

Countdown to town celebration

Editor, The Spotlight:

May 3 is almost here! On behalf of all the Feestelijk Bethlehem volunteers, we invite you and your family to a full evening of music, dance, food, family values and fun.

Feestelijk Bethlehem committee members, businesses, town representatives, school staff and students have worked tirelessly since November to make this event a success.

Students have worked tirelessly since November to make the white Feestelijk Bethlehem visor, look for the specials in our venue and restaurants and you won’t need to look far for a grand time.

So, buy your buttons, consult the complete Feestelijk Bethlehem special supplement in next week’s Spotlight and plan a car pool with your neighbors. This will be the night to treasure our talents and enjoy one another.

Hope to see you — somewhere/everywhere at Feestelijk Bethlehem.

Lorraine Smith and David Young Co-chairs, Feestelijk Bethlehem Committee

St. Thomas School honors top pupils

The following pupils were named to first and second honor rolls at St. Thomas School in Delmar for the third quarter. First honor roll pupils had an average of 92 or above and all As in effort and conduct. Second honor roll pupils had an average of between 83 and 91 and all As and Bs in effort and conduct.

First honor roll

Sixth-grade: Jacquelyn Cary, Christa Clay, Joseph Cline, Frances Ford, Jamie Kieper, Sean Lichorowiec, Kimberly McCall, Lindsay McCluskey and Jessica Murphy.


Eighth-grade: Tracy Bukowski, Kate Emminger, Michele Frangella, Vanessa Mauro, Erika Orner, Jill Parsons, Carly St. Lucia, Andrea Schmit and Audrey Ting.

Second honor roll


Seventh-grade: Michele Fido, Stephen Hoghe, Sheena Loughlin, Danielle Moreau, Stephanie Morse, Michael Nuttall, Stephen Perrin and Maggie Toucheff.

Eighth-grade: Jose Colon, Corey Cookingham, Meghan Daley, Stephanie Eberhardt, Jared Marsh, Jada Schumang, Brandi VanAlstyne and Kaye Whyte.

Town GOP holding candidates night

The Bethlehem Republican Committee will hold a candidates night on Thursday, May 1, for individuals seeking Republican endorsement for town political offices being contested this November.

The meeting will be held at the Selkirk Fire Department No. 2 firehouse in Glenmont at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 439-8191.

‘Voices of Hope’ to aid the homeless

The fourth annual “Voices of Hope” concert to benefit the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless will be held on Sunday, May 4, at 3:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 420 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Tickets are $10. A reception will follow the concert.

For information, call 434-8021.

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Fuller said the town board should receive some credit for working with the citizens group and holding public meetings on the project.

"The town board insisted that a full environmental impact statement be done," she said, and "we hired someone special (former planning board attorney Bob Alessi) just to oversee that process."

Parents to discuss entering kindergarten

The Tri-Village Nursery will offer a parent workshop, "Kindergarten... Is Your Child Ready?" on Tuesday, May 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The workshop will take place in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave, in Delmar.

The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required by May 2.

For information, call 475-0737.

Delmar songwriters to hold workshop

George Ward and Peggy Eyres of Delmar will present a regional songwriting workshop and concert on Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m.

The event will take place at Harmony Hall, located on Route 67 and Peaceable Street in the town of Charlton, five miles west of Ballston Spa. Admission is $30.

For information, call 599-6235.

First-graders in Voorheesville Elementary School recently performed in "Music Moves Me!"
Local worship service fetes
Lutherans’ Missouri Synod

An anniversary worship service commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar on Sunday, April 27, at 4 p.m.

There will be a combined choir from churches throughout the Capital District and the Rev. David Benke, president of the Atlantic District of the LCMS, will be the guest preacher.

What we now know as the Luther Church Missouri Synod had its roots among German immigrants in the Midwest and their German-trained mission pastors. This group was dissatisfied with the direction in which the existing Lutheran Synod was moving.

They felt they had spiritual laxity amongst this English-speaking group, many of whose members had embarked to the New World culture. They sought instead a faith that had embraced the new American culture. They sought instead a faith that allowed them to study of His Word, fellowship and worship of God, through a process that did not go to the Greater Lutheran Church Synod.

Today, worship is conducted in any of 30 languages, including English to Chinese to Eritrean.

The congregation of St. John, Missouri Synod counts 2,614 congregations and a baptized membership of nearly 460,000. The early Missouri Synod Constitution declared German the official church language, but that net was abandoned during World War I.

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In its 150th year, the Missouri Synod membership grew to 1,424 congregations and a baptized membership of 26,573,000, plus 10 colleges and universities and two seminaries in the U.S. and a global mission effort in 60 countries.

Locally, the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, now affiliated with the greater Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, was founded in 1965. Its stated mission is “to reach out to all people and bring them into a living relationship with Jesus Christ through worship of God, study of His Word, fellowship and loving care for one another.”

The congregation of 800 baptized members has been led by the Rev. Warren Winterhoff since 1977. In addition to its local ministries it supports a missionary pastor in Yago, West Africa.

EMS Day scheduled in Selkirk on May 17

The second annual EMS Day will take place at GE Plastics in 1 Noryl Ave. in Selkirk on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will include prizes, competitions, Emergency Medical Services demonstrations, trauma conferences, and an Albany Med Flight Helicopter display.

Reservations are required by May 5. For information, call 475-5312.

The Slingerlands Elementary School Carnival will be held on Friday, May 16, at 5 p.m. at the school.

Festivities include raffles, games, food and more. The carnival will be held rain or shine. The whole community is invited to attend.

For information, call 439-1856.

Slingerlands school sets spring carnival

The Slingerlands Elementary School Carnival will be held on Friday, May 16, at 5 p.m. at the school.

Festivities include raffles, games, food and more. The carnival will be held rain or shine. The whole community is invited to attend.

For information, call 439-1856.

Parents to discuss current bestseller

Middle Works and Bethlehem Central Middle School invite all interested parents and faculty to a book discussion of the bestseller "Emotional Intelligence" by Daniel Goleman.

The discussion will be held on Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. Books are available at any Love Books and Fiani Tuck bookstores in Delmar.

Call 439-7740 for information.

‘Early Birder’ walks slated this spring

“Early Birder” bird walks are being offered every Thursday morning this spring and will continue through the first week of May, at 7:30 a.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center Naturalists will offer tips and tricks for bird identification.

Refreshments will be offered at 7 a.m. before the walk.

For information, call 475-0291.
Fund-raising for gazebo

Voorheesville Class of ’72 plans reunion for August

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Class of 1972 is planning its 25-year class reunion on Aug. 2 at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. All graduates are invited.

Addresses are still needed for the following class members: Joseph Marino (Clemens), Alice Phillips Stewart, Samuel (Bo) Powell, George Cooper, Eileen Lynch, Lena Langlois, William Livingston, Dan Bress, Celeste Clark, Len Christman, Steve Knuth, Merle Chapman Berry, Janet Jimenez, Adelaide Schapp, Barry Matott, Dorothy Pyffe DeLong, Susan Macha Cutright, Peter Berczes, Ernest Brown, Leslie Cameron, Michael Kaine and Van Winne.

Anyone with information is asked to call Sherry at 765-4387.

SPELL honors local bee winner

Regional spelling bee winner Mark Shawhan, an eighth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, received a one-year membership in SPELL (Society for the Preservation of the English Language and Literature) at TV-31 studios in Bethlehem Public Library.

Shawhan received the honor from Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent of Bethlehem Central schools and Delmar resident Alexander Woerthle.

A videotape of the presentation will be cablecast on TV-31 today at 3:45 p.m. and Thursday, April 24, at 9:45 a.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education will hold a budget hearing on Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. in the large group room at the middle school.

This is an opportunity to learn about the proposed budget and ask questions. All members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Library to celebrate cat's birthday

The Cat in the Hat is older than Jack Benny! Help him start his fourth decade at a read-aloud on Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m. at RCS Community Library at 106 Main St. in Ravena.

Members of Cadette Scout Troop 461 will read their favorite Dr. Seuss stories to celebrate the cat's 40th birthday. Call the library at 756-2053 for information.

Coeymans to appeal court decision

Coeymans is continuing its fight against siting a regional landfill in the town. Supervisor Victor Carr had said the town plans to appeal a state Appellate Court ruling. The court had ruled that Coeymans had not yet completed its permitting process.

Quilt show draws 1,000 visitors

One of the largest quilt shows in the area was held recently at RCS High School. More than 340 quilts were exhibited, including antique quilts, wall hangings and bed-size coverlets. More than 1,000 people visited the show.

In Voorheesville

The Spotlight is sold at Stewarts, Voorheesville Mobil and Supervalu and Sunshine Deli. For information, call 687-9270.

Business group offers student scholarships

The Bethlehem Business Club offers scholarships to Town of Bethlehem graduating seniors or returning students. High academic standing is not necessary. The deadline for applications is April 25.

For information, call 475-9409.

Lecture to delve Amish ways of life

Amish Country Traditions will present a free talk and exhibit, "How the Amish Live Without Electricity," at 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, at the New Scotland Avenue Armory on New Scotland Avenue in Albany.

Carol Fish, an authority on the Amish, will talk about how the Amish prosper and thrive in this modern era without electricity and other conveniences of the 1990s. * The event is free and open to the public.

For information, call 687-9270.

Helping hands

Hamagrael pupils, front row from left, Genya Shimkin and Abby Coplin along with, back row, Katie Orcutt, Amanda Blanchard and Samantha Hooper-Hammerstey recently participated in a conference, "Women Helping Girls with Choices." The conference, sponsored by Girls, Inc. of Schenectady, included girls from 14 school districts.
Step up to baby animal weekend at Indian Ladder

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road will host its third annual baby animal weekend this Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21.

Everyone is invited to come see, pet, and learn about young farm animals. For the first time the event will feature baby miniature horses in addition to the usual complement of chicks, bunnies, lambs, goat kids, ducklings, geese and calves.

This free event is scheduled for all day Saturday and Sunday and will take place rain or shine. For information, call 765-2066.

Flower arranging workshop

Nancy Stahl, a registered flower show judge, will conduct a workshop entitled “A Judge’s Perspective on Flower Arranging” at the next meeting of the Helder­view Garden Club on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the library on School Road.

Members will create their own traditional arrangements. Participants are asked to bring a container for their arrangement and a pair of floral cutters or scissors. Additional materials will be provided by the club.

New members are always welcome. For information, call Joanne King at 765-2201.

Board to vote on BOCES budget

The school board will hold a special meeting on Monday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school to vote on BOCES administrative budget and to elect BOCES board members.

Petitions for board seats available at library

The library is accepting petitions for a position on its board of trustees. Petitions must be signed by 25 qualified residents of the Voorheesville Central School District and returned to the library by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2. Petitions can be picked up at the library at 51 School Road.

The election and budget vote is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. at the high school.

Any school district resident over 18 years of age is eligible to submit a petition. For information, call 765-2791.

Board to discuss ALS service

The New Scotland town board has scheduled a special meeting to discuss providing advanced life support (ALS) service to the town on Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

Parenting program set at Rice Center

Learn positive child guidance techniques and useful strategies for effective parenting at a program entitled “Discipline is Not a Dirty Word” on Tuesday, April 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension’s Rice Center on Martin Road.

Human ecology program leader Tanya Wilkins will conduct the program. There is a small fee for materials, and pre-registration is required.

For information and to register, call the human ecology office at 765-3500.

V’ville imposes water restrictions

The village of Voorheesville has placed restrictions on the use of outside sprinklers.

Restrictions started on April 15 and end on Sept. 15. Homes with even numbers can use lawn sprinklers on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Homes with odd numbers can use sprinklers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sprinkling is banned Friday through Sunday.

Hand-held hoses are not restricted. A permit may be requested for additional use in special circumstances.

Ambulance service seeks new recruits

Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service is currently seeking new members. Anyone who is at least 18-years-old, in good health, and would like to serve the community is invited to join.

No prior training is required.

Training will be provided to new members.

People are especially needed during daytime hours, but evening and weekend shifts are also available. For information, call Ree Pakenas at 765-2792.

Fire department offers student scholarship

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department is offering a scholarship to a graduating senior at Clayton A. Bouton Jr. /Sr. High School. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to volunteering for the community and will pursue continuing education at an accredited institution of higher learning or in a recognized training program.

Students who would like to apply for the scholarship should contact the high school guidance office.

Bouton students off to sunny Spain

High school foreign language teacher Linda Diago is accompanying nine students from Clayton A. Bouton Jr.-Sr. High School on a spring break trip to Spain. They will visit Madrid, Barcelona, Toledo and the Costa Brava area.

High school Spanish students who are traveling with Diago are Sarah Abbott, Julie Baron, Rebecca Cooper, Brett Fortran, Sharya Gotthick, Amanda Greco, John Kuzulanas, Matt O’Dell and Cynthia Reed. Everyone is having a great trip!

Any members of the community interested in hosting an exchange student for a long or short period in the coming school year can contact foreign language department chairman Robert Streifer at 765-3514, ext. 310.

Computer Enthusiasts to meet at library

The Capital District Computer Enthusiasts will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

A beginners workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to meet the club members and ask questions about computers.

For information, call 439-9314.

Consultant to discuss wedding etiquette

Wedding consultant Susan Britton will discuss the proper etiquette for weddings on Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-9314.

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Eagles prevail over Shaker, Mohonasen and Saratoga

By Karly Decker

The Bethlehem boys track team improved its record to 6-1 last week with wins over three Suburban Council rivals.

On Tuesday, the Eagles breezed past Shaker, 102-74. Senior Matt Clement led the way by capturing the 3,200-meter run. He also was a member of the winning two-mile relay team.

Tim Kavanagh was first in the 800-meter run and was on two winning relays. Sophomore Kevin Valentine has figured significantly in the Eagles' success this year, finished first in the 100-meter dash.

On Thursday, the Eagles headed to Saratoga where they whipped both Mohonasen and Saratoga in a dual meet. Once again, all three relay teams, which have figured significantly in BC's success this year, finished first.

Field events haven't been a source of strength for the Eagles, although this year seems a bit different. Senior Phil Kaitell, juniors Tim Kavanagh and Andy Macmillan, Kavanagh and senior Dave Austin have been solid all season long.

Relay teams spark Bethlehem boys track

Relay teams have been far from $128.88; Byron & Dunbar $488.

Examples of some conditions are Down syndrome, autism, Fragile X syndrome, hearing and visually impaired and medically "fragile." The Albany Youth Soccer Program is creating a specialized soccer team made up of young individuals with handicaps for whom regular team participation is inappropriate.

Mother's Day race taking place in Delmar

The Hudson-Mohawk Runners Club will host its 16th annual Mother's Day race on Sunday, May 11. The 3.5-mile run through residential Delmar will begin at 10 a.m. at Hamagrael Elementary School.

For information, contact Kathy Jones at 674-0690.

New season opens for church softball

Wynantskill kicked off the 27th season of play in the Cooper Valley Church softball league with an 84-4 win over St. Thomas I.

In other action, St. Thomas II beat United Methodist, 23-2; Presbyterian handed Westerlo II its first loss of the year, 10-7. Bethlehem Community walked over Delmar Reformed, 20-9.

Westerlo I ripped Oneque­ swanh Valley, 14-2, and Bethany II was a 12-8 victor over the Delmar Fire Department.

Bullets finish 1st in tourney

The Bethlehem Bullets managed a 4-3 win over a team from Ravena-Cosmopolis-Selkirk in the Division B indoor soccer final at the Washington Avenue Armory.

The fast-paced, highly competitive match made for an exciting night of soccer. Bethlehem's first three goals were scored by Mike Oliver, Kevin Murphy and Conor Murphy. The score was tied going into the final minutes of the game.

Soccer

With a minute left, Bethlehem's Matt Turo nailed the winning goal on a placed corner kick from sweeper Ethan Levy.

Tessa White and Kristen White provided additional offensive help, with the backfield being adeptly covered by Kelly Hughes and Amanda McPheeters.

Rylan Conway and Sean Hough shared the goalkeeping duties and each made some key saves. The Bullets, coached by Joe Turo and Ted Lackner, finished the season in first place with an overall record of 7-1-1.
Digital programming takes hearing aids to new heights

By Martin P. Kelly

While hearing loss may occur at any age, it is usually associated with aging. Statistics on hearing loss show that 40 percent of people over 60 years of age show hearing loss, while as many as 60 percent over age 70 have some loss. When people reach 80 years of age, approximately 80 percent have a loss of hearing.

However, new computerized developments in the last few years make it possible for more comfortable and more complete hearing.

New computerization and technology make it possible for a person to wear a hearing aid without adjusting the volume, said Linda M. Earle, president of the Colonie Hearing Center on Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie.

"The most advanced, high-end models can change volume independently 50 times a second," Earle said. "The changes in technology in recent years are beyond our imaginations." These high-end models can cost upwards of $2,000, according to Toni Tiberi of Advance Hearing Aid Centers in Colonie, while the older models of linear hearing aids are in the $500 range and upwards.

"These custom-designed computerized hearing aids are less than an inch long and are worn inside the ear canal," Earle cautioned, however, that these new computerized, digital programmed hearing aids may not be for everyone.

"It depends upon the degree of hearing loss," she said. "Persons with severe hearing loss may only be able to wear those which have receivers behind the ear.

"She said it all depends upon the individual. Those people who have a slight loss and are not moving through a variety of sounds throughout the day can use the linear, self-operated volume control to advantage. Tiberi, a board-certified specialist accredited by the National Board for Certification on Hearing Instruments Services, said that the generation now approaching senior status may well have a larger percentage of hearing loss because of the louder noises these people have experienced. For example, loud rock music is a big contributor to hearing loss in people now approaching 60 years of age. There have been rock musicians who have suffered almost complete loss of hearing by their late 40s, she said. "There are sound suppressors many musicians wear now that will permit them to hear their music but not be exposed to the high decibel sounds of the complete band," Tiberi said.

As a hearing instrument specialist, Tiberi is certified to conduct hearing tests for aids. Earle uses audiologists for testing in her business. In both cases, if there is any sign of medical problem such as heavy wax, fluids or injury, "we send the client to a physician and will only fit a hearing aid with the doctor's approval," said Earle. Tiberi said that there is a 30-day refund policy with hearing aids. "with only a minor charge if the aid is not working to the satisfaction of the wearer.

"We work to fit the hearing aid to the individual and the person's environment so there is no problem," she said. One of the biggest boosts to hearing aids came in the early 1980s, when President Ronald Reagan wore one to accommodate nerve loss in one ear, a condition which is typical in many who are hard of hearing.

"It was the latest model then and is still popular," Tiberi said. "But the advances since that time are unbelievable, particularly in the last two years."
Residential programs offer seniors more choices

By Tom Murnane

Parents with children often decide to buy a home based on the quality of the school district. In much the same way, seniors looking to move into a senior residence will consider various factors, including the type of medical and personal care they will need.

When deciding on a senior home, seniors and their families must first understand the different settings provide, different types of care that must first understand the quality of the school district.

"Places like ours provide the support seniors need in making the adjustment to their new living arrangements," Bird said, noting that Colonial Manor offers meals three times daily, weekly housecleaning and a wide range of activities for residents.

Colonial Manor * offers seniors security, the feeling that they are never alone, the companionship, Bird said. "Isolation is a biggie for seniors. While adult homes help a senior actually be more independent than they might believe, they also help make seniors feel less alone. Isolation has a way of sneaking up on them."

"At Colonial Manor, we try to work with the feelings of our residents," she said. "The philosophy of our care is to take the time and have a commitment to work with the feelings of our residents."

Candlewood Gardens offers a more intimate environment, featuring only 28 private rooms and — like Colonial Manor — personal care attendants to supervise seniors taking their medication and help with personal grooming, said owner Georgia Calamaras. The home has a part-time nurse on staff, as well.

The tab for a year's stay at Candlewood is about $24,000, she said.

The residence, which also serves meals three times daily and offers various activities, is "suited for seniors who can't live alone but who do not need constant medical attention or nursing care," Calamaras said.

Assistive living programs, such as the one offered by Beverwyck, are not to be confused with assisted living programs, which are jointly regulated by the state Department of Health and state Department of Social Services. Assisted living staff are state-certified, thus allowing them to administer medication.

Assistive living and/or adult home programs have grown in popularity because while seniors are living longer, nursing homes will only take patients needing 24-hour care, Calamaras said.

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Adult homes, such as Colonial Manor at 626 Watervliet-Shaker Road or Candlewood Gardens at 514 Old Loudon Road, are for seniors who may need help with personal grooming and supervision while taking their medications, said Beth Bird, Colonial Manor's director of admissions and community relations. Such programs are licensed by the state Department of Social Services.

Assistive living programs, such as the one offered at the upscale Beverwyck retirement community in Slingerlands, are viewed as similar, if not synonymous, with adult home programs, in that seniors can maintain an independent lifestyle and receive supervision with taking medications.

The Eddy, which operates the Beverwyck and is affiliated with health care provider Northeast Health, offers Beverwyck and other Eddy residents a wide range of medical support services and care.

Colonial Manor, which features 98 private rooms — each has heat and air conditioning and a bathroom included — accepts those who are able to walk without assistance, have a stabilized medical condition and are mentally fit, Bird said. "Places like ours provide the support seniors need in making the adjustment to their new living arrangements," Bird said, noting that Colonial Manor offers meals three times daily, weekly housecleaning and a wide range of activities for residents.

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Adult homes, such as Colonial Manor at 626 Watervliet-Shaker Road or Candlewood Gardens at 514 Old Loudon Road, are for seniors who may need help with personal grooming and supervision while taking their medications, said Beth Bird, Colonial Manor's director of admissions and community relations. Such programs are licensed by the state Department of Social Services.

Assistive living programs, such as the one offered at the upscale Beverwyck retirement community in Slingerlands, are viewed as similar, if not synonymous, with adult home programs, in that seniors can maintain an independent lifestyle and receive supervision with taking medications.

The Eddy, which operates the Beverwyck and is affiliated with health care provider Northeast Health, offers Beverwyck and other Eddy residents a wide range of medical support services and care.

Colonial Manor, which features 98 private rooms — each has heat and air conditioning and a bathroom included — accepts those who are able to walk without assistance, have a stabilized medical condition and are mentally fit, Bird said. "Places like ours provide the support seniors need in making the adjustment to their new living arrangements," Bird said, noting that Colonial Manor offers meals three times daily, weekly housecleaning and a wide range of activities for residents.

Colonial Manor * offers seniors security, the feeling that they are never alone, the companionship, Bird said. "Isolation is a biggie for seniors. While adult homes help a senior actually be more independent than they might believe, they also help make seniors feel less alone. Isolation has a way of sneaking up on them."

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Knowing the value of your estate an important asset

You don't have to be wealthy to have an estate. We each have one. Your estate is everything you own, and almost all of us own something. clothes on our backs.

An estate includes real estate, also known as real property, which is land and/or anything attached to it, such as houses or condominiums.

An estate also includes personal property, which is anything other than real property.

Personal property is divided into two kinds of sections, tangible and intangible property:

- Tangible property includes items like furniture, jewelry, clothes, stamp collections, antiques, etc.
- Intangible property includes investments that represent value, like annuities, stocks and bonds (investments in publicly-traded entities), or interests in closely-held businesses (those not traded on a stock market). Other intangibles include patents, trademarks, copyrights and insurance policies.

Knowing the value of your estate may be important to let you know whether it is growing or not. Are your assets greater than they were last year or five years ago?

Assessing your estate is also important to determine whether you may become subject to estate tax upon your death. If so, some estate planning may be in order.

To assess the value of your estate, make a list of everything you own and add the values. Some assets are easy to value. If you own stock in a company listed on a stock exchange, you can determine its value by looking it up in the business section of your newspaper. On the other hand, the value of the antique lamp you inherited from Aunt Lucy may not be as simple to determine.

Once you've determined the value of your assets, you need to subtract the liabilities — what you owe — to arrive at your net worth. For estate tax purposes, certain expenses and bequests are also deducted to arrive at the amount that would be taxable. Estates of under $600,000 are generally exempt from estate tax. A professional estate planner can help you reduce either the size or the taxability of your estate.

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To find a designated appraiser in your area, call ASA toll-free at 1-800-ASA-VALU (1-800-272-8850).

Funeral preplanning a smart way of getting affairs in order

By Dev Tobin

After a home and a car, a funeral is probably the most expensive thing most consumers will buy. Costs can run into the five figures, and decisions have to be made in a matter of hours during an emotionally trying time.

As with any big purchase, preplanning and paying in advance can make a funeral's costs, both financial and emotional, a lot more manageable, according to Ben Meyers of Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Meyers noted that prepayment plans will help survivors deal with the death of a loved one without having to worry about coming up with thousands of dollars on short notice.

Meyers added that burial trust accounts currently earn about 6 percent interest, more than keeping up with inflation. Meyers offers a family guide to assist in preplanning, at his funeral home or any other.

The guide points out that of the "87 things that may need to be done" following the death of a loved one, 49 can be done beforehand. Among these are gathering and securing vital statistics, locating and collecting important documents, choosing and paying for items like the casket and burial plot and selecting readings and music for the funeral service.

The guide also includes state publications like "A Consumer's Guide to Arranging a Funeral" and "Before Prepaying Your Funeral, Know Your Rights," more than a dozen "Care Notes" on issues like helping a child grieve and coping when someone you love is dying, and a listing of local and national grief support groups.

Meyers said locally-owned funeral homes like his are often more flexible and more reasonably priced than funeral homes that have been bought out by a national chain.

"If you want to change something (in a funeral plan), a nationally-owned home may have to check with corporate headquarters," Meyers said. "At a locally-owned home, we can change it right away."

Meyers and his son, Stephen, will offer a free forum covering many issues of funeral planning, on Friday, April 25, at 10 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Call 439-2235 to register.
Aging can play tricks with vitamin and mineral needs

At least one out of five senior citizens may need to take extra vitamin B-12 to prevent sensory and other neurological disorders because they absorb the B-12 in their food poorly.

According to studies at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston, they would be wise to get the calcium they need to maintain bones and serve function from their diets, because the mineral is not well absorbed from a commonly used supplemental form, calcium carbonate.

The findings apply to men and women who no longer secrete enough stomach acid to absorb some nutrients as well as they used to, said Dr. Robert M. Russell. He directs gastrointestinal and micronutrient studies at the center, which is funded by USDA’s Agricultural Research Service.

The condition, called atrophic gastritis, affects at least 20 percent of people over age 60, increasing to about 40 percent of people over 80, said Russell, a physician. Atrophic gastritis is also known as hypochlorhydria or achlorhydria.

The study of 16 subjects — half of whom had atrophic gastritis — supports earlier evidence that low acidity in the gastrointestinal tract impairs absorption of the protein-bound B-12 found in foods. This condition, however, does not impair absorption of the crystalline form used in supplements.

“People with atrophic gastritis may need oral B-12 supplementation,” Russell said. “Vitamin B-12 is greatest of the single most important nutrient affected by aging.”

He added that poor absorption of the vitamin may be responsible for age-related declines in balance and pressure sensation, in muscle coordination and in mental ability. The severe B-12 deficiency that leads to pernicious anemia is due to other factors.

A study done by researchers at Columbia Presbyterian and Harlem Hospital Centers in New York City indicates that even a mild B-12 deficiency where there’s no sign of anemia can result in neurological disorders. Older people with serum B-12 levels at the low end of the normal range had several neurologic symptoms, including memory loss. Many improved when treated with B-12.

“Most elderly people don’t need vitamin B-12 shots,” Russell said. Since people with atrophic gastritis can absorb the vitamin in the crystalline form, they can take it as part of a multivitamin supplement.

Earlier studies have blamed poor B-12 absorption on the lack of stomach acid and the digestive enzyme pepsin, both of which are needed to separate the vitamin from food protein.

While this is a problem, the USDA study showed that a burgeoning bacterial population in the upper intestine, due to the friendlier low-acid environment, was responsible for “hogging” the little B-12 that was separated. Absorption improved when the volunteers were given the broad spectrum antibiotic tetracycline.

A second study at the center confirmed reports that the loss of gastrointestinal acidity significantly reduces calcium absorption from supplements containing the commonly used calcium carbonate.

The study found that atrophic gastritis does not reduce absorption of calcium from foods.

Results of this study with 15 older men and women support previous reports that calcium absorption from foods does not depend on gastrointestinal acidity. Likewise, calcium absorption from supplements containing calcium citrate also doesn’t depend on gastrointestinal acidity. The study was led by Tamlin A. Knox of the New England Medical Center.

“That’s a very important negative finding,” said Russell. “Otherwise, the calcium requirement would have to increase as people got older.”

Americans may be neglecting an important financial service

Every day, Americans are bombarded by tons of news and advertisements touting all kinds of financial products.

Mutual funds compete with savings accounts and CDs, Municipal bonds can help save houses so they can deduct the taxes. People are encouraged to take out mortgages and buy houses so they can deduct the interest payments from their taxes.

Baby boomers are told to plan for their “golden years” by investing in growth-oriented retirement plans.

However, in all this flurry many Americans have lost sight of the one financial product that historically has been the cornerstone of financial planning — life insurance.

In the last decade, the number of people buying individual life insurance policies has dropped by 25 percent, placing many families in a risky financial situation.

“People need to understand that being prepared for the present is an important first step to being prepared for the future,” said David Woods, president of the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education (LIFE), a nonprofit organization that seeks to better educate Americans about the importance of life and health insurance.

“Of course people can and should develop their own savings and investment plans. But life insurance should be the foundation of those financial plans — not an afterthought,” he said.

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An autobiography can be a lasting gift for future generations

One of the most valuable gifts you can give your children and grandchildren is your memories. After all, your life story is the beginning of their life story as well - especially the origins of your family values and traditions.

But how do you get started on your informal autobiography? A new guide helps you organize your thoughts and put the first words down on paper.

Prepared by the Southeast Florida Center on Aging of Florida International University for the Hospice Foundation of America, the guide consists of an introductory book and five workbooks.

Although it was created for the terminally and chronically ill, the guide can be used easily by anyone who wants to share information that helps descendants see themselves as part of a larger family and community.

Using a series of "questions for reflection," the workbooks help you discuss your family, growing up, your adult life and growing older. There's also a workbook where you can record your reflections on your life.

What memories should you share with your family? There aren't any rules. But some suggestions include information about your parents and siblings, the neighborhood where you grew up, and how new inventions like television or world events affected your life.

Here are more tips for telling your life story:

- Don't be afraid to use the word "I." After all, it is your story.
- Keep in mind that early memories usually return toward evening.
- You can trigger your memory by writing a letter to an old friend using what you want to remember as the basis for your letter.
- Don't try to recall things in chronological order. You can arrange your memories from past to present when you're near the end of your project.
- Ask questions: Call friends and relatives and search through old family albums.
- Approach your project in small pieces, setting aside amounts of time that feel right for you.

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When you need the friar to talk...
Author to share tips on coping with Alzheimer’s

Naomi Fell, an award-winning author, renowned specialist on Alzheimer's disease and founder of validation therapy, will present a special two-part program on Alzheimer's care entitled “Breaking Through Dementia.” The two-day conference will be held Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Century House in Latham. Fell is the creator and originator of validation therapy and executive director of the Validation Training Institute based in Ohio. Validation therapy is recognized as a revolutionary approach and state-of-the-art intervention for disoriented older people. The tested practice model tunes in to the person’s inner world to build empathy and hope—ultimately work to reduce stress and enhance dignity and happiness. Validation accepts the older person's need to return to the past and recognizes it as a retreat for survival, not as mental illness or disease.

Sponsored by Eddy Alzheimer’s Services and the Marjorie Doyle Rockefeller Center, the training workshops will feature educational films, experiential exercises and demonstrations that will enable participants to implement validation therapy with disoriented individuals and help seniors restore their dignity and self-worth.

Workshops also will focus on specific validation skills to help disoriented individuals, including learning the ingredients for successful aging and ways to prevent burnout; recognizing the physical, social and personality traits that lead to change in very old age; distinguishing the different stages of confusion and disorientation in older people; and applying appropriate validation skills.

"In old age, people can survive through hindsight," Fell explains. "When you see with the mind’s eye. When they hear tolls, they hear sounds from the past. They see childhood scenes when recent memory and friends die. They restore the past to relive good times and to resolve the bad in this final struggle to find peace. Validation helps them to win."

Validation therapy now offers many benefits for patients, families, and care workers, including decreasing the need for chemical and physical restraint, reducing stress and increasing resident dignity; decreasing burnout and increasing morale of care staff; helping families empathize and enabling them to care for their disoriented loved one at home longer; and helping workers and families learn how to cope with loss and to prepare for a mentally healthier old age.

Those caring for the elderly, including social workers, recreational therapists, mental health workers, nursing and nursing home staffs, and home health agency staffs are encouraged to attend the workshops.

Good Samaritan Homes dedicate new facilities

The dedication of the new Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar was held this Sunday, April 20. The Rev.void Preisinger, assistant to the bishop of the Upper New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presided over the rites of dedication.

The completion of the new 67-bed adult care facility brings three levels of care to the Good Samaritan Lutheran Campus in Delmar—a low-income, income-dependent living complex, a medical adult care facility, and a skilled nursing facility. This project is the only one of its kind within southern New York and adjoining counties.

In December 1994, Good Samaritan Homes was granted a certificate of need for a $314 million construction, expansion and renovation project—a monumental investment in our region’s economy and health care system.

The first phase of the project was the replacement of the Madison Avenue facility by constructing a new 67-bed private room and bath adult care facility. The facility offers 24-hour personal care, an elegant dining room, ample activity space and a sitting room on each of the four wings. This facility opened March 10, with residents moving from the old facility into their new home.

The second phase responds to the growing need for senior services and residential options. The Good Samaritan Homes is undertaking complete renovation and expansion of its skilled nursing home in Delmar. The project will make possible an increase in the total number of residents by 20 percent, from 100 to 120, with the addition of a new Alzheimer’s care area. The renovation and construction project will also provide space to develop the full range of services and programs on the Delmar campus that are essential to our region’s seniors.

The new program/services that will be developed (pending licenses and approvals from state agencies) are home health care, convalescent services and adult social day care. These are expected to be fully operational in 1998.

On Monday, May 12, Good Samaritan Homes will honor two individuals who have contributed to the welfare of seniors in our region. This year’s winners of the Good Samaritan Award are Dorothy Blabey, a 14-year volunteer of the homes, and Richard Switzer, a pastoral care worker from St. Thomas. The awards ceremony will feature Bethlehem Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller as the guest speaker.

For information, contact Good Samaritan Homes at 439-8116.
High intake of Vitamin C protects against cataracts

Epidemiological studies by U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists and others have found evidence that a higher intake of vitamin C helps protect against developing cataracts.

Now, the findings are even more compelling, with direct evidence that higher intakes of this antioxidant vitamin lead to higher levels in the eyes' lenses, where cataracts develop, and in the fluid that nourishes the lens.

It was reported in a recent issue of Current Eye Research that 42 patients scheduled for removal of cataract-clouded lenses had agreed to participate in the USDA study. Half of them received an extra two grams of vitamin C (ascorbic acid) for a few weeks before surgery, while the other half got a placebo.

"We saw significant differences between the two groups for total ascorbic acid in their blood plasma, lenses and aqueous humor fluid," said Allen Taylor, the director of studies on relationships between nutrition and vision at the Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University Boston, which is funded by the USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

The group taking extra vitamin C averaged 49 percent more ascorbic acid in their lenses and 32 percent more in aqueous humor fluid, which bathes and nourishes the lens. Their blood plasma was at least 89 percent higher.

Taylor doesn't recommend that people start taking two grams of vitamin C a day to prevent cataracts. "We don't know what dose might be effective over the long term," he said. The two-gram dose was used to maximize effects over the few weeks volunteers took the vitamin.

Cataracts form when lens proteins damaged by sunlight and oxygen build up and cloud the lens, reducing light transmission. Earlier studies with animal models have shown that vitamin C reduces the damage.

The differences in ascorbic acid content were surprising in view of the fact that the placebo group got an average of 148 milligrams of vitamin C per day—nearly two and a half times the Recommended Dietary Allowance—through their diet, said Taylor.

Apparently, this diet did not provide maximal levels in the lenses and aqueous humor or the levels would not have increased, he said. Ascorbic acid is many times more concentrated in these tissues than in blood plasma, which means they actually take the vitamin from the blood.

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With many great beaches and the calm blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico, many describe this charmend location as the way Florida used to be. To escape the busy season, look for lighthouses, beaches and historic sites. A drive through Cabo San Blas with Cabo San Blas and other lighthouses allows you to experience the beauty and history.

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Organ and tissue donation not only represent generous and caring gifts that improve the quality of life for the recipient, the recycling of body parts is likely to reduce the recipient’s lifetime medical needs.

If one is not an organ donor, body donation for medical study is an alternative way to reuse the body. Many medical schools will pay for transporting the body within a limited area, and cost to your estate should be minimal. Medical study will necessitate the use of some chemicals for preservation, but an alternative - perhaps a plastic model - would – four the manufacturing process, add equal or greater pollutants to the environment while being far less satisfactory.

In most cases, body donation can be considered a loan, and the organs or remains will be returned to the family if the request is made at the time the body is delivered. Because a body for medical study should be delivered in a timely way, a memorial service without the casket present should be planned.

As a matter of fact

Embalming is not required in most circumstances. During the embalming process, it is likely that some of the toxic fluids will be released into the sewer system.

Although OSHA has strict requirements - such as adequate ventilation - the health of funeral professionals is put at risk when repeatedly exposed to embalming fluids. Contamination from blood-borne pathogens is another concern for morticians.

When funeral arrangements will be delayed, refrigeration is usually an option. Many hospitals have refrigerated morgue facilities.

Put the matter to rest

The body container that confines the least of our resources and energy to produce is a plain wooden box. A significant shift back to the use of a simple wood coffin would also support local artisans and reduce the long-distance trucking from out-of-state casket factories.

Glue is used extensively in the manufacture of plywood and particleboard and, because the glue chemicals would be released in the cremation or decomposition process, caskets made from either are less desirable.

Cardboard is usually made from recycled material, and a cardboard container would also be appropriate, especially for cremation.

When a funeral with the body present is planned, a velvet or other attractive cloth could be draped over the wooden or cardboard casket if a more formal presentation is preferred.

Of little matter

Cremation is a process that only reduces the body to its elements. The energy needed to accomplish the cremation process is balanced to some extent by the equipment and labor that otherwise would be needed for grave excavation, and it is considerably less than for the construction of an above-ground mausoleum. Modern cremation units operate with air-scrubbing capabilities to keep air pollution to a minimum.

When death occurs away from home, shipping cremated remains will be far less expensive than the cost for shipping a body.

An "immediate cremation" is usually the least expensive option on a mortuary price list. A memorial service without the body present reduces the involvement of relatives and related expenses. A memorial service can be held at the convenience of family and friends at an meaningful or desirable location, usually without undue cost.

A grave matter

One pessimistic wag suggested that cemeteries may be the only green patches left in a few generations. Flying over densely developed cities, it is easy to see what he had in mind, although the rigid rows of monuments seem like an intrusion in the otherwise refreshing green space.

If body burial in a cemetery is a preference, encourage your church or town to plan a cemetery that also has facilities for other uses such as concerts or art exhibits. If memorial markers are limited to modest ground-level ones, landscaping and floral plantings can create a pleasant park for continued enjoyment. Rather than land that is devoid of visitors except on Memorial Day or remembrance occasions, a cemetery can be shared with the living when it is functional and aesthetic.

When cemeteries require a grave liner or vault to eliminate settling, the five-piece slab assembly or concrete box would meet the requirement with the minimum expense in money and materials. There is no need to be concerned about a "sealer." The natural process of decomposition will occur, regardless, and the open-bottom grave liner will efficiently facilitate a return of one's elements to the earth.

For those in rural areas, home burial can be considered in most states. Although there would be no guarantee of maintenance of the grave-site in future years, the proximity of family for the present may be sufficient benefit. For home burial, no grave liner or coffin vault would be needed, and, in some states, much land dedicated to cemetery use is tax-exempt. Cremation is considered the final disposition in almost all states, and the cost of a crematory plot may be avoided. Even the limitations in California (scattering at sea but no scattering on land) allow for a wide variety of creative disposition options.

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A matter of life in death

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Once thought of only as a simple means of transportation, walking is rapidly becoming one of America's favorite forms of exercise.

Statistics show that a growing number of people are enjoying this sport on a regular basis. The President's Council on Physical Fitness recently reported that 36 million people walk for exercise everyday.

The reasons for walking range from "it's a convenient form of exercise" to "it's a non-competitive sport." Brisk walking — not strolling — strengthens the heart, lowers blood pressure, decreases the resting heart rate and can help reduce stress.

It can also boost your metabolism and make it easier to lose weight. Walking three miles in one hour burns more than 300 calories. In fact, 12 to 24 hours after you've finished walking your metabolism stays elevated, so that calories are still being burned at a higher-than-normal rate.

Walking also can fit into the work world. Walking all or part of the way to work, and taking the stairs instead of waiting for elevators, can reduce stress and anxiety as well as save valuable time in an activity-packed day.

"Walking is one of the best activities I know of for beginning and maintaining a regular exercise program," said Dr. Howard F. Hunt, chairman of the Department of Physical Education, University of California at San Diego.

Before walking, Hunt suggests a 5- to 10-minute warm-up of twistering, turning, stretching and bending to limber up, raise the pulse and prepare your system for more work.

A post-walk stroll will give your heart a chance to slow down gradually. Unlike running, which places considerable strain on the legs and can produce injuries such as pulled muscles, sore joints, and twisted tendons, injuries from walking usually are

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Seminar on power of attorney

What are the different kinds of power of attorney and when are they effective?

What is a durable power of attorney and how can signing one help avoid a guardianship?

What powers are on New York’s new power of attorney forms? What are important considerations in choosing an agent? What must be done to complete the New York power of attorney form?

These questions and more will be answered at a Decision-Making Day program to be held on Thursday, May 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the community room at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The program is sponsored by the Elder Law Seminar on powers of attorney and guardianship. There is no charge for this program. For information call 518-462-6568.

Talk slated on treatment, prevention of osteoporosis

A free community program entitled Spotlight on Osteoporosis will be held at SAMW at St. Mary’s Hospital on Thursday, May 8. Presented by John Adams, O.D., Director of Rehabilitation Medicine, St. Mary’s Hospital, the program will take place at 6 p.m. The event is free with refreshments provided. For information call 518-587-6568.

Consumer education on the power of the durable power of attorney is important. In addition to numerous other powers, New York’s new forms have what is known as a “gifting power.” With an unlimited power of attorney that includes a gifting power, 100 percent of an individual’s assets may be exposed to an unscrupulous agent who is likely to be acting without monitoring or oversight by any court or governmental agency.

Power of attorney and health care proxies may be completed and signed without legal advice from an attorney, making consumer education even more essential.

Margaret Z. Reed, a Delmar elder law attorney, will present the program. Ms. Reed is chair of the State Bar Association Committee on the New York State Bar Association Elder Law Section and chair of the State Decision-Making Day program.

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Eagles stay tied for top spot

By Andrew Hartman

The Eagles came up short against Saratoga last week, but rebounded against Niskayuna to keep their place on top of the Suburban Council Gold Division.

Currently, the Eagles are tied first with Colonie, with each team sporting a 4-2 record.

In the game against Saratoga, BC faced a tough pitcher and had a difficult time getting their offense in gear. The Eagles fell behind 3-1 before Greg Garver’s single tied the score. Saratoga came back, however, and scored three more to make the final score, 6-3. Geoff Hunter had another fine day at the plate with two doubles and a single.

On Thursday, the Eagles were determined to return to their winning ways, and they did. Matt Tulloch earned his third victory as BC triumphed over Niskayuna, 7-5. Brian Davies won the game for Bethlehem with a two-run blast in the top of the seventh. Davies also had a single and drove in one run. The Eagles also had a single and drove in three runs on the day.

Cory Czajka had four hits, scored two runs and drove in three. Dan Conway poked two singles and a double.

“We played well,” said coach Jesse Braverman. “We faced a good pitcher against Saratoga. I liked to see the comeback we had. Unfortunately, we lost the game. We played an errorless game on Thursday,” he said. “Tulloch gave us some clutch pitching this week. He got out of some big jams. The Davies homer was very clutch and was also quite a shot.”

Girls basketball camp scheduled for July

Basketball camp for girls entering grade three through 12 will be held on Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bethlehem Central High School’s upper and lower gymnasiums.

The camp will be run by BC girls varsity coach Kim Zornow with assistance from area high school coaches and college players. The cost is $180. Applications are available at the BCMS athletic office, BCMS nursing office or by calling Zornow at 439-6241.

BC tennis team posts three more victories

By Ali TOMBROS

The Bethlehem boys tennis team racked up three more victories last week despite the loss of its No. 1 singles player.

Captain Mark Borzynski was out of commission with a non-sports-related injury, but that didn’t deter the Eagles as they defeated Saratoga 6-3, Shaker 7-5 and Guilderland 6-3.

Borzynski’s injury has caused some confusion on the playing ladder as players have switched positions in almost every match.

Eighth-grader Matt Treadgold has been covering the top spot and has been competitive in every match. He dropped two close decisions against Saratoga and Guilderland and then rebounded to win the No. 2 singles against Shaker.

Kevin Russell, David Perlmuter, Brian Schwartz, Mark Katz and Tom Hitter were all victorious against Saratoga. The doubles team of Dave Phillips and Kevin Moehringer won in two sets.

In the match against Shaker, the doubles teams of Hitter and Brian Burrell (who were partners last season), Ian Morgan and Jon Caplan and Phillips and Moehringer all triumphed in two sets.

The only losers in the match against Guilderland were Treadgold in three sets, and the doubles teams of Morgan/Caplan and Burrell and Martin Smith.

The team will use this week’s vacation time to brush up on their skills and prepare for the home stretch. Borzynski is expected to return next week, which should give the players some added strength as they continue their quest for the sectional championship.

Under-14 team nips Auburndale

The Bethlehem United under-14 boys soccer team recently traveled to Flushing to battle the Auburndale Thunderbirds in the first round of the State Challenge Cup Tournament, and they came away with a win.

Kyle Velvis broke the ice for Bethlehem on a first-half penalty kick. Oleg Levenchenko then scored the go-ahead goal early in the second half. Strong defensive play by goalie Sam Abrams helped Bethlehem hold on to the lead and emerge victorious.

Bethlehem United raked up a second-round tournament victory against Latham Circle. Fine defensive footwork by Ian Wallace, Greg Julkins and Dan Kohler kept the opposition at bay. Levenchenko and Devin Van Riper each scored two goals. Ben Barrowman and John Nowack also scored goals to help give United a 6-1 win.

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Youngsters can probe rain forest mysteries

"School's Out, Library's In" this week, and young people are invited to examine the mysteries of rainforests by exploring jungles and their denizens with Alexandra Sty, author of Global Villages on Thursday, April 24, at 2 p.m.

Voorheesville Public Library

No signup is necessary. Elementary school age children are welcome.

"American Painting Reflects Social and Economic Change" is the theme of the third in a series of slide lectures on Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. Mildred Zimmermann, who recently celebrated a very special birthday, will deliver the lecture.

A member of the library Friends, Zimmermann provides expertise through the retired Senior Volunteer Program of the Capital District.

The final chapter of the popular mystery lovers book discussion group meets Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. The group will discuss The Chinese Nail Murders by Robert Van Gulik. Stop in the library to see the beautiful hand-sewn quilt that is being raffled off by the Friends of the Library. Chances are available at the circulation desk. The drawing is set for Saturday, May 24.

Petitions are still available for anyone 18-years-old or older who would like to run for a seat on the board of trustees. Petitions with at least 25 signatures must be returned to the library by May 2.

Barbara Vink

Civil War Round Table to meet at town library

The Capital District Civil War Round Table will hold a meeting on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Area college student working on research

Johns Hopkins University undergraduate Kerry Cross of Delmar is working on a research project entitled, "Hong Kong Youth: Controlling the Future." Cross is a history major at Johns Hopkins.

Feestelijk Bethlehem buttons now on sale

Feestelijk Bethlehem, a showcase of the town's musical, artistic and dramatic talent, will take place on Saturday, May 3, from 7 to 11 p.m. at more than 10 centrally-located venues. Admittance buttons for Feestelijk Bethlehem are $5 in advance and $7 on May 3. They are available at the following locations: the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce office in Main Square Plaza, Del Lanes, Fitness for Her, the Four Corners Luncheonette, the Bethlehem Town Parks and Recreation office, Skippy's Music, The Spotlight and Bethlehem Town Hall.

Additional details will be posted later. For information, call 439-3650.

Appeals board to meet

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will hold three public hearings on Wednesday, May 7, at Bethlehem Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

A hearing on the application of Jay Hurewitz of 9 Crestwood Lane is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

A hearing on the application of Edward and Linda Fox of 11 Mulford Road will be held at 7:45 p.m.

A hearing on the application of ARC of 334 Krumkill Rd is at 8 p.m.

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Charles Burnett

Charles "Matt" Burnett, 26, of Delmar died Sunday, April 20, of leukemia. Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He was a graduate of the State University of New York at Watertown.

Mr. Burnett worked for Scarno Boat Builders at the Port of Albany for seven years and was involved in the construction of the "Santa Maria" and the "Americus." Survivors include his parents, Candice Burnett Stellato and Patrick Stellato; a sister, Jennifer Shah of Delmar; a stepfather, Rebecca Stellato of Boston; his maternal grandmother, Anna Colonna Carroll of Delmar; and his paternal grandparents, Charles and Christina Brunell of Plattsburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be today, April 23, at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas Building Fund.

Kenneth Van Allen

Kenneth Van Allen, 90, of Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany and formerly of Glenmont, died Saturday, April 19, at the home.

A Glenmont native, he was a seed salesman and owner of Van Allen Farms in Glenmont until 1970. Mr. Van Allen then became a broker associated with Douglas Hallenbeck Bros. in Clifton Park. He was the husband of the late Viola Oliver Van Allen.

Survivors include two nieces, Lois Vadney of Delmar and Madeleine Sutter; and two nephews, the Rev. Leon Oliver of Martha's Vineyard and James Madison of Gansowoot.

Services are scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight, April 23, at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Calling hours will begin at 4 p.m.

Contributions may be made to First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

Della M. Platzer

Della M. Platzer, 90, of Delmar, died Saturday, April 19, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Watervliet, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District. She was a longtime member of the Eastern Star. She was a dear friend of Anna E. Knickerbocker.

Services are scheduled for today, April 23, at 10 a.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

Burial will be in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to Delmar Reformed Church Endowment Fund, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Lucille C. Chapman

Lucille C. Chapman, 87, of Syracuse and formerly of Delmar, died Friday, April 18, at her home.

An Albany native, she was a longtime resident of the Capital District before moving to Syracuse five years ago. Mrs. Chapman worked for the state Department of Taxation and Finance for more than 40 years before she retired in 1974. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a former member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan C. Frey of Syracuse; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Central New York, PO Box 69, Syracuse 13208.

Willis F. VanCott

Willis F. VanCott, 79, of Voorheesville died Thursday, April 17, at the home.

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

Mr. VanCott worked as an auditor in the telephone bureau of the state Public Service Commission, retiring in 1975. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the African and European theaters.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 1495.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy McCreedy VanCott; a daughter, Cynthia Ross of Thornton, Pa.; and two granddaughters.

Services were from Berean Baptist Church in Guildenlara Center.

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

Contributions may be made to Berean Baptist Church in Guildenlara Center.

Paul Francis Barry

Paul Francis Barry, 89, of Glenmont died Tuesday, April 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Boston, he was a longtime resident of New York City before moving to the area.

Mr. Barry worked for International Paper Co. for many years before retiring in 1971. He was a vestryman and warden at the Episcopal Church in New York City. He was a member of the Leaders Club at the West Side YMCA.

He was the husband of the late Lucille S. Swarb Barry.

Survivors include a daughter, Frances B. Marsh of New York City; a son, Paul Frederick Barry of Rockville, Md.; a daughter, Barbara J. Leonard of Glenmont; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society, Oakland Avenue, Menands 12204 or St. Peter's Community Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd, Albany 12208.

Katherine Osterhout

Katherine Jane Osterhout, 95, of Hart Terrace in Clarksdale, died April 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Coeymans Hollow, she lived in Clarksdale for 50 years.

She was a secretary and bookkeeper in a flooring business and she and her sister operated in Albany.

Survivors include two cousins, Margaret Louches of Delmar and Florence Hoffman of Ravena. She was a dear friend of the Elwood Vanderbilt family.

Services were from Oneuesothaw Reformed Church.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery.

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

Contributions may be made to Oneuesothaw Volunteer Department, Clarksdale 12041 or Oneuesothaw Reformed Church Endowment Fund, 11 Groesbeck Road, Feura Bush 12067.

Thomas A. Grenier

Thomas A. Grenier, 60, of Leesburg, Fla., and formerly of Voorheesville, died Sunday, April 13, at his home.

Born in Albany, he lived in Voorheesville before moving to Florida in 1984.

Mr. Grenier was an Albany city firefighter before he retired.

He was an Air Force veteran.

He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Clarksdale, Fla., and of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in New York City.

Survivors include his wife, Johanna Grenier; a son, Randall Grenier of Delmar; five grandchildren; two daughters, Rene Grenier of Selkirk and Regina Grenier of Glenmont; two step-sons, Michael Fleming of Voorheesville and Marshall Fleming of Voorheesville; a stepdaughter, Lauren Czajkowski of Massena, St. Lawrence County; a sister, Jacqueline Rifeberick of Schodack; and nine grandchildren.

Local services will be scheduled at a future time.

Frances Vunck

Frances Elizabeth Teete Vunck, 77, of New Scotland Road in New Scotland, died Sunday, April 13, at her home.

Born in Gloversville, she lived in Voorheesville before moving to New Scotland.

She was a graduate of Colden High School and Edwood Park Junior College.

She was the operator of Vunck Antiques in New Scotland for many years.

Mrs. Vunck was a master flower show judge. She was a member of the Delmar Progress Club, where she was a former chairman of the garden club and current chairman of the antique study group. She was lecturer for flower show seminars and a former bookkeeper for the town of New Scotland.

She was a member of Voorheesville United Methodist Church and its addiction committee.

Survivors include her husband, Sidney D. Vunck.

Services will be on Friday, May 11, at 11:30 a.m. at Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 66 Maple Ave.

Arrangements were by the White-Yar-Burren Funeral Home in Delanson.

Burial will be in Esperance Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 66 Maple Ave., Voorheesville 12186.

Frederick Walker Sr.

Frederick R. Walker Sr., 74, of Beaver Dam Road in Selkirk, died Monday, April 14, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Walker was a sergeant in the Army during World War II.

He was a truck driver for Reddy Mix in Albany.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Van Wely of Elsmere; two sisters, Elizabeth Bender of Delmar and Ida Goldgeier of Menands; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Hans Funeral Home and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was at Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to Teresian House, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany 12203.

Master gardeners set Saturday program

Master gardeners of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will be holding a day-long program, "Enhancing Your Garden With Accessories," on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The program will be held at the William Rice Jr. Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville. Registration is $20.

For information, call 785-3500.

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

The charge for a paid death notice is $25.

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

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

(From Page 1)

no public input on the formaldihyde project.

"I think if Matt Clyne had at-
tended town board meetings, he
would have understood the open
process that we have conducted on
every issue," he said.

"I think we need to talk about
some of the positive things that
have been accomplished for the
town, such as cutting taxes for
three years straight and holding
the line on them in the fourth year," she
added.

Joining Clyne on the Demo-
cratic ticket this year are Susan
Burns, who made a strong
run for the state "visor in 1975 and lost by only 349
votes. Harder works for the state
Education Department.

Making his maiden political
voyage this year is George T.
Harder of Elsmere. A Democratic
committee member, he is the son of
local attorney George W. Harder
Sr., who ran for Bethlehem sup-
ervisor in 1973 but lost by only 449
votes. Harder works for the state
Department of Taxation and Fi-
nance.

GOP town commissioners Ted
Putney and George Lenhardt will
be facing the challenger.

Also running on the Democratic slate will be Delmar attorney Ken
Munnell, who is seeking to fill
the two remaining years on the
unexpired term of former Repub-
lican Town Justice Peter Wenger
who died last month.

There will be no Democratic
opposition to Republican Town
Clerk Kathleen Newkirk or Su-
perintendent of Highways Gregg
Sagendorph, both of whom are
expected run for re-election.

Workshop to share ‘green’ cleaning tips

The Cornell Cooperative Exten-
sion of Albany County will offer a
workshop entitled, "Spring Clean
Green," on Monday, May 12, from
6:30 to 8 p.m. at the William F. Rice
Extension Center on Main Road in Voorheesville.

Participants will be instructed on
safe, environmentally-friendly
cleaning techniques. There will be
a charge of $5 per person. Regis-
tration is required.

For information, call 765-3300.

Zoning

(From Page 1)

If the variance is not granted, Riey will have to move her eight-
employee operation or face crim-
inal sanctions.

"I'd say that at this point in
time we're very close to satisfying
the criteria for issuing a use vari-
ance," Hodom said.

Hodom said Riey will have to
walk her administrative offices
if the variance is denied.

"Not without a fight," Riey
replied.

Speaking from her office later
in the week, Riey said she would
"absolutely continue" to run her
Pizza Hut restaurants from the
house, where she lives with Kelly
Givens, a friend and business part-
ner who moved up to Slingerlands
from the home with her from New
York City.

"I’ve never seen anything like
this before," said Riey, who is
black about the zoning board hear-
ing. "The only thing missing was
the folks left their white hoods at
home.

Riey vowed to sue the listing
agent and her own real estate
agent, both now affiliated with Coldwell Banker, for not tell-
ing her that there were zoning prob-
lems with what she planned to do
with the property.

She also threatened to sue
Cornell J. O’Connor of Albany
the attorney who handled her pur-
chase of the property last year for
$460,000.

"I haven’t heard a word about
this, So I’m a little shocked," O’Connor said.

The structure was built in three
phases, with the earliest part pre-
dated 1800. The largest section
was built around 1830 and was a
successful hotel for many years
due to its close proximity to the
former Slingerlands train station.

Many of the unique architec-
tural features of the old Home
Lawn hotel are still intact and the
brick structure looks much as it
did more than 100 years ago when
the Albany County Directory listed the property owner as Albert
Slingerlands, a member of one of
the earliest Bethlehem families.

The building was recently the
home of Eugene O. Norderkirk,
who bought it from Albert and
Dorothy Mullenneaux in 1970.

"I had no idea we were in viola-
tion of anything until Mr. Flanigan
stopped in," Riey told the board.

"I have no desire to change any-
thing. I have made a substantial
investment in the house and the
community. My concerns are just
as great as the board's in
preserving the beautiful nature
of the home and the Slingerlands
community.

"We are not selling anything or
rendering a service to anybody" she
continued.

"We are not going to hurt anyone,
and we're willing to do whatever
necessary "to satisfy the concerns
of neighbors.

To that end, she presented the
board with a list of conditions she
would be willing to adhere to, includ-
ing a promise to install additional
landscaping to screen the property
from neighbors.

Several neighbors were on hand,
and the prevailing sentiment was
not favorable to Riey’s vari-
ance.

Gail Keys of Eury’s Mall said
Riey was welcome to the commu-
ity as a resident, but that neigh-
bor's were opposed to an office at
that location.

Riey’s attorney and realtor
could be held liable if she were to
close. Keys said, "This is about
zoning. It is surprising that she
was never told that in a house of
ten, there is opposition to almost
anything. I find that incred-
ible."

"I wanted to live next to an
office complex, then I would be
living in Albany," said Bill
McGarry, a 28-year resident of
Slingerlands. "Riey is a very
nice person, and I enjoy having her
as a neighbor, but not a busi-
siness."

"The Victorian houses on New
Scotland Road are part of our com-
unity," said Bernadette Jones.

"It would allow a variance for one,
where the next one comes along?
Carole will never stay at eight
employees as fast as she’s grow-
ing."

But not everyone was unhappy
about Riey’s business venture.

Margaret Ristau, who lives
nearby on Mullens Road, said,
"There have been no problems as far as I’m concerned. I know them
and we’ve never heard a sound.
It’s a little better than having a
house of neighbors running around in seven or nine rooms
and making a lot of noise."

Besides the $460,000 purchase
price, Riey said she already
invested $50,000 in moving her
offices to the premises.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., she
spent 10 years working as an ad-
vertising executive with Time
Warner.

She decided to strike out on
her own and purchased a
McDonald’s restaurant in Harlem
despite the community’s reputa-
tion for not being a great place
to do business. That one franchise
soon turned into four, and when
the opportunity arose to grow from
four McDonald’s to 47 Pizza Huts
and leave the city for the serenity
of upstate New York, she seized it.

The hearing was adjourned
and will resume in about 45 days.

In the meantime, Wakeham
agreed to prepare a traffic study
on the project’s impact on streets
such as Mullens Road.

Check your knowledge of Feestelijk

Feestelijk Bethlehem is rapidly approaching. This week, Ms. I. M.
Dutch, a Bethlehem Central teacher, sent us an examination about
Feestelijk Bethlehem. Even though it is vacation week for many of
you, Ms. Dutch says that families should work together on this quiz
to see how much they know about Feestelijk Bethlehem. It should be
easy, since it’s a matching test.

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Special on WMTCHannel 17

- Metropolitan Opera: Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- Mystery!: Thursday, 9 p.m.
- New York in Review: Friday, 9 p.m.
- The 1997 Great TV Auction: Saturday, 9 p.m.
- Barney and Friends: Sunday, 9 p.m.
- The 1997 Great TV Auction: Monday, 8 p.m.
- The 1997 Great TV Auction: Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation supports public television for a better community
Slingerlands, Dr. John and Barbara Sommer of Jayton employed as a Spanish and French teacher by the Niskayuna school district.

The future groom, a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, is employed as a mechanical engineer by Clough, Harbour & Associates in Colonia.

The couple plans a July 12 wedding in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

V'ville library taking board nominations

The Voorheesville Public Library is accepting nominations for a position on its board of trustees. Elections will take place on June 4.

Candidates must be residents of the Voorheesville Central School District and over 18 years of age. Petitions must be signed by 25 qualified voters of the district and returned by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, to the library.

CDPHP taps Colacino VP of marketing

Dan Colacino of Delmar has been named vice president of marketing at Capital District Physicians Health Plan in Albany.

Colacino earned his master's degree in health systems administration from Union College and a bachelor's degree in community health at SUNY-Brockport.

Colacino serves on the Albany County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council and is president of the Bethlehem Hockey Booster Club.

Slingerlands student in running for award

Heather M. Sheldon, a Slingerlands resident, was one of 207 high school seniors to compete in Roanoke College's annual Scholars Program.

The program is designed to recognize students of superior academic status. It also qualifies students for the college's top scholarships.

Sheldon will graduate from the Academy of Holy Names in Albany this spring.

Delmar doctor earns professional honor

Delmar resident Thomas B. Edwards, M.D., has been elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians. His election signifies high achievement in internal medicine. Edwards is a graduate of the New York School of Medicine, and is board certified in internal medicine and allergy and immunology.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

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

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Community Corner

Church serving chicken dinner

A chicken and biscuits dinner will take place on Saturday, April 26, at Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Faura Bush. Servings will be at 3:40, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The cost for adults is $8 and children ages 5 through 12 can eat for $3. Children under 5 eat for $1.

Reservations are required. For information, call 767-9693.
By Dev Tobin

Irish dance has become a worldwide show business phenomenon, with first Riverdance then Lord of the Dance playing to packed theaters and arenas, producing best-selling videotapes and helping public broadcasting pay the bills.

The man most responsible for this remarkable renaissance is Michael Flatley, principal choreographer and star of Riverdance who created Lord of the Dance following a falling-out with the first show's producers. This weekend, Flatley brings his glitzy, sexy, high-powered show to the Pepsi Arena in Albany.

By all accounts, the inspiration to modernize traditional Irish dance came from the Chicago-born Flatley, who was a world-champion dancer, the old-fashioned way — arms straight at his sides, at 17. Years later while touring with The Chieftains, Flatley would experiment with moving his arms, and the audience reaction convinced him he was on to something.

Then he choreographed and starred in the original seven-minute Riverdance number for Eurovision, and hundreds of millions got the first look at the new wave of Irish dance. A full-fledged show followed, selling out Dublin's Point Theatre for months before the falling-out, reportedly over credit and royalty arrangements.

Flatley quickly put together his own celebration of Irish dance and music, and Lord of the Dance followed Riverdance to sold-out success on Irish, British and American stages.

But when I saw Lord of the Dance at Radio City Music Hall in March, I was prepared to be disappointed. The video was garishly lighted and too M1Vish, at least compared to Riverdance, and the New York reviews were less than complimentary. Well, I figured that even if the show's a dud, at least I'd get to see The Flatley in the flesh.

Was I ever wrong! The show, with Flatley enjoying himself immensely and performing at a level that belies his 38 years, was spectacular.

The live performance is so much better than the video — your eyes can focus where you want them to, not where some over-excited video director limits them to.

And there was plenty to see — Flatley's high kicks and Guinness-record-fast tapping, a longer chorus line than in Riverdance, an exciting duel between the Lord of the Dance (Flatley) and the Dark Lord, and a musical number not in the video, where Flatley plays the flute and leads a rousing number with the show's leading musicians.

Some say it's a shame that the Irish are congenital squabblers, making a high art of holding grudges (see Collins-deValera, IRA-RUC, Joyce-Yeats, Jennings-McEneny, etc.).

Maybe so, but the silver lining in the Riverdance-Flatley contretemps is that there are now two, instead of just one, outstanding Irish music and dance shows. Riverdance, having shown that it can replace its stars and still attract an audience, will probably tour for the foreseeable future, but Flatley will not. Hollywood sirens are calling, especially following his appearance at this year's Academy Awards.

So this may be your one and only chance to see Lord of the Dance. Don't miss it.

Tickets are still available, at the box office, Ticketmaster and charge-by-phone (476-1000), for shows Friday and Saturday night at the Pepsi Arena.

By Martín P. Kelly

Wall and Living in Paris at the Cohoes Music Hall May 8 through May 18 for a total of six weekend performances.

The 24-song show, written by the famed French singer/composer Jacques Brel contains his sense of pathos and dark humor.

Staged by Pascale Shura, a newcomer to the area who previously worked at her own theater company in Charlotte, Virginia. She currently teaches acting at APT.

Opera Excelsior will increase the cast by half, using six women and six men who the Off-Broadway show used four men and four women.

By using more people, Shura hopes to add dimension to the characters created by the songs so the actors take on different yet distinct personalities.

Reservations are available at 372-7455.

Findlay Cockrell returns as pianist for Schenectady Symphony orchestra concert

For the fourth season of the Saratoga Pianist Findlay Cockrell will be the featured soloist with the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra Sunday afternoon, May 4, at Proctor's Theatre.

He will perform the Chopin Piano Concerto No. 4. Reservations are available at 346-6204.

Love Letters, A. R. Gurney's play of two people's lives through writing letters, at a dinner theater April 26 and 27 and Sun.) at 5 p.m. and May 3 and 4 at the First Unit Methodist Church of Delmar. (463-3811)
**THEATER**

**MAN OF LA MANCHA** based on Don Quixote by Cervantes, Proctor’s Theater, 432 State St., Albany, 8 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, 2 p.m., Sunday. Information, 462-3917.

**NORTH COUNTRY DRAMA FESTIVAL** Lake Place Community Center for the Arts, all day, April 30. Free admission, information, 252-2917.

**"TOMMY TUNNEL" THE MANHATTAN RHYTHM KINGS** singing, Hap dancing, instrumentals,去做, Proctor’s Theater, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. April 26, $20. 590 Information, 382-1064.

**THE MANEACHENS** a roman “situation” comedy, University at Albany’s Theatre Department, Avenue Theatre, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m., April 27, $3. Information, 442-3997.

**EIGHTH STEP** open stage, 16 W.ilet St., Albany, 8 p.m., Wednesdays, 5. Information, 473-2601.

**SEVEN CHAIRMAN AND AUDIO ADRALINA** 702 Poinciana Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 and $13.50. Information, 471-1000.

**CAPITOL COMMUNITY VOICES** open rehearsals, re-creation of Columbus High School, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8330.

**CLASSES**

**ADRONDAC ARCHITECTURE** Steven Englehart, specialist in restoration preservation, Schenectady County Library, 1000 Rock Street, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m., April 23. Information, 371-1427.


**MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHOIR** invitation for new members to join singing得意和流行歌曲, First Reformed Church, 200 Washington Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-2447.

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**ALTERI HOUSE SCHOOL OF PAINTING** classes in painting and drawing, Alteri House, Glenmont, ongoing. Information, 672-7722.

**DANCE CLASSES** all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1200 Park Road West, Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1906.

**ART CLASSES** watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by John Woodward. Information, 783-1838.

**VISUAL ARTS LULU GALLERY** 28 Orin St., Saratoga Springs, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., ongoing. Information, 456-4040.

**Piper returns**

Peter Tyger pipes away rats in the Steamer No. 10 Theatre production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," due to return May 3 and 4. Call 438-5503 for information and reservations.

**MAGIC MAZE**

**RHYMES WITH RHyme**

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WEDNESDAY
April 23

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD
Town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2050.

SPLUNKER WALK
Dress for the outdoors. Wear boots, bring a flashlight. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 7 p.m. Information, 439-2091.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adamston Apartments, 100 N. Pine Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

BINGO
Bancroft American Legion Post 10, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Pets and Recreation Office, Elm Park Ave., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0053.

WELCOME WAGON
Newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-3331 or 439-4305.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First United Methodist Church, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m. Information, 439-8094.

NEW SCOTLAND
NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wymon Oakhurst Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING
Flat Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 439-0749.

AL-ANON MEETING
Flat United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 439-6469.

FAITH TEMPLE
Rice study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Sunday evening service, Bible study and prayer, Rice study, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3360.

BETHLEHEM

FUNDRAISING AHEAD
Tips on planning funerals. Bethlehem Public Library, 452 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9344.

CHAOS CENTER
Friday services, discussion and social, 7 to 9 p.m, 110 Berne Ave., 439-8620.

NEW SCOTLAND
YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS
Elm Avenue, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-6410.

--- BETHLEHEM ---

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND
UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
Second Sunday, 7:30 a.m., worship service, followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 85, New Salem. Information, 439-2091.

NEW SCOTLAND
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship service, 9:45 a.m.; Town Board special meeting on contracting for paramedic service, town hall, Route 85, 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-6307.

NEW SCOTLAND
AL MEETING
Town board special meeting on contracting for paramedic service, town hall, Route 85, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6972.

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

--- BETHLEHEM ---

WEDDING ETIQUETTE
discussion of the dos and don'ts at weddings. Bethlehem Public Library, 452 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

NATURAL HISTORY LECTURE
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 50 Gorme Road, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9071.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Petrol Club, 426 Elm Ave., 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-0207.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
Flat United Methodist Church, 426 Elm Ave., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 439-6020.

BETHLEHEM RECOVERY, INC.
safe help for chronic nervous symptoms. Flat United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-0100.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Pet's and Recreation Office, Elm Park Ave., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-5020.

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BOND RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorize the issuance of one or more bonds of the School District of the City of Bethlehem, New York (the "District") in an aggregate amount not to exceed $40,989,000 for the following purposes:

1. To enable the District to construct and equip a new elementary school
2. To enable the District to purchase seven buses
3. To enable the District to purchase and equip a new high school

The above bonds shall be authorized for an issue in the form of one or more series of bonds, each series of which shall be in an aggregate amount not to exceed $40,989,000, with each series to be issued for a specific purpose or purposes as determined by the Board of Education.

It is additionally resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorize the issuance of one or more warrants in an aggregate amount not to exceed $40,989,000 for the purchase of school buses.

It is further resolved as follows:

1. That the bonds shall be authorized for an issue not to exceed $40,989,000 and that the same shall be authorized for the purchase of one or more bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed $40,989,000 for the purchase of school buses.

2. That the bonds shall be required to be paid in full at the end of twenty (20) years after the date of the publication of this resolution.

3. That the bonds shall not be subject to taxation.

4. That the bonds shall be payable in such an amount as to provide for a sinking fund to be established and maintained for the redemption of the bonds and warrants at such time or times as the Board of Education may determine.

5. That the bonds shall be payable in such an amount as to provide for the payment of interest on the bonds and warrants at such time or times as the Board of Education may determine.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPANY

THE COMPANY IS A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC") UNDER THE LAWS OF ALBANY, NEW YORK.

IT IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPANY ("LLC") ("The Company") were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York on February 24, 1997.

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Five Rivers celebrates 25th anniversary

Delmar’s Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and Five Rivers Limited are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year.

On Friday, May 30, the Delmar Center begins hosting an exhibit of paintings, drawings and photographs, entitled, “Five Rivers In Four Seasons,” through June 14. An artists reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wayne Trimm will judge the paintings and photographs.

Local artists are invited to participate and display their talents. Pictures, prints, drawings and photos will be accepted but must about “Five Rivers” — ponds, streams, buildings, biology, and anything on the property that might make a good picture subject.

Artists are asked to make sure their work is no larger than 20” x 30.” The maximum size for photographs is 8 x 10, minimum size is 5 x 7, framed or matted, color or black and white.

Photos and other work should be brought to the center by May 26, but earlier is possible.

On June 14, Five Rivers is hosting a day of festivities beginning at 1 p.m., featuring a barbecue in the late afternoon. Artists may pick up their work after June 15, but no later than June 30.

Entries should include the artist’s name, address, phone number and the title of the piece.

For information, call 439-5431.

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HEARING OF COMPLAINTS
Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany has completed the tentative assessment roll for the assessment year and that a copy has been left with the office of the Assessor at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. It may be seen and examined by any interested person from the 1st of May until May 27th.

The Assessor will be in attendance with the tentative assessment roll during normal business hours between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M., Wednesday, May 21. 8:30 A.M. - 7 P.M. and the following Saturdays, May 10 and May 17.

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32 Great Entertainers and Bands

- Findlay Cockrell - Pianist
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$5.00
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