

## Bethlehem kicks off bicentennial campaign

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission this week opened its formal fund-raising campaign for events planned to mark the town's 200th birthday.

Commission Chairman J. Robert Hendrick, former supervisor, said donations are being sought through more than 12,500 flyers mailed to town residents and businesses. The funds will be used to finance a parade, community picnic, fireworks, published historical chronicle and other activities intended to mark the summer of 1993, when the town will begin its third century since incorporation.

Hendrick said the commission is trying to organize "the best shindig the town ever had."

"This won't happen again for another 100 years, and we'd like to put on a first class celebration," he said. "But we can't do it without the community's support."

Hendrick said the commission will rely exclusively on contributions for financing. The group will place donations within one of six categories: "Supporter," up to \$50; "Bronze Contributor," more than \$50; "Silver Contributor," more than \$100; "Gold Contributor," more than \$500; "Sponsor," more than \$1,000; and "Leadership Sponsor," more than \$5,000.



Bethlehem Bicentennial

"This will be our kick-off drive," Hendrick said. "How large the bicentennial celebration will be will depend really on the response from the community in terms of their support."

He said the commission hasn't set a specific fund-raising goal, and that he didn't feel he could predict accurately how much money would ultimately come in. He said the final figure might be anywhere from \$2,000 to \$30,000.

"The things that we do will depend on how much money we raise," he said. "We would like to have a first class parade, but you have to hire bands and that sort of thing," he said. "We're talking about a pretty large amount of money in some cases."

"But if we don't get the money, we'll just have to curtail a bit, that's all," he said.

Hendrick said the commission expected to begin putting the letters in the mail today (Wednesday) and tomorrow.

Hendrick, Bethlehem supervisor from 1984 to 1990, was appointed in 1990 by current Supervisor Ken Ringler to replace Sue Ann Ritchko as Bicentennial Commission chairman. Hendrick set up the commission while serving as supervisor.



Hendrick

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## Santa snooze



Christian Waugh, all of three-weeks old, catches a nap in Santa's lap last weekend at Delaware Plaza. Santa will be at the plaza every Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. and every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. until Christmas. Part of the proceeds from Santa's plaza appearance will be donated to the Center for the Disabled in Albany.

Nicholas Mitchell

## Merchants cautious but hopeful for healthy holiday trade

By Mike Larabee

'Tis the season for spending, and the lights, greenery and displays are ready and waiting for throngs of holiday shoppers to descend on retail outlets and shore up the local economy.

But according to local business people, this year may be different.

With the recession persisting into its second holiday season, the views of local merchants on business and prospects for recovery vary widely. Many in business say they are just doing their best to anticipate the thinking of today's spending-shy consumer and adjust accordingly.

"It's not easy anymore," said Clint Hegeman, vice president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Association and an owner of Laura Taylor Ltd. "Everything is a struggle. The thing I hear a lot is that everyone's working a little harder to stay even, and I think that's what we're all doing."



A group of Delaware Plaza patrons take a break from Saturday shopping for a ride provided by Albany Carriage Service.

Nicholas Mitchell

The day after Thanksgiving is generally regarded as holiday business season kick-off, and the customers who were busy shopping last Friday were a welcome sight, proprietors said.

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## Waste facility moratorium could get 3rd extension

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Town Board last week scheduled a public hearing on the third, and what Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said should be the final extension of the town's solid waste disposal facility moratorium.

Enacted in 1990, the moratorium was originally set at six months and was imposed to give the town time to draft legislation governing waste disposal facility siting and operation. The town board has twice previously extended the provision, once for six months and once for three months.

Secor, who is chairman of Bethlehem's solid waste task force, the committee working on the law, said a draft may be ready for submission to the town board before Christmas.

"We're not dilly-dallying," Secor said. "It's just a lot of work. We're cutting new ground, there's no one else in the state that I'm aware of that has the kind of local standards we're developing."

Secor said at present the task force is revising a 50-plus page draft of the solid waste law. The draft law includes provisions pertaining to the siting, design, construction, operation and monitoring of waste disposal facilities, while incorporating a permit and a fee system for the facilities.

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## Gardeners spruce up museum for tea

By Susan Wheeler

Step into the holiday spirit Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Bethlehem Historical Association's annual Christmas tea from 2 to 5 p.m. at the museum on Route 144 in Selkirk.

The women's Bethlehem Garden Club has again decorated for the free event, which is open to the community. According to garden club president Ann VanDervort, museum members supply the goodies—everything from punch and cookies to tea and sandwiches.

"It's very nicely done," she said. "We get quite a crowd down there."

According to Betty VanOostenbrugge, historical association vice president, a steady group of visitors go in and out of the old Cedar Hill schoolhouse all afternoon. Although the crowd depends on the weather, "between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. it's mobbed. You can hardly get in," she said.

This year's decorating follows a Victorian theme, according to VanDervort. "It's very, very lovely."

Garden club members have been busy making tree and other decorations under the direction of Vice President Joan Persing. White lights and more than 60 nosegays will adorn the tree's

branches. In addition, members string garlands over doorways and decorate the windows. All the greenery is fresh, picked up just one week prior to the event.

"It's time consuming, and a lot of fun," VanDervort said, noting that holiday music is often played during the ornament making. "It gets us into the (swing) of doing things."

Garden club members have decorated the museum for the event for the last three of its more than 20 years. "We thought it would be nice to do as a community effort," VanDervort said.

## Onesquethaw association to display Christmas trees

The Onesquethaw Preservation and Conservation Association will sponsor a display of Christmas trees and decorations at the Historic Slingerlands House, built in 1762. The house will feature seven different themes.

The public viewing will take place on Monday evening, Dec. 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The association also will conduct a meeting at the same time, and encourage new membership.

For those wishing to attend, from the Delmar area, follow Route

32 south 2.5 miles past the bridge in Feura Bush. The historic marker and house are located on the left. The event is free and open to the public.

### Correction

Due to incomplete information supplied to *The Spotlight*, the court disposition of the case against John Armer of New Baltimore was incorrectly stated.

Armer, 19, arrested Sept. 10 on felony charges of burglary and larceny, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of criminal trespassing in the second degree, a misdemeanor, in Bethlehem Town Court on Nov. 19. The felony larceny charge was reduced to petty larceny and dismissed. He was sentenced to three years probation.

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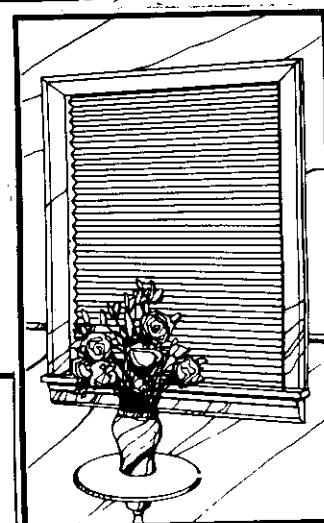
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## Albany suspect jailed for Days Inn robbery

An Albany man is being held in Albany County Jail on a felony robbery charge in connection with last week's early morning holdup at Glenmont's Days Inn on Route 9W.

Joseph Vincent Wagner, 25, of 21 Southern Blvd., was arrested at approximately 7 p.m. the day of the holdup, Tuesday, Nov. 26, after he reported his vehicle stolen to the Albany Police Department, police said.

Appearing before Bethlehem Justice Roger Fritts, Wagner was charged with first-degree robbery and was remanded to Albany County Jail. Albany County District Attorney Sal Greenberg said Monday no bail application had been made.

Bethlehem police Sgt. Joseph Sleurs said Wagner reported his gray Honda missing to Albany police at about 11 a.m. on the day of the robbery. The car, regis-

tered to Wagner, had stolen license plates, according to Sleurs.

Bethlehem police in the early morning had impounded the Honda, found at the Big M Truck Stop's parking lot at Corning Hill in Glenmont, before Wagner reported it missing, Sleurs said.

After Wagner reported the vehicle missing to Albany police, he was arrested, based on the description of the alleged robber by the Days Inn clerk.

Police said the suspect entered the Days Inn and mumbled "I have a gun" to the clerk. She then handed him the cash register drawer and he grabbed the cash and fled, heading north through the motel parking lot.

A K-9 team from the Albany Police Department tracked the suspect to a bridge over a gorge, but lost the scent, police said.

*Susan Wheeler*

## Diner dinner may be annual holiday event

By Susan Wheeler

Voorheesville Diner's owner Joyce Domermuth served Thanksgiving dinner to about 60 people who enjoyed a home-cooked meal for free at her restaurant.

Domermuth said she would like to make the Thanksgiving dinner at her place a yearly tradition. Only next time, she said she'll advertise the event for a longer time period and in more places.

"There were people happy to have some place to go," Domermuth said. "It really makes you happy. That's what Thanksgiving's all about — giving."

Domermuth and her family of nine served full-course dinners from 1 to 6 p.m. at the diner on Voorheesville Avenue. She said this first-ever Thanksgiving dinner was most busy around 1 p.m. "We were not quite ready, and people were waiting to come in."

In addition to the dinner at the restaurant, Domermuth delivered Thanksgiving dinner to a family of five.

Just three of the 12 cooked turkeys were used Thanksgiving Day. Although they had prepared for

200 customers, Domermuth said she was not too disappointed. "I'd be happy if it could've made two people happy. But I would have been happy to see 100 people here."

Domermuth said some of the leftovers had to be thrown away, such as the sweet potatoes and squash. Others were frozen and her son, who had helped with the dinner, took a turkey home. Some are waiting to be given away. She said she made a phone call to St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville to see if there were needy families.

"It was enjoyable," she said. "One woman came up to me and told me I was going to go to heaven. It was really a nice day."

Many of the faces served were familiar to Domermuth, who had personally invited some steady customers to the dinner.

Domermuth said she hadn't tallied the cost of the dinner, but that it was not important. Those who offered her donations were told to give them to area food pantries, she said.

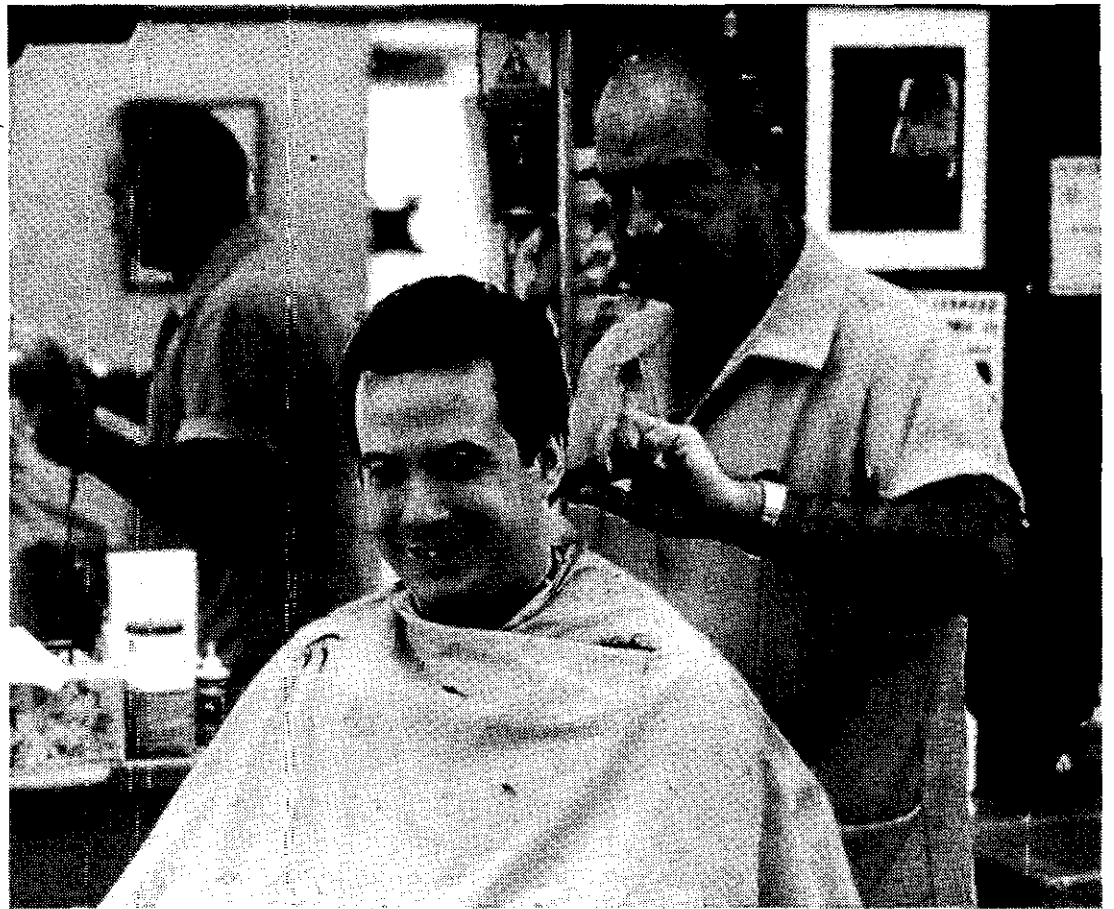
Cleanup took three hours for the family, and later the diner was tidied up by a cleaning crew, she said.

### School group plans annual book fair

Glenmont Elementary School's Parents as Reading Partners will conduct its annual Book Fair at the school on Friday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A wide selection of children's, holiday, nature, science and adult books, along with bookmarks, pencils, posters, and gift certificates have been provided by Troll, Critics Choice and Hodge Podge book stores.

## Hair today, gone tomorrow



Eric Palmer of Rowland Avenue, Delmar, gets a hair cut Saturday courtesy of Tom Tartaglia, owner of Tom's Barber Shop on Delaware Avenue. *Mike Larabee*

## Poplar Drive name change OK'd

By Susan Wheeler

Residents on Poplar Drive in Elsmere will need to adjust to a slight name change for their street.

The Bethlehem Town Board last week approved a name change for Poplar Drive, to West Poplar Drive and East Poplar Drive following an October planning board recommendation on the name change in relation to its approval of Colonial Woodlands subdivision, which is in the area. The change will take effect in six months.

The planning board had recommended changing the section of Poplar Drive from Elsmere Avenue to just past Rose Court to Blanchard Drive. However, Supervisor Ken Ringler said he contacted all the residents in that area and was informed by many they did not want to lose their identity as Poplar Drive residents.

Ringler recommended that the section of Poplar Drive from Elsmere Avenue to Rose Court be renamed West Poplar Drive, while from Lavery Drive to Mason Road, the street would be called East Poplar Drive.

According to Superintendent of Highways-elect Gregg Sagen-dorph, house numbers will remain the same for existing residents. The only re-numbering will take place on new lots.

Elsmere Fire Department Chief George Kaufman objected to the name change, saying Poplar Drive is essentially two streets with the same name. However, "the east and west (designation) confuses the issue," he said.

Emergency responders may confuse the street names, especially if a call comes in requesting a response on Poplar Drive, without specifying whether it's East or West Poplar Drive, according to the chief. He said such confusion currently occurs with Elsmere's Oakwood Road and Delmar's Oakwood Place. He said emergency responders have on occasion answered a call on the wrong street.

Colonial Woodlands is an 11-acre, 29-lot subdivision proposed for the south side of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, east of Rose Court and north of Greenleaf Drive in a Residential A zoning district.

It won conditional final plat approval in October.

In other news:

- The board appointed Rhinebeck resident Diane Stepanek as deputy town planner effective Dec. 16 at a grade 19, step 1 salary, starting at \$30,183.

- The board set a public hearing for Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. on the proposed one-year extension of the town's Interim Development Density Act, Local Law No. 5 of 1989. The law restricts the number of residential lots up for Bethlehem Planning Board preliminary or final plat approval at any one time to 25.

## County releases final vote figures

The Albany County Board of Elections recently updated its official November election tallies for the Town of Bethlehem.

They are as follows:

- Supervisor

Kenneth Ringler	7,990	William McGarry Jr.	3,923
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- Town Board

Sheila Fuller	7,252	James Banagan	4,629
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Frederick Webster	6,674	Anthony Cornell	4,415
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- Justice

Peter Wenger	7,006	John Dorfman	4,579
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- Clerk

Kathleen Newkirk	7,387	Florence Derry	4,165
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- Tax Collector

Kenneth Hahn	7,732	Michael Mogul	3,920
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- Highway Superintendent

Gregg Sagen-dorph	7,183	Thomas Skultety	4,310
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**Northeast Ballet presents 'The Nutcracker'**

The Northeast Ballet Company will present its fourth annual production of "The Nutcracker" ballet at Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$15 for all

sections. Children 12 and under pay \$7.50.

Tickets are available at Proctor's box office and all Ticket Master locations.

For information, call 346-6204.

**Museum stores to sell items in Troy**

Eight area museum stores will sell items from their shops at the region's first annual Museum Shop Gift Fair on Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 5 p.m. as part of Troy's Victorian Stroll.

The one-day fair will be held in a storefront at the corner of Broadway and Second Street in Troy. Admission is free.

Participating stores include Fort Ticonderoga Museum, Ticon-

deroga; Albany Institute of History and Art; Shaker Museum and Library, Old Chatham; Bennington Museum, Bennington, Vt.; Historic Cherry Hill, Albany; Mount Lebanon Shaker Village, New Lebanon; Chapman Museum, Glens Falls, and the Irish American Heritage Museum, East Durham.

For information, call 584-6750.

**Defensive driving courses scheduled**

Leonard Hospital's Community Education Programs office has scheduled the National Safety Council's defensive driving course for Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. It has also been scheduled for Tuesdays, Dec. 10 and 17. Attendance is required at both sessions to complete the course.

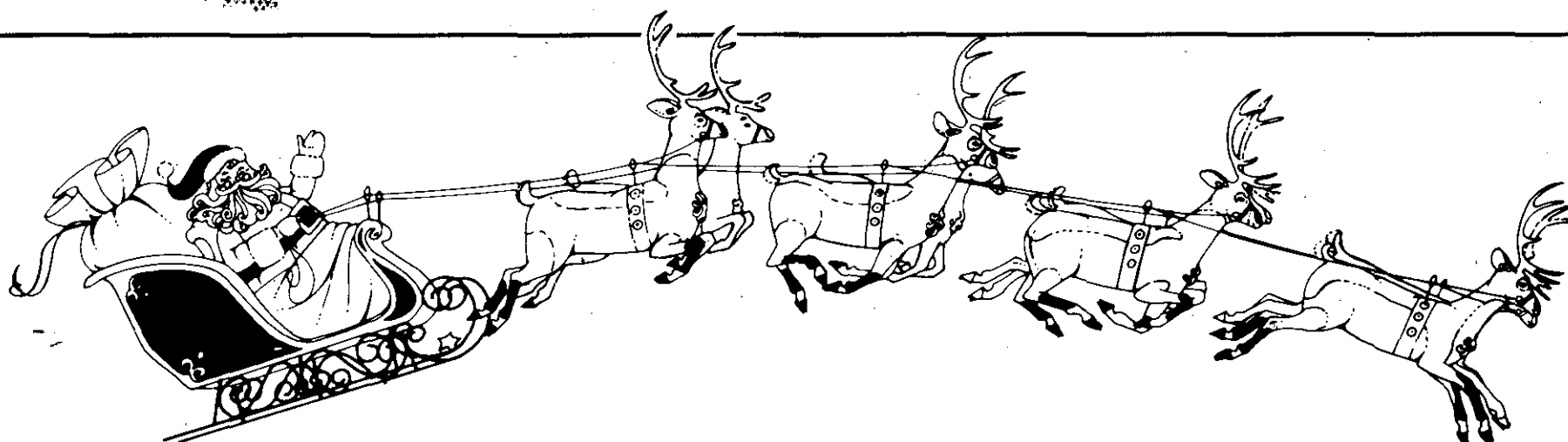
Both classes will be held at the Sunshine Day Care Center, located behind the fire house at the intersection of Hayes Road and Routes 9 and 20, East Greenbush.

Class size is limited. To register for the program or for information, call 233-0797.

**All about Indians**

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Elaine McLain

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## Convenient cutting



Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler, fourth from left, cuts the ribbon at the Nov. 22 grand opening of the Delmar Convenient Express, at the Four Corners in Delmar. He is joined by, from left, store owners Cindi Lotz, Walter Lotz and Butch Francis. Christine Carrington, interior designer, Tonie Francis and Julie Francis look on.

Elaine McLain

## United Way plans final report meeting

The United Way of Northeastern New York, Inc., Washington Avenue Extension in Albany, will have its final public report meeting and holiday open house at its headquarters on Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

For reservations, call 456-2200 by Friday, Dec. 6.

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## Driving awareness week proclaimed

The week of Dec. 8 through 15 is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately half of the total number of pedestrian fatalities each year involve alcohol where either the pedestrian or driver was drinking.

The administration proclaims that the best way to avoid driving drunk or drugged is not to indulge.

For additional information or suggestions for awareness programs, call the New York Coalition for Safety Belt Use, (718) 746-6003.

## Astronomers plan stargazing parties

The Albany Amateur Astronomers Club offers free "Star Parties" throughout the winter months, when members share their telescopes, enthusiasm and knowledge with newcomers.

The next parties will be at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, at the Landis Arboretum

in Esperance, located off Exit 24 of I-88.

For a weather update, those who plan to attend should call the arboretum on Friday after 4:30 p.m. at 875-6935, or Susan and Alan French on Saturday at 374-8460. Visitors should be sure to dress warmly.

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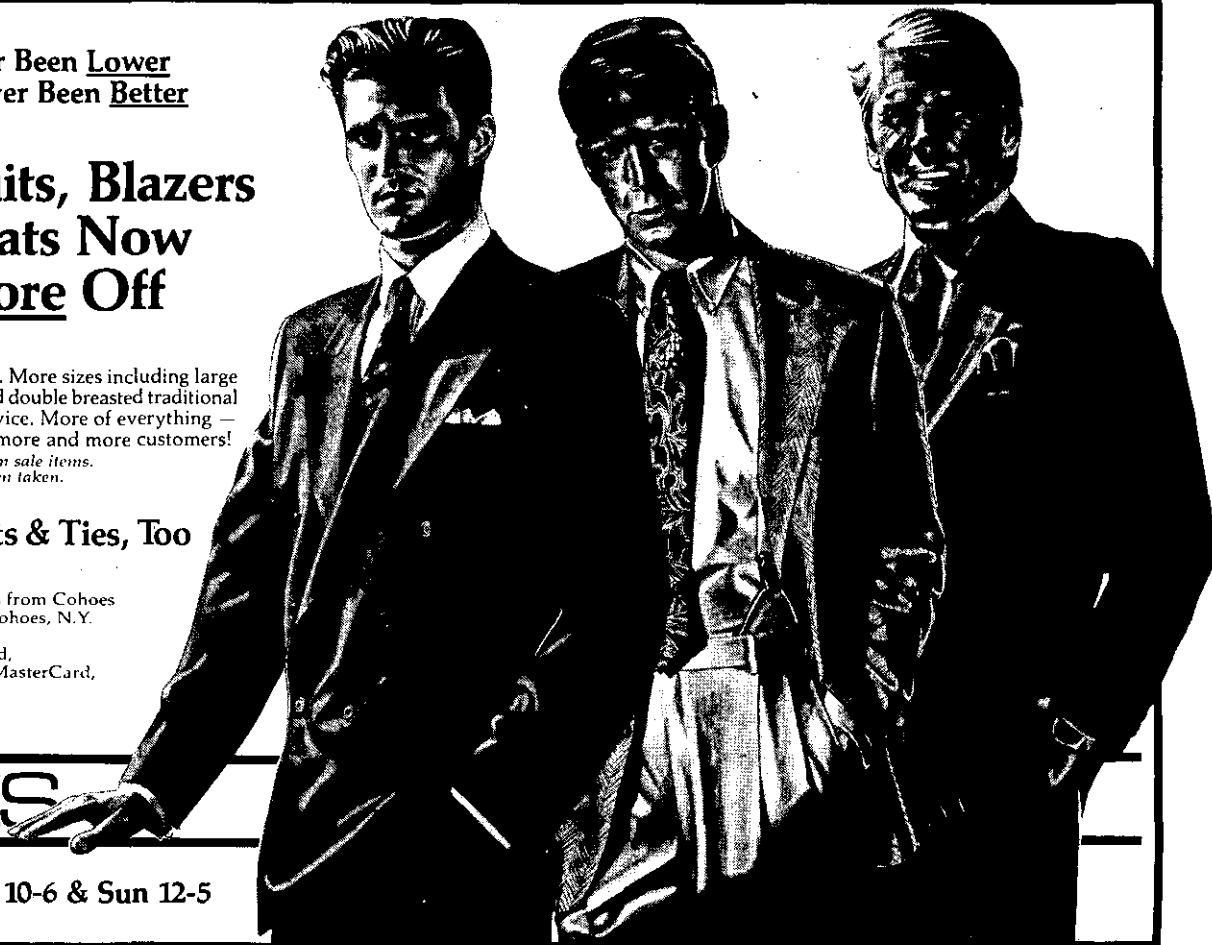
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## Matters of Opinion

## Light from the eternal flame

Hanukkah, a joyous event on the Hebrew calendar, began this past Sunday evening. The week-long commemoration honors the courage of the Judeans who drove the Assyrians from their temple in Jerusalem and restored their freedom from tyranny.

The traditional lighting of candles during the festival connotes the miraculous illumination of the temple's eternal light for eight days although there had appeared to be only enough oil to last for a single day.

The occasion serves to highlight the his-

### A redistricting glitch

A question of principle has emerged, we believe, early in the renewed negotiations for legislative redistricting of Albany County.

We suggest that the issue is deserving of attention by all residents of the county. Even now, it may be too late to undo a deal which raises this matter of principle — but it deserves to be ventilated.

Responding to pressures from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Democratic county chairman, Harold Joyce, has agreed to a variety of stipulations and concessions. The net effect is to guarantee that three of the County Legislature's 39 seats are allocated to residents of areas of Albany where populations are heavily Black and Hispanic. This would take effect in 1993 and, of course, does not preclude Black or Hispanic individuals from being elected to represent other sections of the county's cities and towns.

The questionable aspects are in two provisions. One recognizes NAACP as the representative of the entire minority community (residents of Hispanic descent as well as Black citizens — and, presumably, Asiatics, Native Americans, etc.)

### The most frequent violent crime

This coming week is designated as "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week" by a congressional resolution. What it calls for, in essence, is a conscientious self-resolution by many individuals to avoid being either perpetrator or victim in holiday spirit-inspired "celebrating."

As our Congressman, Michael R. McNulty pointed out as he joined in sponsoring the congressional resolution, impaired driving is the most frequently committed violent crime in America today.

A result of this fact is that more than 22,000 persons were killed and 350,000 others injured in drunk-driving auto crashes last year. (One organization refuses to refer to these as "accidents," for they have a specific instigation and don't happen by accident.)

The publicity is timed for the approaching year-end season with its parties, but

### Editorials

toric value placed on individual liberties by the Jewish people over the centuries.

We are reminded that, with faith, we can overcome obstacles: The eternal flame of religious liberty sheds light this season in a world struggling to redefine the reality that, as freedom is attained, its beneficiaries are mandated to accept responsibility for righteous behavior.

This provision is inappropriate: Should the NAACP membership speak for various national or ethnic interests, any more than the Ancient Order of Hibernians might be delegated to officially speak for all people of Irish descent but also for everyone from the British Isles (or western Europe)?

Second, should NAACP have been granted the power to recommend — in effect, designate — the "minority members" who now will comprise one-fourth of the county's Redistricting Commission?

NAACP represents Albany's Black community well, but we suggest it is poor policy to designate such an advocacy organization to represent a varied community of minorities and interests. (We also question payment of \$8,000 to NAACP for legal fees and costs on a threatened lawsuit that never was filed.)

The objectionable arrangements were approved by the County Legislature with but one dissenting vote, and then gained the signature of a federal judge on a consent decree ratifying them. It may be far too late for propriety to prevail, but this dissent, we believe, deserves consideration.

it is applicable year-round. The theme of the campaign is: "Make a pledge. Take the keys. Call a cab. Take a stand. Friends don't let friends drive drunk."

All of which is good advice—with a big "but." The catch is that these warnings assume over-indulgence and intoxication. Even better advice, in the eyes of some realistic authorities, is moderation if not necessarily abstinence. A code that is predicated on one form of poor conduct doesn't offer a strong basis for better behavior.

A parallel theme is being sounded by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), with state headquarters now in Albany. Its goals are to "rid the highways of drunk drivers, eliminate drunk-driving fatalities, and assist victims of drunk-driving accidents."

All very worthy endeavors that deserve thoughtful, active endorsement.

### Words for the week

**Short shrift:** Originally, a brief time granted a condemned person for religious confession and absolution before his execution. Also, very little care or attention, as from lack of patience or sympathy. To "make short shrift or" is to make

short work of; dispose of quickly (and impatiently).

**Disinformation:** Deliberately false information leaked by a government, as to confuse another nation's intelligence operations.

## Our Bill of Rights at 200

The Spotlight Newspapers are devoting this editorial page space for several weeks to a review of the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution—the "Bill of Rights." The series of articles was prepared by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

These important amendments were ratified 200 years ago this month. In the three previous articles, the First Amendment's provisions were analyzed as they relate to our historic traditions of freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition.

Following is the Commission's discussion of the Second Amendment.

### Second Amendment: The militia

The Second Amendment very briefly provides that, since a "well regulated militia" is necessary to the security of the state, the people's right to "keep and bear arms" is guaranteed. Few things have been more vigorously debated—and distorted—in recent times than the meaning of this clause, and very few subjects have been as cluttered and confused by calculated disinformation circulated by special interest groups.

To really understand what was intended, it is necessary to look back and recall that in those days people had a great fear of a standing national army. They knew that the monarchs of Europe had held power at the expense of the people by having standing armies to preserve the status quo.

In addition, before the Constitution the 13 colonies were not really the "united states" we know today, but 13 wholly independent, sovereign nations. For example, before the Constitution was adopted, the State of Virginia was virtually as independent of the other states and of the union established by the Articles of Confederation as France was independent of all the other countries of Europe.

Before the adoption of the Constitution, each state could and did have its own army, and each state could also maintain its own navy, as some of the seaboard states did.

The real purpose of the Second Amendment was to ensure that the "state armies"—"the militia"—would be maintained for the defense of the state. In order to do that, it was necessary to grant each citizen the right to maintain arms. Of course, 200 years ago, the musket—which was the principal military weapon in use—was a common fixture in most American households, because many Americans depended on hunting game for food. Today the "state armies" that were prevalent in the 18th century have effectively been replaced by the National Guard, and hunting has basically become a recreational activity.

The very language of the Second Amendment refutes any argument that it was intended to guarantee every citizen an unfettered right to any kind of weapon he or she desires. In referring to "a well regulated militia," the Framers clearly intended to secure the right to bear arms essentially for military purposes. In the late 18th century, the "militia" was the aggregate of all able-bodied men, and the word "militia" was defined as "a body of troops; soldiers collectively." Moreover, even where the militia was concerned, it is clear that the Framers contemplated that the use of arms could be "well regulated."

If an 18th century militia was intended to be "well regulated," surely the Second Amendment does not remotely guarantee every person the constitutional right to have a "Saturday Night Special" or a machine gun without any regulation whatever.

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## Your Opinion Matters

## 'We interrupt this program...'

As everyone who was alive at the time knows, Dec. 7, 1941, fell on a Sunday. At the time, I was a reporter, copy editor, or sports-writer (depending on the day of the week) at a morning newspaper brightly named "The Morning News." This was in a city some miles to the south of us, approximately equivalent to the size of Albany at the time.

This being a Sunday, and with a Monday morning paper to be put together, I was a designated copy editor on the city and state desks. Stories would start coming in around mid-afternoon. One that always could be counted on was a summary of the morning's sermon by the Rev. A.H. Kleffman at West Presbyterian Church; his contribution was so professionally written that it would require little editing, and the subject matter was such that a predictable headline would be:

RELIGION SEEN  
NEED OF WORLD

At the time, I was a veteran of slightly more than two years on the staff, filling a role comparable to that of a utility infielder. That meant working on Sundays, for my seniors and betters took week-ends off. So Carl Wise, the city editor, and Sam Cauffman, the "telegraph editor," with the AP, UP, and INS wires to contend with, wouldn't be in. I would be on the copy desk with Bill McVey or Emmy (Emerson) Wilson, Don Klepfer, Herb Skirvin, and Warner Waid. Maybe I'd give a hand to Johnny Brady or Marty Levin over on the sports desk. Altogether, a nice, quiet, companionable Sunday afternoon and evening loomed ahead, without too much heavy lifting.

That's about where my mind was as I finished dressing just after noon. The radio was on; I was tying my shoelaces (I can see

it now) when an announcer's voice broke in with fragmented word of what appeared to be an attack — unconfirmed — on the Hawaiian Islands.

## Uncle Dudley

"Well," I said to myself in a copy editor's compartmentalized view of the world, "I guess that'll be the top story for the morning."

And so it was, to say the least. Carl and Sam and other weekenders had their Sunday dinner and siesta ruined. Even Charley Gray, the managing editor, who customarily didn't show up until 7 p.m., arrived at that cavernous news room at just about the same time I was able to. Dr. Kleffman's sermon report, for once, didn't make the Monday morning paper.

Bewildering, unbelievable reports from Pearl Harbor and Washington came flashing through spasmodically, piling confusion on confusion.

But these were stories of global import and scope. A newspaper in a small city that covered its territory like the dew (one of the stops I regularly made on my evening beat was at the Loyal Order of Reindeer, for example) would have to relate the coming of war and naval disaster to the local scene.

For some 15 months previously — since Selective Service began taking young men into the armed forces — The Morning News (undoubtedly in common with every other newspaper) had been proudly and prominently publishing "News of Our Servicemen." Families gladly supplemented the Army and Navy's PRO efforts by describing the assignments, promotions, movements, and general whereabouts of every mother's son in uniform. If a corporal left Fort

Jackson with his brigade, we announced it. If a seaman was shipped out on a carrier from San Diego to some Pacific point, The Morning News reported it, often along with subsequent information on his travels.

Under Carl Wise's direction, our staff went to work that Pearl Harbor Day and researched those back issues and rounded up the news of all these troop and craft movements. We were able to bring our readers up to date on Monday morning as to the location of brigade after brigade and endless carriers, battleships, and cruisers.

It was a masterly example of providing "the local angle" on big stories. But our zeal, while well intentioned, lacked one particular ingredient: a little horse sense.

That was brought home on Monday, even before Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the "Day of Infamy" address to Congress. It actually was quite unlikely that German and Japanese spies lurked among The Morning News' readership. But as was vigorously pointed out by some representatives of the armed forces who did see that issue, we had provided a thorough canvass of locations of many key units of the military and naval defenses as of that critical hour.

Nothing of the sort happened again, you may be sure. You will need to take that on faith (as I do, inasmuch as I was separated from The Morning News some months later). Several of us joined the enemy airplane spotters' brigade, but failed to find any planes. The Rev. Dr. Kleffman got back on schedule. And I think, once in a while, about those simple days when daily newspapers weren't too sophisticated to publish summaries of the big events of each Sunday, the "need of world" sermons.

## Wisdom from a five-cent book

Not long ago, I bought an extraordinarily good book for a nickel from the "discard cart" at my local library. It was published 15 years ago by Houghton Mifflin, and frankly it contains thoughts and expressions far more valuable than a very large number of books to which that (or any other) library continues to give shelf space.

The book is "To the Harbor Light," by Henry Beetle Hough, who for 47 years was editor of "The Vineyard Gazette" on Martha's Vineyard.

The book is one to be read carefully, even cautiously, for Mr. Hough offers a great deal to ponder. The harbor light is an allegory for life's ending; as he says in the last page: "The lighthouse—everyone's goal." He was turning 80 when the book was published, and was in a somberly reflective mood as he described his daily walks to the harbor light with Graham, his collie companion. "We do have not only a companionship but common goals toward which we travel in a good spirit

together." It would be impossible to count how many of his sentences begin, "Graham and I."

## Constant Reader

By coincidence, I almost simultaneously acquired, by gift, a much larger book for which a friend had paid 500 times as much as I paid for the recounting of those walks. The second book is by another newspaperman, James Reston, the Washington correspondent and columnist, now himself retired in his early eighties. His book (Random House) is "Deadline: A Memoir." It concerns mostly national and worldly events, and of course it, too, is retrospective.

Mr. Reston, whom I first began to dislike in 1948, prefers to describe himself in interchange with noted individuals. His working-press colleagues at The New York Times get short shrift, but we hear much about publishers, with name-dropping aplenty: "As John McCloy told Sally and me at Iphigene Sulzberger's..."; "By

coincidence, Sally and I happened to be dining with Robert McNamara..."; "Sally and I developed a warm friendship with the Grahams..." (What a gulf between being friends with Katharine and Philip Graham, and being a pal of Graham, a collie.)

Mr. Reston devotes one chapter to Henry Hough and The Gazette, and these eight pages I consider the best in the book. (The Restons had bought the paper from Mr. Hough in 1967 and a son continues to operate it.) He describes his predecessor as "a hand-cranked Yankee... a gentle scrapper for the public good, an unselfish man of unusual ability and of unsleeping integrity. However, I never thought of Henry Hough as a happy man."

Mr. Reston's chapter is worth reading, as is the Hough book; by now, it probably is very difficult to find, unfortunately. In another column someday, I will try to capture a bit of his "autumnal song that tells us how to grow old without tears."

## A gift of shooting stars

The contributor of this Point of View formerly taught composition at Auburn University at SUNYA. She lives on Ridge Road in Slingerlands, where she is raising three children. She wrote "An Early Morning Run" for this column two years ago.

By Diane Stevens

An eager sun hurled itself across my sleeping six-year-old's bed not long ago.

## Point of View

"So bright. How can he sleep?" I wondered. "And why so bright?" His morning-lit room's shades were always drawn at night. Ecstatic chirps from him quickly answered my questions.

"Shooting stars, Mommy. I watched them all night. Rows and rows of them, some going up, some going down. Hundreds of them, all night, until dawn when I fell asleep. And one went by my window and lit it all up for two seconds."

My own words sparked but extinguished, dimmed by his celestial fireworks. Fumbling parentally, I urged, "Tell me more."

"Well, I woke up and remembered Patrick said he saw a shooting star at night, so I opened my shades and waited for them. I waited a half hour and then they began."

Mesmerized, I listened to rave reviews of sparking skies. His excitement intensified with each rendition as family members awoke. Finally I had to break in when the unforgiving bus schedule urged us to breakfast.

"You can't tell him it didn't happen," my usually rational and scientific spouse cornered me. "You know he saw something."

No, I could never do that, but my adult yet child-like heart responded mutely. Clumsy thoughts struggled through layers of unresolved issues and half-forgotten childhood experience. Astronomical coincidence, time and matter, spirituality and intentionality angrily demanded correct interpretation in the split second I stood looking into his bright, enraptured eyes.

This gift was his. Hugging him tightly, I assured him his beautiful fireworks were a blessing he could treasure always in his heart. Yet with adult knowledge I cautioned him not to abandon his experience to scoffers.

Later, a quick call to my pastor (for spiritual fortitude) and my star-gazing authority (for facts) revealed that a meteor shower, Leonid, was observable predawn that day. Daniel had caught this two-day celestial show's final performance. Relieved to find some partial natural explanation, I still faced raw issues in the exposed underlayers.

I struggled. The issue was not "why." Certainly Job, asking "Why?" had learned the picture was simply too great in magnitude to explain in earthly terms.

Instead, the issue was "what then my response?" I had struggled to accept without answer my own pain and suffering, often with only plodding faith. Likewise, could I accept unexplained gifts of joy and connectedness as statements of relationship from my Creator? These gifts, timeless and not requestable, are as though split-second the curtain is pulled back as a fractional glimpse of eternity whirls by. And I, mere human, am suddenly transformed and changed.

Often the package is not so colossal as shooting stars. Often its gift-wrap is subtle and easily glossed over, but always intensely personal, with a gift tag that says, "For you alone." The tenseness of Daniel's gift is not wasted on me — a perfect "atmospheric" gift of spiking stars to a little boy who sleeps with his father's weather radio to predict the day's weather, who has asked Santa for a rain gauge for Christmas, and who has just learned the gift of prayer.

For me the personal gift has usually been of people, a perfect gift for me in my once lonely and introspective world. Often someone's love, encouragement, or forgiveness has been unspeakably just what I needed to go on. Its human gift-wrap could easily betray its great source.

This holiday season Jews and Christians celebrate with festive and expectant hearts loving, provisional gifts to humanity. Like millions, in faith I still light candles, open my heart for the Messiah to be born there. I loosen my rights to control with cool, always-insufficient rationality all that is unknowable and gifted to us in this world. I let go the tight fist of control into which no gift can be handed. I turn my humbled face to the dark, predawn skies and cast my faith, like manna, there. I shake off my drowsiness in expectation of shooting stars.



## Matters of Opinion

## Mothers at story hour could lessen benefits

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have sent the following letter to the director of the Bethlehem Public Library in response to the letter in the Nov. 20 Spotlight regarding the "no mothers" policy for preschool story hour.

My children are now ages 13 and 10. They both attended story hour at the library on a regular basis, and found it a fun and profitable experience. I am convinced that part of this pleasurable preschool experience was to go someplace and do something all by themselves. Allowing mothers to tag along to story hour would

severely and negatively impact the joyful and new-found independence gained from this delightful educational experience.

I urge the library to continue with the policy for preschool story hour. Although I have no longer have a vested interest in story hour, I know how truly valuable it was for my children. Please do not allow mothers with separation problems to spoil this wonderful, growing-up tradition for the preschool children of our community.

Delmar

Mary Miner

## Parents urged to voice concern to library board

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to thank The Spotlight for printing Patty Brown's letter regarding a preschool program at the Bethlehem Public Library. As mothers of preschoolers, we were distressed, but less than surprised, to read of Ms. Brown's experience.

We were prompted to contact

the library and learned that the monthly meetings of the library's board of directors are open to the public.

We would like to meet with other parents who share our interest in having our concern placed on the agenda at upcoming library board meetings. Any parent who wishes to pursue what we hope will be the beginning of a constructive dialogue between the library and those served by its children's programs can contact us at 475-0211 or 439-8451.

Deirdre Jameson  
Anita Stein

## Voorheesville's residents show compassion for other people

## Scouts collect food, plus 11,000 bottles and cans

Editor, The Spotlight:

Cub Scout Pack 73 and Boy Scout Troop 73 of Voorheesville has just finished our fourth "Scouting for Food," a National Good Turn for the Boy Scouts of America. On Saturday, Nov. 9, we distributed flyers in Voorheesville and the northern section of the Town of New Scotland requesting food donations for the needy.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, we picked up food donations from those homes. The community's response to our drive was truly remarkable. We collected over 2,580 items of food. These were then delivered to the local food bank at the Human Concerns of Voorheesville. Each year the amount of families served by our local food bank increases — fortunately, each year the community contributes even more food to "Scouting for Food."

Over 85 boys and almost as many parents worked through both weekends to make it a success.

This year, in conjunction with the food drive, we had a redeemable bottle and can drive over both Saturdays. This is an important fund-raiser for scouting in Voorheesville. We also like to think we are performing a community service. Again, the community's response was overwhelming! We collected over 11,000 bottles and cans. Our thanks to the folks at the Westmere Beverage Center on Western Avenue for their help in redeeming all those returnables.

I am again reminded why my family chose to live here.

John Cole, Cubmaster

Voorheesville

*'I am again reminded why my family chose to live here.'*

Cubmaster Cole.

## Russian visitors won hearts in the village

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a member of the Voorheesville Central Schools faculty, I had the pleasure of acting as host for a fellow teacher from School 272 in St. Petersburg, until only recently known as Leningrad in the former Soviet Union.

Throughout the three-week stay of our visitors, I was most impressed not just with the exchange program itself, but with the tremendous outpouring of support from all facets of our community.

Merchants, school staff, faculty, students, families, and so many residents of the village (many with no direct link to the program, gave exceedingly generous support in hard work, money, goods, and — most importantly — time and goodwill.

Unlike the building of the playground this past spring, there was nothing concrete to show for everyone's efforts at the end... except that I came away realizing how so many people in Voorheesville are willing to give of themselves.

I hope our Russian visitors came away with the same impression of generosity of spirit that the people of Voorheesville, acting as ambassadors in this rapidly shrinking world, imparted so impressively to me.

Terry Luyckx  
Health Educator

Voorheesville

## Food Pantry's shelves restocked by good elves

Editor, The Spotlight:

The St. Matthew's Food Pantry expresses sincere gratitude for the tremendously successful food drive recently sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 73 and Troop 73. Over 2,500 items were collected at a time when the Food Pantry supply was very low.

The St. Matthew's Food Pantry assists any needy individual or family in the Voorheesville School District (regardless of religious denomination).

In these economically troubled times, the number of people being served and the demand for services is at an all-time high. It's gratifying that the scouts would put forth such a tremendous effort to help those in need in our community.

Great job! Peter F. Luczak  
St. Matthew's Food Pantry

Voorheesville

## How to save 2 pounds of trash every week

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Spotlight issue of Oct. 16 included a letter from Carol Butt about the subject of further reduction of waste through efforts and devices of local residents.

"If each of us reduced our waste by one pound per week, the impact would be tremendous," her letter very reasonably pointed out.

I had the above observation, about saving a pound of waste per week, in mind on the following Sunday morning when I brought in the Sunday paper. It was crammed not with news but with stuffers printed on glossy paper that the recyclers will not accept. I estimated that at least two pounds of this unwanted stuff was delivered to our door, to be quickly discarded into the trash can and then into the landfill. Why don't the environmental organizations do something about this most wasteful practice?

Bethlehem Virginia McMath

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## Your Opinion Matters

# BCHS good qualities endorsed by student

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to negative comments made in the student newspaper about Bethlehem High School. Both issues complained about the administration, censorship, poor security, and loss of students' rights. I would like to point out some of the positive points of my school:

1. Most teachers are dedicated and work hard to make sure their students learn and succeed. They are willing to help after school and direct activities that students like.

2. The curriculum is challenging and I especially enjoy the opportunity to work in advanced and enriched classes, which I find interesting.

3. A good selection of extra curricular activities and clubs includes something for all interests and enriches students' lives.

4. A good lunch program includes staggered lunch periods to prevent long lines, time enough

for a leisurely lunch, and healthy choices of food.

5. A variety of elective courses should cover most students' interests and abilities.

6. The building is kept clean and nice-looking, and distractions are kept to a minimum.

7. The support staff is helpful, and keeps the school running smoothly.

8. The athletic program seems to be a good one as it offers wide choices to become involved and many students participate. I appreciate the emphasis placed on life skills.

As you can see, our high school has many good qualities and I feel I am lucky to attend it.

Delmar

Mike Moon

The Spotlight welcomes letters on matters of local interest. Writers are urged to keep letters as brief as possible. Letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness and accuracy.

## Militia

(from page 6)

There is no support in the Constitution for the argument that federal and state governments are powerless to regulate the purchase of such firearms so that they do not get into the hands of persons with significant criminal records or mental impairments, or persons who are engaged in criminal activity.

By analogy, although there is not a word or a hint in the Constitution about automobiles or motorcycles, no one would seriously argue that a state cannot regulate the use of motor vehicles by imposing licensing restrictions and speed limits based on such factors as driver's age, health condition, and driving record, and by recording every purchase or change of ownership.

Of course, some of these observations will be challenged by weapons and ammunition manufacturers and other members of the so-called "gun lobby." That there is vigorous debate on this subject is a tribute to our freedom of speech and press—but the American people should have a firm understanding of the true origin and purpose of the Second Amendment.

# Should party chairman fill Elections office?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The lead editorial for Nov. 20 dealt properly with the need in Albany County, and presumably elsewhere, for proficiency and integrity in county Board of Elections offices.

After all, this office is charged with supervising the voting process and recording its results; a function, in other words, with a function that is the very essence of our democratic system.

It was, then, astonishing to find that in Albany County one of the political party chairmen fills one of the two bipartisan Board of Elections posts.

Since it is the role of political party chairmen to build, seek support for, and watch over countywide party organizations, which certainly translates into an active search for partisan votes and other enhancement, it would seem that an obvious conflict of interest is present when such official also serves on the body theoretically governing fairness and integrity in the casting of votes.

Rules governing conflict of interest exist, and are being added in recent years, on all levels of government. This is as it should be. What I would like to ask is why no regulation apparently exists in what appears to be a most flagrant example of conflict of interest.

Albany

Arnold Baker

## Stayed home instead

Editor, The Spotlight:

I had planned on a family outing to the "Festival of the Trees" at the Albany Institute. But when I learned that I would not be permitted to bring the family dog, we stayed home instead.

Disappointed  
(Name submitted)

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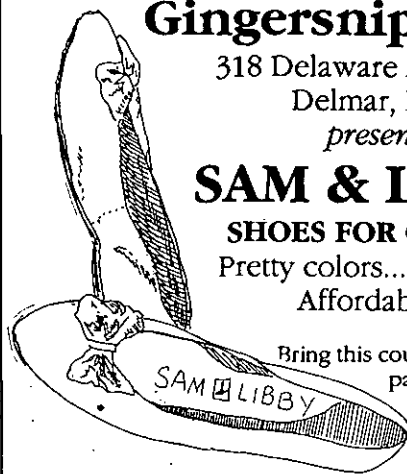
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# Lawmakers move closer to fill \$30M county budget gap

By Kathleen Shapiro

Albany County legislators came a few steps closer last week to filling the nearly \$30 million gap in the county's 1992 proposed spending plan.

At last week's meeting of the county Finance Committee, members succeeded in cutting about \$1.8 million out of the \$310 million budget proposed by outgoing County Executive James J. Coyne, including approximately \$1.3 million set aside by Coyne for programs to help the unemployed and first-time homebuyers.

In addition, Committee Chairman Paul O'Brien reported that county Sheriff James L. Campbell had come up with another \$1.2 million in budget cuts and reve-

nue increases by leasing space at the county jail.

County Attorney William Conboy also told the committee that between \$7 and \$8 million could

Even with the \$11 million in cuts and additional revenues, the county will still have to come up with another \$19 million to fill the hole, either through property tax

proposed by Coyne to sell and lease land near the county airport. If that deal fell through, Coyne had predicted a 40 percent rise in county taxes.

According to county budget officials, a 40 percent tax hike will bring in an additional \$14 million, still leaving the county with a \$5 million deficit. Coyne, however, vowed last week to veto any tax increase above 10 percent — a move that would only net the county an additional \$3.4 million in revenue.

To make matters worse, O'Brien received word from the state last week of proposed changes in Medicaid, a program which is already expected to cost the county almost \$27 million in

1992. "We don't know yet what the impact could be," he said.

In the meantime, the committee will continue the painful process of trimming the budget as much as possible, said O'Brien. Members are expected to find out this week how much the county can save with a 10 percent cut in equipment and contractual costs for all its departments.

"We're trying to put together a budget that's as lean as possible," said O'Brien. "We've been able to cut successfully in some departments, but in others there's nothing left to take. They've already been cleaned out."

O'Brien and fellow Democrats Robert Haines of Guiderland and

***I can't see spending \$25,000 on a party when there are people out there hurting.***

Robert Haines

be included in the budget from the sale of county land to the airport for parking during the upcoming airport expansion.

The committee is expected to vote today (Wednesday) on the final budget before turning it over to the full legislature for approval.

increases, other revenue increases or more reductions.

The county is facing the multimillion dollar budget crunch as the result of a \$10.5 million gap in social services costs, an anticipated \$2.3 million drop in 1991 sales tax revenues and the probable rejection of a \$17 million deal



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Harry Maikels of Albany, along with Colonie Republican Margaret Schwarz, voted to slash county spending in a number of areas, including social services and public educational and entertainment programs.

The committee saved \$995,000 by eliminating Coyne's emergency employment program, which would have provided unemployed workers with four days of county employment a week and one day off to look for a new job.

Members also rejected funding for a \$302,000 program created by Coyne to help first-time homeowners with down payments provided by the county. The program had also been proposed for 1991, but never got off the ground.

Committee members recommended an 11 percent salary raise for county Comptroller Edward

The committee voted not to reinstate \$148,200 in funding for Helpline, the county's 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. telephone information referral service for people in need of counseling and other mental health services. The hotline had been run by the Council of Community Services until 1990, when the county reduced its funding.

Legislators had agreed last year to continue funding the hotline, provided community representatives could gain regional support for the service from surrounding counties. So far, those attempts have been unsuccessful, said O'Brien.

"It's a worthy service, but I don't think we can afford to fund an

operation that's only going to grow," he said.

The committee also cut \$18,000 for public television, \$3,000 for public radio and \$25,000 for the Capital District's Columbus 500th Anniversary Celebration.

"I can't see spending \$25,000 on a party when there are people out there hurting," said Haines.

The committee chopped \$200,000 off the Cooperative Extension's budget, and another \$63,000 in funding for the Soil and Water Conservation District, but approved funding for the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, the Council of Community Services, and the Altamont Fair. Members also maintained funding for a number of cultural and musical groups, including Capital Repertory Co., Cohoes Music Hall and the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

## Red Cross offering course

The Albany Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a "First Aid in the Child Care Setting" two-session course at Chapter House, Hackett Boulevard, at Clara Barton Drive, Albany.

It will be given from 6 to 9 p.m. today (Wednesday), and from 6 to 9:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The course is recommended

## State tree lighting slated

New York State's official holiday tree was erected on Monday, Nov. 25, at the State Capitol's East Park.

The 35-foot blue spruce was donated by Emma Androkavitz of Guilderland.

A second tree, a 40-foot blue

for anyone responsible for more than one child. Topics include information on emergency action plans, infant and child CPR, first aid for bleeding, splinting, bites and stings.

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spruce, was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll of Poestenkill, and was erected on the north end of the Empire State Plaza on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

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## □ Merchants

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But while many shops — such as Laura Taylor, Town and Tweed and Records and Such at Delaware Plaza, Critics Choice bookstore in Glenmont and Crafts and Fabric Beyond the Tollgate in Slingerlands — reported increased activity, it wasn't that way everywhere on "Black Friday."

"They say traditionally today is supposed to be the busiest shopping day of the year, but we're all standing around twiddling our thumbs," said Ken Ludlum, manager of Skippy's Music on Delaware Avenue.

Merchants say they are adjusting to meet shifting consumer attitudes. Ludlum said Skippy's is seeing more interest in "basics" such as acoustic guitars and less

interest in electronic musical gadgets.

Sharon Boudreau, owner of Joyelles Jeweler at Main Square on Delaware Avenue, said trade in the rework and repair of old pieces is booming while sales of expensive new items are at a standstill.

But Lynn Warrell, owner of Crafts and Fabric, said the gloomy economy has had a positive effect on her entire operation.

"Our business is responding extremely well to the recession," said Warrell. She said she thinks people are making more Christmas gifts by hand in an effort to save money. In addition, she said, people aren't going out as much in the evening and consequently have more home free time to work on craft projects.

"As a result the sewing industry is responding very well," she

said. "Business has been dynamite for us."

"We don't have anything to complain about this holiday season," she said.

In contrast, Critics Choice owner Alice Croak said the book store could be in trouble if business doesn't pick up during the holiday season. In its second year, store sales are down 30 percent over last year and she said Christmas purchases are the cornerstone of most retail book store's profits. "Most of your profit is made during this time period," she said.

"Today I've done better than I've ever done since I've been here," said Croak, who bought the store in September. "It was a little cheering today."

Expectations for big holiday profits are low and, as Bethlehem

Chamber of Commerce director Marty Cornelius put it, most merchants are careful to keep all but general information on the state of their business "close to the vest," especially when numbers are off.

Ludlum said, "If we're talking to someone who's trying to sell us something, we're doing lousy. If we're talking to a competitor, we're doing great."

But many concede that business has fallen off to some degree.

"We squeaked by last year, probably made our figures. This year so far it's been much slower, and yesterday was a good day," said Town and Tweed owner Helen Rasker Saturday. "There were people in the store and they were buying and they were happy. It was very pleasant. I'm hoping

that it will continue, but I'm not betting on it," she said.

Cornelius said even the chamber itself has been affected by the recession, with overall membership down about five percent. Some members dropped out because they faced a choice between chamber dues and staff payroll and others were lost as businesses folded entirely, she said.

But she pointed to a number of new businesses that have opened in the tri-village area over the last few months as reasons for optimism.

Rasker said this recession is the most persistent down period she's seen in 36 years of business. Compounding problems locally, she said, is stiff competition among clothing outlets and what she termed the "over abundance" of sales by stores desperate to get shoppers in the door. She said she thinks the market has reached a point of "sale saturation," where the sheer volume of special sales has diminished the effect of any one.

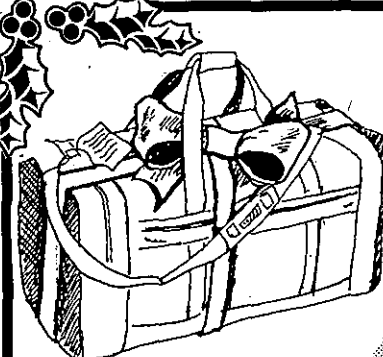
"It has been slower and it has been more difficult," she said.

"We've never really experienced it like this before. It has never lasted this long, and people haven't really been this concerned."

But she feels the Christmas spirit ultimately will win over nervous consumers, and that business will pick up for the season. "At this time of the year, I think they really do what they're going to do, what they've always done," she said.

Records 'N Such manager Chris Simmons agreed. He said he thinks individual concerns about spending money will shrink as Christmas approaches.


"I think people are going to draw out their spending longer, which means they might even spend more," Simmons said.




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The show is open Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$6. Saturday and Sunday hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for those days is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and under.

The show will include quilts and wall hangings, Appalachian-style baskets, splint and willow

baskets, Shaker furniture and boxes, wreaths, herbal arrangements, rugs and a variety of other handcrafted items.

For information, call Betty Long or Rhonda Blakely at 313-634-4151 or 4153.

## Davis in Who's Who

Kevin P. Davis, son of Lance and Helen Davis of Voorheesville, has been named to the 1992 edition of Who's Who Among Students of American Universities and Colleges. Davis is a junior history major at King's College in Briarcliff Manor.

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**Dems quash GOP redistricting move**

By Kathleen Shapiro

Albany County legislators are expected to begin the task this week of creating a new reapportionment plan in time for the 1992 fall election.

At last week's meeting of the county legislature, Democrats crushed Republican attempts to reshape the 12-member commission that will take on the job of redrawing the county's 39 legislative districts, an action which could have lasting repercussions on county politics for the next decade.

The legislature rejected 21-15 a proposal by Minority Leader Robert Prentiss to increase Republican representation on the committee by replacing outgoing Democrats Eleanor Billmeyer of Albany and Anthony DiAcetis of Ravena with Guilderland Republican Peter Ryan and legislator-elect Peter Clouse, who defeated DiAcetis in last month's elections.

Lawmakers then went on to approve a commission made up of seven Democrats, two Republicans and three representatives of the National Association for the Ad-

vancement of Colored People, the group which joined County Executive James J. Coyne this summer in opposing the legislature's original redistricting plan on the grounds that it unfairly diluted minority voters.

NAACP representatives had threatened to sue the county under the federal Voting Rights Act unless a new agreement could be reached that would provide minorities with adequate representation.

According to the terms of that agreement, the commission will redraw the legislative boundaries by March 1, making sure that three of the districts are predominantly made up of minority residents. At least three public hearings will be held on the proposed districts, which, once approved, will remain stable until the 2000 census. Under the plan, legislators will run in the new districts next fall and serve three-year terms.

Republicans criticized the Democratic majority for attempting to shut them out of the redistricting process. "The hand of conciliation has been extended on the budget, but apparently not on reapportionment," said Prentiss.

"You want us to help you clean up the mess you created with 16 years of fiscal mismanagement," he added, "but when it comes to reapportionment, it's still politics and business as usual."

Albany Democrat Paul Collins, who will chair the committee, maintained that gerrymandering would be inappropriate, not to mention difficult, once Republican County Executive-elect Michael Hoblock takes office in January.

"Anyone (on the committee) who wanted to do anything illegal or just plain stupid wouldn't do it under those circumstances," he said.

Republicans also put forth a proposal to add an additional member to the commission, but that plan was rejected by the legislature on the grounds that it would violate the terms of the agreement between the county and the NAACP.

Republican Kenneth MacAffer of Menands charged Democrats with trying to sabotage reapportionment by coming up with an original plan that they knew would be rejected.

"I don't think the (Democratic) majority wanted reapportionment last time," he said. "It was deliberately mishandled to get two more years without having to comply with federal rules. They came up with a plan that was fatally defective. It couldn't — and didn't — hold water."

Majority Leader Richard Meyers described MacAffer's accusations as "nonsense." "There was never any grand scheme to stop redistricting," he said. "That's just horrible speculation and a rotten allegation."

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The award is made to high school seniors who are chosen by fellow students and faculty members on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

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### Police union names 1992 officers

The Bethlehem Police Officers Union recently announced its new officers for the 1992 year.

Named were: Anthony S. Arduini, president; John R. Cox, vice president; Robert Helligrass, secretary; Bruce Oliver, treasurer; and Robert Markel, delegate at large.

### Delmar orchestra plans holiday concert

The Delmar Community Orchestra is holding its annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 8, at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, at 2 p.m.

Under the direction of Millie Stahl, the orchestra will present a program of Christmas music and carol sing-alongs.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For information, call 439-4628.

### Square dance set for Delmar church

The Tri-Village Squares are sponsoring a dance on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, at 8 p.m.

Level of dancing is mainstream with plus tip.

For information, call 768-2882.

### Republican club holds holiday lunch

The Albany Women's Republican Club, in conjunction with the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, has scheduled a holiday luncheon for Sunday, Dec. 29, at 1 p.m. at Normanside Country Club on Salisbury Road in Elsmere.

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carriers will be collecting food donations throughout the week.

This community-wide effort sponsored by these public servants who are willing to make these collections as part of their daily rounds is indeed a program that the postal workers can be justly proud of, the proclamation states.

### 'First Night' buttons on sale in area

Buttons for admission to "First Night 1992," Albany's New Year's Eve celebration, are on sale for \$8 through Friday, Dec. 27, and for \$10 after that.

The buttons entitle celebrants' admission to almost all First Night events, as well as CDTA bus service between them. Admission is free for children ages five and under.

Buttons may be purchased at area Price Choppers, Ben and

Jerry's ice cream stores, Albany City Hall, Norstar Bank, National Savings Bank, Albany Savings Bank, Palace Theater box office, the Albany Urban Cultural Park, the Egg and many other locations.

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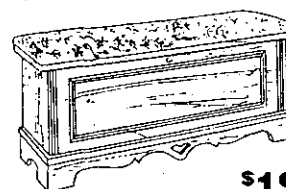
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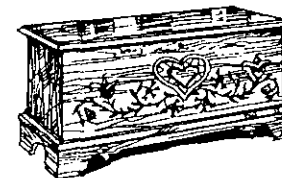
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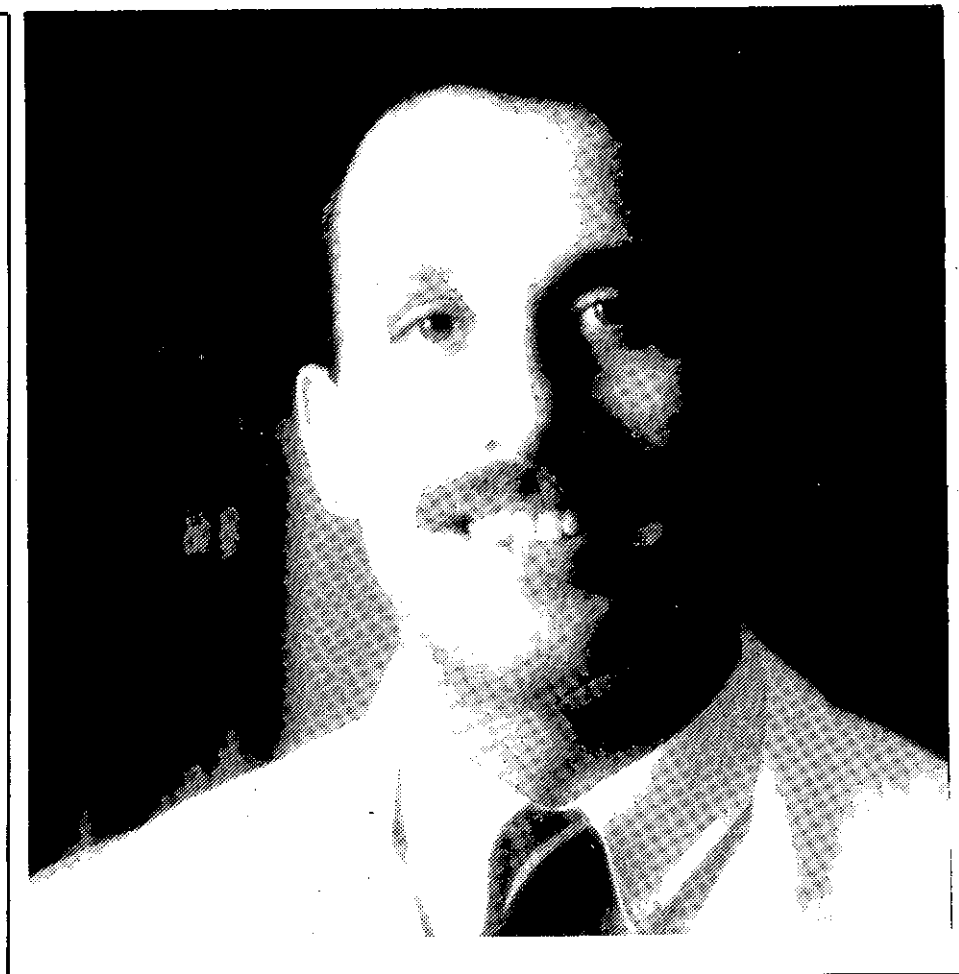
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## Check It Out

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Anna Jane Abaray

The Children's Room of Bethlehem Public Library invites area residents to display collections in the library.

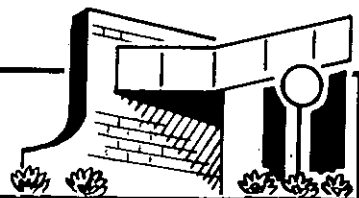
An attractive case exhibit can be created from many crafts, hobbies or other collectibles of interest to children. The library has a locked case where items can be displayed securely.

Currently on display is a vintage 1950s toy fire engine. Lent by Sarah Horn of Delmar, the toy truck belonged to her father when he was a child. The library also recently displayed a collection of costumed dolls given to the library by Alice Crannell of Delmar. The dolls were hand-decorated in 1965 by her mother, Katherine Maltbie of Warrensburg.

For more information on displaying items in the Children's Room, contact Beverly Provost, head of children's and young adult services.

Parent-accompanied children age 3 to 5 are invited to see preschool films on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, at 10:30 a.m. No registration is necessary. The half-hour film program features "Tomtem," "Max's Christmas" and "The Boy and the Snowgoose."

A program called "Festive Fashions for Teens" will be held in the Children's Room Monday evening, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Teens and adults are invited to a fashion show conducted by Laura Taylor,



## Troy's Victorian Stroll offers entertainment

The ninth annual Downtown Troy Victorian Stroll will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 5 p.m.

The event will feature more than 90 free activities, including music, dancing, crafts demonstrations and street performances. Stroll participants can register to win gift certificates from Troy merchants and free tickets to the Islanders' games and concerts at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

The festivities will officially begin on Friday, Dec. 6, with a tree lighting ceremony at City Hall at 5 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy refreshments and holiday music performed by students from Troy High School.

## Faith group to meet at Albany church

The Women's Interfaith Observation will have its planning meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 10:15 a.m. at the Third Reformed Church, Albany.

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## Voorheesville Public Library



By Christine Shields

The Voorheesville Public Library is serving up some horror this Friday with a screening of the film "Poltergeist" on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

Co-written and produced by Steven Spielberg, the story involves a family harassed by angry ghosts in their suburban home. The film is rated PG.

Library story hours are held Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

## Print club plans Dec. 7 open house

The Print Club of Albany will sponsor an open house at the club's headquarters, 140 North Pearl St., on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Prints will be sold and information about the club will be available.

Admission is free. For information, call 432-9514.

and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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serious harm.

See your dentist for any problems with your denture. Normally an adjustment for irritation or a relining for looseness may be the answer to your discomfort. Let's face it. We all change and our gums are no exception. If you're looking for someone to blame, try Mother Nature.

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The first and second place winners will be guests of Duracell at the annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association in Boston on March 25 and 26, 1992.

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December 12	9:30 am	Common Unity Bible Study Luncheon Program
December 20	7:00 pm	Adult Fellowship Dinner & Drama Presentation
December 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 31	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Communion Service

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## Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club plans races

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The series will include road races of 5 and 15 kilometers. Runners of all ages and abilities

are welcome to participate. The entry fee is \$1 for HMRRC members, and \$2 for non-members. Registration will take place at 10 a.m. at the physical education building.

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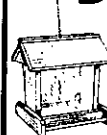
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Dean Dennis DeLong will be on hand to answer questions about

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The Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council on Wednesday, Dec. 11, will offer a registration orientation for individuals interested in becoming family daycare providers. The program will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave.

The class is required for those wishing to submit an application to be a family daycare provider in New York State. Admission is free.

To register, call 426-7181.

### Sunshine Seniors plan holiday dinner

The Sunshine Seniors annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Bethlehem Grange Hall on Monday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. Seniors are asked to bring a gift of canned goods for the local food pantry. For reservations, call 767-3024.

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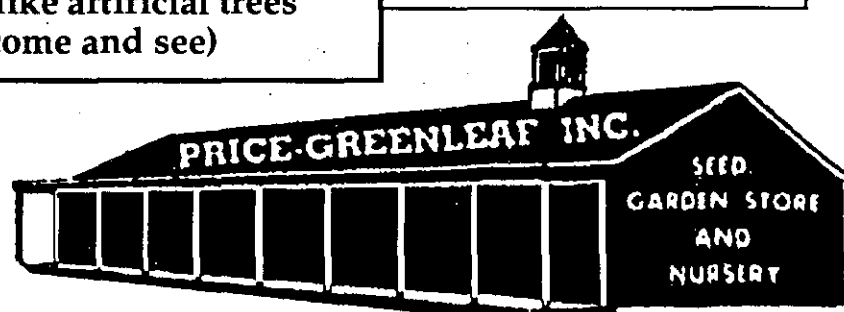
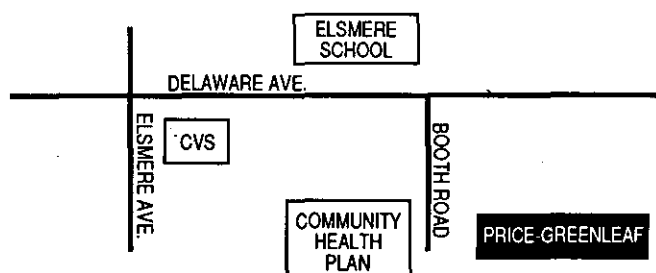
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## Carol sing rehearsals set at church

Residents of Voorheesville are invited to sing Christmas carols in the Community Christmas Festival at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.

Rehearsals will be at the church Thursday evenings Dec. 5, 12 and 19. For information, contact Ken George at 765-4442.

### Kiwanis to hold pressure clinic

New Scotland Kiwanis will sponsor a blood pressure clinic at the First United Methodist Church, Maple Avenue, Voorheesville on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

### V'ville board to meet at Bouton school

Voorheesville Board of Education will meet in the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School cafeteria on Monday, Dec. 9, at 7:30.

### Voorheesville News Notes

Susan Casler 765-2144



### School winter concerts slated Dec. 11, 12

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will present the Winter Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The fifth grade chorus and the sixth grade band and chorus will perform at Voorheesville Elementary School on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 in the gym.

### N. Scotland seniors planning outing

New Scotland Senior Citizens will travel to the Christmas Show at Proctor's on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. The bus will leave from the

United Methodist Church, Maple Avenue, Voorheesville at 12:45 p.m.

Bus reservations are filled, but since there are usually cancellations, seniors can call Lois Crounse at 765-2109 for information.

New Scotland Senior Citizens are having their annual Christmas party at Crossgate's Restaurant in Guiderland on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Cocktails will be served at noon with lunch at 1 p.m. Choice of lunch will be chicken, pot roast of beef or fish at \$12.50. Reservations are mandatory by Tuesday, Dec. 10, by calling Crounse at 765-2109.

### Revaluation seminar set at Osterhout center

The New Scotland Senior Citizens are hosting a seminar by Dick Law on "Reassessment" today (Wednesday), at 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Senior Citizen Center, New Salem. Law will be speaking on the revaluation of homes in this area. The public is invited.

### St. Peter's Choir to present concert

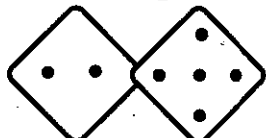
The choir of St. Peter's Episcopal Church will present a candle-light carol concert at the church at State and Lodge streets in downtown Albany on Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

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## □ Moratorium

(From Page 1)

At the time the moratorium was adopted, there were three major waste disposal facilities proposed for the town — a waste-to-energy incinerator on Cabbage Island at the Port of Albany, an ash landfill at GE Selkirk and a regional construction and demolition debris landfill off Wemple Road.

While American Ref-Fuel has since dropped its Bethlehem proposal in favor of a Green Island site, the Albany ANSWERS waste disposal program is looking to build a new regional landfill and is evaluating potential sites in town.

### Energy company to have food appeal

Alternative Energy Systems, Route 4 in North Greenbush, is conducting a food drive for the Unity House Foods Pantry on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, to celebrate the grand opening of their new showroom.

Canned goods are preferred, but all donations will be accepted.

For information, call 283-6660.

Thomas Sliva, manager of environmental and support operations at GE, said the moratorium extension won't affect the plant's proposal because the company has

"Economically right now it's not to our benefit to build the thing," he said. The 20,000-cubic-yard landfill was intended as a receptacle for the company's on-site incinerator.

Efforts to reach Thomas Julien,

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Bruce Secor

tabled the plan until the economy improves. "Four months will not impact us," he said "We presently have the project on hold."

project manager for Energy Answers, the Albany-firm behind the Bask Road proposal, were unsuccessful.

The ANSWERS program landfill proposal is still in the siting phase and would not be affected by an extension of the moratorium.

Secor said a four month extension was chosen to permit time to revise the draft town solid waste law following public scrutiny. He said he hopes the law will be ready for public hearing by late January or early February.

"We're allowing ourselves time for public reactions and in case we have to make any revisions to the law," Secor said. "If substantial revisions have to be made then we'd have to make those revisions, readvertise it and rehear it."

Without the extension, the moratorium will end Dec. 18.

## □ Bicentennial

(From Page 1)

The solicitation flyer is also the formal unveiling of the bicentennial commission's new logo, a bold-faced 1993 with a shadow 1793 falling behind and the words "Bethlehem Bicentennial" written beneath. Hendrick said the logo was designed by former, and future, town resident Beth Laub.

Hendrick said the commission will be sending a letter to actress Eva Marie Saint, who graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, asking her to be queen of the parade.

Community organizations which would like to sponsor special events or activities should contact Ann Patton, 57 Tamarack Dr., Delmar.

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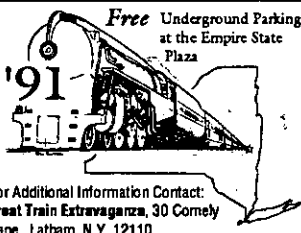
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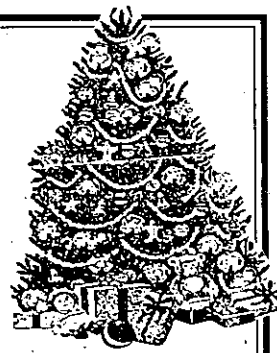
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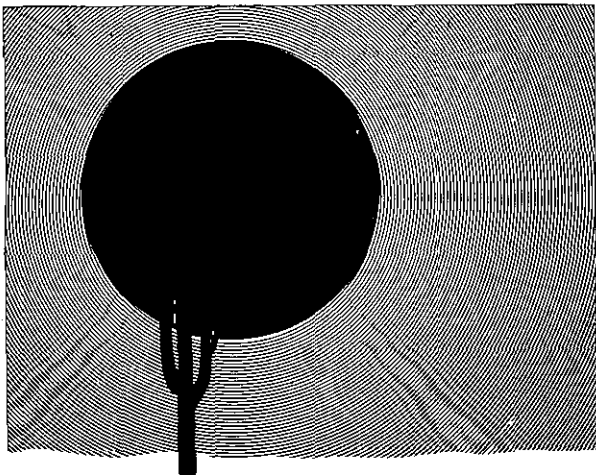
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## Halfback named field hockey all-star

By Josh Norek

Colleen Biche, a student at BCHS, was recently named to the Section II field hockey all-star team. The senior has been on the varsity team for three years, playing halfback.

Tamara Johnson, Bethlehem's field hockey coach said, "Colleen is an excellent player. She's done nothing but improve each year." Coaches select players for the all-star team from the roughly 200 league players.

Biche said she began playing field hockey in ninth grade, when some friends introduced her to the sport. Despite the team's 3-14-



Colleen Biche

1 record this year, Colleen has proven to be a successful leader.

"Colleen has always had a positive influence and enthusiastic attitude on younger team members. She's without a doubt my best defensive player," said Johnson.

Colleen's field hockey experiences also continue off-campus. She has received a partial scholarship for field hockey camp during the summer. As for future plans, the senior said, "I'm going to try to play field hockey in college."

### Seven recognized for soccer play

Seven Voorheesville student athletes have been recognized as outstanding soccer players during the school year 1991 and have been voted to represent the Colonial Council on its All-League team by a consensus vote of the soccer coaches.

They are: First team, Eric Logan, and Erin Sullivan of Voorheesville; second team, Joe Race, and Greg Sullivan of Voorheesville; honorable mention, Tom Dutkiewicz, Kevin Meade, and Brad Rockmore of Voorheesville.

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# Ravena coach upbeat on hoop season outlook

By Mike McNessor

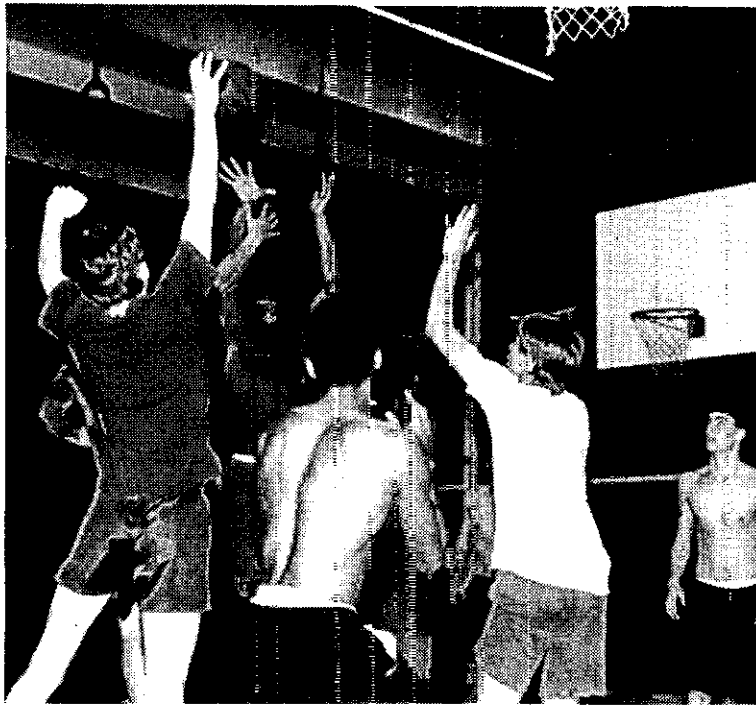
RCS boys varsity basketball coach Jim Gorham is notorious throughout the school district for his quick wit and comical retorts.

But recently, when he snapped, "None of your business," to an inquiry about the team's overall record last season, he was only half joking. "I think we were something like three and 17," Gorham finally admitted.

Gorham, though free-spoken about subjects off court, takes a more conservative and realistic approach to matters on court. Gorham was careful to outline both the team's attributes and its shortcomings.

"We've got good quickness, good hustle and it's a very deep team. We've got ten kids and we'll use all ten," he said.

This year's team consists of returning seniors Joseph Salin, Carlton Winslow and Reggie Skipper; juniors Asuer Bowen, Michael Burns, Eric Powell, Seth Roe, Elton Tune and John Volker; and sophomore Christopher Roman.



Michael Burns (left, back to camera) leaps to block a shot fired by Elton Tune during RCS varsity basketball practice last week. Reggie Skipper is in foreground and Eric Powell (white shirt) is at right.

Mike McNessor

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On the other hand, Gorham pointed out, "With six juniors and one sophomore, we may be a little shaky as far as experience goes, and size may be a problem."

either the team's strong points or its weaknesses. Instead he said, "It's just going to come down to how much we believe we can win."

But, Gorham, in the end, didn't equate success or failure with

The RCS Indians will start the season at Schalmont on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

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# Blackbirds place third in Albany High tourney

## Voorheesville holds own against class A competition

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

The Voorheesville boys basketball team moved a step up in caliber last weekend in Albany High School's prestigious 12th annual Corning Cup tournament on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30.

This year's participants included 1990-91 Big Ten conference champion Albany High, Bishop Maginn, another Big Ten school, and defending Corning Cup 1990 champions, LaSalle

(Niagara Falls). The Blackbirds held their own and took third place with a 62-58 loss to Albany High in the opening round and a 48-37 win over Bishop Maginn in the consolation game.

In the past, the tournament has attracted many quality Class A teams from the area and across the state.

On Friday night, the Birds opened their season in a match with Albany High. Unintimidated,

Voorheesville played with confidence, using tough defense against the Falcons.

"We were very organized with our press break," coach Skip Carrk said. Albany's noted press was removed after the first four minutes of the game. "It wasn't working," Carrk said.

The Birds stuck with Albany the entire game. At one point Albany had a 10-0 scoring run, but Voorheesville quickly answered with a streak of their own. In the final minutes, the Falcons squeaked by the Birds with a victory margin of only four points.

While Voorheesville shot well under the hoop, their outside attempts did not connect. "Eric Logan is one of the best shooters in the Colonial Council, but the shots were not falling for him," Carrk said.

The Blackbirds were led by center Steve Lapinski. "Steve played one of his best games," Carrk said. Lapinski finished with 24 points, 16 rebounds and five blocked shots, shooting 11 for 15 from the field. Other strong performances came from Tom Giana-



Steve Lapinski

tasio, Jack Brennan, Joe Race and Kevin Relyea.

Against Bishop Maginn Saturday night, Voorheesville lived up to its reputation as one of the best defensive teams in the area. "We played tremendous defense," Carrk said. Race lead the team with 11 steals and Lapinski contributed four blocked shots. Giana-

tasio played aggressively at both ends of the court. "It was a helter-skelter, scrappy game," Carrk said, "but every time the ball was in Tom's (Gianatasio) hands, the play was over. We knew we had it."

Both nights the opposing teams had trouble dribbling past the Birds. Almost every time the ball hit the floor, the fiery Voorheesville defense was right on top of it.

Complementing the defense were the fast breaks run by the Birds, which carried them to victory. "Nobody knew a C school from the suburbs could run with the city schools," Carrk said, "but we pressed every second and played a city game."

Voorheesville was scheduled to play defending State Champions Watervliet yesterday (Tuesday), away. A rematch of last year's Section II Class CC finals, the game may be key in determining this year's Colonial Council champions.

The Birds will travel to Waterford on Friday, Dec. 6, to play a team that Carrk feels is a "good outside shooting team, especially at their own court."

The Birds will play their first home game on Tuesday, Dec. 10, against Schalmont.

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## AJCC offers classes in exercise, aquatics

The Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., is offering registration for its physical education and aquatics classes.

Starting Sunday, Dec. 1, the center will offer children's swimming classes at all levels. The courses are offered for seven weeks and include beginners, advanced beginners, intermediates, swimmers, aqua-tots, preschool and 10 mile clubs.

Step aerobics will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. beginning Monday, Dec. 2. AJCC members pay \$56 and non-members pay \$84.

Programs also include the senior walking club.

For information, call 438-6651.

## Blackbird girls aiming for council contention

By Greg Sullivan

This year's Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team hopes to contend for the Colonial Council title.

Back again as head coach is Nadine Bassler, who returns with six players from last year's team. They include seniors Donna Zautner, Kristen Foley, Erin Sullivan, Nicole Solomos and Noelle Crisafulli, and junior Cortney Langford. New faces this year are juniors Becky Bailey, Kate Pakenas, Beth Lucia, Lea Foster and ninth grader Kelly Griffin.

Coach Bassler noted several keys to success for this year's team, the first being the need to win on the road. Because the league is very balanced, road wins will be necessary for success this year, she said.

"We will be smaller than our opponents so we need to rely on our quickness," Bassler said.

This year's tri-captains, Foley, Sullivan and Zautner will be looked to for leadership on the floor, she said. Also, production from the younger players and non-starters will be a necessity. Langford and Zautner will be relied on for scoring while Foley will be counted on to control the ball at point guard.

Coach Bassler said one of her forwards will have to pick up some of the scoring duties lost with the graduation of Kelly Donahue last season.

## Elderly care discussed

Problems in providing long-term care services to the elderly will be discussed Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Desmond Americana, 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie. The free program, sponsored by The Eddy elderly care services, is open to the public. For information call 274-3339.

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Girls — Danielle Brady 173, 422 triple.

## Elementary school conducts book fair

Glenmont Elementary School's "Parents as Reading Partners" is holding its annual book fair on Friday, Dec. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Route 9W, Glenmont school.

A wide selection of children's, holiday, nature, science and adult books, as well as bookmarks, pencils and gift certificates, have been provided by several book distributors.

For information, call 439-2371.

In Glenmont The Spotlight is sold at Cumberland Farms, CVS, Glenmont Deli, Grand Union, Stewarts, TAC's, and Van Allen Farms

## Oh, Christmas tree



Bethlehem Central High School freshman Robert Coker, 14, helps out Saturday at the BC Football Boosters' Christmas tree sale, held at the middle school courtyard, 332 Kenwood Ave. The sale continues Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays Dec. 6 and 13 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. while supplies last.

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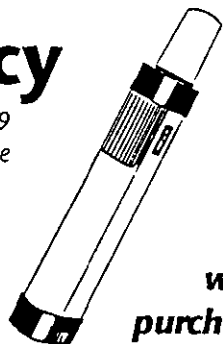
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## Bethlehem looks to fill comptroller's position

Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler announced this week the town is seeking qualified candidates for the office of comptroller.

Current Comptroller Phil Maher is leaving the position Jan. 1, 1992, when he takes over as Albany County budget director under County Executive-elect Michael Hoblock.

"This is one of the key positions in the town's government," Ringler said. "It will be difficult to find a person of Mr. Maher's caliber. We're confident, however, that through a thorough search process, we'll find a candidate who meets our needs."

The search committee is composed of Ringler, town council member Sheila Fuller and former town supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. They are seeking resumes from candidates with a minimum four-year college degree in accounting and five years of professional accounting experience.

In addition, candidates should have a thorough knowledge of the

principles and procedures of governmental accounting, Ringler said.

The position will pay between \$40,000 and \$45,000 a year depending on experience, according to Ringler.

Resumes are being accepted through Thursday, Dec. 12, and will be reviewed by the search committee. They can be sent to the supervisor at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Susan Wheeler

### Samaritans to get honor for services

The Samaritans of the Capital District, Inc., will receive the 1991 Eleanor Roosevelt Community Service Award for its contribution in providing suicide prevention services to the Capital District.

The awards ceremony will be on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

### Cherry Hill plans holiday celebration

Historic Cherry Hill, 523 South Pearl St., Albany, is celebrating the holiday season with "Holiday Pastimes at Historic Cherry Hill," on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The public is invited. The event includes highlights of the museum's collection of toys and games against a backdrop of greenery and Victorian greeting cards.

For information, call 434-4791.

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at the Kwik Mart

## Easter Seal ornaments available at local stores

The New York Easter Seal Society has introduced the 1991 official Easter Seal Ornament.

The ornament is a 24-karat gold on brass figurine, which comes in its own box. Each ornament sells for \$15.

The ornament can be purchased at the following local establishments:

Eddie Bauer Store, Crossgates, Albany; NYS Museum Gift Shop,

Macdon Avenue, Albany; Crossroads Gift Shop, South Pearl Street, Albany; Fowler's Card and Gift Shop, Lark Street, Albany; Washington Avenue, Albany; Fowler's Card and Gift Shop, Altamont Avenue, Rotterdam; Ann's Hallmark, Columbia Turnpike, Castleton; and Nancy's Gift Shop, Schenectady.

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### Take a break, recreate!

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will host a flea market on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central School District Middle School cafeteria.

Middle school students have rented table space and will sell crafts, refreshments, babysitting services, used games and books and much more. Rental proceeds will go to the Equinox Youth Shelter.

For information, contact Sandie Banas at 439-7460. The event is designed to offer items of interest to both adults and young people.

#### Swim instructor sought

The parks and recreation department is seeking applications for a head instructor for its competitive swim program.

Program sessions are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Job responsibilities include overall program coordination, staff supervision, and reporting of hours and attendance.

Applicants must have current lifeguarding, standard first aid and CPR certification. Apply at the town's Elm Avenue Park offices.

#### Life support course offered

An American Red Cross course on basic life support for the professional rescuer will be held Monday, Dec. 9 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Community CPR is a participation prerequisite.

Register by calling parks and recreation department offices at 439-4131.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Clemente****Yuranich, Clemente wed**

Roberta Yuranich of Delmar, daughter of Clara Martini of Manhasset, and Brendan Clemente of Delmar, son of Salvatore O. and Anne Clemente of Troy, were married Aug. 17.

Rev. Donald Desmond performed the ceremony at the Most Holy Trinity Church in East Hampton.

Christine Rodden was maid of honor. Patricia Lusardi, Christina Monaco, Alicia Ramaizel and Rebecca Clemente were bridesmaids.

Carl Clemente was best man. Jude Clemente, Kyle Fillion, Ron Carney and Peter Yuranich were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Manhattan College and is employed by the Kenwood Child Development Center.

The groom is a graduate of Manhattan College and is a sales manager for Bonded Concrete.

After a wedding trip to Alaska, the couple resides in Delmar.

**Dennins celebrate 50th anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennin of Elsmere celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 2. The two were joined at Regan's Steak and Seafood House for a dinner in their honor by their children and grandchildren.

Ed Dennin is retired from Boyd Printing Company and has been an Elsmere Fire Department firefighter for over 40 years. Helen Dennin worked as a saleswoman for The Clothes Horse and Town and Tweed before retiring in 1982.

**Senior programs listed for AJCC**

The Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., will hold a holiday celebration dinner featuring the music of Peter Margiotta for all senior adults age 60 or over.

The event will be on Sunday, Dec. 22, and will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception.

Reservations are \$23 per person and must be made by Dec. 13.

Other senior events include a musical comedy entitled "Shakin' the Blues Away," on Monday, Dec. 23, at 6 p.m.

Seniors can also enjoy Rae Kaplan and the AJCC Senior Chorale's "Bubbles and Champagne" music on Monday, Jan. 6, at 6 p.m.

**Fire board meeting set**

The Selkirk Fire District Board of Commissioners is meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Selkirk Fire House No. 1, Selkirk, at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 767-9951.

**Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Genovesi****Perry, Genovesi wed**

Jacqueline Anne Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry of Voorheesville, and Jeffrey Genovesi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Genovesi of Slingerlands, were married Oct. 26.

Rev. Robert E. Roos conducted the ceremony at St. Lucy's Church in Altamont.

Mary Nastrogel was maid of honor. Kim TenEyck, Carla Rodrigue and Susan O'Neill were bridesmaids.

Victor Genovesi was best man. Joseph Genovesi, Kevin Furlong and Peter TenEyck were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University.

The groom is a graduate of State University of New York at Brockport.

The couple resides in East Greenbush.

**Mother's Center invites visitors**

The Capital District's Mother's Center, an organization offering support and educational services to parents, invites the public to visit the center at the First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany.

The center sponsors weekly

drop-in mornings on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The center also offers educational lectures, support/discussion groups, a play group network and a newsletter.

For information, call 456-2582.

**THE YOUTH NETWORK****Elementary Networks pupils attend to school self-esteem**

The Elementary Networks group meets once a month for one hour and 15 minutes at the main Bethlehem Central School District office. The group is composed of 35 children representing each fourth and fifth grade class from Hamagrael, Slingerlands, Elsmere, Glenmont, Clarksville, St. Thomas and Becker schools.

The pupils are learning proactive social skills which help youngsters manage their lives and choose not to abuse drugs. They have been developing skills which help them work together in groups, and this month they worked in groups to create something to help others improve self-esteem.

Working together in small groups, using preassigned materials, Elementary Networks representatives invented a compliment box, a confetti toss and a bouquet of kind comments. After completing the work they evaluated the effectiveness of their group. Elementary Networks will work on ways to share the activities with classmates.



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Robert Novak Jr. and Cathleen Mulligan

### Mulligan, Novak to wed

Robert E. Jr. and Constance B. Mulligan of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cathleen Siobhan Mulligan, to Robert Joseph Novak Jr., son of Donna M. Novak of Schenectady and the late Robert J. Novak Sr.

Mulligan is a graduate of Niagara University and is employed by Morgan's Travel & Tours, Inc., in Altamont.

Novak is attending Westfield State College and is a second lieutenant with the Massachusetts Air National Guard in Westfield.

### Henry, Fish to wed

Thomas and Marilyn Henry of Latham have announced the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie Henry, to Michael Eugene Fish, son of Eugene and Sally Fish of Delmar.

Henry is an accounts receivable clerk at Atlas Copco Comptec

Inc., in Voorheesville.

Fish is a carpenter with Sano Rubin Construction Co. and a member of the Slingerlands Fire Department.

A summer wedding is planned.

### Photographers meet in Schenectady

The Schenectady - Photographic Society has announced its December meeting schedule for several Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Schenectady.

On Dec. 4, the Print Group will present a program by Joanne Gulotty on print restoration, retouching and spotting.

On Dec. 11, the Slide Group will present a program by Ann Aronson on sports and action photography.

On Dec. 18, the Photo-Essay Group will discuss music.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

For information, call 463-1674.

### Glenmont church hosts Advent activities

The Glenmont Community Church on Chapel Lane in Glenmont, is sponsoring an Advent family night at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday through December.

Tonight (Wednesday) families will join in decorating the church for the Christmas season. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share and place settings.

The Advent family nights are free and open to the public.

For information, call 463-6806.

### Hadassah chapter holds "Night Out"

The Albany-Bethlehem Hadassah Chapter is celebrating a "Night Out With Friends" on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

A dessert buffet will be served and future chapter activities discussed.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For information, including the meeting location, call 439-5452.

### Mothers meeting set

Mothers' Time Out, a group for mothers of pre-school children, will meet Monday, Dec. 9, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Christmas crafts and cookie recipes, as well as samples of each, will be shared.

Child care is provided and new members are welcome.

For information, call 439-9929.

### Hamagrael school sponsors craft fair

Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane in Delmar, is sponsoring its annual craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than 70 vendors will be on hand, offering numerous hand-crafted and home-made items.

For information, call 439-7910.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Foster

### Foster, Jackstadt wed

Mark Harman Foster, son of Margaret Foster of Delmar and the late Charles H. Foster, and Sarah Looby Jackstadt, daughter of Nancy Looby of Albany and the late James G. Looby, were married July 6.

Rev. James Daley conducted the ceremony at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Elizabeth Seay was matron of honor and Charles H. Foster was

best man. James Foster and W. Michael Carroll were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of the College of Saint Rose.

The groom is a graduate of Eastman School of Music and is a percussionist with Albany Symphony.

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



## Community Corner

### Annual tea set for Dec. 8

The Annual Christmas Silver Tea will be held at The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, River Road and Clapper Road in the Old Cedar Hill School. The special event will be held on Dec. 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. Decorations will be by the women of the Bethlehem Garden Club.

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# Obituaries

## Robert J. Smith

Robert J. Smith, 66, of Riviera Beach, Fla. formerly of Delmar died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at his residence.

Mr. Smith was an employee of the state Department of Taxation and Finance before he retired 11 years ago and moved to Florida.

He was a World War II veteran, a past commander of American Legion Post 1040 in Delmar and a member of the 75th Division Veterans Association and of 40 & 8 Voiture Locale 348. He was also a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, member of the Wadsworth Lodge F&AM 417 and Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Valley of Albany, Amara Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Palm Beach Gardens; Oriental Band and Palm Beach Shrine Club. He was an active member of First United Church of Christ in Jupiter, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Lenore Smith; his father, John H. Smith of Delmar; a daughter, Bette Reagan of Delmar; a son, John Smith of Delmar; a sister, Ruth Burns of Delmar; a brother, Donald Smith of Coxsackie; and a grandson.

A memorial service was held in the First United Church of Christ, Jupiter, Fla.

Contributions may be made to the Amara Temple Transportation Fund, 3650 RCA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. 33410.

Arrangements are by the National Cremation Society; Lake Worth, Fla.

## Albert Van Buren

Albert F. Van Buren, 76, of Delmar, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at his home.

Mr. Van Buren was born in the Bronx and lived in Yonkers, Westchester County, for many years, before moving to Delmar in 1983.

For 35 years, he was a stockbroker with F.I. Dupont. Later, he worked for the Metropolitan Transit Authority in New York City for seven years, retiring in 1981.

Mr. Van Buren was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, and served as a bombardier and navigator in the Canal zone.

He is survived by his wife, Lenore Tremblay Van Buren; two daughters Dorothy Farrell of Delmar and Teresa Van Buren of Brightwaters, Suffolk County; a son, Robert Van Buren of North-

boro, Mass.; and several grandchildren.

A service was held in St. Mary's Church, Lodge and Pine streets, Albany.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Tebbutt Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation for Hospice, 317 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

## Curtland C. Brown Jr.

Dr. Curtland C. Brown Jr., 68 of Delmar, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at his home.

Dr. Brown was born in Cambridge, Mass. He had lived in Delmar from 1958 until 1970 when he moved to Wallingford, Conn. He returned to Delmar in 1989.

He was a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. During the war, he was stationed at Chelsea Naval Hospital in Boston, Mass. After the war, he worked at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for two years.

He returned to Albany in 1960, where he served until 1969 as chief in the Division of Rheumatic Diseases at Albany Medical College. In 1970, he was employed by the Gaylord Hospital, Wallingford, at which he later became medical director. He retired in 1989.

He was a member of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Rheumatology, a former member of the board of managers of the Wallingford Public Library, former president of the Connecticut Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and an honorary alumnus of Albany Medical College.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Ahern Brown; three sons, Dr. Curtland C. Brown III of Plantsville, Conn., N. Josiah "Josh" Brown of Philadelphia and Geoffrey Asa Brown of Chalfont, Pa.; a sister, Jeanne Reeve of Ashland, N.H.; and two grandsons.

A service was held in the Tebbutt Funeral Home, Albany, with burial in North Beverly, Mass.

Contributions may be made to the Albany Medical Center Foundation, the Visiting Nurses Foundation or St. Peter's Hospital Foundation.

## Edward Uhrík

Edward Albert Uhrík, 63, of Slingerlands died Friday, Nov. 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Maplewood, N.J., he was a graduate of the University of Arizona at Tucson with a degree in civil engineering. In 1968, he moved to the Albany area.

Mr. Uhrík was employed by various construction material manufacturers in Arizona, California and Illinois. He then worked as a sales engineer for Spancrete Northeast Inc., South Bethlehem, retiring in 1986.

He served in the Navy from 1946-47.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Joan Buckler Uhrík; a daughter, Anne Uhrík Faulkner of Altamont; a brother, M. George Uhrík of Toms River, N.J.; and a grandson.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

## Gerald J. Hase Sr.

Gerald J. "Ace" Hase Sr., 71, of Greenleaf Drive in Delmar, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Camillus, Onondaga County, he had lived in the Capital District for the past several years.

At the beginning of his career, Mr. Hase was a physical education teacher in the LeRoy public schools in Genesee County, where he also served as a basketball coach for several years. In 1948, he was appointed the school's director of health, physical education and recreation.

He was named supervisor of health and physical education at the state Department of Education in Albany in 1951. During his tenure, he worked with schools and colleges in the areas of curriculum, facilities, teacher education and certification, research, and testing. He retired in 1982.

He was a graduate of the State University College at Cortland, where he played basketball, baseball and tennis. In 1985, he was inducted into the Cortland College C-Club Hall of Fame.

He earned a master's degree from Syracuse University and a doctorate from Indiana University.

He was a fellow at the American School Health Association and was listed in Who's Who in American Education.

Mr. Hase published 17 articles in professional journals and co-authored three books.

He was a member of the Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delmar.

He is survived by his wife, Edwina Ryder Hase; two daughters, Susan Jeanne Hase of Mahwah, N.J., and Jennifer Risi of Webster, Monroe County; a son, Gerald J. Hase Jr. of Delmar; and

a sister, Virginia Fink of St. Cloud, Fla.

A memorial service was held in the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation for Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208, or to the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

## Ralph Cohen

Ralph Cohen, 82, of Delmar, died Monday Dec. 2, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in New York City, he moved to the Capital District in 1957. He attended Brooklyn Polytechnic University and earned a law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

For several years, Mr. Cohen was an associate attorney in the state Department of Law's real property bureau. He retired in 1979.

He was a member of the Washington Masonic Lodge 85 and the Cyprus Temple, both in Albany.

He was a member of Temple Beth Emeth, Albany.

Mr. Cohen was husband of the late Evelyn Wurman Cohen.

Survivors include a daughter, Edith Cohen of Delmar, and three brothers, Leon Cohen of Fort Lee, N.J., Eugene Cohen of New York City and Lawrence Cohen of Boynton Beach, Fla.

A service was held in the Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany. Burial was in Beth Emeth Cemetery, Loudonville.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, or the Hematology/Oncology Department at Albany Memorial Hospital.

## Nicholas C. Mariani

Nicholas Carmen Mariani, 52, of New Scotland died Saturday, Nov. 30, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany and, he was a lifelong Capital District resident. He was a graduate of Guilderland Central High School.

For nine years, Mr. Mariani was a custodian at the Guilderland Middle School.

He is survived by his former wife, Barbara Myers; his parents, Carmen and Lena Mariani of New Scotland; and a sister, Rosemarie Newcomb of Guilderland.

A service was held in the Church of St. Margaret Mary, Albany. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Arrangements were by Hans Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation 317 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Margaret McKeough

Margaret Manning McKeough, 94, of the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar, died there Monday, Dec. 2.

Born in New York City, she lived in Albany for many years.

She was a member of the Albany Catholic Diocese Mothers of Priests Association.

She was a communicant of Holy Cross Church, Albany.

Mrs. McKeough was the widow of James A. McKeough.

Survivors include three sons, the Rev. James A. McKeough S.J. of the Philippines, John M. McKeough of Burden Lake and William P. McKeough of Delmar; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A service was held in Holy Cross Church, Albany. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Amsterdam.

Arrangements were by the Hans Funeral Home, Albany.

## Eleanor K. Griffith

Eleanor Kingston Griffith of Delmar died Sunday, Dec. 1, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a 30-year volunteer with the Red Cross in Flushing, Queens County, and in Albany. She was a member of the Delmar Progress Club and the Women of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband, George F. Griffith; two brothers, Frederick T. Kingston of Remsen, Oneida County, and Percy C. Kingston of East Greenbush; and a sister, Elizabeth Mae Kingston of Albany.

A service was held in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St. Springfield, Mass. 01104.

## State to conduct energy workshop

The New York State Energy Office will conduct a workshop on energy efficiency in multi-family buildings on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ballroom of the Hotel Saranac, Paul Smith's College, 101 Main Street, Saranac Lake.

The one-day workshop is designed to help building owners, managers, superintendents and maintenance staff learn more about reducing energy costs.

Topics will include combustion efficiency testing, methods of sealing in heat, steam distribution systems, reducing lighting costs, free energy audits and ways to save on air conditioning and refrigerators.

The workshop fee is \$15. For registration information, call 1-800-423-7283.

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# Family

## Albany Symphony Orchestra creates musical, magical tales

By Susan Wheeler

The Albany Symphony Orchestra creates magical tales of love and adventure this weekend in its third concert of the season. The Friday and Saturday night performances in Troy and Albany are "specially tailor-made for families," according to Conductor Joel Revzen.

Children of all ages will enjoy the four musical stories, which often accompany ballets, said Revzen, music director for the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony, Prince William Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Choral and Berkshire Opera in Lenox, Mass. All of the selections have story lines. "This allows the children to let their imaginations soar," he said.

The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall will host Friday night's concert, while Saturday's will be at the Palace Theater in Albany. Both begin at 8 p.m., and have seating available. Tickets range from \$10 to \$22 depending upon house location. Call 465-4663 for ticket information.

Revzen acts not only as conductor, but also as storyteller throughout the concerts. He talks to the audience about each piece, and explains its background, he said.

According to Revzen, who conducted the ASO last year and is scheduled to return in March, the story lines and the music's high energy make the concerts "a natural audience draw." The holiday season often attracts concert goers, especially the "Nutcracker Suite." The pieces in this weekend's concerts are of the same idiom, he said, but more updated.

Igor Stravinsky's suite from "The Firebird," a 1945 revision, is "a beautiful Russian tale," he said, "in which a prince rescues a princess." He said he considers it the highlight of the concert.

The prince, Ivan, captures a bird with a

plumage of fire. He lets the bird go free after she gives him one of her magic feathers. Later he enters a castle, even though warned by princesses that the master of the castle, Kastchei, is wicked and turns visitors to stone.

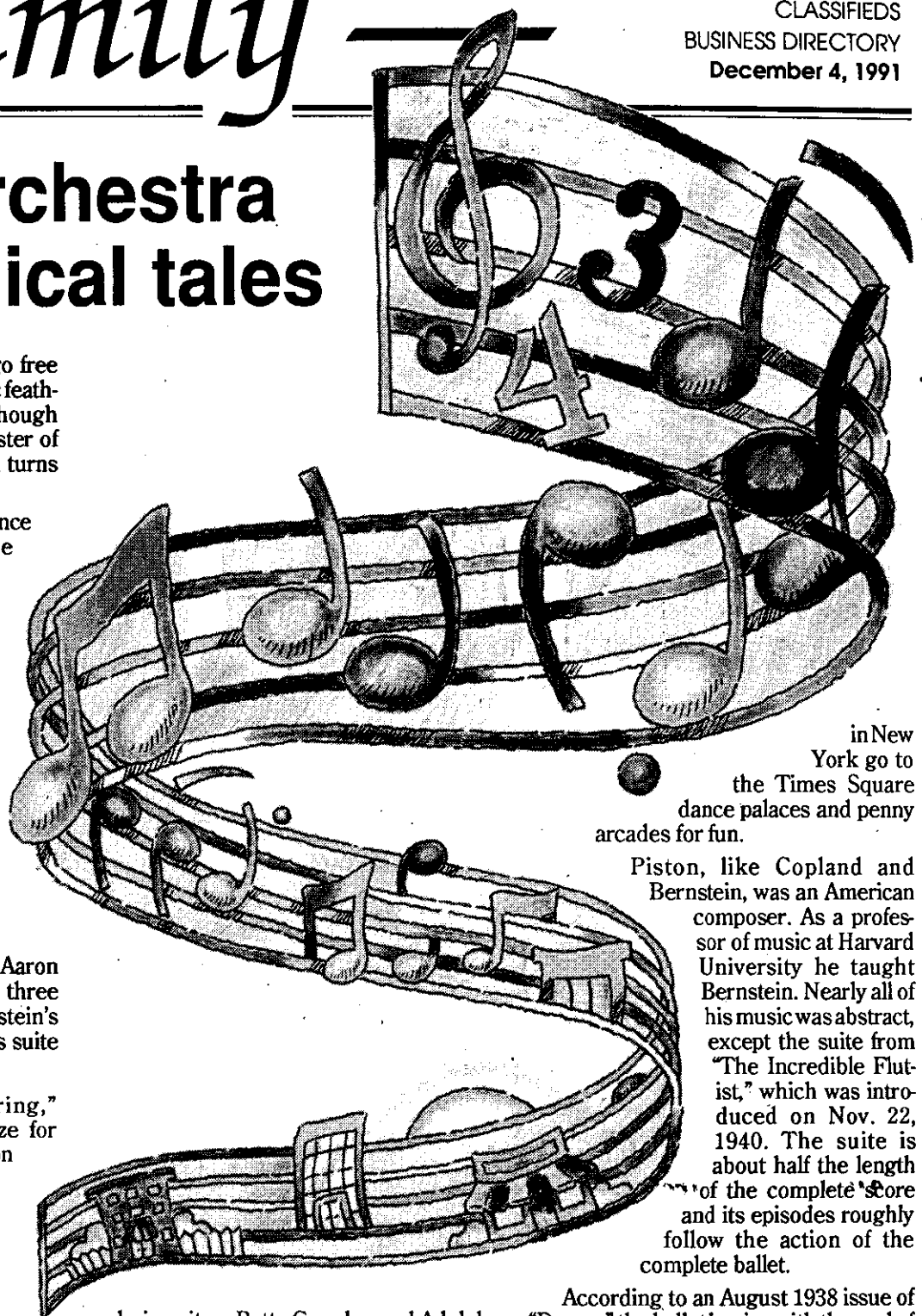
Once inside the the castle, Prince Ivan is threatened by both the Kastchei and his horrid subjects. Ivan protects himself with the feather and the firebird appears. Her powers force the magician and his subjects into a crazed dance, leaving them fatigued. Eventually the wicked magician is destroyed and the victims are set free from their stony spell. The princesses are released and Prince Ivan falls in love with a lovely maiden.

"It's a wonderful story, filled with magic for children," Revzen said.

The orchestra will also perform Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring," three dance episodes from Leonard Bernstein's "On the Town" and Walter Piston's suite from "The Incredible Flutist."

Copland's "Appalachian Spring," which won the 1945 Pulitzer Prize for Music, lends the flavor of tradition throughout the piece, Revzen said. The best known section incorporates five variations of the Shaker melody "Simple Gifts." He said it is during this section that the story's couple gets a look at "real day to day living" in the Pennsylvania area in the 1800s.

Bernstein's music for "On the Town" is regarded as unique in musical comedy history, dramatizing a "mainly comedic contemporary (mid-20th century) story in truly symphonic terms," according to



in New York go to the Times Square dance palaces and penny arcades for fun.

Piston, like Copland and Bernstein, was an American composer. As a professor of music at Harvard University he taught Bernstein. Nearly all of his music was abstract, except the suite from "The Incredible Flutist," which was introduced on Nov. 22, 1940. The suite is about half the length of the complete score and its episodes roughly follow the action of the complete ballet.

lyric writers Betty Comden and Adolph Green.

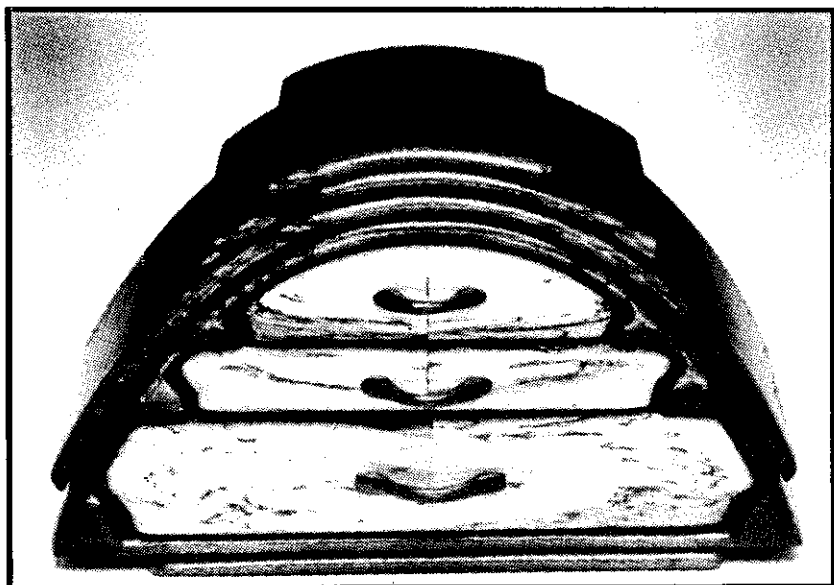
In the show, three sailors on leave, each representing different personality types, search for the right girl. "Times Square: 1944," one of the three concert pieces, is lively. All of the sailors on leave

According to an August 1938 issue of "Dance," the ballet begins with the end of a siesta. The village shakes off the drowsiness, and the circus band and members march into the village. The flutist is the main attraction.

The flutist charms all and is romantic.

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## Arts and crafts market comes to Knick arena



This jewelry box by Richard Rothbard will be among items on sale at the annual marketplace.

By Hilary Lesser

Artists and craftspeople are looking forward to the second annual "Capital Art and Crafts Marketplace" at Albany's Knickerbocker Arena.

The show will take place this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6, 7 and 8, and feature a select group of 135 artisans.

"We are bringing the same formula that has brought us success in the New Paltz USA County Fair," said Scott Rubinstein, co-director of Quail Hollow Events, the sponsoring organization. The company is based in Woodstock.

"Hopefully it will grow more and more. Everything looks great," he said.

The event will feature handmade gifts for the holidays, unique furniture, architectural crafts, and specialty items.

Artisans will demonstrate handpainting of silk, cotton and wool items, making gold jew-

elry, designing children's clothing and stained glass and copper foil techniques.

An area has been designated for handcrafted foods ranging from soup to nuts. The unusual foods include herbal products, salsa, and Bloody Mary fixings.

Food items will also be available from Uncle Dave's Kitchen from Bondville, Vt. There will be samplings of "Kicker Ketchup," spicy pasta sauces and special treats from the beehives of Walt and Gerry Wenger of fresh honey and handmade wax products.

Other items include fresh herbs, spices, maple products, chocolate spreads and hot chocolate mixes. Sherrie Maurer, of Jasmine and Bread, will offer a unique tomato conserve made with maple sugar and no salt. She calls this product "Beyond Belief."

"We've really expanded the food area this year. We have all kinds of products, unique

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# AROUND THE AREA

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4

### ALBANY COUNTY

#### AFRICAN-AMERICAN LECTURE AT ST. ROSE

by Dr. Barbara Sizemore, St. Joseph Hall Auditorium, College of Saint Rose, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

#### SHAPEDOWN ORIENTATION

Introduction to a lifestyle change program, designed for overweight children and teens ages six to 18, St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, 102 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 449-2212.

### HOLIDAY DECORATING DEMONSTRATION

using dried and fresh leaves, Helderledge Farm, Picard Road, Voorheesville, 10-11 a.m., no charge. Information, 765-4702.

### HEALING THROUGH MOVEMENT AND MUSIC

workshop, Pastoral Center of Albany Diocese, 40 North Main Ave., 7 p.m. \$15 per person. Information, 489-4431.

### BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

### SENIORS LUNCHEON

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

### APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB

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

### RENSSELAER COUNTY

#### SQUARE DANCE

St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

#### ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP

Eddy Memorial Geriatric Center, 2256 Burdette Ave., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

#### CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodward St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

### SCHENECTADY COUNTY

#### RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Meeting Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 5

### ALBANY COUNTY

#### HOLIDAY DECORATING DEMONSTRATION

using dried and fresh leaves, Helderledge Farm, Picard Road, Voorheesville, 7-8 p.m., no charge. Information, 765-4702.

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Phillip Livingston Chapter, meeting, University Club, Albany, social period at 6:30 p.m., dinner will follow, officers will be elected. Information, 434-4322.

#### SHARE MEETING SCHEDULED

support group for those who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or perinatal, St. Peter's Hospital, large board room, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Old Roesseville High School, 1237 Central Ave., Colonie, first of two nights, must attend both, 6:15-9:30 p.m., second class on Thursday, Dec. 12. Registration, 233-0797.

### OPTIFAST ORIENTATION

Introduction to 26-week weight loss program for severely overweight individuals, St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, 102 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 449-2212.

### RENSSELAER COUNTY

#### ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP

Capital Region Geriatric Center, West Columbia Street, Cohoes, 10 a.m. Information, 438-2217.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

### ALBANY COUNTY

#### SENIOR CHORALE

Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

#### BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

#### MOTHER'S DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

#### SENIORS LUNCHEON

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.

### CAPITAL ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKETPLACE

handcrafted and original items, over 135 artisans, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, noon-9 p.m. Information, (914) 246-3414.

### SARATOGA COUNTY

#### COUNTRY FOLK ART SHOW AND SALE

over 150 folk artisans, Harness Raceway, Grandstand building, Saratoga Springs, 5-9 p.m. Information, (313) 634-4151 or (313) 634-4153.

### SCOHARIE COUNTY

#### WINTER STAR-GAZING

George Landis Arboretum, Lape Road, Esperance, 7 p.m., call for weather update. Information, 875-6935.

### 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.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

### ALBANY COUNTY

#### NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mohawk and Hudson Chapter, 28th annual banquet, Empire State Plaza, meeting room six, Albany, with Bill Withuhn, curator of transportation at the Smithsonian Institution. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Information, 283-5668.

#### HISTORIC RAILWAY PRESENTATION IN 1990'S

by Mohawk and Hudson Chapter of National Railway Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. program. Call for location in downtown Albany. Information, 449-8450.

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### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Albany Branch, annual Christmas luncheon and fashion show by Cohoes Specialty Store, Desmond Americana Inn, Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 489-7602 or 384-0414.

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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

### ALBANY COUNTY

#### CAPITAL ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKETPLACE

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#### SCOTTISH DANCING

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

#### NEW EXHIBITS AT HISTORIC CHERRY HILL

"Holiday Pastimes at Historic Cherry Hill," Historic Cherry Hill, 532 1/2 South Pearl Street, Albany, 1-4 p.m. Information, 434-4791.

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The Adirondack Baroque Consort rehearses to play a concert of 18th century music at Albany's Schuyler Mansion Historic Site. The event is the annual Christmas open house on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The consort will accompany members of the H.B. Kuhn Senior Center in minuet performances.

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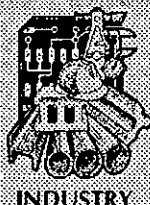
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## SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Erin E. Sullivan

As winter approaches and flying pigskins dominate the television screen, teens needing a break from football can find excitement at Albany Jewish Community Center karate classes for men and women.

Instruction is provided by Alan Lasker and Harry Gnacik, both fourth degree black belts of Tae-Jo-Kan karate, through the Golden Eagle Karate Club. Classes will be held at the center at 340 Whitehall Road in Albany, Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Classes begin immediately. A three month \$99 fee includes a free uniform.

AJCC is sponsoring other teen-oriented events as well. Gerry McDonald, a Iyengar Hatha instructor, offers a more relaxing class for all ages and abilities. McDonald teaches a Hatha yoga class Thursdays, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Winter class sessions begins Thursday, Dec. 5. Fees are \$28 for center members and \$42 for non-members.

A "Know Your World" luncheon and lecture is planned at AJCC for Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Erastus Corning III will explore "Life in the Soviet Union" with a lecture and slide presentation. Admission is \$6.50 for members and \$7.50 for non-members.

For information and registration for any center-sponsored events, call 438-6651.

Are old magazines and catalogs adding to the clutter in your bedroom? Bethlehem Work on Waste and a group called Students Reduce Our Trash of Bethlehem are providing the perfect opportunity to dispose of excess reading materials with a magazine recycling drive.

All magazines and catalogs are welcome, but newspapers, phone books or newsprint newsletters will not be accepted. The drive will be Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The holiday season is moving along and the Downtown Council of Troy, with support from the City of Troy, is sponsoring an event designed to enhance community spirit. The ninth annual Downtown Troy Victorian Stroll will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 5 p.m. in designated city locations.

The stroll will include music and dance samplings from around the world, craft demonstrations, street performances and five hours of entertainment.

Approximately 90 different events and activities are scheduled, including rides on a vintage horse-drawn wagon, a trolley replica and Troy's antique fire truck. The annual College of St. Rose Chorale's "Christmas Fantasy" concert, sponsored by the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, will also be a stroll highlight.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

### THEATER

**ANDROCLES AND THE LION**  
George Bernard Shaw play, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga. Dec. 7-8, 14-15. Information, 587-4427.

**THE GIRLS IN 509**  
The Schenectady Civic Theatre. Dec. 6-7, 11-14, 8 p.m.; Dec. 15, 2:30 p.m. Information, 382-2081.

**THE NUTCRACKER**  
David Otto and his company to perform excerpts from this tale, Russell Sage College Theatre, Troy. Dec. 7, 2 p.m. Information, 270-2079.

**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**  
Biblical musical, Schenectady Light Opera Co., Schenectady. Dec. 5-8, 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 377-5101.

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**  
musical, Cohoes Music Hall, through Dec. 31, Thurs.-Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 9 p.m., Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

**THE NECKLACE BRISINGAMEN**  
tale from Norse mythology, Chapel & Cultural Center, Troy. Dec. 5-6, 12-14, 8 p.m., Dec. 7, 2 p.m. Information, 459-4961.

**M. BUTTERFLY**  
drama, Proctor's Schenectady. Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

**GOLD**  
Kuperberg Morris Movement Theater performing at the Empire Center, Albany. Dec. 6-7, Information, 473-1845.

**OUR TOWN**  
Saratoga College Department of Theater, Bernhard Theater, Saratoga Springs. Dec. 5-7, 8 p.m. Information, 584-5000.

**REMEMBRANCE**  
reverse generation Romeo and Juliet, Capital Rep., Albany. Through Dec. 15, Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 4:30 and 8:30 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4534.

**THE RIVALS**  
satirical comedy, University at Albany Performing Arts Center. Dec. 4-7, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**  
haunting romance, NYS Theatre Institute, Performing Arts Center, Albany. Through Dec. 15. Information, 442-5345.

### MUSIC

**BOB MINTZER**  
music of Bob Mintzer, The College of Saint Rose, Albany. Dec. 8, 3 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

**OUT OF CONTROL RHYTHM AND BLUES BAND**  
performing at The Gallery, Schenectady. Dec. 6, 10:30 p.m. The Metro, Saratoga Springs. Dec. 7, 10:30 p.m. Information, 797-3939.

**THE EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA**  
Melodies of Christmas, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady. Dec. 8, noon and 3:30 p.m. Information, 382-7581.

### UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

violinist Sheila Reinhold and soprano Janet Stasio guest soloists, Main Theatre of the University at Albany Performing Arts Center. Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**THE EXPERIMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT**  
experimental music and light discussion, The Greene County Council On the Arts Gallery, Catskill. Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

**SKIP PARSONS' RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND**  
second weekend, every month, The Fountain, Albany. Information, 439-2310.

**OLD SONGS HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
performance of popular pageant of mid-winter carols, Guilderland High School. Dec. 7, 3 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

**SAINT ROSE MASTERWORKS CHORALE**  
performing, The Church of Saint Teresa of Avila, Albany. Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Dec. 8, 1 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

**HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
Russell Sage College Women's and Community choruses, Troy campus. Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2079.

**HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE**  
Russell Sage College visual and performing arts students, Troy campus. Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2079.

**SCCC JAZZ AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES**  
concert, Schenectady County Community College. Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-6211.

**ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
performing, Dec. 6-7, Friday, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall; Saturday, Albany Palace Theatre, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4663.

**ONE HEART**  
Ken Shea and Maureen DeLuxe, every Thursday, 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at Monaco's Village Inn. Information, 899-5780 or 393-5282.

**SHARON ISBIN — CLASSICAL GUITARIST**  
presented by the Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy. Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

### READINGS

**READINGS AT THREE**  
Barbara Chepalitis and Ron MacLean reading from their works, Boulevard Bookstore, Albany. Dec. 8, 3 p.m. Information, 449-8069.

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### DANCE

**EBA DANCE THEATRE'S CHILD'S CHRISTMAS**  
15th season, eba Theatre, Albany. Dec. 6, 8, 13-15. Information, 465-9916.

**OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE**  
Debbie Gray caller, live acoustic music by Atlantic Bridge, Guilderland Elementary School. Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

**SINGLE SQUARES**  
plus level square dance with rounds, St. Michaels Community, Cohoes. Dec. 4, 11, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

**THE EMPIRE CENTER'S DANCE SERIES**  
showcases artists, The Empire Center, Albany. Through May. Information, 473-1845.

### SHOWS

**WILD WEEKENDS WITH DEAN DAVIS**  
camouflage and mimicry, State Museum, Albany. Dec. 7-8, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS MADRIGAL DINNER**  
presented by the University Singers, First Presbyterian Church, Albany. Dec. 7-8, 7 p.m. Reservations, 442-3995.

### CLASSES

**HIGHLIGHT ACTING TROUPE**  
adult and children's classes, Raymertown. Through Feb. Information, 237-6936.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**GALA AT THE ACADEMY**  
holiday festivities, music tale-telling, St. Peter's Church, Spencertown. Dec. 7, 8:30 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

### TOURS

**HART-CLUETT MANSION**  
of the Rensselaer County Historical Society, adult tours, Tues.-Fri., with an occasional Sat. Reservations, 272-7232.

### WORKSHOPS

**DIGGIN' INTO OUR PAST:**  
A family archeology workshop, State Museum, Albany. Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

**VIDEO WORKSHOP**  
explore uses of the video camera, Adirondack Trust Bank, Saratoga Springs. Through Dec. 21, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 584-4132.

### FESTIVALS

**FESTIVAL OF TREES OF 1991**  
decorated trees, holiday shop, tea room, silent tree auction, breakfast with Santa, raffle and more, Albany Institute of History & Art. Through Dec. 8, Fri.-Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

**THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW**  
RCCA Center, 189 Second Street, Troy. Through Dec. 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday. Information, 273-0552.

### AUDITIONS

**YOURS, ANNE**  
NYS Theatre Institute, Albany. For appointment call 442-5399.

**MIRINDA JAMES SHOW**  
dancers or dancer/singer/musician, '92 touring show, age 16 and over. For appointment call 767-2744.

### AUCTIONS

**ARTS AUCTION**  
RCCA: The Arts Center, auction of fine arts and fine crafts, Troy Atrium. Dec. 7, 7-11 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

### FILMS

**MOVING MEMORIES: LUNCHTIME FUN FILMS**  
"Betty Boop's Museum," State Museum, Albany. Dec. 5; "Tora! Tora! Tora!," Dec. 7; "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein," Dec. 12, all films 12:15-1:15 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

### VISUAL ARTS

**DREAMSCAPES**  
series of color photographs, Museum of the Hudson Highlands, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Information, 534-7781.

**PAUL PITMAN AND DALE EVVA GELFAND**  
joint show, Spencertown Academy Gallery. Dec. 7-31, opening reception, Dec. 7, 3-6 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

**THE CATSKILL MOUNTAIN HOUSE EXHIBIT**  
Greene County Council On The Arts, continuing exhibit. Information, 943-3400.

**PATRICIA POWERS**  
Large Scale Work, Columbia Greene Community College, Hudson. Through Dec. 13.

**DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS**  
annual Van Rensselaer Garden Club's Greens Show, Troy. Dec. 5-8, Thurs. Fri. noon-8 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

## Beauty and the Beast brings low comedy and medieval romance to The Egg

Ray Bono's script for the ages-old tale of a love between a beautiful girl and a monster combines Elizabethan hijinks with medieval mystery in the production of *Beauty and the Beast* now at The Egg.

This New York State Theatre Institute presentation is a swift moving effort that develops the plotline with the initial scene where Prince Edward (David Bunce) is seen as a self-centered, vain young man transformed into an ugly monster by a witch.

He retires to a forest where he forces a destitute merchant (Joel Aroeste) to promise his daughter, Beauty, (Marlene Goudreau) in repayment for his life. The young woman captive transforms the monster in a series of scenes that are Gothic in scope with Ed Lange's staging.

Beauty's two sisters, played by Elita Caren Fink and Erika Johnson Newell, are as self-centered as the stricken prince. They hope to marry noblemen but are tricked by a couple of comic country bumpkins (Skye McKenzie and Joseph Larabee-Quandt) into marriage.

While set in the Middle Ages, the script doesn't attempt to duplicate the period's dialogue. It is mainly middle American speech threading the comedy with the dark romantic scenes. The exquisite settings by Victor A. Becker and the lush costumes of Karen Kammer add to the show's lustre.

Performances continue through Dec. 15. For more info, call 442-5373.



Martin P. Kelly

## Proctor's prepares annual Christmas musical show

What has become an annual tradition at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady arrives on stage the weekend of Dec. 14 and 15 when its *Christmas Show* is presented.

Using a story line that features *Hearts of Fire* star John Allen along with Helena Binder Bress, the production will include Allen Mills on the large Wurlitzer organ, Goldie, and a 35-member adult chorus led by Don Mealy.

Director Orlando Pigiavento is directing the full production and choreographing the show which will feature also his special unit of dancers, the *Broadway Babies*.

Composer-lyricists Alan and Maria Bryce (*Hearts of Fire*) have also contributed work to the production which will include solos by Theresa Treadway Lloyd who recently sang *Carmen* at the Lake George Opera. For more info, call 346-6204.

## Bernstein's Broadway Work Part of Albany Symphony program

The late Leonard Bernstein was as famous for his Broadway work (*On The Town*, *West Side Story* and *Candide*) as he was for his work with symphonies.

The Albany Symphony Orchestra's program this week includes Bernstein's *Three Dance Episodes from On The Town*, a blend of Broadway in symphonic form.

The program will be conducted by Joel Revsen, musical director of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony in North Dakota and the Prince William Symphony Orchestra in Virginia.

His program also includes Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring* and will conclude with Igor Stravinsky's *Firebird*.

The Albany Symphony will appear Fri. (Dec. 6) at the Troy Music Hall and Sat. (Dec. 7) at the Palace Theatre in Albany. For more info, call 465-4755.

## Local playwright turns to 19th century work

For years, Joan A. Jamison has been an admirer of 19th century melodrama and now she has a chance to delve into the lore.

Producer of the Albany-based company, Riverview Productions, she has adapted a mid-19th century melodrama by Dion Boucicault for presentation by the troupe at Mario's Theatre Restaurant in Troy where the company is doing matinee productions on a regular basis.

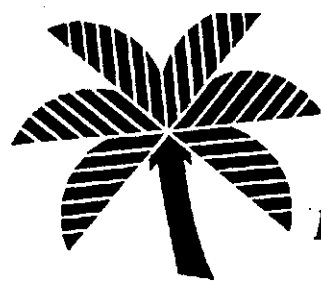
*Streets of New York* is Boucicault's best-known work of several hundred he wrote and deals with many of the problems faced today, bank failures, joblessness and romantic disappointment. Jamison's adaptation retains the language of the period which gives it its novelty and preserves the medium for the larger-than-life performing so popular in the 19th century.

The production features a cast of eight who also sing in special olio acts so popular to theater of 100 years ago.

Lunch and performances are today, Friday and Saturday (Dec. 4, 6 & 7) and Dec. 13. For more info, call 279-9247.

## Around Theaters!

*Remembrance*, romance amid the Belfast troubles, at Capital Repertory Company's theater through Dec. 15. (462-4534)...*Christmas Carol*, annual production of Dickens' classic by Berkshire Public Theater, Pittsfield, Mass. through Dec. 22. (413)445-4634...*Androcles and the Lion*, a children's show at Home Made Theater in Saratoga through Dec. 15. (587-4427)...*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, family theater adapted from novel at Ancram Opera House, Route 7, Ancram, Columbia County, through Dec. 15. (329-3300).



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Reservations may be made before December 16 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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## CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 4

## BETHLEHEM

## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

## BETHLEHEM CHILDREN'S THEATRE

"The Snow Queen," Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theatre, K-2, in-school performance at the Bethlehem Middle School auditorium, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9174.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Joseph A. Tannatta, 405A School House Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m., town offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4955.

## WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

## "ADVENT ADVENTURE"

Christmas tea and craft sale, United Methodist Women, First United Methodist Church, sanctuary, 428 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m., worship and fellowship for men, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-7571 or 439-9976.

## 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 Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

## BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

meets first and third Wednesdays, Normansville Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

## BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Information, 767-2886.

## SOLID ROCK CHURCH

1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, evening prayer and Bible study, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

## ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STARS

first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

## NEW SCOTLAND

## NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, Information, 765-2109.

## MOUNTAINVIEW

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

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 5

## BETHLEHEM

## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

## MUSIC GROUP

Delmar Progress Club, Friendship Singers Christmas show, Bethlehem Public Library community room, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

## WELCOME WAGON'S ANNUAL AUCTION

Santa as auctioneer, cash bar available, Howard Johnson's hotel, Rt. 9W, 7-10:30 p.m. Information, 462-6855.

## KABBALAH CLASS

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

## BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

## 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

85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 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

## FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

4-H group for youths ages 8-19, meets every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 6

## 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. Information, 439-9976.

## GLENMONT BOOK FAIR

Glenmont Elementary School's Parents as Reading Partners, Glenmont Elementary School, Route 9W, Glenmont, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 463-1154.

## CHABAD CENTER

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

## PRESCHOOL FILMS

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m., 2-5-year-olds and parents, "Tomten," "Max's Christmas" and "The Boy and the Snowgoose." Information, 439-9314.

## WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women, and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

## NIGHTTIME WALK

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

## 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 fire house, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

## NEW SCOTLAND

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

## POLTERGEIST

film by Steven Spielberg, a family is haunted by angry spirits in its suburban home, rated PG, free, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 7

## BETHLEHEM

## BAKED HAM SUPPER

Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4-7 p.m. Information, 767-3342.

## GLENMONT BOOK FAIR

Glenmont Elementary School's Parents as Reading Partners, Glenmont Elementary School, Route 9W, Glenmont, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 463-1154.

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Bethlehem Central Football Boosters, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Bethlehem Middle School courtyard, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-7460.

## TRI-VILLAGE SQUARE DANCE

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m., Betsy Goffa from New Brunswick, N.J., will call mainstream with a plus tip, Roy Goffa will call rounds. Information, 768-2882.

## CRAFT FAIR

Hammagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 70 vendors, Chinese auction, bake sale. Information, 439-7910.

## RECYCLE

old magazines and catalogs, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

## CHABAD CENTER

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

## PEARL HARBOR DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of the American Legion, 1:55 p.m., in front of post quarters, Poplar Drive, Elsmere. Information, 439-9819.

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## PROGRAM ON RECYCLING

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, "Save Your Home — Save the Earth," 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 8

## 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.

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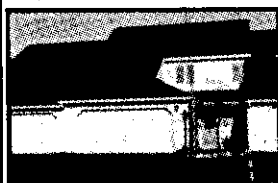
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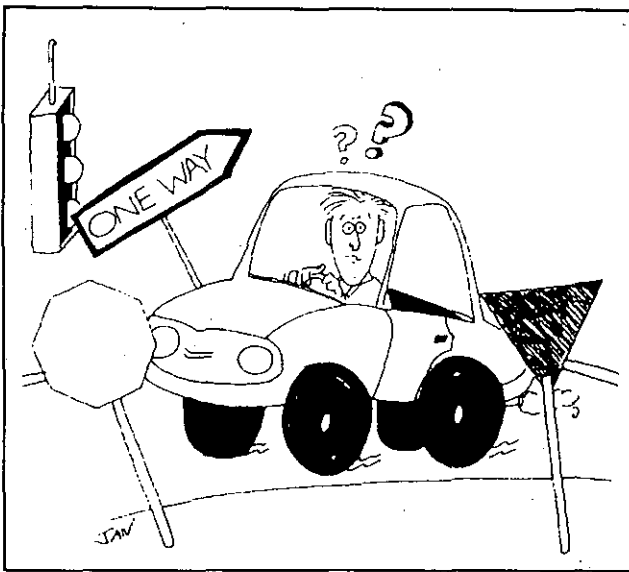
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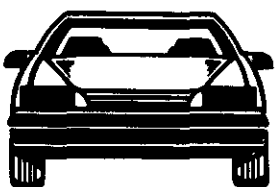
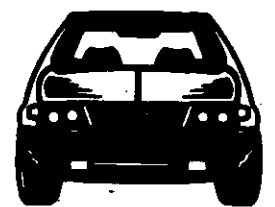
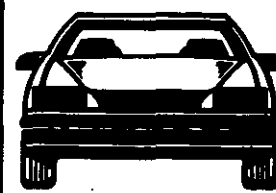
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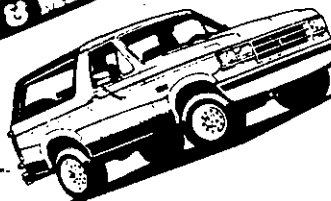
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### Spotlight Newspapers

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Gift Certificates Drawing

Two Drawings - Dec. 9th and Dec. 20th

Each drawing will consist of \$1500 in Gift Certificates

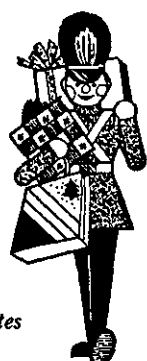
One 1st Prize of \$500 in Gift Certificates

Two 2nd Prizes of \$200 in Gift Certificates

Six 3rd Prizes of \$100 Gift Certificates

Nine winners in each drawing.

*Winners will be notified and given Spotlight Newspapers gift certificates to be redeemed at any of the participating stores.*



#### Drawing Rules - No Purchase Necessary

One entry per customer per store. Entrant must be over the age of 18. Employees of Spotlight Newspapers and participating merchants and their families are not eligible. By claiming a prize, Spotlight Newspapers Gift Certificate winners consent to the Spotlight Newspapers publication of their names, photos and pertinent geographical information.

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