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Allen Mills

All stops are out for high drama

By Ann Treadway

Allen Mills of Fernbank Ave. in Delmar has been a musician all his life, but for years he struggled with what he saw as contradictory urges to be a church organist and a theater performer.

Then one day, as he related recently, he said to himself, "You idiot, you can do both. It's all one art."

Today, he is doing both on a regular basis. He's the organist and director of music for the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany. And, since last September, he's the organist and artist-in-residence for Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

Last Saturday he demonstrated his consummate skill on the theater's newly-acquired Mighty Wurlitzer organ while playing accompaniment to two showings of the Buster Keaton silent film classic, "The General." Almost 2,000 people braved the snow and slippery roads to get to the theater for either the afternoon or evening program.

"The attendance was really very good," Mills said the next day, noting that he was surprised to see so many young people there. While a revival of interest in old movies has taken place on college campuses during the past decade, he said, many of those enjoying the Saturday shows were even younger.

Though he didn't say so, Mills' part on the program had to be the big attraction. A few years ago, Proctor's featured a series of old movies, including "The General," and only a few hundred diehard movie buffs showed up.

Watching the movie, with appropriate theme music and sound effects resonating throughout the huge, stately theater, was good old-fashioned fun. Everyone got very involved.

In fact, after his initial appearance on stage in a confederate soldier uniform befitting the film's Civil War setting, Mills' presence as the provider of all those sounds went almost unnoticed. People were too busy cheering or laughing — or biting their nails.

Part of the trick to this was that all the thuds and thwacks, as well as appropriate mood music, came at exactly the right times to coincide with what was happening on the screen. Mills had

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BC budget is released: first draft up 10 percent

By Caroline Terenzini

The draft of a spending plan for 1985-86 that currently totals \$17.98 million will be scrutinized by the Bethlehem Central school board in a series of budget sessions beginning tonight (Wednesday). The board's first round with the budget draft is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., in Delmar. Time for public questions and comments is scheduled at the beginning of each budget work session and also at board business meetings.

The proposed budget represents a 9.9 percent increase over the current year's spending plan and would require a 10.7 percent tax rate increase in Bethlehem — or \$17.06 more per \$1,000 assessed — and an increase of 11.3 percent in New Scotland, or \$30 per \$1,000.

These figures are only the starting point; some trimming can be expected over the next two months. The question is, how much? Or, to put the question another way, how much of its spending does a school district actually control? In the past,

board members have said that once mandated expenses are accounted for, only 10 to 15 percent of a spending plan is under local control.

Nonetheless, in presenting the proposed budget last Wednesday, district Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn characterized it as "a much more encouraging picture than we had last year, by a long shot."

At first glance, some things do look different. For one thing, there is a grand total on the draft, including tax rate projections, which in the recent past the administration had chosen to leave off until all budget decisions had been made, in order, it was said, not to unduly alarm taxpayers. For the first time, too, the budget pages show the expenses for the prior three years alongside a column for the yet-to-be-calculated current year's expenses (the district's fiscal year began July 1) and a column listing proposed spending for 1985-86.

Not only that, but the copies of the draft budget are all in bright orange binders, instead of the usual hand-me-downs. And, there

are more copies this year, ready for what board members and administrators have said they hope will be a large turnout of interested citizens.

Zinn said the board and administrators are "open to questions and suggestions now and at future meetings and between meetings." He also said administrators are "willing to go on the road" to discuss the developing budget, if invited by local groups and organizations. "We really want a budget that can be supported," Zinn said.

Last spring, two district spending proposals were voted down, leading the board to adopt a

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contingency budget and then submit nine spending propositions to voters in July, five of which were approved. One factor in the two budget defeats undoubtedly was the projected tax rate increase, which in July, after after all the voting, stood at \$10.18 per \$1,000 in Bethlehem and \$15.24 per

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BETHLEHEM

Apartment pinch felt

By Theresa Bobear

"Less than one percent availability is no availability at all," says Neal Moylan, referring to the supply of apartments in the Delmar area. Moylan, who is currently acting chairman of the Bethlehem Planning Board, should know: the owner of his apartment building in Slingerlands, he says, is "constantly being besieged" by people looking for a place to live in the area.

Yet in the last five years very few apartments have been built in Bethlehem. And new projects, unless they are well off the beaten track, are certain to bring out a delegation of concerned homeowners contending that apartments will threaten their property values.

The latest examples are Harry Gochee's proposed apartments on Dawson Rd. and the proposed Juniper Fields development, 282 apartment units off Elm Ave., which the Bethlehem Town Board is scheduled to consider at its meeting tonight (Wednesday). At the public hearing for the project two weeks ago, area residents were nearly united against the rezoning, yet there appears to be a

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Even the sun looks cold as it attempts to warm up the frigid, snow-packed grounds of the Albany Country Club on Rt. 85A in New Scotland. But if golf is unthinkable many hardy souls are ready to venture onto the skating ponds. Is the ice ready? See Page 6.

No meeting set on supervisor

Tonight's meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board will be Supervisor Tom Corrigan's last, but it's still not clear when his replacement — or his replacement's replacement — will be named.

There is no mystery about who the next supervisor will be. Councilman Robert Hendrick, the choice of the Bethlehem Republican Committee, is already beginning to learn the ropes from Corrigan. But when Hendrick moves up he will leave a vacancy on the town board, and there are two candidates for that job — Sue Ann Ritchko, the former county legislator who is the choice of party leaders, and Peter Merrill, a Delmar businessman who captured about half of the town committee votes in a two-day phone blitz.

Both candidates have reportedly been making their case to town board members.

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Corrigan's resignation is effective Feb. 2, and the original plan had been to hold a meeting that day, a Saturday, to appoint Hendrick and the new town board member. But a quorum was not available for that day, Corrigan said Monday, so the meeting will probably take place early the following week.

In the interim, he said, Councilwoman Ruth Bickel, who is deputy supervisor, would be the top elected official in the town.

The town board will make one major personnel move at its meeting tonight, appointing John A. Williamson as chairman of the Bethlehem Planning Board.

Corrigan had announced last

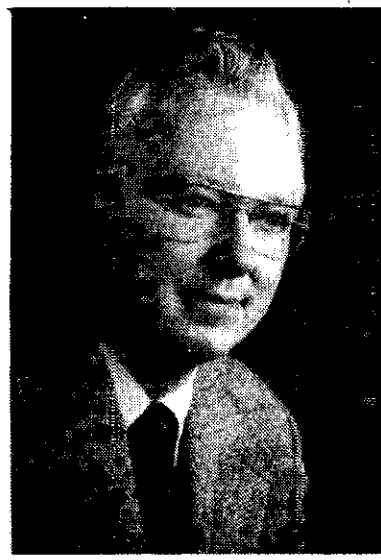
week that Williamson, a retired state official who has not previously served on the board, would become a member and then move up to the chairmanship "after he's had a chance to get his feet on the ground."

But, the supervisor said Friday, he met last week with Williamson and acting Chairman Neal Moylan and both agreed that Williamson should "start right off."

The salary for the planning board chairman, now set at \$4,304, will be raised to \$6,000, Corrigan said. "He's going to be putting more time in, there's no question about it."

Kappa Kappa meets

The Capital District chapter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Barbara Woodruff in Delmar on Jan. 28.



Robert K. Heineman

Promoted at St. Peter's

Dr. Robert K. Heineman of Delmar has been promoted to chief of the Department of Orthopedics at St. Peter's Hospital.

Dr. Heineman, an attending orthopedic surgeon at St. Peter's since 1967, has most of his practice there, but also is affiliated with Albany Medical Center Hospital, Memorial Hospital in Albany, Greene County Memorial Hospital in Catskill and Moses Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga.

He has teaching appointments at Albany Medical College and Russell Sage College. He is associated with Dr. Fred E. Dexter, Dr. Neil D. Colman and Michael Frank, Jr., R.P.A.-C., with offices at 784 Washington Ave., Albany, and 199 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Faces grand jury

Kim Boyd, whose address was listed as the Greater Albany area, was sent to the Albany County Jail after she was arraigned Friday in Bethlehem Town Court on charges of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree; criminal possession of stolen property, second degree, and attempted grand larceny, third degree, all felonies, according to Bethlehem police. The woman is accused of attempting to cash a stolen and forged \$600 check at the Elsmere bank, police said. The case is to go to the county grand jury.

Charged in accident

A Feura Bush woman was charged with failure to keep right Thursday after the car she was driving skidded into the path of a vehicle carrying several Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District pupils, according to state police at the Selkirk substation. Two children in the van and the driver reported minor injuries, officials said, as did the driver of the car and a passenger. The accident occurred about 9 a.m. on Rt. 85A in the Town of New Scotland.

A second car, driven by a Delmar woman, stuck the rear of the first car, troopers said. The Voorheesville ambulance crew took the injured to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, where they were treated and released, authorities said.

Tanker overturns

A tanker carrying 1,600 gallons of fuel oil went off Rt. 396 in Selkirk and overturned Thursday morning during a light snowfall, according to state police at the Selkirk substation. Jacob H. Smith of Westerlo, the driver of the tanker, which is owned by Main-Care in Delmar, was charged with speeding, troopers said.

An officer from the state police hazardous materials unit was at the scene, but no oil spilled, authorities reported. The load was transferred to another tanker and the truck was righted. The driver suffered minor injuries, according to the report.

All about snowshoes

Two snowshoeing programs will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, Jan. 26. "The Complete Snowshoer," an introduction to snowshoe construction, function and maintenance, will begin at 10 a.m. "Hoofing It On Snowshoes," an outdoor trek led by center naturalists, will begin at 2 p.m. Participants should bring snowshoes or rent snowshoes at the center for \$1. To register call 457-6092.

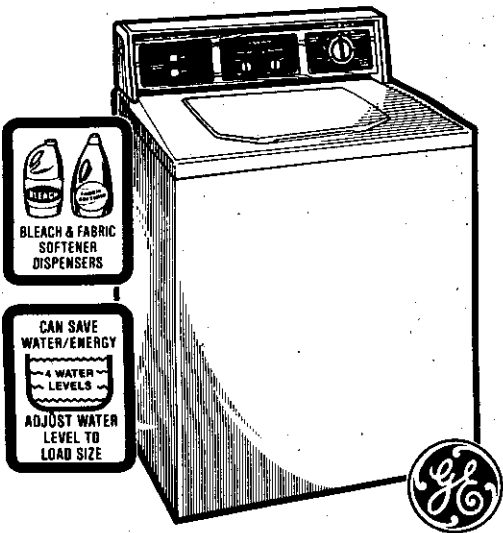
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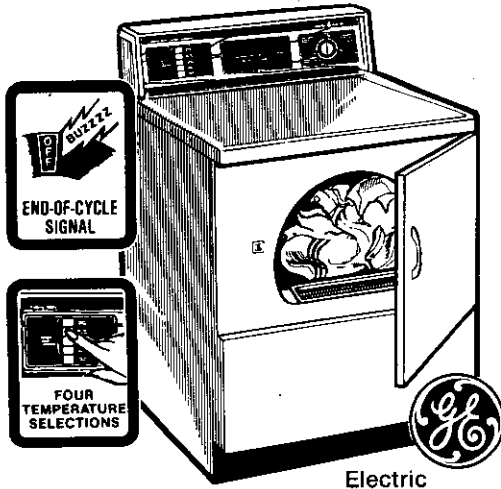
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□ A shortage of apartments

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good chance the project will be approved.

In the case of Juniper Fields, the availability of land to extend the Delmar Bypass may be a factor in the town board's attitude, but it is also clear that, for most town officials, apartments definitely have their place in Bethlehem.

"Multi family dwelling is not a no-no," Supervisor Tom Corrigan said at the Juniper Fields hearing. "It's not a sin."

One concern often expressed is for the elderly.

Moylan said he knows from personal experience that a significant number of senior citizens in

building permits for a total of 16 apartment units have been issued in the past five years is evidence of the trend.

In an environmental impact study recently submitted for the proposed Juniper Fields Planned Residence District, developer David Siegal used the results of a survey completed by Robert Cohn Associates, Inc. in July of 1984 to demonstrate the area's need for apartments. Identifying 575 apartments in the Delmar area, including Bethlehem Terrace and Meadowbrook apartments, Cohn's survey revealed only 6 vacancies — approximately one percent.

"Location is very important" when considering low maintenance housing, Kleinke said, noting

and the Normanskill, approved in 1970 and 1973, has not received building project approval because of problems with the soils report.

The widow of the former owner of the 116-acre Oakbrook PRD on McCormack Rd. appeared before the planning board in October of 1984 to informally discuss plans to build single-family houses on one to ten-acre lots. The 26-acre PRD on Blessing Rd. known as Eastmount has received building project approval for a development of 55 duplexes.

Two other Planned Residence Districts are under consideration. Juniper Fields, proposed by David Siegal for 58 acres located at the end of the Delmar Bypass, would alleviate the immediate demand for low-maintenance housing in the area if all 282 proposed apartments are built, according to Moylan.

A second PRD proposed by Howard Nolan, Norris MacFarland and Mark Heller for 92 acres between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St., would add 290 apartments to the area if the "concept" presented to the town board for the zoning change is the same concept presented to the planning board for building project approval.

Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said recent court decisions have upheld the town board's right to set conditions on zoning changes for Planned Residence Districts. He said the conditions would allow the town board to control the development of PRD's

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"up to a certain degree." Kaplowitz explained that the courts would honor conditions outlining the number and types of dwelling units to be constructed in a PRD. Kaplowitz said he is not sure of the extent to which a particular concept would be locked in place.

Kaplowitz said the town board is now aware of the problem with planned residence districts and is making an effort to set approximate conditions to ensure that new PRD's are developed in accordance with the concept presented at the time of the zone change.

that some elderly residents who cannot or do not want to drive are dependent on bus service.

Where is the land zoned for apartments located? A large portion of the land in Delmar and Slingerlands is zoned A and AA-Residential in which apartments are not permitted uses. A large plot of AR-Residential land — where multi-family housing is allowed — is located south of Elm Ave. A plot of AB-Residential land — where four-family buildings are permitted — is located south of the Normanskill near the Albany city line.

Other unbuilt areas zoned Planned Residence District (apartments allowed) are located on McCormack Rd., near the Cherry Ave. Ext., between New Scotland Rd. and the Normanskill, and on Blessing Rd. But these areas are not necessarily destined to become apartment complexes, because — up to now — PRD status has not automatically committed the owner to a specific development plan.

Lafayette-Edison, two Planned Residence Districts totaling 130 acres between New Scotland Rd.



When Bethlehem Police Officer Chuck Martin retired he picked the warmest place he could find — San Antonio, Texas. He could just as well have stayed in Delmar this winter. San Antonio got two inches of snow on New Year's Day, the first recorded snowfall in 11 years, and Martin's new home looks very familiar.

Bypass discussed

Members of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association will gather in the board room of the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. to hear Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, discuss future development of the Delmar Bypass in the Town of Bethlehem.

Teen driver flees

Bethlehem police were called on to assist Albany police in a chase Sunday evening that ended in a minor accident at Routes 85 and 140 from which the driver of the car and a passenger fled, police reported. The driver, a 15-year-old Albany resident, was apprehended shortly after, police said. The car involved was stolen from a Schenectady resident, authorities reported.

GE gift equips lab

The GE Foundation has made a gift of \$6,000 to the Bethlehem Central School District for equipment for the physics lab at the high school. The gift will be used to purchase items such as circuit boards, volt meters and a scaler-timer for use in nuclear physics experiments, according to school personnel. About 190 students are enrolled in physics classes at BC.

Capitol photos

Timothy Raab of Delmar and Mary Wilken of Slingerlands were among a small group of artists honored in a juried photography exhibit at the State Museum entitled "A Capitol Idea."

The collection of 160 photographs of the State Capitol will be on display at the Empire State Plaza through Jan. 31.



the community would prefer the convenience of an apartment. He said the median income figures for the town indicate that a rental of \$400 to \$450 for a one bedroom apartment would not be unreasonable.

Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, said the one percent vacancy rate for area apartments is "an indication of the demand for that type of housing." Kleinke explained that a larger than normal segment of Bethlehem's population is older. "One can speculate on the needs of those people," Kleinke said. Couples living alone may or may not want to move to an apartment with less maintenance and less space.

"People want to be here," Kleinke said, explaining the lower than normal turnover rate for area apartments. He said zoning ordinance amendments over the past five years have "narrowed the opportunities to build anything but single family homes."

The character of the town is changing, Kleinke said. Formerly a community with a mix of housing types, Bethlehem is becoming a community with single family housing. The fact that only four

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Trading in furs launched Bethlehem enterprise

"And many brought us Bevers and Otters skinned, which we bought for Beades, Knives and Hatchets." Thus Henry Hudson in 1609 reported the beginnings of the fur trade at Albany, or Beverswyck (the beaver-district), as it came to be known. Thereafter Dutch skippers prospected along the shores of the Hudson.

The merchants of Holland had long been buying furs from Moscow to supply the wants of the affluent living in cold northern Europe. Intrigued by Hudson's report, a group of Amsterdam merchants sent a ship to New Netherland in 1610. This and other voyages brought tremendous profits on furs that had been bought for trifles.

Two trader-explorers, Hendrick Christiaensen and Adrian Block, secured a trading charter from the United New Netherland Co. In the winter of 1613-14 these men built Fort Van Nassau on an island off the shore of the river, south of present-day Albany. This site called Kasteel (Castle) Island and later Westerlo Island. At that first trading post, located in what was later to become the



Allison Bennett

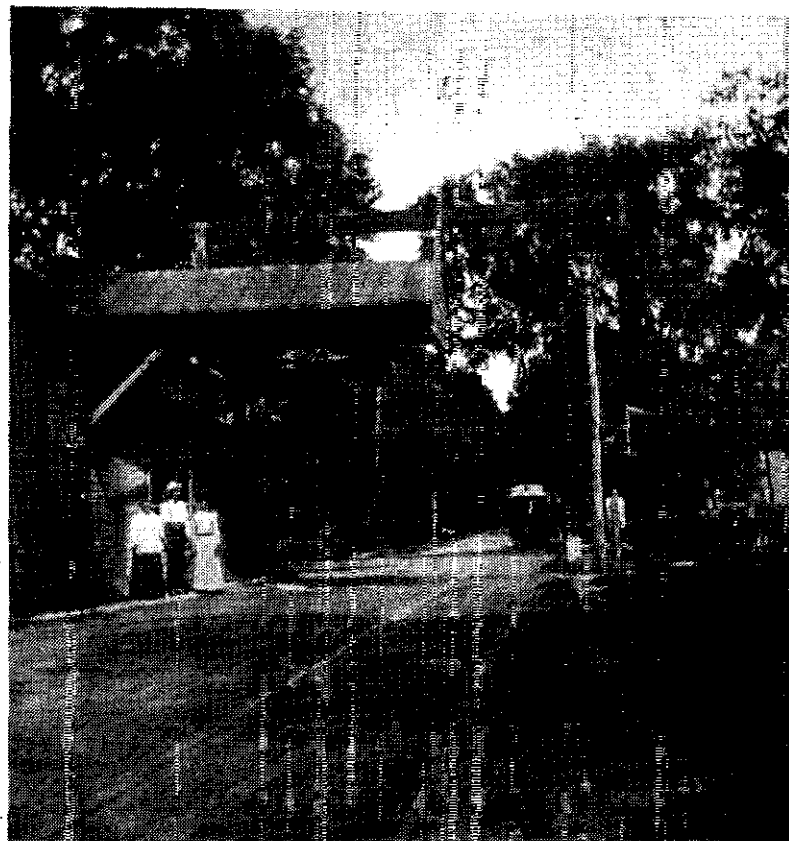
Town of Bethlehem, commercial history began for New Netherland.

The fort was described as 58 feet wide, with a moat of 18 feet. The house inside the fort was 36 feet long and 26 wide. This fort was armed with 2 large guns and 11 swivel guns placed on its bastions. The building within the stockade served as a storehouse for furs as well as a medium of defense. To this place streamed Indian canoes and human bearers, bringing the peltries that gave the infant colony a meager hold on existence.

Fort Van Nassau was destroyed by a torrential flood in the spring of 1617. It was rebuilt on the banks of the adjacent Norman-skill, where a notable Indian treaty, the Treaty of Tawasentha, was consummated with the Dutch the same year — a firm and lasting treaty of alliance and peace between the Iroquois and the

Dutch colonists. Trading at this new location went on for seven years until Fort Orange was established near the foot of what is now Madison Ave. by the Dutch West India Co., which had superseded the earlier United New Netherland Co. None of these fur traders, however, came to stay and cultivate the land. They did not bring their families with them to become colonists.

In 1629 a charter of privileges and exemptions was passed by the Dutch West India Co. to encourage "patroons" to settle colonies in New Netherland. Hastening to take advantage of this, Killiaen Van Rensselaer, a wealthy pearl merchant in Amsterdam, commissioned Bastiaen Krol and Dirck Duyster, commissaries of Fort Orange, to purchase a large tract of land from the Mohican Indians, encompassing largely what is now Albany County, north and south and inland of the fort bordering the Hudson River. This tract of land was bought for "a certain quantities of duffels, axes, knives and wampum" from the Indian owners. While the township that was to eventually comprise Bethlehem was temporarily occupied at least four times prior to 1630, permanent settle-



A toll gate stood in the area called Kenwood, on an old road just below the present Doane Stuart School. The route is now closed off by a railroad overpass.

ment by Europeans did not begin until the establishment of Rensselaerswyck in 1630.

In the spring of that year, a number of families, well supplied with the necessary farming implements and stock, sailed in the company ship *Endracht* for the New World, arriving at Fort Orange after a passage of 64 days. Others followed, each succeeding season, and so were laid the foundations of the settlement of Albany County and of our town of Bethlehem.

By September of 1630 the Patroon Van Rensselaer, who himself never came to his colony in America, was advised of the fact that his farmers had begun plowing land. One of those first farms was started on Kasteel Island, part of a district called Pentanock by the Mohicans and Bylaers Dael by the patroon, but eventually given the name of Bethlehem. A settler by the name of Brant Peelen helped to develop the first farm and then started a second farm in 1634 and remained on it for the rest of his life. He was

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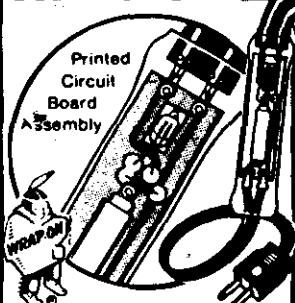
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This map depicts the northern part of the Town of Bethlehem as it was in 1866. Here the Normanskill winds its way through the northern reaches of the town, draining acreage that since has passed to the City

also one of the earliest magistrates of the colony.

Castle Island was leased by the patroon to Martin Gerritsen in 1668. Its name was later changed to Westerlo Island and eventually it became known as Van Rensselaer, when Albany annexed from Bethlehem the area known as Kenwood in 1870. On the island were located the extensive plants of the Albany City Iron Works, and the Jagger Iron Works, both of which were idle by 1897. The annexation of Kenwood extended the southern boundary of the city of Albany to the banks of the Normanskill creek, where before the city boundary had been in the vicinity of Fourth Ave.

An early road passing through this area bears a close relation to the early history of our town. This road was the Albany and Bethle-

hem Turnpike Road, incorporated in 1804 with a capital of \$34,800. This was a large sum for such an undertaking in that era. This road was a continuation of Pearl St. in Albany and passed through Kenwood and across the Normanskill; thence south along the river to just below the Abbey Hotel, where it forked to Bethlehem Center, a distance in all of about five miles. It had a toll gate at Kenwood and one at Bethlehem Center and had a road bed of broken stone. The old turnpike connected at Bethlehem Center with the South Bethlehem Plank Road, which extended through Beckers Corners, and then southwest to South Bethlehem, a distance of several miles. It also connected with the Albany-Clarksville Plank Road, that is now known as the Feura Bush Road.

of Albany. The track of the railroad can be seen, leading from the Hudson River west through what was then Adamsville and Slingerlands Corners. Individual properties are marked on the map.

Kenwood, or Lower Hollow, as it was first known, as opposed to Normansville, which was early known as Upper Hollow, was settled below the falls of the Normanskill and near where that stream enters the Hudson. Settlement at Kenwood was coincident with that of Albany, beginning with Albert Andriessen Bradt, who built a mill here in 1637 that remained in the possession of the family until 1678.

After the close of the Revolution, the Van Rensselaers built mills here for grinding grain, sawing lumber, wool carding, cloth dressing and potato starch manufacture. Eventually all of these mills were abandoned, or they burned and were never replaced.

Among notable mansions located here on the crest of the ridge

was Cherry Hill, formerly the residence of Gen. Solomon Van Rensselaer, a member of the patroon's family and a prominent soldier in the War of 1812. Mount Hope, sitting on a commanding elevation rising to the west of the river, was long the property of Erza P. Prentiss. Another man-

sion, Kenwood, was situated on and is incorporated into a portion of the Convent of the Sacred Heart-Doane Stuart School. This was the pointed Gothic-style home of Joel T. Rathbone, an Albany stove manufacturer in the middle 19th century.

Next: When Whitehall Road was in Bethlehem.

Auxiliary meets

Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt of the Bethlehem Police Department will speak at the Jan. 29 meeting of the Albany County Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York. The group will meet at 8 p.m. in the Blanchard Legion Post Rooms, Delmar. Sgt. Vanderbilt will discuss the town's DWI enforcement program.

On Saturday, Jan. 26, members of the group are invited to attend a leadership seminar and a hospital worker's orientation course at the Turf Inn, beginning at 9 a.m.

TV reading times

The Bethlehem Channel's program of readings for the visually impaired will be heard only at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 23.

The program now includes Norman Cohen, psycho-therapist and social worker, reading his weekly Spotlight column "Family Matters"; Robyn Reeves reading "Highlights From The Spotlight"; Carol Schlageter reading excerpts from *Newsweek*; Coleen Cain reading *Ironweed* by William Kennedy; and Mickey Lynn reading from Allison Bennett's recent book, *Times Remembered*.

As the program expands, a new schedule will be announced. There is still a need for volunteers in this area. Call the studio, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The number is 439-8111.

Get back in shape

The Fitness Studio, 299 Hamilton St., Albany will offer a new exercise class, entitled "Mommy and Me," for mothers and their newborn infants, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 31, and Friday, Feb. 1. For a complimentary class call 462-4206.

Hendrick to speak

J. Robert Hendrick, Bethlehem Councilman and town supervisor-designate, will speak about the operation of town governments at the Jan. 28 meeting of the Albany Country Conservative Club. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the campus room of the Thruway House, 1375 Washington Ave., Albany.

Veterans tax break

Veterans who served during wartime can claim tax exemptions under a new law that becomes effective March 31. Forms for filing are now available at the Assessor's office, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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Home-grown ice is for stars and starters

The Town of Bethlehem doesn't have a Zamboni machine, but it does have some of the best ice skating around, right at the Elm Avenue Park in Delmar. There are two rinks at the park — a one-acre area for recreational skating and a regulation-size hockey rink for more serious skaters. Both are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., ice permitting. There is also a warming area in the pool's complex building.

The rinks are ready for skating on "green flag" days and skaters are asked to keep off the ice on "red flag" days. The skating flags are visible from Elm Avenue, just in front of the pool complex building. Also, ice conditions can be determined by calling the park office, at 439-4131, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Jim Reagan, maintenance foreman at the park, is responsible for both rinks, and over the years he has developed his own science for ice-making.

Ice-making for the recreational rink begins in September, when a valve is shut at one end of the grassy depression between the park's amphitheater and softball fields. Water begins collecting in that area. About one million gallons of water are needed for the recreational ice rink and, if the amount has not collected by the first cold snap, town water is added. By the time of the first freeze, this pond is about four to five feet deep at its deepest point.

Mother Nature provides the cold to turn the water into ice and this season, she got a late start. According to Reagan, there is usually ice for skating by mid-December; this year, the recreational rink wasn't open until Jan. 12.

The ice must be at least five inches thick, so it will be able to support the 500 or more skaters who will come to skate on a busy day. Usually it takes three to four days of 10-degree weather to freeze the large rink.

Ice-making for the hockey rink, which is located atop the basketball courts, requires more than just cold weather and water. Because the courts are painted dark green, they must be covered with snow so that the sun's heat cannot be absorbed to melt the ice.

Reagan estimated that a snowfall of eight to nine inches is needed to form the hockey rink. First, some of the snow is packed down to form a white base. Additional snow is packed around the edge of the rink and sprayed with water, to freeze into a bowl. Then more water is pumped into the frozen bowl to form the hockey rink.

Once the ice rinks are formed, daily maintenance is required to keep the surfaces in prime condition. A sweeper is used on each rink daily, to smooth the surface and to fill the gouges and skate marks left by skaters. Surface irregularities are also smoothed out



The Lyman family of Delmar enjoys an afternoon of ice skating at the Elm Ave. Park. Tom Howes

by spraying with water. When large, deep cracks develop, due to wide variations between night and day-time temperatures, these cracks are filled with snow and ice scrappings, then sprayed.

Snowfalls can be ruinous to the skating surface. Snow — a great insulator — can damage a skating surface in a short time. This is because the temperature where the ice meets the snow is usually just at freezing — or a fraction above that level. The ice surface melts and gets pitted, unless the snow is removed shortly after it falls. Thus, the red flag will be flying after a snowfall, at least until Reagan's crews can clear the ice of snow.

Once the skating season has begun, an ice guard is on duty at the park rinks from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on both red-and-green flag days. Additional ice guards are assigned to police the skating area on weekends and on other heavy attendance days.

Skaters who plan to enjoy the ice at the Elm Avenue Park are asked to follow these safety tips:

- Obey the flags — don't skate if the red flag is flying. The red flag means that the ice is unsafe or that skating on it will damage the surface.
- Ice skates only! Sleds, chairs and other "vehicles" don't belong on an ice skating rink. Also prohibited: snowmobiles, cross-country skis and bicycles.
- Watch out for deep cracks! Skate blades can get caught in these cracks and the result may be a nasty fall. Be aware of where the cracks are and avoid them.

BC gets an education

Three Bethlehem Central administrators were back in class themselves recently at a week-long management training seminar offered by IBM Corp. David Murphy, principal of Slingerlands Elementary School, Joseph Schaefer, principal at Hamagrael, and Dorothy Whitney, Elsmere principal, were among 24 administrators from around the country invited by IBM to participate in its Education Executive Program. All seminar costs, including lodging and meals at the Harrison Conference Center in Southbury Conn., were paid for by IBM.

Schaefer said the instruction was the same as that given to executives at IBM. "Managers are managers, whether in industry or education," he said. The instruction is based on the premise that the manager (in this case, the principal) is a key person in an organization as far as reaching its goals is concerned, he said. Schaefer described the program as "very valuable, very meaningful," and he also praised the IBM executives involved in training as committed to the goals and philosophy of the company and also as supportive of each other.

For the Bethlehem group, classes began at 8 a.m. and continued into the evening. They included simulations and exercises related to motivation, communication, planning one-on-one personnel management and situational leadership. Whitney said the program motivated her to have "the courage of my convictions." She said her enthusiasm following the program was such that she went into work on Sunday after returning from Connecticut.

Middle School Principal Frederick Burdick is scheduled to attend the seminar this month and Lawrence A. Zinn, district superintendent, will participate in the IBM program this summer.

Hats off to Glenmont

Hats are great for many things: they can identify what our occupation is, protect us from the sun, rain and cold, and give us dignity, beauty, style — even personality. Glenmont Elementary School teacher Peter Rawitsch was instrumental in having the third

Friday in January set aside to honor the rich history and diversity of hats.

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, two first grade classes from Glenmont Elementary School had an opportunity to view an exhibit of hats at the State Museum.

As a result of interest generated

by Rawitsch, students read hat stories and learned about different types of hats, such as beanies, fedoras, hard hats, helmets, night-caps, ten-gallon hats, stetsons, tam-o'-shanters, turbans and more. The students took time to investigate hat expressions, such as "pass the hat," "I'll eat my hat,"

"Hats off to . . ." "mad as a hatter," "at the drop of a hat," "he's talking through his hat," and more.

The students also learned how hats are made from different materials.

Women's club meets

Ronald W. McLean of the Albany College of Pharmacy will speak about "Nature's Gift to Medicine" at the Feb. 6 meeting of the Bethlehem Women's Club. The group members will gather at the Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W.

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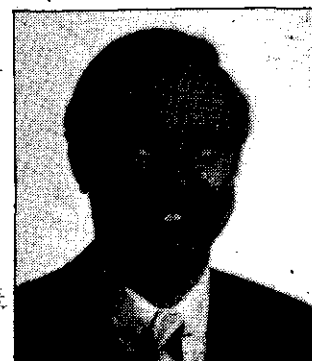
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'Buckle up' has double standard

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seatbelts is an irony that disturbs some parents. Susan Belemjian, a Glenmont mother who organized a bus safety committee when her son was involved in a school bus accident last year, says it's a confusing double standard to teach children to buckle up in the family car, yet simultaneously exclude that routine on school buses.

Bethlehem Central Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn is opposed to seatbelts on school buses

attention on the issue of belting students in transit, two factors appear responsible — the New York State seat belt mandate and the growing numbers of young children who are always buckled up when in automobiles. The controversial seat belt law seems to be raising the safety consciousness of many motorists. And the school systems are now receiving a generation of youngsters for whom being restrained in a vehicle is as natural an experience as

buses, expressed concern about lawsuits that would stem from a situation where belts were mandated and an accident occurred in which children had not used them. This fear has been addressed in a bill on the agenda in this session of the State Legislature. According to Mitchell Pally, counsel to State Sen. Norman Levy of Nassau County, who is the sponsor of a mandatory seat belt on school buses bill, under the bill local districts would be specifically

fleet includes 28 large buses. These buses have come on line between 1967 and 1983 and average a 12-year life cycle, or less where possible. Proponents of a law that would mandate seat belts on school buses, such as the New York State PTA, take the position that retrofitting belts on existing buses is too expensive. They argue, instead, for outfitting new buses with belts. If the inclusion of seat belts on newly purchased buses began in 1985, Tanner's figures show that in seven to eight years all the school buses in the district would have seat belts.

Belemjian's efforts to get seat belts on Bethlehem Central school buses were stymied last year when she discovered that state aid for transportation was linked to the bus operating at full capacity. The state Department of Education

aid. However, according to Pally, Sen. Levy's counsel, there are two districts in Westchester County that have opted for seat belts and have received aid. The districts are able to buckle three younger children in each seat. The bill's authors, Pally added, will attempt to resolve the space problem for older students. He suggested that not linking state aid to full bus capacity would be one way to encourage local school districts to belt their riders without risking a loss of funding.

BC budget presented

(From Page 1)

\$1,000 in New Scotland, but which dropped in August to \$8.16 and \$12.83, respectively, when it was learned that the increase in the total assessed valuation in the district was about double the amount forecast by town officials in the spring, during the school district's budget-making. This year the district is figuring on an increase in the total assessed valuation of 2.7 percent, which is worth about \$300,000 in tax revenue.

In other business last Wednesday, the board:

- Adopted an investment policy after the volunteer committee of investment professionals that drafted the document had responded to questions raised by board member Bernard Harvith.

- Approved the use of absentee ballots in future voting for board members and on budget plans.

- Granted 6½ percent raises to assistant superintendents J. Briggs McAndrews and Franz Zwicklebauer for 1984-85. The board delayed action on a pay raise for

Zinn at his request.

- Learned that members of the board of the Elsmere School-Community Organization and other interested citizens had signed a notice alerting the town to the hazard that sidewalks blocked by snow present to children walking to and from school. Patti Thorpe of Elsmere, who asked the board members as individuals to add their signatures, said the notice was intended to prompt the town to keep the sidewalks on streets leading to Elsmere Elementary School free of snow.

Conciliates BC talks

John Looney, a staff person at the state Public Employment Relations Board, has been appointed a conciliator in the contract talks between the Bethlehem Central United Employees Association and the school district, according to Rex Trobridge of the National Education Association — New York, who is assisting the union at the bargaining table.

The BCUEA, which represents about 180 non-instructional employees of the district, does not accept in its entirety a fact-finder's report issued late in December, Trobridge said. Fact-finder Norman Brand's report dealt with 11 issues still unresolved in the negotiations, including pay increases and a proposed agency fee. Brand backed the district's offer of pay increases of 6½ percent in the first year and 6 percent in each of the next two years of proposed three-year pact, and sided with the BCUEA in endorsing imposition of an agency fee.

The previous contract between the district and its noninstructional employees expired at the end of June.



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Board nixes kennel plan and restaurant drive-up

By Theresa Bobear

Two controversial variances, for a drive-through window at the McDonald's restaurant on Delaware Ave. and for a dog kennel at 1691 Delaware Ave., were officially denied by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals at its meeting last week.

Both actions had been expected since the board members had indicated at a previous meeting that they felt that neither application met the tests required for approval.

With board member Thomas Scherer abstaining, the board agreed to deny Dan and Andrea Formica's request for a variance to permit a drive-up window at their McDonald's restaurant, 132 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The board concluded that the Formicas did not clearly demonstrate a hardship and acquired the property with a full knowledge of the allowed uses in a commercial zone. The motion approved further stated that the window could aggravate the access problem on

the currently congested area of Delaware Ave.

The board voted three to one, with board member Kathleen Becker opposing and Scherer abstaining, to allow six existing McDonald's spaces partially in a residential zone.

The board unanimously denied Donna Lee's request for a special exception to permit a dog kennel at 1691 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The board decided that keeping up to seven dogs, even in a clean and responsible manner, would be detrimental to adjacent property development and would impair the value of the property.

In another matter, board members were presented with an unusual test of the town's zoning ordinance in a request by Norman and Kathryn Mokhiber for variance to permit construction of a duplex in a AA-Residential zone at 54 Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont.

In a brief review of the application, Building Inspector John Flanigan said the parcel in question was zoned A-Residential when purchased by the Mokhibers in 1980. Duplexes were allowed uses in A-Residential zones at that time. Flanigan said the zoning in the area was changed to AA-Residential in 1981; in addition, duplexes were removed from as permitted uses A-Residential zones in 1984.

Mokhiber said he invested in the parcel in 1980 with plans to build a duplex as allowed in an A-Residential zone. Mokhiber's parcel is located in an area with many existing duplexes.

The board also held a hearing to consider an application from William R. Swift Builders, Inc. for a variance to permit an existing

chimney at 37 Daniel St., Slingerlands.

Jonathan Bartow, purchaser of the house, asked the board to allow the \$3,000 masonry fireplace to remain intact. Bartow described the house as "something we've looked forward to all our lives."

His neighbor, Wei Jane Huang, asked the board to enforce the zoning ordinance and deny the variance. Huang said she would not consider selling 1.67 feet of her side yard to Bartow.

In other business, the board:

- Scheduled a public hearing for Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. to consider Frank Maiorana's application for a variance to permit additional parking at Private Benney's, a tavern at 1360 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.

- Scheduled a public hearing for Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. to consider Richard and Deborah Strawbridge's request for a variance to permit construction of a two-family dwelling in an A-Residential zone at 461 Monroe Ave., North Bethlehem. The property was purchased before duplexes were removed from A-Residential areas.

- Scheduled a public hearing for Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. to consider Jarold J. Berben, Jr.'s request for a variance to permit construction of a two-family residence in an A-Residential zone on Beacon Rd. in Glenmont. Berben also purchased his property prior to amendment of the town zoning ordinance.

- Voted to return an application for a variance to permit the construction of duplexes in the A-Residential portion of Dime Savings Bank's Delwood Acres subdivision on Rockefeller Rd. The board will schedule public

hearings after receiving an application for each duplex proposed.

- Received a letter from Thomas W. Jeram, attorney representing ABCO Builders, Inc., requesting the modification of a previously approved special exception to allow garages to be constructed with the 15 four-unit buildings proposed for a section of the Woodhill subdivision at Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont.

Cheese distribution

On Friday, Jan. 25, government surplus cheese and butter will be distributed to Albany County residents who are eligible for public assistance, supplemental security income, home energy assistance or unemployment benefits.

Distribution points will include: St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, beginning at 10 a.m.; Bethlehem Food Pantry, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Jan. 26 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. cheese and butter will be distributed at the Ravena Bible Training Center, 10 Edna Ave., Ravena.

Recipients will be required to prove their eligibility. For information call 447-7000 or 439-4955.

New cable show starts

The Bethlehem Channel will premiere the first program in its long-awaited Bethlehem Heritage series on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The series, being done in cooperation with the Bethlehem Historical Association, will focus on historic homes in the area. The first program in the series will be a tour of Bonnie Castle, the summer home built by Dr. William Haile in 1891 at Van Wies Point. The program, entitled "Steamboat Castle," will feature William Tinney, who owned the house until 1983.

Lois Dillon, chairman of the board of trustees of the Historical Association, is the production coordinator for the series and is hostess for the first program. Dr. Alice P. Kenney, author and historian, is writing the scripts for the series and has created the title for the programs. Mrs. Dillon is editing the programs with the help of the production staff at the Bethlehem Channel.

This program can also be seen on Friday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 16.



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The dogs Donna Lee houses on her Delaware Ave. property may be bone of contention with Bethlehem zoning officials, but they're doing well at area dog shows. Cherish, this one-year-old Saint Bernard, was Best of Breed at the American Kennel Club dog show sponsored by the Glens Falls Kennel Club in Saratoga last week. Cherish was also named Winners and Best of Opposite at the Albany Kennel Club show held in October. She now has nine points toward her championship.

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RCS musicians cut a record

A group of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School students and their music instructors have just launched a very special project. The RCS Junior High Jazz Band and Select Chorus are cutting a record. Using two original compositions, "Studio time," written by Scott Andrews, RCS junior high band director, and "Let's Talk It Over," composed by Kenneth Tyrrell, director of the chorus and Select Chorus, the recording is being done at the 16-track Saints and Sound Studio at The College of Saint Rose.

The first recording session, Jan. 18, featured the jazz ensemble recording of "Studio Time." Under the direction of Andrews, the jazz ensemble consists of David Cary, Edward Kuhn and Kevin Schiffman, all alto saxophone; Brian Dragon, Mirinda Staats and Frank Maiorana, tenor sax; William Cornell, baritone sax; Jason Tucker, Robert Newkirk and Dan McMullen, trombones; George Decker, baritone; Darrin Hall, tuba; Larry Sandgren, Chris Drevojan, Mark Spoor, Phillip Nicewonger, Joseph Croscup and Scott Fourman, trumpets; William Craft, bass guitar; Chad Hotaling and Anthony Cary, drums and other percussion.

The Select Chorus, under the direction of Tyrrell, is scheduled to record "Let's Talk It Over" on Jan. 25. Members of the group are: Kristi Jeune, Melissa Shea and Jenny Stevens, sopranos; Jodi Cary, Lisa Foronda and Jennifer Stooks, altos; William Craft and Marty Zaloga, baritones. After completion of the recording sessions, the tapes will be sent to a record processing plant in Ohio and should be available for distribution some time in March.

Prison chaplain to speak

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem's Fourth Sunday Program will be held Sunday evening, Jan. 27. The program will begin at 5 p.m. with a covered-dish supper. Guest speaker for the evening will be the Rev. Richard Pruiksma, chaplain at Coxsack State

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Prison. Rev. Pruiksma will speak on the topic of prison ministry.

Two teens saluted

Victor J. Carrk, principal at the RCS Senior High, has announced the names of the Teenagers of the Month for December. The teenager recognition program is sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Nominees are suggested by faculty, staff and students, are selected by the principal's Advisory Committee.

Teenager of the Month for December is Kenneth Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warner of Selkirk. Ken has a smile and a kind word for everyone. He rarely misses school, and is an inspiration to all.

Jacquelin Mulligan has been named Teenager Girl of the Month for December. Jackie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mulligan of Ravena. She is an avid sportsperson, having been active in varsity basketball, varsity softball and varsity and junior soccer. She was named to the first team of the Colonial all-star basketball and soccer teams. Jackie is an honor student who enjoys swimming, skateboarding and stamp collecting.

Trophies for hoop shooters

A basketball hoop shoot, sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks of Selkirk, was held Jan. 5 at the Glenmont Job Corps Center. Congratulations to the winners for their shooting skills. In the 10- and 11-year-old division they are: 1st place, William Karins of Delmar; 2nd place, Brian Sutton of Coeymans Hollow, and 3rd place, Dave Leonard of Hannacroix. Among 12- and 13-year-

olds, Jamie Mizener of Glenmont took first place and Garry Hammond of Glenmont took second place. Winners will be guests of the Elks at the Bethlehem Lodge where they will be presented with certificates and trophies.

Little League signup time

Girls! Boys! The Hudson Valley Little League is looking for new members for the 1985 season. If you live within the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District and would like to be part of a team, you can register Saturday, Jan. 26. Girls must be between the ages of 6 and 15 for softball, and boys must be 6 to 12 years of age for baseball. Anyone signing up for the first time must be accompanied by a parent and must present a birth certificate. Registrations will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Hall, Russell Ave. in Ravena, and at Selkirk Firehouse No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk.

Dances in Nutcracker

Denice Michaniw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Michaniw of Maple Ave., Selkirk, danced Thursday at the Saratoga City Center and at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady in the holiday production of the "Nutcracker" by the Berkshire Ballet Co.

Denice has been dancing since she was five years old and is presently dancing with Barbara Gallager of New Salem. She hopes to make dancing her career.

Dogs attack livestock

A Bethlehem police officer was called to Beaver Dam Rd. in Selkirk Wednesday morning when two dogs attacked sheep and goats being kept there, according to police reports. The dogs, one of which had tags, were dispatched, as were several injured livestock, the report said.

Land offered RCS district

In a letter to the RCS School District, Atlantic Cement has offered to donate lands adjacent to RCS Junior High School to the district if voters approve a special proposition for construction of a solar heating facility on the site. District Architect Benjamin Mendel will distribute information about the \$500,000 project prior to the spring election.

During their recent meeting, the board:

- Announced that the education committee will meet again on Jan. 31 at 3:30 p.m. in the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

- Voted against moving a bus stop off Rt. 9W to Miller Ave. The board recommended that the children stand 20 feet away from the intersection.

- Approved the formation of a high school pep squad to support the cheerleaders at home games. "It's going to be just a home game activity," said Victor J. Carrk, principal of RCS Senior High School.

DWI count filed

A Glenmont man faces a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated after he was stopped about 1:30 a.m. Thursday on Normanskill Blvd. in Delmar, according to Bethlehem police reports. He also was charged with criminal possession of marijuana.



Lisa L. Evans

Named manager

A Selkirk resident, Lisa L. Evans, has been appointed branch manager of the Albany and Troy offices of Medical Personnel Pool. Evans will attend a two-week training program at Medical Personnel's corporate offices in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A graduate of Vermont College and State University at Albany, Evans served as resource development director and director of volunteers for the Albany chapter of the American Red Cross.

Performs in church

Soprano Kathy Keenan of South Bethlehem will perform during children's services held every Sunday at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany.

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Track plan to get airing, then vote

By Charles Casey

Voorheesville School District taxpayers will have a chance to vote on the track project at a referendum slated for March 6.

At its meeting Jan. 14, the Voorheesville School Board also scheduled a public hearing on the track proposal for Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Superintendent Werner Berglas said that in the next several weeks the school will advertise in area newspapers and send informational brochures to district taxpayers.

The total cost is now estimated at \$393,500. The track will be eligible to receive state aid for half the cost if the project is coupled with capital improvement of the high school building — re-insulation of the boiler rooms and the installation of acoustic ceiling tiles in the cafeteria.

But the board made it clear that without the anticipated assistance, the project will be dead. "Quite frankly," said board member David Teuten. "I don't want to go ahead with it if we don't get half aid." Berglas said that the district won't apply for state aid until after a referendum passes.

Another board member, Peter Ten Eyck, said he does not favor the track even if state aid arrives, but is in favor of proceeding with the referendum so that the district taxpayers can decide for themselves.

According to architect Les Bender, the accommodation of the proposed track will require the

relocation of several athletic fields and the removal of a birch grove behind the school. Board member Steven Schreiber voiced his concern over the impact of removing the trees. Bender replied that aesthetics are not considered in an environmental impact study.

In other action at the school board's Jan. 14 session:

- Dorothy Seagle was appointed permanent substitute for the vacancy in the high school social studies department created by Charles Abba's resignation. Vincenza Scannapieco was appointed food service helper.

- Foreign languages teacher Karen Griffin was appointed to tenure.

- Business Manager Roger Lewis announced a program designed to lengthen the life of the school bus fleet. Older buses will be used as much as possible and newer buses will have alternating route assignments so that mileage and wear are evenly distributed among the vehicles.

- The board approved a recommendation to add one teacher to the high school for the remainder of the school year. The position will be filled as soon as possible.

Aid for hard of hearing

Hearing Endeavor for the Albany region (HEAR), a self-help group for the hearing impaired, will meet at the Hearing Rehabilitation Center, Albany Medical Center Hospital, on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. The group will meet every fourth Thursday.

Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Learning for everybody

Got cabin fever? The continuing education committee of the Voorheesville Central School District has a cure — get out of the house and learn something interesting. And helpful, they have provided a wide list of educational and entertaining programs in the spring line-up. Included is everything from a smokers clinic to college entrance exam prep courses. For the do-it-yourself buffs there's furniture refinishing, stained glass and landscaping and gardening. Sportsmen and sportswomen may be interested in signing up for scuba diving, basic snorkeling, recreational swimming or men's basketball. Candymaking, cake decorating and a variety of quilting courses are offered for those interested in the home arts, and computer and word processing classes are offered for those who want to familiarize themselves with modern electronics.

Courses in first aid, CPR, defensive driving and drug and alcohol education are also offered.

Registration nights are Monday, Feb. 4, and Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the main foyer of the high school, with mail registration being accepted from

Feb. 4 through Feb. 9. Registration fees are payable at the time of registration. Those interested in obtaining more information or a brochure may call the high school at 765-3314 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays.

Southbound in concert

The Voorheesville PTSA has also come up with a way to warm one of those winter nights and invites the community to "come on down" and listen to the hottest band in town — Southbound — when the local country-western quintet performs in two benefit concerts. On Friday, Feb. 15, the high school will be the site of a pair of concerts at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to help raise money for the many worthwhile projects sponsored by the PTSA.

Tickets for either show cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and are limited, so fans and friends of PTSA and Southbound are urged to purchase early. At present tickets may be reserved by calling Joann St. Denis at 765-4748. Tickets will also be on sale at the high school and around town at a later date.

Cocoa on the ice

Cub Scouts of Pack 73 and their

families had good skating, not good deeds in mind when they took to the ice last week at the town park. By the end of the afternoon, though the two thoughts had intertwined and the big-hearted cubs and their parents provided cookies and cocoa for all the frosty skaters at the park that afternoon.

Thursday night the cubs proved they were not only fast on the ice but on the track as well when the boys took part in the pack's pinewood derby. When the smoke had cleared winners were: Ben Bradley, fastest car; Michael McDermott, best looking car, and Shawn Doyle, best craftsmanship.

Deadeye shooters

Congratulations also goes to five area hoopsters, including two brother and sister duos, who copped two honors in the recent Elks club hoop shoot sponsored by the New Scotland B.P.O.E. Lodge 2611. The Rockmore brothers, Todd (boys 10-11) and Brad (boys 8-9), walked away with the top level awards while the Langford girls, Courtney (girls 10-11) and Darcy (girls 8-9) took top honors also. David Mistretta won the top spot in the boys 12-13 level. All five now advance to the district competition.

Last year Courtney Langford advanced all the way to regional finals held in Pennsylvania.

Commencement group working

The school district is issuing a last call for those parents of seniors at Clayton A. Bouton who wish to be on the Commencement Advisory Committee. The group which is composed of students, teachers, parents, board members and administrators will review the graduation program and suggest possible changes for this year's commencement.

Last year the committee made a major change by introducing the processional, which included teachers, board members and administrators, many of whom wore their college colors on their academic robes.

The first meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. in the high school library.

Those interested in joining may call the high school at 765-3314.

Honor student

The name of Patrick Lentlie, a 10th grade student at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, was unintentionally omitted from the list of Voorheesville honor students that appeared in the Dec. 26 issue of *The Spotlight*.



At Thursday night's pinewood derby Ben Bradley, left, Michael McDermott, center, and Shawn Doyle of Voorheesville Cub Scout Pack 73 show off their winning cars.

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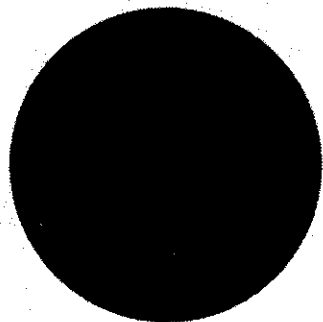
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For my family there is something of tradition surrounding the end of the season of joy in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus. On the day of Epiphany, we remove the decorations from our tree and carefully, lovingly pack them away for another year. As with the act of decorating the tree, we spend a great deal of time remembering how each ornament became a part of our Christmas celebration. We reminisce about the people who have shared themselves with us over the years and about the places where we have been during each holiday season.

Gradually the house is restored to its normal state, but it has been changed, as have we, by one or more seasons of rejoicing. This holiday, like those in the past, will become a part of our yearly tradition, a part of our shared experience. From year to year, our memories grow, expanded by the ever-widening circle of life's richness and love.

To some, I suppose, the end of a holiday is a kind of letdown, an anticlimax. After so much gaiety and merriment, it is sometimes sad and often disheartening to have to return to normal, especially when one's normal life is filled with uncertainty and disease. At least the holidays provided a diversion, if only temporary.

Yet I believe that the message of Christ's birth is deeper and more meaningful than the shallow jubilation of a momentary celebration. The underlying truth is that God does not give up on human life, that God's gracious love is ever-present, that God is with us — not just for now, but forever.

So God gives us more than merriment, more than gaiety, more than a temporary diversion from the mundane routine of ordinary life. Instead, in the gift of Christ, God has given us joy — a deep, pervasive, life-giving joy. This gift of joy is imperishable, unfading, everlasting, ever-green. The deep, abiding joy which we have received comes from the knowledge that even in those all-too-normal days of our earthly existence, God is right there with us.

More than that, even in our darkness and uncertainty, we know that God is there as well. For me, faith is the sense that we need never be alone, that we need never be dependent on our strength alone in order to survive and find fullness. God's love is

with us and goes with us into all of the everyday routines of our lives.

When Christians celebrate the Incarnation, they are celebrating a truth that is not merely seasonal. Rather, they are celebrating an ongoing reality of the nature of God, a God who actively participates in human history. Ours is a God who gets involved in the life of the world, but most especially in the lives of those who live by faith in God and trust in the promised presence of God. As I live each day, I know, because of the birth of Christ, that God is there beside me. Anyone who dares believe in God's promises can know that too.

So, this afternoon we put away all of the decorations; we took down the tree and removed it from the house, we swept up all (or most) of the needles it had left behind, we listened one last time to some of our favorite Christmas music, we shifted from the high jubilation of the holiday season to everyday. Yet we did not, and we do not, stop rejoicing; for we know a God whose love does not stop. Neither does the joy that that knowledge gives to us.

The light has broken through the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome it. We can stand and live in that light, for it is God's gracious gift to us, now and always.

Report from Nicaragua

Having recently visited Nicaragua, Gus Cadieux will talk about the role of the United States in Nicaragua at the Feb. 4 meeting of Mothers Time Out. The Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers meets every Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. New members are welcome. Child care is provided. For information call Mary Ann Wierks at 439-9929.

Stress gains status: It's a major illness!

• Joe pulls into the plant parking lot at 7 a.m. and yawns deeply as he grabs his lunch bucket. He didn't sleep well last night because his stomach was acting up. He wondered how he was going to make it through the entire day on a cream cheese sandwich and yogurt. Yet he didn't want to lose another three weeks of work and have to go back into the hospital with another perforated ulcer. "Besides," he thought, "I got enough pressure on me with these younger guys on the crew eyeing my job. I gotta stay here and stay tough. They gotta know who's boss. Can't let them see me down."

• Upstairs on the third floor of the administrative office building, Jack, the assistant sales manager, has been working since 5 a.m. finalizing his quarterly sales report. The divisional group meeting was scheduled for 10 that morning, so he had to have his report ready for typing by 8 a.m. When his secretary arrived, Jack bemoaned the circumstances that were forcing him into last-minute preparations for the important meeting. He had been unable to work the past four days due to severe migraine headaches. Each day he had tried to come in to the office, but the pain drove him back under the bedcovers. "My boss will understand why my report wasn't up to par, but that's not good enough," Jack thought. "I have to put out top performance from my department regardless of circumstances. How am I going to field questions about this quarterly report at the meeting this morning, and I know there will be a lot of questions? I'm just not up to it."

These two examples of stress problems in the workplace are much more common than indicated by statistics which count their frequency. The reason for that is the Joes and Jacks of business and industry typically try to hide their silent sufferings of ulcers, migraines or a myriad of other stress-related disorders — that is, until the symptoms of those disorders manifest themselves in measurable loss of productivity or downtime in the form of tardiness, absenteeism, sick leave, job loss, early retirement or premature death.

Stress has been designated by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta as a major illness. Today more Americans die from degenerative diseases than from communicable diseases, the reverse of what was true up until the turn of the century. Modern technology has either eradicated or contained many of the communicable diseases, drastically decreasing the numbers of fatalities from such illnesses.

However, the very technology that has produced such life-saving tools has also introduced deadly and debilitating effects. These effects are called "stress" and they wear out our body's machinery at an accelerated pace, as if an engine were idling too fast. They strike weak spots in our genetic makeup. They aggravate existing illness. They pattern themselves through subliminal conditioning processes within our central nervous system.

As with nuclear energy, stress can be channeled into highly productive activity, or into negative, destructive conditions. Stress, under control, is a desirable and

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necessary ingredient of nearly every human activity. Without it we would have a limp, dull world unable to spring into action or jump for joy. If we did not stress ourselves to achieve objectives, we would not know the pride of workmanship that has made our world a better place to live in so many ways.

Danger occurs, however, when there is too much of a good thing. With stress, when there is too much of it for too long, we can drain ourselves to the point of unhealthy exhaustion, breakdown of body parts, and even death. Yet, it is critical to understand that the danger doesn't come from states of high level stress so much as it comes from prolonged states of low stress which gradually replace our natural ability to return to a state of physiological rest, the state in which we recharge our batteries, replenish our stores of life-giving supplies, re-balance our biochemical levels, reinforce our immune systems and heal our wounds.

Man has been a remarkably successful species primarily due to his adaptation skills. Yet, it is that very adaptability which fools us into feeling relaxed when, indeed, we are at a low stress level, similar to an engine idling too fast. Like high blood pressure, commonly thought to be a stress-related condition in most cases, we don't know when we have failed to return all the way back to a natural resting state, and so, languish at a low stress state instead. That robs us of the recuperative powers built into our biological makeup. Thus, we grow less able to respond to stress, to fend off illness and to rejuvenate from depletion.

As anyone can be mildly ill or severely ill, so can we be mildly healthy without detectable disease, but just not feeling well, or we can be severely healthy with energy, vitality, and balance between work and play, diet and exercise, stress and relaxation all blended in a cycle of well-being and productive living. Moreover, as one need not be sick to get better, the most effective prevention of illness and downtime is the practice and promotion of health. Part of that practice is knowing how to relax, because then you need have no fear of the stress which is an unavoidable part of our world.

Support group set

The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District, 314 So. Manning Blvd., Albany, is sponsoring an after-school support group for adolescents who have epilepsy. The group will meet from 3 to 3:45 p.m. on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning Jan. 23 at Scotia-Glenville High School, Sacandaga Rd., Scotia.

"The purpose of the support group is to help young people understand the nature of their condition and to assist them in planning for a productive and fulfilling future," said Karyn Connolly, executive director. For information, call 439-8085.

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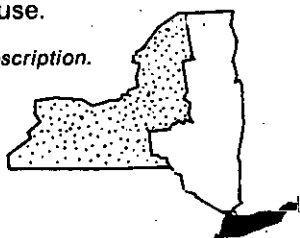
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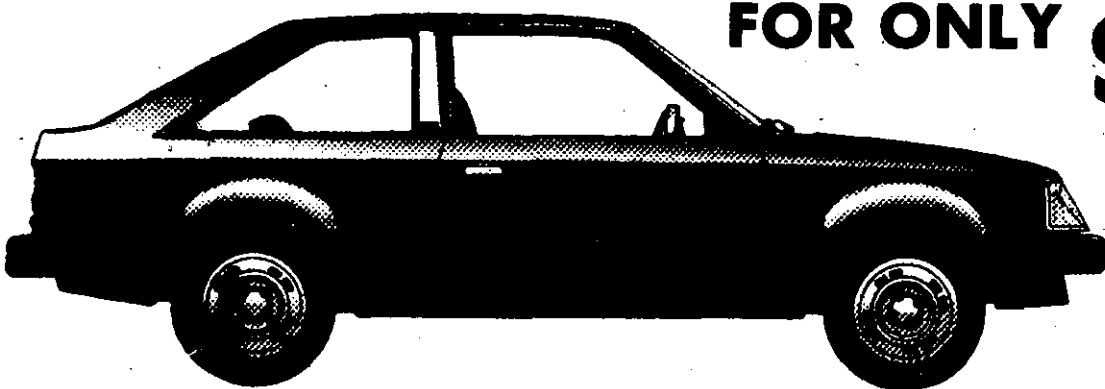
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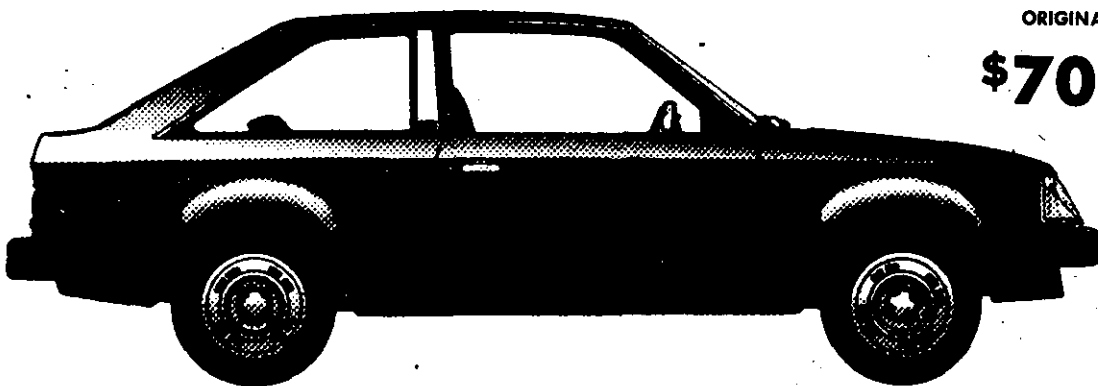
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Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

Bethlehem Landfill, open at 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

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Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m.-noon; Thursday and Friday noon-4 p.m., Saturday 8-noon.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

Project Hope, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

Project Equinox, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, at 8 p.m.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Kay Valentino at 439-9686.

FISH, Tri-Village 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year 'round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. Call 439-2238.

La Leche League of Delmar, meets one Wednesday each month to share breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breastfeeding information, 439-2343.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Conferences, with parents of afternoon kindergarten students in Bethlehem Central School District.

Voorheesville Board of Education, special meeting to present a draft of budget at library, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education, detailed review of draft 1985-86 budget with time for public comment, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Information Session, with admissions representatives from Junior College of Albany, Bethlehem Public Library, 4-6 p.m. Information, 445-1730.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

League of Women Voters, Albany County chapter, town planning consultant Edward Kleinke will discuss "The Past, Present and Future of Bethlehem Town Planning," Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Child care available; information, 439-9686.

Physical Education Night, Slingerlands Elementary School. Information, 439-3650.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.



Ugo Mochi's "History of Transportation," a collection of original cuts from black paper, will be on display at the Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Mass., through March 10.

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, readings for visually impaired, including excerpts from *The Spotlight*, *Newsweek* and William Kennedy's *Ironweed*, noon and 5:30 p.m.; *Conversations*, Norman Cohen, Spotlight columnist and social work psychotherapist, discusses biofeedback, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens meet every Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Just Kids," program focuses on work of Delmar's Early Childhood Education Center, 6:30 p.m. *Real George's Back Room*, 7:30 p.m.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATRE

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Capital Repertory Company, The Market Theatre, through Jan. 27, (Tues.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat. 4:30 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.). Tickets 462-4531.

"Cole," based on words and music of Cole Porter, Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 23-26, (Wed-Sat., 8 p.m.) Tickets, 235-7969.

"Crimes of the Heart," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Jan. 23-27 and Jan. 30 - Feb. 3 (Wed. - Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.). Tickets, 462-1297.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs," by Neil Simon, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

"The Woolgatherer," presented by Skidmore College Theater Dept., Skidmore Theater Lodge, Jan. 28, 29 and 30, 8 p.m. Free. Information, 584-5000, ext. 2347.

MUSIC

Stan Sabik and Friends, jazz band, Lake Shore House, Kinderhook Lake, Jan. 25, 9 p.m. Information, 784-2461.

Jonathan Purvin, concert pianist, Capital District Psychiatric Center Kraft Auditorium, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, 445-3322.

Larry Elgart's Swing Band, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Inuovi Virtuosi di Roma, 12-piece ensemble will perform Vivaldi and Boccherini, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Jan. 30, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6404.

"Traditions of Improvisation," glass harmonica, voice and piano, Julie Kabat and Marilyn Crispell, Arts Department Recital Hall, Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. Free; information, 370-6201.

Trio Ludwig with Lory Wallfisch, piano, Memorial Chapel Union College, Schenectady, Jan. 24, 8 p.m. Tickets, 372-3651.

Organ Concert, with Mary Bon and Neil Keen, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, Jan. 25, noon. Free.

St. Peter's Chamber Singers, perform J.S. Bach's Magnificat in D, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany, Jan. 27, 3:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

DANCE

Jose Limon Dance Company, Main Theater, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Tickets, 457-8606.

The Feld Ballet, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Jan. 25, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

ART

"Three Generations: Immigrants and Their Families in Broome County," west gallery, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Feb. 17.

Saratoga Springs Historical Society Exhibition, Ann Grey Gallery, Casino in Congress Park, Saratoga Springs, through Feb. 23.

"History of Transportation," outline cuts by Ugo Mochi, Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Mass., through Mar. 10.

"Inside El Salvador," black and white photos by 30 artists, College of St. Rose Picotte Gallery, Albany, through Feb. 8.

"Happy Times" (permanent exhibit of 19th century pastimes) Farmers Museum, Cooperstown.

Estell Konotelum Sauter, Learning Resource Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through January.

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- Masterpiece Theatre Sunday, 9 p.m.
- Secretaries of State in Conference — 1985 Monday, 10 p.m.
- Frontline Tuesday, 10 p.m.

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A collection of 50 lithographs by Edna Hibbel will be on display at South Street Framers and Gallery at 231 Delaware Ave., Delmar, through Jan. 26.

Lecture, On Teen Suicide, Karen Wasby, executive director of Samaritans of the Capital District Suicide Prevention Service, will speak at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Recovery Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Cheese Distribution, cheese and butter to be given to persons on public assistance, eligible for supplemental security income, eligible for home energy assistance program or receiving unemployment, proof of eligibility required, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 1 p.m. - until; Bethlehem Food Pantry, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Terry Town Rd., Feura Bush, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Grandparent's Storyhour, stories for children in grades K-2; attendance of grandparents required. Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

German Night Dinner-Dance, American Legion Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-9819.

Bowling, "Adults Only Scotch Doubles," sponsored by First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Del Lanes, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.

Bethlehem Republican Committee, dinner at Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 6:30 p.m.

Cheese and Butter Distribution, proof of eligibility for public assistance required, Ravena Bible Training Center, 10 Edna Ave., Ravena, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 447-7000.

Registration, for Hudson Valley Little League, Selkirk Firehouse No. 1 and Ravena Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration, for Bethlehem Tom Boys softball league, for Bethlehem girls between nine and 21 years, birth certificate required, \$10 to \$15 fee, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary, Albany County Committee, leadership seminar and hospital worker's orientation course, members welcome, Turf Inn, 9 a.m.

Snowshoeing Program, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, introduction for beginners, 10 a.m., "Hoffing It On Snowshoes," outdoor trek led by center naturalists, 2 p.m. Registration, 457-6092.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Pancake Breakfast, Elsmere Elementary School. Information, 439-3650.

Bethlehem Cable College, Bethlehem Bijou, Carol Lillis discusses work of D.W. Griffith, 7 p.m.

Covered Dish Supper, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Registration, for weekly pre-school storyhour, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Coalition for Peace and Survival, meeting with tape program about Russian society entitled "On the Other Side," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4656.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Delmar Kiwanis, meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

Tax Program, Ted Sobieski, financial consultant with Shearson Lehman/American Express, will highlight benefits and types of tax free investments, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free; information, 439-9314.

Mother's Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers will view *Killing Me Softly*, film about unflattering image of women created in media, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Club of Capital District will meet at the home of Mrs. Barbara Woodruff, Delmar, for dinner and lecture about "Life in India" by Peg Houli. Reservations, 459-2570.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

Seminar, Gordon D'Angelo of H&R Block will discuss 1984 tax law and tax strategies, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

Conferences, with parents of morning kindergarten students in Bethlehem Central School District. Information 439-3650.

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary, Albany County Committee, with Bethlehem Police Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt speaking about D.W.I. and traffic safety, meeting at Blanchard Legion Post Rooms, Delmar, 8 p.m.



Voorheesville resident Bill Spence will perform, along with Walt Michael and Toby Stover, at the benefit Concert for the 1985 Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance this Saturday.

Energy Assistance Form Aid, for Heating Energy Assistance Program, offered by Harold Maher of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Town Hall, Tuesdays, by appointment, 1-4 p.m.; Thursdays on walk-in basis, 1-4 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Workshop, "Teaching Outdoors in Winter," for teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:15 p.m. Free; registration, 457-6092.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget work session on district operations and maintenance, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Slingerlands Homeowners Association, Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, will discuss future developments of by-pass in Bethlehem, meeting in board room of Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

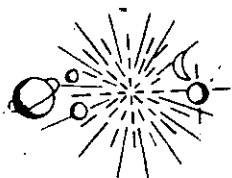
Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, coffee for newcomers and new mothers at home of Marie Brown, 33 Sheffield Dr., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9679.

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Voorheesville Community Nursery School, information meeting, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, readings for visually impaired, including fourth excerpt from William Kennedy's *Ironweed*, noon and 5:30 p.m.; *Conversations*, Kathy Cohen, teacher with Early Childhood Education Center, discusses her son Michael, who was labeled autistic as an infant, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Lecture, "Teenagers From a Teacher's Point of View," presented by teachers at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Pre-school Films, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Elmwood Park Fire Commissioners, meets first Fridays at North Bethlehem Firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Free Legal Clinic, for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Voorheesville Board of Education, special meeting for budget discussion, district office, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Registration, Voorheesville continuing education, main foyer, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

Bethlehem Cable College, "The Art of Watercolor," Bill Byron of Bethlehem Art Assoc. will demonstrate and discuss techniques of watercolor painting, 7 p.m.

Mother's Time Out, guest speaker Gus Cadieux will discuss role of U.S. in Nicaragua, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers meets at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10-11:30 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Delmar Progress Club, legislative forum will meet at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.

Elsmere School Community Organization, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Workshop, "How to Choose a Pet," with Jane Adsit, veterinarian, entire family welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Medicare Form Aid, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointment required, 439-2160.

Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Bethlehem Sportmen's Club, first Tuesdays, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

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Registration, Voorheesville continuing education, main foyer, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m.

Onesquethaw Chapter Order of Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Bethlehem Board of Education, challenge committee report, following 8 p.m. board meeting, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, guest speaker, Ronald W. McLean of Albany College of Pharmacy, will consider "Nature's Gift to Medicine," dinner meeting at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

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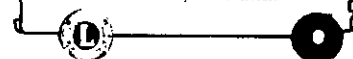


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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

- Jan. 27 Sunday shopping trip, call 439-5770, between 9 and 11 a.m.
- Jan. 28 Bowling for senior women, Del Lanes, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 31 Senior Citizens Organizational meeting, town hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 1 Legal Clinic at town hall, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., call for van ride, then appointment, at 439-4955, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays.
- Feb. 6 Dinner at Tool's Restaurant, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., West Shore Dr., Ravena, 2 p.m. Free.

Society for Advancement of Management, with Emil W. Sticht of N.Y. Telephone Co. discussing "Changes in Telecommunications," Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 272-6300.

Psychic Fair, meeting room 5, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Jan. 23-26. Information, 474-4759.

Photographic Exhibit, "A Capital Idea," pictures of State Capitol building, concourse, north lobby, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., through Jan. 31.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help and support group for parents of substance abusers, meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information, 465-2441.

H.E.A.R., Hearing Endeavor for the Albany Region, self-help group for hearing impaired, meets fourth Tuesdays at Hearing Rehabilitation Center, Albany Medical Center, Albany, 7 p.m.

Medicare Volunteer Program, representatives from Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties will answer questions about program, Americana Inn, Colonie. Information, 447-8306.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Registration, for new students, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Information, 445-1715.

Altamont Station Squares, mainstream dance with plus tip called by Al Cappetti, Guilderland Elementary School (Hebrew Academy), Rt. 20, Guilderland, 8-11 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

NYS Arms Collectors Gun Show, convention center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$2 admission, Jan. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Jan. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Workshop, on administration and program planning for non-profit organizations, sponsored by Federation of Historical Services, Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$10 and \$15 registration, 273-3400.

Monopoly Tournament, to benefit Cistic Fibrosis, sign-up sheet available through Jan. 25 at Northway Mall/Off Price Center, 1440 Central Ave., Colonie, \$10 registration.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas



Debby Sample, left, Benita Zahn, center, and Criss Henry will star in Beth Henley's "Crimes of the

Heart" at the Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., from Jan. 23 to 27 and Jan. 30 to Feb. 3.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Open House, Loudonville Christian School, Loudonville Community Church Rt. 9, Loudonville, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Bloodmobile, American Red Cross Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

Kid's Fare, with Paul Strausman, children's musician, Harmanus Bleecker Center, Albany, \$2 and \$3 admission, 2 p.m. Information, 482-2826.

Road Races, Athletic Attic Winter Series, 18.6, 9.3 and 3.1-mile races, start at Physical Education Building, SUNYA, 11 a.m. Registration, 10 a.m.; information, 765-4055.

Concert, by Nachiko Maekane, marimbast, sponsored by Affiliated Artists, Inc., Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Registration, for returning students, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Information, 445-1715.

Epilepsy Assoc. of Capital District, support group for families effected by Epilepsy, Center for Independent Living, 22 Colvin Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 439-8085.

Senior Citizen Walking Program, walking at Moreau Lake State Park, Gansevoort, group meeting at Cunningham's Ski Barn, Victoria Pool Building, Saratoga State Park, 10 a.m. Information, 584-2000, ext. 27.

Albany County Conservative Club, will hear J. Robert Hendrick, Bethlehem Town Supervisor-designate, speak about operation of town governments, campus room of Thruway House, 1375 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

Lecture, "Comets — Encounter with Halley," by Dr. Harold Story of SUNYA, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m.

Film, *Cat Ballou*, with Jane Fonda and Lee Marvin, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Auditions, for Capitol Hill Choral Society, Schuyler Elementary School, North Lake Ave., Albany, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-7022.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Lecture, "The Draftsman as Artist: Canal Cartouches of the 19th Century," by Craig S. Williams, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Information Session, to consider Russell Sage College Experimental Learning Program, campus center, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6-7 p.m.

Symposium, on head injuries, sponsored by NYS Head Injury Assoc., Inc., and New Medico Head Injury System, Albany Medical Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Registration, 235-1410.

Lecture, with slides, "Chinese Export Porcelain," by Charlotte Wilcoxen, research associate at Albany Institute of History and Art, Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, 32 Catherine St., Albany, 1:30 p.m. Free; information, 474-3953.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Open House, prospective students K-12 and parents welcome, Albany Academy for Boys, Academy Rd., Albany, 2 p.m.

BIRTHS



Albany Medical Center

Girl, Ashleigh Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dickson of Slingerlands, Dec. 3.

Boy, Thomas Rob, to Maureen M. and Rob H. Geyer of Delmar, Dec. 11.

Boy, Derek James, to Marianne Shrader and Christopher Buell of Slingerlands, Dec. 12.

Boy, Christopher Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Alberts of Selkirk, Dec. 24.

Girl, Tori Elizabeth, to Patty and David Palmer of Slingerlands, Dec. 24.

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Leslie Melissa, to Amy M. Schneider and J. Michael DiPaolo of Delmar, Nov. 14.

Girl, Elizabeth, to Pamela Horst and Thomas Dennison of Slingerlands, Dec. 9.

Girl, Elizabeth Grace, to Penny and James Healey of Clarksville, Dec. 10.

Boy and girl, Joshua Mittler and Heather Rose, to Theresa and Edward Ciccone of Glenmont, Dec. 14.

Girl, Kelly Anne, to Patricia and David Rider of Selkirk, Dec. 18.

Boy, John Christian, to Lynne M. and Michael L. Thibdeau of Glenmont, Dec. 19.

Girl, Jessica Lee, to Sally Elizabeth and Robert Nelson Hanks of Delmar, Dec. 25.

Boy, Matthew John, to Linda F. and Paul H. Rydberg of Glenmont, Dec. 26.

Girl, Mallory Lynn, to Gail and Stuart Myers of Glenmont, Sept. 13.

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Thespians launch first show

The Village Stage, Inc., a new local theatre group formed after last spring's highly successful Bethlehem Central High School variety show, will present its first production, "The Fantastiks," on March 1 and 1.

The members of the theater group have reunited to "entertain, enrich and educate" and to recapture that spirit of fellowship that is centered around the arts, says president Pat DeCecco.

"A unique spirit of enthusiasm binds our group, the basis of which is a sincere appreciation of each other's talents," she said. "The blending of talent, expertise and quality is, I feel, truly unique."

"At present, we plan to produce one offering a year to the community, most probably a musical," DeCecco said. "As the organization grows and monies are realized, a second production might be considered."

DeCecco said she hopes the organization will grow and be able to offer theater workshops and, possibly, an apprentice program. She would like to see the group participate in community theater conventions.

This year's production is under the direction of Charles Losacco. The cast of "The Fantastiks" features many names familiar to area theatergoers, including Carol Hernandez, Mark Greene, Richard McGrath, Jay Rosenbloom, Donna Squire, Michael Murphy, Thomas Matthews and Christian Burke.

All seating for the March 1 and 2 performances is offered by reservation only. Tickets are available by mail until Feb. 9 with the coupon offered on the calendar page of *The Spotlight*. After Feb. 9 tickets will be sold through Records 'N' Such, Lincoln Hill Bookstore and the Tri-Village Pharmacy.

DECA competes

Members of the Bethlehem Central Distributive Education Clubs of America competed on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Region DECA regional competition held at the State University at Albany. Winners in the regional contests, who are now eligible to represent Bethlehem Central at the state competition level on Feb. 27 through March 1 at the Concord Hotel, include: Cantell Nash in advertising services; Laura Adams and Jackie Riede in apparel and accessories; Kristin Blaber in finance and credit; Scott West in food marketing; Paula Mueller and Sarah Galloway in general marketing; Patrick Tangora in general merchandising; Robert Keens and Lynn Miller in job interview; Michelle Ryan and Laura Piego in public speaking; Mary Di Santo in restaurant marketing; Christine Hofaker in sales demonstration, and Ray Brunk and Scott Dilillo in service station.

Investing tax-free

Ted Sobieski, financial consultant with Shearson Lehman/American Express, Inc., will present a free program about the types of tax-free investments and the benefits of tax-free income on Jan. 28. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library. For information call 439-9314.

Organist brings drama to theater

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previewed the film five times, and prepared notes to himself, to help bring this off.

"But I still had to do a lot of thinking ahead," he said the next day, "and all the film accompaniment I do is basically one long improvisation."

Improvising is one of Mills' musical fortes, and he loves doing it, whether in a theater or during a church service. "There's a lot of drama in worship," he said, "and I often improvise themes to fit a particular scripture reading."

He uses his improvisational talents to encourage a feeling of participation among an audience or congregation, he said. And when people watching a silent film "really get into it," as they did last Saturday, he knows he's succeeded.

"Most children today," he said, "are too accustomed to the passive entertainment offered by the boob tube," so he was particularly glad to see all those youngsters shouting and cheering at the Proctor's program.

Mills was director of music at the Albany Academy for Girls for 17 years before his recent appointment to the Schenectady theater position. But the career move does not really signal a total change from educating to performing, he said. A large part of his mission for Proctor's will be to develop educational programs that offer area schoolchildren opportunities to see and hear the theater's 50-year-old refurbished organ, in all its beauty and range.

He hopes to help reverse the trend he's seen toward a lack of interest among children in learning to play keyboard instruments. "When I first started giving private organ lessons, I had long waiting lists," he said, "but today not many kids are interested."

The Delmar musician has known since he was about eight years old that this was his career calling, and thinks it has to be "an innate passion." But simply exposing more children to the possibility of that "passion" may be the answer, he hopes. That and getting them away from the boob tube.

The preliminary part of the Proctor's program last Saturday was simply Allen Mills at the concert organ, playing medleys of 1920's ballads such as "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Sweet Georgia Brown." The enduring quality of those old tunes, along with Mills' masterful rendition of them on the complicated instrument (requiring the athleticism of coordinating hand and foot movements), provoked enthusiastic applause from all age groups in the audience.

It was an example of his ability to "turn on" an audience to the sheer pleasure of good music expertly interpreted.

A Delmar resident for the past 12 years, Mills has a daughter, Amy, 18, and a son, Jody, 15, so his interest in children's musical appreciation is a personal one, too.

In his spare time, which is infrequent, he enjoys "the usual suburban hobby of work around the house and yard."

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Year just past saw many changes

Residents of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland have seen many changes in the local business scenes during 1984. New businesses came into town, while some established businesses were moved, sold, expanded or dissolved.

While changes may have been most noticeable at Delaware Plaza, other areas witnessed equally significant changes. Some of the business changes during the year are:

• **Delaware Plaza:** Grand Union supermarket chain store moved to the east end of the plaza, into the building once occupied by Denby's; Key Bank moved out of

the plaza to a location on Delaware Ave.; **Laura Taylor Ltd.**, owned by Laura Taylor, opened in late June, offers women's clothing in natural fiber fabrics, shoes, jewelry and accessories; **Chrystal Chandelier**, with Doris Tuite president, features lamps, gifts, mirrors, small furnishings and framed prints, moved to the plaza after eight years in Delmar; **Curtain Country**, a chain with its home office in New York City, opened a store during the summer, offers curtains, accessories, tablecloths, napkins, bath accessories, bedspreads and more; **Fashion Bug**, a chain of more than 400 stores, opened another during the

summer to offer sportswear, evening wear, lingerie, outerwear, handbags and accessories; **Sherry's**, with stores in Albany and Troy, opened a store at the plaza in August, offers women's apparel, including sportswear, dresses, coats and lingerie in junior through half sizes; **Radio Shack**, one of 25 outlets, moved from Delaware Ave. to the plaza, offers items from radios to computers; **Home and City Savings Bank**, new office opened at the plaza.

The plaza parking area was expanded and a number of stores added Sunday shopping hours.

• **Linens by Gail**, opened at the Four Corners in late winter last

year, owned by Carl Trieber of Voorheesville, offers linens for the kitchen, bedroom and bath, window shades, pillows and comforters.

• **Convenient Market**, Slingerlands, burned. Ruins removed from site.

• **Pocono Pools, Inc.**, Voorheesville, Chuck Boomhower of South Bethlehem and David Brownell of Loudonville with Mark Vultaggio, who runs Pocono Pools South in Pennsylvania, bought Carmen Goody Pools, 28 S. Main St., and opened pool supply store in April.

• **General Electric**, Selkirk, began major expansion of plant to manufacture new line of weatherable resins for recreational vehicles and siding.

• **Five A Superette**, Glenmont Rd., one of vanishing breed of family grocery stores, owned by Robert and Esther Atchinson pending sale to Andrew Mayone.

• **Grand Union**, Voorheesville, only large food store in Voorheesville area closed early in January, leaving residents of Voorheesville, New Salem, Altamont and the neighboring "hill towns" without a supermarket nearby.

• **Delmar Athletic Club**, soon to open at 268 Delaware Ave., Lee and Gail Faulkner purchased and remodeled the Delmar Honda building, facility will include aerobic equipment, Nautilus equipment, racquetball courts and sauna.

• **Phillips Hardware**, Delaware Ave., Abbot H. Phillips, who operates four stores in the Capital area, purchased Hilchie's Servistar Hardware from Ann and Alan Hilchie, continues to offer services provided by Hilchie's plus line of Toro equipment.

BUSINESS

• **The Restop**, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, new restaurant opened in autumn.

• **Discount Foam and Comfort Center**, 154B Delaware Ave., opened in November at Delaware Plaza, offers comforters, pillows, foam cushions.

• **Mug and Brush Barber Shop**, 144 Adams St., Delmar, established business moved to new location.

• **Community Health Plan (CHP)**, converting former A&P building on Delaware Ave. to health center, to offer medical services with emphasis on prevention, staffed by physicians, facility will include pharmacy, X-ray equipment and lab collection station.

• **Judy's**, Stonewell Plaza, New Scotland Rd., Judy Picard purchased John's Corner Kitchen from John Conley, offers breakfast and lunch on weekdays and breakfast on weekends with expanded menu.

• **Schultz's Toro Center**, Main St. Voorheesville, Gary Schultz, Voorheesville native, opened shop in October offering line of Toro mowers and snowblowers.

• **Voorheesville Diner**, 39 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, Joyce Domermuth purchased Neal's Diner from Bill Praizner, offers expanded menu during extended hours, including Friday evenings.

• **Speedy Photo**, 222 Delaware Ave., moved from Delaware Plaza.

• **Orlo Hair Salon**, 229 Delaware Ave., Delmar, new branch of established business opened in Delmar during spring.

• **Tri-Village Deli**, 65 Delaware Ave., new business opened early in year.

• **Kirby of Delmar**, 378 Delaware Ave., vacuum cleaner store in new location.

• **Peter Charlay Real Estate**, office opened at Stonewell Plaza, New Scotland Rd.

• **The Coach House**, Joseph Iacobucci and Thomas LaMont purchased Happy's Coach House from Francis McTague, offers expanded menu for dinners and lunches.

Travel agency opens

Fugazy International Travel of Albany has opened a branch office — its first — in the lobby of Key Bank at Delaware Plaza in Delmar. Donna Kellogg is the company's representative at the office, where the hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, 9 to 1 on Saturdays and also 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Fugazy International, owned by Terence E. Devine of Schenectady, offers air, rail and cruise travel services for both commercial and leisure travelers, including groups. The company also provides car rentals and hotel reservations. The main office is at 19 James St. in Albany.

Brokerage firm moves

The Delmar branch office of Baird, Patrick and Co., Inc., a brokerage firm active in securities research, corporate finance and syndicate, municipal bonds, fixed income securities and institutional and retail brokerage, has moved to 155 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The personnel of the Delmar office, including Donald M. Miller of New Scotland and Frank E. Kunker III of Slingerlands, offer a wide range of investment information.



Sales representatives from Picotte Realty USA, from left, Dave Carpenter, Dot Bennett, Carol Carpenter, Sam Capone, Vivan Palmer, June

Lecakes and Jim Hudson, stand by the new sign at 205 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Picotte Real Estate merged with Realty USA last fall. Tom Howes

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Upset-minded Eagles are 'thinking big'

A wrestling team with six freshman starters shouldn't entertain aspirations of upsetting the best team in the area, but if Coach Rick Poplaski's youngsters keep improving, they will have a genuine chance when undefeated Shenendehowa comes to Delmar next Wednesday.

The Eagles surprised a strong Burnt Hills contingent last week, but didn't have enough to get by patient Niskayuna. In between they made short work of Guilderland. That left Bethlehem at 5-2 in the Gold Division of the Suburban Council, with a match at Colonie Thursday and a tournament at Saratoga this weekend.

WRESTLING

Poplaski's kids, inspired by strong performances in tournaments at Fort Plains and Oxford, tore into a favored Burnt Hills team last Wednesday and won by an unexpected 34-20 tally. "It was a nice upset," beamed Poplaski. "We won the first three weight classes, and that really got us rolling. I would have been happy with two out of three, and winning all three was a pleasant surprise."

That inaugural string was touched off by little Vern Thalheimer, who won a decision at 91 pounds, followed by Chris Saba at 98 and Tom Nyilis at 105. One bout later Mike Clarke came through at 119, and Jim Dayter won an important grapple at 126. Jason Conway took the 145-pound match, and when Andy MacDonald, wrestling one notch above his weight class, delivered a pin at 155, the writing was clean and legible. Brett Zick got a decision at 167 and Mark Hoffman received a forfeit in the heavyweight division.

"We kept taking matches away from them, especially in the middle weights where we knew it would be close," said Poplaski. "We figured some of them could go either way, but we had it pretty well in hand by 145, and MacDonald really put the lid on."

In a double-dual meet on the Delmar floor Saturday the Eagles faced Niskayuna in what was billed as a probable match for the Gold Division championship. Both went in at 4-1, and the Niskies came out on top, 42-22. Columbia and Guilderland rounded out the visiting delegation, and

the Eagles disposed of the Dutchmen handily, 58-18.

"Niskayuna had too much for us," said Poplaski. "They have balance and a lot of experience."

The best bout of the afternoon matched Saba, BC's undefeated freshman who had a spectacular year as an eighth grader last year, with John Bena, a talented Niskayuna eighth grader. The exercise ended in a 2-2 deadlock, leaving Saba at 14-0-2 for the year. "It was not his best day, but he hung in there," Poplaski said.

MacDonald continues to be a strong contributor. The agile senior is undefeated since return-

ing from the injured reserve list three weeks ago, and has been wrestling "up" a class at 155. He scored a pin in the Niskayuna fracas at that level, but will probably go back to his proper 145 for the Sectionals. Meanwhile Conway is doing well at 145, and scored a decision over Niskayuna along with a pin over Guilderland.

The Eagles have been operating without several key wrestlers. Co-captain Mike Tinsman has been out most of the season with a broken ankle, Tim Dobert has been out for two weeks with a twisted knee incurred in the Averill Park match, and Tom Morrison was lost when his family

moved out of the district. Tinsman won't be back, but Poplaski is hoping to have Dobert in action this week or next.

Meanwhile there is happiness on the freshman team, which is unbeaten to date. The frosh, bolstered by several promising underclassmen, have knocked off Shenendehowa, Burnt Hills and Niskayuna among others.

Winter sports at spa

Saratoga Spa State Park's three skating areas, including a 400-meter speed skating oval, a hockey rink and a general skating area, are now open until 10 p.m. every night. The park's cross-country ski trails are also open and groomed on a regular basis. For information call the park office at 584-2000.

Indians muscle to 8-2 record

By Bart Gottesman

The RCS wrestling team improved its record to 8-2 with three important wins last week. The Indians had little trouble as they defeated Waterford and Fonda-Fultonville, then upset powerful South Glens Falls.

At home against Colonial Council rival Waterford, the Indians won by a score of 62-12. Freshman Marty Stoddard (91) won by forfeit followed with decision wins by Vince Caballer (98) and Chip Cowles (105), 12-2 and 23-1 respectively. Ravena's Brian Perry (112) followed with a forfeit. The Indians showed their pinning power as Corey Thiele (119), Steve DiAcetis (132), Matt Rodd (138), Chris (Chimer) Chmielewski (145), Scott Lewis (155) and Tim Baranska (167) all pinned their opponents. Jerry Baranska who collected three more wins to stay undefeated, accepted a forfeit at 177.

On Thursday RCS traveled to Fonda-Fultonville and came away victors by a 39-21 margin. Cowles

(105) continued his high scoring with a 22-1 decision. Perry, Thiele, Rich Losee and J. Baranska all won by pins. Luther Legg (126) won by default as his opponent couldn't continue due to an injury, and Bob Gallagher won 10-1 at 138.

Before an impressive hometown crowd on Saturday, the Indians surprised a traditionally strong South Glens Falls team, 33-20, in a tough match. RCS wrestlers had to give their strongest performance to date to beat the physically intimidating Bulldogs, and they did just that. Ken Losee started the Indians' well-balanced attack with a pin at 98. The low-scoring match resulted in only one other Ravena pin, which was registered by J. Baranska at 177.

Perry, who dropped to 105, won by 17-4 and in one of the best matches of the day, Thiele wrestled to a 0-0 tie at 119. Legg (126), Rodd (138), Chmielewski (145) and Lewis (155) all won by points. Rob Demis and T. Baranska wrestled well in losing efforts for

RCS. Coach Gary VanDerzee, reflecting on the South Glens Falls victory said, "There were a lot of matches that could have gone either way and we won them."

Freshman 105-pounder Chip Cowles stretched his win streak to 11 in a row. During this span he has gained a tournament championship and leads the team in near falls with 23.

The Indians resumed their schedule yesterday (Tuesday) hosting Albany High, and Thursday they travel to meet Colonial Council power Mechanicville. On Saturday the varsity will wrestle Colonial Council leader Albany Academy and the JV will take part in the Colonie JV tournament.

Dolphins compete

Eleven young members of the Delmar Dolphins swim team, none over 12 years of age, competed in developmental meet at Canajoharie Saturday and brought home awards in age-group events. Mar Kanuk, swimming in the 8-and-under division, had a first place in the 25-yard butterfly and was second in the 25-yard breast stroke.

Jonathan Brooklins in 8-and-under and Paul Engel in 10-and-under turned in "B" times in two events each. Brooklins, Engel, Kanuk and Mike Leyden finished third in the boys' 10-and-under 200-yard freestyle relay. Other who placed among the first six in age-group events were Kristi Kerwin, Rob Peyrebrune and Patrick Fish.

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BC girls' track skein snipped

By Dave DeCecco

The Bethlehem girls indoor track team lost its first league meet in almost two years last week. Colonie held the upper hand in the outing, last Monday at the Washington Ave. Armory in Albany, beating BC by 25 points and snapping the Eagles' win streak at 40.

Since the Armory had no hurdles or high jump pits available, these events were not contested. Rookie coach Ron Cameron feels that not being able to compete in two of the team's strongest events considerably hurt the girls. BC features undefeated freshman Kelly Ross in the high jump and sophomore sensation Anne Carey in the hurdles.

Despite the loss and the slippery wooden floor of the Armory, some noteworthy performances were turned in by the Eagles. The two-mile relay team of Carey, Jen Warren, Tania Stasiuk and Chris Ainsworth took first place to remain undefeated so far this season. Carey, well ahead of the pack with no one to run with, flew to an easy victory in the 600 and a clocking of 1:41.

Warren won the 3,000 for BC in 11:43, and following closely behind was Stasiuk, who crossed the line in 11:54, good enough for a second place finish. Ainsworth snagged a first in the 1000, covering the distance in 3:16, a quick time under the conditions. In doing so, she edged out the 1000-meter winner of the Engineer Games, which was held just two days earlier.

Ross, a standout high jumper, competed in the 45-meter dash, where she got a personal record. She also placed first in the triple jump with a leap of 28 feet 11 inches. Ross had little practice for the triple jump, but the little she had proved to be enough to win.

In the final event of the meet Carey and Warren joined soph Melissa Coccozza and senior Helene Richardson to form the winning mile relay squad. As a

result of this meet, the girls record stands at 19-1, the best in the area.

Meanwhile the boys' team broke even, falling to Colonie and Gloversville while defeating Scotia and Mohonasen, moving their record to 9-11. The two-mile relay team of seniors Pete Nelson and Tony Eckel, junior Geoff Stim and freshman Craig Isenberg led off the meet by finishing second to Colonie.

Isenberg, the only first-place finisher among the boys, cruised to an easy victory in the 3200-meter run. Dave Ashe, competing in the 600 for the first time this year, finished third in 1:35.9. He later grabbed another third in the 45-meter dash with a 5.9 clocking, garnering a personal record in each event.

In the 1000, Nelson placed second in 2:58.4. He then joined Ashe, Eckel and junior Bill Dotterer in the mile relay, where they combined for a second place finish.

Freshman Alex Koff won the novice 800 with a nice lean at the tape, and sophomore Mark Freeman won his heat of the 600,

which Cameron referred to as a "gutsy race."

Next Monday the younger members of the team, from grades 7 through 10, will compete in a frosh-soph meet at the Armory. The following Saturday, Feb. 2, the prestigious Dutchman Games will take place at Union College.

Fun on skis

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Two Bethlehem volleyball players leap in unison to guard the net in a pre-season workout against Germantown. BC "won" the informal scrimmage prior to its league debut. Tom Howes

Eagle spikers start off on the right foot

Bethlehem's volleyball team began its season with a non-league triumph over Germantown, 15-9, 17-15, 12-15. Rick Jones and Dave Jones, the two (unrelated) senior captains, combined talents with Phil Kaminsky and juniors Andy Burke, Jay Wolfard and Chris Maercklien to take the first two games. Senior Chris Oberheim and junior Todd Smith substituted during the last two games.

Other members of the team include senior Brian Toth and juniors Brian Walencick, Aaron Halsdorf and Jeff Bielfeld. This brings the total to four seniors and eight juniors, which is why Coach Ray Sliter calls the 1985 season a building year.

"We are a year or so away from a very strong team," said Sliter, noting that his JV players, who include 10 sophomores and one freshman, are gaining valuable experience playing together this year. In fact, this experience, or the lack of it, may be the varsity's downfall. Five of the players are new to volleyball this year, which turns the question to whether they can play well together. Their chances at competing in the Suburban Council should become more apparent as Council games begin next week.

The Eagles were scheduled to play at Guilderland yesterday (Tuesday). Next Tuesday they will travel to Mohonasen for a game Sliter hopes to win easily, and next Wednesday Shenendehowa, the powerhouse of the Suburban Council, will visit Bethlehem at 3:45 p.m.

Tania Stasiuk



BC volleyball Coach Ray Sliter addresses a huddle in workout against Germantown. Tom Howes

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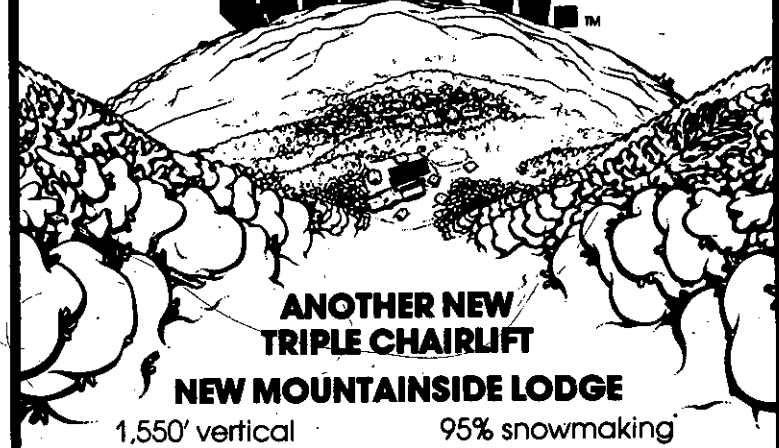
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This is not wrestling, nor football — it's Suburban Council basketball at Guilderland as Dutchman Bob Westfall is "pinned" or "sacked" by Bethlehem's Paul Stracke (53) and Andy Kasius (35).

That's BC's Mike Gibbons, left, attending. At this point BC was only six points down, but the aggressive rally was to no avail and Guilderland pulled away to win by 73-64. R.H. Davis

Eagles hurting from miscues

Poor shooting and ball-handling continued to plague Bethlehem Central on the basketball court amid a host of other problems. The Eagles lost two more games to Gold Division rivals in the Suburban Council and slid to 3-6 in the league, 3-10 overall.

There were some bright spots, however, especially a strong fourth-period rally at Guilderland that threw a real scare into the Dutchmen, now 8-1 in the Council. Three nights later Coach Gary Przybylo's strategy of positioning

Tim Fox on the baseline to shoot from the perimeter paid good dividends, but the Eagles went into a second-half spin and lost a home game to undistinguished Scotia.

At Guilderland last Tuesday Bethlehem was handcuffed by the home team's man-to-man defense and fell behind by as many as 22 points in the second period. Trailing 40-21 at intermission, Coach Gary Przybylo made some adjustments and installed a press. With Andy Kasius pacing the scoring, the Eagles closed to 66-60

with 1:24 remaining in the game. They had two straight opportunities to score, but turned the ball over both times and the Dutchmen pulled away to win by 73-64. Kasius had 20 points, John Allen 12 and Paul Stracke 11.

At home with a Spirit Week audience in the tiered pews, BC took a commanding 25-14 lead over Scotia midway in the second quarter Friday night before reverting to the bad habits that have mired them all season. They took poor shots and threw the ball away enough to see their advantage melt to five points at halftime.

Kasius, battling a virus, was having trouble, but Fox had a hot night, hitting for 20 points on the night, mostly from the outside, his career high. But Tim Belden, the senior point guard, was charged with two fouls in the first 10 seconds of the second half for a total of four. With their quarterback and traffic director on the bench, the Eagles folded like a tent in a gale and were outscored 13-6 in the period.

"With Belden out, no one wanted the leadership role," lamented Przybylo. "In the final few minutes we had to foul to get the ball, and Scotia made nine of 10 free throws."

The situation may not improve immediately, what with Shenendehowa coming in on Friday.

Score doesn't show stellar BCS defense

ball game. Jim Gorham's club played a superb defensive game, but came up short at the end, losing by 63-51.

"The game was a lot closer than it looked," said Gorham. "We were in it right down to the end. If we hit those easy shots with about two minutes left, there's a chance we could have pulled it off."

The Indians found themselves trailing by just 4 points with 1:20 left in the game. But after Ravena missed a layup and a couple of short jumpers that rimmed the hoop, Waterford put it away with a bunch of crucial free-throws.

Ravena used a tough, zone defense and some good outside shooting to grab a 16-12 lead after one quarter. In the second quarter Waterford used some hot outside shooting to outscore the Indians, 15-12. That left the score 28-27 Ravena at the half. "They really started to heat up from the outside," said Gorham. "Most of their shots were from downtown range and they were hitting. It was not luck — they have some great

constant pressure on Ravena's defense. These were not your average 15-foot jumpers; they were missiles from long range. Waterford's guard tandem of Matt Moore and Mike O'Brien combined for 43 points on the night, most from radar range.

The Indians hung tough in the final period thanks to some steady floor play by senior playmaker Kevin Hoffman. Hoffman finished with 12 points, but it was his crisp passing and floor leadership that kept the Indians close. "Kevin did an outstanding job, especially down the stretch," said Gorham. "He did a real good job of getting the ball to Dekovan Bowie (12 points) and Dan Baker (8 points)."

Earlier in the week Ravena was beaten, 86-57, at Watervliet. The Cannoneers used a 37-point blitz in the final quarter to send the Indians reeling. Hoffman led Ravena scorers with 11 points. Gorham's club fell to 2-8 in league play and 4-9 overall. Ravena hosted Schalmont last night (Tuesday).

It's the same old story for Voorheesville's quintet

By Dan Tidd

Voorheesville's basketball Blackbirds were hoping that Friday night's visit by the Lansingburgh Knights, a team they had beaten by 10 points at Lansingburgh, would serve as a tonic and would start a turnaround in a dreary season. It didn't turn out that way as Voorheesville was beaten 59-51 by the undermanned Knights.

"I don't mean to sound like a broken record, but once again we didn't come to win a basketball game," said a disappointed Coach Bob Crandall.

Once again it was the Blackbirds' inability to stop anyone on offense that led to another defeat. This time it was the Lansingburgh backcourt that did the damage. Guards Don Granger and Mike Kowalski combined for 39 points to burn Voorheesville. The Knights shot an impressive 52 percent from the field. "We just can't stop anybody. That's been the storyline for the last three league games," said Crandall. "It

was our height that kept us in the game tonight, but their team quickness really gave us a problem."

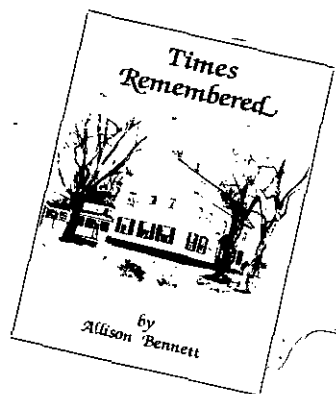
The Knights had to be quick. They were playing with just seven players, and the starting five played the entire game. None was over six feet tall.

Crandall's team battled to a 31-21 halftime lead, thanks to 6-3 senior Joe Rissberger. The lanky forward finished the night with 15 points and a bunch of crucial first-half rebounds.

Lansingburgh pulled in front, 42-41, late in the third quarter. The Blackbirds were only down, 50-49, with 1:20 left. They were forced to foul and the Knights promptly hit 5 free throws in the final minute. Brett Hotaling finished the night with 12 points for Voorheesville.

Earlier in the week Voorheesville was knocked off, 66-55, by a strong Waterford team. "We played well, well enough to beat a lot of other teams," said Crandall. The Birds were down by only 43-41 after three quarters, but in the final period Waterford scored 23 points, 15 from the charity stripe. Brian Rubin finished with 19 points. Rissberger added 14 and Hotaling 12. Voorheesville falls to 2-8 in league play and 3-10 overall. They traveled to Watervliet last night (Tuesday).

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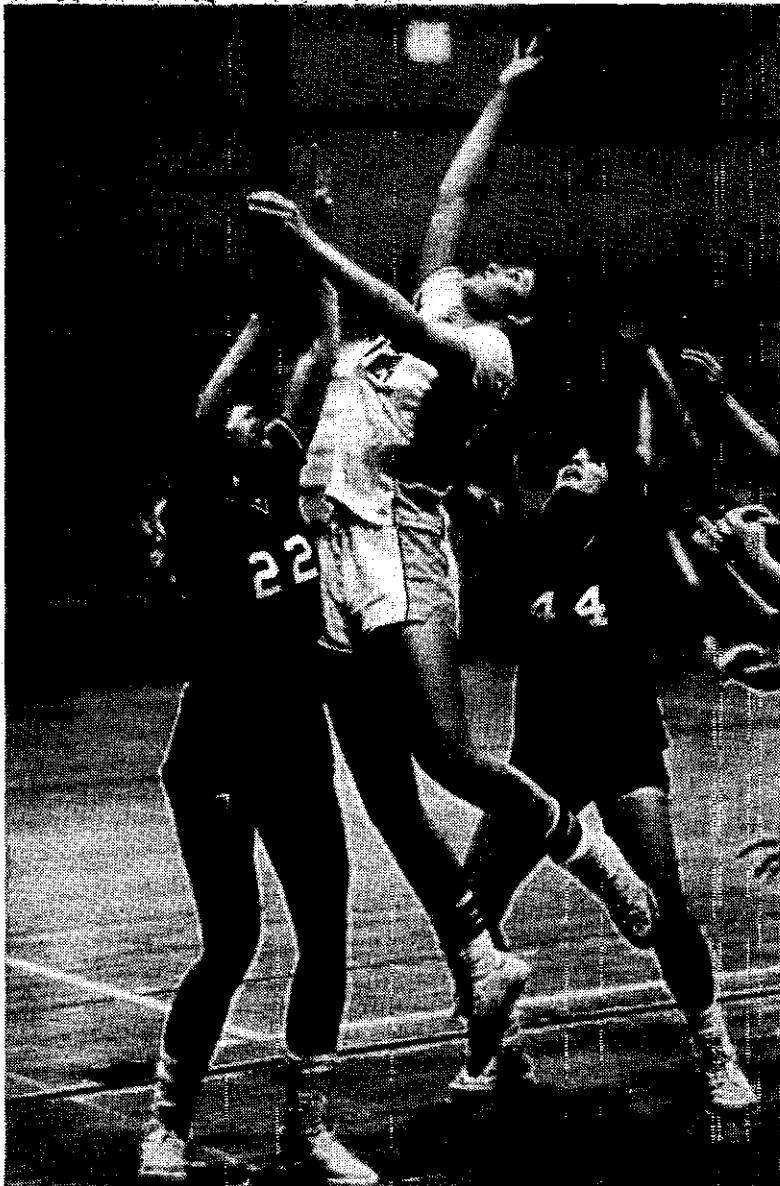
By Tania Stasiuk

Bethlehem's girls basketball team upped this season's record to 4-1 last Wednesday with a 40-34 triumph over Burnt Hills. The team is now in first place in the Gold Division of the Suburban Council with 10 games left.

What made this win spectacular was the fact that Bethlehem won without the services of top players Karen Burke and Kim Zornow. Burke was injured skiing last weekend, but hopes to be playing again soon. Zornow has mononucleosis and may be out until the end of the year. This "hold" on her season is unfortunate for both the team and for Zornow, who was expected to become Bethlehem's first basketball player — male or female — with a career total of over 1,000 varsity points. With eleven games to go, her total stands at just over 800 points, but her illness may not allow her to return in time to break the 1,000 barrier.

The rest of the team made up for Zornow's absence against Burnt Hills. After giving up the first two baskets, BC bounced back to a six-point lead at the half. Burnt Hills pulled into a tie twice during the game, but the lady eagles kept bringing back the six point lead. Liza Tonetti, a sophomore, came through with 13 points, bringing her average above 10 points per game. Her rebounding is also in double digits.

Other players important in the win were Julie Liddle, who had seven points and 17 rebounds. Lewis is thinking of using Liddle at center during Zornow's absence, even though she is lacking in height. Megan Bursey netted eight points and had an impressive



Liza Tonetti, in white shirt, goes aloft for a rebound sandwiched between two Burnt Hills players in Suburban Council girls basketball action in Delmar. Liza and her Bethlehem Central teammates are off to a fast start this season.

Tom Howes

seven steals, and Liz Gray came off the bench to score six for BC. Lewis is pleased with junior Peg Jeram's improvement as defensive

leader, and said that her dexterity, combined with excellent shooting from the foul line, helped to win the game.

Bethlehem is fortunate to have a relatively easy playing schedule this week. Friday they match up with Linton in a non-league game, and on Monday will play Mohonasen.

Indians romp to 5-1

By Kevin Hommel

The RCS girls basketball team improved its Colonial Council record to 5-1 with three wins last week. The girls began by defeating Watervliet, 54-37 on Tuesday, the day after Watervliet had lost their best player with a broken finger. However, that advantage was somewhat balanced when Ravena's Pauline Mayo broke her finger.

The Indians opened with a solid defensive press that Watervliet couldn't handle. In the second half, Watervliet struck back with a man-to-man defense that rattled the Ravena offense. RCS held on to win with Jackie Mulligan leading in points with an all-time high of 26 followed by Sheila Seery with 14.

On Thursday the Indians were victorious over Cohoes by 43-18. The girls struggled in the first half despite the fact that they led, 15-7. They had difficulty putting things together in the sweltering heat of the Cohoes High gym. In the second half the Indians returned to their stylish performance to win the game. Seery finished with 18 points, Terri Baker added 13 and Mulligan 10.


Saturday was an easy day as Ravena trounced Waterford, 53-27. Everyone on the squad played and Gina Ferriero and Mulligan each had 12 points on the day. Tomorrow (Thursday) and Saturday the team will host the RCS Tournament, which will feature Ravena, Mohonasen, Catskill and Ballston Spa.



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V'ville hoopsters hot

By Bill Kelly

The Voorheesville girls basketball team is on a roll. During the third week of the season, the Blackbirds won two out of three, improving their record to 3-1 in the league and 4-2 overall.

Last Tuesday the Blackbirds won their third straight game in a 36-23 romp at Mechanicville. Deb Bausback and Christy Tarullo combined for 27 points. They had 14 and 13 respectively. Voorheesville took it away in the final period by outscoring their hostesses, 15-6.

The streak was broken on Thursday in a 34-23 loss to Holy Names. Holy Names had seven different people score on the VC court. Their offense was hot while their defense stopped Voorheesville. The Blackbird high scorer was Laura Martin with 12 points.

On Saturday the Blackbirds got back on the right track. They scored five straight points in the closing minutes to hold off the surging Lansingburgh Knights. In the 36-31 win Tarullo led with 12 points while Martin had a great day on the boards with 10 points and 22 rebounds.

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Voorheesville Central School District
 Albany County, New York

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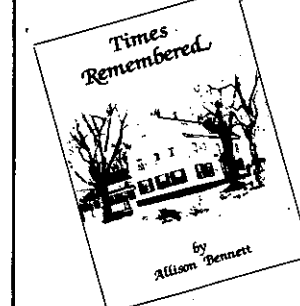
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Senior housing

The issue of whether more apartments are needed — or wanted — in the Town of Bethlehem is part of an even more complex question: how do the town's senior citizens fit in?

Editor's View

Occasional comments by the editors of The Spotlight

It is hardly news that Bethlehem's population is getting older. The 1980 census found that 19 percent of the town's population was 60 or older. By now the figure is surely well over 20 percent — one fifth of the town. More importantly, the census found that the town's density per housing unit has declined drastically — a sign that the home-owning population is getting older.

In the Tri-Village census tracts, 15 percent of all home owners counted in 1980 were 65 or older, a figure well out of proportion to their numbers in the general population.

This has several serious implications. First, it means a slower turnover of housing, which contributes to the tight resale market and the ever-escalating real estate costs in this area.

Second, many seniors are not home owners by choice. They live on fixed incomes, and as they have owned their home for any length of time they are paying much less for shelter — even with Bethlehem's high property taxes — than they would if they were paying rent.

The dilemma for senior home owners in Bethlehem is often to continue living in a too-large house, with too much maintenance, or to move out of the area.

We suspect that developer David Siegal's projection that he can rent one-bedroom apartments to senior citizens for \$450 per month plus utilities is not off base; that, however, is less a reflection of income levels than of the tight market in apartments.

Obviously the Juniper Fields type of development won't answer the needs of most of the town's elderly population. It is time to think seriously about new ways to allow the town's seniors to continue to be citizens without being locked into their homes.

Many other New York State municipalities have provided subsidized housing for their seniors. The most common pattern — and the most likely to work here — is for a non-profit sponsor such as a church to obtain federal aid in the form of a long-term, low-interest loan for the construction of apartments for low income elderly people. In the Capital District, such housing already exists in Colonie and Halfmoon.

The idea of subsidized housing is not a particularly palatable one for Bethlehem. But, as many other communities have found out, housing for seniors does not bring with it the problems associated with other types of low-income housing. And the benefits, both to the community as a whole and to its elderly citizens, are substantial.

Tom McPheeters

A constructive budget

Bethlehem Central's proposed 1985-86 budget contains some welcome changes, and we applaud the school board and Superintendent Lawrence Zinn for responding to last year's negative votes in a positive way.

This budget is being presented much earlier than ever before, and in a form that is easier to work with. There is a bottom line and there are projected tax rates for Bethlehem and New Scotland. The new computerized format allows for comparisons of various budget items going back three years, so it is clear where costs are going up. There are enough copies of the budget available for everyone. And Zinn has offered to "go on the road" to explain the budget to anybody and to any group willing to listen.

It is important to remember that we are still very early on in the budget process. The proposed increase is still alarmingly high, calling for tax hikes of more than 10 percent in both towns.

There are reasons for this, but there is also plenty of time to examine those reasons.

By contractual agreements and state mandates, the district is locked into ever-increasing costs for personnel, the major portion of the budget. The only way to make significant cuts is by eliminating jobs — either staff, administrators or teachers. Now is the time to look at that option.

State aid has failed to keep pace with the district's costs — a major factor in the escalating tax rate. We think it is important for the district to continue to press its case at the state level, even if the chances of immediate success are slim.

We also think it is important for the school board to take action on the district's too-long-deferred capital improvements, which now come to more than \$4 million. This is the year to decide whether those improvements should be financed by a bond issue or should become a regular, scheduled part of the district's annual budgets.

So, much work remains to be done before the board is ready to present its case to the voters. What has seemed missing in the past several years was an effective way of incorporating the public's comments and ideas into the budget process. This year, at least the structure is in place.

The board has scheduled a series of meetings to consider the various components of the budget, each with more than ample time for public question and comment. And by providing the "big picture" in advance the board has made informed, constructive criticism a real possibility. Let's hope it comes, and is heeded. As we learned last spring, the voters have the last word anyway.

Tom McPheeters

An Apple a day . . .

Professional Insurance Agents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, have donated \$1,495 to its neighbor, Glenmont Elementary School, for the purchase of an Apple IIe computer.

School principal Donald Robillard said he approached the trade association for help after district voters twice rejected the 1984-85 budget, which would have provided funding for new computer equipment. "Our goal is to get a computer in each of our school's 13 classrooms," Robillard said. Glenmont Elementary School now has seven computers.

Last year Professional Insurance Agents donated \$1,361 to the school for the purchase of an exercise and cardiovascular workout trail.

Film: women's image

Killing Me Softly, a film about the unflattering image of women created by the media, will be shown at the Jan. 28 meeting of Mothers Time Out. The Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays at the Delmar Reformed Church. For information call 439-9929.

Colorful meeting

All are welcome to attend the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon's Feb. 6 program on color draping, to be presented by color consultant Kristy Reynolds at the Delmar Reformed Church at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call Susan Bast at 439-3888 or Lynn Corrigan at 439-3090.

Conviction upheld

Ruling in a rare appeal to County Court, Judge John G. Turner, Jr., has affirmed the conviction of Lindsay J. Morsillo of Schenectady, who was found guilty in Bethlehem Town Court on a speeding charge. Appeal of a town court ruling to county court is an unusual occurrence, according to Joshua J. Effron of Delmar, who is police counsel and town prosecutor. Effron said in his 3½ years on the job he has seen only two other such appeals.

In sustaining the conviction (which followed a 2½-hour town court trial), Judge Turner affirmed that the radar unit had in fact been properly tested and also stated that the police officer's observation of the speed of the vehicle was sufficient to uphold the conviction.

The county court judgment can be appealed to the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court.

Obituaries

Ruth Agnes Cifello

Ruth Agnes Cifello, 72, of Glenmont died Jan. 14 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Newark, N.J., she resided in Troy most of her life. She was employed by the Shaker Country Club and the Rensselaer County Historical Society. She moved to Glenmont one year ago.

Survivors include three sons: Anthony A. Cifello of Glenmont; Frederick J. Cifello of Boiceville; and Richard J. Cifello of Watervliet; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

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Donna Lee's rebuttal

Editor, The Spotlight:

The following are excerpts from a letter sent by me to the members of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals:

After reading the Jan. 9 issue of *The Spotlight*, I would like to clarify what still seems to be misunderstandings.

I am not seeking this exception to permit "construction" of a dog kennel — I am seeking permission to be allowed to keep only my own valuable show dogs. A "kennel" is defined by the dictionary as an establishment for the boarding and breeding of dogs. I have requested permission to have only my own dogs, with none of the problems associated with kennels.

More than a dozen responsible people appeared or wrote on my behalf. All of these people were familiar with my property and the dogs and attested to the fact that the dogs never created noise, odor or any safety hazard. You were given extensive literature on the type of outdoor fencing showing it to be guaranteed escapeproof. You also were given the information from the ground deodorant used to sanitize the areas where the dogs would be kept.

The one opposing view seems to have been heard. This opposition by Sen. Howard Nolan and his partner, Norris MacFarland stemmed from their own personal prejudices and are not based on or substantiated by fact. While I agree that SOME dogs are noisy and annoying and if not properly cared for, do create odors — we are not talking about dogs in general!

The nearest proposed home is almost one quarter of a mile away! Because of the ravine, stream, and the terrain of the land it is almost impossible to build any closer. Any "noise" from dogs that never bark or 'odor' from sanitary conditions would have absolutely no effect on their use or enjoyment of their property as they have stated.

The reason eight dogs were listed on my dog license renewal was that I was trying to obey the law as I understood it. Dogs must be licensed by the owner regardless of where they may or may not be temporarily. This opinion was

verified by your own town clerk. I had asked to be allowed seven dogs, but since an eighth dog became of licensing age, I listed that one also. I currently am asking to have only seven dogs.

As far as information being submitted about puppies allegedly seen by the town dog wardens; as I told you at the hearing — there never was a litter of puppies either born or raised at this house. There has never been a 'mother' dog as stated because no female has been breedable age or condition.

Donna Lee

Delmar

Reason to be proud

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations from Bethlehem Business Womens Club to two of our members, Marion Camp for receiving the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce 1984 Citizen of the Year award, and Dorothy Brown for receiving the Chamber's Business Person of the Year award. Ladies we are so proud of you.

Agnes McCarroll
President

Domenico - Usher

Mrs. Linda Domenico and Angelo Domenico, both of Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Jane, to David Alan Usher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Usher of Ballston Spa, formerly of Slingerlands.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and plans to graduate from the State University at Albany in May with a degree in computer science.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a student at Union College. He plans to graduate with a degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in computer science in December.

A June, 1986, wedding is being planned.

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Kathleen Gorman

Gorman-Nemazie

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Gorman of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Francis A. Nemazie, son of Dr. and Mrs. A.S. Nemazie of West Bayshore, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University at Binghamton. She is an accounting clerk at Shulman Records Co. of Cinnaminson, N.J. Her fiancé, also a graduate of the State University at Binghamton, is a senior law student at Rutgers University.

An October wedding is planned.



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University of North Carolina at Raleigh — Robert Irvine, Delmar.

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State University College at Cobleskill — Anatasia P. Giordano and Margaret Ann Norton, Delmar; Audra Ingraham, Clarksville.

State University College at Cobleskill — Audra Ingraham, Clarksville.

Sandra Yingling wed

Sandra L. Yingling, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Stanton A. Yingling, Jr. of Elsmere, was married to Isak Prohovnik, a native of Tel Aviv, Israel, on Dec. 15 at the United Nations Center for Churches in New York City.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from New York University. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in clinical psychology at New York University.

The bridegroom earned a Ph.D. in physiology from Lund University in Sweden. He is the director of the regional Cerebral Blood Flow Laboratory at the State Psychiatric Institute. He also serves as an assistant professor in the department of psychiatry at Columbia University.

The couple resides in New York City.

Beverman - LaGuardia

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beverman of Highland Mills, N.Y. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane Louise, to Christopher M. LaGuardia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton C. Anthony of Glenmont.

The couple are both graduates of the University of Georgia. The bride-to-be is employed as a horticulturalist. Her fiancé is employed as a landscape architect with Peterson and Lynch Landscape Architects in Southampton. A Sept. 14 wedding date has been set.

Class for parents

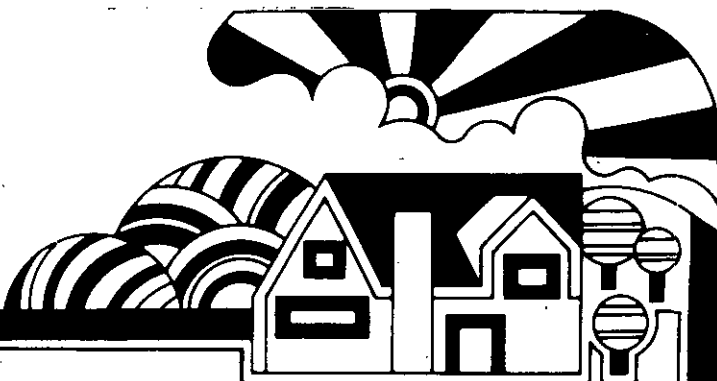
Parents are invited to attend a Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) program at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A free introduction-to-STEP session will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at the church for parents interested in learning more about the program before registering. The first session of the nine-week course will begin Feb. 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

STEP encourages mutual respect between parent and child, increased cooperation, more effective communication, and a more responsible and self-reliant attitude among children. The course teaches parenting skills that can be used with children of all ages. Sessions will be led by Christine S. Deyss of Delmar, a human relations trainer and a parent with 12 years of experience teaching parenting classes.

For information or to register, call the Rev. Susan Hager-Smith, 439-9976, or attend the introductory session. Registration fee is \$15 a person or \$25 a couple, plus a \$6 workbook.

Kids fare on Sunday

Paul Strausman, award-winning children's musician, will be joined by his Musical Friends — Jack Hume, Connie Hume and Carol Coogan — for the Jan. 27 Kids' Fare concert at the Harmanus Bleecker Center in Albany. Tickets will be available for \$2 at the door. For information call 482-2826 or write to Kids' Fare, P.O. Box 3038, Albany N.Y. 12203.



COMMUNITY CORNER

Just Around The Corner

Think spring! This Saturday's registration for the Bethlehem Tomboys softball league and the Hudson Valley Little League should do the trick.

Little League registration will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Selkirk Firehouse No. 1 and Ravena Town Hall. Bethlehem girls between 9 and 21 years may register for the Tomboys from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 and from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Bethlehem Public Library.

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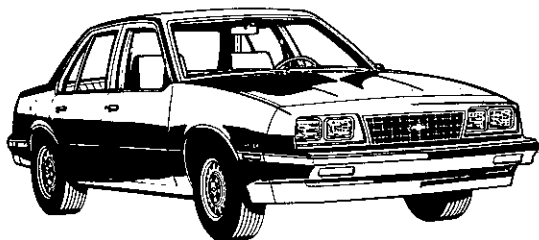
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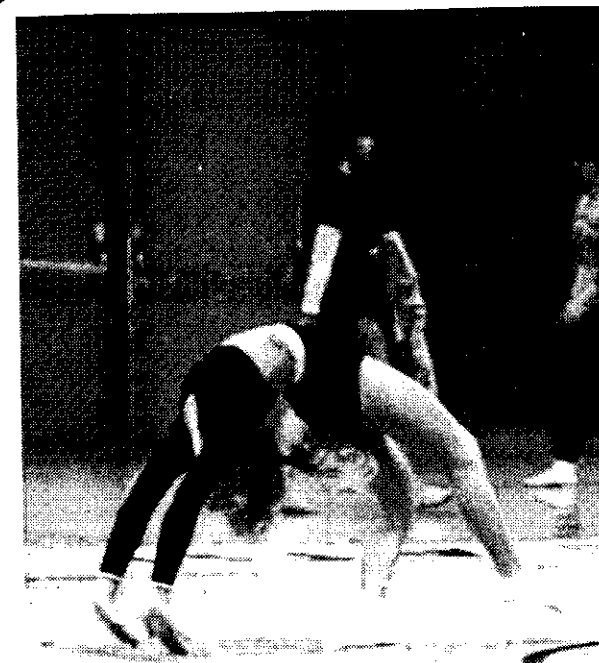
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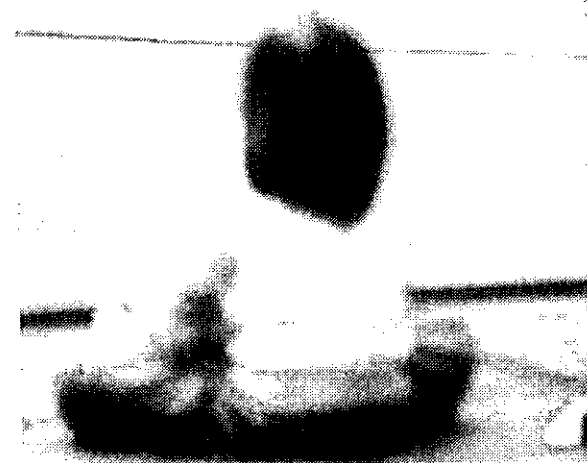
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