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Snow fun



Alex and Galun D'Oelsnitz of Delmar put Saturday's snow to good use.

Elaine McLean

Bethlehem officials' salaries

10 fall in \$50,000-plus bracket

By Mel Hyman

As the Town of Bethlehem continues to grow, so do the salaries of some of its high-ranking officials.

Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor tops the salary scale at \$66,508. Secor has been serving in this capacity since 1980.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller, who is starting her first term in office, will be making \$61,034. All four town board members will earn \$8,520 this year.

The third highest salary in the town belongs to Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, who will make \$58,521. Sagendorph was recently elected to a second two-year term.

Right behind Sagendorph is Chief of Police Richard LaChappelle, who will earn \$57,260. Town Comptroller Judith Kehoe will make \$51,994 for 1994. Town engineering services administrator Michael Cirillo is at \$51,642, and Building Inspector John Flanigan is earmarked for the same amount.

Several other longtime police officials will be earning more than \$50,000 this year, including Lt. Richard Vanderbilt at \$51,271, Lt. Frederick Holligan at \$50,771 and Lt. Colin Clark at \$50,771.

Inching up to the \$50,000 mark are Director of Information Services Jeffrey Dammeyer at \$49,642, town planner Jeff



Top town money earner Bruce Secor at work in his office.

Lipnicky at \$49,642, Parks and Recreation Commissioner David Austin at \$48,360

Several other departments have employees making more than \$40,000, with the police department having the most. Sgt. Joseph Sleurs is pegged at \$45,946, Sgt. Paul Roberts is at \$45,096, Sgt. Louis Corsi is at \$44,846, Sgt. James Kerr is at \$44,696 and Sgt. Timothy Beebe is at \$43,213.

Det. John R. Cox comes in at \$43,580 this year. Det. Theodore Wilson is scheduled for \$43,330, Det. James Corbett is making \$43,230 and Det. Joseph Mastriano is salaried at \$42,480.

Four other employees in the public works division will earn more than \$40,000 this year, including chief water plant operator Paul Andress at \$47,074, chief sewer

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V'ville teachers move for action on contract

By Erin E. Sullivan

Displaying their disapproval with the ongoing contract talks, members of the Voorheesville Teachers Association showed up in full force at Monday's school board meeting.

Backed by a crowd of roughly 35 district teachers wearing buttons reading "Teacher Without A Contract," VTA president Richard Mele issued a prepared statement on behalf of the union.

"Voorheesville is a good school district where the teachers play a significant role in education," he said. "We have been bargaining for a full year now, and still there has been no progress.

"More and more time and energy are being devoted to the problem and the level of frustration is increasing. Is it really in the best interest of the community and the children to continue along this path?"

Mele closed by asking the board to "get

serious" with the negotiations.

President John Cole responded to Mele's statement by pointing out that "The negotiation process is a two-way street," challenging the VTA itself to "come to the tables and get serious." Cole agreed that



The board agrees that there are serious issues to be dealt with and we will deal with them.

James Coffin

the talks were proceeding slowly, but said that he too would like a resolution.

Speaking to the teachers, school board member James Coffin also took issue with Mele's remarks.

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Fuller tries to allay fears over new composting site

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor and Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller met with residents of Waldenmaier Road last week in an effort to allay their fears about possible plans to build a composting plant in the vicinity.

Nothing has been etched in stone, Secor said. "We're at a very preliminary stage. Over the next few months we'll be looking at six or eight different alternatives, and Waldenmaier Road just happens to be one of those sites. Since we already own it, it's logical for it to be considered."

Once the town's engineering and highway departments have evaluated all the

sites, they will make a report to the town board. "The board might accept it or want to consider some other options," Secor said.

In any case, the review should be started soon because the state Department of Environmental Conservation has a September deadline for project applications, he said.

The town had been disposing of yard waste at the North Street landfill for the past several years, but the state Department of Environmental Conservation last year ruled that the town's operating permit for that site had expired.

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BC earns high marks on state CAR report

By Dev Tobin

The Comprehensive Assessment Report for Bethlehem Central schools is worth celebrating, Assistant Superintendent Judith Wooster told the school board last week.

The report, required by the State Education Department, analyzes tests taken by elementary pupils in the previous school year in basic skills areas like reading, math and writing, and Regents exams taken by high school students.

The results show that Bethlehem students generally improved over last year's performance and also outperformed students in similar large central school districts in every area except the Regents physics exam, where 89 percent of BC students passed, compared to 90.3 percent of large central school district students.

Wooster noted that in physics, as in other subjects, more BC students take the Regents exams than in comparable school districts. She added that the science supervisor and teachers have been meeting "to develop specific action steps" to improve the physics results.

In another matter, the board approved the placement of "Drug-free school zone" signs around the district's seven schools.

Bethlehem Police Officer Chris Bowdish explained that the signs have worked in other communities as part of a coordinated effort to reduce drug abuse.

The signs are "meant to be a symbolic and substantive symbol of where the community stands on drug abuse," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis, adding that the local Masons lodge had agreed to donate the signs.

In other business, Loomis an-

nounced that three girls fall athletic teams — tennis, swimming and soccer — were honored as Scholar Athlete teams by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

The combined academic average of the athletes on each team was 91.1 (soccer), 92.8 (swimming) and 93.8 (tennis).

Loomis also asked for, and received, board approval to add an elementary school teacher to the district's long-range planning committee.

The board also approved the resignations, effective at the end of this school year, of several long-time teachers, including Gytelle Bloom (Hamagrael), Nelson Harrington (high school physical education), Jocelyn Jerry (high school English), Andrew Joachim (high school science) and Betty Koban (high school art).

"These five embody the very best in education," Loomis commented.

The next school board meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. A discussion of and decision on the district's final shared decision-making plan tops the agenda.

China and Tibet to be topic of library show

A slide show entitled "Return to China and Tibet" will be presented at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m.

Delmar resident and photographer Lou Spelich will present slides of his recent trip to China and Tibet. Jane Streiff, retired librarian of the Bethlehem Middle School, was also on the tour and will help narrate the slides.

Gift certificates



Bethlehem Assistant Senior Services Director Joyce Becker, left, accepts Grand Union gift certificates from Delmar postal workers on behalf of the Bethlehem Food Pantry. Also pictured are Postmaster Thomas Porcaro, left rear, Milt Baron, Dick Tanner, Jim Mulholland, Mary Hampton, left front, Cathy Kozakiewicz and Dolphe Truesdell.
Elaine McLain

NEW SCOTLAND

Dems stick to entry pay for clerk

By Dev Tobin

The first controversy of the year for the all-Democratic New Scotland Town Board flared again at Monday's meeting.

After meeting in executive session, the board refused to increase the salary of Deputy Town Clerk Kathryn Martin from \$8 an hour, about a third less than the previous deputy, Dee Shuff, received.

Martin had been appointed by incumbent Town Clerk Corinne Cossac, a Republican.

"We believe \$8 an hour for someone just starting out is in the ballpark for other municipalities and businesses in the area," said Supervisor Herb Reilly, adding that Martin will get the same \$8 an hour as a part-time clerk in his office hired last year.

"I'm disappointed," Cossac said. "I have no qualms about a new entry position being reduced somewhat, but this is an unprec-

edented cut in pay."

Cossac noted that when Shuff was hired six years ago, she was paid more than Martin will get. Also, the position previously carried a yearly salary, rather than an hourly pay rate, she added.

Cossac argued that the deputy town clerk should be paid more than a part-time clerk in the supervisor's office.

"Deputy clerk is a responsible position. She is empowered to assume the duties of the office in my absence," she said.

Republicans at Monday's meeting criticized the salary cut.

"It's hard to understand why they would put down the salary so much," said Anne Carson, Republican town committee co-chairperson. "It's \$3 less than what they pay the person who cleans the building."

In other business, the board

voted to approve attorney's fees and indemnification for town employees who are sued for acts or omissions in the course of their duties.

Also, the board agreed to hire Laurence Farbstein of Delmar to provide property appraisals for seven commercial and industrial assessments that are being appealed in state Supreme Court.

Farbstein will be paid \$135 an hour, up to a cap of \$15,000, for the appraisals, consultations and testimony in the seven cases, explained John Biscone, town attorney.

The board scheduled a joint public meeting with the village of Voorheesville on a new cable television contract for Thursday, Jan. 13, in village hall at 7:30 p.m.; and a public hearing on senior citizen tax exemptions prior to its February meeting, Monday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

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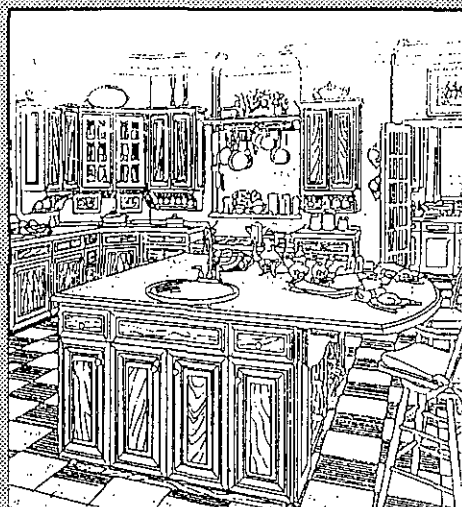
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Preserve rural character in Selkirk/S. Beth zoning

By Mel Hyman

In the mid-1960s, Bethlehem officials made some major changes to the town zoning ordinance.

The only region not targeted for revision was the Selkirk/South Bethlehem area. "The residents down there didn't want it," recalled planning board chairman Martin Barr.

In the draft master plan, the southern part will be zoned for a variety of uses. Based on the reaction of residents, they no longer oppose the rezoning, although not everyone agrees what form it should take.

"We tried to make it as clear as possible what we were proposing" and no one seemed overly excited, Barr said. "One woman was concerned whether some of her land would be taken by the (proposed Route 396) bypass. We couldn't help her on that one."

Much of the southern part of town is rural and sparsely populated, and members of the Land

Use Management Advisory Committee tried to ensure that it stays that way, at the same time realizing that some growth is bound to occur.

While there are some deserted agricultural tracts, there are still a number of operating farms in the area. LUMAC has recommended that significant portions of the southern tier be zoned agricultural/rural, which will make the minimum lot size five acres in case the land is sold for development.

In the hamlet areas of Selkirk and South Bethlehem, the master plan calls for retaining the rustic flavor, while allowing for low-intensity commercial development in designated areas.

The LUMAC report also provides for a handful of planned residential districts in which higher-density development is allowed.

Large-scale commercial and industrial growth would for the most part be confined to the Sel-

kirk rail yard area.

Most people are willing to accept some growth as long as the area remains "essentially rural," said South Bethlehem resident Susan Burns, a recent candidate for town board. "Overall, I feel it's an excellent plan."

One change that should be made, according to Larry Howe, manager of the Wickes Lumber store on Route 9W in Selkirk, is changing the minimum lot size proposed for the agricultural/rural zones.

"I think five acres is a little excessive," Howe said. "You'll have a lot of people who can't afford to purchase land to build on. Two acre parcels would seem to be the way to go, and that's fairly large in itself."

Town officials shouldn't be overly protective of the southern part of town, Howe added. "They've developed north, east and west of Albany. There's no reason why they should rule out this area."



Doug Lloyd pitches in with a paint roller during last year's mission by Bethlehem church youth to Florida.

Schools avoid pension payback shock

By Dev Tobin

Lower pension payments by public employers are, like most such things, too good to be true, according to a recent decision by the state Court of Appeals.

The court ruled that a 1990 state law that postponed pension payments to the Employees Retirement System was illegal. State Comptroller Carl McCall has devised a phase-in plan that will gradually increase payments by local governments and school districts beginning this year.

The ERS provides pension benefits for non-instructional employees of school districts. Teachers (who account for most of a school district's personnel costs) are covered by the Teachers Retirement System.

The effect of the decision will likely be slight in the Bethlehem and Voorheesville school districts, because school officials say they expected the result and acted accordingly.

"We've been making yearly

contributions so the impact won't be too severe for us," said Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business at Bethlehem Central. "You won't see much of an increase in next year's budget" due to the change.

"We increased our contributions, although only a minimal amount was required," Zwicklbauer explained.

You won't see much of an increase in next year's budget.

Franz Zwicklbauer

According to preliminary estimates from the state comptroller's office, Bethlehem Central's 1994 payment under the phase-in plan would be \$103,763, up from the \$65,791 minimum under the old payment schedule.

Aware that the reduced payment schedule might be overturned, Zwicklbauer estimated that BC paid "in the neighborhood of \$125,000" last year.

At Voorheesville, the impact is also negligible this year, due to the relatively few employees enrolled in the ERS. The comptroller estimates Voorheesville 1994 phase-in payment at \$12,303, up from the \$3,916 minimum.

"We're going to have to begin paying more in retirement costs, and that will have some impact on the budget," said Anthony Marturano, Voorheesville's assistant superintendent for business.

After the comptroller's office receives and adjusts 1993 pension payments and factors in investment income, it will provide final pension payment data later this year. The 1994 pension payment is due by Dec. 15.

Hurricane helpers head back to Florida

By Susan Graves

For most of us, Hurricane Andrew and the devastation in its wake are probably now a vague memory. But for at least a dozen-plus Reformed, Presbyterian and Methodist Senior High Youth Group members, 1994 is another year of elbow grease to help rebuild an area that's not expected to return to anything like normal for another four years.

Kerry O'Neill, a 10th-grader, can't wait to go back to Florida to continue work on the project he was part of last year.

"There was so much destruction, it was unbelievable," he said. Even six months after the storm, O'Neill said it was impossible to piece together the way things were supposed to look.

When O'Neill was in Florida City, he had helped paint the house of a migrant worker. By that point, a new roof had been put on and major structural repairs had been completed.

"I actually felt like I was helping someone," said O'Neill. The man who lived in the house was so happy for the help that he "went around shaking everybody's hand three or four times."

But many haven't been as fortunate as that man, said Nancy Hallock, interim senior high youth leader. She said hurricane victims have been suffering from severe strains.

"Stress levels are really high—especially among children," since they've been out of their homes for so long. Many suicide attempts by elementary school age children have been reported, Hallock said.

"You don't recover from an event like this in six months," she said, and that's precisely why the group decided to return to Florida rather than go to the site of a more recent disaster.

This year about 15 to 20 teenagers are expected to make the trip with four or five chaperones from the churches. Hallock said the group is hoping to garner one more volunteer—ideally a contractor—to take the 10-day trip beginning on Feb. 17.

Local fund-raisers have been planned to help pay for the young people's expenses. A spaghetti supper is scheduled at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar on Sunday, Jan. 16, at 5:30 p.m. Supper is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 6 to 12. Children 5 and under eat for free.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, a brunch is planned at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave.

The members of the youth group are getting some hands-on experience by working with Habitat for Humanity in Albany.

For information about chaperoning or to make a contribution, call Hallock at 439-0780.

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Swim programs offered

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in the following winter programs:

Youth Stroke Improvement I: Instruction in all swim strokes for grade-one and up — Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:25 p.m. until Monday, Feb. 14. Participants must be able to swim 15 yards.

Youth Stroke Improvement II: Instruction in all swim strokes for grade-one and up — Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45 to 6:25 p.m. until Thursday, Feb. 17. Participants must be able to swim at least 25 yards.

Energized Kids: Creative exercises for grade-one through 5 — Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. until Tuesday, March 1.

Early Aqua Fitness: Moderate to high-impact water fitness class before work — Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. until Thursday, March 3.

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At Marshall's Garage in Ravena, Beverly and Robert Koegel of Glenmont, left, receive the keys to a new Chrysler Concorde, which Robert won in a Conrail safety contest. Looking on are officials of Conrail's Albany Division, from left, Mike Peterson, general manager; Ed Matte, transportation superintendent; and Jack Stolarczyk, safety superintendent.

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Voorheesville announces honor students

The high honor roll and honor roll for the first marking period at Clayton A Bouton Junior-Senior High School has been announced. The high honor roll is comprised of those students who have earned an average of 90 or better; honor roll students have maintained an average of 85 to 89.

The following students earned high honor roll status.

Seventh-grade

Caryn Adams, Julianna Baron, Krysta Berquist, Meghan Conway, Tristan Cooper, Emily Dieckmann, Megan Dorn, Julia Geery, Cynthia Griffin, Jason Halpin, Brian Kern, Tyler King, Alison Leonard, Jacklyn Livi, Justin Maikoff, Lauren Michael and Tiffany Miller.

Also, Christina Mitzen, Ryan Nolan, Eric Papandrea, Kathryn Praga, Michelle Rathke, Whitney Reed, Jennifer Robertson, Trinell Russel, Patrick St. Denis, Jessica Stewart, Beth Tidd, Andrew Walter, Brian Washburn, Erin Wiater, Lynette Winchell and Jessica Wuntsch.

Eighth-grade

Joseph Arena, Matthew Baron, Benjamin Battles, Ariel Belasen, Michael Blackman, Regan Burns, David Clarke, Blair Debes, Bethany Douglas, Brett Fortran, Justin Fuld, Julia Guastella, Christine Hubert, Erik Ilves, John Kazukenus and Beth Korolewicz.

Also, Joseph Lindner, Christopher Long, Jane Meade, Cynthia Reed, Christine Robertson, Crys-tine Roth, Justin Rymanowski, Robert Samson, Christina Schachne, Matthew Schreiber, Stephen Stark, Corey Suker, Courtney Tedesco and Katie Turner.

Ninth-grade

Jennifer Adams, Kathryn Basal, Timothy Bradley, Todd Dombrowski, Lisa Dunbar, Jaime Flesh, Kristen Frederick, Mia Gibson, Michael Halpin, Brandon Holcomb, Christopher Horan, Christopher Horn, Erikka Jackstadt, David Koltai and Megan

Longworth.

Also, Britta Lukomski, Brian McKenna, Matthew McKenna, Janelle Murray, Thomas Oravsky, Kristin Person, Stephen Pilatzke, Gregory Rivers, Michael Robichaud, Nicole Schallehn, Maggie Spencer, Autumn Tambasco, Denise Throop and Jessica Veeder.

Tenth-grade

Christopher Clarke, Jesse Clement, James Cooper, Sean Devine, Emily Geery, Kara Gibbs, Christopher Hackel, Eric Huang, Thomas Iarossi, Brian Lancor, Lauren Leonard, Maria Mazzeo and John McGinty.

Also, Daniel Meserve, Shane Mullen, Robert Nadratowski, Kristen Nestler, Jennifer Patashnick, Joseph Robichaud, Larina Suker, Nicole Tracy, Adrean Vinson, Allison Walter, Amy Welker and April Wright.

Eleventh-grade

Dawn Appleby, Cristie Arena, David Burch, Melissa Campbell, James Cook, Kristin Dougherty, Jason Flesh, Jonathan Getnick, Samuel Gold, Kelly Griffin, Jessica Knouse and Chandra Luczak.

Also, Justin Miller, Mary Murphy, Cara Nolan, Jennifer Oates, Jennifer Person, Jessica Reed, Bryan Richmond, Denise Siver, Jacob Van Ryn, Mary Vrinotis, Joshua White and Anne Wojewoda.

Twelfth-grade

Lloyd Angulo, Rebecca Bryden, Rebecca Coffin, Melissa Cooper,

Victoria Feck, Laura Genovesi, Vanessa Lowman, Megan McCartney, Sheri Mein, Kurt Pahl, Jerry Parmenter, Julia Philippova, Kara Relyea, Laurie Ritchie, Jessica Schedlbauer, Jamie Seh, Mara Steinkamp, Kelly Vance and Christina Vondell.

The following students are on the honor roll.

Seventh-grade

Timothy Beadnell, Jean Brett, Christopher Carpentier, Rebecca Cavaliere, Andrew Corcione, Ashlee Dombrowski, Matthew Dunbar, Elisabeth Duncan, Tara Ellsworth, Nicole Filkins and Sarah Fisher.

Also, Dorothy Gibson, Thomas Gregory, Daniel Hihn, Jessica Lindner, Lara Lukomski, Michael McCune, Kelly McNally, Matthew Melewski, Meghan Menia, Carolyn Nemeth and Kevin Ruane.

Eighth-grade

Sarah Abbott, Eugene Balmaceda, Edwin Brondo, Julie Brownell, Edwin Bryden, Brian Buchanan, James Burns, Justin Carrier, Rebecca Cooper, Ryan Devine, Joseph Dougherty, Patrick Fidell, Sharyn Getnick, Amanda Grieco, Kevin Griffin and James Hallenbeck.

Also, Colleen Hotaling, Joseph Impicciatore, Marc Lawson, Lauryn Lloyd, Zachery Malloch, Karl Meier, Marc Nadratowski, Jill Nagengast, Matthew Odell, Michael Oliver, Brian Pilatzke, Brittany Roberts, Michael Stanton, Christopher Stehr and Gre-

gory Tobler.

Ninth-grade

Jonathan Abrams, Shawn Alberry, Joshua Alvarez, Kirstin Breisch, Michelle Cavaliere, Nicole Daigle, Kyla Frohlich, Laura Hood, Emily Kohler, Robert Long, Erin Lucia, Johann Manss and Melissa Martin.

Also, Natalie Portanova, Sara Saddlemire, Eva Sbardella, Ann Marie Schryver, James Shear, Justin Spina, Nicole Stagg, Tia Sullivan, Jennifer Taglione, Cindy Tate, Kathleen Tyrrell and Anastasia Warner.

Tenth-grade

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Also, Tobias Oliver, Deborah O'Malley, Kimberli Relyea, Daniel Rissacher, Jeffrey Ruby, Gregory Sanderson, Elicia Schachne, Shannon Shafer, Stephanie Stanford, Melissa Unser, Kristin Wilson and Eric Wuttke.

Eleventh-grade

Robert Baron, Ariana Breisch, Eliot Cresswell, Jason Diehl, Adam Fairbank, Christina Gaudio, Courtney Horan, Christopher Killar, Nicole Lamora, Matthew Malark, Kevin Nugent, Andrew Pakenas, Michael Parmelee, Cheryl Renker, Pamela Sbardella and Richard Schultz.

Twelfth-grade

Heather Blanchard, Shawn Doyle, Amy Hood, Meghan Horan, Nicholas Iarossi, John Mazzeo, Samuel Neff, Craig Panthan, Bonnie Polzin, Jill Price, Nicholas Ranalli, Richard Reilly, Nicole Ryan, Daniel Schreiber, Paula Schultz, Brian Smith, Jennifer Stapf and Jaime Tornquist.

French class slated

La Petite Ecole, for children ages 4 to 12, will start eight weeks of lessons on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave.

The school, sponsored by the French-American Federation, offers state French-certified teachers who instruct using games, songs, crafts and snacks.

For information, contact Michele Pollard at 439-5854.

River Rats manager to speak at Legion

The Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post 1040's Third Thursday Luncheon will take place on Jan. 20 at noon. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Jan. 18. Lunch, courtesy of Bob Glastetter, will be served at 12:30 p.m. The manager of the Albany River Rats hockey team will also speak.

The post's Friday night baked ham dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 21. Reservations will be taken through Tuesday, Jan. 18.

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Matters of Opinion

Dr. King at sixty-five

Martin Luther King, Jr., would have become sixty-five years old next week—an age when by many of today's common-consent measures he might retire. That would not be very likely, however; not the Dr. King whose relentless drive called him to the front lines of reclaiming a national integrity. It may not be a sacrilege to paraphrase the spirited battle hymn: His truth would go marching on.

And it may be proper enough to consider what might have occurred, what could have been accomplished in the twenty-six years since his murder . . . had he lived.

Consider the year 1968: First, there obviously would not have been the torch-like riots of April which touched off a train of resentful violence. Apart from any further civil rights advances, the political history very possibly would have been changed; Dr. King's voice campaigning for Hubert Humphrey might well have made the difference in the presidential election.

If there had been no President Richard Nixon, there would have been no presidents Ford and Carter—very possibly none of their successors, either. Without Nixon, George Bush would have had no political future.

No Agnew, no Watergate. Numerous politicians who feasted on the Watergate scandal, would have been nowhere. Others, who made their name on militant military belligerence would have seen their careers blighted.

Or maybe more homework?

The adage about the devil and idle hands need be stretched only a bit to encompass the oft-repeated allegation that Bethlehem's young people favor drinking parties "because there's nothing else to do." A few fallacies can be spotted in that argument, such as a presumed lack of transportation to remove them from "Dullmar" and its environs, and a purported absence of amusement/recreation opportunities in the surrounding area.

However, conceding the allegation's rationale, it appears to warrant trying out the idea of an "open high school" on weekends

Somebody vs. nobody?

In the seventy-five years since the end of World War I, only one New York Governor's elective career has been terminated involuntarily. That was Averell Harriman, defeated by Nelson Rockefeller in 1958 after a single four-year term.

Over the years, Alfred E. Smith served four two-year terms; Franklin D. Roosevelt had a pair of two-year terms and most of a four-year term; Thomas E. Dewey was elected to three terms totaling twelve years; Mr. Rockefeller served fifteen years on the strength of four elections; Hugh L. Carey won twice and retired, as those predecessors had.

At that point, Mario M. Cuomo took over the Executive Chamber twelve years ago. His announcement of a candidacy for a fourth term carries the imprint of tradition, it appears: Fifteen outings, only one loss.

Of course, there's the matter of his record in office and of the platform on which he will be running—one that seems designed to undercut some fundamental Republican premises. And speaking of the opposition

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Dr. King was already an outspoken antagonist of the Viet Nam War. His influence could have been a determining factor in restraining the war hawks of the period. The most virulent divisions within the country over the war might have been averted.

Instead, attention and resources could have been focused on the nation's actual ills. Much could have been achieved in remedying some of the most egregious of the injustices. We must ask: what would have been our history—had certain of those justifiable complaints received the attention that always was postponed—would we now have the violence, crime, and addictions which plague America?

No, of course not all social ills of our society would have been prevented; AIDS, for example, has no roots in political destructionism (though swifter and surer attention to it in 1981 might have made a difference), and the roots of homelessness defy national leadership (though a more moral voice conceivably could have found happier solutions than we have).

There's no telling what American history would have been this past quarter-century. One thing can be conjectured safely, however: it would have been different, perhaps very, very different if Martin Luther King had lived to this "retirement" age.

with enough activities programmed to counter the appeal of rowdy parties. If its potential is to be realized, one event a month probably isn't often enough. But as only a proposal, it stands now as a challenge to the volunteers of the Bethlehem Community Partnership, to town officials including parks and recreation, the district school board and administrators—and to the students who, we hear, must be the real planners.

It's worth a go. And it ought to keep quite a few idle hands occupied.

party: presumably on the theory that it couldn't do any harm, numerous kamikaze bodies already have thrust themselves forward to the ramparts. Many are called, but few are chosen, as we are told in St. Mark. Who will go the distance to November in Mr. Cuomo's favorite sport of intellectual arm-wrestling? Personnel-wise, the Republicans have not been notably successful in identifying a champion recently. One thing is for sure: You can't beat somebody with nobody, as the old fight manager Dumb Dan Morgan used to say.

Wonderland?

THE ISSUE

Temperatures in "the single digits"; more than a foot of snow on the ground.

OUR OPINION

Enough already!

Only twenty-three days into official winter, we're ready for the traditional January Thaw.

BC's Russian studies gain parent's approval

Editor, The Spotlight:

The purpose of this letter is to publicly acknowledge the excellence of the new Russian language program being offered by the Bethlehem Central School District at the middle and high schools.

My daughter entered the middle school this past September; she was thrilled at having the opportunity to study Russian. A week-long introductory program in the summer increased her enthusiasm for this difficult undertaking, and she continues to remain highly enthusiastic.

I attribute the quality of the program to her teacher, Dr. Pat Delmar

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Dumont, whose concern for the students is evident as she supports the efforts of both the achieving and struggling students. They learn by doing; they speak Russian in class, write on the blackboard, put on plays in Russian, read Russian magazines, and learn about Russian culture. Their progress is impressive.

Dr. Dumont is a real asset to the district. Her classroom is the site of joyful learning.

Lucille Pulitzer

Moving more traffic faster is a poor idea

Editor, The Spotlight:

Three "options" for "improving" Delaware Avenue traffic flow between the railroad and Four Corners were set forth at the Town Master Plan meeting Jan. 6.

1 - Add a third lane to be used for cars waiting to turn, taking the roadway right to the fronts of buildings.

2 - If the D & H gives up its right-of-way, build a new highway along the rail line—but that would make a good bike path.

3 - Slice a new highway from the vicinity of the Delaware and Elsmere Avenues' intersection through the undeveloped ravines to New Scotland Road somewhere near Blue Cross/Shield.

A fourth option was not laid out: Increasing traffic is not an improvement, so leave things alone.

Cape Cod has purposely not added access bridges from the mainland beyond the two which exist. There is some waiting in peak times to get on and off the cape. Some people go elsewhere. If traffic flow were maximized, the cape would be overwhelmed.

Twenty-five years ago, transportation planners talked about terrible consequences for Delaware Avenue traffic flow if the Slingerlands and Delmar bypasses were not linked in a big horse-shoe just beyond Bethlehem Central High School.

The link would have cut Slingerlands in half. It was not built. Traffic on Delaware has increased, but not to any dire extent.

When it comes to our town, let's save it, not pave it.

Carol Schlageter

Delmar

Words for the week

Egregious: Outstanding for undesirable qualities; remarkably bad; flagrant.

Express: (as an adjective) Explicit; exact, specific; suited to a special purpose.

Languid: Without vigor or vitality; listless; indifferent; also, dull, slow.

Historicity: Authenticity; the condition of having actually occurred in history.

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Your Opinion Matters

Missing: the pacing floorwalker

A friend of mine was pacing the floor in his living room recently, trying to work off a leg cramp, and I told him that he looked like a "floorwalker." As soon as I said it, eyes brightened and years fell away.

Everyone at the gathering remembered floorwalkers in department stores, usually very well-dressed, middle-aged men who wore a small flower in their lapels.

They moved about the department stores, assisting customers seeking a special section or item. They could be seen stopping at a counter and quietly straightening up wares that had become misplaced or unfolded during a purchase.

Sales girls behind the counters kept a wary eye on the floorwalker because he was the company's man, the one who made sure customers were informed, served, and pleased.

So ingrained into the consciousness of shoppers was the idea of a floorwalker that an actor, Franklin Pangborn, made a film career by playing just such a man. With his pencil mustache, twitching nose, and air of disdain for troublesome customers played by such as W.C. Fields or the Marx Brothers, Pangborn added luster to film comedy in the 1930s through this one, quickly identifiable character.

Floorwalkers went the way of "Lucky Strike green" when World War II started and were never really replaced. Some department

Commentary

Martin P. Kelly

stores held on to the tradition but by the early 1950s the floorwalker was as extinct as a dinosaur.

Still, the tradition died slowly in people's minds. About a dozen years ago, I was doing some quick shopping at Saks in New York after attending a wedding in the city. It wasn't until after the third or fourth query by customers seeking directions did I realize that I was still wearing a small rose on the lapel of my dark business suit.

I find now that the nearest thing to a floorwalker is the young man or woman stocking shelves in a discount store. They usually can direct you to the proper aisle since sometime during the day they helped stock that aisle. Usually, however, it's a quick pointing of a finger or a nod of the head to set you on your way.

We can credit ourselves for the loss of the floorwalker as much as any other factor in the economy. We have traded the idea of "service" for the savings we assume at a discount center or super mar-

ket. The large malls now use maps on kiosks to show customers where they are and where they should go to find a certain store.

Once in the stores, you will find a paucity of help among the wares stacked on counters or hanging on movable or permanent racks. When and if you've found the item you are looking for, you use a shopping cart to take your items to computerized sales aisles.

There is the loss of the personal touch to shopping now. Rarely are salespeople, even in so-called specialty shops, around long enough to develop a relationship over a period of time with customers.

For years as a young professional and then into middle age, I shopped at one store for any suits, shirts, and ties I needed. I had one salesman who attended to my needs and he anticipated so well what I might like that often I would step into the shop and within minutes have three or four suits hanging in front of me to choose from. So good was this salesman in understanding my needs, that shopping for a suit was not only easy but a pleasure. Those days apparently are gone forever. On a recent shopping trip, I was greeted by a "pointer," whose languid hand waved me toward men's suits.

Franklin Pangborn! Where are you when we need you?

On a snowy winter night, thoughts of Europe

The contributor of this Point of View, a resident of Delmar, contributes occasionally to this column.

By Daniel S. Odell

It's dusk on my suburban street. The clouds of a winter storm are gathering in the western sky. The lights in the windows and the lighted holiday decorations are coming on. My sons, ages nine and eleven, have just gone outdoors, with the express purpose of building the "greatest snow fort ever" in our backyard. I am left with some time to read the newspaper. I read the news from Europe.

For some months now, I have had this feeling, fed by the dispatches from the Continent and stories with datelines from many old and famous capitals. An ominous familiar presence is lurking between the lines of print and in the shadows in the grainy wire service photographs.

At first it was hard to pin down, or to say just where it started. It wasn't there, in the burst of euphoria at the fall of the Berlin wall. There was nothing of it in the Spring of joy that millions of eastern Europeans felt as the iron curtain was drawn back to let in the sun.

But it crept in, a shadow of a threat, like the stranger we all warn our children never to talk to on the way home from school. It came to Italy, with a surprising nostalgia for an era when the trains ran on time. It was an uninvited guest in Russia, at an unholy marriage of former communists and ultra nationalists that has given birth to new demands for authoritarianism.

In Germany, newly reunited Germany, it stood in the crowd of good people, the good people who do nothing while thugs and street gangs murder their neighbors. It spoke in a simple earnest voice, questioning the truth about the Holocaust, and as it spoke, memories of the foulest crime in history started to disappear into a night and fog of lies and ignorance.

As cries for help from the killing fields that now dominate the landscape of a shattered Yugoslavia continue to fall on deaf ears, some perhaps take measure of the response of the community of nations. Some consider carefully how nations, united in the grand alliance that built the victory of 1945 and stood the long watches of the cold war, now hesitate to act.

Some mark how the United States, fearing European entanglements, turns inward. The new administration here frames economic and social problems as internal issues. The hopes for the new year in the United States of America are for upward trends in economic indicators.

Nations which were united in the grand alliance of World War II and the cold war, now hesitate to act despite cries for help

Let us recall another early winter, not really so long ago.

On a night such as this, in late December 1944, the hopes of millions of Americans hung on reports coming from a forest along the border of France and Belgium, a forest called the Ardennes. There a few thousand American soldiers stood in snow and mud, along back country roads, in the path of Nazi Germany's elite tank units. They were massed for what history would call the Battle of the Bulge.

How and for what reasons, did school teachers from upstate New York, farm boys from Texas, and factory workers from Chicago come to be surrounded and outnumbered, at a town called Bastogne? And by what inner strength and collective courage did they, against the storm, prevail? How and why was the best of the New World called upon, at so late an hour, to rescue and liberate the Old?

History points to the times, and to the places where reasonable

□ EUROPE/page 8

'Smithsonian' still finding itself

"Smithsonian," bearer of a proud name in American lore, is a magazine that still seems to be searching for its own identity as it rounds out its twenty-fourth year. Though one might expect that the Smithsonian Institution's monthly periodical would be hoary with the accumulated patina of historicity and respectability that this foremost museum-of-museums would confer, the magazine actually was founded only at the height of the Viet Nam War; in many respects, it seems to bear the marks of birth in the age of the bewildered "flower children."

The Smithsonian's brand is unmistakably on it: The Institution holds the copyright; the whole long roster of members of the Board of Regents and National Board (including honorary members) is identified to the extent of some eighty lofty names; and the secretary of the Institution writes a monthly full-page column, "Smithsonian horizons." And "Smithsonian highlights" occupy the equivalent of about two full pages; this is augmented by a page on an exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery. Then there's what amounts to a sizable house ad for "Smithsonian Traveler" tours. Plus, in true institutional style, the masthead names not only the panoply of editors and managers but also a Founder, a Founding Editor and Publisher, and a Publisher Emeritus.

But the contents, you ask? Eight principal articles form the backbone of the issue (apparently standard, month to month), con-

stituting 62 of the issue's total 112 pages. Of the 62, I reckon that nearly half are in art (mostly very good color). The text type is pleas-

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ingly large and effectively displayed, and one result of this is to minimize the actual text. My very rough count is a total of between 15,000 and 16,000 words in these eight articles. That's not much more than you might find in a single extended piece in, say, "The New Yorker." And it's not very much in the way of information in a large, glossy magazine with high pretensions. (A digest-sized magazine I edited at one time came in month after month with more than 35,000 words.)

What of the eight features? One, I was amused to realize, is by a freelancer who used to write for me, some years ago, before I told him that he was trying to peddle rewrites of press releases that I also was receiving.

The subject matter is something else, and here I hark back to my earlier reference to bewilderment: There's an article on Chinese stir-fry foods ("next to a burger, it's what we crave most"), hostilities among seekers for valuable fungi in Oregon forests; brothers who were "the country's most successful outlaws," though their deeds have remained unsung up to now; and some women who liked to dress as men in order to

enlist in the Union Army.

Perhaps you would prefer a piece on how scientists are laboring to develop high-strength superconcrete in this age of deconstruction of concrete-based structures (this is the cover story); "what may be the world's best chamber music," played on a houseboat in Brooklyn; the life and work of Amedeo Modigliani, the painter and sculptor; and the history (mostly photos) of Smokey the Bear.

In there, I'm sure there's an article or two or more that could catch the leisure interest of a typical reader of a publication titled "Smithsonian." I judge that individual to be restless, always looking for something rather different: I base this guess on some of the very small ads in the many columns of such have-to-have items as Japanese swords, wooden eggs, mercury dimes, Soviet army winter hats, skulls, and Sierra Madre rail excursions.

You'd expect such a magazine to be rich in display advertising. "Smithsonian" isn't: only about 25 full-page ads, and almost exactly half of these are for automobiles (the expensive kind).

"Smithsonian" posts a subscription price of \$22. No single-copy price is shown on the cover, but the indicia indicate it is \$3. As I mentioned once, I receive the magazine because another went out of business, and that subscription is being fulfilled by "Smithsonian." When I got a renewal appeal the other day... I tossed it.

Matters of Opinion

Europe

(from page 7)

action could have prevented the rise to power of that force which 49 years ago directed those massed tanks west under the cover of darkness and snowstorm. The means were not lacking, only the interest—the interest and the will.

A sudden yell from the backyard, and I am at the window. I turn on the flood lights. In the hour that I have been reading the newspaper, two boys have transformed the space between the house and the woods into a line of trenches defending a snow fort. Big flakes are falling fast and the far edge of the lawn is merging into the trees. A figure crouches behind a wall of snow, while out of the dark another launches a barrage of snow balls.

The heavy snow is starting, and as it grows thicker, the lights of

the neighborhood are disappearing. I can't see the boys now and, anxious, I call to them from the door. In to the yellow-lighted doorway they come, laughing, out of breath, faces flushed, dropping wet piles of clothes and boots all over the hall floor.

Will I look out, on a winter evening ten years from now, on this back yard, the snow then unmarked except for my own footprints leading out and back to the bird feeder? Will I look out with fear, and pray? Pray for a boy somewhere in Europe?

Still a boy to me, despite the uniform. A boy who hunches in the darkness and the snow, behind a hastily constructed barrier, along some country road, hard against a pine forest. A boy hungry and cold and thinking of home, of family, and the holidays. A boy listening and waiting. Listening and waiting for the sound of tanks in the night.

BBC films Voorheesville



A crew from the British Broadcasting Co. films in front of Voorheesville Elementary School for an upcoming story on the effects of electromagnetic fields from power lines. Last year, Niagara Mohawk agreed to dismantle a power line behind the school after parents complained about potential health impacts. *Elaine McLain*

Holistic healing support group to meet in Delmar


A 10-week Holistic Healing Support Group will begin meeting in Delmar on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Another 10-week group will begin meeting Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 1:30 p.m. These groups are for people experienc-

ing chronic or life threatening illness, anxiety or severe life stress. Participants will learn how to harness the body's power to heal itself through the use of specific mind/body healing techniques. Use of diet, exercise and environ-

mental change to improve healing will also be covered.

The groups will be led by Cindy Perlin, a certified social worker with over 18 years of experience in human services.

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Legion to serve breakfast

The Voorheesville American Legion Post will hold its monthly breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon. The meal will consist of scrambled eggs, french toast, sausage, home fries, juice and coffee.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Helderview gardeners schedule meeting

The Helderview Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem at 7 p.m. Members will discuss plans for the group's spring plant sale and a flower show planned for June.

All are welcome. For information, contact Ivy Brockley at 765-2108.

Bouton seniors to hold soiree dance Jan. 16

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Class of 1994 will hold a semi-formal senior soiree dance at the Park V Cafe, 661 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, on Sunday, Jan. 16, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The cafe will provide a D.J. and a buffet including pasta, cold cuts, rolls, salads and beverage. Tickets for the dance are \$15 and must be purchased in advance.

For information, call class advisers Phil Davis or David McGlynn at 765-3314.

Bouton sophomores plan dance at restaurant

Sophomores at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School

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Susan Casler
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have invited juniors to attend a semi-formal dance at the Cranberry Bog Restaurant, 56 Wolf Road, Colonie, on Sunday, Jan. 16, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

A.D.J. will entertain with dance music, contests and fun for everyone. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided during the evening.

For information, call John Sittig, class adviser, at 765-3314.

Schools to close to honor King

The Voorheesville School District will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Scout committee party slated at Legion

Boy Scout Troop 73 will hold a troop committee party at the Voorheesville American Legion on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with appetizers followed by a roast beef dinner.

A reservation check of \$15 must be received by Jan. 15. For information, call Don Hooks at 765-4830.

Seniors to attend music hall spectacular

The New Scotland Senior Citi-

zens will charter a bus to visit Proctor's Theater in Schenectady on Saturday, March 19, for the Great Radio City Music Hall spectacular featuring the Rockettes.

The show stars Susan Anton and celebrates 60 years of musical delight, featuring the beginning of Radio City Music Hall, the stars of Radio City, variety acts, big band era music and a fireworks display.

The show is scheduled for 2 p.m. and the price, including the cost of bus transportation, is \$32.75.

If time permits, the seniors will make plans for dinner.

Another trip in the works is a May 24 visit to the new country and western city of Branson, Mo. Flight reservations are being planned.

For details on either trip, call Lois Crounse at 765-2109.

Nursery school opening

Voorheesville Community Nursery School has an immediate opening for a 4-year-old child in its 1994 class, which meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the social hall of the First United Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave.

The school's nursery school teacher is Rosemarie Pakenas and the assistant teacher is Terry Miribile.

For information, call Karen Bingham at 765-3071 or Cheryl Hammer at 765-9377.

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Delmar piano students perform

Students of Delmar piano teachers Rhonda Ballou and Adelina Krivosheina recently performed a holiday recital at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Performers included Katie Adams, Becky Bierman, Becky Botta, Keith Brew, Jeff Brew, Zarllyn Carkner, Leigh Collins, Cynthia Chen, Jennifer Dooren, Emma Furman, Dominic Fallacaro, Ashley Gall, Karen Grimwood, Laura Hayes, Kelly

Hasselbach, David Hihn, Joe Hughes, Sara Hughes, Dan Israel, Megan Laird, Peter Laird and Teddy Laird.

Other participants were Kaitlin LaPierre, Patricia Lenihan, Nell Mayes, Rebecca Minor, Chris Palmieri, Tim Palmieri, Catie Reilly, Anna Rubin, Risa Sarachan, Renata Sellitti, Marian Smith, Winslow Smith, Colleen Strait, Stephanie Sykes, Beth Ulion, Amy Venter, Zheng Wang and Laura Wing.

V'ville math students compete

Thirty-nine seventh and eighth-grade students at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville participated in the American Junior High School Math Exam given this fall.

The highest Voorheesville scorer was seventh-grader Jason Halpin. Coming in second were

eighth-graders Ariel Belansen and Zachery Mallock, and third were eighth-grader Joseph Impiccatore and seventh-grader Ryan Nolan.

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Kindergarten registration slated at RCS

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District is registering children for next September's kindergarten classes this month.

To be eligible, children must turn 5 by Dec. 1.

Separate registration sessions for children with last names beginning with the letters A to L and M to Z have been scheduled for both Ravena and A.W. Becker elementary schools.

Prospective Ravena Elementary School children whose last names fall between A and L alphabetically should be registered from 1 to 1:55 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, while names M to Z are slated for registration from 2:05 to 3:05 p.m. the same day.

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, A.W. Becker Elementary School registration is scheduled for 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. (A to L) and 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. (M to Z).

For information, call Ravena Elementary School at 756-9157 or A.W. Becker at 767-2511.

RCS to observe King holiday

No classes are scheduled Monday, Jan. 17, in the RCS school

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district in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Board to meet

The RCS board of education has scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the board office at 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk.

PIE hosts DARE speaker

RCS Parents In Education will host Bethlehem Police Officer and DARE representative Mike McMillan on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. at the middle school, Route 9W, Ravena.

Directed toward parents of school-age children, the program is free and open to the public.

For information, call 767-2308.

Drama club to stage one-act plays

The RCS senior high drama club will present "An Evening of

Three One Act Plays" on Thursday, Jan. 13, and Saturday, Jan. 15, in the high school auditorium.

The performances will include stagings of "Rats" by Edward Luczak, "The Boor," by Anton Chekhov and "The Lottery," by Shirley Jackson.

Admission is \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for adults. For play times or information, call 756-2155.

Register tape program draws to close

The "Tapes for Education" program offered by Grand Union will end Saturday, Jan. 15.

All RCS schools are participating and urge residents to turn in yellow store receipts by Friday, Jan. 28.

Price Chopper's receipts for education program will continue through Saturday, Feb. 6, and should be turned in as soon as possible.

Becker school to place Campbell's labels order

A.W. Becker Elementary School has an ongoing Campbell's label collection program and plans to place an order for school equip-

ment in February.

Labels can be sent in with students or dropped off at the office during regular business hours.

For information, call 767-2511.

PTA to host family movie night

The A.W. Becker Parent Teacher Association will host a district-wide family movie night on Friday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. at the school.

A full-length Disney movie about a group of kids and an unlikely coach is planned.

Admission is \$1 per person. Refreshments will be sold.

For information, call 767-2511.

Elks host dinner

The BPOE Bethlehem Elks, Route 144, Selkirk, will host a roast beef and turkey dinner on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Dinner will be served buffet style for \$7.50 per person. There are special rates for children and seniors age 62 and over.

For information, call 767-9959.

The Elks will also serve a breakfast buffet at the lodge on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children.

Church to serve pancake supper

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Women will serve a pancake supper on Friday, Jan. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church hall on Willowbrook Avenue.

The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, sausage, white gravy, coffee, tea or milk.

The cost is \$5.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children. Tots under 5 eat free.

The church will serve hot dinner specials on selected Fridays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. In addition to daily specials prepared by the Rev. Richard Reynolds and his volunteer staff, regular menu items will also be available.

Dinner dates and specials are as follows: Jan. 21, chicken and biscuits; Feb. 11, Salisbury steak; Feb. 25, baked ham; March 11, baked meatloaf; and March 25, baked chicken.

Dinners cost \$4. For information on the supper or the dinners, call 767-9959.

Kids crafts at library

The Feura Bush Neighborhood Library, located on Route 32 in the Little White School House, is sponsoring a "Kids Crafts" program on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Ninth-graders review children's books

Reviews of children's books by ninth-grade students of Bethlehem Central High School teacher Bill Wojcik are on display in the Children's Room this month. The 47 creative writing assignments were written by students who chose their own books.

The selections include many contemporary children's classics, such as Peggy Parish's *Amelia Bedelia*, Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* and Bernard Waber's *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile*. Books by Dr. Seuss garnered the



BCHS teacher Bill Wojcik checks out one of the book reviews on display in the Bethlehem Public Library Children's Room. The reviews were done by 9th graders.



most reviews.

The students worked in groups and critiqued each other's work. The pieces adopt the style of the New York Times Book Review, that uses a title concisely summarizing the book and a short statement about the reviewer.

For example, Brian Taffe titled his review of an ironic retelling of Saint George and the Dragon "Happily Ever After ... A Not So Common Scenario."

Wojcik said he was impressed by the professional look of the pieces. Many of the reviews were written on computers, and some were reproduced with laser printers, putting students who don't have access to a computer at a disadvantage.

"I tried not to let the presentation prejudice my grading," said Wojcik, who is in his first year of teaching at BC.

Also this month, Megan Kinner, age 11 of Delmar, will display

stories, dolls and accessories from the Samantha "American Girls" collection.

The Children's Room author of the month is Nina Bawlen, British writer of fiction for children and adults. Among her books are *Peppermint Pig* and *Carrie's War*, based on her experiences as a child in England during World War II.

On Monday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m., families are invited to a "Peace Party" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Participants will hear stories and poems, view a short film about Dr. King, play a "trust game," and work together to create a world peace banner which will be displayed in the Children's Room.

Register by calling 439-9314.

Quilters to meet

Quilters United In Learning Together will meet on Friday, Jan. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Shirley Hedman will lead the general meeting, which will be followed by a workshop on planning, cutting and sewing a Star of Bethlehem, using pasted paper in place of fabric.

For information, call Stella Muzicka at 283-0522.

Grace United Church lists upcoming events

The Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravenna, has announced several upcoming events.

The chancel choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13. Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 13 and at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m. on Jan. 16. Morning worship will take place at 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. Also on Jan. 16, the bell choir will rehearse at 7 p.m.

The junior choir will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19. The TOPS Club will also meet at 6:30 p.m. Al Anon will begin at 7 p.m. and a Bible study will take place at 7:30 p.m.

and bring a half dozen cookies to share. Punch will be provided.

It's toddler Mother Goose time at the library.

Join us to hear some favorite children's rhyming stories, play "London Bridge" and sing songs.

Children will make a very special little lamb, just like the one Mary had. Toddlers, age 22 months to their third birthday and an adult, can sign up for 10:30 a.m. on either Saturday, Jan. 22 or Monday, Jan. 24.

Anna Jane Abaray

Cooperative Extension announces meetings

The Cornell Cooperative Extension has announced several board and advisory committee meetings for the month of January.

The board of directors will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. This is the rescheduled date from Jan. 5. The 4-H Leaders Association will also meet at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 19. The 4-H Program Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 24, at 7:15 p.m.

All meetings will take place at the William Rice Extension Center, Route 85A and Martin Road, Voorheesville.

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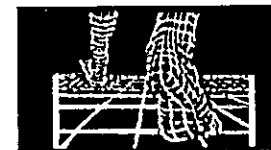
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"Free at Last" will feature stories, films and a craft appropriate for children in kindergarten through grade-six.

The program is set for Monday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m.

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That same day, winter story hours will begin with sessions continuing on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m., and Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

Registration is not required for the approximately 45-minute program.

"Starry, Starry Night" is the celestial theme for a family evening story hour tonight, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m.

Children and their parents, grandparents or friends are invited to hear a few stellar tales that deal with the heavens above. The program will conclude with an art activity. All ages are welcome.

Adults will also find plenty to keep them busy at the library over the next week with individualized job counseling offered on Thurs-

day, Jan. 13, at either 2 or 3 p.m. or on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 or 8 p.m. The one-hour service is geared to each person's needs and covers topics such as interviewing skills or job resources.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling the reference desk at 765-2791.

The program, funded with LSCA Title I funds through the Upper Hudson Library System, will continue during February and March.

The Writers Group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. "The Every-Other-Thursday-Night Poets" are making quite a name for themselves and will be doing readings throughout the Capital District over the next month or so.

To find out about joining the very active literary support group, call Barbara Vink for information.

The new Women's Writing group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. and welcomes new members.

The board of trustees will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the director's office.

Christine Shields

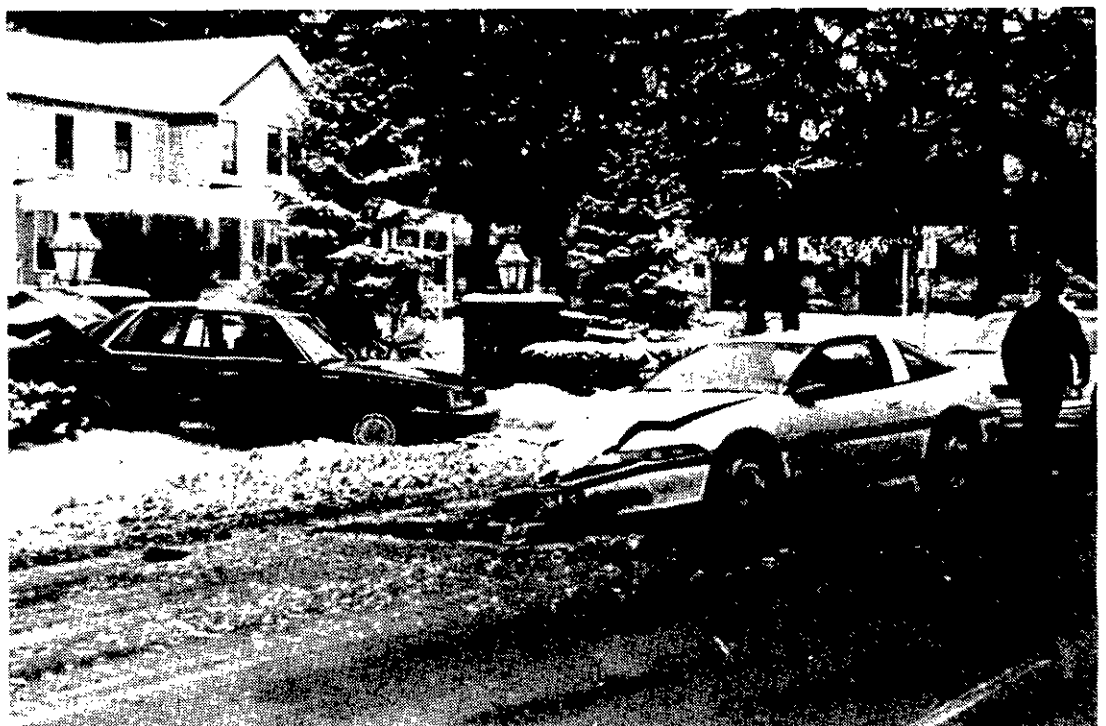
Square dance set

The Tri-Village Squares will host a square dance Saturday, Jan. 15, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Bob Stern will be the caller.

For information, call 439-4875.

Collision on Kenwood



No one was injured last week when a vehicle driven by Irwin B. Esmond of Delmar made a left turn in front of a white Mitsubishi driven by Dianne H. Kissling of Delmar on Kenwood Avenue. The accident occurred at about 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6. Bethlehem Police Officer Vincent Rinaldi investigated. Elaine McLain

Holistic health class scheduled

Cindy Perlin, a certified social worker and resident of Delmar, will discuss the psychological factors that influence our health, such as stress, beliefs and emotions, in the Bethlehem Public Library's Holistic Approaches to Health on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The discussion will be held at 7 p.m. at the library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

She will also describe strategies for change, including relaxa-

tion/meditation, creative imagery and emotional expression, and will demonstrate these methods if time allows.

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BOU slates meeting

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited has scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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It is best to sleep on your back if you can. If you sleep on your side, do so in a way so that you don't place stress on your chin or jaw. Sleeping face down will push your jaw back into an unnatural and often destructive position.

Maintain good posture. Keep your head upright over your spine if you can. Push your sternum forward slightly and allow your shoulders to straighten rather than sag forward. In some cases, this can correct a

malpositioned jaw due to postural problems. It is wise to get chiropractic or orthopedic help for posture related conditions.

Avoid supporting your chin and head on your hand. This action will also distalize your jaw and potentially give you pain.

I hope these brief tips may be of some help.

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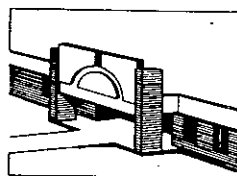
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Jeff Smith and Katie Smith combined for 17 points to lift the Mavs to a 53-32 victory over the Sixers. Tariq Sheikh and Erin Reigel played tough defense for the Sixers.

In other All-Star action, the Heat defeated the Bucks 53-37 as the sharp shooting of Andy Hartman with eight points helped the winners. For the Bucks, Matt Reuter scored eight points. For the Rockets,

The Rockets upset the Hawks 45-38 in a closely fought contest. For the Rockets, Chris Messina and Mike Coker combined for eight rebounds and six assists.

In a well-played game, the Spurs got by the Magic 38-37. The winners were paced by Toby Cushing with five points and six assists, while the losers were paced by the floor leadership and eight points of Sean Battle.

In Pro Division play, the Lakers upended the Celtics 57-38. Travis Ostroff was unstoppable for the Lakers, while Chris Wilson contributed six points for the Celtics.

In other action, the Bulls downed the Hornets 28-25 as Evan McQuide scored five points and dished out four assists for the winners. Brian Rowan kept the Hornets close with six points.

Kim Comtois grabbed nine rebounds and scored 12 points as the Nuggets downed the Pistons 57-34. Katie Straight played stingy defense for the Pistons. The Nets

BBC action

edged the Knicks 47-41 as the clutch shooting of Kevin Carroll led the winners. Lauren Moshier scored eight points for the Knicks.

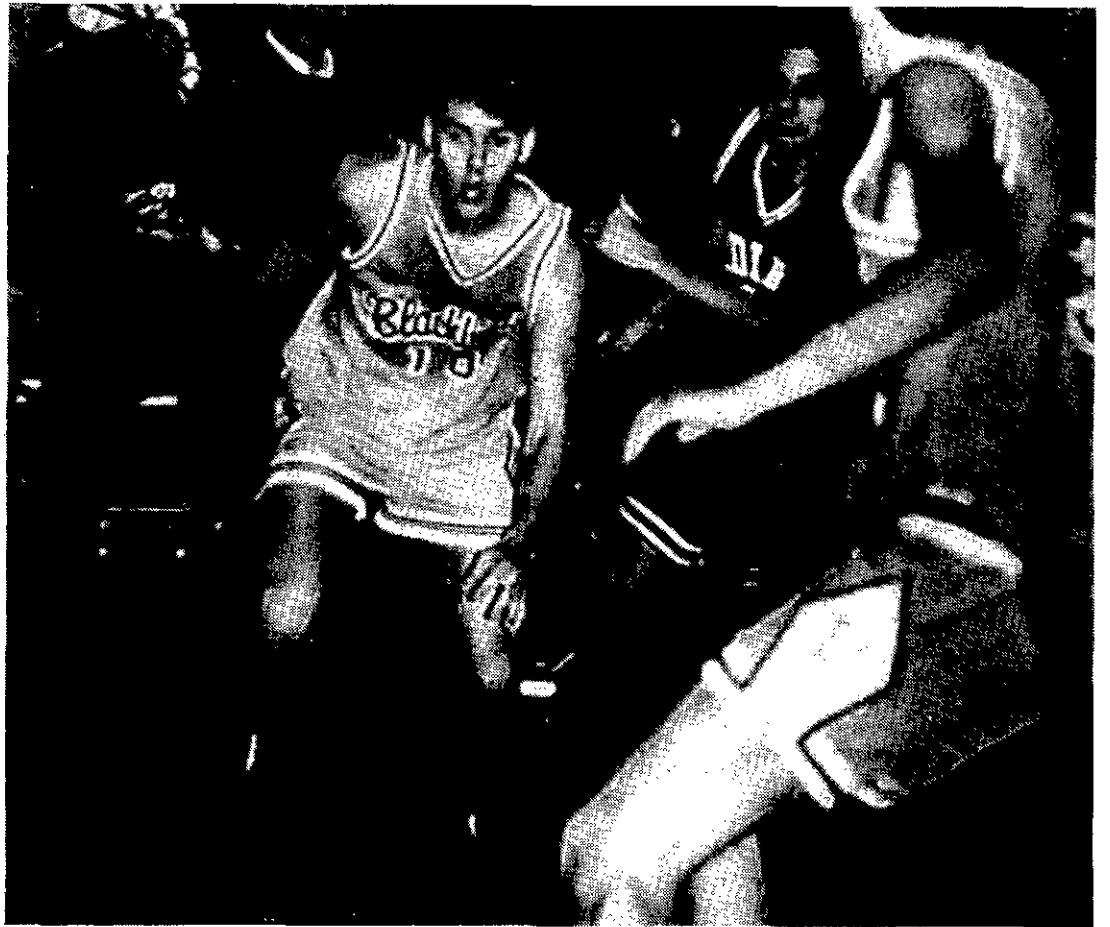
In the College Division, Providence downed Villanova 29-15. For the Friars, Josh Brody scored four points while Villanova was led by Zach Capobianco's four points.

In the most exciting game of the day, the sparkling defensive play of Alex Gerou and Scott Lasky helped Seton Hall to a tough 28-27 victory over Syracuse. For the Orange, Hillary Cooley kept the game close with six points and exceptional defense.

The 17-point scoring outburst of Brendan Dalton was not enough as Georgetown fell to Pitt 35-30. Greg Thomson inspired the winners with 10 points.

Finally, St. John's defeated Miami 39-27. A balanced scoring attack paced by Melissa Swan's six points helped St. John's to the victory. Andrea Fass scored four for Miami.

Drive time



V'ville guard Adam Keller tries to get something started during last week's game against the RCS Indians. The Blackbirds lost a close one, 41-37. Jonathan Getnick

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Eagles need to hunker down

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem boys basketball team saw its overall record fall to 3-6 after a blowout 63-40 loss at the hands of the 9-1 Colonie Raiders in a non-league matchup on Thursday, Jan. 6.

The Eagles led 3-2 in the opening seconds, but it all went downhill from there. Bethlehem only made one other basket in the first quarter, and a dismal total of six field goals in the first half. The Raiders led by 18, 33-15, at the intermission.

I think if we focus and play with a high intensity, then we can prove ourselves.

Jon Gould

"We just came out flat. We missed open shots," BC coach Jack Moser said. "They're a quality team. That's the reason they're 9-1. They're senior-led. They've got experience. We're still young. We're still learning."

"They have a lot of good talent with Joe Trimarchi and their point

guard Jared Donnelly," said senior co-captain Jon Gould. "And they have a lot of guys who may not score all the points, but they do the small things that win games."

Bethlehem had no player in double figures for points. Senior co-captain Matt Follis led the Eagles with eight points, while Gould and Aaron Thorpe each had six.

"We just came out flat. I'm not sure why. We started to pick it up in the second half," Follis said. "Rebounding was a key in the first half. I think we had one rebound."

"It was a combination of good defense by Colonie and that we weren't moving the ball as much as we wanted to," Gould said. "We weren't

getting a lot of open shots, maybe we were forcing them. We never got into a good rhythm."

The Eagles remain in the pack in the Suburban Council Gold Division, trailing 4-0 Burnt Hills and 3-1 Columbia. Bethlehem's home game against Columbia, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 8,

was postponed due to snow. This week, the Eagles play Saratoga and Columbia at home and Burnt Hills on the road.

"The whole schedule's league games from now on," said Follis. "There's no more screwing around. We just have to go for it."

"If we come out of this week with two, hopefully three wins, then we're looking good in the Gold Division," said Gould. "We've lost some games we shouldn't have lost to Mohonasen and Niskayuna. We're not making excuses. We just got to go out and play this week."

"I think we really need to concentrate on the game," Gould said. "Some of the times it seems that some of the players don't have their heads in the game and I think if we focus and play with a high intensity, then we can prove ourselves. We know we can play well, so we just have to put our mind to it."

"It's still wide open. I still think it's going to be five or six losses to win the division," Moser said. "We have to shoot better. Right now, we're playing pretty well. We're getting open shots and we're just not making our shots."

Wrestlers top Columbia

By Ted Hartman

The Bethlehem varsity wrestling team improved to 6-2 with a 38-33 victory over Columbia.

For the Eagles, sophomore Jon Wagner won easily with a 12-0 decision in the 91-pound class. Senior captain Zak Hampton pinned his opponent in 2:49 to give Bethlehem the edge in the 132-pound class.

Senior Steve Demarest won his match in the 138-pound class with a 9-4 victory. Decisions were also earned by junior Kenneth Van Dyke at 155 pounds and sophomore Nat Byer at 177 pounds. Van Dyke achieved a 6-0 shutout, while Byer defeated his Blue Devil opponent 11-8.

Senior captain Anthony Genovese was a victor by way of a technical fall in the 105-pound class. At 112 pounds, sophomore Aran Mooney won his match through a Columbia disqualification. Junior captain Matt Carotenuto carried the 145-pound class due to forfeit.

"We stepped up to the next level by beating Columbia," said Carotenuto. "We showed we're ready for tougher competition."

"We've wrestled pretty well this year," said Mooney. "We were supposed to be better than last year, and I think we have lived up to that."

"Columbia is at the same level that we are so we knew it was going to be a tough match," he added. "It was a big win. We know we can beat a lot of teams now."

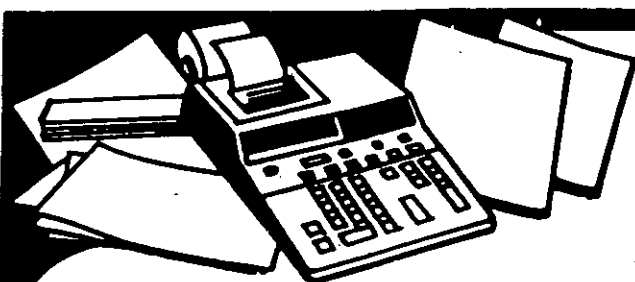
Bethlehem Soccer Club signups

Bethlehem Soccer Club registration for spring intracub soccer will be held Thursday, Jan. 20 and Tuesday, Jan. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

All children with birthdates before Dec. 1989 are eligible to play. New registrants should bring copies of their birth certificates.

Anyone interested in coaching may sign up to coach and register their children at early registration on Jan. 11, 7 to 9 p.m.

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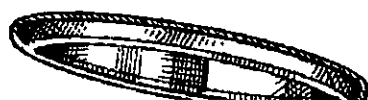
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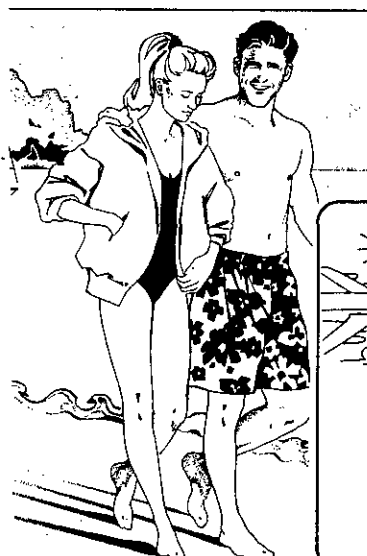
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Couples choose Caribbean cruises for honeymoon magic

By Donna Moskowitz

The most popular spot for honeymooners is the Caribbean, according to local travel agents.

Other top choices include Hawaii, the Poconos and Disneyworld — but not Niagara Falls.

"Primarily the place to be is the Caribbean," said Bob Irish of Myers Travel in Delmar. "Fewer couples visit Hawaii because it's more expensive."

According to Bonnie Flanders of All Destinations, located on Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham, about 90 percent of honeymooners choose the Caribbean. "The weather is fantastic," she said. "You can count on it all the time."

Another reason for the popularity of this particular destination is its location, a relatively short trip from the Capital District. "You can leave in the morning and be there in the afternoon," she noted.

Although he agrees that most people choose "traditional" honeymoon destinations such as the Caribbean, others do travel to Hawaii or Florida, said Glenn Pence of Delmar Travel. In his opinion, the islands are really not

that expensive. "Hawaii has become competitive now," he said.

Post-nuptial trips to exotic places such as Alaska are not popular, according to Irish. The airfare is just too expensive. "I have not seen any really unusual honeymoons," he said.

The most popular Caribbean destinations include St. Martins, Martinique, St. Thomas, Aruba and Bermuda, local travel agents say, and cruises to the area are particularly sought-after.

With cruises, "you know when you book it how much you're spending on meals and entertainment," said Irish, since those costs as well as airfare are included in cruise packages.

Honeymoons are "just about split" between air flights direct to a particular island and cruises, he said.

Irish doesn't think the Caribbean honeymoon is just a fad, but "a long-term trend." People are more affluent than they used to be, and can afford to go to islands in the lower Caribbean where, "before, they went to Florida, or Bermuda."

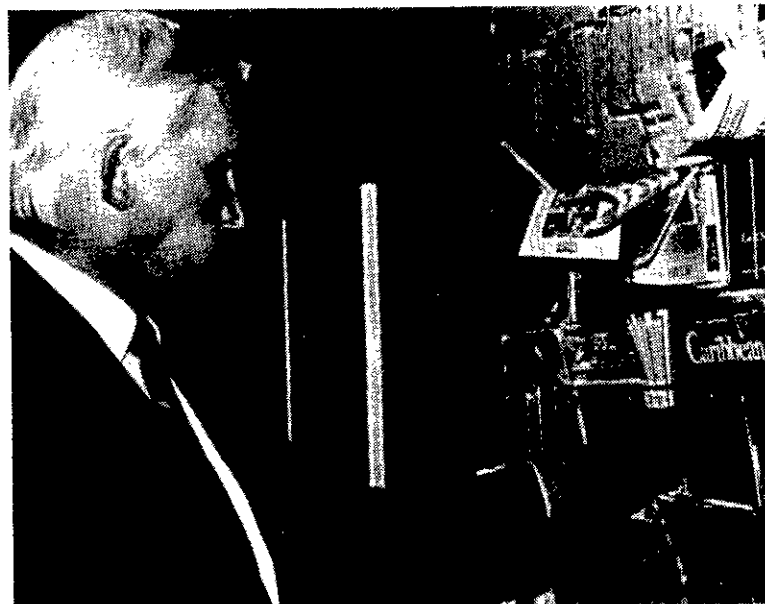
For newlyweds looking for a

less expensive alternative closer to home, many still head to a hideaway in the Poconos. There, lovebirds can soak in heart-shaped bathtubs, dry off in front of in-room fireplaces and relax in jacuzzis.

According to Flanders, "One of the popular places we're finding is Disneyworld in Orlando." Hawaii, while popular, "is not on top of the list." One reason may be that visitors really need two weeks to appreciate the islands, he said, and the standard honeymoon is one week.

The cost of a honeymoon varies, but one travel agent estimated \$2,200 to \$2,700 for a one-week Caribbean honeymoon, and between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for a week in the Poconos, including meals.

Irish tries to keep costs down as much as possible in planning a honeymoon. He advises couples to "always make sure you have enough spending money." A honeymoon can be ruined if the newlyweds want to purchase something, but can't because of a tight budget.



Local travel agent Bob Irish says a majority of his customers choose the Caribbean as a honeymoon haven. Donna Moskowitz


"I'll try to down-sell to them so they can buy that souvenir or whatever."

Whatever happened to Niagara Falls?

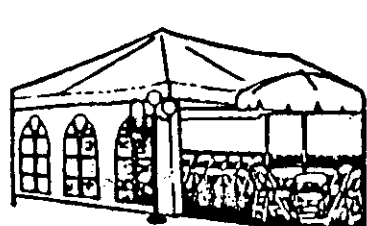
Travel agents don't receive calls concerning the old honeymoon


hot-spot, Flanders said. One reason may be that, since the destination is so close to home, travelers can plan the trip themselves.

Or, maybe those icy northern nights are simply not as appealing to lovers as shimmering blue water and palm trees.




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Brides: Beware of guests bearing duplicate gifts

By Erin E. Sullivan

Picture this: Standing amidst a mountain of wedding gifts, the bride and groom open the last meticulously wrapped package and find — another toaster oven.

According to Stephanie Biscone, owner of The Village Shop in Delaware Plaza, Delmar, bridal registries can help prevent this type of disappointment.

When a bride registers at a selected shop, or several shops, a list is formulated of items the bride and groom would like to receive. The list also includes numbers, sizes, colors and styles, which helps to ensure the couple will not receive red towels to place in a pale blue bathroom.

To compile the list, the bride makes an appointment, and then walks through the selected store with a consultant. The consultant offers suggestions and helps the bride choose a complementary selection of gifts and patterns.

"We also try to get the bride to prioritize the gifts she wants," said Biscone.

The process usually takes about an hour, and the bride's mother or a bridesmaid often goes along.

"We know all our brides by name," said Biscone. "When invited guests come in asking about a certain wedding party, we simply pull the couple's registry list from our folder to give gift suggestions."

The Village Shop offers a variety of concessions and discounts with each registry, including one complimentary place setting of china when eight are purchased, a 10 percent discount on china, crystal and flatware (with the exception of Waterford crystal), and a complimentary "Bridal Keepsake Box" filled with merchandise and gift certificates.

At A.V. Costa Inc., 450 Fulton St., Colonie, brides can select invitations, rings, garters and other wedding paraphernalia, and also register for gifts. "About 65 percent of our brides who order invitations register with us as well," said Victor Costa, company owner.

"Our registration process is quite simple. Her list will be manually maintained so guests can come in to see what was already purchased and will not be greeted with 'Sorry, I can't help you, the computers are down.' In addition, we guarantee price."



By using a registry, brides can coordinate their table accessories to create a matched ensemble, like this Faberge setting.

Not all brides want to register for gifts, however. According to Costa, some brides may not register because they will receive their mother's or grandmother's china, crystal or silver. Also, some couples may be moving into a small apartment and are not sure what gifts or patterns they want.

With a bridal registry, all cli-

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As the wedding approaches,

guests often ask the bridesmaids, the mother of the bride or the bride herself where the couple is registered. In the case of A.V. Costa, the bride receives cards to place in her shower invitations showing that she is registered at A.V. Costa. "We also give the bride a place setting to display at her shower to show the pattern she is registered for," said Costa.

Biscone said registry at her shop is most popular with brides between the ages of 25 and 35. "At this point, the bride is established in her profession and knows what type of flatware or china she wants." Occasionally, a groom will come into the shop to look things over and to make suggestions, usually when a bride is undecided on something, Biscone said.

According to area consultants, an increasing number of brides are registering for more practical gifts, such as appliances or housewares, at stores like J.C. Penney or Service Merchandise.

Biscone and Costa agree that the number of brides who register is growing.

"Registries make gift-giving much easier for guests who have no idea what to get a couple," said Biscone. "This way a bride and groom will receive exactly what they want. Not everything has to be very expensive. We offer items such as flatware, china and afghans — an assortment of gifts ranging in price from less than \$10 to hundreds of dollars."

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- **Color** — The best color is no color. Absolutely colorless diamonds are very rare.

- **Clarity** — The term clarity

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- **Carat-weight** — Carat refers to the weight of the stone. There are 100 points in a carat, therefore, a diamond of 50 points weighs one-half of a carat and a diamond of 200 points weighs 2 carats.

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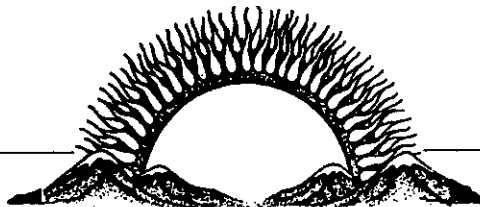
Modern weddings may be based on old superstitions

Many ancient customs and traditions surround the institution of marriage.

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Another custom involves the wedding ring, which is worn on the third finger of the left hand because our ancestors believed this finger and the heart were directly linked by the "vena amoris," or vein of love.

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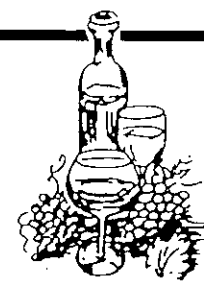
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"Couples today are reacquaint-



Platinum jewelry is becoming more popular for modern couples.

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Area venues offer variety of prices

By Dev Tobin

A wedding reception is the biggest and most expensive party most people will ever throw. However, there are a variety of venues in the Capital District offering a range of prices.

Normanside Country Club in Elsmere offers traditional sit-down dinners, from appetizer to dessert, at \$12.95 to \$16.95 per person, depending on the entree choice, according to John Dejnozka.

"Since we're a private club, we have more of a personal touch with our members and the staff is personable, attentive and professional with outside groups also," Dejnozka said.

The bar cost is separate, and Dejnozka said he works with the couple to come up with an arrangement that suits the group.

"We can do it by the drink, or have an open bar. Most people go for an hour of open bar, then switch over to beer, wine and soda," he said. "Because of the DWI laws, you have to be careful these days

and keep the liquor end under control."

Dejnozka recommends booking at least a year in advance, although he said Normanside still has a few 1994 openings in August and September.

Bog Events, the catering arm of the Cranberry Bog Restaurant

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on Wolf Road in Colonie, also provides a country club atmosphere for wedding receptions, according to banquet manager Kelly Harbinger.

"We do our larger functions, up to 250 people, at Shaker Ridge Country Club," said Harbinger, adding that smaller parties like rehearsal dinners and showers can be handled in one of the restaurant's rooms.

A Bog Events reception costs \$38 to \$59 a person, depending on entree and bar arrangement.

The Bog Events price includes "a sit-down dinner, champagne toast, wedding cake and floral arrangements. We can also arrange for entertainment and photogra-

phers," Harbinger said.

Harbinger also recommends booking a year in advance, although "We have some availability this summer."

Peter Platt, of Platt's Place deli and caterers on Wolf Road, said many couples are opting for a less formal cocktail party reception that is "much more conducive to mingling and meeting people."

Platt's can cater to a couple's tastes. "For one reception we did last year, they dressed to the nines in church, then came home and changed into their jeans for a backyard barbecue of chicken and ribs," he said.

Prices range from \$15 to \$75 a person, depending on the kind of food and drink the couple prefers. While couples should book in advance, "We very seldom turn down a date, even if you call the week before," Platt said.

Book helps brides choose perfect cake

The Wilton Company recently released a book designed to help brides select the perfect cake.

The book, called "Bridal Cakes," includes everything from country garden and Victorian masterpieces to the contemporary designs. It sells for \$7.99 in stores, or call 708-963-7100, ext. 320.

Today's couples seek electronics

According to bridal registry consultants, many of today's newlyweds are registering for electronics and recreational equipment.

To help brides and grooms select the best electronics to suit their lifestyles, consultants offer the following suggestions:

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Second-hand clothes can save big bucks on wedding bill

By Michael Kagan

When Elsie Stec's son was getting married a few years ago, she spent several hundred dollars on a gown. She wore it once.

So, when the Queensbury resident went looking for something to wear for her daughter's wedding in December, she shopped more carefully. In the end, she decided to do what men have been doing for years and what a growing number of women in the Capital District are doing now — she rented her formal wear.

"About the time of my son's wedding I'd heard about it from an acquaintance, but I hadn't looked into it," she said.

This time around, however, she made a trip to Grande Entrance in Latham, which has been renting women's formal wear, from dresses and gowns to jewelry and head pieces, for almost five years.

"I just went in to look. I was curious," she said. "I was very impressed. Everywhere else, anything I really liked was at least \$500. I rented the first dress I tried on. I paid \$150 for a dress that cost \$600 and I've never received as many compliments on anything I've worn in my entire life."

"It just makes a whole bunch of sense for someone who's only going to wear it once," said Anne Penesso, who owns Grande Entrance. "This type of business has been all over the U.S., but it just

was never introduced in the Capital Region. This is the only rental store in the region."

Penesso said she rents dresses for between 25 and 30 percent of their retail value, and offers the same selection of new clothing for purchase as for renting. On the average weekend, she said, 25 to 35 outfits are rented from her store.

"We do a tremendous mother-of-the-bride business," she said.

At the same time, women who do decide to buy their dresses are finding they don't have to pay full price to get brand-new ones, and even if they do, they don't have to look at their gown seemingly hanging in their closet forever.

Christine Maloy, who is originally from Delmar, opened Gowns Again in East Greenbush last year, intending it to be a combination rental and consignment store. Her consignment business has taken off so well, though, that she hasn't had any space for rentals.

When she opened the store last March, she had only four dresses for consignment. Now, she has more than 1,000.

"You spend \$200 to \$300 on a gown and you wear it once for a few hours — that's ridiculous," she said. "Why not recycle?"

She offers once-worn bridal and mother-of-the-bride gowns, bridesmaid dresses, slips and a variety of other kinds of dresses. "The dresses here are just about all dif-

ferent," she said.

Those who place a once-worn dress with Gowns Again to sell, receive half of whatever it goes for.

Elaine Richter of Delmar, who needed a women's tuxedo, also found she didn't need to buy new to get something that looked good.

"The prices for new outfits were ridiculous. \$349 for a basic black tux? You've got to be kidding," she said. "If you buy a formal thing for summer, you can't wear it in the winter. I just don't get much use out of that kind of outfit."

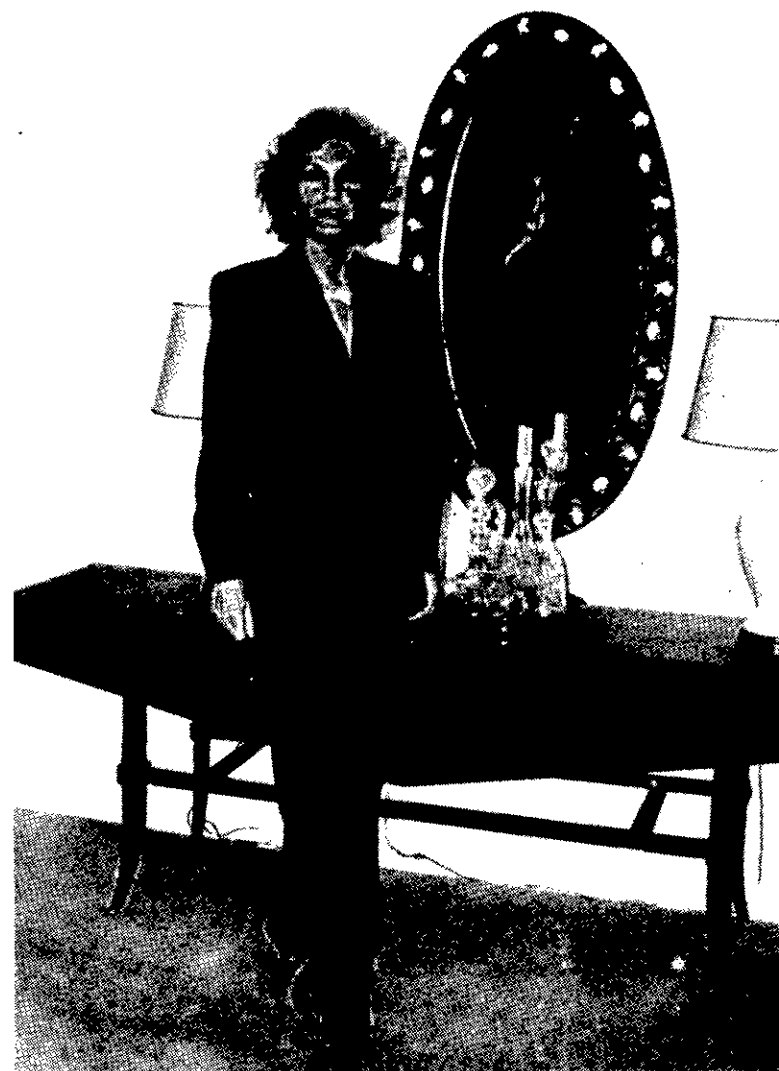
She said she'd heard about renting before, and ended up renting her outfit and accessories.

"You avoid the hustle bustle of, for example, a big department store," she said.


However, in this case, she liked the outfit she rented so much that she bought it.

"You don't have to have a \$500 dress. You just have to look good," said Betty Arnold of Colonie, who rented a dress for her daughter's November wedding. "I spent about \$100 and saved about \$400. I would recommend it to anybody."

"I don't have to convince them to rent," said Penesso. "People just like the idea. Every woman has a dress in her closet that she spent a lot of money on and only wore once. Men have been renting tuxedos for years. Women never had a choice. Now we have a choice."



Elaine Richter shows off the tuxedo ensemble she rented, and then purchased, for a special occasion. Elaine McLain



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BC swimmers dominate Burnt Hills School records fall as BC competes in N.H.

By Scott Isaacs

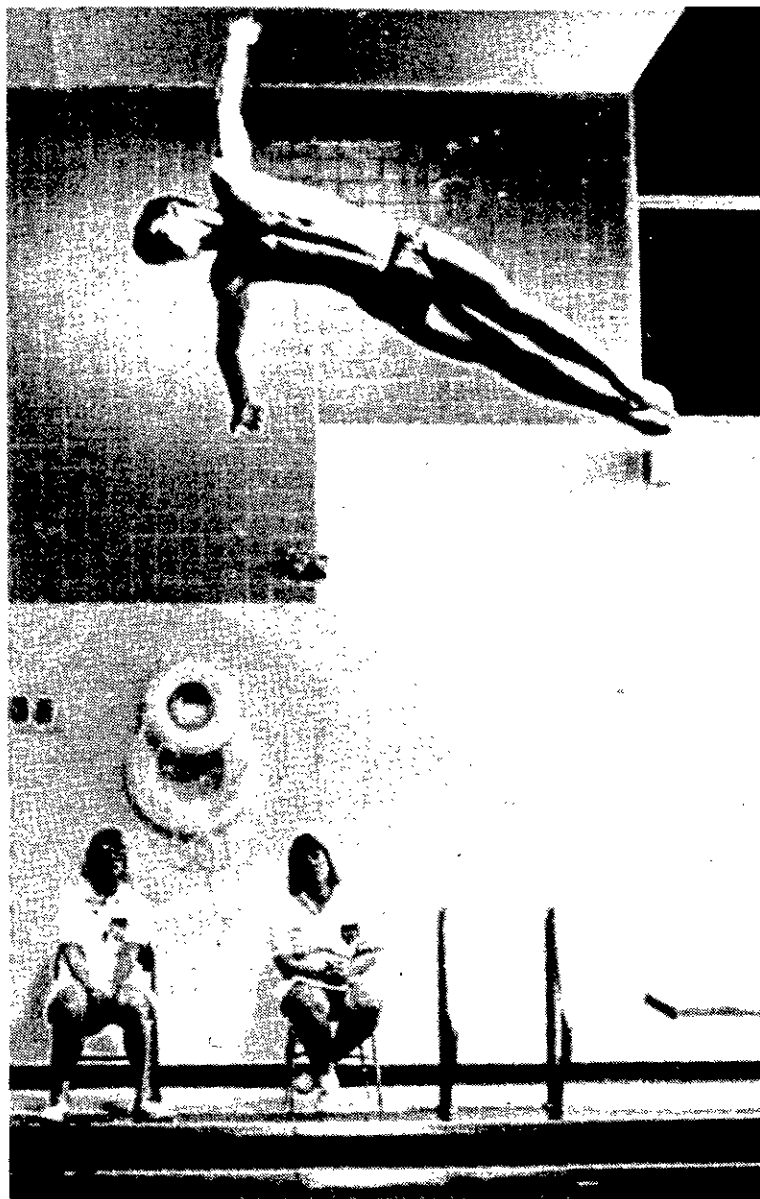
The Bethlehem varsity boys swim team retained its undefeated record in Section II with a 125-61 victory over Burnt Hills last Friday.

The Eagles blew the visiting Spartans out of the water, notching first place finishes in all but two events. The 200m medley relay team of Adriaan Denkers, Colin Izzard, Patrick Gallagher and Mark Kanuk won easily with a time of 1:44.94.

John Church was victorious in the 200m freestyle and 100m freestyle. He then joined with teammates Andy Masino, Reid Putnam, and Tom Leyden to win the 400m freestyle relay. Matt St. Lucia won the diving competition, and Tom Leyden dominated the 500m freestyle.

Patrick Gallagher was also a winner in the 200m individual medley, 100m butterfly, and a member of the winning 200m freestyle relay team, along with Bryan Sack, Mark Kanuk, and Colin Izzard, who won the 100m breaststroke.

BC Coach Ken Neff expected a tougher challenge from Burnt Hills. "This meet was not as close as it should have been. One of their best swimmers was benched, but we still expected more of a challenge. We won the two events they could challenge in (the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay). They know they have their work cut out for them if they expect to compete with us in Sectionals."



BC diver Zack Medwin shows how it's done during last week's dismantling of Burnt Hills. Elaine McLain

By Jessica Romano

Friday night's snowstorm didn't stop Bethlehem's track team from traveling.

Despite the bad road conditions, the team found its way to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, to take part in the annual high school competition on Saturday January 8. This meet attracts high schools from New York, New Jersey, Quebec and New England.

In one day, the 12-member team broke four school records and tied another. Kristen Ruso broke her own school record set last year in the 800-meter run. She was the overall winner in this event with a time of 2:21.5.

"Kristen's win was very impressive because the race started slowly and she took charge with one lap to go," said coach David Banas. "She destroyed the whole field."

Jessica Romano competed in the 55-meter hurdles and set a new school record in this event. Romano placed sixth in the final with a time of 9.1 seconds.

The 400 meter dash record from 1992 was broken by two of BC's seniors, Mike Fritts and Tom Robbins each earned the time of 54.6 seconds, and placed 18th and 19th respectively.

The last school record to be broken was by the boys 3200 meter (two mile) relay team. With each member running under 2:10, the team of Brian Garver, Robbins, Scott Rivard and Fritts captured third place in the overall competition.

In the semifinal round of the 55-meter dash, Matt Fiato tied his own school record set last year. He ran this event in 6.5 seconds.

The girls 1600-meter (one mile) relay team also competed. They are within range to capture the indoor school record that is only .9 seconds faster than the time they turned last weekend. Combined, Ruso, Romano, Molly Conway and Karen Gisotti crossed the finish line in 4:16.4 and placed fifth overall.

BC sprinters Jen Christian and Mike Breslin ran the 55-meter dash. Christian placed fourth in her heat. Breslin also had a personal best. Cara Cameron participated in the 800-meter run as well. She ran 2:41 and placed eighth in her heat.

Banas was pleased with the team's effort. "Overall the whole meet was the best performance from our team in a long time ... in years! We'll definitely go next year."

Special thanks go to Mr. Powers and Mr. Peters for their help in transportation, Banas added.

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Composting

(From Page 1)

In November the town board agreed to a consent order issued by EnCon that allows the town to continue dumping yard waste at the North Street facility until Nov. 15, 1995.

As a result, the town must begin looking at other ways to dispose of its leaves, brush and yard waste. "When we talked with EnCon about closing North Street, we also discussed opening a composting facility to serve the entire town," Secor said.

The town has owned a six-acre site, formerly the location of the Waldenmaier meat packing plant, at the junction of Route 32 and Waldenmaier Road for several years. The town originally bought the property for use as a recycling center, but before it can be developed into a composting facility additional acreage will have to be purchased.

"The neighbors thought there were plans to place it on the next town board agenda," Fuller said. "We explained that none of this has been discussed," and there are no plans to take action on the composting project.

"I assured them that we'll be

back in touch with (group spokeswoman Susan Martin) prior to it being placed on the (town board) agenda."

"What happened at the meeting, at least from our point of view, was that the town supervisor was informed about this site for the first time," Martin said. "She said that until our call to her office, she was unaware of the plan."

"We agreed to give the public works department our suggestions in terms of siting criteria and possible alternatives. The town owns 70 acres off Route 396 that we'd like them to take a look at. We have a soil engineer who lives in Elm Estates who is willing to help pick out an appropriate area."

The number one concern of the neighbors is odor, with noise and truck traffic other possible problems. The question that board members need to ask regarding any site, Martin said, is whether it is "remote enough so that no one will be negatively impacted."

The neighbors have formed a working committee of about 15 people that will keep tabs on the project as it unfolds. Plans to submit petitions to the town board

on Wednesday, Jan. 12, have been put on hold.

"I didn't want Mrs. Fuller to think we weren't giving (the board) enough time to consider this in-house," Martin said.

The closest house to the proposed site on Waldenmaier Road is owned by Ron Dodson, president of the New York Audubon Society. "From a personal and professional point of view, I'm very pro-composting," Dodson said. "The last thing I want to be is a NIMBY (Not In My Backyard)."

"My point to Bruce and Sheila was twofold," he said. "They should not make a quick or hasty decision and that a study of other sites should be done. If (Secor) can prove this is the best site, I'll support it. We can use the compost in our hummingbird gardens."

Blood pressure screening scheduled

The Town of Bethlehem blood pressure screenings will be held in the town hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., on Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Symphonic session



Albany Symphony Orchestra percussionists, from left, Mark Foster, Scott Stacey and Anna Watkins, and conductor David Alan Miller, perform Monday at Bethlehem Central Middle School for all third, fourth and fifth-graders in the Bethlehem Central School District.

Elaine McLain

Salaries

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plant operator Dennis Dragon at \$44,080, senior engineer John Fenzl at \$45,074 and director of field operations John Geurtze at \$41,081.

Others topping the \$40,000 mark include Town Assessor M. David Leafer at \$41,081, Court Clerk Barbara Hodom at \$40,207, Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk at \$41,581 and Receiver of Taxes Kenneth Hahn at \$41,207.

All of the salaries for town employees were set by the town board at its annual organizational meeting Monday.

RCS school board seeks nominations

Candidates are currently being sought to fill an opening on the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education that was created when Barry Jones resigned in December.

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Networks offers tips on safety, drug education

The Bethlehem Networks Project and the Bethlehem Central School District will offer a free workshop for parents of young children on Thursday, Jan. 27. Experienced parent educator Nancy Schmitz will teach parents how to talk to their children about "Good Touch, Bad Touch and Confusing Touch" and "Stranger Safety".

The workshop will take place at the education center, 90 Adams Place, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. It makes sense to learn and practice parenting skills. The source "Healthy Kids: 4-10 Years" outlines tips to help families begin teaching children about alcohol and other drugs at a very young age.

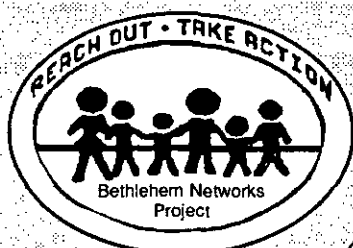
"The Preschool Years" drug education for preschoolers doesn't begin with discussions of alcohol and marijuana. It begins with discussions of what we put — and don't put — into our bodies, talking about the differences between nutritious and "junk" food, and explaining how good food will help make children strong and healthy.

Parents can also discuss the dangers of poisonous household products, such as ammonia, furniture polish and other cleaning agents.

When children are sick, they can discuss different types of medical preparations, such as pills, ointments, sprays, drops, liquids and shots. They can talk about the directions and precautions printed on the containers, and explain the importance of taking the right amount of medicine at the right time.

Children should be taught never to accept medicine unless it's given by a parent or another trusted adult, such as a grandparent, babysitter or doctor. These early discussions make it clear that people have to be fully informed in order to decide whether to take drugs, how much to take and how often.

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Elisa and Marc Futia

Becker, Futia marry

Elisa Marie Becker, daughter of Janet and the late Robert Becker of Schenectady, and Marc Francis Futia, son of Frank and Ann Futia of Delmar, were married April 24.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Cribbs in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar.

The matron of honor was Melissa Bresett and the bridesmaid was Sara Anderson. The junior bridesmaid was Amy Becker, and flower girls were Nadene Becker and Jessica

Seaburg.

The best man was Anthony Futia, brother of the groom, and the usher was Marty LeGere.

The bride is a graduate of The College of Saint Rose and is employed as a substitute teacher.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and The College of Saint Rose. He is a cameraman for WRGB Channel 6.

After a wedding trip to Lake George, the couple lives in Elsmere.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Ian Myles Dembling, to Laura and Daniel Dembling, Glenmont, Nov. 24.

Boy, Troy Robinson Vagianelis, to Mariann and Stephen Vagianelis, Slingerlands, Nov. 25.

Boy, Joshua Erich Flagler, to Andrea Dahl and Scott Flagler, Selkirk, Dec. 14.

Boy, Emmett Denis Lacey, to Catherine and Michael Lacey, Delmar, Dec. 16.

Boy, Michael Thomas DeBerry, to Heidi and Thomas DeBerry, Glenmont, Dec. 15.

Boy, Mark Timothy Barba, to Bonnie and Vincent Barba, Delmar, Dec. 15.

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Marina Kristine Morse, to Karen and Brian Morse, Delmar, Dec. 13.

Boy, Matthew Gower Barranca, to Susan and Michael Barranca, Delmar, Dec. 19.

Girl, Natalie Grace Griffith Munderville, to Joanne and Bob Munderville, Slingerlands, Dec. 20.

Asmus to practice with Chicago firm

Ryan W. Asmus, son of Don and Linda Asmus of Delmar, was recently admitted to practice law in the state of Illinois, the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Federal Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Asmus is a 1986 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Akron School of Law. He is an aviation attorney with the Chicago law firm of Adler, Kaplan and Begy.

Retirement seminar slated for this month

The Cornell Cooperative Extension will sponsor a retirement planning seminar at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 765-3500.



Frank and Susan Brockley

Brockley, Terrell wed

Susan M. Terrell, daughter of William and Virginia Terrell of Binghamton, and Frank E. Brockley, son of Gregory and Nancy Brockley of Slingerlands, were married July 17.

The Rev. Daniel Murphy performed the ceremony in St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Binghamton, with a reception following at the Hotel de Ville, also in Binghamton.

The matron of honor was Sharon Corrigan, and bridesmaids were Christine Brockley, sister of the groom, Erin O'Toole, Suzanne Gonnella and Lisa Kaup. Ryanne

Brockley, another sister of the groom, was the flower girl.

The best man was Dean Plummer, and ushers were William Terrell, the bride's brother, Carl Donadio, Steven Mullarkey and Michael Mahar.

The bride is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo and Binghamton University. She is a math teacher at Bethlehem Central High School.

The groom is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and SUNY Geneseo. He is employed by Brockley's Delmar Tavern.

After a wedding trip to Antigua, the couple lives in Delmar.

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Obituaries

Ruth Freleigh

Ruth Freleigh, 90, of Diamond Hill Road in Delmar, died Friday, Jan. 7, at Our Lady of Mercy Center in Guilderland.

Born in the former Indian Fields in Coeymans, she attended Indian Fields School. She was a homemaker and also worked as a domestic in private homes in the Delmar area. She retired in 1985.

She was the widow of Albert Freleigh.

Survivors include two daughters, Blanche Peck and Elizabeth Dunston; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena. Burial was in Hannacroix Rural Cemetery, Dormansville.

Contributions may be made to the Capital District Deaf Center, Albany.

Jane Brandow

Jane C. Brandow, 77, of New Port Richey, Florida, and Glenmont, died Friday, Jan. 7, at the Community Hospital in Florida.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Albany High School. She worked for the New York State Republican Committee for more than 25 years before retiring in 1979.

She was a member of the Christus Victor Lutheran Church in New Port Richey.

Survivors include her husband, John E. Brandow; two daughters, Gayle Vandevort of Glenmont and Cheryl Fangmann of Hendersonville, N.C.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brandow was cremated. A memorial service will be on Friday, Jan. 14, at the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, 16 Manning Square, Albany.

Arrangements were by the Michaels-Lundquist Funeral Home, New Port Richey.

Theodore Hillman

Theodore L. Hillman, 79, of Selkirk, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, at his home.

Born in Albany, Mr. Hillman

was a longtime resident of Selkirk. He was a dairy farmer and also raised palomino horses.

Mr. Hillman was a member of the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include two brothers, John Hillman Sr. and Henry Hillman; and a sister, Grace Newkirk, all of Selkirk.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, Box 246, Selkirk 12158, or the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Elizabeth Bogardus

Elizabeth Bogardus, 65, of Bridgewater, Oneida County, a former Delmar resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, at her home.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Bogardus had lived in Delmar for several years before moving to Bridgewater to live with her daughter.

She was a former member of Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar.

She was the widow of Leonard W. Bogardus Sr.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Ratcliffe of Bridgewater, Darlene McKie of Clarksville, and Kathleen Stanley of Coxsackie; a son Leonard W. Bogardus Jr. of Ravena; 12 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were by the Wilcox Funeral Home, West Winfield, Herkimer County.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Helen Miner

Helen Ann Miner, 75, a former New Salem resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Miner had lived in Florida for the past 20 years. She formerly worked at Happy's Bar in New Salem.

She was a member of the Fort Pierce RSVP Band and the New Salem Fire Department Auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter, Norma Colabelli of Fort Pierce; two sons, Alan Miner and Donald Miner, both of Fort Pierce; a sis-

ter, Agnes Keller of Fort Pierce; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Following services in Fort Pierce, burial was in New Salem.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, 2090 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33409.

Deborah Stow

Deborah J. Stow, 39, of Voorheesville, died Thursday, Jan. 6, at Albany Medical Center Hospital from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Bethlehem.

Born in Albany, she had been a resident of Clifton Park before moving to Voorheesville in November.

She was a supervisor of a clerical unit at the state Department of Education in Albany, where she worked for 12 years.

She was the treasurer of the Civil Service Employees Association Local 657 of the Education Department.

Survivors include her husband, Stephen Stow; two daughters Jennifer Stow and Sarah Stow, both of Voorheesville; a son, Charles Stow of Voorheesville; her mother, Margaret Albert of Feura Bush; her father, George Albert of Albany; a brother, James Albert of Feura Bush; and four sisters, Grace Raimo of Colonie, Carol Mannarino of Guilderland, Toni McGrail of Feura Bush and Robin Paige of Ballston Spa.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Sons Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

Robert Melligan

Robert J. Melligan, 71, a former Selkirk resident, died Saturday, Jan. 8, at his home in Charlton, Saratoga County.

He was born and educated in Albany.

Mr. Melligan was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was employed by the town of Bethlehem Highway Department, retiring in 1983. He previ-

ously worked for New York Central Railroad as a timekeeper and for Varden Roofing.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233.

He was husband of the late Elinor Melligan.

Survivors include five daughters, Ellen Palmer of Swanton, Ohio; Joan Couchman of Albany; Roberta Dadson of Union, S.C.; Mary Mastroianni of Charlton and Charlene Furlong of Albany; a son, Joseph Melligan of Vestal, Broome County; 24 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church, Ravena.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Capital District Chapter, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206.

Vernon Hall

Vernon H. Hall, 54, of Delmar, died Saturday, Jan. 8, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he had lived in Delmar since 1963. He was a graduate of the Simmons School of Embalming in Syracuse.

Mr. Hall was a funeral director and embalmer in the Capital District for the past 32 years.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, the Rhododendron Society and a life member of the Bethlehem Sportsman's Club.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Perry Hall; a daughter, Nicole Donaldson of Berne; a son, Bradford Hall of Delmar; a sister, Vivian Cellery of Castleton; and a grandson.

Services were from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home, Delmar and the Ray Funeral Service, Hudson.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the American Cancer Society or the Bethlehem Sportsman's Club.

Hazel Boettcher

Hazel May Handy Boettcher, 93, of Delmar, died Saturday, Jan. 8, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Boston, she was a homemaker and a member of the Unionville Reformed Church, Unionville.

She was the widow of Walter H. Boettcher.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Boettcher of Slingerlands and William Boettcher of California; a daughter, Lynn Sickenger of Slingerlands; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Unionville Reformed Church, Unionville.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Library taking names for 'Bethlehem Reads'

The Bethlehem Public Library once again invites the community to come and be a part of "Bethlehem Reads."

The program combines reading aloud with modern cable television technology. Over 70 local residents participated in last year's program by reading aloud a portion of a book of their choice while being videotaped by TV-31/Bethlehem.

The suggested length for each reading is two to eight minutes. Library staff are available to assist in making a selection. This year's reading will be cablecast during National Library Week, April 17 through 23.

For further information or to schedule an appointment to read, call the TV-31 studio at 439-9314.

Needlework group to meet in Delmar

The New York Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Jackie Hours will teach hardanger and Jan Robinson will teach blackwork in the chapter's ongoing exploration of various needlework techniques.

Guests are welcome to attend two monthly meetings a year for a small fee. A bag lunch is suggested.

For information, contact Susanne Kimura at 393-7347.

ZBA agenda set

The Town of Bethlehem Board of Appeals, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will hear three cases on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

At 7:30 p.m., the board will consider the application of Ralph LaBarge of 74 The Crossway, Delmar. At 7:45 p.m., the case of Philip Barnum of 12 North St., Delmar, will be heard, and at 8 p.m., the board will consider the appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Ajay Sanghi of 50 Dover Drive, Delmar.

For information, call the town offices at 439-4955.

BC tech group meets

A panel discussion on the educational use of technology will take place at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 46.

For information, contact Bernie McInerney at 439-9735 or Marge Kanuk at 439-9628.

Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

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Albany Institute activities designed to dig out winter weather doldrums

By Mel Hyman

"If you have time on your hands during the winter season, try attending one of the multifarious and unique offerings of the Albany Institute of History and Art.

Kids can have an especially good time this year. The institute's winter series of programs starts on Wednesday, Feb. 2, with a "Water Media" class for children 8 to 12.

Other offerings include "Artventures" for children 3 to 6, the "Native American Experience" and "Linking Art with Literature" for kids 7 to 11, and "Sculpting Space" for ages 8 to 12.

"We're one of a handful of museum-related, art-making programs in the Northeast," said Amy Goldbas, museum art program coordinator. "Both children and adults get to work directly with objects from the museum. When you're in a museum environment, your comfort zone is increased. There's a feeling of excitement."

Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute is dedicated to collecting, preserving, interpreting and promoting the history, art and culture of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. It serves more than 100,000 people each year through its exhibitions, classes and outreach activities.

Some of the most popular programs for children are held not at the institute, which is located on Washington Avenue just a stone's throw from the State Capitol, but at area schools and educational centers.



Children from School 16 in Albany, top, learn about museum artifacts from volunteer Helen Howe. Work by oil painter Sean Stewart, right, will be on display in next week's faculty art show.

School's Out, an after-school program for children at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, was the host for three institute classes last fall: "Art and Archaeology," "Cartooning" and "Kinetic Learning," which was conducted jointly with the

eba Dance Theater Company.

During the month of January, the institute will offer classes on "Pages, Paint and Paste" and "Earth Smart" — a program exploring what can be done with recycled materials — at the Roesleville Elementary School in Colonie.

Sending institute artists out to the hinterlands, so to speak, "cuts down on the Pony Express of parents having to cart their kids to and from a site," Goldbas said.

Classes held right at the institute, on the other hand, have the built-in advantage of being able to use the gallery spaces for programs.

Several of the courses scheduled to start in February are first-ever offerings. They include "Pin-hole Cameras," "Paper Mache," "Kindergarten Art" and a workshop on "Gershstone."

Just in case you're not familiar with Gershstone, it's a highly malleable material that will harden to stone-like consistency when the work is completed.

One of the most popular classes for the younger set, "Children's Chinese Brush Painting," will be offered during both the winter and spring sessions. Students work on a variety of surfaces, including T-shirts, fans, rice paper and silk.

Adults should not feel left out. There are just as many programs for grownups this winter as there are for children. They include: "Sculpting the Portrait Bust in



Wonderland wanderers



Alice (Alyssa Bennett) and The Mad Hatter (Stephen Bickley) are scheduled for a trip through the looking glass in Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" at the Steamer No. 10 theater in Albany on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15 and 16, at 1 and 4 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for kids and \$6 for adults. For information and reservations, call 438-5503.

Clay," "Woven Metal Jewelry: Textile Techniques with Metal," "Eskimo Art and Archaeology," "Self Portraits in Woodcuts," "Silk Painting Workshop" and "Creating Scrapbook Quilted Wallhangings."

If you enjoy going to art openings — you can even take the kids if they're in a mellow mood — then the institute is the place to be on Thursday, Jan. 13. That's when the opening reception for the "Winter Faculty Exhibition" will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The institute staff usually includes 35 to 40 regional artists, and the show will feature the work of many of these well-known area talents.

Just in case you've still got a case of the holiday blues, you can sign up for a one-day institute workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 19, called "How to Hang Yourself."

And don't worry. You'll come back from the class with a wealth of ideas on how to operate an art gallery, which might actually cheer you up.

For information on this class or any of the other offerings, call 463-4478.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

I HATE HAMLET

romantic comedy by Paul Rudnick, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, through Jan. 23. Cost, \$10, \$5 students. Information, 462-1297.

OLEANNA

by David Mamet, Capital Repertory Company, Albany, through Feb. 6. Cost, \$16 to \$23. Information, 462-4531.

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES

award-winning Broadway musical comedy, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Jan. 17 and 18, 8 p.m. Cost, \$35.50, \$30.50, and \$25.50. Information, 346-6204.

MUSIC

ON A WINTER'S NIGHT

folk concert featuring Patty Larkin, John Gorka, Cheryl Wheeler, and Cliff Eberhardt, Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, Friday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 434-1703.

THE LANDFILL MOUNTAIN BOYS

The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 434-1703.

TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

sponsored by the French Federation, Federation Center, 71 Columbia St., Cohoes, Sunday, Jan. 16, 2 to 4 p.m. Donation, \$2, \$1 children. Information, 459-2908.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Friday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Streets, Saturday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. Cost, \$15 to \$32. Information, 465-4755.

OUT OF CONTROL

rhythm and blues band, The Chambers, South Pearl Street, Albany, Friday, Jan. 14, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Valenti's Pub, Pawling Avenue, Troy, Saturday, Jan. 15, 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Information, 797-3939.

CLARENCE "GATEMOUTH" BROWN

blues master with Gate's Express, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. Cost, \$15, \$10 children. Information, 473-1845.

TITO PUENTE LATIN JAZZ ALL STARS

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. Cost, \$20.50, \$25.50, and \$28.50. Information, 346-6204.

CAN I SPEAK FOR YOU SISTER?

musical celebration of African-American women, Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage Troy Campus, Troy, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 12:55 p.m. Information, 792-2008.

DANCE

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, Wednesday, Jan. 12, and Wednesday, Jan. 19, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Cost, \$3.50. Information, 459-2888.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER creative and technical positions open for Albany Civic Theater's summer children's production. Information, 731-8269.

CLASSES

FREE GROUP VOICE LESSONS Capitaland Chorus/Sweet Adelines International, Trinity Episcopal Church, 115th St. and 4th Ave., North Troy, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS

three session courses at The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls; intermediate/advanced class begins Jan. 13, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; beginner class begins Jan. 14, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Cost, \$15 per session, \$12.50 for museum members, or \$40 for the series. \$35 for museum members. Information, 792-1761.

LECTURES

"LOOKING AT MODERN ART" lecture/video series, The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, Thursdays, Jan. 13, and 20, 7 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

ART TALK

focusing on 19th-century landscape painter George Inness, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

PANEL DISCUSSION

of David Mamet's drama "Oleanna," sponsored by the Times Union and the Institute for Theater, Capital Rep, Albany, Sunday, Jan. 16, 4 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

PANEL DISCUSSION

of the collaborative art of Val Telberg and Anais Nin, panel will include artist Telberg, Room 224, Campus Center, Russell Sage Albany Campus, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

SEMINAR

on the New York Foundation for the Arts' Artist-in-Residence matching grant program, New York State Museum, Albany, Thursday, Jan. 13, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Information, 486-4844.

FILM

"DR. BETHUNE"

area cinematic premiere, starring Donald Sutherland, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Friday, Jan. 14. Cost, downstairs, \$2, \$1 children; balcony, \$3, \$2 children. Information, 382-1083.

"SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE"

starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Sunday, Jan. 16, 2, 4:30, and 7 p.m. Cost, downstairs, \$2, \$1 children; balcony, \$3, \$2 children. Information, 382-1083.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

TALES FOR TOTS

storytelling, Bears diorama in Adirondack Hall, New York State Museum, Albany, Sunday, Jan. 16 2 to 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

Puppet and People Production, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Jan. 15 and 16, 1 and 4 p.m.; Jan. 17, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Cost, \$6, \$4 senior citizens and children. Information, 438-5503.

BOOK SIGNING

children's book author Candace Christiansen and illustrator Thomas Locker, Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

"THE MANY ADVENTURES OF WINNIE THE POOH"

film based on the books by A.A. Milne, New York State Museum, Albany, Jan. 15 and 16, 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$2.50, \$1.50 children. Information, 474-5877.

"HEROES UNDER 5 FT."

production of the Little Theatre of the Deaf, the National Theatre of the Deaf's performance troupe for young people, Empire Center at the Egg, Jan. 13 and 14, 10 a.m., and Jan. 16, 3 p.m. Cost, \$8, \$6 children. Information, 473-1845.

VISUAL ARTS

"MIRRORS: REFLECTIONS OF SOCIETY AND SELF"

New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. Information, 474-5877.

"A GATHERING OF ANGELS"

multimedia collection, Visions Gallery, Pastoral Center, Roman Catholic Diocese, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, through Jan. 28, Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

"MENAGERIE"

multi-media installation by Michael Oatman, Russell Sage College Gallery, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage Troy Campus, through Feb. 12, Mondays through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 270-2248.

"ART OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY: SELECTIONS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION"

The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, through Feb. 20, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

"RESPONDING TO TWENTIETH CENTURY ART"

free guide book offered by the Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, through Jan. 30. Information, 792-1761.

EXHIBIT

works by humorist and illustrator Don Madden, Spencertown Academy Gallery, Route 203, Spencertown, through Feb. 2, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

GALLERY TOUR

"War and Peace: Images and Implements of Conflict and Cooperation," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Friday, Jan. 14, 12:15 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

EXHIBIT

recent works by Anne Carter Downey and Nicholas Warner and a video presentation curated by Richard Povall, RCCA: The Arts Center, 189 Second St., Troy, through Feb. 10. Information, 273-0552.

"ASPECTS OF LOCALITY"

regional art from the '20s, '30s, and '40s, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through March 6. Information, 463-4478.

EXHIBIT

recent paintings by Barbara Hayward Clark and Anne Peterson, William K. Sanford Town Library, Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, through Jan. 31.

"LITERARY THEMES IN JOHN ROGERS SCULPTURE"

featuring 16 John Rogers sculptures, The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, through April 10. Information, 792-1761.

Weekly Crossword

"Americanisms"

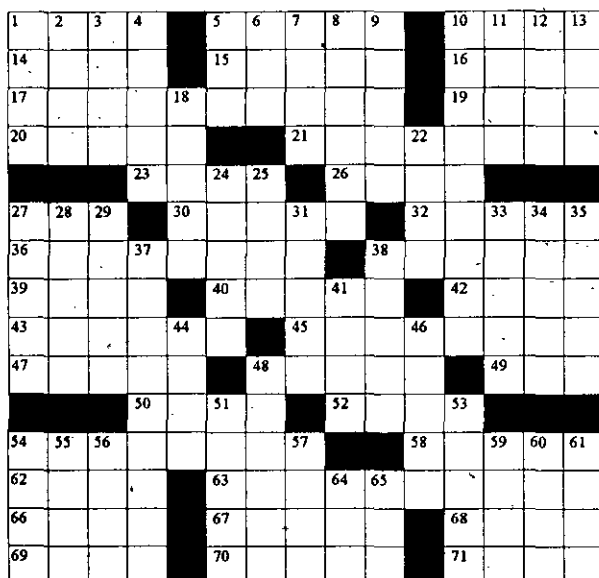
By Gerry Frey

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- 10 Oh no!
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- 15 Lowest point
- 16 Trick
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- 20 Choice group
- 21 Daydream: 2 wds
- 23 Killer whale
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- 30 Well-founded
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- 36 Nonsense
- 38 Ripped off
- 39 Region
- 40 Belittle
- 42 Blowout
- 43 Plumbers' helpers
- 45 One going by the book
- 47 Emir's wives
- 48 Woman's name
- 49 Each
- 50 Claret
- 52 Satisfy
- 54 Sweet young girls
- 58 Lucy's best friend
- 62 Eastern European
- 63 Sudden bright idea
- 66 Pierre's dad
- 67 Slow in music
- 68 Black wood
- 69 Drunkards
- 70 Nosed out
- 71 Barely acceptable

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- 5 Body acid: Abr.
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- 13 Gusto
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University of New York, Room
105, Tempo Building,
Schenectady County
Community College, 78
Washington Ave.,
Schenectady, 5 p.m.
Information, 485-5964.

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Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road,
Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information,
664-6767.

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Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m.
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Center, 340 Whitehall Road,
Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-
6651.

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10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information,
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**FRIDAY
JANUARY 14**
**FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AND
DINNER**

"Tot Shabbat" includes songs,
stories and a potluck dinner,
B'Nai Shalom Reform
Congregation, 420 Whitehall
Road, Albany, 6 p.m.
Information, 482-5283.

ALBANY COUNTY
MOTHERS' DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital
District Mothers' Center, First
Congregational Church, Quail
Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 475-1897.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community
Center, 340 Whitehall Road,
Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information,
438-6651.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 15**
ALBANY COUNTY
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

sponsored by the Safety and
Health Council, 845 Central
Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. to 3:45
p.m. Information, 438-2365.

**YOUNG SNOWMOBILERS
SAFETY COURSE**

for people between 10 and 16,
to receive a snowmobile safety
certificate, a legal requirement
for operators under the age of
16 to ride alone, sponsored by
the state Office of Parks,
Recreation and Historic
Preservation, John Boyd
Thacher State Park, New
Scotland, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Information 872-1237.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

Saturdays until March 19,
discussion group, Cohoes
Community Center, 22-40
Remsen St., Cohoes, 11:30 a.m.
to 12:30 p.m. Cost, \$5 for
members, \$10 for non-
members. Information, 237-
7523.

STAR SHOWS

"The Little Star That Could" and
"Albany: New Star on the
Hudson," The Henry Hudson
Planetarium, 25 Quackenbush
Square, Albany, 11:30 a.m. to
1:30 p.m. Cost, \$4 for adults, \$2
for senior citizens and children.

TRAIN AND DOLL HOUSE SHOW

through Jan. 16, Greenburg
Great Train and Doll House
Show, State University of New
York at Albany, Albany.
Information, 434-1217, ext. 203.

ROAD RACE

5K, 10K and 25K races,
sponsored by the Hudson
Mohawk Road Runners Club,
Physical Education Building,
State University of New York at
Albany, Albany, 11 a.m.
Information, 372-5035.

"KID PIX" MOVIE

"Many Adventures of Winnie
the Pooh," New York State
Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m.
Cost, \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for
children. Information, 474-5877.

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SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Christmas Carol producers considering return next holiday season

By the end of January, the producers of this past
December's *A Christmas Carol* will make a decision about
returning to Albany's Palace Theater for another holiday
presentation in 1994.

With more than \$300,000 in losses during a 28-perfor-
mance run in December, the pro-
ducers will have to consider sev-
eral things: a more charismatic
actor for the leading role of
Scrooge; a more compact season;
and a pricing schedule that is not
prohibitive for patrons yet produces
sufficient income.

Making a decision by the end of
this month will allow sufficient time
for promotion and lining up of
school, senior and organizational
groups to attend performances. A larger audience will
mean lower prices. There was a \$32 top price this season
with an average price of \$20 realized by the producers with
discounts and matinee prices. But, the total audience was
33,000 against a hoped-for 40,000.

The producers will still not be able to announce a star
for the show until the fall because very few actors with the
"name" status needed are able to commit themselves this
far in advance. This past season, they obtained the ser-
vices of Wilfred Brimley to play Scrooge just before
rehearsals which meant that they weren't able to promote
his movie, television and commercial credits sufficiently.

The producers might consider dealing with a veteran
soap opera star who televises each day in New York.
These actors have long term commitments to the soap
opera and are able to work out-of-town occasionally.

As for the season, Robert Goepfert, the Palace's gen-
eral manager who helped bring *A Christmas Carol* to
Albany, indicated that a three-weekend season with mid-
week school matinees might be more productive and
lower the production costs.

The Palace Theater made money through rental of the
theater and, according to Goepfert, it was the best Decem-
ber in the theater's history.

Veteran community theater costume designer dies

Two years ago, the Albany Jewish Community Center
presented a musical revue with senior members of the
Center performing as singers, story tellers and dancers.

The star of the evening was a then-84-year old dancer,
a man who was a favorite of audience and performer
alike. Desider Simonovic was doing something he loved
in a setting in which he felt most comfortable.

He had said often: "I love dancing and particularly with
attractive, younger ladies." Often, also, his costumes were
more colorful and attractive than those worn by his part-
ners. Desi, as he was known to all his friends, made his
own costumes and had a flamboyant flair in his designs.

But the professional tailor and furrier also was pains-
taking in his work with community theaters, particularly
the Albany Civic Theater, where he worked backstage
making sure the actors were wearing authentic costumes.
Musicals were his particular favorites because he could
let his imagination soar as he did when he worked with the
Four Seasons Dinner Theater 15 years ago.

His lively spirit and optimistic outlook belied his earlier
life when he was taken prisoner in his native Czechoslova-
kia and placed in the forced labor camps. Surviving these
camps, he emigrated to the United States in 1947 and
came to Albany where he worked for tailors and furriers
in Albany while gaining a wider reputation among theater
audiences and performers through the years.

Last Friday, January 7, he was buried in Ohav Shalom
Cemetery in Guilfordland after being stricken at his home
on January 5. He is survived two sisters, Ruzena Katz of
Troy, and Flora Tabachneck of Albany and in the memo-
ries of hundreds of his friends and admirers.

Around Theaters!

Oleanna, new David Mamet play at Capital Repertory
Theater in Albany, through February 6 (462-4534)....
Hate Hamlet, new play about John Barrymore, at Albany
Civic Theater through January 23. (462-1297).

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 12**
BETHLEHEM
BOU MEETING

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

TOWN BOARD

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 765-9640.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

RED MEN

St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

SECOND MILERS LUNCHEON MEETING

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION

educational use of technology, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9735.

NEW SCOTLAND
NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE

22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

AA MEETING

First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING

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

MOUNTAINVIEW
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

FAITH TEMPLE

bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

evening story hour for families, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 13**
BETHLEHEM.
RECOVERY, INC.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER

open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bible study, 10 a.m., Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

LADIES AUXILIARY firehouse, Adams Place, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185

404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND
FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7 to 8 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

WRITERS GROUP

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 14**
BETHLEHEM
NIGHT AT THE PIT

chaperones needed, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND
YOUTH GROUP

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

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 15**
BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 16**
BETHLEHEM
UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery provided, evening fellowship, 7 p.m., 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 9 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 767-9059.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

church school, 9:45 a.m., worship services, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9976.

NEW SCOTLAND
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 765-2354.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

**MONDAY
JANUARY 17**
BETHLEHEM
INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON GROUP

support for relatives of alcoholics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

NEW SCOTLAND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

4-H CLUB

home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2186.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

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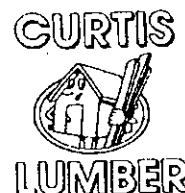
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All shows are on Saturdays and Sundays at 1 and 3 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

"Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh," based on books by A. A. Milne, will be shown on Jan. 15 and 16.

The Academy Award-winning "Beauty

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"Duck Tales: The Movie," featuring Scrooge McDuck and his nephews Huey, Dewey and Louie, will be shown Feb. 12 and 13.

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The Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, will offer several free "Artful Looks" gallery tours during January.

Beginning at 12:15 p.m. on Fridays, museum staff will conduct express lunchtime tours of current exhibitions and highlights of the permanent collection.

"War and Peace: Images and Implications of Conflict and Cooperation" will be the subject of the Jan. 14 tour.

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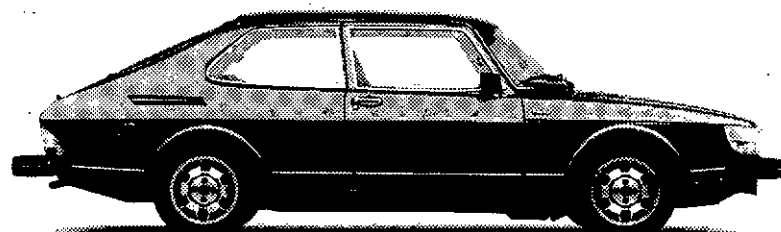
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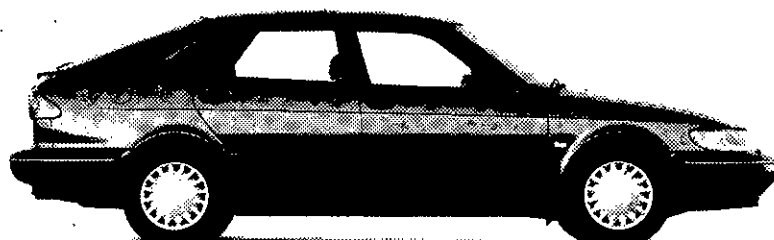
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Museum slates story program

The New York State Museum, Albany, has scheduled "Tales for Tots," a storytelling program for youngsters, on several Sundays in January.

The storytelling will take place in the bear's diorama in Adirondack Hall on Jan. 16, at the whale in the Seaport area in Metropolis Hall on Jan. 23 and by the fire engine exhibit in Metropolis Hall on Jan. 30.

The programs run from 2 to 3 p.m. each Sunday. Admission is free. For information, call 474-5877.

Institute sponsors art talk

The Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, invites the public to join museum educators on Wednesday, Jan. 12, in a free lunchtime "Art Talk" focusing on 19th century landscape painter George Inness.

The discussion will begin at 12:10 p.m. and will cover Inness' works, as well as the time period in which they were created. For information, call 463-4478.

Book-signing session on tap at Borders

Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Albany, will host local children's book author Candace Christiansen and illustrator Thomas Locker, who will discuss and sign copies of their books on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m.

Christiansen, a resident of Chatham and a teacher, has always lived near the Hudson River. The river has served as a setting for her two books, "Calico and Tin Horns" and "The Ice Horse," both illustrated by Locker.

Locker has won numerous awards for his children's book illustrations, beginning in 1984 with "Where the River Begins." His paintings have been exhibited in the United States and England. He lives in Stuyvesant.

For information, call the store at 482-5800.

Planetarium plans shows

The Henry Hudson Planetarium, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, will present two star shows on several Saturdays in January, Jan. 15, 22 and 29, and on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 17.

"The Little Star That Could" will be presented at 11:30 a.m. on each date, followed by "Albany: New Star on the Hudson" at 12:30 p.m. The shows cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and senior citizens.

"The Little Star That Could" is a children's story about an ordinary star in search of a name and planets to give it that name.

"Albany: New Star on the Hudson" traces Albany's roots back to Indian times with an astronomical perspective.

For information, call the planetarium at 434-6311.

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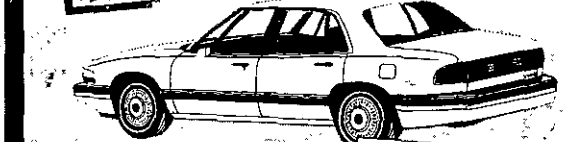
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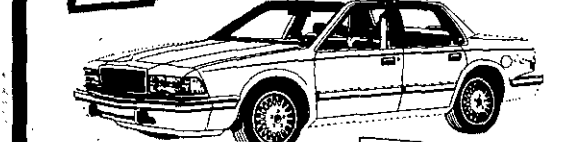
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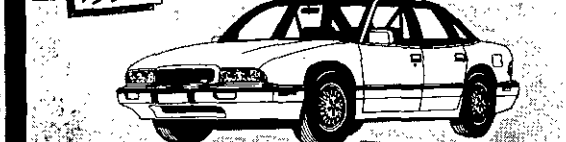
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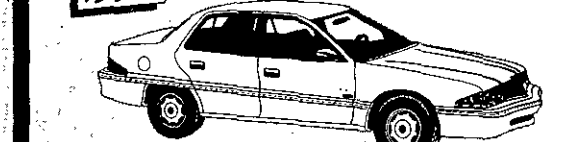
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Teachers

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"In regard to the issue of seriousness, we (the board) are very serious," he said. "We believe in what we are doing. In regard to the issue of frustration, look toward your negotiation team. Put faith in this team and carry on with your daily responsibilities."

Coffin went on to say that he thought there has been "tremendous progress in the negotiation process."

"The board agrees that there are serious issues to be dealt with and we will deal with them," he said.

After the meeting, Mele called Coffin's statement concerning negotiation progress "incredible."

"I completely and totally disagree with Jim Coffin's statement on the proceedings. There has been zero progress. Absolutely no negotiations have been agreed to at the table. Nothing has been settled."

Mele added he would take Cole's request that the VTA "come to the table and get serious" as an invitation to meet. "I will even propose meeting dates to resume negotiations," Mele said. "I will take Cole at his word."

The VTA's statement at the board meeting was brought about by an overall dissatisfaction with the negotiations, said Mele. Specifically, he said, the teachers strongly disagree with a list of 29 proposals made by the board, including an extension of the teachers' workday and year and the deletion of language stating "no teacher shall be discharged or suspended without just and sufficient cause."

According to Cole, the talks are now in the second stage, the PERB (Public Employment Relations Board) stage.

"We have a series of mediations going on, a mediator being the person who runs back and forth between two groups. Andrew Nolte is representing the board, NYSUT (New York State United Teachers) representative John Trela is negotiating for the VTA, and the PERB mediator is Anthony Zumbolo."

Cole said there have been two meetings in mediation and noted the group has not met since early November. "A third meeting was to be scheduled for well after the holidays," he said.

If no agreement is reached in the second stage, the negotiations will proceed into the third fact-finding stage.

"We simply want to settle before the process is dragged on any further. As the negotiations are prolonged, people tend to devote more and more time to the cause. We are trying to avoid a crisis situation," Mele said.

"The board is putting forth ... unrealistic proposals. I do not believe the board when they say we (Voorheesville) are a poor school district. We are not. That is not even a grey area, it is black and white."

According to a VTA position paper issued Oct. 10 for the year 1991-92, wealth in the district, as measured by personal income per pupil, ranks 149th out of 693 state districts, while the tax rate ranks very close, at 139th out of 693. The VTA feels district property taxes are not out of line with residents' ability to pay.

"Our original proposal in the summer could have even been funded with no new taxes," Mele added. "It seems they (the board) are laying back and forcing us into action, laying back and hoping we will go away."

"We won't."

Coffin said the VTA's statement at Monday's meeting was yet another step in an ongoing effort to intensify the situation. "Each meeting they (the VTA) use a different tactic. First they came in and sat quietly. Next they came in and corrected papers. Today they issued a statement, taking a step up to an emotional level. It was just another notch in the whole process."

Richard Freyer, a high school science teacher, said the "teachers want to teach, not negotiate. We feel that the negotiations are a distraction, but we want to be treated fairly."

In other business, the board adopted the Junior-Senior High Sports Policy and scheduled a special board meeting for Monday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel item. Special meetings will also take place on Mondays, Jan. 24 and Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The board's next regular meeting will be on Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

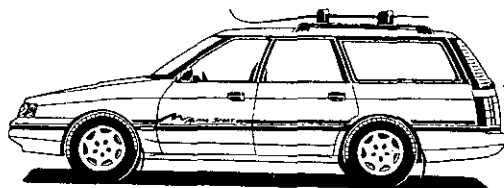
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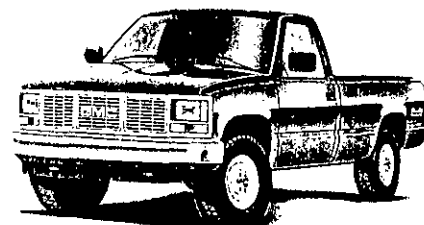
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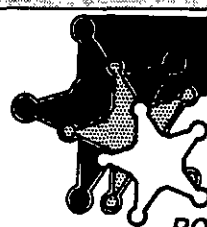


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