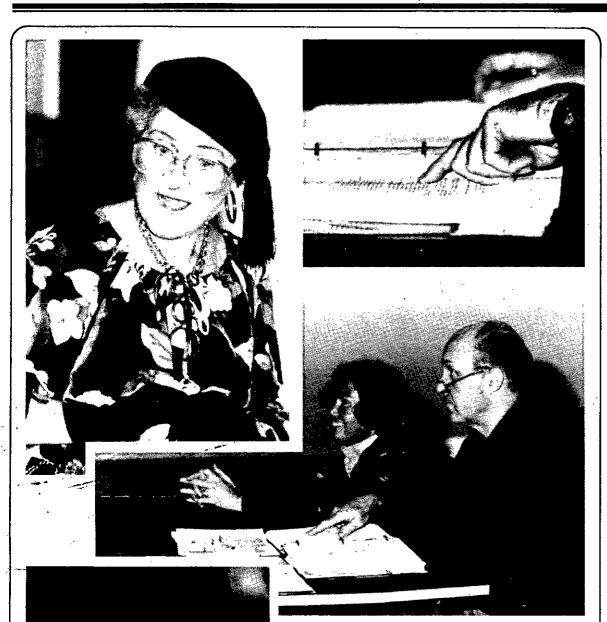
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Curtains up

Tom Knight, Spotlight photographer, follows the cast of "Play On," the Village Stage's production which spoofs community theater, from dress rehearsal through opening night jitters. Pat DeCecco portrays the eccentric poetess, Phyllis Montague, top left. In other production scenes, clockwise, the director's book, Village Stage President Liz Blaber watches as "Play On' director P. Adam Thomas follows stage action, the cast performs during the senior citizen performance, from left, Terry Jones, Laurie Oliver, Suzanne Carr, Dave Merrill, Tania Madison, and George Tanner, and Peggy Nelson is in character as director Gerry Dunbar. On the cover: George Tanner, Terry Jones, and Dave Tom Knight Merrill prepare for Act II.



# Towns to get federal aid

#### Storm costs being totaled

Bethlehem and New Scotland will be receiving federal and state aid to cover most of the costs of cleaning up and repairing damage caused by the Oct. 4 snow storm that left the area without power for almost a week.

Both towns are still totaling their costs, but in Bethlehem the estimate stands at between \$200,000 and \$300,000, and in New Scotland the total so far is about \$25,000. In addition, fire districts will be able to recoup some of their costs in coping with the disaster and its aftermath. Eligible costs will be reimbursed 75 percent by federal aid and 12 1/2 percent with state aid.

"We are in line to get some money," said Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor following an informational meeting with officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Friday. The suburban towns are not often eligible for federal and state aid, Secor noted, but in this case the rules seem to be very clear. New Scotland Highway Superintendent Peter Van Zetten also attended the meeting.

"They made a big point of saying the program doesn't usually include snow damage," Secor said. "It's a big coup for our representatives," he said.

President Reagan declared the seven-county New York State area affected by the freak storm a disaster area Nov. 10 following a request by Gov. Cuomo. FEMA has set up a local office and officials will tour the areas affected this week.

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# Residents want 9W kept under control

By Bill Cote

Glenmont residents said last week they want their main street, Rt. 9W, to remain in the scale of their neighborhoods, but they are already concerned about the amount of traffic on the road.

Nearly 100 area residents gathered at Town Hall last Tuesday at a public forum held by the Bethlehem Planning Board on Rt. 9W. While the concerns were development and traffic, the people who spoke were clear on one point: so far they like the way the town is going about studying Rt 9W

Residents applauded the board for encouraging community involvement and expressed an eagerness to have a hand throughout the planning process. Said Ron Ginsberg, a Crossroads resident: "In that way, I think, we can all be assured that we are involved in the process and that when the document is finally finished it will be a consensus document and would then be worthy of our support".

The forum focused on the Rt. 9W corridor stretching through Bethlehem from the Albany city line to the Town of Coeymans and specifically the "scope of services" study that the town has recently commissioned PERT, an Ithaca consulting firm, to perform.

PERT's job will be to formalize the initial scope of services that the planning board drafted earlier this year and to advise the town on an approach to the study.

The resulting document will provide the town with guidelines

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# Burns now up by 3

The discovery of an electionnight error on a voting machine tally has increased Democrat Bob Burns' lead in the tight Bethlehem council race to three votes.

But that almost certainly won't deter the Bethlehem Republicans and their candidate, Thomas Scherer, from taking the results to a state Supreme Court judge, according to party Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz. "I would say it's still very likely," he said

The Republicans can ask the judge to open 12 paper ballots that the Albany County Board of

Elections ruled should not be opened for various reasons. The party could also possibly challenge other ballots that have already been counted, as could the Democrats.

Burns was ahead of Scherer on election night by seven votes; after recounts and canvassing, the election board declared him the winner by a single vote on Nov. 9. The two-vote error on a voting machine total in the 18th District was discovered by county workers Thursday. Burns would be the first Democrat ever to win an election in Bethlehem.



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# Rt. 9W hearing

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for accomplishing the comprehensive study and expectations for consultants as needs are more closely identified. It will be an instrument to guide the studies.

Edward Kleinke, the town's planning consultant, said that the Rt. 9W study was broken into three phases. The first phase deals with the corridor from Albany to Wemple Rd. Phase two will follow south to the Becker's Corners area at Rt. 396 and the third phase covers the remaining section south to the Coeymans

· According to Kleinke, the initial scope of services as presented to PERT "looked at existing and potential land use and potential traffic generation from... developed properties and looked at existing zoning... but also considered the things that the planning board looked at as far as recommending increased building setbacks... The scope of services also considers possible architectural review parameters and site plan review, he said.

"This scope also included consideration of possible revision of landscape requirements, interior roadways, driveways, certain kinds of site design aspects," said

Setback requirements govern the distance between a structure and the road, and between adjacent structures. The planning board has already tentatively decided to increase setbacks along Rt. 9W to insure land will be available for possible widening of the road in the future.

The design of the public forum was to provide PERT with input from the residents. Many people who spoke emphasized a need to view the Rt. 9W corridor study as more than a project for the attention of nearby residents. The highway "should not be considered a vacuum," said Mary Powell of Glenmont.

"We ask that a creative effort be made to address the flow of traffic from the rest of Bethlehem

A question that was raised several times during the course of the meeting addressed the width of what is considered the 9W corridor. Within these limits current zoning districts, many of which have been in place for 20 years, may change according to the outcome of this study and others to follow.

Ann Kohler, president of the Glenmont School PTA, stressed a concern for the safety of the

children. "The seven school buses exit to the south, that is they have to make a left-hand turn onto Rt. 9W. At present there is no traffic light, there are no school zone signs, there are no speed reduction signs approaching that entrance/exit to the school from either the northbound or southbound," Kohler said.

She stressed the need for a street light at the entrance to the school. "It is virtually impossible for a truck to see that there is a school there. It's an accident waiting to happen.

About 450 students are enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 5 at Glenmont school, according to Kohler.

Planning Board Chairman John Williamson explained that since Rt. 9W is a state road, the town can only make suggestions for various controls to the state Department of Transportation. According to Kohler, the state will not initiate a study to determine whether or not a traffic light is necessary until the town agrees to pay for it.

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor told the audience that the request for streetlights at the Glenmont School was submitted to Niagara Mohawk months ago, and that his department has been following the matter. But due to work backlogs and the Oct. 4 power outage, streetlight installation has been low on the utility's list of priorities, he said.

Mary Blake, a Colonial Acres resident, expressed her interest to retain the small-town nature of Glenmont. "I want to continue to know my neighbors in Glenmont. I don't want to live in an overwhelming commercial . environment,." she said.

Blake went on to say that she does feel that Glenmont needs additional services, and that continuity of any development is essential. Her views appeared to reflect the mood of the majority.

The issue of heavy truck traffic arose several times. Tractor trailers moving at 45 m.p.h. and cars stopped in the same lane to make a left-hand turn don't make a good combination, residents said. The Glenmont Post Office, located in a dip in the road just north of Feura Bush Rd., is a particularly dangerous spot, several people said. There is a need for turning lanes on Rt. 9W, they

Thomas Niederkorn, PERT's representative at the meeting, said he expects to have a draft for the planning board to review before the end of the month.

# Hospital: no appeal

psychiatric hospital on Rt. 9W Supreme Court decision that upheld the Bethlehem Town Board's rejection of the proposal.

Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said Tuesday that he understands Hospital Group of New York will not appeal the September decision that declared the town board acted reasonably when it denied in a 3-2 vote building project approval last year for the Northeast Psychiatric Hospital on a controversial site near the Glenmont Elementary School

Albany attorney William Sheehan and representatives from Hospital Group of America, Inc., one of the developers, were unavailable for comment Monday and Tuesday.

While Hendrick said he has

Developers of a proposed heard nothing official from the hospital developers, he believes have decided not to appeal a state they are apparently zeroing in on an alternate site on Rapp Rd. in Albany.

Hendrick said he is "very happy" to have the matter put to rest, and thinks it is an appropriate decision under the circumstances. Hendrick said while the make-up of the town board has changed since it turned down the application, with two councilmen who voted against the project having left the board, he thinks the board would have still fought an appeal by the developers.

There was apparently not much of an opportunity by the developers to pursue the matter through the courts.

Supreme Court Judge Robert Doran decided in September that the town board made a legislative decision rather than an administrative decision.

# Bridge repairs to begin

#### By Patricia Mitchell

One pier supporting the Delaware Ave. bridge over the Normanskill will be replaced when repair work on the bridge starts this week, state Department of Transportation officials said Friday.

The pier to be replaced is at the southern end of the bridge. DOT officials say it is cracking through its pedestal and has begun to crack through its pier column underneath. On a scale of one as the lowest and seven as the highest, that pier was rated a one by DOT inspectors in a 1986 inspection.

Each pedestal, the piece directly under the steel girder, of the bridge's 15 piers has been reinforced with steel and the last pier also has a steel "collar" to prevent the bearing going into the pedestal, which would make the bridge sag.

John Taylor, DOT Region I director, said the southern-most pier will be replaced to its footings, or the base, when repair work started on Monday. The pier will be replaced on recommendation of Piasecki Steel Corporation of Stuyvesant, which will be doing the repair work on the bride, and will add an extra \$100,000 onto the \$320,000 contract.

To replace the pier, workers will jack up the end of the bridge a small amount. Taylor said this is not an unusual technique, and will not affect motorists or residents of Normansville, but he cautioned parents to keep their children away from the construction site.

About 15,000 cars pass over the bridge that spans the Normanskill between the City of Albany and the Town of Bethlehem. It is scheduled to be replaced in the early 1990's.

There's still a lot of life left in this structure," Taylor said.

The contractors will also replace deteriorating pedestals with concrete and reinforced steel, and bearing bases on the remaining pedestals will be welded together to prevent further pedestal damage. Corroded steel will also be repaired and replaced. The work is scheduled to be completed in September,

An inspection in October, 1986, gave the bridge a two rating



State Senator Howard Nolan, left, talks with John Taylor, director of Region I of the state Department of Transportation, Friday underneath the Delaware Ave. bridge. Noian announced repair work on the bridge was due to begin Monday. Patricia Mitchell

overall because of problems with the pedestals. Some of the pedestals that allow for the movement of the steel girders for expansion or contraction with the weather are not moving enough, causing them to crack. The bridge is now inspected twice a year instead of the usual once a year.

#### Citizens group meets

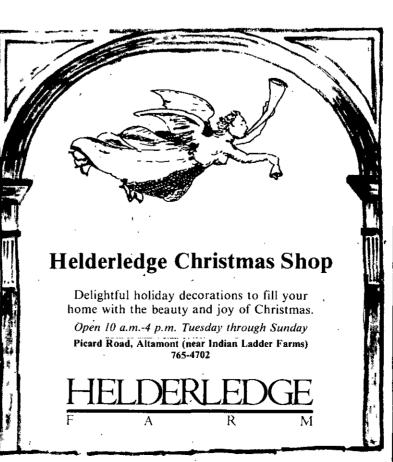
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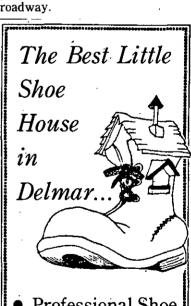
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#### Bethlehem leaf pickup now in full swing

Bethlehem's brush and leaf pickup is now under way, according to Highway Superintendent Martin J. Cross.

Cross said his vehicles have completed their storm cleanup and will now be available to complete collection of brush and fallen leaves in the town. He requested that brush be separated Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible from the piled leaves and that Planning, a local citizens' group both types of debris be placed on concerned with planning and the front edge of residents' development issues, is sponsored a properties, but not on the roadway.





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# The arrogance of power

For richer or for poorer - for better Editorial or worse -

Albany County residents will be enjoying a rerun of the Coyne show for the next four years.

The "four years" is presumptive, in that there's no guarantee that we and our petty little needs can hold the Coyne attention for that long. Our leader's long-playing record shows that he requires frequent diversion from the boring duties of office - toys to play with, games to sport around with, highrolling friends to party with. And chances to tantalize us with the prospect that he might desert to a larger universe (such as the Continental basketball league). While that little sideshow lasted, it was a reminder to us (like a good poke in the ribs) that important people elsewhere value him immensely. Could he be tempted to leave our midst? Or no? We could hardly bear-the suspense, even while subliminally aware all along that maybe the "offer" lacked some bona fides, and in any case the answer would be "No. Presiding over bush-league basketball would fill out a resume, but it would also deprive the incumbent of any real power. And power is the real name of the game, after all.

Albany County never has had another County Executive, so many of us aren't entirely certain what the office should stand for and what it should accomplish for us other than Coynestyle.

To Mr. Coyne, the responsibility obviously means splash and dash-grand notions; halfthought-out schemes; abandoned pipe dreams; take-it-or-leave-it decisions sprung on the citizenry; a highly personalized one-man show of the kind that tends to get Banana Republic presidents in trouble. A moving target — on to the next dream before a dazzled, befuddled public can catch what's silly or dangerous about the last one. All this is at the expense of the county's real business, which is providing good human services.

Such an office as county executive confers plenty of opportunity for sound government, if the person in charge insists on accountability and good management. The other possibilities court disaster.

During the recent campaign, Mr. Coyne — "Jim Coyne," as he folksily appeared on the ballot - went on a radio talk show. A caller asked: "If the center is a flop, who do we blame?" The answer, after a bit of hesitation: "Well, me, I guess." Caller: "That's all I wanted to know.

We've had oceans of rosy predictions for the Coyne rock-and-sport arena (called a "Civic Center," as though thankful citizens will find it a temple of municipal renewal.) The forecasts of success upon success and of a fiscal bonanza turn out to emanate from a single source (though occasionally echoed obediently: "Yes, Chief; if you say so Chief.")

It's a \$40 or 50 million bag that someone is holding for us. Who may end up holding it? Two guesses.

Any number of elements can turn such a project sour. One particularly dismal note is its very location: convenient to certain adjacent real estate, but basically inaccessible. Lack of parking has been duly noted, over and over, but never satisfactorily answered. Travel to, and exit from, the center through Albany's meandering streets and confusing highway outlets could turn out to be the poisoned shaft. The credibility of the whole scheme is suggested, and tainted, by the lessthan-candid byplay on the prospect for a major-league hockey franchise. And tainted all the more by the \$10 million bait-andswitch add-on that wouldn't do credit to Crazy Eddie's used-car lot.

As a manager, Mr. Coyne flubbed that one badly, violating as he did the first principle of when to come clean. Can anyone really believe that he didn't have comfort and security in mind when he first peddled the

Unfortunately, this kind of performance is typical of the Coyne administration of our business, with its history of showy programs abandoned, scant attention to basic services, grand gestures that fade as when the steam leaves the mirror, promises that no one ever successfully tracks, highhanded revelations of complex, nightmarish dreams (all the weird dislocations touted for Albany County Airport.)

In the meantime, the citizens of South Bethlehem can't get a straight answer about the Jericho Bridge, closed now for more than a year and a half. Why did we have to hear from Conrail first that it was willing to pay its share of the cost of repairs, after Mr. Coyne and his staff had said repeatedly that Conrail wouldn't budge? And now that Conrail is in, why is Mr. Coyne insisting that there has to be a third "partner" on the project, which is strictly the county's responsibility?

The answer is sadly obvious — Jericho Rd. may be a county road, and the safety issues may be real, but it's a rural area in a Republican town. Mr. Coyne obviously has other priorities. So the tactic has been to make promises and hope the residents will be satisfied, or at least lose interest - more government by public relations.

'Well, me, I guess'' isn't a good-enough answer to very real problems, or to the very real potential for a taxpayer's nightmare if and when the citizens of this county are called to cover pledges on a failed dream of a civic

For better or worse. . . The Coyne administration is the lingering O'Connell legacy — arrogance, autocracy and all. What its legacy, in turn, will be can't be told in 1987. Reluctantly, we have bought more of the Coyne style — and such substance as he deigns to offer.

Typical of the style were his preposterous overkill spending (over \$100,000 in a nocontest campaign) and the barstool boasting of the landslide that would humiliate any one who dared oppose him.

But if ever a reelected officeholder suffered a repudiation the Nov. 4 result was it. To run well behind all the rest of your ticket — short of actually being ejected — ordinarily is a sobering letdown into reality. All the component elements of the Coyne showing against a totally unknown opponent add up to a lack-of-confidence statement by the voters.

Regrettably, though predictably enough, the County Executive hasn't appeared to see it that way. More of the same - mediocre, inattentive administration, rabbit-from-thehat proposals, self-indulgence and indulgence in risky ventures — is the gloomy picture in store for us. Hold your wallet.

All this casts a grave reflection on the credibility, if not the integrity, of the Republican Party in Albany County. (Does it exist?) Virtually every pretense of real intent to provide genuine opposition has long since vanished. Under the circumstances, this craven shirking of basic responsibility can only be branded as shameful.

# Unsupervised teen party 'alarming'

Editor, The Spotlight:

An event took place Halloween night that I find very disturbing. A costume party was held in a private home with the majority of guests being high school students. This in itself should not be cause for concern but there are other points I find alarming: over 200 people attended, there was no adult supervision, an entrance fee was charged. And alcohol was

I am not opposed to parties and having a good time with one's friends. I am concerned that the size of the group would place the health and safety of the partygoers in jeopardy. The noise level and traffic caused by so large a group would be disturbing to the neighborhood. The attendance by so many shows an interest on the part of the teenagers to have a party. Could not a more suitable place be provided, such as a school gym, a church fellowship hall, the Town Hall auditorium? Where is it possible for our teenagers to get

That no adults were present is also of concern. All property owners are legally liable for what takes place on their property whether they are present or not. It is to their advantage to be there and supervise. Of more concern is the well-being of the party-goers. Accidents and/or illness can occur. Who in this instance was in charge or responsible if something happened? Did the parents of those attending call ahead and realize no adults would be present and that alcohol was to be served?

I understand that this event was held as a fund-raiser. What kind of organization would use illegal means: providing, serving, or selling alcohol to minors, as a fund-raiser? How is this group to be held accountable? If their

#### **Vox Pop**

intention is to do "good works" there are legal, safer ways to raise money. If their intent is purely social, they need to find a safer, healthier, legal way to have fun.

My biggest concern is the use of alcohol and other drugs by the young people of our community. It is against the law, (Section 260.2 of the penal; code), to give or sell any alcoholic beverage to a person less than 21 years old. By allowing our young people to attend such parties, we are condoning an illegal activity as well as jeopardizing the health, both physical and mental, of our

By not taking steps to stop these activities we are showing our young people we lack respect for the law and concern for their well-being. People learn by example. Is this the attitude we want out children to mimic?

This particular party is not an isolated case. It is just an example of one type of party, organized by some young people in our town, sometimes and (and at times without) their parents' consent. I am thankful no one was seriously injured at this event. I hope we, as a community, will take the necessary steps to see that an event such as this does not occur

Mary Berry

Delmar Because of the issues raised in this letter, The Spotlight is forwarding it to the Bethlehem Town Board members, the town supervisor, police chief, the superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District and and the BCHS principal, asking for their

#### Adequate enforcement is real answer

Editor, The Spotlight:

A reader recently wrote concerning joggers and bicyclists who violate the law. I agree that the problem appears to be increasing - but don't blame the law! Regulations governing bicyclists and pedestrians are clearly contained in the Vehicle and Traffic Law. Bicyclists are required to use a headlight and tail light at night, ride in the same direction as traffic, and obey all signs and signals. Pedestrians likewise are required to obey traffic rules and regulations. Although traffic safety education is mandated in our schools, attention to bicycle and pedestrian safety is minimal. Even so, most bicyclists and pedestrians know the law — and know they can break it with little chance of recrimination.

The solution to the terrible accident and injury rate for these highway users is adequate enforcement. Police virtually

never issue summonses for bicycle or pedestrian violations, although over 10,000 cyclists and 23,000 pedestrians are injured in our state every year

When police began enforcing drunk driving laws earlier this decade (at the public behest), the DWI fatality rate dramatically decreased. When police began issuing tickets for disobeying the seat belt law, belt use doubled, and injuries decreased.

When police initiate a community program for bicyclists and pedestrians, including summonses for adult violators, with letters, to parents, peer courts, and warnings for those under 18 (and add to this a town or village registration requirement for bicycles), pedestrians and bicyclists will exist in harmony with motor vehicle operators as the system is designed to do.

Delmar

Eric Eisenstein

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#### Three decades later, an old story

Remember when the autumn breezes were heavy with the musky fragrance of big, smoldering bonfires? When everyone raked and burned instead of waiting for a government truck to make unwanted leaves vanish? (Hopefully, before snow buries them.). That was before air pollution was discovered.

If you can recall that, maybe you also used to salvage ashes from the furnace or hot-water heater (or cook stove?) to scatter, on the sidewalk and driveway after a snowfall. That was well before salt was invented.

There's a chance that you may have been the lucky one who'd bring the milk in from the doorstep and on winter mornings you'd be able to scoop off the frozen cream that had pushed its way up from the bottleneck. And maybe you sprinkled the cream with brown sugar — creating an unparalleled taste sensation. That was before homogenizing, low-fat, and waxed-cardboard cartons were thought up, so milkmen could sleep late.

And so, just possibly, you'll recall when the "State University at Albany" was a teachers' college (along with,10 normal schools in such spots as Potsdam, Brockport, and Geneseo), when HVCC was a veterans' training school — and institutions like Stony Brook just didn't exist.

That last is brought to mind by the news story that appeared in the dailies the other day, telling us that the State University of New York — which incorporates Albany, Hudson Valley, Stony



Brook and sixty-leven other colleges, was asking for an extra \$150 million dollars to try to improve on whatever it is that seniors carry away with them. (The current SUNY budget is about \$2.8 billion.)

One of those news stories mentioned that not long ago "a panel of educators and business, labor, and political leaders" had turned in a report calling the university "an unfulfilled institution" that's far behind in such key aspects as graduate education and research activity.

And that struck a note which rang weirdly familiar to some people with longish memories. People who are given to noting coincidences would tell you that it's exactly 30 years this month since a report came out with almost identical language (though not quite so harsh).

A consultant had been hired in 1957 by the State University to

assay its research status and prospects. What became known as "The Blegen Report" told it like it was (is) and strongly recommended a coherent thrust into a program of graduate-level education at four centers around the state.

But what an uproar over such a modest proposal!

The university's trustees repudiated it, the Regents were horrorstruck, the Commissioner of Education neglected to remember he'd supported the idea, Governor Harriman showed signs of shock, the private colleges' lobby demanded blood — and the university's president lost his job.

Within a year, Averell Harriman was repudiated, too — at the hands of Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Despite what had gone before, Nelson Rockefeller (who thought big, with dreams no one else would dare imagine) set about building a university, not merely big but mammoth — the Empire State Plaza of education, you could say. The centers such as the one at Albany, that the Blegen Report had proposed, were built after all. Billions upon billions have been spent (though low-cost education, supposedly the cornerstone of a public university, has been sacrificed).

And now it's just a request for another handout (only \$150 million for a cup of coffee, sir), while the reports are still at hand, 30 years later, about the lack of quality graduate education and research in our State University.

What's new? Pardon my asking what's new. . .

### Setting up our tepee

In this weekly "guest editorial," Spotlight readers are invited to express their thoughts on any of a variety of topics of general interest to the community. This week's writer, an architect on the staff of the New York State Facilities Development Corporation, comments on what it's like to be a newcomer to our towns.

#### By John Defino

My wife and I spent nearly a full year painstakingly researching where the Definos ought to make their home. We couldn't be more delighted than with our

#### Point of View

be more delighted than with our choice in Bethlehem, where we moved in mid-summer.

We are expatriates from Queens who first tried out life in the Berkshires after my employment brought me to Albany. The advantages in that scenic and quite pleasant area turned out to be — for us — more apparent than real.

So we began our quest for a better answer, and visited many communities in all directions from the Capitol radius.

Ultimately, we found that Delmar seemed to suit our needs and hopes. When a comfortable residence on Roweland Avenue became available, we were more than ready to commit.

And the area — specifically the neighborhood — has more than fulfilled our expectations.

From the Welcome Wagon call to last evening's father-and-daughter Indian Guides gathering, we have been overjoyed by the attitudes that we've experienced as much as by the incredible convenience of location; by the opportunities offered as much as by the small-town conservatism that seems to prevail.

Our neighbors have been as friendly as could be imagined. When a helping hand is needed (even to lending tools!) they are unreserved in reaching out.

We enjoy the shopping (rather quaint, frequently), including the available parking. We tend to eat out a lot and relish the variety of restaurants in the area. We look forward to the Spotlight weekly. We use the library regularly, enjoy Five Rivers, swam in the town pool frequently, and have branched out to experience hiking around Rensselaerville and, in quite another direction, to take in live theater at the Egg and Capital Rep.

Among the best of all the advantages we've found is the Hamagrael School for Cara, our 6-year-old, who is learning to read with great joy. Out of school, she loves swimming and gymnastics (and, as noted, she and I are a new team among the Indian Guides).

My wife, Laura, who is a nurse by profession but now is into interior design, has made quite a few friends already in this new home area of ours. What brought home to me, as well as to her, the interdependence of people in this kind of suburban region was the immediate aftermath of the Oct. 4 snowstorm, when Laura worked as a volunteer at the Fire Department's relief

Despite the hardships inflicted on so many, this opportunity to serve and genuinely be and feel a part of a community of neighbors and friends brought at least this one ray of joy for us.

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tion, "Was Barbie part of a moment in history or an enduring threat?" Marcel Ophuls says: "Both... It is an ongoing problem; insofar as the Barbies are dying out, they are not going to be physically around — but there are other Barbies — Ida Amin, Aziz." You can "read" Vogue at the

Environmentalists can get a Rocky Mountain high on *High Country News*, "a paper for people who care about the West" that is published biweekly most of the year in Paonia, Col. In tabloid newspaper format, it features

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industry," "Bringing back wolves will kill more than sheep," "Coyotes no match for helicopters," "If it's a wild and free animal, then kill it!" (an attack on the Federal Animal Damage Control Program), and "Watt and Hodel succeeded in turning back the clock at Interior." Stuart Udall, commenting at a conference with the theme of finding a way to have the lion of development lie down with the lamb of habitat, offered a twist on the biblical reference. He told of a zoo whose most popular exhibit featured a lion and a lamb living together. "The secret to the combination, the zookeeper confided, was placing a new lamb with the lion each night.' High Country News is published

such articles as "Ski industry

collides with the big game

by a non-profit foundation under two transplanted New Yorkers, Ed Marston (publisher) and Betsy Pilat Marston (editor). The annual subscription is \$20, but if you'll write to Betsy at Box 1090, Paonia, Col. 81428, she'll happily send you a sample copy.

#### Our foursquare homes; mountain highs

By Constant Reader

Who hasn't lived in one at some happy period of life — and perhaps still is there?

The subject is "The American Foursquare," as identified and lovingly described in the November-December issue of the Old House Journal. The "Foursquare," as amply illustrated, is a substantial, plain, straightforward, homely, comfortable dwelling designed for family living and built to endure. And endure it has, for as the article by the magazine's editor, Patricia Poore, observes in her appreciation, 'The Foursquare is the preeminent post-Victorian type" of residence. . . It is the epitome of the turn-of-the-century's comfortable house ideal.'

Where did it come from? The style seemed to spring up, apparently without precedent, almost overnight. There were none in 1890. By 1910, thousands of Foursquares had been built. . Foursquare variants appeared in virtually every patternbook between 1900 and 1925, which explains the presence of this style in every town with pre-1930 houses. . . It was a new style, suited to smaller lots, prefabricated parts, and the middle-class housing boom."

The issue includes down-tostuds pieces such as — How to Install a Tin Ceiling" and "Post-Victorian Bathrooms." The magazine sells for \$3.95; a year's subscription (6 issues) is \$18. Published at 69A Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn 11217.

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Under its new editorship, The New Yorker is slowly turning in the winds of change. There is still that tendency toward esoteric, pointless fiction (which has its own horde of devotees) and longwinded essays from exotic spots. But the readability quotient is climbing like the Dow used to. The Nov. 9 issue, for example, includes a provocative "Letter from Rome" by Andrea Lee about the "notorious pornography star," known as Cicciolina (Little Cuddly One in liberal translation) and her election to the Italian parliament - though no one has publicly admitted voting for her. The Radical Party, which put her on the ballot as a gimmick though without expectation she'd be elected "failed to gauge the extent of the nihilistic streak in the Italian voters. 'A look of ingenuousness" is her trademark, as it she were a little girl trying to dress up to define the word 'tawdry.'

In the same issue is Brendan Gill's diagnosis of the ailments of his city. "When the heart of a city is increasingly owned by absentee millionaires, and when the young folk at work there are resolved that as quickly as possible they, too, will become absentee millionaires, the survival of the city as a whole is put in jeopardy. . . Silently, in astonished dismay, we perceive that the greatest city on earth stands poised on the brink of self-destruction. And then we perceive something still more astonishing: that the city itself appears not to notice where it is standing." Weekly at \$1.75, The New Yorker sells at \$32. for a one-year subscription.

#### Word for the week

Nihilism/nihilistic (pronounced with first "i" long and first syllable accented.) In ethics, rejection of all distinctions in moral value; the belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary to ensure future improvement.

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#### Preparation is required for mountain hiking

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Adirondack Mountains are a natural attraction to our youth, but are frequently down-graded as to their potential hazard. Having recently encountered an unprepared group of youths hiking in the mountains leads me to write now. Some of our most known mountains are open topped peaks, unprotected from chilling winds and adverse weather conditions. From September through May, snow and ice

#### **Vox Pop**

can be found in the mountains, while we here in the Albany area enjoy warmer weather.

As an example, earlier this year, a group from the Adirondack Mountain Club, prepared for and expecting cold weather (by cold weather forecasts), were frankly surprised to find one inch of snow at the bottom of the mountain. On ascending the mountain we found six inches of snow, 15 degree temperatures and 30 mile an hour winds (providing a wind chill

factor of minus 26 degrees). Ice breathing. One youth was observed covered rocks and snow-filled holes provided excellent oportunity for foot and ankle injury. Wet snow and mud holes caused wet shoes and gloves. An excellent opportunity for frostbite and hypothermia, for the unprepared.

During this hike we saw youth on the trails wearing sneakers or un-waterproofed shoes, blue jeans and other cotton clothing, rag sweaters without wind protection, and no gloves. We saw these hikers unaccompanied or out of sight of companions. One hiker was on top, having climbed over ice covered rocks and was at least thirty minutes ahead of his hiking companions. A pack, with extra supplies in case of emergency, was left at tree line.

Sneakers are not appropriate for mountain climbing. Cotton clothing (such as blue jeans) does not dry rapidly. Climbing mountains causes perspiration, and in the winter time one needs to layer clothing frequently, to keep 'cool", and dry. Wet clothing, particularly on a wind blown open top, is dangerous. Wind protective clothing is mandatory. An adequate water supply is necessary, in cold as well as in warm weather, when we don't realize how much moisture we expire by mere Delmar

eating snow instead of drinking water -- causing excessive use of warming energy.

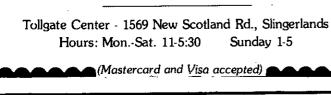
The Adirondack Mountains, while not as high as some in this country, are in my experience some of the most difficult to climb. They have steep, rocky, muddy trails which are generally inaccessible to rapid rescue. Weather conditions change rapidly.

It is imperative that hike leaders have some experience and training before taking youth into the wilderness. Leaders must be readily available in the event of problems. The Adirondack Mountain Club is also willing to present a training session on mountain safety for local groups. (Contact Albany Chapter ADK, P.O. Box 11-600, Loudonville, N.Y. 12144).

your kids are in the mountains, make sure they are properly dressed and equipped. and that their leaders are aware of potential problems.

We need to be reminded of these potential mountain hazards continually, particularly in the spring and fall when we forget that the weather is different in the mountains.

George D. Tilroe



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#### Hope that we'll work together for the area

Editor, The Spotlight:

A letter of mine, printed in the Nov. 11 Spotlight, referred to my hope that Bethlehem could avoid an "armed camp" or "us against them" mentally. In the very same issue on the new editorial page, I saw citizen groups characterized as unarmed guerillas whose existence "tends to foster unrest among the citizenry." Focus instead should be directed at the conditions which have given use to the many citizen groups.

Let's hope that this editorial doesn't reflect the prevailing attitude in Bethlehem, and that we'll all be able to work together for the future of the area.

Mary R. Powell

Glenmont

#### The highway use laws are there to be used

Editor, The Spotlight:

A "Concerned Motorist" needs to redirect his complaint about what it is that clogs our highways. The State Vehicle and Traffic Law lays down very specific rules for the use of the highway by any person. The problem is that very few choose to obey these laws and fewer still bother to enforce them. Try a call to the police department; maybe that will help. The laws are there to be used.

James F. Longley

Glenmont

#### On the Democrats, power and the bullet

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to comment on the editorial, "Election reflections" in the Nov. 11 issue.

As campaign manager for Bob Burns, I believe I can speak with considerable accuracy about the bullet vote and the Bethlehem Democrats' alleged thirst for power, which were two issues raised in the editorial.

I would first like to comment on the bizarre notion that anything done in Bob Burns' campaign was motivated by a thirst for power. As most informed individuals know, Bethlehem residents have had one-party domination for 194 years. There have been no opposing viewpoints or opinions ever considered by the Republicans, and their arrogance and indifference to town residents most likely will continue in spite of their recent political loss. Make no

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Republican Party now and in the excellent professional teaching future — it is considerable. But to suggest that the Democrats went beyond political propriety to seize that power is absurd, ridiculous, and quite frankly impossible.

With regard to the bullet vote and the contention that Bob ("vote only for me") Burns had done something politically improper, let me state that it was never the Democrats' plan to field only one candidate. The reason that Bob Burns ran alone was not part of an insideous political strategy. It was simply because the one-party rule was so entrenched in Bethlehem that a number of qualified Democrats decided not to fight the odds. Bob, however, did. Since there are no other qualified candidates willing to run, what would The Spotlight have the Democrats do - take hostages?

To comment further on the bullet vote, citizens have the right to vote for candidates of their choice. Nowhere does the Constitution state that in the absence of a full slate of Democrats one is bound to vote for a Republican.

I look forward to The Spotlight's desire to provide the community with informed editorial comment and opinion. Hopefully, in recognition of the power of the press, these editorial opinions will be based on fact.

Arthur M. Brown

Delmar

Further in the interests of accuracy, we should note that the Republican Party didn't exist anywhere until 1856, so it presumably wasn't controlling the Town of Bethlehem 194 years ago.

#### Bethlehem PTAs Salute Our Teachers

At this time of Thanksgiving, when we think about all the good things we have in Bethlehem, we (as presidents of the PTAs) would like to thank the Bethlehem Central teachers, one and all.

All of us know exceptional teachers. Many parents saw them in action at the recent Open Houses. Visit your child's class during National Education Week. See for yourself.

Our children are being challenged and nurtured daily by these outstanding teachers.

In recognition of the contributions that good teachers make to us individually, and as a community, all of the PTAs of

mistake about the power of the Bethlehem Central applaud our staff. These dedicated teachers are shaping the future of our

> One behalf of all PTA and BCCO members:

Judy Ayers, Clarksville Phyllis Hillinger, Glenmont Sarah Slingerland, Hamagrael Lynne Lenhardt, Slingerlands Iva Zornow, Middle School Mary Berry, High School

#### Dinner, bazaar planned

The Women's Guild of the New Salem Reformed Church will serve a ham dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. A small bazaar has also been scheduled for the evening.

Reservations are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 years and younger. For reservations call Nellie Sheehan at 765-2197.

#### **Tri-Village Squares** dance on Saturday

The Tri-Village Square Dance Club of Delmar will hold a dance on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 8 to 11 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Ken Ritucci will call the mainstream with a plus tip.



#### Charles A. Gunner **BCHS** principal called outstanding

Charles A. Gunner, principal at Bethlehem Central High School, has been named one of 52 outstanding secondary school principals in a unique national project to honor quality educators.

One hundred and two outstanding teachers and secondary school principals were announced in the fourth annual "In Honor of Excellence" project, the nation's only joint recognition program of teachers and principals. It is sponsored by Burger King Corporation, the National Association of

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the Council of Chief State School

Winners will be invited to a five-day all expense paid conference in Florida on Nov. 19-23 where a number of experts on learning, motivation, and trends will speak.

Gunner said he believes the excellence in education movement will be an encouragement to educators and citizens. .

"It makes us keenly aware of those educational programs, schools and people that strive for excellence," said Gunner. "This movement rekindles our founding fathers' belief that good education is a key ingredient in keeping our people free and prosperous.

Gunner has been principal of Bethlehem Central High School for 15 years and is a 37-year veteran in education. He has received the Outstanding Educator Award of Honor by the National School Public Relations Associ-

Secondary School Principals, and ation. He has been featured by WTEN-TV as Person of the Week. Presently, he serves on the executive committee of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

> He earned a B.S. from George Washington University and an M.A. from Seton Hall University.

#### BC class of 1968 to celebrate reunion

The 20th class reunion of the Bethlehem Central class of 1968 will be celebrated next year. Anyone interested in helping the reunion committee should attend the organizational meeting at the Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106, on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone with address information on class members, call Don or Barbara Geurtze at 439-7848.

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# Legislators focus on youth issues

**By Patricia Dumas** 

Albany Countý legislators this month turned their attention toward two types of youths those who need help in order to stay out of trouble and those who want to be informed citizens.

At its Nov. 13, meeting, the legislature approved a state and county funded program that allows problem children and teenagers to live at home while they receive counseling and support services. It also recognized 22 students who are enrolled in the 1987-88 government intern

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program sponsored by the county cooperative extension association.

The counseling program is directed toward young people who are referred by their parents or schools to the county's Probation Department because of behavior problems or truancy. Designated as PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision), such youngsters may be assigned through Family Court to live in

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facilities other than their home

The program endorsed by the legislature is designed to cut down on the percentage of assigned living arrangements so that more young people can live with their families while they receive various rehabilitation services.

Groundwork for the program began last January with establishment of a county PINS Adjustment Services Advisory Board, which subsequently made recommendations to the the legislature's Social Services committee.

The total cost of running the program for one year is budgeted at \$149,365, with \$122,024 of that total to come from state aid. According to statistics provided by probation officials, the cost of PINS assignment can be as much as \$145,000-per person.

Before voting on the PINS resolution and other items on a short agenda, county legislators last week welcomed the student interns. Juniors and seniors in area high schools, they will get a first-hand look at the workings of county government. Under the annual program, students, are selected by the county extension

service with the cooperation of school officials. The selection is based on student interest and recommendation by the schools. Academic credit is available at the discretion of school officials. The students meet with top county officials, visit county offices, attend monthly sessions of the county legislature and sit in on legislative committee meetings. They attend seminars and go on field trips under a released time arrangement.

Coordinator Nancy Lerner introduced the students who are assigned to individual legislators. Area participants are: Christine Walker, assigned to Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris; Randi Wolkenbreit and Katherine Lawrence, assigned to Robert W. Hoffmeister; Tammy Samsel, assigned to James C. Ross, and Jennifer Mistretta and Steven Stein to Michael Ricci. Walker, Wolkenbreit and Lawrence are from Bethlehem Central High School. Samsel is from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, and Mistretta and Stein are from Voorheesville High School.

#### Legislature to air 1988 county budget

The Albany County Legislature has scheduled a public hearing on the county's \$219.5 million budget for Nov. 25 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the legislative chambers at the county courthouse on Eagle St., Albany.

#### Glenmont's opera to be shown of TV

The Glenmont School's original opera, "If the Shoe Fits... produced by students at the school in the spring of 1986, will be shown on Channel 45 on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m.

Glenmont students developed the opera in cooperation with the Lake George Opera Company, with funding through a grant from the state Council on the Arts. Both the planning stages and the performance were videotaped as a pilot program for use in other schools throughout the

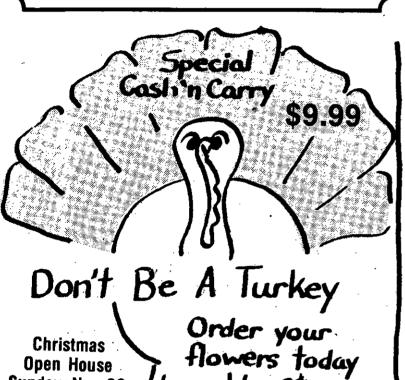
#### Library snow policy tied to schools

The Bethlehem Public Library has announced its snow policy for the winter.

If Bethlehem Central Schools are closed or are opening one hour late due to inclement weather, the library will open at 10 a.m.

Should the library close due to weather conditions or other emergency conditions, announcements will be made over radio stations WGY (810 am), WROW (590 am), WQBK (1300 am), WKLI (101 fm), and WPYX (106 fm).

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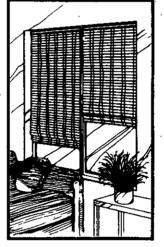
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# High school parking woes prompt meeting with town

Representatives of Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central school district will meet to discuss parking by high school students on Van Dyke Rd. and on streets across from the high

John Williamson, chairman of the town's Traffic Safety Committee handling the complaint, recommended to the town board last week that the town restrict parking in the area if an agreement on the situation can't be reached.

High School Principal Charles Gunner said after the meeting that about 20 to 30 cars park on Van Dyke Rd. next to the school, and about 10 cars park on Brockley, Longmeadow and Evelyn drives across from the school. He said he expects the problem to get worse as the year goes on and more people drive to school. Gunner also said he recommended that the district build more

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parking spaces at the school to help alleviate the problem.

After discussing residents' complaints, the town board instructed the Traffic Safety Committee to meet with the school board. Town board members Ruth Bickel, Fred Webster and Dennis Corrigan will also attend the meeting, which has not yet been set.

If an agreement can't bereached, the traffic committee recommended that "no parking any time" signs be placed on the west side of Van Dyke Rd. for 3,000 feet south of Delaware Ave.

"No parking school days — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m." signs should also be placed on both sides of Brockley Dr. for 300 feet north of Delaware Ave., and on Evelyn Dr. an unsafe situation, he said.

An expansion of the parking lot added 12 more spaces this year, and he expects about 10 more spaces to open up when construction at the school is completed, Gunner said. He said he understands how residents feel and hopes a solution can be

The town board delt with two other traffic problems, on Kenwood Ave. and in Bicentennial Woods, at its meeting last Wednesday, and set a Dec. 9 public hearing on solutions recommended by the traffic committee.

The curve on Kenwood Ave. at Mason Rd. has been the subject of several complaints from residents, who asked for a stop sign and lower speed limit in the area. The traffic committee asked Greg Sagendorph of the town Highway Department to conduct tests. According to Williamson, Sagendorph decided "that the curve could be safely negotiated at a speed of 30 miles per hour.



speed limit for the entire length of Kenwood Ave., from the Delmar and Longmeadow Dr., Williamson Bypass to where the current 20 said in a letter to the town board. m.p.h. school speed zones now Gunner said there were always begin near the middle school. a few cars parked off-campus, but That would eliminate the short the situation has gotten worse. stretch of Kenwood Ave. that is High school seniors are the only now posted for 40 m.p.h., students allowed to park on Williamsen said. campus this year because in the past more cars used the lot than there were spaces available. Cars were parked in fire lanes, causing

Williamson reported that the committee met on Oct. 22 with representatives of the Bicentennial Woods residents to discuss their concerns. Residents have complained of speeding on Jefferson Rd., a through street that has no sidewalks and is heavily used by pedestrians and children. At its next meeting, the committee recommended the following actions:

The committee recommended

that a "Curve Ahead" sign be installed, and that has already

been done, Williamson said. It

also recommended a 30 m.p.h.

- "Children Playing" signs on Jefferson Rd. off Feura Bush Rd. to warn southbound traffic on Jefferson Rd.
- Install an "Intersection Warning" sign on Jefferson Rd. to warn northbound traffic approaching from Penn Lane.
- Install "Yield" signs on Manor Drive at Jefferson Rd. and on Hancock Rd. at its two intersections with Jefferson Rd.

The committee also recommended continued police surveillance of the area. The hearing is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Dec. 9, following a 7:30 p.m. hearing on the sewer assessment rolls.

### Storm

(From page 1)

Secor said it will take more time for Bethlehem to come up with a final damage estimate because some of the federal cost guidelines are different than those the town was using. Also, he said, "the work is still going on." In addition to the costs of removing the debris from the storm, the towns may claim costs of some repairs.

Fire districts that have their own taxing authority may apply directly to FEMA, and those that have contracts with the towns they cover may submit their costs to the towns, Secor said.

The federal aid has been estimated at \$9 million.

#### Selkirk man jailed following assault

A Selkirk man was charged with felony criminal mischief after he allegedly assaulted a Selkirk woman, state police said.

Gregory Watkins, 21, of Meilak's Trailer Park in Selkirk, was arrested by troopers Sunday after he allegedly damaged the windows of a car and assaulted another trailer park resident at the trailer

Troopers said Watkins was also charged with assault and reckless endangerment. After being arraigned before Coeymans Town Justice Harry Sturges, he was sent to the Albany County

# Budget is passed

A \$13.45 million budget that includes a tax decrease and a six percent salary hike for town employees has been approved by the town board.

The general property taxes in the Town of Bethlehem decreases by 10 cents to the 1988 rate of \$7.04 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The decrease in general taxes is attributed to the town's growing tax base and an increase in anticipated mortgage taxes.

The \$13,455,985 budget was approved with no changes from the preliminary budget proposed by Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick by the Bethlehem Town Board Wednesday. It is an \$866,510 spending increase, or six percent, from this year's budget.

Water, sewer and highway taxes will increase slightly under the new budget. Water district taxes will increase 1.5 percent to \$9.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Sewer taxes will increase 0.3 percent in the Delmar-Elsmere sewer district to \$19.61 per \$1,000, and increase two percent to \$7.13 per \$1,000 outside the

Highway taxes will increase 1.2 percent to \$20.84 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Town employees will get a six percent pay hike to keep up with inflation. The salary increase will . cost the town about \$265,000.

Other highlights of the 1988 Bethlehem budget include \$21,750 for a microfilm system, \$30,000 for a town planner, a stenographer and other consulting services, increased funds for an insurance rate increase of about 28 percent and additional liability coverage, increase funding for Hope House by \$22,000 under the Parks and Recreation Department, and to replace four police vehicles.

A contingency account is included to cover any additional traffic or other special studies that may be necessary.

#### Man wearing dress harrasses Delmar boy

Bethlehem police said a man dressed in women's clothing allegedly harrassed an Oakwood Pl., Delmar, boy as he was walking along Delaware Ave. Sunday afternoon.

As the boy was walking along Delaware Ave. at about 4:30 p.m., he noticed the man walking on Delaware Ave. towards Elsmere Ave. near Oakwood Pl. As the man passed by the boy, he reportedly made kissing noises at the boy, stuck his tongue out and continued to walk down Delaware, police said.

The boy told police the man has been seen on several other ocassions by him and his friends. Police said the man is described as tall and thin, wearing a dress, a wig and high heels.

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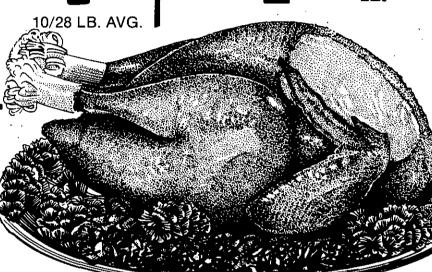
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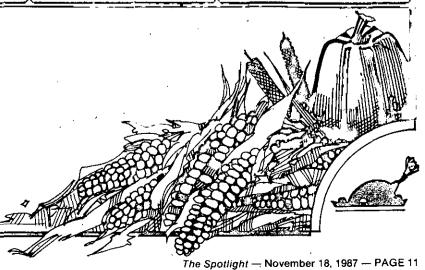
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# Travels in China reveal ancient, modern wonders

recounting a three-week trip to China by Bethlehem historian Allison Bennett in September.

#### By Allison Bennett '

Leaving Beijing in a Russian-built jet that has its own peculiarities, we landed several hundred miles inland at China's ancient city of Xian. The fabulous Silk Road of the middle ages

This is the third and final article China have all or parts of their old walls still in existence.

> We visited a 6,000-year-old neolithic village that has been excavated here in Xian and climbed the many steps of the seven-story Big Wild Goose Pagoda.

The sight that holds one spellbound in Xian is the army of Silk Road of the middle ages pottery soldiers, which was started at ancient Antioch on the discovered in 1974 by local Mediterranean, crossed the plains farmers digging a well. This of southern Russia and ended at )2,180-year-old ceramic army of Xian. Horses, furs and spices more than 8,000 soldiers was were traded for the porcelain and buried to "protect" the tomb of silks of the East. No less than a the first Qin emperor. The vear would be needed to glimpse remarkable thing is that the all of the history that Xian has to soldiers are life-size and were offer. The city served as China's modeled from life. No two statues capital for 1087 years. The city look alike. Some are sober, some walls date from the 1300's, smiling, some purposeful. They Incidentally, all of the cities of have varying hairstyles and

uniforms. The sight of this vast array standing in the trenches from which they were excavated was breathtaking. The army is now protected from the elements by a permanent building.

From Xian we took another hair-raising flight in an army plane to Nanjing - the favorite residence of Generalissimo and Madame Chaing Kai-Chek. The aura of luxury prevailed in the house built in 1924 in traditional Chinese style and known as Mei-Ling's palace (Mrs. Chaing). Furniture of the period graces her bedroom and the room is grand in scale - almost as large as the average Chinese house. Do you remember when she visited the White House and brought her own satin sheets - to be changed every day?

The great burial memorial to her brother-in-law, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, is placed in a lovely park setting at the edge of the city. The memorial is accessible by climbing 392 steps.

The Yangtze River bridge, built in 1968, is a wonder I personally could have done without, but the Chinese are very proud of it because it was the first bridge to span the great river. Russian engineers planned it; but, after

The peaked mountains in Guilin.

the falling out with that country, the Chinese built it themselves.

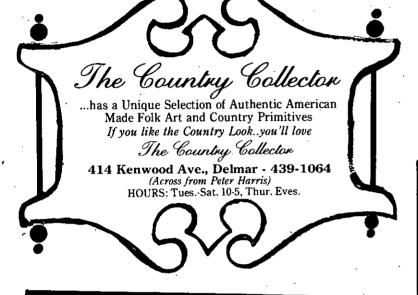
In Nanjing we boarded a softseat train from Suzhou. The trains in China have soft or hard seats - price determines where you sit. Our car was air conditioned. The soft seats were slip covered with white cotton over which a lace tablecloth type of head cover was placed. There was a small table between the facing seats and it was set with four covered teacups. Tea can be purchased enroute. Lunch is also available on long train rides.

Suzhou, a picturesque city of small, old China style, white plastered houses with grey tile roofs, is the "Williamsburg of China." With canals meandering behind the houses, the city is reminiscent of Venice.

Suzhou is famous for its lovely formal landscape gardens, and we visited three of them. One steps through a doorway from the street into a quiet courtyard with gardens beyond that seem miles away from the bustle of the street outside. There are pools filled with lotus plants, pavilions for sitting and reflecting, and intricate stone patterns in the many walkways and courtyard patios.

The city offers tiny shops that sell the usual selection of Chinese ivory and jade; and, occasionally a few antiques are tucked away on the shelves.

Since its establishment during the 10th century, Suzhou gained prominence because it was on the route of the Grand Canal, the



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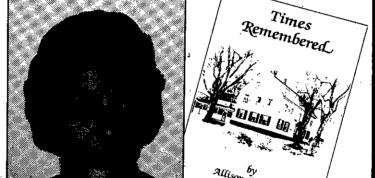
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oldest and longest canal in the world. This canal was built in 581 A.D. and extended from Beijing to Hangzhou, a length of 1,794 kilometers. The waterway is still bustling with boat horns and shouts echoing in the air as the motorized and man-powered boats try to pass one another.

We were surprised to see all kinds of flowers in China. including many that are grown in the United States. The red or yellow canna flowers were brilliant. The coxcombs are the largest I have ever seen, and the asters were lovely. Large saucer magnolia and palm trees, as well as hibiscus and other tropical flowers, are common in subtropical China south of the Yangtze.

Our tour bus took us on to the nearby city of Hangzhou, one of the most beautiful locations in China. Hangzhou has been a resort for 1,400 years. Our hotel was on the shores of West Lake, which is located on the edge of the city. The building had been built in the 1960's for Russian engineers and later refurbished for the tourist trade.

While staying in Hangzhou, we visited a silk factory. During our tour we also visited factories that produced beautiful hand embroidery, carved jade, ivory and sandalwood fans, a commune that produced farm products and pearl necklaces, and of course, no visit to China is complete without a visit to a kindergarten, where the children do a song and dance routine for the ogling tourists.

A visit to the bustling city of Shanghai showed us the old European architecture of former days that still stands along the Bund, the waterfront promenade. The city started life as a fishing village 5,000 years ago. Today, it is a busy port city that has been chosen by the government for intensive economic development. An evening performance by the Shanghai Acrobats provided thrills and chills as they executed fantastic feats for our pleasure. At the Temple of the Jade Buddha we naa to remove our snoes before entering the chamber in which the Buddha reposes.

From Shanghai we took a much quieter plane (Boeing 727) to Guilin in south China, which is famous for its vertical limestone mountains and caves. We climbed up the mountainside to a large cave. Upon reaching the "big room" several of us decided that had had enough of being underground in China and walked on to the exit. Although the cave was very interesting with huge stalactites and stalagmites, the atmosphere was humid and oppressive.

Nearly all tourists in Guilin take a three and one-half hour boat tour of the Li River. Our bus took us to the point of embarkation, through very scenic and fertile areas. A new road to the river was being built to better

accommodate the tourists. Coolie labor has not yet disappeared in China. The entire road was being built by hand. Men carry out dirt in baskets suspended on their shoulders. Except for an ancient machine that grinds rocks, pickaxes, sledge hammers and

Some 18 tour boats in our cortege passing down the river, each holding about 40 people. The ride was certainly scenic, but this writer, who wanted to live for another day, had nothing but a Granola bar and a soda for lunch. The lunch served on the boat included turtle soup made from turtles that a woman caught from

shovels are the only tools used.

the river as we got underway. The meal was cooked in a wok over charcoal on the rear of the boat. Vegetables, rolls and dumplings that are very pale and glutinous in texture are all steamed.

After lunch the dishes and glasses were washed in a little dishpan with cold water that comes directly through a hose from the river. Water buffalos stand in the river, eating the grass that grows on the bottom - the toilets from the boats discharge into that water and people wash their clothes along the banks and use the river for transportation with their bamboo rafts. Apparently, only the strong survive.

Another American plane took us from Guilin to Guangzhou (Canton), a city that is well known for its trade shows for foreign businesses and is trying very hard to emulate Hong Kong. The White Swan Hotel was truly a luxurious hostelry, as were all of the others that we stayed in. While some people claim that visitors cannot get the real flavor of China by staying in the jointventure luxury hotels, they are a welcome relief at the end of a hot and tiring day of touring.

Leaving Guangzhou, it is a three hour train ride through emerald green rice fields, and groves of bananas and papayas to the free New Territories and Hong Kong. Arrival at the station was hectic with the Hong Kong Chinese crowding through the immigration lines with bags and

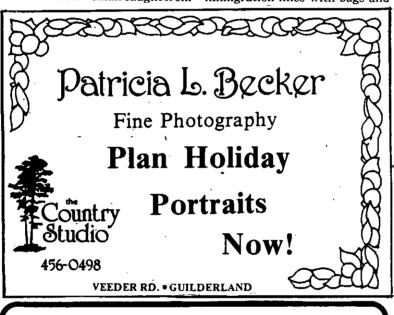


A street scene.

bundles after having paid a visit to their relatives in the People's Republic. However, we were soon settled in the sparkling modern Hyatt hotel in the heart of the busy Kowloon shopping area. Hucksters and hustlers, topless bars, massage parlors, implicit little statuettes, playing cards and magazines, are rife here in the vendors' stalls. The plethora of jewelry, watch, camera, luggagé and clothing shops as well as Chinese arts and crafts, is almost mind boggling. Nowhere are there so many "goods" for sale as in the Orient. Like New York City, the mood in Hong Kong is more representative of capitalism than

Chinese socialism.

If you have a desire to visit China and see it before there are too many luxury hotels and Westernized ways of doing things, don't wait too much longer. At the pace the People's Republic is changing and with the proposed increase in openness to the rest of the world, there should be many, many changes within the next decade. Some of the flavor of old China, with its simple way of life, language barriers and a bit of the romance of a culture that is totally different from ours will have vanished.



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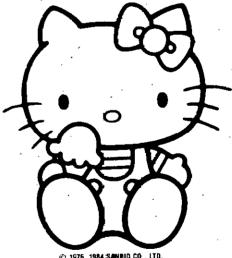
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The pity was that his message became so entangled in discussions on issues affecting Roman Catholics, it did not get the hearing it deserved.

The Holy Father was worried about the moral direction in which North Americans are moving and said so.

The question is — has his message left us any more determined to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" rather than that of mammon?

Personally I doubt it.

What might be helpful this Thanksgiving is a close look at the Pilgrim Fathers who really knew how to be thankful and mean it.

They included farmers, weavers, servants and soldiers. Some could "swear like troopers" and others were thievers and adulterers.

Their graces included courage.

the power of prayer and they looked to the living God for help and whether it came or not, they never lost faith.

Somehow they blended the worst with the best and slowly built the foundations of their democratic way of life.

Their way of life created in them peace of mind and brought them to their annual Thanksgiving, grateful for the food in the cupboard, grain in the barn and the opportunity to keep building a community in which each had a voice and a place.

In no way is it possible or realistic to try to recapture and life is determined by the ideas relive the world of the Pilgrim that inspired them. Let, then, the Fathers with it minimal comforts and lack of civilization.

We 20th century North Americans, always wanting more than we need, can profit from their experience by learning to count our blessings and to appreciate what matters most in life.

If we are to capture the true meaning of Thanksgiving, we ought to reflect on the wisdom of the Bible, that book which was cherished by the Pilgrims and guided them in good times and

"Make certain that you do not forget the Lord your God... when you have all you want to eat and have built good houses to live in and when your silver and gold and all your other possessions have increased, be sure that you do not become proud and forget the Lord your God... Remember that it is He who gives you the power to become rich." (Deuteronomy 8: II-14)

It is the sense of the Divine Imperative in human life that not only determines how grateful we

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tolerance, generosity and deep are but how we respond to the religious faith. They believed in needs of others less fortunate than ourselves.

While there are pockets of need and poverty in North America, most North Americans in these times drink at the well of material plenty and have a duty to share their blessings with their less blessed fellow citizens and others around the world.

Even if there is the possibility of a downslide in the economies of the USA and Canada, most of us still have enough to be able to share something with those whose Thanksgiving and Christmas will be less blessed than ours.

The quality of our deeds in this ideas of Thanksgiving mentioned here move us to deeds of compassion so that it will be said of us: "They did the best things when they needed to be done.'

#### Churches join in thanks

Members of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will join for a Thanksgiving service at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Glenmont Reformed Church, the Faith Lutheran Church and the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will join for a Thanksgiving service at the Glenmont Reformed Church on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

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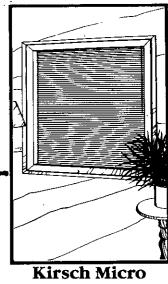
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# Spotlight Calendar

**Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland** 

second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 meets when necessary, Appeals usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt.

Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, 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-Coevmans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays are offering free tax counseling for and holidays. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave.

p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at town

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-

Project Equinox, Delmar Satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-

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

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

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board Bethlehem Landfill open 8 a.m. to 4 .AARP, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

> New Scotland Landfill open 9 a.m.-4 Feura Bush Funsters, 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years. meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

> > Bethlehem Archaeological Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day on Monday and Wednesday and on Saturday Mornings. Information, 439-4258

Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

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

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

#### WEDNESDAY . **NOVEMBER**

Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesdays, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

Parent Support Group, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 meets first and third Wednesdays at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, 8 p.m.

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

**Delmar Fire District, regular meetings** third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, Information, 439-7864.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

Book Lecture Series, presented by Helen Adler, on "Death in Venice," by Thomas Mann, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Annual Meeting, Five Rivers Limited, topic will be endangered species. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Financial Planning Program, "Financial Planning: Security in a Changing World," by David Vigoda, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Board of Appeals, public hearing of application of H.M.C. Associates, 163 Delaware Ave., for Article V variance at 184 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.; application of Dake Bros. Inc. and Stewart's Ice Cream Co. for Article V special exception at Rt. 9W and Old Town Rd., Selkirk, 8:15 p.m.; application of Spindrift Realty Ltd., d/b/a Dandy Laundry and Cleaners, Troy, for Article V special exception at Feura Bush Rd. and Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 8:30 p.m.

Glenmont Homemakers, meeting at Selkirk Firehouse, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3080.

Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, noon-6 p.m.

Embroiderer's Guild of America, meeting at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10

Delmar Progress Club, antique study group will visit Peebles Island. Reservations, 439-8338.

Prayer Meeting, and bible study, Berean Baptist Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 6 p.m. Information, 765-4184.

#### **THURSDAY NOVEMBER**

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

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

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr.,

Elsmere, third Thursday, noon,

Food Stamp Form Aid, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club. mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

Bowling, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

American Southwest Slide Program. presented by Bernard Turoff, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, noon. Mixed Nuts Food Co-op, meeting at

Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5090. Holiday Auction, sponsored by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Howard

Johnson's, Glenmont, all welcome,

7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Great American Smokeout, sponsored by Albany County unit of American Cancer Society. Information, 438-7841.

Bethlehem Historical Association, meeting on "Brewing and Temperance in Albany," Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER

Recovery, Inc., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

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

**Duplicate Bridge,** all levels welcome, St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5772.

# 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.



'Nunsense," Cohoes Music Hall, Cohoes, through November, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets, 235-7969.

THEATRE

'The Crucifer of Blood," ESIPA at the Egg, Albany, through Nov. 20, Nov. 20, 8 p.m., weekdays at 10 a.m., Sundays, 2 p.m Tickets, 443-5111.

"Like Them That Dream," by Edgar White, presented by Capital Rep at Market Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 20. Tickets, 462-4534

"The Hot I Baltimore," Lanford Wilson's play will be presented by Stage Three Theatre Company, Siena College, Nov. 19-21.

"Play On," presented by The Village Stage, Bethlehem Town Hall, Nov. 19, 20 and 21, 8 p.m.

"The Miracle Worker," by William Gibson, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, South Church St., Nov. 18-22. Tickets, 382-2081.

"Biloxi Blues," State University at Albany, Nov. 18-21, 8 p.m. Tickets, 442-3997.

"Sleeping Beauty," ESIPA at the Egg, Albany, Nov. 18 through Dec. 4. Tickets, 443-5111.

"Stop the World, I Want to Get Off," Albany City Arts Office Cabaret Theatre, Nov. 20-22, 27-29 and Dec. 3, 8 p.m., Sundays, 7 p.m. Tickets, 434-2035.

"I'm Not Rappaport," Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Nov. 23-24. 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-1083.

"The Birds." Union College Department of the Arts. Union College, Schenectady, through Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Tickets, 370-6201

#### MUSIC

Findlay Cockrell, pianist, ESIPA at the Egg, Albany, Nov. 24, noon. Information, 443-5111.

Juana Zayas, pianist with the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Nov. 21, 8 p.m.

'Hodie," performed by the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society, Cathedrat of All Saints, Albany, Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6641.

College of Saint Rose Wind Ensemble, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Nov. 22, 2 p.m.

Corkey Christman, harpist, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Clifton Park, Nov. 22, 3 p.m. Information, 295-7720.

Troy Musical Arts, chorus, Julia Howard Bush Center, Troy, Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Information, 474-8955

Marshall Crenshaw, Union College, Schenectady, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172

#### **FOLK**

Bruce "U. Utah" Phillips and Bill Smith, storytellers, St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

Juan de la Sierra, quitarist, Siena College, Loudonville, Nov. 18,

Paul Geremia, guitarist, Caffe Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, Nov. 20-21, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

Anne Dodson, guitarist, The Eighth Step, 14 Willet St., Albany, Nov. 21, 8 p.m.

ART

"Dinosaurs Alive." features seven near life-size prehistoric creatures, State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 28, daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m Information, 474-5877 or 474-5842.

"Portraiture in Dance: Photographs by Kenn Duncan," National Museum of Dance: Saratoga, through Dec. 20, \$2, Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 584-2225

"Blacks in America: A Photographic Record," images of Black Americans from 1850-1983, State Museum, Albany, **through** 

Oil paintings of David Coughtry, Posters Plus Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, through December, Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984

"Broadsides," early advertising art, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July, 1988.

Artists' Toys," The Rice Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 19, Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Works of Raymond A. Decker, watercolor and oil paintings, Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, through December. Information, 439-3491

Russel Wright, "American Designer," Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, Albany, through Dec. 4, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 445-1778

Student Art Show, Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through Dec. 16, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Exhibit of the works of Victoria Palermo, Lori Smith and Neva Hansen, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Nov. 20-Dec. 18, Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

"Art Wear," Harmanus Bleecker Center, Albany, through Dec. 12, Tuesday-Thursday, and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m

Exhibit of the art faculty of the College of St. Rose, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, through Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m.-4.30 p.m.

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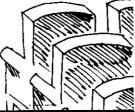
Film Shorts and Animation, state Museum, Albany, Nov. 24, 12:10 p.m. Information, 473-7521.



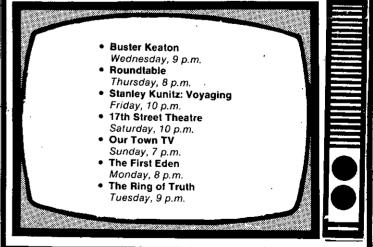


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The Albany City Arts Office Cabaret Theater will present a Live at the Lakehouse production of "Stop The World I Want To Get Off" on Nov. 20 through 22, 27 through 29 and Dec. 3. An opening night gala performance will be held on Thursday, Nov.

19, and will be sponsored by Our Brothers Keepers Foundation as a fundraising event for the Father Farano Center, a home for babies who are afflicted with AIDS. Reservations and information can be obtained by calling 434-2035.

Toddler Thanksgiving Feast, for children '3 years and younger, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

Three-Act Play, presented by Village Stage, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m. Reservations, 439-3123.

Organizational Meeting, for upcoming reunion of Bethlehem Central High School Class of '68, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7848.

,The Desk Set, comedy presented by senior class of Bethlehem Central High School at Bethlehem Middle School, \$4 and \$3 admission, 8 p.m.

Glenmont Science Fair, sponsored by the Glenmont Parent Teacher Association, Glenmont Elementary School, 6-8:30 p.m. Information, 439-1323.

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar,

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

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

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"PLAY ON" This Week

Enjoy yourself this week and see the Village Stage's production of "Play On." Thurs., Fri. and Sat. evenings at 8 pm. AT Town Hall. Refresments available at intermissions.

Winter Sports Mart, sponsored by Boy Scout Troup 75, Bethlehem Central High School, drop-off, 9 a.m.-noon; sale, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Christmas Craft Bazaar, St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Rd., Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Christmas Mission Bazaar, First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bazaar, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nature Walk, with focus of signs of changing season, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Dinner and Bazaar, presented by women's guild of New Salem Reformed Church, \$4 and \$6 admission, 4 p.m. Reservations, 765-2197.

Green-Gold Scrimmage, with Siena Indians, at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 6:30 p.m.

Annual Bazaar, Faith Lutheran Church. 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

King's Kids Concert, "Come On Over to My Own Backyard!," .Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135

Holiday Home Craft Fair, stencilled items, handmade items, jewelry, 34 McCormack Rd., Slingerlands, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-9132.

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Delmar Presbyterian Church, featuring Rev. Frank T. Rhoad preaching his valedictory sermon, 10 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 439-9252.

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir renearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Bethlehem Community Church, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m., baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

Onesquethaw Church, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., babysitting available. Information, 439-4328.

Glenmont Reformed Church, worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

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SUNDAY **NOVEMBER** 

> MONDAY **NOVEMBER**

First United Methodist Church of

Delmar, worship and nursery care for

pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; kids Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church

school and adult education, 11 a.m.;

Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.;

Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.

Normansville Community Church,

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday

services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10

Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information,

Slingerlands Community United Meth-

odist Church, worship service, church

school and youth forum, 10 a.m., coffee hour and Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsals, 11 a.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information,

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Association, meets fourth Sundays at Albany

County Cooperative Extension, Martin

Early Bird Breakfast, sponsored by

Unit 4 Auxiliary of Onesquethaw Fire Company, at Clarksville Firehouse, 5

Berean Baptist Church, Sunday

School, 9 a.m., Worship, 9:45 a.m., 6

p.m., Pro-teens Youth, 4:15 p.m., Rt.

85, New Salem. Information, 765-4184.

Holiday Home Craft Fair, stencilled items, handmade items, jewelry, 34

McCormack Rd., Slingerlands, 1-3

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services, St.

Matthew's Church and Voorheesville

United Methodist Church, St. Matthew's

p.m. Information, 439-9132.

Church, 7:30 p.m.

439-7864.

439-1766.

a.m.-1 p.m.

Rd., Voorheesville.

Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont,

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Alateen Meeting, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

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Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER** 

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Startite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont,

Separation and Divorce, program will focus on family impact, St. Thomas School, \$3, 7:30-9 p.m. Registration, 439-6111.

WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

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

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

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at

Parent Support Group, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

Thanksgiving Holiday, Bethlehem Public Library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen on Friday, Nov. 27, at 9 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eve, worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services, Glenmont Reformed Church, Faith Lutheran Church, and First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, at Glenmont Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

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Normansville Community Church,

Bible study and prayer meeting, 10

Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, Information.

Happy Thanksgiving!

439-7864.

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Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

Chabad Center, services and discussion followed by kiddush. Fridays at sunset. 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information,

Bethlehem Public Library, reopens, 9

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

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER**

Delmar Presbyterian Church, Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 439-9252.

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday choir rehearsal, 5 Information, 765-4410.

Onesquethaw Church, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., babysitting available. Information, 439-4328.

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School and worship service, 10 a.m.; p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem.

Glenmont Reformed Church, worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710 Slingerlands Community United Meth-

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school and worship, nursery provided

during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10

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school and adult education, 11 a.m.;

Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.;

Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10

Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information,

Bethlehem Community Church, morning

worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday

School, 9 a.m., baby care provided,

evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Informa-

Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

a.m. Information, 439-9929.

odist Church, worship service, church school and youth forum, 10 a.m., coffee hour and Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsals, 11 a.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

Overture Music Series, on Albany Symphony concerts, with Susan Ruzow, principal cellist, on her performance of Haydn's cello concerto, and David Scott Allen, principal bassist on George Lloyd's new symphony, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. Delmar, 2 p.m. Free.

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

A.C. Sparkplugs Dance, modern western square dancing featuring mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

Alateen Meeting, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Mothers' Time Out, meets Mondays, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

Signs of the Times, for pre-schoolers, on traffic signs, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Christmas Around the World, party and sale, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 7



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PMS Support Group, meeting with Richard H. Etkin, M.D., Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information,

Lecture, "Genetic Disease and Recombinant DNA Technology," presented by Leonard Lerman, Ph.D., of M.I.T., Russell Sage College, Troy, 8 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Session, with Clara Simon on "Jewish Women — Shaping Future," Chabad Center, 1 Commerce Plaza, Suite 807, noon. Information, 465-8801.

Jewish Book Week, with story time for pre-school and school-age children, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 4 p.m.

Architectural Lecture, "America by Design: Intentions and Reflections, by Spiro Kostof, Communications Center, Rensselear Polytechnic Institute, Troy, 4 p.m. Information, 276-8098.

Public Hearing, on application for a subscriber rate change by Capital Area Community Health Plan, 1201 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham, 3 p.m.

Amnesty International Meeting, planning for newly formed group, Albany Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information,

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Infant and Toddler Safety, plus learn how to perform CPR, Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Registration,

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Oper, House, for graduate school and division of adult learning and continuing education students, faculty lounge, Campus Center, College of Saint Rose. 420 Western Ave., 7 p.m.

Intensive Weight Loss Program, with Linda Peterson, RN, assistant professor at Russell Sag. College, on stress management, Intensive Weight Loss Program offices, 102 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Registration, 449-2212. Lecture, "Psychotherapy with Minority Group Members," by Maxine Rawlins, Ph.D., Veterans Administration Medical Center, Albany, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Registration, 462-3311.

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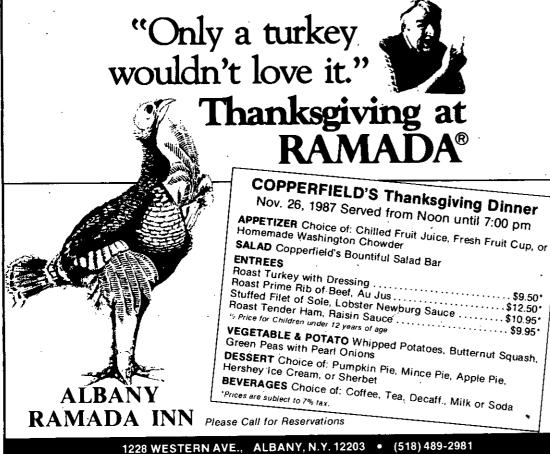
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Volunteer Training Session, for KidTalk, a talkline for children seeking advice, to share enthusiasm or a comforting voice, Annie Schaffer Senior Service Center, 101 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 472-8541.

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Shoppers' Mart Preview, gala champagne reception, sponsored by the Albany Academy Mothers' Association, The Albany Academy, Academy Rd., Albany, \$20,6:30-9:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-7479.

Lecture, "Wisdom and Compassion in the Tibetan Buddhism," Dr. Robert Thurman, Science Hall, College of St. Rose, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 458-5320

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Conservation Program, and fund raiser sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, Marriot Hotel, Albany. Information, 439-8706.

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Computer Workshop, on the spreadsheet program of the Appleworks integrated software, with Voorheesville Central School District computer coordinator Bill Dodge, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m. Registration, 449-3380, ext. 324.

Support Group, of the Capital District Lupus Foundation, with attorney Norma Hogan on "Social Security and Disability," Calvary United Methodist Church, Belle Ave., Latham, 11 a.m. Information, 434-4034.

Benefit Cocktail Party, for Arbor House a halfway house for women under the state Board of Social Welfare, Key Corp, 60 State St., Albany, \$25, \$10, 6-8 p.m. Reservations, 489-6030.

**Shoppers' Mart,** sponsored by the Albany Academy Mothers' Association, The Albany Academy, Academy Rd., Albany, \$2, \$1.50 for senior citizens.

Wild Game and Fish Cookoff, state championship of the 1987 International Game and Fish Cooking Association, Indian Head Lodge, Elka Park, Catskill Mountain Park Preserve, Greene County. Registration, 589-9830.

Schoharie Valley Hayshakers Square Dance Club, mainstream dance with caller Duane Silver with a plus tip, Schoharie Elementary School, Schoharie, 8 p.m.

Christmas Craft Fair, Christma: an craft items, Church of St. Clare, 1947 Central Ave., Colonie, 10 a.m. 6 p.m.

Slide Presentation, "The Caths: Past, Present and Future," by Dr. Grace Swanner and Kate Christopher, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga, 10 a.m. Information, 584-2535.

Recorder Workshop, sponsored by the Capital District Chapter of the American Recorder Society, Music Building, College of St. Rose, Albany, \$12, 9:30 a.m. Information, 283-7719.

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, Turkey Raffle Run, open to all runners, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga, 9:30 a.m. Information, 887-5591.

Hispanic Conference, "Educational and Career Opportunities for Hispanics," sponsored by National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Inc., Capital District Chapter, Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 783-2335.

Art Auction, original oils, lithographs and sculptures, sponsored by Albany Bethlehem Chapter of Hadassah, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-1200.

# SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Christmas Greens Flower Show, theme, "From Our House to Your House," sponsored by the Capital District Garden Clubs, Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Rd, Newtonville, noon-4 p.m. Free.

Author Reception, Athena V. Lord and her latest book, *The Luck of A.A.P.*, sponsored by the Alope Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, St. Sophia Parish Center, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 3-5 p.m.

"Bring Home the Stars," with actor William Devane, Pulitzer Prize winning author William Kennedy and more, to benefit a family resource center and all-faith center at the Capital District Psychiatric Center, sponsored by the City of Albany and the Citizens Advisory Network for CDPC, Palace Theater, North Pearl St., Albany, \$100. Information, 439-3809.



Mrs. Benjamen Brewster of Albany, publicity chairman, and Mrs. David O'Keefe of Delmar, chairman of volunteers, prepare for the annual Festival of Trees sponsored by the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art. The festival runs this year from Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Dec. 6. at the institute on Washington Ave.

Open House, and tour of United States Postal Service general mail facility, Santa, refreshments and McGruff, the crime fighting dog, 30 Old Karner Road, Albany, 12 noon-4 p.m. Information, 456-5137.

Concert, JoAnn Locke and Janice Nimetz, piano duettists, Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 3 p.m. Information, 274-4440.

MONDAY 23

All About Menopause, explore physical changes, ways to cope with menopause and other simultaneous life events, Women's HaelthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, \$20, 7:30-9:30 p.m., through Nov. 30. Registration, 452-3455.

Endometriosis Support Group, initial meeting, focus on developing monthly meetings for sharing information and providing support, Bellevue Hospital, Troy-Schenectady Rd., 7:30 p.m. Registration, 346-9466.

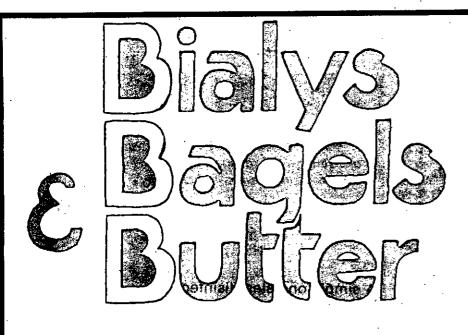
"Healing the Child Within," lecture on how to integrate the past into lifegiving experience, sponsored by the Consultation Center, Brady Building, 40 North Main Ave, Albany, \$3, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

**Bloodmobile**, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

# TUESDAY 24

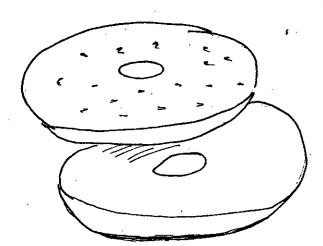
Compassionate Friend's, with Rev. John Malecki on "Going Through Grief," Westminister Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316.

Safe Place, support group for families and friends of suicide victims, St John's Lutheran Church, 160°Central Ave., Albany, 7:30-10 p.m. Information, 463-2323.



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Delmar resident Vic Walker, professor of economics at SUNY and coordinator of the annual dinner since 1985, clearly meant business.

"Since the dinner began 18 years ago as a place for students who couldn't make it home for the holiday, we've been dependent on our volunteers, who come from all over the capital district to help," Walker said. "We now have at Glenmont resident Dick Gallagher, least 500 people who simply show up to help because they're member of the Equinox board of committed to the dinner. But we always need more help on Tuesday and Wednesday to pick up donations during the critical 24 hours before we open the church doors on Thanksgiving, and on Friday for cleanup. We especially need experienced pro-

"The Equinox Thanksgiving fessional cooks and chefs during the late hours Wednesday.

> "I really want to stress that the dinner is for anyone who wishes to attend, no matter what their situation. We see many friends year after year who make helping at and attending the dinner a family event that brings deep meaning to Thanksgiving," Walker continued. "It is not a bread line."

> Walker, who this year relinquishes his role as dinner coordinator, will continue to play an active role in the event. "I can't imagine Thanksgiving without it," he said. Starting next year, a Key Bank executive and directors, will take over as coordinator. "Dick really showed a high level of commitment to Equinox, the dinner and the community," Walker commented. "He volunteered for the job, and it's a tough one!"

Phil and Bianca Carter of Slingerlands started their involvement with the Equinox Thanksgiving Day Dinner almost a decade ago.

"We always donated money, and still do," said Phil, a sales director with Matthew Bender & Company, Inc., said. "About four years ago, we decided to come and pitch in on Thanksgiving Day itself. The next year, we went to the first committee meeting, and found ourselves responsible for the home delivery of almost 2,000 meals! Both my business background and computers have figured in heavily. Without the computer, I can't begin to imagine how we's keep track of requests or match those requests with the at least two hundred drivers who pour into Trinity Church on Thursday morning.

Phil added that his company and co-workers have become involved in many phases of what has become known as "T-Day."

Bianca has found herself in the role of everyone's assistant. "I really enjoy T-Day because I get involved in so many parts of it. I help out with publicity, donations, and, of course, with the home delivered meals. This year, I even grew pumpkins for pies.

She noted, "There's already quite a bit of involvement of Bethlehem citizens in T-Day. Each year, the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Women donate dozens of pies and desserts. Many town merchants are involved, particularly in letting us place posters in their establishments. I've found interest and support from friends, neighbors, and colleagues - almost

The lines start early and keep moving all afternoon at the Equinox Thanksgiving Day Dinner held at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany.

anvone I talk to is interested." Bianca added that the dinner is always in need of more baked goods and cooked hams and

"Since 1980, my involvement in T-Day has grown from delivering dinners to helping with the preparation and coordination of the deliveries, said Slingerlands resident Jim Muhlfelder, an Equinox board member and vice president of J. de Beer and Son. 'It's been a real family tradition. My kids have helped do deliveries, and my brother even comes from Boston to help out. It's an important part of our Thanksgiving."

Muhlfelder pointed out that the T-Day Dinner requires at least 150 turkeys, almost 1,000 pounds of ham, about 1,000 pounds of sweet potatoes, 500 pounds of white potatoes, squash, string beans, fruit, baked goods, nuts and condiments, linens, cooking containers and utensils, flowers and even candles. He said. "The list seems endless, but we do it all

on donations."

Elizabeth Burke-Halo of Selkirk has been transporting cornstalks to decorate the T-Day stage at First Presbyterian Church for 12 years, and has been arranging table floral arrangements for the past two years.

"This year, I decided to get more involved, to see how the dinner is coordinated from early September to cleanup day, Burke-Halo said. She commented that T-Day has very special meaning. "I've noticed that it's evolved into a place where anyone can come to spend Thanksgiving in a holiday environment, whether they have a traditional family or not. It's not just a matter of financial, but also emotional need." She concluded, "For a couple of years, I skipped T-Day and missed it very much. Every holiday season has its special high point, and the T-Day dinner is it for me.

In Feura Bush The Spotlight is sold at Houghtaling's Market

### How you can help

The 18th Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner is being sponsored by the Equinox Community Services Agency, which includes the Equinox Counseling Center, Domestic Violence Program, Independent Living Program, Student Assistance Program, Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner and the Helpline of Albany County.

The sit-down dinner will be served at the First Presbyterian Church, State and Willer Sts., Albany, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, from 1 to 6 p.m. Home-delivered meals will be made at the Trinity Church, 215 Lancaster Street, Albany, from 9 to 11

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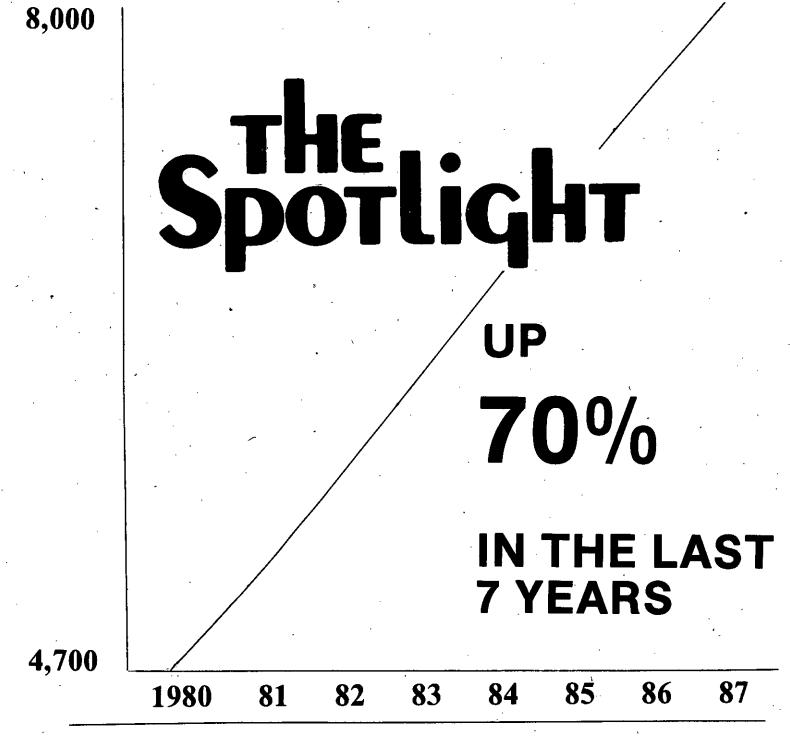
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# A senior center in Feura Bush?

#### By Patricia Mitchell

Citing basic human needs, a Feura Bush pastor has proposed forming a senior citizens group for that area.

The Feura Bush Area Senior Services Group will be open to all senior citizens in the town and those who have close ties to the area, said Pastor David Mulholland of the Jerusalem Reformed Church. The group will work with Senior Services Center of the Albany Area and the New Salem senior citizens group. The group could serve as many as 50 senior citizens when it begins.

Exploring the possibility of a group over the past 15 months, the Eddy Foundation in Troy did a needs study and found more than 400 senior citizens in New Scotland, and at least 50 in the Feura Bush area, who could be served by some kind of program, Mulholland said. A senior citizens group could help overcome isolation, increase fellowship among senior citizens and improve group. their self-esteem, he said.

"I am a firm believer that seniors have a lot to contribute if given the opportunity," Mulholland said. "They are a vital link to our past. The hopes and aspirations that they have had have been felt in the present and the near future.'

Proposed activities for the group include dinner on the first Wednesday of each month at the Albany center, and a lunch at the Jerusalem Church on the third Wednesday. Members of the Feura Bush group will receive a monthly newsletter from the Albany center. The goals of the group will be evaluated in January after a coordinator is hired and again next September, Mulholland said.

To help support its activities, the Feura Bush Group requested \$1,800 in funding from the town board at its November meeting, but the board tabled the request until it checks available funds in next year's budget and studies the request further. The town's funding would go for transportation and meal subsidies and the salary for a part-time advocate.

The proposed budget for the first year is \$7,200, and the Albany center will contribute about \$3,600, Mulholland estimated. Another \$1,800 will be collected from in fees.

There is a need for a group based in Feura Bush because the group in New Salem is too far away, he said. To get there, senior citizens have to drive over back roads or narrow, winding state roads that are unlighted. The listance is actually less to the Second Ave. Albany center, Mulholland said.

Many of the senior citizens who would be served also have close ties to Albany and especially its South End, where the group would travel, Mulholland said. A lot have lived in Albany, have

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relatives living there now, or have worked there, and some senior citizens from Feura Bush already attend some activities at the Albany center, he said.

"It is kind of like going home," Mulholland said.

The idea for forming a group in Feura Bush was conceived after annual lunches, sponsored by the neighborhood association, were well received, Mulholland said. The proposed group became associated with the Albany group after Mulholland saw the Snow Tops, singers from the Albany center, in a performance at the Empire State Plaza last year. He eventually talked over some ideas with the Albany center for starting a group for the Feura Bush area.

The proposed group is not a comment or reaction to the group operating in New Salem, he said, and at a recent meeting some senior citizens were looking forward to working with the new

The old schoolhouse where the New Salem group meets is expected to be enlarged, and Councilman Allyn Moak, chairing November's town board meeting, said that was another area he wanted to check into before approving town funds.

The new group would also be open to everyone in town and out of town with ties to the area, Mulholland said. There are some people who live less than a mile outside of town, but Feura Bush is their center. If the group went by boundaries, they would be cut

"There's a lot of strong interest in doing this," he said.

But the lack of boundaries for the center could also be a problem for town funding. At the November town board meeting, former councilman Ann Carson of Voorheesville said town money should only go for town residents. Town Attorney Fred Riester said he thinks it would be an enormous problem to police.

In addition, much of the funding for the program would come from Albany County, and indirectly from the state and federal governments. Mulholland said they are not concerned with town boundaries. Mulholland also said that according to the federal Older Americans Act of 1964, all senior citizens in general are eligible for all publicly funded senior citizen activities.

#### **News from Selkirk** and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary

#### Area musician honored

South Bethlehem's own Mirinda was honored at the Northeast 1 at the Empire State Plaza.

Mirinda was named Entertainer of the Year and Female Vocalist while the title song of her new album "A Place in My Heart," written by Doug Irving, was selected as "Song of the Year."

Mirinda's show group, The American Country Show, took Vocal Group honors and 5-year veteran of the band, Bob Reynolds, won the Instrumentalist Award. Mirinda's father Jim Staats, who has written many songs for her recordings, won Songwriter honors.

#### Scouts celebrate

A celebration of 55 years of Girl Scouting was enjoyed by the RCS Neighborhood troops of the Hudson Valley Council on Nov. 7 at the Coeymans Civic Center.

Eight troops were present to remember scouting's beginnings and to reaffirm its importance in the present. Four of the area's first scouts - Muriel Hamlin Bullock, Marjorie Spoor Haberly. Ann Craw Nussbaum and Pauline Engel, a leader in 1937 — were recognized. A history of scouting was read by Alice Gurney, a member since 1940.

A play entitled Angel Juliet Lowe was performed by Linda Goodrich, a scout in 1920, and Mary Van Auken, scout from 1919. Cookies made from the original Girl Scout Cookie Recipe were served. Everyone participated in folk dancing led by Ann Stillman, an instructor at Russell

#### Students open shop

The students at the RCS Junior High School are again operating store everyday from 7:20 to 7:40 a.m. for students to purchase supplies before class. Items offered include sketch pads, computer pads, gym shorts, pencils and paper.

The students are encouraged to learn fist hand the operations of running a small business and money management skills. Profits go toward projects and to sponsor class trips like last year's Boston

#### Student leaders honored

Adam Merritt and Marsha DiNapoli, both seniors at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School,

have been named October's students of the month.

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Merritt, a member of the ski Country Music Associations Third club, enjoys stamp collecting, Annual Awards Show, held Nov. camping and cooking. He is very active in the Boy Scouts and was recently awarded the order of the Eagle and allowed to serve as an assistant scout master. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Merritt of Ravena.

> DiNapoli, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael DiNapoli of Ravena, is active in French Club, girls soccer and basketball. She is this year's reigning queen of the junior prom. Marsha's hobbies include bicycle riding and water skiing. She also hold a part-time

The student of the month program is sponsored by the Elks

job after school at Houghtaling's

#### Group organizes child care program

Progress is being made in the development of an after-school care program for elementary school students in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District. With the approval of the school board to proceed with developing such a service in the Pieter B. Coeymans and A.W. Becker buildings, a board of directors has been formed to establish operating procedures and program goals, solicit funds and apply for grant money from the state Department of Social Services.

Parents may attend an informational meeting at Ravena Elementary School on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.



Emily Keenan, 7, and her sister Jennifer, 16, of South Bethlehem take a break during a dress rehearsal of The Adding Machine at the R.P.I. Playhouse. Their mother Kathy plays the part of Mrs. Zero in the play, which was written by Elmer Rice. Performances are scheduled for Nov. 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. For tickets call 276-



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# Those Delmar businesses are on the move again

By Katie Biggerstaff

There is a little snow in the air. The cars have their headlights on and it's only 4:30. Next week, would you believe it, is Thanksgiving. There is no longer any avoiding of the inevitable. It's time to do the Christmas shopping.

After a trip to the bank and some time musing over appropriate purchases, it's off to the stores. Shopping in Delmar means avoiding slippery roads and overcrowded malls. All you need to know is where the stores are. That will require some con-

The stores in Delmar have been doing their annual shuffle. They may not be where you expect them to be, and we have a number of new entries, so play close attention.

Precision Electronics is no longer on Kenwood Ave. across from Peter Harris. They're up across from Tools Restaurant on Delaware Ave. now. In their place on Kenwood a new enterprise, The Country Collector, offers folk art, fine quality country style furniture, and American made knick-knacks for sale. The blue Amish quilt on the wall might be

# **Business**

just the thing for a discerning relative.

The Village Furniture Shop is no longer across the street from The Country Collector. Keep on going up Kenwood to the Four Corners where The Village Furniture Shop has been moved to larger quarters in the old Adams Hardware building, most recently occupied by a ski and bike shop.

You won't be able to buy the red roses for your Thanksgiving host in the corner store at the Four Corners. That space, which once housed Baby's Breath Florist, will soon belong to Nite Laise Fashions. There you'll be able to get any lingerie from flannel to Fredericks of Hollywood. They'll even arrange special orders if, say, you have someone on your list who would like flannel done up in a Frederick's

On down Delaware Ave. is where you will find those Thanksgiving roses, in that new,

fancy shopping complex we've all been watching go up. At Main Square, Baby's Breath Florist and seven other new shops will be open in time for your holiday shopping.

First, there will be The Daily Grind. Finally we can stuff stocking's with their Russian Spice tea without leaving Delmar. At Sharon's Crafts, since we've started the shopping early for a change this year, we can take somè time off to feel festive in a class making our own gift cards and tags.

Joyelles Fine Jewelry sounds like a good spot to stop for the girls who never can own enough earrings. Then, for the kids, there's the Toy Maker and soon, across from The Toy Maker, Gingersnips, which will be moving its retail business from its present location underneath Johnson's Stationary to Main Square just in time for the holiday shopping. If a break is in order at this point, try a bagel at Main Square's Bailys Bagels and Butter.

As you are driving up Delaware Ave. after your bagel break, the Court Complex will appear on your right. DiNapoli Opticians is here now, moved from the Plaza. Capital District Photo has opened its new store here. Stop here for film and equipment to record the season's festivities.

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If all this shopping is tiring you out and you can think only of a February trip to Martinique, don't stop next to Fowler's Liquor Store if you expect to find Delmar Travel Bureau there. They have moved to Delaware Plaza. But do stop to buy some jewelry. The Jewelry Connection will be moving into the travel bureau's spot in time for your shopping.

The Plaza is your next stop. There, after you arrange the trip to Martinique, stop at Friar Tuck Books to finish your list. Everyone likes a new book. Can't even think about getting in the car again? Treat yourself to a magazine or newspaper in the book store and walk on down to Steve's Family Restaurant in the Plaza. Read it while restoring yourself with one of Steve's Greek specialties.

There. The shopping is done. Even the wrapping. Be nice to yourself. Get a tan. There are five tanning places in Delmar. Choose among The Scissor Society's tanning bed, Main Square's St. Croix Body Clinique, Mike Mashuta's Tanning Hut, Watt a Tan, or The Cutting Edge's tanning operation. This holiday season, you'll never have looked so good.

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INVEST, a service of ISFA Corporation, is a full-service brokerage which offers both investment counseling from registered stockbrokers and the opportunity to buy and sell stocks, bonds, mutual funds, unit trusts and tax-exempt and government securities.

#### Using spreadsheets

Bill Dodge, computer coordinator for the Voorheesville Central School District, will present a werkshop on the spreadsheet program of Appleworks integrated software at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave.,

For registration, phone the library at 449-3380, ext. 324 or 325, or in person at the library film desk on the second floor.



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# Tulips, anyone?

It being a rather nasty night, I suggested that we repair to the more cozy surroundings of my stateroom. James had the brandy poured in no time. "Gentlemen, dear-ladies," I intoned, raising my snifter, "let us drink to the Crash

"Hear hear," coughed old Asquith, a cold gleam emanating from his rheumy eyes. He was said to have lost a fortune in American stock index futures.

After a large swallow the Baronness heaved her bulk towards me. "Buy my dear Avildsen, you must explain it to me. I'm afraid when it comes to finance I'm completely lost. They say a trillion American dollars simply disappeared, half of that in a single day. Really, Avildsen dear, where did it go? How is such a thing possible?'

I smiled indulgently. "As I am merely a poor author, Baronness, perhaps I may be allowed to reply with a brief tale.

"Oh dear," snorted the Turkish ambassador," modesty, they name is Avildsen.'

I nodded graciously. "As it happens." I began, "our tale begins in your country, in the year 1561.'

"I'm intrigued."

"As well you might be. For what we are on about is the Crash of '37 - 1637, that is." Languidly I sipped some brandy. "In 1561 the tulip was discovered in Istanbul and exported to Europe. By 1615 owning tulips had become de rigueur among Europe's aristocracy. Fortunes were made by Dutch growers as values rose year after year, until, by 1625, certain prized bulbs were literally worth their weight in gold.

"As the passion spread, dozens of new varieties were marketed and thousands went into the tulip business. Prices kept rising. One man traded his house for three bulbs, another a brewery for a few rare plants. The rarest bulbs traded at 4,000 florins, then 5,000,

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"Enough," belched Asquith. "Surely you are making this up."

"Not a bit," I replied, stung. "I want to make that clear in case I decide to run for president. You can read it yourself in the April, 1986 issue of Financial Planning - written, you will note, 18 months before our own collapse.'

The Baronness was wagging a finger at me. "But you haven't answered my question, naughty man. Where does the money go?

'It doesn't literally disappear, nor, one hopes, is it literally lost in the forest of sales tickets.'

"Then..."

"Let's say you buy a tulip for 1,250 florins and the price goes up to 1,300. Have you made any money? No. If the price drops to 1,200, have you lost anything? No again. Only if you sell do you actually gain or lose.'

"But...

"Yes yes, I know. Although there is no money gained or lost, clearly value is gained or lost. Is it really so confusing? Suppose I propose to acquire a modest villa for, say, five million and I manage to negotiate the price down to four. Where did the million go?"

"Damned if I know," grunted Asquith. "Search the broker.'

"Oh dear," I chuckled. "More brandy, anyone?'

The Baronness was still a brown study. "I say, those tulips, did they become quite worthless?"

"No, indeed. Because, you see, you could still plant them.'

"And similarly, stocks are also not worthless. Surely the companies are still functioning.'

"Indeed they are."

"So, for the wise chap who snaps them up...

"I say, Baronness, that's quite

"And, judging by your warm glow," she continued, "would I be correct in surmising that it's only partly due to the brandy?'

"Baronness, were I sporting a hat, I can assure you it would be off at this very moment.'

'Just one more question. Is it too late to buy?'

"Heavens, no. The party's just beginning.' "Then I believe I shall accept

your gracious offer," she smirked, raising her glass ever so modestly. David Vigoda, C.F.P., C.F.A., a

Delmar resident, is an independent financial consultant.

#### Tires long gone

Two tires, valued at \$155, were taken from the garage of a Lyons Ave., Delmar, woman between December, 1986, and Thursday, Bethlehem police said. It was reported to police on Friday.

#### Food pantry aided. at Fantastic Sam's

Fantastic Sam's of Delaware Plaza in Elsmere will benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry by collecting canned foods during November.

The food donations will be collected in a special in-store grocery cart.

The Bethlehem Food Pantry is part of the Food Pantries of the Capital District, an organization designed to address the emergency food needs of Albany County residents.

#### Vigoda to speak on the 'crash'

David Vigoda, president of the Capital District Society of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners, will present a program on "Financial Planning: Security in a Changing World," at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 7 to 9

The presentation will focus on recent developments in the stock and bond markets, particularly on how these affect personal financial goals. Specific investment strategies will be discussed. There will be ample time for questions.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

In Glenmont The Spotlight is sold at Grand Union, CVS, Glenmont 5 A's, Cumberland Farms, Heath's Dairy, Van Allen Farms and Three Farms Dairy.

#### Chamber offers third health plan

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is offering a third health plan to its members. During the month of November there will be an open enrollment for chamber members and prospective members in the Blue Shield of Northeastern New York "CARE PLUS" plan.

The chamber currently offers coverage under Community Health Plan and Capital District Physician's Health Plan. These services are being offered through the chamber especially for small businesses that are not eligible for this type of coverage on their own.

Rates and detailed information about what each plan offers are available by calling the chamber office at 439-0512.

#### Norstar names DeFazio to head new division

David M. DeFazio of Slingerlands, vice president of marketing for Norstar Bancorp, has been appointed to head a new division of products and services just set up by the company. The division will support the marketing functions of Norstar's four New York banks and related financial service companies, according to Eugene T. Mann, senior vice president.

A native of Rochester, DeFazio received a B.A. from Gannon University and an M.B.A. from Michigan State University.

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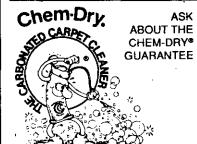
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#### **Christmas bazaars Saturday**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas this weekend in Voorhees ville as the two churches hold their Christmas Bazaars.

St. Matthew's bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the church on Mountainview Rd. On the same day, down the road and across the bridge the United Methodist Women (UMW) of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold their Christmas mission bazaar from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church on Maple Ave.

The organizers of St. Matthew's Catholic Church bazaar boast of a next-to-new shop and more than a dozen booths offering "quality handcrafted items at reasonable prices." Featured will be wooden goods, needlecraft art, toys, plants, and Christmas ornaments and decorations. Santa will be on hand to have his picture taken with the younger folks, who can also have their faces painted by members of St. Matthew's youth group.

The highlight of the event will be a raffle of an afghan, an Amish quilted wall hanging, a folk art picture, a hanging stained glass lamp, two cradles, two tickets to ESIPA's holiday production of A Christmas Carol and a 13-inch portable color television. Raffle tickets may be purchased for 50 cents by calling Ann or Bill Kelly at 765-2439.

Free babysitting and carry out service will be provided to shoppers. General chairmen Linda and Ernie Kitchen invite everyone to stop by.

The pre-Christmas bazaar at the First United Methodist Church offers a wide variety of handcrafted holiday decorations, knitted items and gifts. Other booths will offer plants, books and baked goods.

The church's famous stone soup will be sold at lunchtime.

Proceeds from the event will go to the local and international work of the United Methodist

#### Churches give thanks

With Thanksgiving just around the corner the two Voorheesville churches will join for a Thanksgiving ecumenical service on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church. Members of the two congregations, will join in prayer and song. A choir composed of singers from both churches and the folk group from St. Matthew's will perform. All are welcome.

#### Bishop White speaks

On the morning of Nov. 11 the members of the First United Methodist Church will be honored to have Bishop C. Dale White as the speaker at their 10 a.m. service. Bishop White, a bishop of 20 years, has served as resident Bishop of the New York area of the United Methodist Church since 1984. The church's stone soup luncheon will follow.

#### Youth group sponsors dance

St. Matthew's youth group will hold a Thanksgiving dance at the Old Church of Pleasant St. on Friday, Nov. 20, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Admission is \$3 per student or \$2 for students who donate a canned good to the food pantry. All area students in grades 7 and above are invited.

#### Youth group seeks donations

The St. Matthew's youth group, which serves all area youth regardless of denomination, is looking for several donations. Most importantly, the group needs volunteers to chaperone the many activities sponsored by the group. Also needed are items to be used at the youth center on Pleasant St., including a pool table, pinball or video games, stereo equipment, a tape deck and radio, and a strobe light.

Anyone wishing to donate their time or items for the youth center call Mike Malark at may 765-4392.

#### Library sponsors holiday program

To put the younger set in the holiday mood, the Voorheesville Public Library will sponsor a special Thanksgiving craft and movie program on Monday, Nov. 23, at 4 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend the free event.

#### Cheese distribution day set

A federal cheese distribution day will be held on Friday, Nov. 20. at St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Rd., from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Area residents who receive assistance, such as HEAP, WICS, food stamps, Social Security or unemployment, are eligible to receive free food. For information call the Human Concerns Hot Line at 765-2373.

#### **Group prepares food baskets**

With the holidays approaching St. Matthew's Human Concerns group will be providing holiday food baskets to those in need. Anyone wishing to donate food, turkeys or food gift certificates may contact Peter Luczak at 765-2105.

The Human Concerns food pantry serves families of all denominations in the area.

#### Schools close for holiday

The Voorheesville Central Schools will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes at both schools will resume on Monday, Nov. 30.

#### Parents invited to classes

A reminder to parents of Rescue team finds children in the Voorheesville 2 lost in caves Central School District that this is American Education Week and the schools are welcoming parents to observe classes in progress. Anyone wishing to sit in on sessions at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School may make arrangements.

At the grade school parents may observe classes on the following days: Wednesday, grade 5; Thursday, grade 2, and Friday, grade 6. For information call the office at 765-2382.

#### Children's liturgy planned

St. Matthew's Church will hold a special Thanksgiving Children's Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 11:30 a.m. A reception will follow. All attending are urged to bring items for the food pantry.

#### **Cub Scouts go skating**

Cub Scouts of Voorheesville Pack 73 will show that they're good skates on Sunday, Nov. 22, medical attention.



Santa (alias Dennis Lucia) and his helpers, Eric Schedlbauer, Amanda Kitchen and Danielle Lawler, show off the 13 inch color TV which will be one of the prizes in the raffle this week at St. Matthew's Annual Christmas Bazaar in Voorheesville. The bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 21.

when the boys and their families take to the ice at Swinburne Park. The trek into the city for some early winter fun is one of the many activities planned for the Cub Scouts, according to Cub Master Bob Panthen.

#### Girl Scout cookie sale ends

Area Girl Scouts will be winding down their cookie sale on Sunday, Nov. 29. Anyone wishing to purchase cookies at \$2 a box may call Diane Guyer, chairman of the Voorheesville cookie sale, at 765-2529.

## 2 lost in caves

Two Massachusetts men were rescued from the Clarksville caves Sunday, Albany County sheriff's deputies reported.

Deputies said they were notified at 4:54 p.m. when two men did not call the school office at 765-3314 to  $\,$  -rendezvous with six other cave explorers, all from Pittsfield, when they were supposed to. When deputies arrived at the scene, the two men were 54 minutes overdue, and the Northeast Cave Rescue Team, the Onesquethaw Ambulance and Fire departments were notified.

> Three rescuers from Northeast Cave entered the cave to look for the two missing men at about 6 p.m., and at  $6:2\bar{6}$  p.m., three more rescuers entered the cave. At about 6:40 p.m., deputies said, the two men were escorted out of the cave by their rescuers.

Deputies said the two men had no injuries and requested no

#### New Scotland planners consider duplex

The New Scotland Planning Board will hear a special use request for plans to build a duplex on Salem Ct.

The hearing will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.

The special use permit was requested by Joe Immediato to build a duplex on Salem Ct. off Krumkill Rd. The road was recently accepted by a town road by the town board.

At last Tuesday's planning board meeting, the planners also agreed to hear a request for a special use permit from Bill Turner for a horse stable on his property on Game Farm Rd., near the Five Rivers Environmental Center. A hearing will be scheduled after Building Inspector Walt Miller checks if the request has to go before the Albany County Planning Board

#### Feura Bush residents to hear from GE

The Feura Bush Neighborhood Association will hold a meeting tonight (Wednesday) at which the General Electric Company of Selkirk will discuss its plans for the burning of hazerdous wastes at the plant site.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerusalem Reformer Church, Route 32, Feura Bush.

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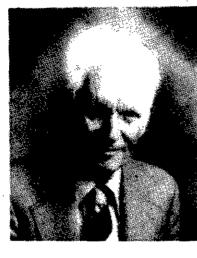
Proceeds of the event, which is being sponsored by the City of Albany and the Citizens Advisory Network for the Capital District Psychiatric Center (CDPC), will be used to establish a family resource center at CDPC for relatives of the mentally ill, as well as an all-faith chapel for the patients served by the psychiatric hospital.

Other guests of honor from the area include: Father Joseph Girzone, novelist, Slingerlands; Stanley Hummel, pianist, Delmar; Edward Cowley, artist, Altamont; Leonard Kastle, composer, Westerlo, and Thom O'Connor, lithographer, Altamont

Hummel has been soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic; the National Symphony Orchestra, the Julliard Orchestra and the the Chautauqua Festival Orchestra. He has played concertos with the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

Girzone, who was ordained in 1955, served at high schools in the Bronx, Auburn and Albany, N.Y., and in Pennsylvania. He is now involved in a career as a writer and philosopher. He has authored four books: Kara, The Lonely Falcon; Gloria; Who Will Teach Me? and Joshua.





#### Stanley Hummel

Among area committee members for the fund-raiser are John Burke and Anne Cohen of Delmar, Paul Hughes of Glenmont, Connie LaNier of Slingerlands and Carl Treiber of Voorheesville.

Tickets are available for \$100 per person. For information call 439-

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# BC students to perform

Twenty-three Bethlehem High School musicians have been selected to perform at the 1987 New York State School Music Association Area All-State Festival which will be held at the Saratoga Springs Junior-Senior High School on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20

Student's selected for the band include: Andrea Stancin, flute: Heather Taft, oboe; Elizabeth Keens, clarinet; Timothy Hansen, alto saxophone; Teige Sheehan, baritone saxophone, Eric Brown, cornet; Louis Lazarus, french horn; Rebecca Biggerstaff, baritone horn; and Keith Lenden and Brian Farrell, trombone.

Selected to play in the Area All-State Orchestra are: Margaret Bragle, Beth Handwerger and Gabrielle Robinson, violin; John Esmond and Gweneth Jones, viola; Lisa Gray, and MaryAnn Loegering, cello; Nancy Leonard. bass; Daniel Wing, trumpet; and Alexander Koff and Brendan Mitchell, French horn.

Students representing Bethlehem in the Area All-State Chorus are Nicole Stokes, soprano, and Todd Googins, bass.

NYSSMA Area All-State musicians are selected based upon individual solo ratings earned at the annual spring competition festivals, and recommendations from their high school music

begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov.

#### Mixed Nuts to meet

The Mixed Nuts Food Coop will meet on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the Bethlehem Town Hall. Orders may be submitted during the meeting and new members are welcome. For information call 439-5090 or 439-

#### School bus, car collide, none hurt

A Bethlehem Central school bus carrying 19 school children ran into a Feura Bush woman's car Tuesday morning, Bethlehem police said. There were no injuries.

The Feura Bush woman was stopped on Rt. 85 at Blessing Rd. The public performance will to make a left hand turn at 10:15 a.m., and when she looked in her mirror, she saw the bus trying to stop behind her. Police said she tried to get out of the way, but the car and bus collided anyway.

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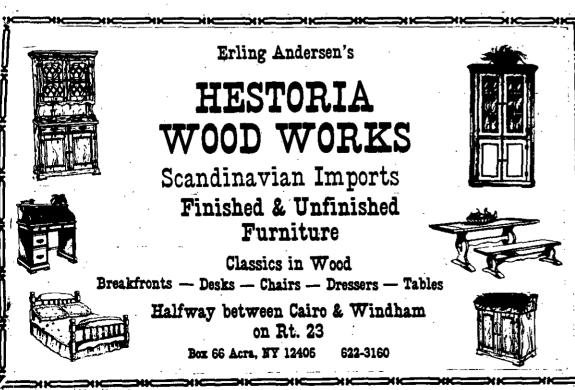
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# Trying on personas

For two weeks, the posters had been up. Carlos Hellman, director of aregional human rights organization was going to speak on South Africa. Wednesday evening at the county community college. I had announced it in class hopeful that at least a few interested students might attend. Wednesday evening came, and the amphitheatre was packed. I had arrived early and was seated near the back when Josh, a student of mine, walked in and sat front and center, upright, expectant. He did not see me.

Hellman entered the stage and walked briskly to the podium amidst applause. He motioned for silence and began. As he spoke, he filled the room with a charismatic presence: gesturing broadly, reciting pointed anecdotes, blithely sputtering figures and facts that astounded his audience. "Did you know for instance," he remarked, "that the average wage of a black mine worker in South Africa is \$360 a month while a white mine worker earns \$1295 for the same job?' Around the room were sighs and looks of disgust. "Did you know that?!" Hellman shouted rhetorically.

Next day in class Josh was unusually animated. He knew class was to begin with current events today.

"Well, I'm not sure blacks have it so bad in South Africa." It was Andrew, not always insightful, but often willing to speak his mind even



if he knew he'd meet opposition. "I mean, they say, you know, it isn't really so bad, you know..." He searched his classmates' faces for signals of assent and found none. Josh's hand shot up, Josh who rarely did anything with overt exuberance. His eyes were wide, imploring me to call on him. So I called on him, knowing it meant Andrew's certain demise.

"How can you say that? Are you completely ignorant or what?" Josh paused dramatically. "Did you know, for instance, that the average wage of a black mine worker in South Africa is \$360 a month while a white mine worker earns \$1295 for the same job?" The class reacted with appropriate amazement. Josh looked about the room, affecting Hellman's manner, fully conscious that he controlled the class. "Did you know that?!" Josh added with a flourish that outshone Hellman's own rhetorical flash.

"As a matter of fact," It was out before I could check myself, "Yes...," I said, "I saw Hellman last night, too." When I should have been praising Josh for attending the lecture, I instead embarrassed him for showing interest. But it was too late. Immediately, Josh's presence, which had grown so large as to fill the room, withdrew in a reflex to the space between his chair and desk. He looked down. No one fully

Josh did not regain his confidence for the rest of the period. In fact, for several weeks he was unusually

understood but us two. It was

quiet. Having been once exposed, I guess he was afraid that anything else he said might be suspect as well. For whatever reason, the episode stuck with him. And, obviously, it has stuck with me as well. I still remember it even though it took place some years ago.

I remember in high school, and college for that matter, trying out a new persona after having been impressed by some forceful, attractive personality: the English professor who lectured and cited authors without notes, the selfassured classmate down the hall whose dialogue on a range of social issues was facile and deft, a charactaer in a movie at the student union whose self-effacing heroism had impressed me. I have been myself a consumer of heros, affecting the clothes and speech of characters and persons I admired. But what may have begun as simple affectation sometimes had a lasting influence and helped shape my personality.

Many of the people and ideas that impressed me in college are still with me today as they have become parts of my own character. Perhaps charismatic personalities have as much influence in shaping the nature of ideology and commitment as the process of logical thinking. My own experience says so, and the episode with Josh at least suggests the same. Maybe that is a clue as to why I have remembered the incident with Josh so long: I recognized my younger self in his affected performance, and felt his embarrassment at being exposed.

I notice plenty of students who are continually experimenting with



Preparing for the Albany Academy Mother's Association's Sixth Annual Shoppers' Mart are, from left, seated, Betsy Tobin and Jaye Sprinkle, co-chairman of the event, and standing, Martha Blackman, co-chairman, Estelle Hawkins, and Stein Amundsen, major of the battalion. The Shopper's Mart will be held this Saturday, Nov. 21. A champagne reception to preview the shopper's mart will be held on Friday evening, Nov. 20, at the academy. Tickets for the reception may be reserved by calling Estelle Hawkins at 439. 7479 or Freddi Meindl at 271-6340.

different personalities, so much so Johnson's on Rt. 9W. The evening that I think I can say it is a characteristic habit of young people. And I believe all our vouthful experimenting is by no means trivial. It is much more than a search for style. I believe our affectations ultimately shape our commitments as we self-sculpt the characters we become from the persons we admire. What Josh confirmed for me in our brief classroom encounter is that we create ourselves as composites of other real people; after all, fictional characters of our own design.

#### Welcome wagon hosts holiday auction

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold its holiday auction on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Howard

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#### BCHS seniors present 'The Desk Set'

The Senior Class of Bethlehem Central High School will present the comedy "The Desk Set" by William Marchant at the Bethlehem Middle School Auditorium on Nov. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m.

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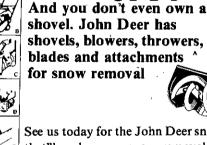
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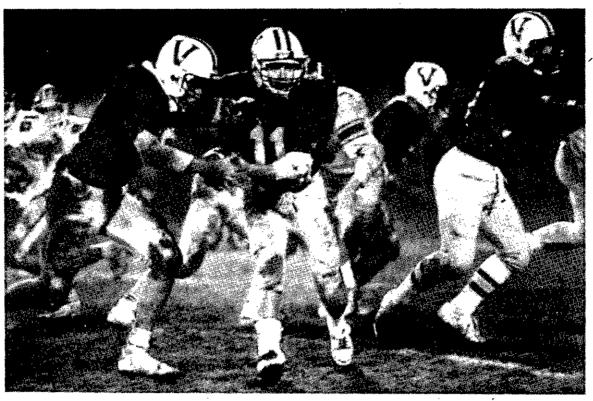
# Another heartbreaker for Blackbirds

It was almost as if a jinx of some kind was stalking those Blackbirds. For the second week in a row Voorheesville's bid for a post-season trophy in football was balked in the waning minutes of a championship game.

In the case of Friday night's Sectional playoff it was the waning seconds. The Blackbirds surrendered a field goal to Fonda with 12 seconds on the game clock, and lost by 23-20. A week ago the Colonial Conference title game slipped away in the final minute and a half.

The setback under the lamps on a neutral battleground in Scotia last week was a bitter one for Pete Douglas's gallant crew. Twice they came from behind to tie, once erasing a 14-point debit, and with barely a minute remaining they seemed to have the enemy stopped deep in Fonda territory.

But it was not to be. A desperation pass moved Fonda to midfield and another aerial reached the Voorheesville 35. Here a 15-yard penalty for a late hit after the receiver had stepped



Voorheesville QB John Meacham hands off to fullback John Traudt.

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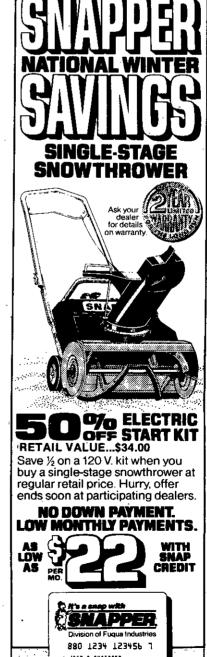
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out of bounds moved the ball within kicking range, and that was the game.

That penalty was a crusher, but Douglas was philosophical. "Those things happen," he said. "It's part of the game."

But there were other things that happened that weren't supposed to. In the first half the Blackbirds lost a fumble on the Fonda 6-yard line. In the second half they drove to the enemy 2-yard line for an apparent first down, only to be assessed for a holding penalty. Midway in the



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That was a tough break, bu not as damaging as the one in the first period that led to the first score of the game. Matt Cillis, superior kicker all season who had booted six field goals and more than a dozen extra points was attempting a 30-yard place ment, well within his range, eigh minutes into the game. His boo this time was a low liner into the line. The rebound took a nice bounce for Fonda's Dave DiCaprie on the 12-yard line. DiCaprio carted the leather down the sideline 88 yards to the end zone.

Those misfortunes added up to disaster despite some lopsided statistics that ordinarily would have produced a pleasant evening. They also illustrated the contrasting styles of the two combatants— Voorheesville's diversified ground attack built on John Meacham's triple-option and John Traudt's devastating running, versus Fonda's dependance on the

Voorheesville's rugged defense, an important factor in the 8-2 season, shut down Fonda's rushing to a net of 30 yards for the evening, while Blackbird runners sprinted for a net of 322. Traudt, playing one of his finest games in the finale of a brilliant scholastic career, ran for 221 on 26 carries.

Overhead the numbers were different. Meacham completed five of seven for 107 yards compared to 184 for Sean Thompson of Fonda, but Thompson, connecting on 14 of 24, converted several clutch throws on third down, threw for two touchdowns, and had key completions in the drive that set up the winning kick.

"They had good receivers," Douglas commented after the game. "When we played them soft, they went under us, and when we played them tough, they made good moves on us."

Despite a herculean showing by Traudt, the Blackbirds fell behind by 14-0 in the first half. The big senior, running like an angry bull, had three long charges before the abortive field goal attempt in the first period, then came back with three near-breakaways that ended with the turnover on the Fonda 6.

But Traudt and the Blackbirds struck back, punching over two touchdowns in the final 2 minutes 10 seconds of the first half. The first was a classic drive, the kind Voorheesville fans have seen so often in this banner season, featuring Traudt's power running and Meacham's selective passing. Traudt finally broke loose from the Fonda 41, and it was 14-6 after a two-point pass attempt went astray.

Tamba Bissell's on-side kick caught the Braves slumbering, and the Blackbirds moved to another TD in six plays. Meacham set it up with routine handoffs to Traudt, then pulled the fake on a keeper from the 5-yard line for the score. This time he made sure of the two-point conversion by giving Traudt the ball, and it was 14-all at intermission.

Meacham went down with a knee injury moments after the second half got under way, but came back in the fourth period to direct another drive. The Braves had gone ahead by 20-14 in the third, missing the PAT, and when



Blackbird John Traudt, number 42, pushing off the last Brave defender on an 18 yard gain. R.H. Davis

Meacham flicked a pitchout to Cillis, the fleet tailback fled 44 vards in the clear to tie the score. But with a chance to take the lead for the first time, the gremlins that have been haunting the Blackbirds came out again to spoil the kick for the go-ahead point.

The receiving stats were also better than any since early October. Little Ed Sapienza, who has been making incredible catches since his days on the modified team four years ago, caught two for 38 yards, Bruce Kinisky had two receptions for a total of 55 yards, and Marty Gordinier cradled one for 14. Kinisky had to punt only three times, but he had a college-level average of better than 40 yards per boot.

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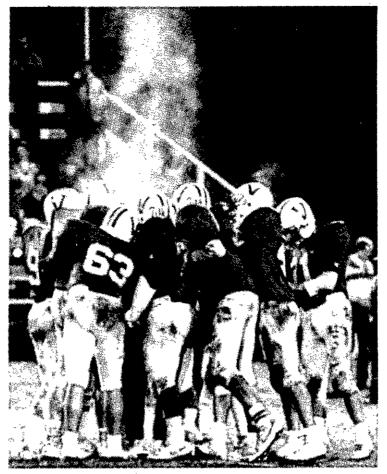
Women-Shirley Cerone-243. Aleta Johnson-584. (4 Game Series) Linda Portanova-787.

"It was a good year," Douglas said in a summary that was a master of understatement. "The kids played well all year. It was a tremendous bunch of kids, and we all can be very proud of each one of

This week it was announced that the Blackbirds have placed seven players on the Capital Conference all-star team, most of any school in the league. Traudt, Kinisky and Jayson White, the senior who has been a tower of strength in anchoring the defensive line for two seasons, made the honorary team twice by being selected for both offense and defense. Traudt was picked as a running back and linebacker, White as offensive guard and noseguard, and Kinisky as an end both ways in addition to being the leading punter in the conference. Meacham was selected for the honorary defensive backfield, Charlie Collins as a defensive tackle, Danny Jackson as an offensive tackle and Cillis as placekicker. Nät Boynton

#### Cash found at store

An envelope with \$200 in cash was found at the Papermill in Delaware Plaza Saturday, Bethlehem Police said. The owner may claim it at the police station, 447 Delaware Ave., Delmar.



Blackbirds must be receiving some hot advice and encouragement from their coach on this cold night. R.H. Davis

#### Girls soccer to be varsity sport

The Clayton A. Bouton High School girls' soccer program will have a varsity team for the first time in 1988, in a soccer program which has been building yearly since 1985.

This year junior varsity and modified soccer teams each had a successful year. The junior varsity ended the season with an overall record of 14 wins, two losses, and one tie. Albany Girls' Academy and Ravena, with three boys on its starting team, handed Voorheesville their only defeats. The modified soccer team had a record of eight wins and one loss.

#### Deputies, cops raise \$8,000 playing in mud

The Albany County Sheriff's Department edged out the Albany Police Department, 29-26, at the first annual "COPper Bowl," raising over \$8,000 for the Ronald McDonald House of Albany.

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# Eagles celebrate fine season

#### **BC Football**

By John Bellizzi III

The Bethlehem Central football program has finally came full circle. The team that delivered consistently successful performances through most of the 1960's and 70's under Coach Art Ritchko began to slip almost ten years ago, and for seven years BC was constantly occupying the cellar of the Suburban Council.

Many people took last year's 5-3-1 independent season as a good sign for a strong team this year. They most certainly were not disappointed. Finishing the 1987 season with a 6-3 record, their best since 1978, the Eagles captured first place in the Gold Division of the Suburban Council. Bethlehem's players, coaches, cheerleaders and supporters met to' celebrate the championship season last Friday at the annual football awards banquet.

Head Coach John Sodergren and assistants Ken Hodge and John Furey had much to be proud of as they were honored along with the 28 varsity letter men during Friday's ceremonies. There were eleven seniors on the '87 varsity roster: Mike Hodge, Mike Mosley, Rich Gray, Eric Heathwaite, Pete Jeram, Henry Klein, Babak Jahan-Parwar, Sason Jahan-Parwar, Chris Saba, Gary Mendel and Jack O'Brien. The 17 juniors who made up the remainder of the squad were Pete Cocozza, Lance Sprinkle, Bob Dillon, Dave Sodergren, Brian Taylor, John Reagan, Pete Bragaw, Steve Connolly, Tom Zolezzi, Eric Joachim, John Shafer, Dan Shafer, Dan Moriarty, Neil Fitzpatrick, Paul Vichot, Chris Pratt and Jamie

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Four talented senior captains led Bethlehem this season. All four were two-way starters; three of the four had started on varsity since their sophomore years. Quarterback/cornerback Hodge, offensive tackle/linebacker Mendel, fullback/linebacker Gray, and center/defensive end Heathwaite were out front this year. Mendel, Hodge and Heathwaite were presented with three year service awards Friday night.

Their success this season did not go unnoticed by the press. Mendel and Hodge were also chosen as the recipients of two honors for their 1987 performances. Mendel was named starting linebacker for the All-Capitaland team, and Hodge was named Times-Union/Knickerbocker News Outstanding Scholar Athlete.

Weakened by key injuries, the varsity squad opened their season with a loss at the hands of Shaker. but rebounded the next week to defeat Colonie. In their third game, they gained the respect of all the teams in the league as they knocked off 1986 Suburban Council champ Saratoga of the Blue Division in a 7-5 game, Toga's first loss since 1985. Sprinkle gave a good preview of what we can expect from him as regular QB next year when he filled in for the injured Hodge in these three games. "Looking back, our first three games set the tone for the rest of the season,' reflected Coach Sodergren on Friday night. "The Saratoga win set the team's credibility, and got the attention of people all around the Capital District." Friday night Sodergren cited several key plays, including a downfield block by Taylor and a reception by Saba as being instrumental to BC's

winning drive against Saratoga.

The Eagles defeated Niskayuna, Mount Pleasant and Guilderland in their next three contests for their first five-game winning streak since 1978. That streak was snapped in the final home game, 11-0 by Shenendehowa, who finished the regular season undefeated, and beat Amsterdam in the Super Bowl to end the season 10-0.

'This season, beating Shen was a realistic goal," explained Sodergren. "We expected to win, and were disappointed when we didn't. I'm proud of our effort, though. We're the only team that was able to hold them to one touchdown." A loss to Burnt Hills and a Victory over Columbia finished the season.

Next year's varsity captains were announced at the banquet. Keeping with the tradition of four captains, quarterback/tight end/ cornerback/place-kicker Sprinkle, offensive and defensive halfback Bob Dillon, offensive guard/ defensive tackle Reagan, and split end/safety Cocozza were elected.

The coaches' award for the season was presented to Grav. who rushed 119 times this year for 593 yards and seven touchdowns. His 42 points made him the leading scorer on the team. Mosley received the Eagle Award. Mosley led the team in QB sacks on defense and rushed 387 yards on offense. The Tony Dankert Memorial Award was given to Mendel, for exhibiting leadership, sportsmanship and dedication as was displayed by former BC football standout Dankert.

In addition, Coach Furey, the varsity's defensive coordinator. presented the Defensive Player of the Year award to Mendel, who led the team in solo tackles, assists, fumble recoveries, caused fumbles and blocked kicks. "He played with a lot of pride and took had in five years coaching,

pride in the others on the team." commented Furey. "Everyone believed in themselves and each

The defense made the big plays all year long when we needed them," concurred Soder-

Overall, Bethlehem had an outstanding season. The team averaged 4.6 yards per carry and 9 vards per pass. Four BC players scored over 20 points this year: Gray with 42, Sprinkle with 32 (one touchdown, 17 extra points and three field goals), and Moslev and Cocozza with 24 each. Hodge threw all four of Cocozza's touchdown passes. Sprinkle was 20 for 20 kicking, with his 3 field goals and 17 extra points. "We have the best kicker, as well as entire kicking team, in the whole league," Sodergren said."I wouldn't trade him for anybody. Our special teams this year were outstanding." Coach Hodge was in charge of special teams. The future looks promising for the varsity eagles.

Bethlehem's junior varsity football team had an outstanding 1987 season, finishing with a 4-3 league record (6-3 overall); the first IV football team with a winning record in over ten years. Chris Rutschmann and Mark Chmielinski were the coaches and Stuart Newman and Scott Hodge were the captains of this unusually small team, with an active roster of only 19.

The 1987 JV football letter men were freshman Mike Bailey; juniors Bob Griffin, John Burda, Scott McKenzie and Tony Giacone; and sophomores Hodge, Newman, Craig Weinert, Peter Klein, John Bobo, John Bellizzi, Benjamin Acquario, Albert Greenhalgh. Dan Reed, John Hoffman, Joe Pickett, Rob Kells, Brian Cardona and Frank Archino.

"It was the most fun year I've



Gary Mendel





Mike Hodge

observed Rutschmann. The team began as the varsity did with a loss at Shaker, but came back to defeat Colonie and Saratoga. Niskayuna's struggling football program could not support a JV squad this year, so the open date was filled by a second contest with Mont Pleasant, who lost to the Eagles. Victories over Guilderland and Columbia and losses to Shenendehowa and Burnt Hills completed the year.

Victories over Niskayuna and Columbia were the high points of the 1987 freshman football team's season, who finished at 2-5. "We played a lot of close games, and were only overpowered once at Guilderland," explained Coach John Demeo. "Our record doesn't reflect the character of our team.' Mike DeAngelis was the assistant coach, and Darryn Fiske, Scott Fish and John Vogel were the captains of the 37-man squad.

Bethlehem's cheerleaders, coached by Barbara Jadick and Rose Burda, were also honored at the banquet. This year's varsity cheerleaders were Stacey Carson. Justine Riel, Teresa Kohl, Jodi Danaher, Jenn Tidd, Lisa Meyers, Tanya Underwood, Lisa Karam,

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Bethlehem varsity football cheerleaders complete their season. In the front row, from left, are Stacey Carson, Justine Reel, Teresa Kohl, Jodi Danaher, and Jen Tid, and second

row, Tricia Bishop, Lisa Myers, Tanya Underwood, Advisor Barbara Jadick, Lisa Karam, Eileen Battle, and Terri Gagner.

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Eileen Battle and Terri Gagner. One of the many "psych-up" activities the cheerleaders conducted was the "Mr. Sexy Legs" contest during homecoming week, in which students voted for the photograph of the sexiest pairs of legs posted on a display in the student foyer. The winners, announced at the homecoming pep rally, were Bob Dillon in first place, with John Shafer and Pete Cocozza in second and third.

Marie Frazier, Sherry Bathrick, Amy Shultes, Dyan Barile, Nicole Kansas, Johanna Tracy, Jeannette Folger, Emily Mineau, Nicole Martin, Sue Fuller, Kim Mc-Guinness and Jen Curtis were the JV cheerleaders for the 1987 season. As the varsity had the "Mr. Sexy Legs" contest, the JV had the "Beautiful Baby" contest. The JV letter men whose baby pictures were judged as the cutest were Scott Hodge (first), Benjamin Acquario and John Hoffman (tied for second) and Brian Cardona

After two winning seasons in a row, the future looks very bright for Bethlehem's football program next year. "It's hard to imagine for most people, but from a coach's point of view, the season never ends. The beat goes on for us. We're encouraged by 17 returning letter men and such a strong JV. We have some proven field leaders out there.'

# An exhausting end to season

#### By Katie Biggerstaff

The girls volleyball team at Bethlehem Central finished the season with a loss to third-seeded Burnt Hills in the semi-finals of sectional play on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The season was, however, a much stronger one than that loss would indicate, according to Coach Nancy Smith.

"The girls were exhausted after their hard-fought victories in the Suburban Council Championship play the week-end before sectionals," said Smith. "In the council championships, the teams are divided into two pools. Each team in the pool plays two games against every other team. BC was in the 'hard' pool and played first seeded Niskayuna, third seeded Columbia, and eighth seeded

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Mohonasen. We ended up in a play-off game against Mohonason and won the pool. Fifteen minutes later we went into the semi-final championships and defeated Shenendehowa, 16-14, 16-14, to get into the finals.

Immediately after these five hard fought games, the BC spikers lost the Suburban Council championship to Niskayuna, who had been the one outstanding team in the league all season.

"Our team had the potential to go into sectionals and come in winners or runners up" said

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Coach Smith. "It was a real disappointment when we didn't. We played really hard against Burnt Hills on the 28th, and felt like we deserved the win, but the girls were just exhausted.

Even so, said Smith, "We had a very good season. We had a record of ten wins and five losses going into league championships and sectionals. The team was a wonderful group of girls. They played together very well, and that's what makes a season. They worked very hard this year, and I feel they deserve a lot of credit.'

Five of the girls on this year's team will be graduating, but Smith looks forward to a good season next year with five juniors and one freshman returning to varsity play.

# **Midgets**

Last Sunday was the final week of football for the Bethlehem Pop Warner program. Unfortunately, undefeated Albany Junior Midgets. Mike Pelletier's 25 yard interception return for a touchdown on the third play of the game gave Bethlehem's Hawks a short lived lead. Albany scored on their next two possessions to take the lead which they would never relinquish. Jeremy Jenkins was outstanding for Bethlehem's defense.

The annual awards banquet will be held at the Thruway House last Monday.

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# BC girls capture Sectional meet

By Sarah Scott

"Wonderful, wonderful, really wonderful things happened at the meet." That's the way Coach Ken Neff characterized the performance of his Bethlehem Central girls swim team in the sectionals meet at R.P.I. on Friday and Saturday. Every person on the team did well and the team, according to Coach Neff, overcame a 50 point deficit to win by 30 points.

The first event was the medley relay. Team members Katie Fish, Maryanne Hvalsmarken, Jennifer Halsdorf and Jill Cleveland to-gether dropped 6 seconds off their previous best time. Neff enthusiastically proclaimed, "that victory started the team on a high and people never stopped!

In other events, Katie Fish finished 10th in the 100 yard breaststroke; Maryanne Hvalsmarken, swimming backstroke, an event she only started in midseason, placed 5th; and Jennifer Halsdorf, seeded 9th in the 200

#### Swimming

yard freestyle, took 7th place.

Because of the complex scoring structure used in meets like this, a team can win without capturing. many first place scores. Coach Neff reported that other coaches were impressed with the depth of teamwork displayed by the BCHS team. Most exciting was the last race of the meet, the 400 yard freestyle relay in which Johnstown was the major opposition. Swimming neck and neck all the way, a team of Moseley, Ogawa, Rudolsky and Mallory finished in the same powerful style exhibited in the opening medley.

Diver Kelley Ross placed 4th with a score high enough to qualify for the state meet, but lost her chance to attend that eventbecause only the top 3 scorers are accepted for the next meet.

# 3 go to state meet

By Matt Hladun

Once a year, area swimmers from Section II get their chance to shine. Three girls from Guilderville did some shining themselves. Angela Washburn, Cathy Jo Dedrick, and Becky Hilton will be advancing to the state tournament.

Coach Nadine Bassler elected to enter nine swimmers in sectionals. They were Nicole Weston, Nicole Leach, Rachel Martin, Janine McAssey, Washburn and Dedrick from Voorheesville, and from Guilderland Stacey Miller, Maggie Bentz and Hilton. All of the girls made it past Friday's preliminaries into Saturday's final or consolation

It was Washburn who stole the show. She set two records, one in the preliminaries and one in the finals. In the preliminaries, her time of 5:16.08 set a new Section II record for the 500 meter freestyle in a time of 5:18.83. She set another record in the finals of the 200 meter freestyle with a time of 158.19. She will be entered in those two events at the state

ANNUAL ELECTION OF ELMWOOD PARK

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The following proposition will also

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championships at the University of Buffalo on November 20 and 21.

Dedrick fared as well as Washburn. She won in the 200 meter individual medley with a time of 216.68. She was also victorious in the 100 meter backstroke with a time of 102.78. She will be going to the state championships for those events.

Hilton will be going to the state championships as well. She had a second place finish in the 200 meter freestyle. She finished third in the 500 meter freestyle.

These three girls and Rachel Martin were also victorious in the 200 meter medley relay with a time of 156.81. They will also be going to the state championships in that event. That victory meant that Dedrick and Washburn were the only ones to win the triple. which is quite an honor.

As a team, the girls finished in third place behind Bethlehem and Johnstown. Coach Bassler considered this a tremendous feat because they did not enter in the diving event.

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Candidates for District Iffice shall file their names with the Chairman of the Fire District, George H. Lenhardt, at 1520 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, N.Y. no later than November 28, 1987. George H. Lenhardt

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The first Thursday of every month will be a little sadder because the man behind the voice that would announce, "there will be a Town of Bethlehem Fire Officers meeting tonight" has passed away. He made his final announcement on Nov. 5 the day before he passed away.

Walter Roberts, a member of the Slingerlands Fire Dept. for over 30 years will be truly missed by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. The fire service, not just the community, has lost a truly dedicated person. He was not only a life member of the Slingerlands Fire Dept., he was also a social member of the Elsmere Fire Dept., Secretary Treasure of the Town of Bethlehem Fire Officers, Director for Hudson Mohawk and Albany County Volunteer Fire Associations. He has been a member of numerous fire organizations, as well as being charter member of

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Flanigan previously served as first vice president of the association.

During the recent conference in Ellenville, N.Y., Flanigan was presented with the association's achievement award in the field of building and fire code enforcement.

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#### Margaret McGuirk

Margaret Coyne McGuirk, 87, formerly of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 10 in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, after a long illness.

She was born in Delmar and was a long-time resident. She was the wife of the late Omar A. Hine and the late Earl McGuirk.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

She is survived by a son, Omar E. Hine, and three step children.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

#### **Edward Mathias**

Edward Mathias, 84, of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 10 in his residence.

He was born in Albany and was retired from Eastern Tablet Co., Albany. During his retirement he worked for Key Bank as a courier.

He was a member of the South End Immediate Relief Society, Albany, and Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Craft Mathias; two daughters, Helen Conrad of Delmar and Geraldine Foote of Englewood, Fla.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery, Glenmont. Arrangements were made by the Edmund J.C. Dascher Sons Funeral Home, Albany.

#### Elizabeth McGuire

Elizabeth Maguire McGuire of Fuera Bush died Wednesday, Nov. 11 at her residence following a brief illness.

She was born in Albany and was a homemaker.

She was member of the Blessed Sacrement Church in Albany.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond A. McGuire; two sons, Peter J. McGuire of Albany and Patrick McGuire of Escondido, Calif.; two daughters, Marilyn McGuire of Boston, Mass. and Kathleen Riedel of Delmar; a sister, Jane F. Maguire of Delmar; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands. Arrangements were made by the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

#### Frances Reynolds

Frances Basinger Reynolds, 92, of Delmar, died Friday, Nov. 6, at the Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

She was born in East Springfield.

She was a homemaker and a

She was a homemaker, and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

She was the wife of the late Elmer D. Reynolds, and the stepmother of the late Gladys Oliver and the late Douglas D. Reynolds.

Burial was in Springfield Cemetery, Springfield, and arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar.

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#### Leonard Tompkins

Leonard Tompkins Jr., 62, of Delaware Ave., a longtime resident of Normansville, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany.

He was born in Albany.

A graduate of Siena College in Loudonville, he worked for Albany Steel and Ironworks until 1951. He worked then as a self-employed accountant and retired in 1951.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 of the American Legion.

He was also a member of the Society of Public Accountants, the Empire State Association of Accountants, and the Automobilists of the Upper Hudson Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Bangert Tompkins; a daughter, Darlene Tompkins Bell of Delmar; two sons, Leonard F. Tompkins of Delmar, and Edwin A. Tompkins of Delmar, and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany and arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions can be made to the Normansville Community Church or the Delmar Rescue Squad.

#### Anne Halsdorf

Anne E. Halsdorf, 74, of Hennessey Rd., Voorheesville, died Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Albany Medical Center Hospital after being stricken at home.

She was born in Detroit, Mich.

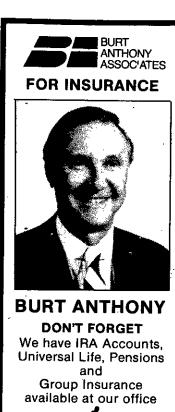
She worked as a secretary for the Albany County Sheriff's Department, and she was also a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

She was the wife of the late Raymond Halsdorf.

She is survived by two sisters, Katherine Silvernail of Albany and Eleanor Van Wagner of Schenectady; three brothers, Stanley Makarewich of Albany, Joseph Makarewich of Hollywood, Fla., and Walter Makarewich of Voorheesville; and several nieces and nephews.

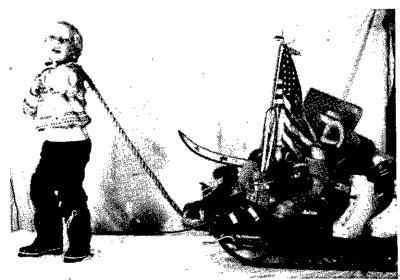
Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont, and arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the Northeastern Association of the Blind, Albany.



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Delmar



Andrew Eckel, three year old son of Fred and Jean Eckel of Elsmere, struggles with a sled loaded with bargain-priced items for the Sports Mart sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 75 to be held this Saturday, Nov. 21, at Bethlehem Central High School. A large assortment of cross country ski equipment, usually in short supply, will be on hand this year.

#### George E. Coonley

George E. Coonley, 93, of Delmar, a World War I veteran, died Thursday, Nov. 12, in St. Peter's Hospital.

He retired in 1960 from his position of dispatcher for the Boston Albany Railroad.

He was a World War I veteran and the oldest member and past treasurer of Selkirk Fire Co. 1. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem and Selkirk.

He is survived by his wife, Edythe Lasher Coonley; and a cousin, Virginia Child of Munster, Ind

Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery, Selkirk. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Northeast Association for the Blind, Albany or the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem and Selkirk.

#### Sylvia Fry Spraggins

Sylvia Fry Spraggins, 70, of South Acres, Voorheesville, a retired teacher, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, at St. Peter's Hospital after a long illness.

A resident of Voorheesville for 20 years, she was born in Niskayuna.

She was a teacher for 40 years, including 30 years in Guilderland schools. She was a member of the choir of the Voorheesville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, F. Victor Spraggins, a son, Maj. Dean Clayton Spraggins of Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; two sisters, Jeanne Geib of Manhasset, and Geraldine Black of Lenox, Mass.; a brother, Kenneth Fry of Tempe, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home of Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

#### Violet M. Mosher

Violet M. Mosher, 81, formerly of Delmar, a retired New York Telephone employee, died Friday, Nov. 13 in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after a brief illness.

She was born in Albany and was a life time resident of the Capital District.

She was employed as a supervisor in the marketing directory department of New York Telephone Co. in Albany, retiring in 1967.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and an associate member of the

United Fourth Presbyterian Church in Albany.

She had no immediate survivors.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery, Colonie. Arrangements were made by the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany.

#### Stuart VanDerzee

Stuart VanDerzee, 85, formerly of Delmar died Wednesday, Nov. 4, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was a former member of the Delmar Reformed Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Janet VanDerbeck of Ithaca, N.Y., and three grandchildren.

# Weavers guild to show works in Colonie

The Hudson-Mohawk Weavers Guild is presenting its ninth annual Exhibition, Show and Sale at the William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21.

The exhibit will be open from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Continuous demonstrations feature spinning, basketry and weaving on various looms. There will be two fashion shows of handwoven clothing at 7 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. Saturday.

#### Music lecture at library

Susan Ruzow, principal cellist with the Albany Symphony Orchestra, and David Scott Allen, principal bassist and director of public relations and marketing for the Albany Symphony Orchestra, will speak at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m.

Ruzow will speak about her performance of Haydn's cello concerto. Allen will discuss George Lloyd's new symphony, which is subtitled "The Artic."

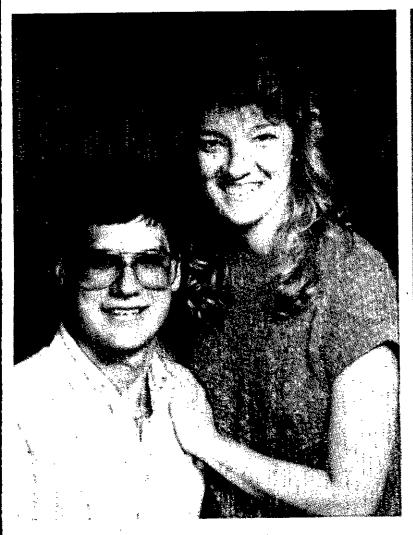
All are welcome to attend the free program.

#### Hadassah auction

The Albany Bethlehem chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring an art auction on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., A l b a n y, b e g i n n i n g at 7:30 p.m.

The works will include original oils, lithographs, enamels, etchings, sculptures, mixed medias and batiks.

Admission will be \$1. Proceeds will be used to fund Hadassah educational services. For information call Shari Piper at 475-1200.



Martha Babbitt and David Weber

#### Babbitt-Weber

Delmar have announced the engagement of their caughter, Martha to David Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Weber of Fairport.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Insti-

#### Grimes-Picarazzi

Mr. and Mrs Edgar C. Grimes of Spring Valley have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Maire of Selkirk, to Richard Picarazzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Picarazzi of Selkirk.

The bride-to-be graduated from Ramapo High School, the State University of New York College at Fredenia with a bachelor of science degree, and Northeastern University in Boston with a master's degree in speech and language pathology. She is employed as a speech and language pathologist by the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES.

Her fiance is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and the State University of New York College at Fredonia with a bachelor's in political science. He is self-employed at Picarazzi Furniture and and Custom Woodworking, Schenectady.

A summer, 1988, wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Babbitt of tute, is employed by Delco Products Division of General Motors in Rochester.

> Her fiance, a graduate cf Clarkson University, is also employed by Delco Products.

A July 16, 1988, wedding is planned.

#### Letters to Santa will get answers

Santa's helpers will again be writing to Bethlehem children when they drop off letters to the jolly man in red by Dec. 14.

Ccordinated by the Bethlehem holiday fair Police Department's Youth Services Bureau and the Bethlehem Senior Citizens, letters from schoolchildren can be dropped off in special boxes placed at all Bethlehem Central schools, McDonald's of Delmar, Bethlehem Public Library or the Papermill for replies from Santa Claus.

#### Glenmont to hold science fair

The Glenmont Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring its first science fair at the Glenmont Elementary School on Rt. 9W on Friday, Nov. 20, from 6 to 8:30



Teri Lynn Biernacki and Jeffrey Scott Ritz

#### Biernacki-Ritz

Rupert Rd., Selkirk, have an program with Pratt and Whitney nounced the engagement of their of Hartford, Conn., and will daughter, Teri Lynn, to Jeffrey graduate in May 1988 from Scott Ritz, son of Diane White of Clarkson University where he is Selkirk and Fred Ritz of Schen-studying mechanical engineering.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of set. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and Siena College, and is studying for a master's degree in foreign languages at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., and Madrid, Spain.

Her fiance is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

# **Crafters hold**

The third annual Holiday Home Craft Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22, at 34 McCormack Rd. in Slingerlands.

This year's fair will include nandmade baskets, wooden ware, jewelry, dolls, patchwork, knits, stencilled items and ornaments by area artisans and crafters. Craft fair hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

#### Library closings

The Bethlehem Public Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and will be closed through Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. John Biernacki of and recently completed a co-op

A wedding date has not been

Cohn-Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cohn of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Lynne, to Keith T. Morris, son of Arlene R. Morris of Willingboro, N.J. and the late Melvin M. Morris.

The bride-to-be, a clothing designer for Oxford Industries in New York City, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Syracuse University.

Her fiance is an institutional salesman for Fixed Income Securities in the Manufacturers Hanover Investment Bankers Group in New York City. He is a graduate of State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Syracuse University.

An October 1988 wedding is planned.

#### King's Kids present musical offering

King's Kids presents "Come on Over to my Backyard!" at the Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

King's Kids is a group of youngsters ages five to 13 who who are a ministry of Christian Music Ministries.

#### St. Stephen's bazaar

The annual bazaar of St. Stephen's Episcopel Church in Elsmere will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Booths include a bake sale, a country kitchen, handmade Christmas gifts and decorations, white elephants, silk and dried flowers and a "penny social" drawing.



#### **Winter Sports Mart opens**

Boy Scouts of Troop 75 will hold their Winter Sports Mart at Bethlehem Central High School on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Outdoor enthusiasts will have an opportunity to sell unneeded winter sports equipment and buy bargain-priced equipment that is still useful.

Area residents may bring items for sale between 9 a.m. and noon. The sale will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 3 p.m. Lift tickets for Tri-State area ski centers will be auctioned at 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to support troop activities.





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