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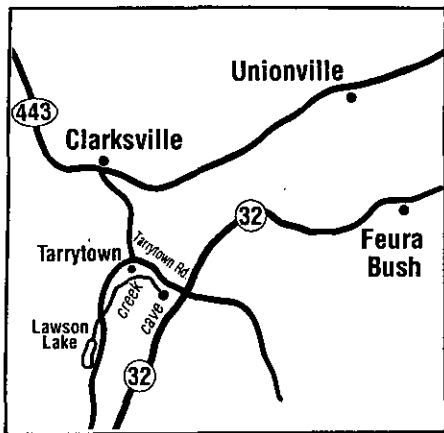
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Cave rescue may prompt county action

By Debi Boucher

This weekend's frightening incident at the Onesquethaw Cave, in which five spelunkers were trapped for more than eight hours by flood waters from nearby Lawson Lake, may have a couple of unexpected side effects — one of which could benefit the towns of New Scotland and Bethlehem.

County Executive James Coyne said he had been looking at Lawson Lake as a possible water source for the towns, after Bethlehem Town Supervisor Ken Ringler suggested the county consider developing some type of water district. Coyne said Monday that damming the county-owned lake would improve safety at Onesquethaw Cave, as well. The Saturday night incident, he said, may well have provided the impetus to pursue that course of action, "while it's fresh in everybody's mind." The lake, which takes up about 30 acres, could provide "about 2,000 people with water per day," Coyne



Approximate location of the Onesquethaw Cave. Spotlight map

estimated. He said he planned to meet with the supervisors of both towns within the next two weeks.

Another offshoot may be the sale of the cave by the county, which acquired it

this March through tax foreclosure, to the Northeast Cave Conservancy. Coyne, who was at the rescue scene Saturday, said he knew the group had been planning to submit a proposal to take over the cave, "and now they'll probably put it on fast-forward."

Paul Rubin, spokesman for the Northeast Cave Conservancy, said the group planned to submit a management plan for the cave yesterday (Tuesday). Included in the plan will be "some type of iron gate" with a lock, so that only groups authorized to use the cave would have access, meaning anyone inside the cave would be accounted for. The conservancy, which owns and manages a small number of caves in the region, had been working on the plan for some time, Rubin said, but Saturday's emergency, underscoring the need for some control of the cave, "is causing us to move our feet a little faster." A hydrogeologist with the state Attorney General's Office, Rubin lives near the cave and is very familiar with it. "It's a unique geological feature," he said. Purchase of the cave, he said, would be "A win-win situation for both the county and the cavers."

Rubin, a member of the Northeast Chapter of the National Cave Rescue Commission, which led rescue efforts Saturday, said there had been two incidents in the past several years at the

Clarksville Cave — no one was hurt in either case — but none, until now, at the Onesquethaw Cave. "It's very rare that we have those rescues," he said. The incidents that do occur are often the result of foolishness on the part of cave explorers, he said, but that was not the case this time. "They did everything right," he said of the cavers.

The five entered the cave at about 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, according to Albany County Sheriff's Department, which was alerted to the group's presence in the cave by another group of spelunkers who had been on their way out. The exiting group noted the rising water level, and knew something was wrong.

The subsequent sequence of calls brought over 100 people to the mouth of the cave, located on Tarrytown Road, off Route 32 between Meads Corners and Lawson Lake Road.

John Kearney, who heads up the Albany County Dive Rescue Team, arrived on the scene at around 5:20 to find rescue personnel beginning to assemble. Members of the cave rescue team and the Coeymans Diving Team were arriving, as were scores of firefighters, police and emergency medical technicians.

Kearney said the divers and cavers collaborated on an exploratory trip into

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BETHLEHEM

'Drastic changes' needed to offset school lunch deficit

By Susan Wheeler

Auditors for the Bethlehem School District told the Board of Education that the district's school lunch program needs "drastic changes" to offset the \$98,000 deficit in the school lunch fund.

Robert Kind and Pasquale Scisci, district auditors from Teal Becker & Chiaramonte, presented the annual audit report for the year ending June 30, 1990, at last week's meeting. Kind said the excess of

expenses over revenue in the lunch plan is "a big concern." The deficit was \$70,000 at the end of the school year.

Kind, who's worked with the school district for six years, said that a "big change occurred this last year." He said historically, with revenues and costs to the school lunch program, a deficit is not unusual. But this past year's deficit is

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Glenmont man challenging Selkirk fire commissioner

By Susan Wheeler

A Glenmont resident is running for a seat on the Selkirk board of fire commissioners over what he calls the ordeal with the twice-rejected service award program.

Keith Wiggand said the issue of the service awards "polarized the community because it was not made clear to the firefighters that it was not an issue of the community vs. the firefighters." He said

the community opposed the plan because of a lack of information surrounding it, and its expense.

"We're behind the firefighters," Wiggand said. "We'll work to come up with a program that doesn't cost the taxpayer anything. A plan to award the volunteer firefighters now (instead of at retirement) is needed."

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Thumbs up on senior zone

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Town Board voted 4-1 last week to add a much-debated senior citizens residence district to the town's zoning ordinance.

But although they voted 'yes' to what is now town Local Law No. 6 of 1990, routinely referred to as the senior zone, a majority of the board has indicated they

are not in favor of a DePaul Management, Inc. of Albany proposal to use the zone to put a senior housing facility on North Street in Delmar.

The lone town board dissenter on the question of the senior zone was first-year Councilwoman M. Sheila Galvin. While Galvin objected to the "floating" nature of

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Santa's helpers



Joyce Baker (right) of senior services, brings Santa's boxes to Joyce McCann, a McDonald's representative and Delmar McDonald's Manager Dave Wurthman. See page 3. Elaine McLain

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Abused dogs might find new homes, police say

By Mike Larabee

Publicity surrounding the plight of 18 young golden retrievers might soon land them new homes, according to Bethlehem Animal Control Officer Craig Sleurs. Sleurs said that pending the outcome of a Tuesday (yesterday) court appearance, all the popular-breed animals could soon become available for adoption.

"We've had more than a dozen calls from people on the dogs. All the dogs will be able to be adopted after the court date," he said, adding that if court approval is granted, the animals would be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

He said anyone interested in adopting a dog should contact him through Bethlehem Police by calling 439-9973.

While there is no guarantee as to what kind of homes they will get, the dogs apparently couldn't do any worse than their previous quarters.

On Friday, Nov. 30, Sleurs got a tip from Tony Morrell of the Building Department that a number of dogs were possibly being abused at a Creble Road, Selkirk farm. He investigated, and allegedly discovered two vans, each containing a number of dogs. Sleurs said the floor of the vans were covered with six to 12 inches of feces. In addition, five adult dogs and three puppies were found in a barn on the property. The puppies were all kept in "one small cage," according to Sleurs.

"There was no sign of food and water in one of the vans, no light in the van at all. It was a dark enclosed area," he said. "The smell was amazing. It was bad. My clothes had to be sent to the cleaners."

"Since I've been dog warden three years, I haven't seen anything like that."

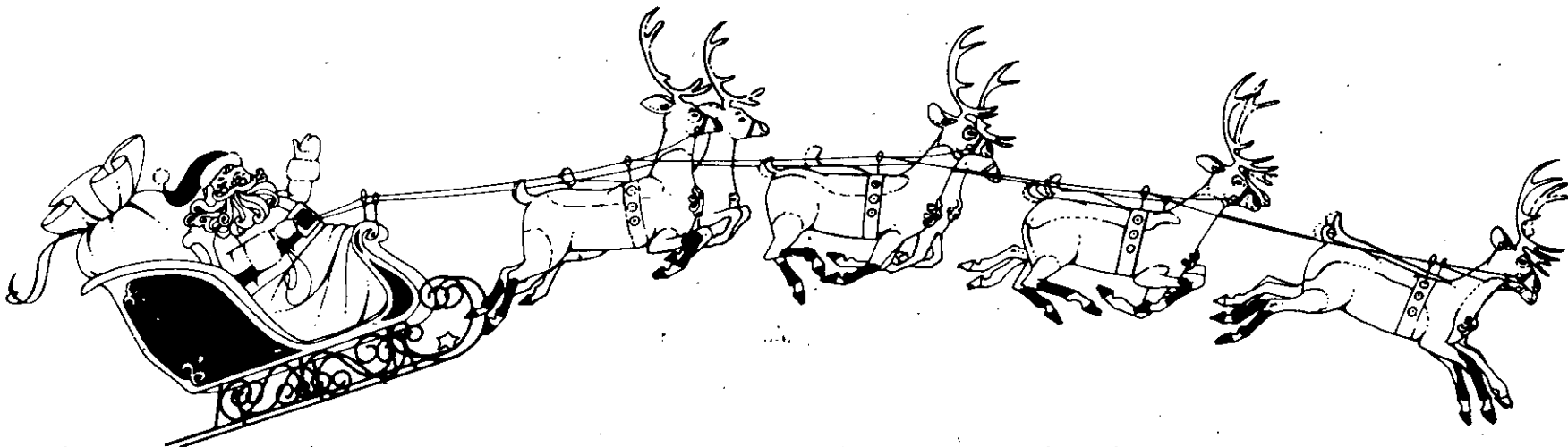
The owner of the dogs, Donald F. Kulzer, 63, was arrested by Bethlehem police and charged with cruelty to animals. A conviction on that charge, a misdemeanor, carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail and/or \$1,000 fine, Sleurs said.

Seventeen of the dogs were taken to the Mohawk-Hudson River Humane Society, while one seven-month-old female was taken to the Delmar animal hospital for medical treatment. But Sleurs said that despite the alleged neglect, he feels the dogs will still make excellent pets.

"They weren't hit. There was no (physical) abuse at all," he said. "These dogs were the nicest dogs. The puppies will turn out nice."

Sleurs said Kulzer has had legal problems related to animal neglect in the past. In addition, his Albany home was reportedly demolished under court order earlier this year after it was determined to be infested with rats and roaches.

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Vested interest



Oliver North, left, came to Delmar last week to meet with Sanford Levine, right, president of Heller-Levine Associates, Inc., for a press conference on the bullet-proof vests the company and North's Guardian Technologies International will collaborate on. The vests will be produced for law enforcement officers throughout the eastern half of the U.S.

Elaine McLain

Seniors help Santa answer Christmas mail

By Susan Graves

Santa has always had a lot of help in Bethlehem. For longer than anyone can remember, town police have helped Santa answer his mail during the Christmas season, according to Det. Jim Corbett of the youth division.

Corbett took over the program in 1979, "But nobody knows who started it," he said. At one time the officers helped Santa answer the letters, but now members of the town's senior services help out. "We got to the point where we didn't have the time," Corbett said. In years past, letters were taken to North Pole, N.Y. so that they could be post marked from there, but now they are sent from Delmar, so that they can get to the children before Christmas Day.

This week Corbett and Joyce Becker, senior services program coordinator will distribute mail boxes to the town's elementary schools, the children's section of the library, and to McDonald's on Delaware Avenue.

Corbett credits the seniors for the continued success of the program. "The biggest help is Joyce Becker and her group."

Becker emphasizes the need for each child to include his first and last name and his complete address on the letters to Santa.

"Getting letters in on time," is also important she said. Letters should be in Santa's boxes by Dec. 18, so that he can reply before Christmas.

Ginny Clark, who has worked on the program for the last two years, says, "It's a wonderful program. It's amazing how many of the children think of others rather than themselves."

Working on the letters "makes you feel like a kid again," she said. One of the things she particularly enjoys seeing is how much the children believe.

For the seniors, she said, "It's great to get together and get them (Santa's letters) out."

Isabel Heilmann agrees helping Santa is a worthwhile activity. "It's great fun to read all the letters," she said. She like Clark, said she was impressed that so many children asked for things for others rather than themselves. "The majority of the children are very, very kind."

Becker said the seniors also assist Santa in distributing holiday food baskets, which are supplied through the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

For emergency holiday assistance, Becker can be reached at the senior services office at 439-4955.

Board stays negotiations

By Susan Wheeler

The Voorheesville Board of Education cancelled a negotiators' meeting with the teachers union in order to "look over" the most recent contract proposal submitted by the union, Superintendent Alan R. McCartney said.

The teachers, who have been working without a contract since their former contract expired June 30, are asking for a salary in the middle range of the Colonial Council schools, said Richard Mele, Voorheesville Teachers Association president. He said the salary is the main issue stalling the contract negotiations.

The board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, Dec. 6, to develop a counter-proposal to the VTA's proposal, McCartney said. The negotiators' meeting, which had been scheduled for Thursday, will be rescheduled, he said.

Mele said that the board came out in favor of competitive salaries for the teachers in a letter dated

Nov. 26, and mailed to district residents. "We're hopeful that they recognize that competitive salaries means somewhere in the middle, not at the bottom, of the Colonial Council," he said.

Mele said the teachers plan to have an "informational picketing" and distribute pamphlets that describe their position before the high school concert Dec. 5. He said other actions include picketing the board's meeting on Thursday and picketing school events.

"It's hard to say" if the VTA's actions have had any effect on the negotiating process, McCartney said, but there has been "pressure on people." While he said he was not sure of the long-term effect on the community the contract negotiations have had, he said there have been "no negative effects on the students visible."

"The teachers have been excellent in the classroom," McCartney said.

Bad actor law termed viable

By Mike Larabee

Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said last week that he thinks Bethlehem could enact Chicago-style "bad actor" legislation barring companies with past legal infractions from contracting with the town, even though statutes of its kind are apparently untried in New York.

But Kaplowitz stressed that such a law, which was originally proposed by local environmental groups opposed to an American Ref-Fuel Company's plan to build a waste-to-energy incinerator in town, probably could have no bearing on a zoning variance sought by that or any other group.

Instead, the law probably could only relate to firms seeking contracts with the town, Kaplowitz said.

"I think you could probably make that kind of legislation work, but I think you'd have to be careful," Kaplowitz said. "It's really a new area. There's no court cases, there's almost nothing to rely on."

At the town board meeting during which Kaplowitz gave his report, others urged caution as well. The idea surfaced initially at a public hearing over the summer,

VOORHEESVILLE

Residents want to keep bus service

By Debi Boucher

How much bus service is enough?

A group of Voorheesville residents feel the village is being short-shrifted by the Capital District Transportation Authority, which recently announced plans to eliminate four trips from its Route 19 schedule.

A group of commuters who use the route, which stops at Stonewell Market on Route 85 and then loops through the village to pick up riders, approached the Voorheesville Village Board last week to appeal for help to get CDTA officials to reconsider the cut in service.

Thom Coates, a Voorheesville resident, presented the board with a resolution asking the bus company to delay implementation of the pared-down schedule — slated for Jan. 21, 1991 — until a study of the commuting needs of local residents is made. The resolution further requested CDTA to "cooperate with planning officials in conducting a survey of the traffic patterns and destinations of the residents" to determine what sort of bus rescheduling would not only meet the needs of commuters, but help cut down on traffic congestion.

Mayor Edward Clark, who approved of the resolution, suggested an addition: that CDTA be requested to consult with a committee of residents in the course of the study. The board unanimously adopted the revised resolution.

CDTA is planning to eliminate the 8:30 a.m. and 3:35 p.m. trips from Albany to Voorheesville and the 9:10 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. trips from Voorheesville to Albany. "Our checks show these trips average only two riders per trip," CDTA Executive Director Dennis Fitzgerald said in a letter to Clark regarding the changes. But Coates said those "checks" had been done in August, when many people may have been on vacation.

According to Marisa Lyden, public information assistant for CDTA, the planned cuts will leave just one trip from Albany to

when representatives of New York's Public Interest Research Group and Bethlehem Work on Waste delivered detailed summaries of past environmental and anti-trust violations by Ref-Fuel principal Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI). Three weeks ago Work on Waste again made specific reference to BFI while repeating its call for the law, and discussion on the provision has continued to be associated with that company.

But Kaplowitz, Planning Board Attorney Robert Alessi and town board members say they are concerned that the law could be seen as targeting BFI. Alessi went so far as to say that a civil rights lawsuit arguing the law was designed specifically to thwart a particular company with an existing application before the town could conceivably "bankrupt the town." He said the board should be wary of its "paper trail" and "footprints" while considering the proposal.

"Be careful how you look into this," Alessi said.

Councilwoman M. Sheila Galvin, an attorney herself, agreed, contending that a bad actor law could not be limited to firms who deal in solid waste. "If we do that, we will get it thrown out (in court),"

she said.

Still, the board agreed to continue exploring the proposal. Councilman Robert Burns said it "intrigued" him, in part because it might act as incentive against future violations. Councilman Charles Gunner added that while he is concerned about creating an overly burdensome punishment, he "would favor looking at legislation."

Kaplowitz brought up another point with regard to BFI's relationship to Ref-Fuel and the latter's plan to put a 1,275-ton-per-day garbage incinerator on Cabbage Island in the Northeast Corner of town — a bad actor law might not apply to the facility anyway. BFI is often referred to as both a Ref-Fuel parent company and as principal in a joint venture with Air Products and Chemicals. BFI's 1989 annual report to stockholders calls Ref-Fuel "a general partnership in which an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of (BFI) . . . has a 50 percent ownership interest." Kaplowitz said he remains confused about the legal relationship between the two firms.

"Is American Ref-Fuel a separate company? Do they get punished because of BFI?" Kaplowitz said. "I don't know the answer."

Voorheesville in the morning (arriving in the village at 7:35 a.m.) and one in the afternoon (leaving SUNY Plaza at 5:05 p.m. and reaching Voorheesville at 5:45 p.m.); there would be only one morning trip from Voorheesville to Albany each weekday (the service does not operate weekends), leaving the village at 7:35 a.m. and arriving at SUNY Plaza at 8:15 a.m. The only remaining afternoon trip from the village to Albany would leave at 5:45, arriving in the city at 6:16.

Lyden said the planned cuts were the result of "a regular review process that all services go through on a regular basis." Changes in overall scheduling are made about three times a year, she said, in the interest of making the bus service more efficient. The Voorheesville line is the only one slated to have trips eliminated at present, she said.

In his discussion with the vil-

lage board, Coates said he thought one solution might be for CDTA to combine its Voorheesville route with Route 13, which travels between Albany and the Blue Cross Building on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Clark suggested Coates and other concerned residents contact their state representative and senator; Susan Rockmore, a board member, added that it might be helpful to contact county legislators, who vote on funding for CDTA projects.

Lyden said requests for changes in service are referred to the CDTA planning and development committee, which meets every other month to review such requests. She added that if the authority receives "a tremendous amount of response from people," it will reconsider changes if at all possible. "None of it is really that hard and fast," she said.

Town discusses deer concerns

Representatives of the state Department of Environmental Conservation (EnCon) will be on hand at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 to discuss problems area residents are having with the local deer population, Town Supervisor Ken Ringler announced recently.

According to Ringler, residents in several areas of town, in particular sections of Elsmere, have had property damaged by deer herds. EnCon Region IV biologists Karl Parker and Nathan Tripp are scheduled to appear at the meeting.

Ringler said complaints about deer are neither new nor, pointing at recent press reports of similar problems in other towns, unique to Bethlehem.

"This started a long time ago. When I was running for office, as I was walking through neighborhoods, there were people complaining about deer eating their shrubs and things like that," Ringler said. He added that he receives letters on a regular basis asking "What can you do about it?"

"Well, there's very little that we can do about it," he said. That's the reason he's called on EnCon, he said.

"Perhaps there is something creative that the state can come up with, but if not at least explain to the residents why they're not going to do anything," said Ringler.

Ringler said the only possible option state EnCon officials have raised with him is some kind of "special hunt." "But that's a very difficult thing to do in the middle of the town of Bethlehem," he said.

Ringler said all residents are invited to attend the meeting.

Mike Larabee

Two injured in separate accidents at Route 9W-Beacon Rd. intersection

Two people were hurt in two separate accidents involving a total of seven cars at the intersection Route 9W and Beacon Road last week.

According to Bethlehem police, on Thursday, Nov. 29, George J. Thomas Jr., 69, of Selkirk and Brian C. Trotter, 33, of Buffalo underwent hospital treatment after a three-vehicle crash at the intersection. Police said the accident occurred as Richard E. Lawrence, 37, of Averill Park backed a truck into the northbound lane of Route 9W in order to cross 9W and turn into Beacon Road. The vehicle was hit by a car driven by Trotter, which then spun into a pick-up truck driven by John S. Thomas, 60, of

Selkirk, in which George Thomas Jr. was a passenger.

Then, on Saturday, Dec. 1, there was a four-car accident at the same location. The second crash occurred, according to police, as 42-year-old Robert Keir of Coxsackie was stopped to take a turn onto Asprion Road, a short side street that intersects 9W directly across from Beacon. Keir was hit from behind by Peter Speziale, 26, of Vanderee Drive, Selkirk, who was hit from behind by Sharon Pelton, 35, of Route 144, Selkirk, who was hit from behind by Eric J. Mastangelo, 23, of Clapper Road Selkirk.

According to police, George Thomas was taken to the Samuel

S. Stratton veterans hospital in Albany, though the hospital would not confirm he was treated there. Trotter was treated and released at Albany Medical Center Hospital, a hospital spokesperson said.

Lawrence was ticketed in the accident.

No one was hurt in the second accident and no tickets were issued, police said.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan, who is also chairman of the town's traffic safety committee, said that though there have not been any complaints from residents about the intersection, he feels it should be examined in light of the accidents.

Police arrest two on DWI charges

Bethlehem Police arrested two drivers on misdemeanor driving while intoxicated charges last week.

Dean Meinert, 26, of Darroch Road, Delmar was arrested Friday, Nov. 11, after he was stopped for traffic violations at the intersection Route 9W and Hannay Lane, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 18.

Dawn Markus, 31, of Maple Avenue, Selkirk was arrested for DWI after he was stopped for a traffic violation on Route 144, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court on Dec. 18.

4 hurt in car crash

Four people were hurt when two cars collided on Route 85 in Bethlehem on Friday, Nov. 30.

According to Bethlehem police, Lisa Marie Wilson, 26, of Watervliet, Lisa Silverberg, 37, of Williamsburg, Conn., and four-year-old David and nine-month-old Suzannah Strumfield, passengers of Silverberg, were injured after Wilson's and Silverberg's cars collided just after 6 p.m. Wilson was turning left into Hess's Route

85 gas station and reportedly told investigating officers she did not see Silverberg approaching on the state highway from the west, according to police.

Silverberg and the Strumfield children were transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where they were treated and released. Wilson complained of pain at the site of the accident but did not undergo hospital treatment, police said.

Wilson was ticketed for failure to yield right of way.

Traffic check yields arrest

A traffic check on Route 9W in Ravena on Thursday, Nov. 29 by the Albany County Sheriff's Patrol resulted in the issuance of 26 traffic tickets and the arrest of a Georgia man for possession of marijuana.

Bernard Kellom, 31, of Augusta, Ga., was arrested after the Sheriff's K-9 discovered marijuana hidden in his vehicle. Since the amount was less than one gram, he was charged with a violation. He is scheduled to appear in Ravena Village Court at a later date.

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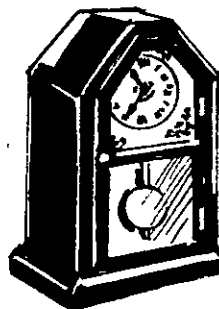
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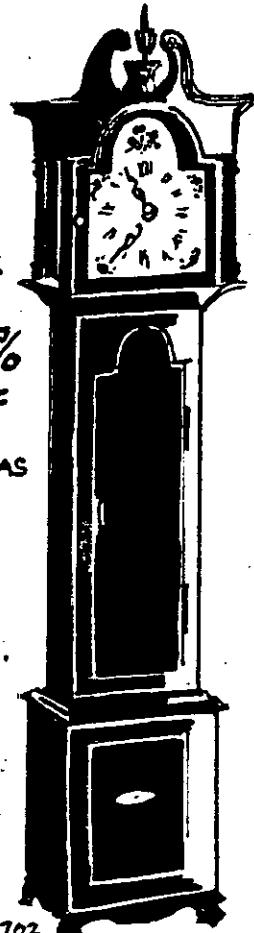
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Blind artist sculpts figures from mind's eye

By Susan Graves

Tom Winship has an eagle eye even though he's been blind from birth.

Through the Delmar sculptor's extraordinary sense of touch, he is able to recreate animals and figures in wax to near perfection. "If I know what shape I want, I just do it. It's all done through a sense of touch," he said.

Winship creates figures representing objects that he has never seen in part through descriptions supplied to him by friends and customers. "It's almost like a mystical process. If I can form a concrete image in my mind, I can materialize it," he said.

He is able even to do human likenesses. One figure he did recently was of Bob Marley, the popular reggae singer.

Connie Tilroe, Winship's friend and longtime customer, said when she wants something made, she usually tries to find a picture of the subject and then describes it. "It's amazing how we don't really see things," she said.

Her husband, George, who recently had Winship make him a



Tom Winship demonstrates his magic touch.

Elaine McLain

figure of a pig playing a guitar, was delighted with the piece, which epitomized his love of country music and his fondness for his

porcine collection.

"It's like micro surgery — totally based on one thing alone — a sense of touch," Winship said.

The artist, in his mid-30s, said his interest in sculpting began when he was a child. By the time he was in high school, he was working in ceramics and already "had a reputation" for his artistry even though he had never had any training. In those days he concentrated on making and selling nativity sets; today he makes anything his customers want.

His pieces are modestly priced even though he claims he's a "wheeler-dealer." Winship, who spends anywhere from hours to days on each figure, said he likes to leave price up to the customer.

Winship no longer works in ceramics. He constructs all his pieces in wax he melts down from empty "Slurpy" containers. "First you take the candy out, then take the juice out," and drain them and weld the wax together, he said.

Winship's figures end up with white to grey to nearly black hues. "Color — I've never thought of it because I've never perceived it," he said.

What he does perceive, though, are images and his favorite pieces are those that evolved out of his imagination. "I've always enjoyed

being able to let my imagination conjure up whatever it could." Even those figures at first glance seem realistic, however. One which looks at first like a rhinoceros is obviously some unearthly creature, who on closer scrutiny has a grand total of 10 legs that seem quite at home on his sturdy body. The idea for that piece came from a friend's description of a cartoon character.

Lately, Winship said, he's been working more with realistic images because he feels it's easier to sell those.

University at Albany Professor Edward Mayer, who would like to find a way for Winship to get more exposure to exhibit his pieces, said Winship's work is unique. Mayer said he's also interested in having Winship work in clay. "What if I brought a bag of clay and let you play?" he said to Winship. The sculptor said he'd like to get back into ceramic work but would need a kiln and glazes.

Winship said he wants to increase his business "just so I can live comfortably."

The artist has a motto: "You want it, you've got it." He can be reached at 439-5617.



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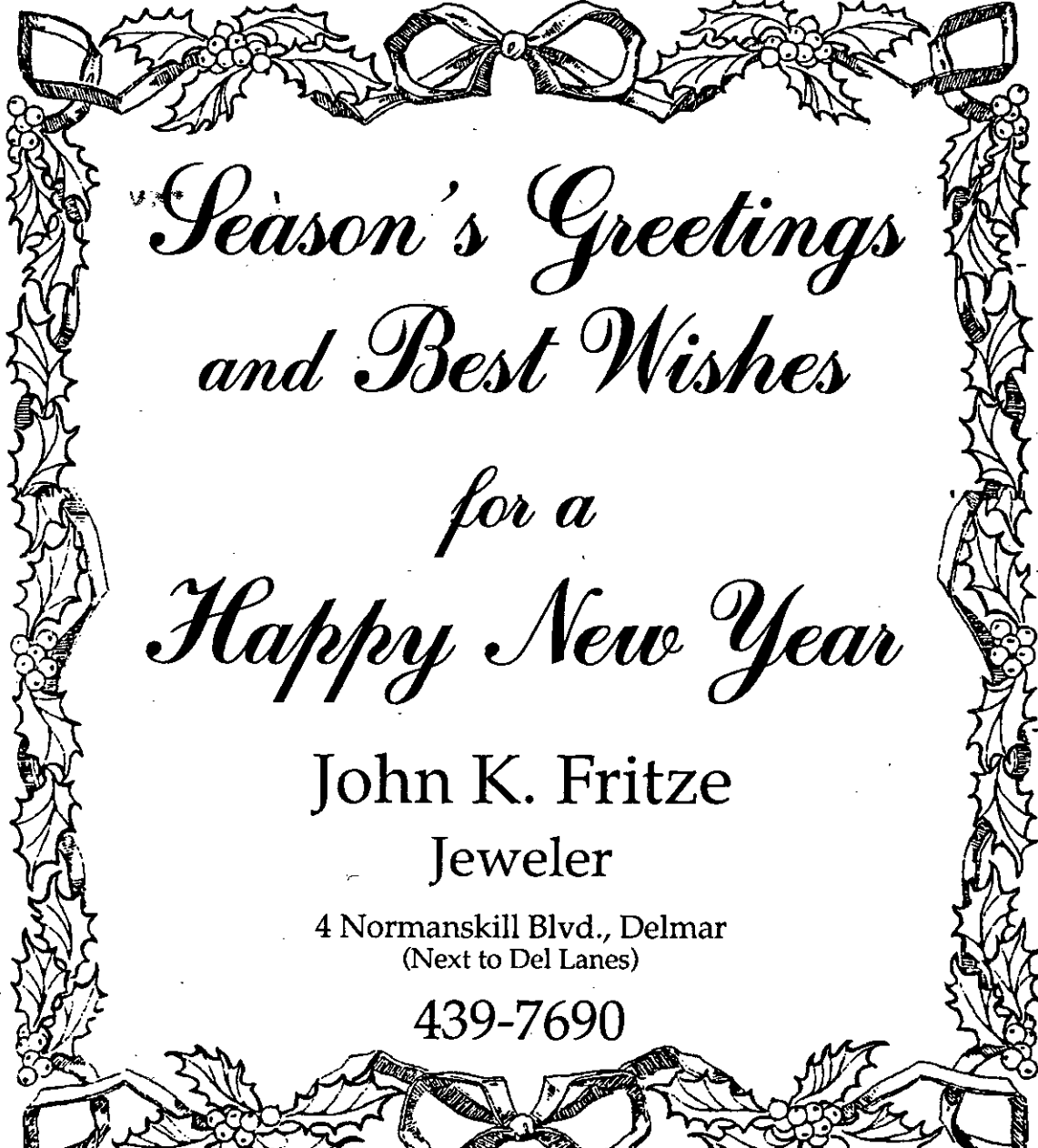
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Bethlehem faces reality

Coming events cast their shadow, as the maxim has it. Bethlehem Supervisor Ringler's mandate to the town government's department heads is a prime, timely instance.

Noting the shrunken revenues from sales taxes and certain fees, he states the fear-some obvious: "It will be necessary that we tighten our belts.."

Taxpaying residents will be heartened by a prohibition on "all unnecessary expenditures"; an order that the Supervisor himself must review essential expenditures over \$1,000; a freeze on hiring unless he personally approves; a ban on expense-account travel; and closely monitored overtime pay.

Speaking of monitoring, Mr. Ringler prom-

Senior housing, but where?

The consequences of the Bethlehem Town Board's approval of a senior citizen residence district are numerous.

First, of course, is the fact that the town now has, for the first time, the "floating zone" that was so warmly debated over recent months. In principle, this permissive status can make it more possible to build moderately priced dwellings for older residents. How this will work out in practice is yet to be seen.

Second was the restricted wording of the new local law which probably rules out Delmar's North Street as a site for such a project. Some members of the council expressed themselves in a fashion that seems to eliminate it from further consideration. And this naturally creates a postponement for such housing anywhere in town.

One vocal skeptic had proposed a referen-

Civic center/civics lesson

Before "social studies," "Citizenship," or "political science," there was "civics." Those were the classes where kids learned about how governments functioned: balance of powers, legislative vs. executive responsibility, unicameral legislature, city managers, etc., etc.

It turns out, though, that the civics lessons continue far beyond junior high. Sometimes they're educational and informative, sometimes disillusioning.

Many of today's long-term students will have no trouble in recalling the days when a big question was whether (and where) our region needed a "civic center." Perhaps it was the resulting vision of a palace of the people, where we would rally to debate crucial issues, that helped to make it finally seem palatable.

A boost for the Arsenal

One of the most enlightened projects, legislatively speaking, that this region has seen in years has passed a crucial test on its way to realization — thanks to a far-seeing initiative by United States Representative Michael McNulty.

For the first time in its long and notable history, the Watervliet Arsenal now is lawfully able to manufacture commercial products in addition to, or instead of, military hardware.

The idea was part of the National Defense Authorization Act which was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Bush.

For generations the issue of keeping the Arsenal in business making tank cannon, howitzers, and mortars has been a keen one, not only in connection with the nation's

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ises that he will be "constantly" doing just that on all spending items—and adds that, depending on the revenue picture, additional cuts in outgo are possible because of "the seriousness of this situation."

His moves are to be applauded, and we trust that even in better economic times many of these cost controls will remain in effect.

What seems certain is that such steps must be followed by other governmental bodies if they are prudent enough in skirting severe problems.

dum be held in last month's general election, to sound out residents' sentiment on a "floating zone." That did not come about, so while lacking such a specific endorsement the zone concept is enabled to proceed on the council's say-so. Meanwhile, the same unpersuaded skeptic insinuates that if North Street is emancipated, other areas of town can expect to hear the developer's knock.

The main point, however, is this: Supposedly there's a documented need and demand for this kind of housing in town. The key elements are price and location; the latter both in terms of accessibility and of impacting an existing neighborhood.

But if the advocates are correct in assessing the market, the town must now step up its endeavors to see that residences for those citizens are made available "with all deliberate speed."

But the tip-off as to its real nature came in the name chosen from on high—it was to be an "arena." And that's what it is, a center not of civic forums but of spectacles, entertainment, and amusement. And in this, its first year, it's apparently costing us hopeful citizens a million bucks to provide those arena-style attractions. In effect, it's a forum where taxpayers are thrown to the lions.

Essentially, this is the plaint of the eternally frustrated Republican minority in the County Legislature, which sees it as a monument to inefficiency. But the county's top Democrat calls the arena, deficit and all, a bargain because it improves our quality of life.

Well, from either viewpoint, it's surely a fine lesson in civics.

armaments but the employment and economy of our region. The need to help influence Defense Department decisions on such production has provided a spirited chase for Mr. McNulty's predecessors.

As the Congressman observes, the new law gives the Arsenal a green light to proceed with diversification as a means of compensating for defense budget cutbacks. It should, as he says, help the Arsenal preserve a highly trained work force to provide quality products for commercial use — while remaining positioned to continue to produce armaments as needed in the nation's military strategies.

The law may not be a magic cure-all for the Arsenal's future prospects, but it certainly is a healthy step in the right direction.

Target non-essentials, school board advised

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am eagerly awaiting word on how the Bethlehem Central School Board will face the almost \$400,000 state-aid shortfall (pending passage by the Legislature).

With a little more than six months to go in the current school year, several local area schools are targeting local personnel. Rather than passing the "make up" on to the taxpayers, these schools are addressing the staffing of support forces and planning their programs, painful as this is. To name just two, Cohoes and Ichabod Crane are following this path.

If Bethlehem Central, by some stroke of fortune, finds a \$300,000 plus planned "roll-over surplus," this could solve the problem — or would it? Would this action (push-

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ing "the ripple in the rug") then closer next year's budget increase drover to 10 percent over 1990-91 and put back on the shoulders of the taxpayers the "gap" to be made up? And this at a time of "reval"!

Isn't this the time to take a hard-nosed look at non-essential areas — at staffing and support forces, and even a long-term look at sharing the cost of health care, which is escalating at about 25 percent per year?

Bud Reeves

Delmar

Editor's note: Charles Reeves is a former member of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education.

Real estate market healthier than feared

Editor, The Spotlight:

Over the last several weeks real estate has been the subject of a number of potentially misleading articles about the state of the industry in the Capital District. These articles often have been negative and in some cases a matter of overkill, exaggeration, and overstatement.

In actuality two "slumps" exist in today's real estate market. The real "slump" is reflected in the fact of a larger number of homes than usual on the market and that these properties are taking longer to sell than in past years. This is a direct result of a lopsided supply-over-demand situation. This will correct itself in the months to come.

The other "perceived" slump is created by misinformation and misunderstanding, an impression created in large part by media reports which lead people to believe that buyers aren't buying, seller can't sell, lenders aren't lending, and real estate agents are dropping like flies. In fact this perceived "slump" does not exist.

We are not wearing rose-colored glasses by any means but I think it is important that the press present a balanced look at the condition of our local real estate market:

- In 1989 total residential sales volume by Oct. 31 in Albany County equalled \$211 million. This year it was \$210 million as of Oct. 31, a drop of only 0.5 percent.

- The number of sales reported to the Albany County Board of Realtors last year at this time was 1,571; this year, 1,581; an increase over last year — not a decrease. This is certainly not the "slump" that has been repeatedly reported.

- The average price of homes in Albany County has remained constant over the past year, dropping only 1.2 percent from \$134,400 to \$132,800; and in fact increased 2.9 percent from \$113,500 to \$116,900 from October to October.

So what do we really have here? How do you define a real estate "slump"? The volume of business is not down, the number of sales

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Vox Pop is The Spotlight's public forum. All letters from readers on matters of local interest will be considered. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible, and letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness and accuracy, as well as for length.

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Grand new school of thought

Attention all educators! I'm announcing a progressive innovation that will do a lot for our country, its countless communities, and the public at large.

This announcement will soon be followed by a syllabus, or perhaps by syllabi, for the new curriculum in Recycling. This is an area where, as the educationists say, there's "a felt need." A crying need, some people might say. Recycling is the coming thing, not only in education but in daily life. What other topic can provoke so much conversation? We have just witnessed the first step toward punishment of violators of the recycling creed, and an entire field of law enforcement and defense is about to open up.

First of all, however, it's essential that individual citizens' understanding of the recycling phenomenon be improved. This is where our education program comes in, and none too soon.

We will begin modestly, with introductory courses in Recycling 101 and 102, to be taught initially at the community college level in order to work out any bugs.

We will include studies on the theory of recycling, the mechanics, the finances, disposal methods, mandates and legal constraints, the range of penalties for infractions. Laboratory sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons to promote understanding of the constituent materials: how

does glass get that way and how does it fit into the master plan — that sort of thing.

A prerequisite for enrollment will be household efforts and completion of a series of field trips. When the courses are satisfactorily completed, students will receive certificates entitling them to obtain positions on recycling trucks.

Fulfillment of advanced study requirements will make it possible for the serious student to receive

Lab courses will be conducted as a 'show and tell'

certification for overseeing community recycling programs. The lay persons who may have been conducting such programs in the customary hit-or-miss manner of most municipalities will have their choice of either writing the manuals or teaching some of the courses — or of adapting basic recycling into the Desert Shield encampments over a period of several years before their honorable retirement.

But all this is just for starters. The possibilities will soon become obvious and will be built upon promptly on all campuses. Graduate schools of recycling will be seen as a vital step. Doctoral papers will effectively spread evolving new information and insights on such subjects as "How the Civi-

lized World Existed Without Recycling for Twenty Centuries."

Law schools of course will institute courses on Recycling and Jurisprudence, and relevant courses will find their way, too, into divinity, journalism, and medical colleges. One of the earliest Nobel Laureates in Recycling will be appointed by President Quayle to his cabinet as Secretary of Recycling. (One of the President's most successful campaign devices was an inspection trip to a plant where batteries were being smashed and reclaimed.)

Pioneers in the field should be able to anticipate recognition for their indispensable roles in putting the United States on a recycled basis. Those who first saw the light will gain acclaim comparable to Ann Lee and Brigham Young on the one hand and Orville Wright and Tom Edison on the other.

Over the next few decades, the ordinances mandating people's recycling behavior patterns will be seen as outmoded. Citizens, schooled in the Recycled Way of Thought, will instinctively know what to do with waxed paper, bottle tops, and old microwaves.

So that no one will forget the Precycling Era, though, the laws on mandating will stay in the statute books, and in the colleges the bulletins will continue to enumerate Mandation 301.

All will be saved, including us.

CONSTANT READER

Regretting the region's loss

This is the time of month when we should be reading, and enjoying, the December issue of *Capital* magazine. But not this month, and perhaps not for many months. The publication, as you must be aware, has suspended, with a date for its reappearance very much up in the air.

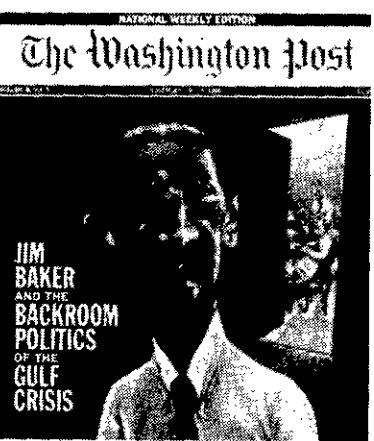
The Capital Region, which the magazine undertook to cover, is the loser. So are the region's residents, among whom a large share of the magazine population had access to *Capital*, principally because of the unusual lash-up it maintained with WMHT broadcasting. The TV/FM enterprise underwrote a big part of the publishing costs in return for distribution of copies that incorporated the broadcast schedules. When that underpinning was withdrawn this fall, the periodical couldn't find the wherewithal to keep going.

The magazine deserved to live, but obviously the economics were awry. The red ink apparently was substantial, even with the WMHT underwriting. An outsider can't know the whys and wherefores, but the supervising editor, Dardis McNamee, deserves a salute from the large community that *Capital* enlightened. The magazine is already missed, and won't be forgotten, and its readership must be hoping that circumstances can be found to revive it as, once more, a quality publication.

I stumbled across a unique publication, one that's new to me, but on the basis of exposure to a single issue I can recommend it to the intellectually curious. It's the *Washington Post National Weekly*

Edition—tabloid newspaper-sized publication in 40 pages, jam-packed with just about as many different articles. These range from a half-dozen editorials to several major reports (such as one of a few thousand words on Secretary of State Baker) and a whole series of "pulse" pieces in segments: The political pulse; the global pulse, economic, governmental. . . .

Much of the substantial contents is of course written by Wash-



ington Post staff members, and I assume that even the articles and commentaries by other individuals have been published in the *Post* (as, for instance, by Ted Koppel, David Gergen, Richard Burt, Milton Viorst, Stephen Birmingham.)

I found a lot of meat in a long article by Edward N. Luttwak (of the Center for Strategic and International Studies), with this theme: "We're driving toward a ground war in the gulf that we should avoid." In a shorter companion piece, he wrote that "The two U.S.

contingency campaign plans entail horrendous risks." An appalling appraisal, altogether.

The Milton Viorst article, "War and consequences," presents a range of unintended results, such as later taking on Iran.

"Do the president's advisers believe, even if we win quickly and with minimal losses, that our army would be able to pack up and come home?" he asks. "It would take a monumental effort to put the Humpty-Dumpty of the Middle East back together, and the United States—with its money and its men—would be stuck with doing it. Iran would be at the top of the agenda. . . . If we destroy Iraq, we would still have to re-create it as a military power—unless we are prepared to remain for years on the Euphrates.

"What makes far greater sense is for us to figure out what kind of order we can live with in the Middle East—taking into account not just Kuwait but arms and oil prices, and maybe even the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. Then we ought to get on with negotiations, because even a victorious war would bring no end of surprises, unpredictable in nature but surely unpleasant."

The *Washington Post National Weekly Edition* has a single-copy price of \$1.95, and the annual subscription rate brings that down to less than a dollar per issue. But \$48 is still a hefty figure, even for the volume of information that some 2,000 pages over the course of a year would bring a subscriber. The address, for those who might be interested, is Box 11331, Des Moines, Iowa 50340.

Flowering in the valley: a hardy perennial

Mr. Abrams, a resident of Slingerlands, is a former Secretary of the New York State Senate. He is an occasional contributor to *Point of View*.

By Albert J. Abrams

An unusual lady died recently. Many of the older generation of Albanians knew her well. She was 93, and from the late 1920s to the late '50s you could have seen her at the dimly lit "work-cells" of the State Library, or in the no less hushed galleries of the Albany Institute of History and Art, or perhaps at the Women's Legislative Forum.

Point of View

She was Alice Curtis Desmond, wife of the renowned Teddy Roosevelt-type independent Republican from Newburgh, Tom Desmond. For 30 winters she and Tom had a corner suite at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel. He served almost exactly that long in the State Senate.

Alice was a dark-haired, slim, vivacious, sociable woman who always dressed in the fashionable yet sensible styles of her years.



Alice C. Desmond

Why was she so unusual? She was born into one of the wealthiest families of New England. She was a descendant of a governor of Massachusetts and a governor of Connecticut. She was in a sense "man-made." Her banker father gave her the genes that enabled her to meet all of life's vicissitudes. Her husband directed her energies into a life of productivity; she became an award-winning painter and photographer, and a writer of travel books, children's books, and adult biographies of women. Her mother's influence didn't seem very forceful, but that may be only a male viewpoint.

Her life had an unusual love story entwined. When Tom Desmond came a-courtin' her father took a somewhat dim view of this Harvard-MIT engineer. While he mixed with New York's famed 100, he was obviously enamored with politics (a kind of social disease among young men) and didn't have the funds to care for a wife as she was accustomed. So Tom concentrated on his engineering, built parts of New York City's subway, built ships, and many of Park Avenue's tallest buildings. When he had amassed his first million he demanded Alice's hand. Her father consented despite doubts that this handsome engineer came with a lifetime warranty.

Two big changes marked her life: from butterfly to writer, and from helpless wife to take-charge widow

The marriage took on a Slingerland character. Tom, now in his thirties, decided he had enough money to retire! He and Alice bought an estate along the Hudson at Newburgh, with a view of the Storm King Mountain, the bay, and on a clear day, West Point. Tom built a world-class arboretum there, and a classic garden. He motivated Alice into concentrating on writing. She soon became a successful author.

He plunged into politics, hoping to become an Assemblyman; but by luck his first elective position was State Senator and soon he was being mentioned for Governor, though that never quite came about. The two traveled around the world. To free Alice for her work, Tom took care of the servants, the check-book, the investments. Alice didn't have to do a thing.

Thus we see the first two phenomena that marked her life: transformation from social butterfly to serious author-artist. The second major transformation was from the helpless wife image to a take-charge widow who administered a large portfolio and her large Hudson River estate. When Tom died her friends were certain she would not be able to come out of the protective shell Tom had built around her. Oh, no? She emerged as an entity in her own. She had never flown before; now she flew all over. Before, she rarely took a drink; now an occasional nip before dinner was permissible. Before, she had never had to hire or fire the round-the-clock personnel they maintained; Tom and seen to that. Tom had taken care of everything. Now she took charge.

She invited some bankers up from New York City to advise her; she had them for lunch. They sat like crows around red meat; an elderly widow unversed in finance and needing supervision of her large portfolio. When she asked for strategic suggestions, they poured forth their proposals. After listening intently, she quietly said, "Gentlemen, if that's the best you can do, our business is over. Thank you." They went back down the Hudson to Wall Street, dismayed, disheartened, depressed—and astonished.

The transformation of Alice from a reclusive life, a dependent life to a position of psychological independence, strength, and confidence was marvelous to behold.

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Matters of Opinion

Tom Desmond once gave me a poem he apparently wrote, and kept in his wallet for decades.

Though It Be Far

Though it be far;
Yet would I go.
You have no power
Or wealth to bestow;
Only a gladness
Mingling with love,
Only a sadness
Come from above.
Love is the magnet
That draws me anew
Which binds me to you
You have no power
Or wealth to bestow.
Though it be far;
Yet would I go.

"A testimonial to Alice from her beloved Tom."

A.J.A.

Desmond

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Alice at 80 was lively and sharp. Though wracked with pain, she kept her sense of humor into her nineties. We had wonderful conversations. I remember frequently driving her, with her ever-present folding walker, down along the Hudson to some scenic inn for lunch. We had lots of laughs.

She was like a hardy golden mum that looks fragile but lasts through many seasons, but also like a beautiful, fragrant rosebush whose petals drop, but each spring emerges again. Alice was a perennial; her books, the library she built, her paintings, and her photos will re-emerge again. This is not the end.

Thanks for article on holiday, recipe

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank you for your article, "Learn the real meaning of Hanukkah holiday" in your Nov. 21 edition. This article explained well the history behind the holiday and some of its customs.

I would also like to thank you for including in this article a recipe for potato latkes. As you correctly

indicated, foods fried in oil are a tradition of this holiday. I feel that I must point out, however, that foods fried in bacon fat are not traditional. As a matter of fact the laws of Kashrut forbid the consumption of bacon fat.

I would therefore like to suggest that people following this recipe, if preparing latkes for their Jewish friends, use a shortening other than bacon fat.

Robert R. Kovach

Delmar

Hoogy's Halloween treat appreciated

Editor, The Spotlight:

The men and women of the Slingerlands Fire Department would like to publicly thank Hoogy's Pizza for their community spirit.

The Slingerlands Fire Department has hosted an annual Halloween party for many decades now, and Hoogy's Pizza has become a part of it since they opened their business eight years ago as our neighbor.

Hoogy's is owned and operated by the Brian Hoogkamp family of Slingerlands. The business was located at the intersection of Kenwood Avenue and New Scotland Road, but has recently relocated to

333 Delaware Avenue in the Adams Hardware building.

Hoogy's Pizza came to the department to offer their "exclusive" contribution to our Halloween celebration and have continued to do so even though they are no longer our next-door neighbor.

We of the Slingerlands Fire Department commend Hoogy's Pizza for their involvement with us in providing the children of the Tri-Village area with a safe and worry-free atmosphere for this most festive of evenings.

Walter W. Eck,
president

Real Estate

(From Page 6)

are keeping pace with last year, the average price of homes remains constant. Mortgage interest rates are as low as we've seen in years. If this is a bad as the real estate market becomes around Albany, then we should consider ourselves very fortunate.

Despite widespread reports to the contrary, the market has not been reduced to rubble; home prices have not collapsed, and home ownership remains one of the best investments an individual or family could make.

David E. Newell
president,

Albany County Board of Realtors.

Words of the week

Enamored: Filled with love and desire; charmed or captivated (by).

Horrendous: Horrible or frightful — but some will remember Nelson Rockefeller's use of the word to mean exactly the opposite

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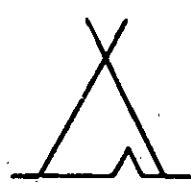
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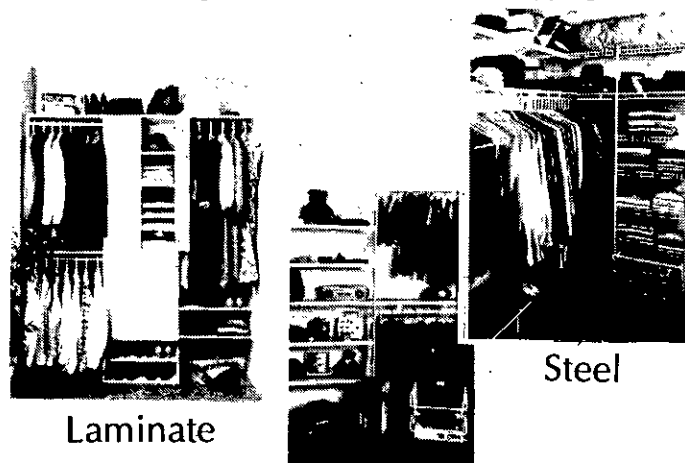
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Selkirk firefighter rues negative vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am directing this letter to the people of the Selkirk Fire District. Thank you to the people who voted yes on the "service awards program." To the people who voted no, please think about our families as we go out to answer your fire calls. Now please read this and when you are done, have a nice night's sleep.

I, myself, have a wife and four children (and one on the way), so please, please pray for my family while I am gone.

Peter D. Nates,
firefighter

Selkirk

Full moons prompt music-lover's query

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a devotee of the Albany Symphony Orchestra's concerts, and of course have attended all three that have been presented so far this season.

While auditing the stirring "The Pines of Rome" as conducted by maestro David Efron this past weekend, I got to musing about the orchestra's dates. Each one this fall has coincided with the waxing of the full moon. Is this by virtue of a master plan by the orchestra's far-seeing chair, seeking to educe evidence that musicians perform much better (like certain other species) on nights when there's a full moon above?

I will await with scarcely bated interest the possible conjunction of the next concert date and the lunar display. Thank you for your help in uncovering this too-little noted aspect, and perhaps in obtaining a clarification.

Harris Spangler

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Boughs of evergreen deck Delaware Avenue

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Garden Club appreciates the outstanding attention *The Spotlight* gave to its appeal for evergreen branches to fill the flower boxes on Delaware Avenue.

It was a real community effort especially assisted by George Meyers, Frank and Joan Maxon, Jim and Barbara Tate, Betty Corning, Charles and Marjorie Crangle, Cliff Bowdish, Marty Cross, and the Bethlehem Highway Department.

The generous help of so many warmed the Garden Club members on the cold, windy days they filled the boxes.

Shirley Bowdish
Marylou McCall

When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage,

Give me the strength to save some life, whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child before it is too late,

Or save an older person from the horrors of that fate.

Enable me to be alert, and hear the weakest shout,

And quickly and efficiently put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,

To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.

And if, according to Your will, I am to give my life,

Please bless, with Your protecting hand, my children and my wife.

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Pension plan defeat wins bitter 'thanks'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to "thank" the people in the Selkirk Fire District who voted for the pension plan for the volunteer firefighters. The firemen risk their lives whenever they are called. They get up in the middle of the night to save families. They leave their own families on holidays; they take time out of their weekends to go to developments when asked to show off fire equipment. For what?—for people who don't care.

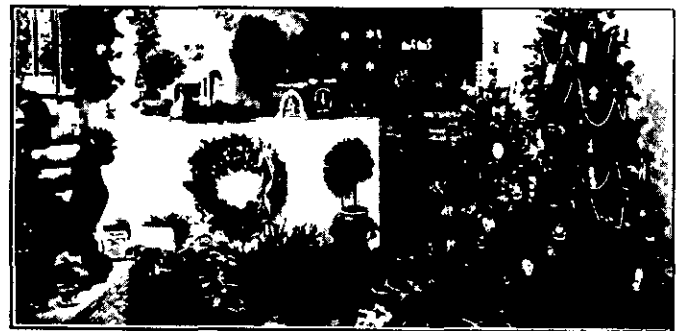
Years ago, on Oct. 4, we had a major snow storm. The Selkirk firemen worked for seven days and nights to pump out basements when other fire companies were telling people "we don't do that."

Now for the citizens of the C.A.R.E. group — most of you people who voted "no" had your basements pumped out in that snowstorm, and where was Keith Wiggand then? Where has he been since he was 18 years old? Why all of a sudden does he have this great interest in the fire company? In my opinion, this doesn't sound like a man looking for a commissioner's job. It sounds like a man with a grudge.

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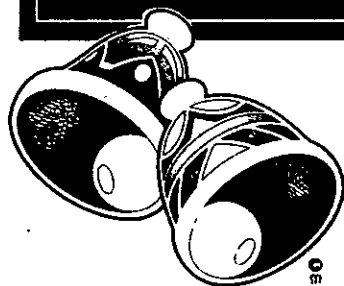
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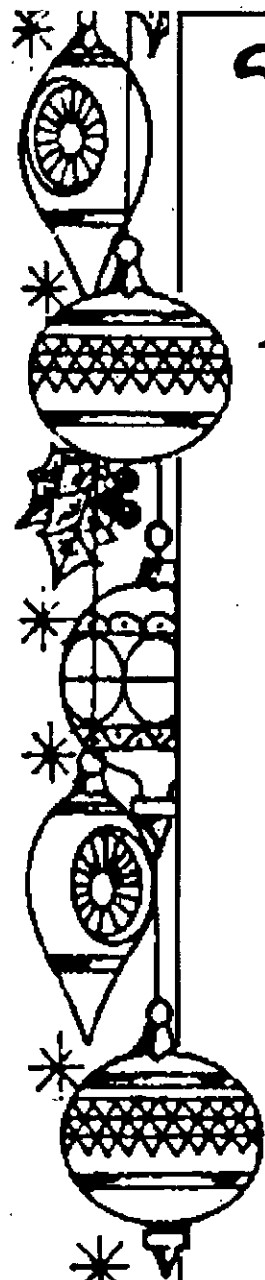
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Matters of Opinion

Problems foreseen in new mall

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to your editorial "One the Square" and a letter to the editor by Richard S. Bird, Jr., in your Nov. 28 edition of *The Spotlight*. Both your editorial and Mr. Bird's letter seem to be advancing the position of rapidly approving the yet to be submitted proposal for a shopping mall on Route 9W.

Many questions need to be addressed before a project of this size obtains approval. What will this new shopping mall have on the environment, the people, and property surrounding the shopping mall, and the flow of traffic? If you travel 9W at peak commuting

times, you will experience automobiles lined up in both directions for over a mile..

Concerned citizens would be wise not to make a decision until all the facts and "final" plans have been submitted. How many times have we seen "preliminary plans" change before submission to appropriate authorities or have the plans changed by the authorities themselves? Is the promise of a "proposed" grocery store enough to make us forget the problems this mall will create? Does the prospect of a movie theater give us the right to negatively affect the property and lives of others? Is living in Bethlehem all that is required of a developer to get back-

ing from the media and "town fathers"? I hope not!

Not only am I concerned about the "proposed" shopping mall and all the problems it may bring about, I am also concerned about what will happen to other businesses in the area. Specifically, what will happen to the Town Squire Shopping Plaza, which has recently lost a number of tenants? Maybe Mr. Martin should consider purchasing and rehabilitating the Town Squire. K-Mart is located there now, space seems to be available for a new grocery store, and I understand a foundation for a movie theater is presently located near the rear of the property.

In closing, I ask all involved or concerned with this matter to obtain more facts and wait until this matter is before the appropriate authorities before reaching a final conclusion.

Robert Testino EnTin
Glenmont

C.A.R.E. lists purpose

Editor, The Spotlight:

Who's watching the store? The defeat of the Selkirk Fire District service awards program demonstrated the resolve of the taxpayers of the area to stop excessive spending, and brought forth the necessity to consider those in the district who really cannot afford additional expense against strained personal budgets.

We feel that the time has come for the citizenry to begin taking charge of their own destiny, as it has become obvious that many of those who have been in the "driver's seat" for so many years are apparently not doing a very good job of defending the interests of the voters they represent. As a result of the problems in our basic system brought to light during the campaign against the service awards program, a new organized effort against unnecessary spending was formed—C.A.R.E., or Citizens Against Rising Expenditures.

We are a group of individuals who have made it a priority to become well-informed as to internal functions of various governmental bodies in our area, and to devise ways to make opinions of the public known when it comes to spending taxpayer funds on programs our elected or appointed

officials endorse. We are very proud of our effort thus far—we have made it our vow to release only accurate, well-researched information.

At times we will endorse a spending program because it makes sound fiscal sense—but we will oppose any program that smacks of "pork barrel" politics.

We realize that some personal feelings have been hurt because of our opposition to the service awards program, but we want to make it clear that this was not a firefighter-versus-the-public issue. It was a *spending* issue. We are very proud of our fire department, and feel that the time, effort, and personal sacrifices made by these volunteers deserves reward. We do not, however, feel that the service awards program was the way.

We have been informed that Keith Wiggand of Glenmont, a life-long resident of the fire district, has decided to volunteer his time and run for election to the office of fire commissioner in the Selkirk Fire District on Dec. 11.

We are pleased that Keith has decided to do this, and we fully endorse his candidacy.

Peg Barkman
C.A.R.E. member
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Public voices familiar gripes on county budget

By Don Haskins

Albany County's proposed 1991 budget came under familiar criticism in last week's public hearing, speakers warning of hard times ahead because of the national and area economic climate, and harshly condemning the Democratic majority's refusal to make more information available.

The hearing, last Tuesday night in the county legislative chamber, was marked by the presence of about 100 CSEA pickets chanting in a circular march before the county courthouse front entrance. As the hearing began, 10 minutes late, many entered the second-floor hearing room, filling public seats and ranging around the wall at the rear and sides of the chamber.

The union of public employees is protesting the lack since last January of a contract for about 1,000 Albany County workers.

Nine speakers addressed the legislature, most briefly, in an hour-long session marked at one point by fervent and prolonged applause when one legislator suggested to his fellows that they desist from further harassment of those who had shown up to make their views known. Individual legislators earlier had questioned motives, alliances and some of the speakers' statements.

Bob Reilly, who identified himself as an Albany County resident, expressed concern because of the prospect of state employees being laid off that the Albany area economy in particular will suffer and that next year "it will be much harder to balance the budget." He protested increasing use of fees to

replace new taxes, and "one-shot deals" to raise money, "such as selling airport land." Reilly is a former county legislator.

Reilly, who said he was on the board of the Shaker Historical Society, thanked legislators for supporting the Shaker facilities which he said attract 10,000 annual visitors.

Gavin Donohue, who also identified himself as a county resident, said he found the county budget "ambiguous and uninformative." He told the lawmakers he found it "impossible to determine how our taxpayer money is being spent."

He noted federal and state governments are trimming spending while the proposed county budget is up 10 percent over the current year compared to the current inflation rate of between 4.5 and 4.9 percent with the state entering a recession.

Donohue also hit the lack of a contract with county workers, asking how any budget figure could be obtained without it. He

was critical of the "overly optimistic" projected five percent increase in sales tax revenues, and of the proposal to employ a Washington lobbyist.

Frederick Shellard, Jr., also identified as an Albany County resident, said the budget document represented "a lot of numbers and not much substance." Shellard, who is the comptroller for the Town of Colonie, urged that taxes be kept at the current level; that increased spending be kept at the rate of inflation; that the budget take into account higher energy costs, and that costs be curbed for travel, take-home vehicles, mail and "costly consultants."

Amy Lee, an Albany resident, questioned how much the county was paying for cars it purchased, noting a wide disparity in vehicle costs.

Mitchell Goldstein thanked the legislature for having scheduled the public hearing in the evening for the second year in a row, and noted its responsibility "is to help

the taxpayers of Albany County." He said "taxpayers are legitimately distressed, and when we see overstated revenues and expenses understated, we question that budget."

The public, said Goldstein, wants "open, complete and finalized" budget figures. "These figures are not what we have. We want legitimate input. We want to talk with department heads. They control millions" in spending.

Goldstein urged a citizen budget review board to ask questions and make recommendations concerning budgets.

Dave Kit and Carolyn Boos, who identified themselves as "consumers" in the mental health care system, called for county support for mental health care. They were followed by Nancy Wiley, representing the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, who urged that mental health support items in the proposed budget be retained after some funding for the current year had been dropped.

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Free holiday school concerts sure to lift spirits

Science competition open to students

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas, and Voorheesville Elementary School will hold its winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. This time we will be entertained by the fifth and sixth grade chorus under the direction of Cynthia McDermott and then the 6th grade band directed by Lydia Tobler. These free concerts will surely get you in the holiday spirit.

Band plays holiday concert

Think snowmen and Christmas trees and the Voorheesville Junior-Senior High School Concert Band will boost your spirit by performing at the New York State Empire Plaza on the South Course on Friday, Dec. 14 from

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Kiwanis sell wreaths

Don't forget, the New Scotland Kiwanis Club will be selling holiday wreaths for only \$10 at Stonewell, Stewart's and the Voorheesville Pharmacy until Dec. 9. This organization does so much for

Voorheesville, and the men have created beautiful wreaths, so let's try to support them.

Firefighters deliver calendar

Voorheesville Fire Department has delivered its 1991 calendars to most Voorheesville residents. This year's calendar features the department's first piece of firefighting equipment, now an antique. This is the only time of year when the fire department hopes for support from the community in the form of contributions. Remember, you can obtain 'Tot Finder' window decals and telephone emergency number stickers by contacting any member of the fire department.

Tournament raises funds

The competitive co-ed volleyball tournament held at Voorheesville High School on Nov. 3 raised \$1,500 for the creative playground, to be used for its building day. Eight teams and 10 sponsors were involved in the tournament. Thanks to George Klapp for organizing this event.

Car wash helps playground

Voorheesville Advanced Car Wash, on Voorheesville Avenue, has agreed to donate 25 cents per car to the creative playground when patrons use the car wash during the months of December and January. The owners have installed a new rinse cycle now available for your convenience. So think clean cars.

Seniors plan party

The New Scotland Senior Citizen Club is still accepting reservations for the Christmas party to be held on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at Veeders Restaurant. Dinner will be your choice of turkey or ham for \$11 or pot roast of beef for \$11.30. You are requested to make your reservation and payment by Sunday, Dec. 9. For reservations, call Marion Klapp at 765-2701.

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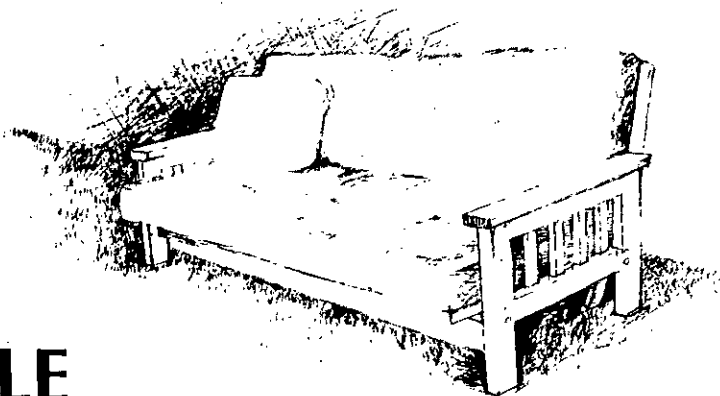
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Bethlehem Garden Club members 'have decked the halls' with greens and garlands, and there will be two Christmas trees one of which was on display at the Albany Institute. The other is an all golden tree. There will be displays of dolls, antique toys and bears and a collection of Santa Claus tree ornaments.

The tea will be held at the Schoolhouse Museum, Route 144 at Clapper Road in Selkirk.

Students earn honors

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Bethlehem Historical museum, the Hannakrois NSDAR will honor two students, one from Albany High School and one from RCS High School as Good Citizens of the Year. A program "Service Through Song, Past and Present" will be presented by the RCS Select Choir under the direction of

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary 767-2373



Kenneth Tyrrell.

New group forms

South Bethlehem has formed a neighborhood Association. South Bethlehem Area Association (SBAA), which serves residents inside the following boundaries: south by the Coeymans line, east to the Conrail tracks, north to Bell Crossing Road and west to the New Scotland Road line are urged to join and let their voices be heard.

The purpose of the group is to preserve the local environment, provide a forum to promote participation by local residents and to provide representation at meetings where the area will be affected.

Membership is \$5 per family to cover mailings. Checks can be sent to SBAA, c/o South Bethlehem Post Office. Written bylaws will be presented at the next meeting on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the South Bethlehem United Methodist

Church.

Student to audition

RCS student, Albert Skop, a senior member of the RCS Chorus has been selected to audition for this year's Empire State Youth Chorus Orchestra and the annual Melodies of Christmas concert on Dec. 9 at the Palace Theater in Albany. Proceeds will benefit children's cancer research at Albany Medical Center.

Concerts set

Just a reminder of the upcoming concerts offered as part of the RCS Winter Concerts. On Dec. 5 the Pieter B. Coeymans and Ravena Elementary Grades 1-3 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. On Dec. 7, Becker grades 1 through 3 at the high school at 7 p.m.

The Winter Concert of the Senior High will be held on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Early dismissal

Another note for parents of RCS students is that on Tuesday, Dec. 11, RCS schools will hold early dismissal for all grades because of a staff development day. Check your schedules to find your child's dismissal time.

Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Recycling is an expanding business and there is a need to be open-minded and ready for changes. One example follows.

Due to the potential contamination of water, sewer, and recyclables, plastic oil containers can no longer be accepted. They have not been drained properly, which does take patience, and if they were to be washed out, the remnants of oil would contaminate our sewer system or find its way to water sources. The Town of Bethlehem will no longer accept oil containers as recyclables. They go in the normal trash.

Here is a list of non-recyclable items which sometimes slip through.

Do not recycle: Cardboard milk, juice and egg cartons, plastic or ceramic flower pots, Tupperware or Rubbermaid containers, aerosol or paint cans, Coke or Pepsi six-pack rings and collars, Styrofoam or #6 plastics, cooking pans, plastic tops and lids.

Scrap pieces of metal cannot go in recycling bins, but they can be brought to the Rupert Road facility.

Another question that has surfaced frequently concerns the use of plastic bags. Plastic bags may be used to dispose of garbage and trash, but yard waste must never be put in plastic bags. Only reusable containers and paper bags are accepted. Plastic bags are not needed in the recycling bins either, except in one instance. Cross Refuse requires that those customers with garage or yard service must place recyclables in plastic bags so they can be easily carried to the recycling truck. Curbside pick-up requires residents to come along loose all recyclable glass, plastics and tin cans, no plastic or paper bag needed.

Remember to call the Recycling Hotline, 767-9618, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, if you have any questions.

CBA holds open house

The Christian Brothers Academy will sponsor an open house for prospective students and their parents on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 462-7041.



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Cave

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the cave to assess the situation. "We went in about 400 feet, and there was a lot of water rushing underneath us," said Kearney. Now more sure of conditions inside the cave, the rescuers organized a team to go in and look for the spe-

lunkers, who, unbeknownst to those outside, were huddled on a patch of high ground in the cave. The fact that they were later to walk out on their own power Kearney attributed to the teams of firefighters and others who were pumping the stream, digging diversionary pits for the water and building temporary dams so the waters could recede.

Fred Spaulding, chief of the Onesquethaw Fire Department, said five pumpers worked on the stream, and actually pumped it dry. Meanwhile, "We had dozers and loaders and backhoes digging holes," and engineers were assessing the makeshift dams while rescuers entered the cave.

Leading the first expedition, following the exploratory group, was Norman Channing, a member of the Albany County Diving team who has had special training in cave diving. "We always knew there was that outside possibility," said Rubin, but the volunteer team, established by the county only last spring, rarely thought of caves for which it might be called upon.

The cavers, Kearney said, provided a detailed map of the cave, "so we knew how far we would have to go." Although the team had lights, they were virtually useless in the muddy waters rushing into the cave. "We were scared," said Kearney.

Navigating a narrow section of the cave — 18 to 20 inches in height, totally flooded with water — meant breathing equipment couldn't be carried on the divers' backs, but had to be pushed ahead in front. Soon after getting through that section, the divers ran out of the line being fed through behind them, and were formulating plans when word came through by radio that they were to retreat; the emergency teams outside the cave felt the makeshift dams were un-

safe.

Rubin explained that at that point, "The water was overcoming the dams." By then, engineers and excavators had brought in equipment and material to build a sturdier dam, which they did while the rescue teams waited — and worried.

"The timing was perfect," said Kearney, describing how, at 11:20 p.m., just as the rescuers prepared to enter the cave again, assured the new dam would hold, the trapped spelunkers emerged, cold and shaken, but alive.

"It was heart-stopping," said Spaulding. "You thought, 'Oh my God, yes.'" Soon sirens were blaring in celebration, as the five explorers were bundled in to separate ambulances and taken to Albany hospitals, where they were treated for exposure and later released.

They were identified as Scott Baisch, 22, Laura Selicaro, 20, and Nicholas Springer, 20, all students at Syracuse University; Peter Bowie, 20, of Cornell University; and Lynn Cowan, 22 a graduate student at Columbia University.

The five ambulances on hand were Delmar, Helderburg, Onesquethaw, Ravena and Voorheesville. Besides the Onesquethaw Fire Department, there were fire departments from Coeymans, Delmar, East Berne, New Baltimore, New Salem, Selkirk and Slingerlands; rescue squads from Slingerlands and

Guilderland; two local doctors and the Bethlehem Incident Command Center.

In addition to the Albany County Sheriff's Patrol, the Bethlehem Police, State Police, Albany County Highway Department and Town of New Scotland Highway Department were at the scene, as were a number of private contractors and citizens who supplied food, manpower, equipment and materials.

"You read about it and you hear about it, but until you have to use that type of system, you just don't know," said Spaulding, explaining that local fire departments "do run multi-company drills, but nothing of this magnitude."

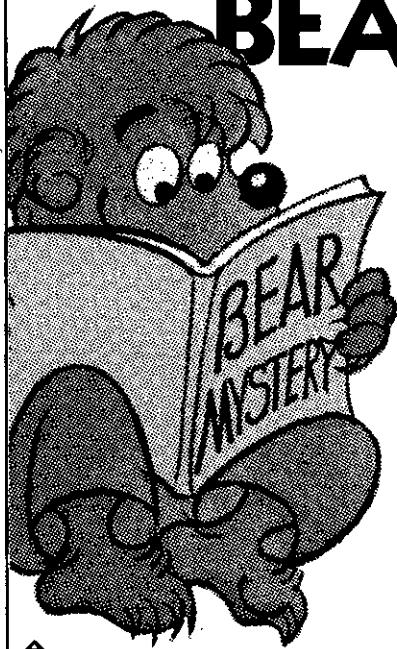
Kearney said the level of cooperation at the scene was remarkable. "There was never any quabbling or ego problems," he said. "Everyone just pulled together."

Program offered at women's center

Dr. William Butler, reproductive endocrinologist and gynecologist, and Mary Branan, president of the Endometriosis Association, will present an informative free community education program entitled "Facing Endometriosis" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Woman's HealthCare Plus, an affiliate of Bellevue Hospital, located at 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland.

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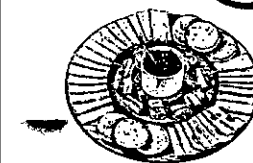
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Jim Murray of Slingerlands, has walked off with the first big chunk of the \$3,000 Christmas Gift Certificate Giveaway sponsored by *The Spotlight Newspapers* and 62 participating area merchants. Murray's name was drawn last weekend for the first prize \$500 gift certificate that can be used at any of the merchants' stores listed as participants in last week's contest announcement in *The Spotlight Newspapers*.

Two second prize certificates, worth \$200 each, were drawn for Kathy Dougan of Feura Bush, and G. Martone of Latham.

Six third prizes of \$100 gift certificates were drawn in this first half of the contest for the following:

Beth Kurkjian of Delmar; Maria Menia of Selkirk; Mike Bier-nacki of Albany; Carl Rosenblat of Slingerlands; Linda Thorsen of Loudonville; and McCalvin Freeman of Newtonville.

The second round final drawing for the same prizes will be made from entries deposited with participating merchants by Saturday, Dec. 15.

Welcome wagon hosts holiday sale

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold its annual "Make It, Bake It, Grow It" holiday extravaganza on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at Howard Johnson's on Route 9W.

Homemade specialties will be auctioned and the proceeds will be donated to needy organizations.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

GE provides child care

Beginnings Unlimited Inc. a private child care consulting firm, has created a child care system for General Electric Plastics, Selkirk employees.

Clothing store aims to suit local men

By Mike Larabee

McCaffrey's, a four-year-old Albany men's clothing store, recently opened a second shop at Delaware Plaza on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The 950 square-foot retail shop, which opened officially in late October, is sandwiched between Golden Krust Bakery and Delmar Travel near the west entrance to the shopping center. Following a ribbon cutting ceremony last week with Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler, Building Inspector John Flanigan and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Marty Cornelius, Dan Parsons, a store principal, said he feels Delaware Plaza is a strong location.

"Delmar's always been a prestigious suburb and Delaware Plaza has a lot of good tenants and was in need of a men's shop," he said. He added that he is "optimistic" despite current gloomy economic forecasts.

"Business has been good, and it's been steady," he said. Parsons said that with the exception of Peter Harris Clothes, which he calls a "family store," no stores in the tri-village area sell men's clothing. "When we were planning the store, we were told that there wasn't a



Alex McDonald, manager, Anne McCaffery and Dan Parsons.
Elaine McLain

place in Delmar to buy a tie," he said.

The first McCaffrey's, which opened in 1986, is at 92 State St. in Albany and is owned solely by James P. McCaffrey of Albany. The Delaware Plaza location is a 50-50 partnership between McCaffrey and Parsons.

Parsons said McCaffrey's specializes in business suits. The store carries Corbin business suits, which Parsons called a "top of the line" Kentucky manufacturer, for

between \$400 and \$475 when regularly listed. It also offers a McCaffrey-name line for between \$225 and \$375 regularly, according to Parsons.

"If we don't sell the suits, it's not going to be a successful operation," he said.

In addition, McCaffrey's has Lord Jeff sweaters, Sero shirts, and B.W. Harris Manufacturing Co. coats and overcoats, and many ties, including some made in Delmar by J.B. Bruff Neckware.

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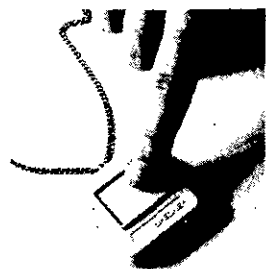
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"very concerning" because it is so big, he said.

He said the deficit could have come about in part from a decrease in student participation in the program and "inefficiencies," such as food waste, and paper product costs. He said the district's "supply costs are very sizable compared to its budget and other districts."

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the district is "right in the middle of doing a complete analysis of the school lunch program." He said he would like to see the program move "toward being self-supporting." The district has begun looking into the program, he said.

The district asked the School Lunch Bureau of the State Education Department to visit the Bethlehem schools and review the lunch program, Loomis said. The district is waiting for State Education Department to make recommendations for improvement of the program, he said.

Loomis said the district has "surveyed" other area districts in hopes of incorporating some of their ideas into the lunch program. He said the district is also working on other ways to cut the deficit in the school lunch fund.

"We're in the process of getting rid of disposable products," Loomis said. "We've had discussions with school principals for ideas they can offer on sales, and the most and least popular menu items. We've further consolidated all preparation of food for the elementary schools and the high school

Correction

Clarksville Elementary School was not listed as one of the schools participating in Grand Union's "Apples for the Students" program which provides computers and related equipment to school groups that collect register tapes.

to the high school."

Loomis said the district has not "finished making final decisions about what action to take" regarding the school lunch program.

Also at the meeting, the board approved changes in the high school curriculum under two conditions suggested by board member Bernard E. Harvith. He said the courses should be offered if enrollment is great enough and if the budget allows.

J. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent, presented the proposal for the changes for the 1991-92 school year. Changes include:

- reorganizing English and social studies and revising the EXCEL program in grades nine and 10
- deleting three social studies, two business and one art class
- adding two social studies and one art class
- revising two business and three technology classes
- changing the Regents credit-students will be required to pass both the course and the Regents exam for Regents credit

McAndrews said the added courses will be put in the handbook from which students select their classes, but it is not guaranteed the classes will be budgeted.

In other board news, student Eric Sims, president of the organization Students for Peace and Survival, asked the board to review its policy on guest speakers. He said he wanted the review because of the trouble SPS has had in organizing a gay awareness week and in gaining permission to have other various speakers, including David Aube, a speaker on the Middle East.

Advent services set

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, located at 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, invites the community to attend Wednesday Advent services at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5, 12 and 19. For more information, call 767-9441.

New zone

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the senior zone, the rest of the board said they feel it is an appropriate mechanism for addressing what they see as a definitive need for additional moderately-priced senior housing in town.

Councilman Robert Burns commended the "excellent critiques" of the law made throughout the review process by residents, notably by members of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning and the Hudson Avenue Neighborhood Association. The latter group was former earlier this year around opposition to the senior ordinance and the DePaul plan to build a 50-unit housing complex on North Street.

"In the long run I think they brought up some excellent points. Some changes were made in the legislation," Burns said. "I think it's been a good experience."

But Burns said he believed valid concerns that a senior housing project could adversely affect property values in a neighborhood were overstated in the end. Burns said he had recently raised the question with real estate agencies with regard to homes near several existing projects. "I honestly can't find any evidence that senior housing will bring down property values," he said.

All the board members emphasized that passing the senior zone legislation was different from approving a particular project, North Street or otherwise, with a majority indicating they have reservations about the North Street plan anyway. Burns said outright he would have "most likely voted 'no'" if North Street were before the board that evening, adding "I would guess that my fellow board members would take a hard look at it and some might likely vote 'no' as well."

He appeared to be right. Fred Webster, who also voted 'yes' on the senior zone, said he thought the North Street proposal would not "fit into the law as drawn. I won't say how I would vote on it," Webster said, but he added he felt his statement gave an indication which way he leaning on North Street.

While Galvin did not comment directly on the specific North Street plan at the meeting, she expressed antipathy to the floating-type zoning mechanism the senior zone represents. DePaul would need to have the North Street property re-zoned by the

town board before a multi-unit housing facility could be built there.

"I don't favor this type of quote, unquote 'floating zone,'" Galvin said, arguing that qualitative changes to Bethlehem's zoning code should wait until the town's Land Use Management Advisory Committee (LUMAC) finishes work on a new town master plan.

Overall, Galvin objects to the law as a process where an existing low-density residential zone can be changed to a multi-unit district by the town board — which she maintains is, in effect, "spot zoning." She said that while the new ordinance would benefit some senior citizens, it could hurt "senior citizens relying on the zones in which their homes are located."

"We have a duty to protect them as well," she said.

Spot zoning is the singling out of a particular piece of property for special treatment within a particular zone. A floating zone is one not designated to specific locations on the town's zoning map at the time the zone itself is defined.

Galvin said later that though she didn't have enough information to make a final determination, she probably would have voted against the DePaul project as well.

Joseph Duclos, president of the Hudson Avenue association, said he was "disappointed by the vote." He criticized the board for not pursuing alternatives to the senior zone more actively, contending that town officials were focused on the new district from the start.

"The political system (in Bethlehem) is such that the people in town don't have an option. They're going to get whatever the town government decides is going to happen," he said. "In my mind they didn't want to explore the other options. They were set on this."

Specifically, Duclos said the town should have looked into rent control legislation for senior citizens and expanded on existing rent assistance programs.

But he agreed that it appeared that a majority of the town board was opposed to North Street as a site for senior housing.

"If the vote went the way of their comments last night then the 'North Street neighborhood won,'" Duclos said. "But the other neighborhoods in town certainly lost with this ordinance."

Supervisor Ken Ringler and

Councilman Charles Gunner also voted for the new district. Ringler called the measure "very restrictive," saying, "Honestly I think it's more restrictive than necessary." Gunner said he thought the law "was in the best interest of the seniors" of the community and that he is "confident any board that was sitting would act in a reasonable manner" while applying the zone.

Burns called for the continued investigation of alternatives, like those mentioned by Duclos, to large new housing facilities, as well as the formation of what he termed a "selection committee" to identify appropriate sites for senior housing in town. The committee could allow for "public scrutiny" of sites before developers become involved, he said.

Burns suggested including residents on the committee who have been active recently in arguing against the senior zone. Duclos said later he would serve on such a committee if asked.

The new zone was originally proposed in April of this year.

School hosts read-in

The Glenmont Elementary School Read-In will be held Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and the community is welcome. For more information, call 439-7242.

Take a break, recreate!

BC kicks off program

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a trip for all high school students in Bethlehem to the Knickerbocker Arena to see an Albany Kick soccer game on Tuesday, Dec. 11. The event "kicks off" a new program which will offer a special event each month to high school students. Paul Machelor will be coordinating these activities.

To register for the game see Machelor at Bethlehem Central High School or call the Parks and Recreation Office at 439-4131. A permission slip must be completed for each student wishing to attend the game. Deadline is Dec. 7.

School hosts flea market

Bethlehem Central Middle School students will be hosting a flea market on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Students have rented table space where they will be selling crafts, refreshments, babysitting services, used toys and books and much more. Proceeds from the table rental will go to the Equinox Youth Shelter. For more information, contact Susan Backer at 439-6406.

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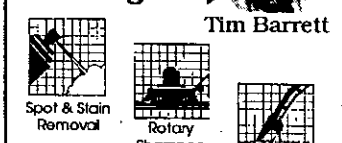
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"It appears as though there's a lot of money being spent (by the fire district)," he said. "There's no public accounting of the money. It's time a civilian got on the board to watch where the money is spent."

The incentive program, defeated last week, 601 to 381, would have provided volunteer firefighters at age 65 with \$20 per month for every year of active service, with the maximum of \$600 per month for 30 years of service. The program would have been supported by taxpayers' money. Wiggand said he was "glad" the program was defeated because it was "too expensive."

Voters in the Selkirk Fire District will have the chance to elect either Wiggand or incumbent Donald Gager to the board in a vote scheduled Dec. 11 at only Fire Company No. 3 in South Bethlehem, Gager's home district.

Wiggand said the fire district "should have known better" than to open only one firehouse for the public vote for a commissioner. He said he and other members of Citizens Against Rising Expenditures (CARE), a group of neighbors organized as a "watchdog" committee to "keep an eye on all (federal, state and local) expenditures," pushed to open the three firehouses for the pension program vote. CARE is "pressuring to open all three fire houses" for this vote, he said.

But Chairman of the district fire commissioners Charles Fritts said

it is now not legally possible to open up the other two firehouses for the vote. He said a legal notice, which must be made at least 13 days before the vote, was posted last week. Time does not allow for any changes now, he said.

Gager has been an active firefighter for 20 years, and on the board of fire commissioners for 12 years. He said active firefighters have always held the commissioner positions on the board for at least the last 20 years. He said this is helpful because the commissioners need to be knowledgeable about equipment used and purchased.

"You only know about a fire department by wearing a coat and getting dirty," said Fritts. "It's hard to know what you're getting into" if you're on the board and not an active firefighter, he said.

"It's not impossible for a civilian to be on the board," said Bill Asprion, a volunteer firefighter with the Selkirk Fire District for 12 years, "but it's beneficial to have someone on the board with a fire service background to understand what's involved with fighting fires."

The firefighters "need an incentive program," said Asprion. "It costs money to be a volunteer. It's easy for the average firefighter to do upwards of 200 hours a year of service."

Asprion said 600 volunteer firefighter applications were distributed at the pension program vote. "None have been returned," he said. "I think that's because of the amount of time it takes to be a volunteer."

Students hold flea market

A flea market for the younger set will be open at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

All middle school students in the town of Bethlehem are welcome to participate and set up their own booths with items for sale. The cost is \$5 for a table rental, and all proceeds from table rental will go to the Equinox Youth Shelter for runaway and homeless youth ages 12 to 17.

The public is invited. For information, call 439-7460.

Peace Corps returnees to hold fund-raiser

Capital District Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will be holding a Liberian Relief dinner and fund-raiser on Dec. 7. The dinner/fund-raiser begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Hudson Valley Community College North Dining Hall in the Campus Center, in Troy.

For more information, call 270-1549.

Church hosts holiday celebration

A Christmas celebration will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, on Friday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

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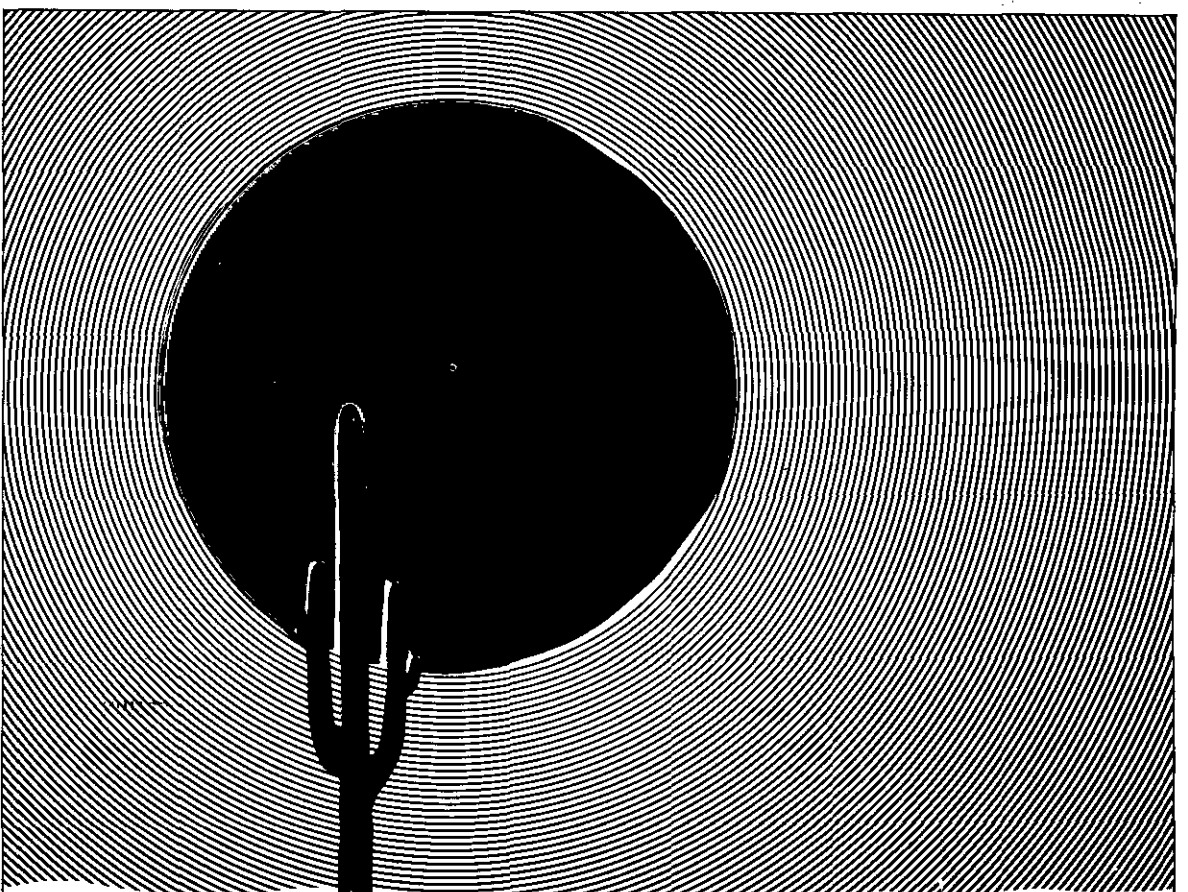
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Hoops club honors BOU at tip-off ceremony

The Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC) swung into action Sunday with a full slate of games at Bethlehem Middle School. Before the games, the opening tip-off ceremony featured a tribute to Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and its president, Holly Billings. BOU has provided seed money to the

club for its programming needs over the past two years.

The featured speaker was former CBA star Lowes Moore who stressed the importance of academic performance and dedication to achieve career and athletic goals.

In basketball action in the All-

Star Division, the Rockets outlasted the Bucks 44 to 30. Tom Leyden led the winning team with 12 points. Aaron Thorpe and Jason Gutman netted 14 and 10 points respectively to pace the Bucks.

The Spurs' strong offensive play proved too much for the scrappy Mavericks, who lost 49 to 27. Mike Pressman and John Svare led the winners with 18 and 12 points. For the Mavericks, Erik Bartoletti and Brendon Noonan each had eight. Chris Myer of the Spurs made the play of the day blocking a shot, grabbing a rebound and starting an offensive break leading to an easy basket.

Matt Winterhoff and Jason Heim scored 12 and 11 points as the Hawks downed the Sixers 40 to 20. Jim Boyle's strong rebounding and Keith Timmerman's play-making highlighted the Sixers' game.

In the Pro Division, a fired-up Knick team pulled away from the Nuggets in the second half to win 47 to 25. Eric Wimler led scoring with 21 points for the Knicks. The Nuggets were paced by Dave Doyle's 10 points and Nick Turner's 7 and strong inside play.

The Bulls held off a late Piston rally to win 36 to 30. Chris Wenger led the Bulls with 14 points and



From left are Holly Billings, president BOU; Bruce Svare, President BBC; Lowes Moore; BCHS Varsity Basketball Coach Jack Moser. BBC player Brian Moser is in foreground.

Dan Baum and Scott Baggott each had nine. The Pistons' Ryan Murray scored 21 points.

With full court pressure defense, the Celtics upended the Lakers 30 to 16. Bill Robinson and Tim Wenger led the Celtics attack with 11 and 10 points. Chrils DiMuria, Brian Rice and Joe D'Angelo scored 4 points each for the Lakers.

In the college division, Seton Hall and Georgetown tied at 25. Tom Hitter had 16 points for Seton hall. Mark Svare and Geoff Linstroth scored 9 and 8 points for

Georgetown.

A balanced scoring attack and strong defense helped Providence defeat Villanova 40 to 29. Dan Burrell and Kevin Russell paced Providence with 14 and 8 points. John Kasarjian and Kris Darlington led the Villanova scoring attack with 14 and 9 points.

The inside rebounding and scoring of Mike Follis and Paul Patanewere too much as Syracuse got by St. Johns' 41 to 23. Jamie Paine with 10 points and Myles Falkenhainer with 8 led the St. Johns offense.



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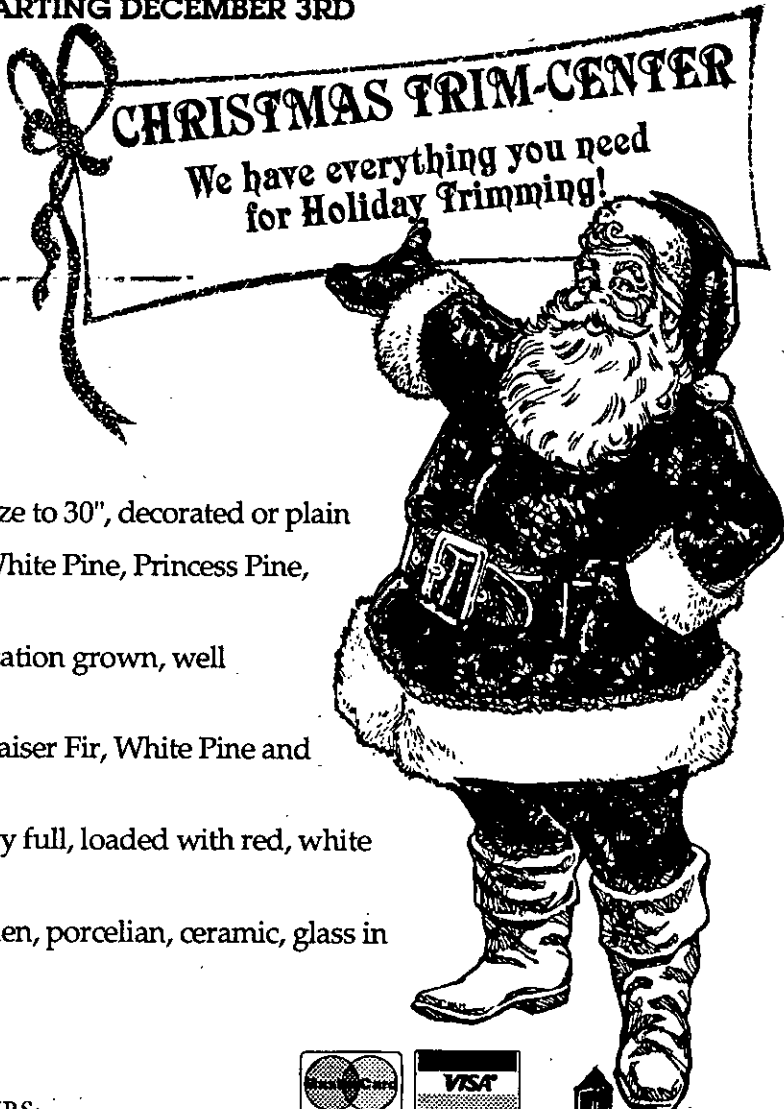
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Eagles drop opener; cruise in consolation game

By Michael Kagan

What a difference a day makes.

In their season opener preliminary game last Friday against Colonie in the Colonie Tip-Off Tournament, the Bethlehem Central Eagles lost 62-56. Then, not even 24 hours later, the Eagles turned in a very different performance, beating Bishop Maginn, 60-53, in the consolation game.

In the Colonie game, BC would have won by three points had the second quarter not counted. In the first quarter, the Eagles led 2-0 and 16-15, but fell behind by two at the end of the period.

In the dreaded second quarter, Colonie took a commanding 35-24 lead, aided by a string of Eagle turnovers. Interestingly, the second quarter was also the period of mass substitutions for BC. By halftime, there wasn't one Eagle, aside from injured players Eric Libertore and Mike Peters, who hadn't seen playing time.

The third quarter saw BC fall behind by three more points, 50-36. The Eagles rallied in the fourth quarter, scoring the final eight points, but it wasn't enough to come back.

Co-captain Eric McCaughin explained, "As a team we turned it over way too much as a team, not any one person."

The next night against Bishop Maginn, it was a different story for

Bethlehem, as the Eagles jumped out to a 13-4 first quarter lead. However, by the end of the quarter, the lead was cut to four, and then the second quarter blues struck again for the Eagles. Maginn opened up a 23-20 lead in the quarter, and BC could do no more than to tie it at 25 before halftime.

The Eagles regained their poise in the third quarter, sparked on offense by Chris Black coming off the bench, and claimed a 41-36 lead at quarter's end. BC went on a 12-2 run early in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Coach Jack Moser said he was "pleased" with his team's performance, particularly with the reduction in turnovers from the first to the second games.

There was a strong message sent to the Eagles during the tournament to be very wary of second quarters. In the two games, opponents outscored BC 27-14 during the second eight minutes. "I think we lose our mental edge in that quarter," Moser said. "That might be my fault. We need to develop a more consistent substitution pattern early so they're not so tired in the second quarter."

McCaughin said this Eagle team may go a long way. "We have the nucleus of a great team," he said. "If we play together, I think we can be really good. I don't think we're close (to our potential) yet, but we're definitely getting there. We


improved 100 percent from Friday night to Saturday."

Against Colonie, co-captain Scott Fish led the team with 21 points on his way to making the all tournament team for the second straight year. Matt Quatraro had

13 and McCaughin 12. Bill Karins collected six points, while Mike Aylward and Ben Olsen both scored two.

In the Bishop Maginn game, McCaughin, who Moser called "our tournament MVP," scored 16,

while Fish followed with 15. Quatraro had 14 points, despite missing most of the third quarter with difficult breathing. Black scored six, Bill Spinner had two and Karins and Matt Dugan each had one.



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Birds place in Ravena tourney

By Matt Hladun

After two games in the Gold Medal Tournament at Ravena, the Voorheesville varsity girls basketball team has won half as many games as they did all last year. The Blackbirds won their opener against Coxsackie and were defeated in the finals against Ichabod Crane.

"I'm unhappy we lost, but am very happy we made it to the finals," said Coach Nadine Bassler. "I knew it would be hard to go from fourth to first in just one year."

In the finals against Ichabod

Crane, one bad quarter proved to be fatal for the Birds. After playing a strong first half against the Riders, Voorheesville trailed by just two points, 21-19. But they never got things rolling in the third quarter. The Blackbirds were outscored 11-4 in the third, with many of the points a result of Blackbird turnovers.

"We gave the ball away too many times," Bassler said. "We tried to force the ball up the court and ended up walking with the ball or throwing it away. We made a lot of mistakes that we can both work on and improve on in practice."

Ravena girls go 1-1 in home tournament

By Seth Roe

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk varsity girls basketball team began their season with their own R-C-S Gold Medal Tournament last weekend. The Lady Indians were defeated by Ichabod Crane, and dominated the Coxsackie-Athens Indians.

Coach Dean Bissell said he was proud of the team's effort in Friday's 44-40 loss to Ichabod Crane. He said they played an exceptional game for their season

opener.

Sophomore Tina Van Kempen, putting forth 18 points, was the leading scorer for the Indians. JoanMarie Nunziato, the team's only senior, had 12 points and 10 assists. Junior Jessica Pierce scored six points and nine rebounds.

Saturday's 42-19 win over Coxsackie impressed Bissell, he said. Van Kempen, who had seven steals, was the leading scorer with 21. Nunziato, who scored 10 points, made 11 assists.

The Birds managed just one field goal and two foul shots in the quarter.

The Riders increased their lead in the fourth. They nailed important foul shots down the stretch, and never let the Birds get back into the game, eventually winning 46-28.

Voorheesville had a tough time against Tahnee Hines, who was named tournament MVP. Hines, who played in the Empire State Games, scored 18 points, and hurt the Birds all game on the boards. Donna Zautner led Voorheesville with ten points.

In their first round game, the Blackbirds blasted Coxsackie 55-16. The game was never close, as the Birds jumped out to a 10-0 lead and never looked back. Sophomore Courtney Langford had a tremendous game, scoring 25 points. She also pulled down 12 rebounds, had nine steals and four assists. Zautner added 13 points. Both Langford and Zautner were named to the all-tournament team.

This week, the girls open their Colonial Council schedule with their home opener against Schalmont on Friday.

One win in bag, Catskill looms as test match for Blackbirds

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville Blackbird grapplers haven't begun their season yet, but are ahead by one match.

The Birds open their season Thursday with a non-league match against Catskill and Duaneburg. The two matches were combined because Duaneburg, with three varsity wrestlers, needs to wrestle the necessary number of matches to qualify for the sectionals. The Birds get an automatic win against Duaneburg no matter how the three match outcomes are decided because of the lack of wrestlers from Duaneburg.

Catskill will present a tough opening opponent for the Birds. "Each year Catskill has a good bunch of wrestlers, who wrestle very physical," said Coach Richard Leach. "plus, we just edged them out of a tournament last year, so I think they'll be looking for us."

Leach said he is expecting a good team from Mechanicville, even though their numbers are down. "They have a good coach and every wrestler they put on the

Wrestling

mat will most likely be good," he said. "We can't take them lightly."

Although the Blackbirds have a lot of wrestlers with varsity experience, grade-wise they are still a very young team. The Birds have only four seniors: Josh Vink, Christian Clark, Tim Reeth and Chad Hotaling. Leach said he is hoping they will display the leadership his team might need at times. He said he's pleased to have all the weight classes filled. "It makes the match more fun," he said, "and so much can happen with all those matches being wrestled."

This is Leach's 21st season at the helm of the Blackbird grapplers. He had his second losing season last year when the team finished 6-7-1 overall, and 5-3 for a third-place tie in the league.

The Birds would like to improve that mark, Leach said. "The enthusiasm is there, but we're still untested in the water," he said. "We'll be all right though!"

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Birds take Ravena gold

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

The Voorheesville varsity boys basketball team ranked first in the Ravena Gold Medal Tournament last weekend.

Voorheesville topped Maple Hill in the first game on Friday, and defeated Ichabod Crane 57-37 on Saturday. "We played very well on defense," said Coach Frank Carrk. "Our offense was a little behind, but that will catch up soon."

The Birds were comfortably ahead of Maple Hill the entire game. However, this led to some dry spells in Voorheesville's play. Carrk said he was concerned with this, but commended the performance of junior forward Erin Sullivan. "Whenever we started to look flat, Erin came up with a big play," he said.

Having been up 15 going into the fourth quarter, the Birds coasted home capturing their first win. They advanced to Saturday's championship game.

At the start of the match against the Ichabod Crane Riders, it looked as if the game could go to either team. The Riders maintained a close lead. But slightly more than two minutes into the second quarter, the situation flip-flopped when the Riders committed a series of fouls on VC. With the Birds foul shooting looking good, they quickly pulled ahead. The night ended with a championship for Voorheesville.

Because of the long soccer

season at Voorheesville this year, the Birds were short on practice time before the season opener. So Carrk said he was happy to start with a couple of wins.

Throughout the tournament, the Birds displayed good depth on a prepared bench. "It's great to know that at any time we can make a substitution with no loss of talent to the floor," said Sullivan.

Strong efforts came from junior guards Jack Brennan and Ryan Carrk, and senior forward Bill Stone. Junior Eric Logan is expected to show solid play this season.

On defense, Voorheesville benefited from junior Tom Gianatasio's rebounding, as well as from Stone. The Bird's offense efforts were led by Sullivan with a tournament total of 27 points, followed by senior guard Todd Rockmore with 25 and Gianatasio with 16.

Rockmore's play left him with a spot on the all-star team and Sullivan's show earned him the tournament MVP trophy. Sullivan said his play was "decent," better in the first game.

Coach Carrk said it's hard to predict the team's competitiveness in the league this year. He said Watervliet is a "tremendous team," and expects tough matches from Waterford and Schalmont.

The Birds are scheduled to play at Schalmont on Friday. Tuesday they face Albany Academy at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

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August Martin tops BC

By Jason Wilkie

The Bethlehem Central Lady Eagles lost to August Martin, 77-32, in last weekend's Shenendehowa Tournament.

August Martin took the lead early on in the game, finishing first period 10 points ahead of Bethlehem.

Still, individual team members submitted outstanding performances. Kelly Ryan scored six points and Linda Doody made a basket and scored a foul shot.

Anita Kaplan, BC's All-American, was made to struggle on the offense in the face of August Martin's challenge. Although Kaplan was triple-teamed by August Martin through most of the game, she managed 17 rebounds. Kaplan put nine balls in the hoop before time ran out, in addition to three foul shots.

Bethlehem to host Empire swimming

Bethlehem residents will have a chance to see New York's finest swimmers compete next year when the Empire State Games, New York's annual state-wide Olympics, holds aquatic events at the town's Elm Avenue Park.

At its regular meeting last week, the town board okayed the use of the pool for the competition, which is being held in the Albany area for the first time, pending the completion of insurance arrangements.

The board voted unanimously to approve the event after a letter of recommendation from Town Parks and Recreation Department Administrator David Austin. "Our pool complex is probably the finest outdoor facility in Northeastern New York, and I feel it is an excellent opportunity for the Town to participate in an important state-wide event," Austin said.

The Empire State Games will reimburse the town for any expenses connected with the meet, Austin said. In addition, he said he believes "the majority of town residents will welcome the games, and neighboring communities will look favorably upon Bethlehem for our participation."

The event will be Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27, from 5 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, July 28, from 8 a.m. to noon. *Mike Larabee*

RCS tops Maple Hill, places third

By Michael Nock

After a narrow loss to Ichabod Crane and a win against Maple Hill, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk varsity boys basketball team placed third in the RCS Gold Medal Tournament last weekend.

Steve Bullock and Julio Colon were the top scorers against Ichabod Crane on Friday. Bullock scored 18 points, while Colon managed 11 in the 57-54 game. Coach James Gorham said Bullock had an outstanding tournament.

According to Gorham, Reggie Skipper played excellent defense, while Carlton Winslow worked hard for the team's offense and defense.

Bullock and Colon, joined by Eddie Nieves, slammed the ball in to become the leading scorers against Maple Hill on Saturday. During the second quarter, three starters got into foul trouble. Bullock and Skipper both had two fouls, and Cris Hagen had three.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott Gravlee

Lewis, Gravlee wed

Tiffany A. Lewis, daughter of Jo and Chester Lewis Jr. of Redmond, Wash., and G. Scott Gravlee, son of Diane and George Gravlee Jr. of Delmar, were married Aug. 4.

Rev. Jim Heugel conducted the ceremony in the First Free Methodist Church in Seattle, Wash.

Dawn Heyn was maid of honor. Kathy Flugstad, Martha Wenger, and Mie Yanase were bridesmaids. Brenda Gravlee and Cathy Studer were candle lighters.

Daniel Kutz was best man. Eric

Demaree, Thane Lewis, Glenn Stamps and Phil Fugstad were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and University of Washington. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in philosophy at Stanford University in California.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Washington. She is employed as an architect.

After a wedding trip to the Hawaiian Islands, the couple resides in Stanford, Calif.

Foster parents sought

An orientation session for adults interested in becoming foster parents will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10 at Parsons Child and Family Center, in Albany.

Foster parents are urgently needed to temporarily care for teenagers who are unable to remain in their own homes. Single or married adults who are at least 21 years of age and who reside within 50 miles of Albany may qualify as prospective foster parents. There is a special need for families to provide short-term foster care on an emergency basis. To provide this type of care, at least one parent must be at home full-time.

To reserve a place at the meeting, or for information, call 426-2600.

Parents group to meet

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk special education parent support group is meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the RCS Middle School.

All parents of students with handicapping conditions are welcome to attend.

For information, call 756-2155.

Seniors host show

The senior adult "Showtime" troupe of the Albany Jewish Community Center will present an original musical comedy written and directed by Evelyn Cohn on Monday, Dec. 17, during a special dinner at 4:45 p.m. at the center in Albany. Everyone over age 60 is welcome.

Dinner is \$5 per person, and reservations must be made in advance.

For information, call 438-6651.



William Oliver Myers and Mary Ellen Burda

Burda — Myers

Rosemarie and Robert Burda of Glenmont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen Burda, to William Oliver Myers, son of Julia Louise Deaton Myers Kornbau of Bowie, Md., and the late Robert H. Myers Jr.

Burda is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Rochester. She is employed by TRW, Arlington, Va.

Myers is a graduate of James Madison University. He is a captain in the U.S. Army in Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Lornell, Gandy wed

Christopher (Kip) Lornell, son of Betty J. and Wallace Lornell of Delmar, and Kim Gandy, daughter of Roma and Alfred Gandy of Shreveport, La., were married on Aug. 4.

Rev. Elizabeth Kapps conducted the ceremony at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Kellie Gandy was maid of honor. Ruth, Miriam and Jessica Precey were bridesmaids.

Eric Manatis-Lornell was best

man. Christopher Manatis-Lornell was ring bearer.

The groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is an ethnomusicologist who has written several books and is a post doctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institute.

The bride, an attorney, is national secretary-treasurer for the National Organization for Women.

After a wedding trip to New Zealand, the couple resides in Washington, D.C.

Carroll — Gilson

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Clinton Burdick of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Carroll Burdick, to Timothy Norton Gilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Paul Gilson of Rensselaer, formerly of Syracuse.

Burdick is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Syracuse University, and is a can-

didate for her master of education degree at Columbia University. She is a first grade teacher at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York City.

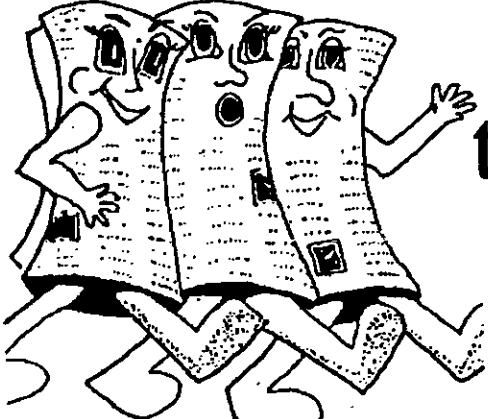
Gilson is a graduate of Syracuse University. He is president of TNG Legal Temps in New York City.

A January wedding is planned.

Artist shows at gallery

Lynn Finley of Delmar will exhibit her color photographs through Jan. 1 at the Spectrum Theater Gallery, 290 Delaware Ave., Albany.

The show, entitled "A Gathering," is a series of portraits of people who excel in various creative areas.



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Fugihara, Cordi wed

Anthony Joseph Cordi, son of Anthony and Winifred Cordi of Slingerlands, formerly of Colonie, and Bobbie Hisako Fugihara, daughter of Roy and Amy Fugihara, of Manhattan Beach, Calif., were married Sept. 29.

Fr. Peter Hickman conducted the ceremony in the Hotel Bel-Air, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Lauren Fugihara Isozaki was matron of honor, Lisa Fugihara was maid of honor. Nancy Cunningham and Alene Janowicz were bridesmaids.

Michael Cordi was best man.

Salvatore Savarese, James Kirkhill and Daryl Isozaki were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of University of Rochester and is currently attending the University of Southern California. He is a system analysis manager on the ALPHA laser program with TRW, Inc. in Redondo, Calif.

The bride is a graduate of UCLA. She is an information system specialist for Andersen Consulting, Inc. in Los Angeles.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple resides in Hermosa Beach, Calif.

Bender — Clark

Jane Correll has announced the engagement of her son, Jeffery C. Clark of Voorheesville, to Cathleen A. Bender, daughter of Edward and MaryAnne Bender of Colonie.

Bender is patient service coordinator for the Muscular Dystro-

phy Association in Albany.

Clark is employed by Owens Corning Fiberglass in Delmar, is the son of the late Andrew J. Clark Jr.

A summer 1991 wedding is planned.

Crafts in developing nations focus of talk

On Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m., Ramona Arnette will give a slide presentation, "Handcrafts in the Developing World: Jobs For Them, Joy For Us," at Peace Offerings, the non-profit international craft shop in downtown Albany.

Arnette has traveled extensively throughout the Third World, and has helped indigenous peoples to use their skills to create products marketable the U.S. and thereby become more self-sufficient. Peace Offerings is located at 33 Central Ave., between Lark Street and Northern Boulevard. For more information, call 434-4037.

Book fair planned

Parents as Reading Partners is sponsoring a book fair this weekend at Glenmont Elementary School. Hours are Friday, Dec. 7, from 4:30 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A large selection of both paperbacks and hard covers, fiction and non-fiction, will be available, supplied by Hodgepodge Bookstore and Critics' Choice.

Author Joyce Hunt will be available for autographs at 6 p.m. on Friday. She is the author of "Eat Your Heart Out Victoria Chubb" and "The Four of Us and Victoria Chubb."

Toys donated

A cuddly plush toy will be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program for every purchase of American Express Gift Cheques from now through Dec. 31 at one of three local financial institutions participating in the American Express Gift Cheque "Most Thoughtful Gift" program.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Scott Randles

Garman, Randles wed

Jeffrey Scott Randles, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Randles of Slingerlands, and Angela Lorraine Garman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Garman of Sunbury, Pa., were married Oct. 6.

Rev. Wayne Richards conducted the ceremony in the Albright United Methodist Church in Sunbury, Pa.

Elise Chowdhry was maid of honor. Nancy Randles Kelly, Donna Randles, Stephanie Dowling, Karen Randles, Sarah Alspach, Mary Scultz and Maria Sterling were bridesmaids.

Jeffrey Papa was best man. Mark Randles, Robert Randles Jr.,

Richard Kelly, Gregory Garman, Robert VanAernem, David McGuirk and Michael Fleischer were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hamilton College, and Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford. He is employed by Arthur Anderson in Hartford, Conn.

The bride is a graduate of Bates College and Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple resides in Albany.



Community Corner

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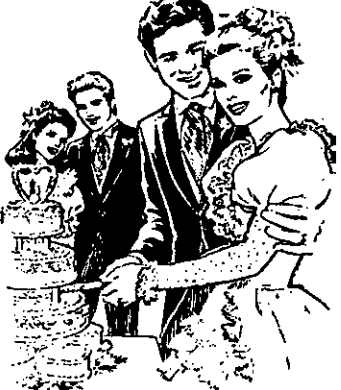
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Obituaries

Amanda Davies

Amanda Davies, 95, of Wellington Road in Delmar, died Saturday, Nov. 24, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

A native of England, she emigrated to the U.S. many years ago. She lived in Ithaca, Tompkins County, before moving to Delmar.

Mrs. Davies was an aide in the College of Home Economics at Cornell University and a member of the Albany Medical Center auxiliary for many years.

She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

The widow of Arthur Davies, she is survived by a sister, Betty Cleator of England; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Community United Methodist Church.

Contributions may be made to the Community United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Iola Shoddy

Iola Hotaling Shoddy, 82, of North Road in Clarksville, died Thursday, Nov. 22, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Clarksville and a lifelong resident, she was the former owner and operator of the Clarksville Tavern and later worked as a waitress at Libby's Restaurant in Delmar.

She was a member of the Clarksville Community Church.

The widow of Henry Shoddy Sr., she is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Groesbeck of Feura Bush; three sons, Richard Shoddy of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Gerald Shoddy of Clarksville and Henry Shoddy Jr. of Feura Bush; 14 grandchildren;

and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville, with burial in the Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Philip White

Philip T. White, 70, of Selkirk, died Monday, Nov. 19, in Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born and educated in Coeymans and a lifelong area resident, he was a weigh master for Cargill Inc. in Albany for many years before retiring several years ago.

Mr. White was a charter member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, a life member of the Selkirk Volunteer Fire Co. and a member of the Grain Millers Union, Local 210.

He was a member of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Alvina Houghtaling White; a son, Philip White of Guiderland; three daughters, Mary Ellen Galipo of Ormond Beach, Fla., Betty Jean Boehlke of Glenmont and Leslie Field of Colonie; two brothers, Willard White of South Bethlehem and Reuben White of Hudson; five sisters, Carrie Goodfellow of Albany, Rebecca Flansburg of Voorheesville, Hester Morehouse of Cobleskill, Anna Williams of Ravena and Katherine Gombol of New Jersey; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Chicorelli Funeral Home in Albany, with burial in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Elks National Foundation, in care of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, Route 144, Selkirk 12158.

Susan Beals

Susan J. Vichules Beals, 84, of

West Harwich, Mass., died Thursday, Nov. 29, in Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Mass.

Born and educated in Northampton, Mass., she lived in Slingerlands for many years before moving to Cape Cod in 1988. She was employed as a cashier at the former John G. Myers Department Store in Albany for many years.

She was a communicant of Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich.

She is survived by two sons, G. Stephen Beals Sr. of West Harwich and Philip Beals of Meraux, La.; a sister, Marguerite Bourgeois of Frankestown, N.H.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday in Holy Trinity Church, with burial in Holy Trinity Cemetery in Harwich.

Wilkes Furman

Wilkes Furman, 51, a former Voorheesville resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, at his State Street home in Schenectady.

Born in Rensselaerville, he lived in Voorheesville for many years before moving to Schenectady in 1982. At the time of his death, he was employed as a chauffeur for the state Department of Environmental Conservation in Colonie, where he had worked for more than 28 years.

He was a member of the of the Guiderland Elks Lodge 2480.

He is survived by a sister, Virginia Fisher of Voorheesville; and two brothers, Ray Furman of Clarksville and Thomas Furman of Troy.

Services were from Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville and from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville, with burial in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance.



Bill Smith instructs Voorheesville fifth-graders during an outing in the woods last week. *Etaine McLain*

Voorheesville students get nature experience

By Susan Wheeler

Over 30 wild turkeys ran into the open field. They stood frozen on the matted leaves. After a minute, and after fifth-graders from the Voorheesville Elementary School had a chance to get a good look at them, they disappeared into the woods.

"It was kind of neat," said outdoor survivalist Bill Smith, who last week took the students on a hunting and tracking nature hike through the woods off of Wormer Road in Voorheesville. "We had just gotten on talking about wild turkeys."

Smith, who grew up and lives in Colton in the Adirondacks, spent last week as artist-in-residence at the elementary school. He earned his degree in outdoor education from the State University of New York at Potsdam, and taught outdoor survival to high-schoolers in northern New York. He once was a tracker for hunters.

The basket-maker, storyteller and balladeer worked with the fourth-graders in the beginning of the week. He taught them about logging and farming in the Adirondacks on Monday. On Tuesday he taught them Indian basketry with construction paper. He said he learned to make Ash tree baskets from the Mohawk Indians.

The fifth-graders heard Adirondack folklore and tall-tales from Smith, whose residency at the school was funded in part by the New York State Council on the Arts, in association with Old Songs, Inc. and the Voorheesville Elementary Humanities Committee, on Wednesday. They hiked through the woods on Thursday, while Friday was spent learning winter survival in the outdoors.

"The kids were in awe of him," said Patricia Flint, a fifth-grade teacher. "They learned a wealth of information from him. He was very warm to the kids."

"The teachers are now able to refer to what the kids did with Smith, and what he taught them," said Edward Diegel, principal of

the elementary school. "The classes have been very captivated by him. They loved the trip to the woods."

The fifth-graders read "My Side of the Mountain," a book by Jean Craighead about a boy who leaves home and lives in the woods for a year, Flynt said. She said Smith was sent a copy of the book so he could become familiar with what the students knew about outdoor survival in the woods.

"All hill-people live the same way," according to Smith. He said he's a traditional story teller, who learned tall-tales and ballads from loggers and hunters he knew years ago. He taught the students general outdoor survival and tracking techniques he learned from living off of the land.

While hiking, Smith showed the fifth-graders a tree on which a buck had rubbed his antlers, wild carrots and tracks of deer and turkeys. "I had fun with the kids no matter what we were doing," he said. "I think the most fun the kids had was seeing deer tracks and the wild turkeys."

"The kids just loved learning the hunting and tracking techniques," Flynt said. "I think I learned just as much as the kids did."

Flynt said the students enjoyed Smith's company so much that "they couldn't let him go." She said they talked with him Friday afternoon until they almost missed their bus home.

"It's unreal how well these kids behaved," Smith said. "The kids here were absolutely wonderful. They were great to work with."

This week in the Voorheesville School District, on Dec. 6, actress Vinie Burrows will perform for grades four through six, and for grades nine and 10. She will tell traditional African folktales that involve audience participation. Fifth-grade students will work on a project relating to her dramatic performance in January with a teacher from the Institute for Arts in Education.

Swift Estates moves to board without planners' blessing

By Debi Boucher

Swift Estates will be on the agenda at tonight's (Wednesday) New Scotland Town Board meeting, but without the blessings of the planning board.

After weighing the issue of a waste treatment system for the nine-house development being proposed by Donna Baltis for 22 acres of land on Swift Road, the town planning board has voted unanimously not to give a positive recommendation to the town board on final approval for Swift Estates.

Although the waste treatment facility would be constructed by the developer, officials said the town would eventually have to take it over, and be responsible for its upkeep.

"It's not a perceived benefit to the town," said Planning Board Chairman Robert Hampston. "The town would have to assume a large amount of responsibility," he said, "and there would be no payback."

Peter Baltis, who represented his wife at the Nov. 27 planning board hearing, said later that what the town would stand to gain "is not the proper question." Pointing out that residents of the homes would be part of the town, he said, "The town is to serve the people."

Individual homeowners would pay for upkeep of the system, which was described as "low maintenance" by representatives of Percy Cotton Associates, engineers for the project. But planning board members, at an earlier meeting, had expressed doubt that maintenance costs could be contained.

Eugene Sneringer, an attorney for Donna Baltis, said it would be possible to get a 20-year maintenance bond on the system, known as Multi-Flo. Jeff Everett, of Austin Contracting Corp., Clifton Park, the only maintenance contractor for Multi-Flo in this area, said the systems were reliable. He was unsure whether the type of maintenance bond suggested by Sneringer would be issued by Multi-Flo or by his own company. The issue will be brought up at tonight's hearing.

Baltis said the planning board "tried to find an excuse not to approve the subdivision." He said he was disappointed in the board for addressing issues he considers the town board's domain, such as whether the town should take on a sewer district for only nine houses. "We feel the planning board really did not do the job they were asked to do," he said.

If the town board decides not to approve the project, Baltis said, the plan would revert to using the septic systems originally proposed. The developers decided to upgrade from septic systems to a sewage treatment system, Baltis said, after neighbors expressed concern about the type of septic system proposed. "We felt we had an obligation to offer the best type of system we could," he said, adding that the Multi-Flo system is "the latest in technology" for waste treatment.

At a previous hearing, planning board members seemed satisfied with the efficiency of the system, but had questions on the extent and cost of maintenance.

"The ultimate decision will be up to the town board," said Baltis.

Christmas party held

The Town of New Scotland Parks and Recreation Committee will be sponsoring a Christmas Party at noon on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. Magician Jim Snack will perform at noon and Santa will arrive at 1 p.m. Parents are asked to bring cookies and Christmas lists. For more information, call 439-1223.

Peek at Christmas past at Cherry Hill

By Debi Boucher



Christmas has always been for children, and nothing illustrates that better than this year's holiday celebration at Historic Cherry Hill.

Set for Sunday, Dec. 9, "Cherry Hill Children's Christmas" will focus on the lives and times of the three Rankin children — Edward, Herbert and Emily — who were the last of five generations of the same family to live at Cherry Hill.

Highlights of the festivities, which will run from 1 to 4 p.m., include musician Glen Weiser performing on the mandolin, guitar and tin whistle, instruments played by the Rankin children at the turn of the century. Playing the role of a Victorian Santiklaus will be Paul Phillippsen, dressed in traditional garments and robes made popular by European artists depicting the character known variously as Father Christmas, Belschnicol and Pere Noel.

The house, located on South Pearl Street (near McCarty Avenue) in Albany, was built in 1797 by Philip Van Rensselaer, a cousin of the Patroon Stephen Van Rensselaer and the first supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem — which at that time encompassed the southern portion of Albany. Since the house and all its furnishings were bequeathed as a museum by Emily Rankin at the time of her death in the early 1960s, Cherry Hill today offers a remarkably clear look at the history of a family spanning three centuries.

Because the family never moved, explained Anne Ackerson, Cherry Hill's director, little was thrown away, and the museum includes an impressive collection of books, household items and personal belongings from each generation. Some 30,000 manuscripts, spanning the five generations, were included in Rankin's generous legacy. "It allows us to really talk about the family, and their history," said Ackerson.

The 10 rooms open for viewing appear much as they did during the Victorian era, as a collection of "before" and "after" photographs on display in one of the lower rooms illustrates. "We do have a pretty good representation of all different styles of furniture," said Ackerson, "because it was collected over time." One of the oldest

pieces is a cradle originally used by Maria, Philip Van Rensselaer's wife, when she was a baby.

Along with original furnishings, the rooms feature personal effects and clothing — such as Emily Rankin's baptismal gown and the outfit worn by Herbert Rankin when, as a small child (he was later to die in World War II), he posed for a portrait that hangs in the formal downstairs parlor.

The museum's staff and volunteers have created a period Christmas setting for this weekend's activities, including traditional greenery and a 10-foot Christmas tree featuring Victorian ornaments created by local schoolchildren. Ackerson said she "put out the call" to a number of schools last month, and about seven or eight groups have become involved, including students at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar. The Victorian decorations range from paper chains and Christmas cards with tinsel to crocheted snowflakes and bead stars. The decorations will be judged on Sunday, with prizes awarded for creativity, overall quality and other categories.

One treat for children to see is the tiny playroom, where the Rankin children's toys are on display. That room will have a Christmas tree of its own this season, Ackerson said.

Participants in Sunday's open house will be treated to an abbreviated tour of the house, which Ackerson hopes will encourage them to come back and see more. "To come at Christmas is great," she said, "and it's a lot of fun, but you really don't see things the way you do on a tour." Discount coupons for full tours, which run about 45 minutes, will be offered on Sunday.

Admission to "Cherry Hill Children's Christmas" is \$2 per person, and free for children and museum members. Regular admission to the museum, open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 3, and Sunday 1 to 3 through December, is \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$1 for children ages 6 to 17. Special rates are available for groups of 10 or more. Cherry Hill offers tours to school groups throughout the school year, which Ackerson said is the museum's busiest season.

Cherry Hill's museum shop, featuring Victorian Christmas cards, books, reproductions of old-time Christmas ornaments, bouquets of fresh greens and handcrafted items, will be open during Sunday's event. Among the refreshments served will be cookies from turn-of-the-century recipes once enjoyed by the Rankin children.



The Rankin children



First Night rings in fun for the whole family

By Dev Tobin

In only its fifth year, Albany's First Night celebration on New Year's Eve has become a fixture on the area's holiday calendar, offering a cornucopia of entertainment throughout the city for a very modest price.

First Night buttons went on sale Saturday, and organizers expect another record crowd for the event. Buttons will cost \$8 through Dec. 28, and \$10 from Dec. 29; children five and under are admitted free.

"Last year, we sold about 15,000 buttons. This year, we expect to sell about 20,000," said Maureen Duda of the city Office of Special Events, which is coordinating First Night.

Based on a concept that originated in Boston 14 years ago, First Night offers entertainment — music, dance, poetry and theater — at various downtown locations in an effort to promote a safe, non-alcoholic way to ring in the New Year.

First celebrated at the end of Albany's tricentennial in 1985, First Night has already become a tradition.

"The growing success of First Night each year since the tricentennial and the enthusiasm of everyone involved clearly demonstrate the popularity of the event," observed Mayor Thomas Whalen III.



Duda explained that while New Year's Eve is traditionally a celebration for couples involving alcohol, First Night offer a city-wide celebration enjoyable by everyone in the family featuring more than 75 acts in more than 45 locations.

"Aside from the great entertainment, First Night provides an opportunity for people to experience the magnificent indoor and outdoor architecture of most of Albany's significant buildings," Duda added.

Among the venues for First Night are Norstar Plaza, city hall, Albany County Courthouse, Hampton Plaza, the First Reformed Church, St. Peter's Church, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,

the Kenmore Building, the Boulevard Cafe, the Albany Institute of History and Art, Chancellor's Hall and the museum, the south concourse and the Egg at the Empire State Plaza.

The evening begins with a parade from Lark Street and Washington Avenue to city hall, where revelers can sample cinnamon and egg nog ice cream provided by Ben & Jerry's before moving on to sample the best in local entertainment.

While the entertainment schedule for First night is too lengthy to list here, some of the musical highlights include Nick Brignola, Lee Shaw, Doc Scanlon, Skip Parsons, Mike Purcell, Bridget Ball and Christopher Shaw, Charlie Smith, Jim Gaudet, the Out of Control Rhythm and Blues Band, Not Necessarily the Blues, the St. Regis String Band, the Sharks, L'Ensemble and the Heavenly Echoes Gospel Chorus.

Dance and theater highlights include the Berkshire Ballet, EBA, Kuperberg Morris Movement Theatre, Opera Excelsior, Albany Civic Theatre and Park Playhouse.

Although most of the entertainment consists of veteran area talent, this year for the first time, First Night, in cooperation with Oldies 99.5 FM, will offer a national act, Felix Cavaliere's Rascals, for an additional \$5 at the Palace Theatre



Folksinger Christopher Shaw will entertain at Albany's First Night.

beginning at 10 p.m. (Seating is limited to 2,000).

Another added attraction this year is a free preview performance of "Other People's Money" at Capital Rep on Wednesday, Dec. 26, for 250 button-holders, first-come, first-served.

In addition to the various entertainers, downtown Albany buildings will be illumi-

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

ZORA
One-character play about Harlem renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston, Russell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE
Shakespeare & Company performing works from its Edith Wharton and Henry James series, Russell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

BAHNG JA LIKE BAHNG JA
Based on a well-known classical Korean play, Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Information, 473-1061.

BREAD AND PUPPET THEATRE
Sponsored by Siena's Women and Minority Studies Committee, Siena College, Loudonville, Dec. 8. Information, 783-2527.

HOME
Bittersweet odyssey, University Performing Arts Center, Albany, Dec. 5-8, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

THE UNEXPECTED GUEST
Mystery, The Schenectady Civic Players, Inc. Dec. 5-9, Wed.-Fri., 8 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Information, 783-6295.

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA
Work of Spain's dramatist, Federico Garcia Lorca, Skidmore College, Saratoga, Now through Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Information, 584-5000.

NUNSENSE
Cohoes Music Hall, now through Dec. 31, Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

NARNIA
Musical based on "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," Empire Center, Albany, Now through Dec. 18, Fri. 8 p.m. Sat. 2 and 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 442-5373.

THE NECKLACE BRISINGAMEN
Tale from Norse mythology, Masque Theater, Inc., Chapel & Cultural Center, Troy, Now through Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Information, 459-4961.

THE CHERRY ORCHARD
Haunting, humorous classic, Capital Repertory Company, Albany, Now through Dec. 16, Sat. 4:30 and 8:30 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.; Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

MUSIC

CEREMONY OF CAROLS
The Russell Sage College Women's Chorus and Community Chorus holiday concert, Russell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

TUNES OF THE TWENTIES
Michael Musial, piano recital, Russell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 7, 12:40 pm. Information, 270-2246.

MUSIC AT NOON

Isaac Stern, violin; Jamie Laredo, violin; Yo-Yo Ma, cello, Troy Savings Bank, Dec. 11, noon. Information, 273-0038.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CONCERT
The College of Saint Rose and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute percussion ensembles, Saint Rose, Albany, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Information, 454-5178.

ANNUAL MADRIGAL DINNERS/CONCERTS
Staged by the University Chamber Singers, University at Albany, Dec. 8-10, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

BILLY JOEL
In concert, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, Dec. 9 and 16-17, 8 p.m. Information, 487-2100.

OUT OF CONTROL
Rhythm and Blues Band, Bijou, Saratoga, Dec. 8, 10:45 p.m. Information, 372-5607.

GREG BROWN
Singer-guitarist, The Eighth Step, Albany, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

CHARLIE KING AND BOB FRANKS
Two of America's premier songwriters, The Eighth Step, Albany, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

ENSEMBLE CONCERT
University Percussion Ensemble and University-Community Symphonic Band, University Performing Arts Center, Albany, Dec. 11-12, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

MELODIES OF CHRISTMAS
Empire State Youth Orchestra, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 9, noon and 3:30 p.m. Information, 382-7581.

IN SILENT NIGHT
Albany Pro Musica, with the St. Cecilia Chamber Orchestra, Dec. 8, St. James R.C. Church, Albany, 8 p.m.; Dec. 9, First Reformed Church, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-4167.

WINTER CONCERT
Thursday Musical Club Women's Chorus, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 372-7960.

BOSTON POPS
Christmas special, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 487-2100.

TAKACS STRING QUARTET
Third and fourth concerts in the complete Beethoven Strong Quartet Series, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Information, 382-7890.

PAT BOONE/FLORENCE HENDERSON
"We Wish You A Merry Christmas," with Frank DeVol and his orchestra and The Melloyd Carolers, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

DANCE

STEPPING INTO THE TWENTIES
First Annual Humanities and Arts Festival, popular dances of the 1920s, Russell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 6, 4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

FESTIVAL

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
Winter Wonderland Art Activity, Queensbury Madrigal Singers, Adirondack Community College Ensembles, story hour, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD
Three Kings Day, celebrated through festivals, parades and gift giving, Junior Museum, Troy, Dec. 8-9, 2-4 p.m. Information, 235-2120.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT PRUYN HOUSE
The "Magic Holidays," Pruy House, Newtonville, Dec. 12, 2-4 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD
Hannukah, discover the fun of the Jewish Festival of Lights, Junior Museum, Troy, Dec. 15-16, 2-4 p.m. Information, 235-2120.

A CHERRY HILL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
Music, holiday decorations, refreshments, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, Dec. 8, 5-7 p.m. Information, 434-4791.

READINGS

SNOW TOWARD EVENING
Author and illustrator Thomas Locker, book-signing, poetry reading and family activities, Albany Institute of History and Art, Dec. 9, 2-4 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

DIANE LUNDE AND BARBARA BLATNER
Sponsored by the Hudson Valley Writers Guild and the Gallery Poetry Society, Albany Art Gallery, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 434-7351.

SHOW

SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW AND SALE
Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy, Now through Dec. 31, Information, 273-0552.

FILM

X, Y & ZEE
Based on Edna O'Brien's novel, Siena College, Loudonville, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

AUDITIONS

YOUNG MUSICIANS FORUM
High school musicians, meet monthly and give spring program at Siena College, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. Information, 456-6302.

WORKSHOPS

KIDS LOLLIPOP SHOWCASE
And model of tomorrow workshop, VanDyck Restaurant, Schenectady, Dec. 9, Information, 377-6681.

VISUAL ARTS

ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS:
Edward Larrabee Barnes, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, Dec. 8-Jan. 20. Information, 792-1761.

GALERIA GRUPO ARTE
Works by the Antibes, France-based Greek artist Alkis Vailiotisk, Galeria Grupo Arte, Albany, Dec. 8-Jan. 30, Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-6 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

EXPRESS TOURS
Focus: Charles Loring Elliott, Albany Institute of History and Art, Dec. 7 and 9, Fri. 12:15 p.m. Sat. 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING
Photographs by Amy Arbus, Bennington College and Usdan Gallery, Bennington, Now through Dec. 14, Gallery hours, Mon.-Fri. 1-5 p.m.

AMERICAN ART POSTERS
Of the 1890s, from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, State Museum, Albany, Now through Feb. 10, Information, 474-5877.

BLOCK PRINT SHOW
Featuring five artists from the national and international community, The Visions Gallery, Albany, Now through Jan 30, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

RENSSELAER COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS
T.E. Breitenbach, Gayle Johnson, Michael Oatman, Now through Jan 6, Wed.-Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

ED MITCHELL
Abstract Polaroid photographs, Saint Rose Art Gallery, Albany, Now through Dec. 16, Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 432-6960.

CYNTHIA CARLSON
Memento Mori, Rathbone Gallery, Sage Junior College of Albany, Now through Dec. 21, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Wed., Thurs. 6-8 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

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GIANTS OF THE DEEP:

Ancient Undersea Creatures, State Museum, Albany, Now through Jan. 6. Information, 474-5877.

TERRENCE TIERNAN
Paintings, Rathbone Gallery, Albany, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-8 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

THORNTON UTZ
Portraitist and painter, The Gallery Unlimited, Socha Plaza, Scotia, Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. till 8 p.m. Information, 384-0193.

THE GALLERY AT THE OLD MILL
Featuring well-known Adirondack artists, Elizabethtown, Wed.-Sat. 1-4 p.m. Information, 873-6843.

DOLDRUMS
Showcases the work of arts faculty, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, Wed.-Fri., noon-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; Sat., noon-3 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ARTIST AT PLAY
Group showing, Greene County Council on the Arts Catskill Gallery, Catskill, Gallery hours, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN
Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Albany, Tues.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-1676.

A FOCUS ON THE FEMALE FIGURE
The Rice Gallery in the Albany Institute of History and Art, Gallery hours, Tues.-Sat.

ALBANY: CAPITAL CITY CROSSROADS
Exhibit and video on history of Albany, Albany Urban Cultural Park Visitors Center, Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weekends by appointment, Information, 434-6311.

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AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday
December 5

ALBANY COUNTY

HOLIDAY SALE

South Concourse Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

HOCKEY

Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

OPEN HOUSE

Christian Brothers Academy, De La Salle Rd., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 462-7041.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB

Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

sponsored by the Schenectady Photographic Society, First Methodist Church, Lafayette and State St., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

REGISTRATION FOR COURSES

Russell Sage College Registrar's Office, First St., Troy, noon-6 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

Thursday
December 6

ALBANY COUNTY

TWO-DAY SEMINAR

the School Of Business, SUNYA, Computer Operations Management from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in BA 220. Information, 442-3932.

ST. ROSE INFORMATION SESSION

the Campus Center faculty lounge, 420 Western Ave. at 6 p.m. Information, 454-5143.

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Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, 5:30 - 8 p.m. Information, 438-6515.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Friday
December 7

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

Sunday
December 9

ALBANY COUNTY

ICE SKATING RINK OPENS

noon - 2 p.m. then from 3 - 4 p.m., at 4:15 p.m. there will be an opening day ceremony, \$2.50 charge.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

Monday
December 10

ALBANY COUNTY

INFORMATION SESSION

Empire State College, State University of New York, public invited, at 6 p.m. at the Capital District Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany. Information, 485-5964.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Steuben Club, Member's Lounge, 1 Steuben Pl., Albany, from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$20. Information, 283-8416.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith St., Schenectady, 8-10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB

for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Gaspary's Restaurant, 164 Madison Ave., 5:45 p.m. Information, 851-9859.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

Tuesday
December 11

ALBANY COUNTY

ONE-DAY SEMINAR

The School of Business, SUNYA, "Managing Multiple Priorities," from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in BA 220. Information, 442-3932.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Sunshine Day Care Center, Rt. 9 & 20 and Hayes Rd. East Greenbush, from 6:15 - 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday
December 12

ALBANY COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wednesday
December 5

BETHLEHEM

PUBLIC HEARING
Bethlehem Board of Appeals, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday. Information, 439-4258.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
meets first and third Wednesdays, Old Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

Thursday
December 6

BETHLEHEM

EVENING SERVICE
Clarksville Tabernacle, 7 p.m., Route 443. Information, 768-2733.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

KABBALAH CLASS
class in Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m.; creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

BOWLING
sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group, for parents of handicapped students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

NEW SCOTLAND

CLARKSVILLE TABERNACLE
890 Delaware Ave., Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2733.

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB
Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS
4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years old, meets every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

Friday
December 7

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every Friday, 12:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER
services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC
for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT
first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS
United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Saturday
December 8

BETHLEHEM

KIDS FLEA MARKET
Bethlehem Central Middle School cafeteria, 1-4 p.m., middle school students may participate, come earlier to set up. \$5 for every 2.5' x 4' space. The public is welcome.

CHABAD CENTER
services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

Sunday
December 9

BETHLEHEM

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday worship service, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m. meetings held at the Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 475-9086.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; 3-year-olds through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6 p.m. Information 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

family worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Nursery care available during worship services. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
church school and worship, 9 and 11 a.m.; nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship, church school, nursery care 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship 11 a.m.; adult education programs 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays. Information 439-9252.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

worship, Sunday school and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont. Information, 463-6465.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m. Rt. 9W Selkirk. Information, 436-7710.

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worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9976.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH

worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 436-7710.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship service, youth forum, 10 a.m., Fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

schoolhouse and Toll House museums open, through August, Rt. 144, Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

NEW SCOTLAND

EVENING SERVICE
Clarksville Tabernacle, 7 p.m., Route 443. Information, 768-2733.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

worship, 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Bible hour for children and adults, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 7 p.m.; nursery care provided for Sunday services, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

adult Bible study class and Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH

worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday school.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

worship, 10 a.m. church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, children's story hour, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m. Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Monday
December 10

BETHLEHEM

TOWN PLANNING MEETING
Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106, 7:30 p.m., Southgate Square; bring a donation of canned goods to the meeting. Information, 475-1054.

MOTHER'S TIME OUT
Christian support group for mothers of preschool children Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, nursery care provided, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS
meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

AL-ANON GROUP
support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

ALATEEN MEETING
support group for young people whose lives have been affected by another's drinking. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday. Information, 439-4258.

NEW SCOTLAND

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on display at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. through December. Information, 765-2791.

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

VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3313.

Tuesday
December 11

BETHLEHEM

PTA MEETING
Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m., school library, the community is welcome. Information, 439-6305.

CHRISTMAS TEA
Dana Natural History Society, 2 p.m., Bethlehem Historical Museum, Rte. 144, Selkirk. Information, 439-1580.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

DELMAR ROTARY
meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

A.W. BECKER PTA
meets second Tuesdays, Becker Elementary School, Rt. 9W, 7:30 p.m.

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT
commissioner's meeting, second Tuesdays, Slingerlands Fire House, 8 p.m.

Wednesday
December 12

BETHLEHEM

TOWN HALL OPEN MEETING
Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, 3:30 p.m., everyone welcome. Information, 439-6885.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Bethlehem gets activities coordinator

The Town of Bethlehem recently hired a part-time activities coordinator, Paul Machelor, who will work out of the Parks and Recreation Office. In cooperation with the Bethlehem Central School District, Machelor will be planning a series of special events (approximately one per month) for high school age students in Bethlehem.

Guidelines for the events include:

1. There will be no alcohol or drug use at any time during the event (this includes the time prior to event and during the transportation process), and no smoking.
2. Students are expected to cooperate with chaperones and exhibit proper behavior at all times.
3. While the event is in progress, students may not leave and return.
4. For activities held away from Bethlehem High School, students will sign up and pay any fee in advance and depart from the specified location as a group.
5. On trips where students must provide their own transportation, responsibility in terms of promptness, safe driving, etc., is expected.
6. Permission slips are required for participation in all events. One permission may be used to cover the entire year.

The first activity planned is to attend a soccer game at the Knick Arena on Dec. 11. If you are interested in going, please see Machelor at the high school, or call the Office of Parks and Recreation at 439-4131.



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RED MEN
second Wednesdays, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

SECOND MILER'S LUNCHEON MEETING
First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
meet second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center,

New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE
second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

Cultural festival set at Jewish center

The annual Jewish Cultural Arts Festival will be combined with this year's book fair at the Schenectady Jewish Community Center beginning Saturday, Dec. 8, through Monday, Dec. 10.

Yosef Yankelev, concert violinist, will perform Jewish and ethnically-inspired music selections Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. The fee is \$7 per person and includes the opening reception.

An exhibition of artist Yehudit Shadur's Jewish paper cuts will be on display during the festival. A lecture and slide presentation of her work will be given on Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$6 per person.

Shadur will lead a workshop on the art of Jewish paper cuts on Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$7.50 and reservations are suggested. The combined fee for attending Yankelev's concert and Shadur's presentation is \$11.

A Hebrew calligraphy workshop will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday by Fred Rheingold, who studied calligraphy at SUNYA and also pursued Judaic studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Participants do not need to know Hebrew in order to attend the workshop. The fee is \$7.50 per person.

For more information, call 377-8803.

Peace Corps returnees to hold fund-raiser

Capital District Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will be holding a Liberian Relief dinner and fund-raiser on Dec. 7. The dinner/fund-raiser begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Hudson Valley Community College North Dining Hall in the Campus Center, in Troy.

For more information, call 270-1549.

Church hosts concert

On Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3:30 p.m., the Choir of St. Peter's Church will perform Handel's Messiah with the St. Cecilia Chamber Orchestra. The performance will be at St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge streets in downtown Albany, and is offered to the public free of charge.

For more information, call 434-3502.

Chamber breakfast to address drug abuse

The Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a special breakfast on Thursday, Dec. 6, which will focus on the problems of drug abuse in our community and state. The event, which is free of charge, will feature the area debut of Fleet/Norstar's new drug prevention initiative, the videotape "Ten Minutes on

Drugs" and a keynote address by Arthur Webb, director of the state's Division of Substance Abuse Services.

A buffet breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., followed by the program from 8 to 9:30 a.m., at the Albany Hilton. To register, call 434-4577.

Holocaust film aired

"The Last Chapter," a camera-record of a survivor of the Holocaust who returns to Poland in 1945 to find only ashes and rubble, will be shown at Temple Beth Emeth in Albany at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9.

Program offered at women's center

Dr. William Butler, reproductive endocrinologist and gynecologist, and Mary Branan, president of the Endometriosis Association, will present an informative free community education program entitled "Facing Endometriosis" from 7:30

to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Woman's HealthCare Plus, an affiliate of Bellevue Hospital, located at 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland.

To register or for information, call 452-3455.

Holiday mail needs proper addressing

During the holiday season, the large volumes of letter mail passing through the post office undergo a change in make-up from primarily typed addresses to an inordinate amount of hand-written addresses. That means the Postal Service must switch some of its automated processing to manual processing. Either way — printed or handwritten — proper addressing is critical.

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- persons in wheelchairs going to medical appointments • clinic appointments: legal, blood pressure, tax, fuel

WEEKLY GROCERY SHOPPING

MONDAYS: Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza.

THURSDAYS: Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem go to Town Squire Plaza.

CANCELLATION POLICY: When the school district is closed due to inclement weather, vehicles will not operate.

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Reservations may be made before December 17 by calling 439-4955 (Bethlehem Town Hall) Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or 439-2008 evenings and weekends.

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Cub Scouts from Hamagrael School's Den 7 sold pizza, hot dogs and soda at their Dec. 1 craft fair. From left to right, front row are Ben Norris and Sam Volo; back row, Christopher Leckerling, Stephen Koenig, Brian Dowling, Christopher Caufield and leader Sue Volo. *Joseph Schuyler*

Science competition open to students

Students in grades 9 through 12 who have imagination and an interest in technology or mechanics are invited to enter the Ninth Annual Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition to be eligible for \$32,500 in college scholarships and cash awards.

There will be 41 top winners in the national competition, which grants a first place scholarship of \$10,000, five second place \$3,000 scholarships, ten third place \$500 scholarships, and 25 cash awards of

\$100 each.

Every student who submits an idea will be given a Duracell athletic bag. One hundred finalists are selected for special recognition and the six top winners are guests of Duracell for awards festivities which conclude the competition.

To enter, students must complete a form available from science teachers, or write to Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition, 1742 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Post office offers gifts

Shopping for gifts at the post office, where you buy your stamps, can save both time and gasoline.

Among the gift items available from the Postal Service is a 24 by 36-inch poster depicting the killer whale and dolphin, for \$4.95. Tree ornaments, crafted in brass, silverplated in a snowflake shape and crowned with one of the 1990 Christmas stamps, are priced at \$14.95 each. Ornaments are sold over the counter or by mail; mail order forms are available in post office lobbies.

"Stampin," a board game, costs \$13.95 by mail order and at the counter of larger post offices. The game appeals to players ages eight to adult, and includes the pamphlet, "Introduction to Stamp Collecting."

Foster parents sought

An orientation session for adults interested in becoming foster parents will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10 at Parsons Child and Family Center, in Albany.

Foster parents are urgently needed to temporarily care for teenagers who are unable to remain in their own homes. Single or married adults who are at least 21 years of age and who reside within 50 miles of Albany may qualify as prospective foster parents. There is a special need for families to provide short-term foster care on an emergency basis. To provide this type of care, at least one parent must be at home full-time.

To reserve a place at the meeting, or for information, call 426-2600.

Contest under way for youth groups

The clubs and troops of 13 million young Americans are now planning community service projects to enter in Colgate's 18th annual Youth for America campaign, the award-winning program that presents cash grants for the best such programs by local units of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H, Boys Clubs and Girls, Inc. (formerly Girls Clubs).

Alex Trebek of "Jeopardy," Grammy Award-winner Dionne Warwick and teen star Chris Young head this year's judging panel, which will choose the nation's top programs. More than 200 winners will receive checks from Colgate-Palmolive Co. for up to \$2,000.

Youngsters have until March 15, 1991, to devise and execute ideas that will help their communities and send reports to the Youth for America campaign. The youth program was launched by Colgate-Palmolive Co. in 1972 to promote community responsibility among America's youth. Participants range from four and five-year-olds to high school teenagers.

Entry forms for the current campaign are now available through the regional offices of the national organizations, and additional forms may be obtained by sending a stamped-self addressed envelope to Colgate's Youth for America, PO Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, N.Y. 10150-1058.

Arbor Day Foundation offers tree-pruning help

Winter is a popular time to prune trees. How a tree is pruned in its first few years of life will affect its shape, its strength, and even its life span. To help would-be

pruners, a free booklet, "How To Prune Young Shade Trees," is available from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

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"Food and drink will be available at many of the locations, and there will be a food court at the post office on Broadway," Duda noted.

As the clock moves toward midnight, 1991 will be rung in with a fireworks show at the Corning Preserve.

CDTA will provide free shuttle bus service throughout downtown for First Night celebrants.

Duda said that, since alcohol is not the center of the night's activities, the focus on culture and the arts provides a good time for the family.

Lt. Robert Wolfgang, spokesman for the Albany Police Department, agrees. "From our perspective, First Night is a very good program that doesn't cause

some of the problems that we encounter with other types of New Year's Eve celebrations," he said. "It's a good night with very little trouble for us or for First Night participants. I take my kids down every year, it's a nice event for the community."

This year, for the first time, group discounts are available for companies and organizations that want to treat their employees or members to First Night. For purchases of 20 to 100, the price is \$7 each, and for purchases of more than 100, the price is \$6. The deadline for group sales is Dec. 28.

Buttons are available at area Price Chopper supermarkets, Albany City Hall, Community Box Offices, the Palace Theatre, the Albany Urban Cultural Park Visitors Center, Capital Cablevision, and branches of Albany Savings Bank, Norstar Bank, Union National Bank and National Savings Bank.



Eight hundred panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, shown here in Washington, D.C., will be on exhibit through Dec. 9 at the New York State Museum in Albany.



Staff members at the Kenwood Child Development Center, Delaware Avenue in Delmar, keep children amused during the center's recent open house. The center has openings in infant program. *Elaine McLain*

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Weekly Crossword

"IN COMMUNICATO"

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Sudden loud noise
- 5 Place: Latin
- 10 Type of schi.
- 14 On the sheltered side
- 15 Rub out
- 16 Pro-
- 17 Elias ____: Inventor
- 18 COMMUNICATION MEDIUM
- 20 Short Saints and Streets
- 21 Iota
- 22 Mary Poppins, eg
- 23 Book parts
- 25 Mr. Gingrich
- 27 More serious
- 29 COMMUNICATION MEDIUM
- 33 In quick succession
- 34 Steven Wright's message
- 35 1, 2, 3, eg
- 36 Summer coolers
- 37 Satisfies
- 38 Pontiacs
- 39 Military address
- 40 Peaked
- 41 Peewee ____
- 42 PICTURESQUE COMMUNICATION MEDIUM
- 44 Tasks
- 45 Decays
- 46 "____ at the bit"
- 47 Moaner or groaner, eg.
- 50 "I must down to the ____ again": John Maestfield
- 51 Chicken ____ king
- 54 COMMUNICATION MEDIUM: PLURAL
- 57 Mr. Severeid
- 58 Transmit the message
- 59 Maple sap spigot
- 60 Leading performer
- 61 Poets words
- 62 Knights garb
- 63 Funeral fire

DOWN

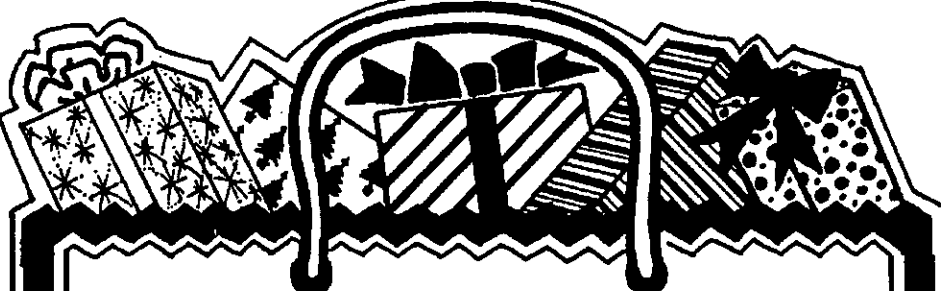
- 1 Scrooge's exclamations
- 2 Mucho
- 3 COMMUNICATION MEDIUM: PLURAL

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- 4 Horse command
- 5 FORM OF COMMUNICATION
- 6 Type of cookies
- 7 Serene
- 8 Avail
- 9 Precedes "ERAL": Many
- 10 Phony
- 11 Had reclined
- 12 School or collar
- 13 "____ are called, but few are chosen"
- 19 "____ there is no second prize for the runner-up": Omar Bradley
- 21 Long in the tooth
- 24 A Hertz competitor
- 25 Nominated
- 26 Selves
- 27 Get a firm handle on
- 28 COMMUNICATION MEDIUM
- 29 Muffled
- 30 Conference call, eg
- 31 Lariat part
- 32 Dangerous curves
- 34 Whiskers
- 37 MISCOMMUNICATION RESULT
- 38 High Sch. course
- 40 "Four ____ and seven years ago..."
- 41 Greek letters
- 43 Fads
- 44 Water after scotch
- 46 Pablo Casals' instrument
- 47 Church part
- 48 Moonstruck star
- 49 Sharpen
- 50 Slender
- 52 Prevaricator
- 53 Land measurement
- 55 Confed. States of Amer.
- 56 Spring Mo.
- 57 Intuition initials

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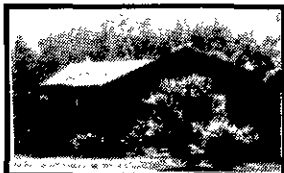
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One medication drivers should be particularly careful about is an antihistamine. It may make many allergy sufferers drowsy. More importantly, drivers tend not to be aware of their impaired driving performance after taking the medication.

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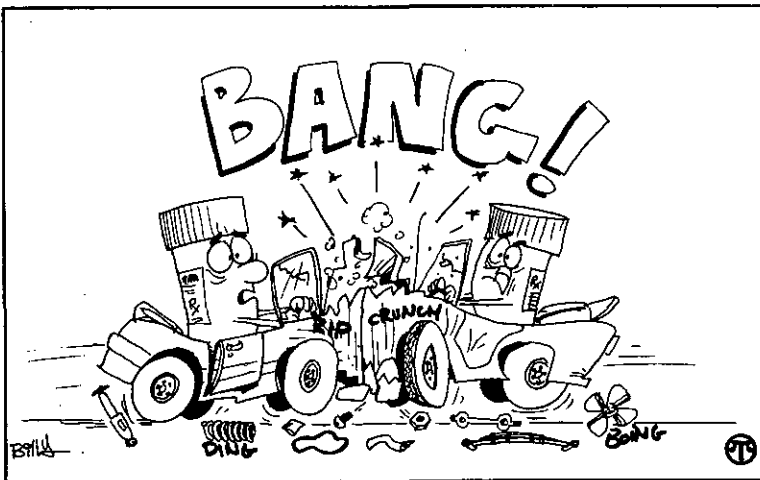
This winter, particularly during the holidays, safety conscious drivers should not only not drink and drive, they should be careful of the medications they are taking.

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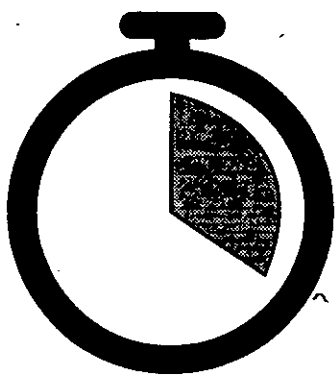
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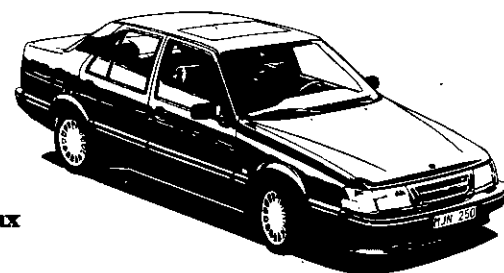
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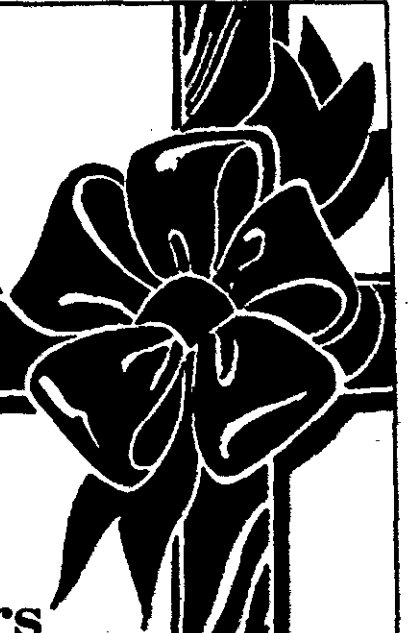
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