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Police promotion hit Top candidates challenge selection

By Patricia Mitchell

A recommendation that the town promote a police officer hired two years ago has left the town board facing a petition drive on behalf of another officer with 18 years service and a possible sex discrimination suit by the force's only woman officer.

Petitions and letters in favor of Officer Marvin Koonz were presented at the town board meeting Wednesday and the board tabled a recommendation from Police Chief Paul Currie to promote Officer Louis Corsi to sergeant. Officer Cindy Reed-

Kerr also says she intends to file a sex discrimination suit if the board accepts Currie's recommendation.

The three officers received the highest scores on a recent civil service examination for sergeant, and Corsi was recommended to fill the sergeant's vacancy by Currie after interviews by a promotion review board composed of the chief and the department's three lieutenants. Reed-Kerr placed first on the exam, Koonz second and Corsi third.

On Monday, Currie said the recommendation to nominate

Corsi has been made and he stands by it.

"It is a town board decision (now)," Currie said, declining to comment further.

After the meeting, Koonz said a majority of the officers in the department wanted him to give the town board a total perspective on the matter. Currie was brought in as chief and Corsi was brought in from another department, while Koonz has been with the force 18 years and has been up for promotion several times before. If Koonz was promoted, (Turn to Page 9)

Parents attack war toys

By Sal Prividera

It was the first shopping day of the Christmas season and as usual Delaware Plaza was packed with shoppers, but many were greeted with a different message — "Say no to G.I. Joe."

Ellen Kelly-Lind, her family and some of her friends spent part of Friday handing out leaflets and carrying placards with phrases such as "say no to war toys." Kelly-Lind and her friends, who regularly meet for supper with their families, decided to "offer encouragement to parents not to buy war toys."

She said she thought it was

ironic to celebrate Christmas as the "birth of the prince of peace with buying toys that encourage violence."

The idea for the protest came from reading a leaflet written by the Northeast War Resisters League, Kelly-Lind said. The league, which in past years has targeted toys like Coleco's Rambo, chose Hasbro's G.I. Joe toys this year.

The G.I. Joe toys were ranked among the top selling toys in 1986 and 1987, according to statistics in the leaflet.

"We know from our experience as parents that the issue of

buying war toys is an issue parents are in conflict about," she said.

"We're not talking about cowboy guns. . . G.I. Joe has weapons accessory packs which include grenades, missiles and bayonets," she said.

She said that these toys are different than those of earlier generations, since they don't encourage the use of imagination and that children can watch cartoons on television (among children's cartoons are Rambo and G.I. Joe). The cartoons show

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Two more 'shaky' bridges

By Tom McPheeters

Bridges make people nervous these days. Especially shaky bridges, or bridges with posted weight limits.

Bethlehem and New Scotland commuters have two more bridges to feel shaky about as a result of various state actions. But in both cases the experts say there's nothing to worry about.

The bridge carrying Delaware Ave. over the state Thruway is carrying a new 10-ton load limit, "recommended" by the state Department of Transportation after inspections found excess weight on the deck and some decomposition of concrete under the deck. The load limit is high enough not to impede much traffic, but Delaware Ave. is the Delmar area's major link with Albany, and this bridge is right next to the bridge over the Normanskill, which DOT is currently repairing because of structural problems to the support piers.

Further west, commuters are developing a new appreciation of

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The new traffic signal on Rt. 85 at Blessing Rd. means more cars stop on the bridge over the Normanskill — and feel the vibrations as other vehicles pass by.

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More bear adventures

By Theresa Bobear

During the past year many families have looked with curiosity into the Shuttle Hill Herb Shop, 243 Delaware Ave., Delmar, while passing by at night. After learning of the adventures of the shop's bears in *Teddies to the Rescue*, children throughout the Capital District have been eagerly awaiting another tale from the lives of Kenyon Bear and his friends.

Author Alexandra Kurland and illustrator Mark Kenyon of Delmar have produced a second magical story with illustrations just in time for the holidays. In *Edgrr the Bear Who Wanted to be Real*, readers meet a teddy bear who doesn't want to be a teddy bear.

While spending a winter night in the forest, Edgrr learns the difference between being a real bear and being a teddy bear. He discovers that one of the most important things to be is to be himself and that adventures are wonderful but families are even better.

Children who read the story will hear from some of their old and familiar friends, including Kenyon Bear, who has a head cold and sounds all stuffed up.

After selling thousands of copies of *Teddies to the Rescue*, Kurland is optimistic that Edgrr's tale will also be well received.

"We have little ones who every time they visit ask where Edgrr is," Kurland said. "Families have been coming in and telling us that the children like it and want it reread. The magic has worked."

The author reports that copies of *Teddies to the Rescue* have reached every continent except Antarctica. The book is carried by most Capital District bookstores and a number of bookstores throughout the country.

While Kurland insists that both stories in the series were "written to tell a good story first and foremost," she admits to parents reporting children who were nicer not only to their teddy bears but also to each other after hearing the first story.

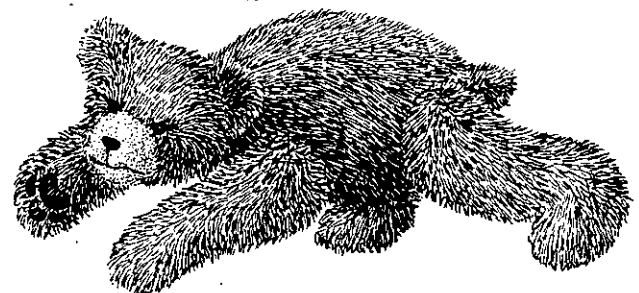
In fact, Kenyon Bear has become a story collector for Animal Ambassadors International, an organization that uses animals to build bridges with people in other countries. Children may send their own stories to Kenyon. If their teachers approve, the stories will be published in a newsletter and traded with stories written by children in the Soviet Union.

Kenyon Bear is being featured in an Animal Ambassadors workbook that is being developed to bring animals and story telling into the classroom.

Kurland plans to inspire the imagination of young people by accompanying Kenyon Bear on his visits to area schools after the holidays. Meanwhile, children may visit Kenyon and his friends at home in the Shuttle Hill Herb Shop.

Kurland and Kenyon have published Edgrr's tale through the

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Illustrations by Mark Kenyon

Discover a Dickens Christmas at Delaware Plaza

Come shop at Delaware Plaza
and find the true meaning of the
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December	4	Friday	12 n-9 pm
	5	Saturday	10 am-6 pm
	6	Sunday	12-5 pm
	7	Monday	5 pm-9 pm
	11	Friday	3 pm-9 pm
	12	Saturday	12-6 pm
	13	Sunday	12-5 pm
	14	Monday	5 pm-9 pm
	18	Friday	10 am-9 pm
	19	Saturday	10 am-6 pm
	20	Sunday	12-5 pm



Santa Claus is coming . . .

December	11	Friday	2 pm-3 pm 3 pm-4 pm 4 pm-5 pm 5 pm-6 pm	Count Down Strolling the Plaza Albany Savings Bank Strolling the Plaza
	12	Saturday	12 n-1 pm 1 pm-2 pm 2 pm-3 pm 3 pm-4 pm	Strolling the Plaza Fantastic Sam's Laura Taylor Shop Radio Shack
	18	Friday	2 pm-3 pm 3 pm-4 pm 4 pm-5 pm 5 pm-6 pm	Fantastic Sam's Count Down Strolling the Plaza Paper Mill
	19	Saturday	12 n- 1 pm 1 pm-2 pm 2 pm-3 pm 3 pm-4 pm	Albany Savings Bank Strolling the Plaza Laura Taylor Shop Radio Shack



Christmas Carolers

December 12	Saturday	11 am-1 pm
Bethlehem High School's "Sound System"		
December 16	Wednesday	7 pm-9 pm
Albany Pro Musica		
December 19	Saturday	11 am-1 pm
Bethlehem High School's "Sound System"		
December 20	Sunday	1 pm-3 pm
Albany Pro Musica		

Season's
Greetings

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Season's
Greetings

Hahn gets his assistant

By Bill Cote

In a move that may promote peace among the factions in the Bethlehem Republican Party, the Bethlehem Town Board last week approved a request by Kenneth Hahn, receiver of taxes and assessments, to appoint a full-time assistant.

The board agreed to appoint Janice D. Skilbeck of in Delmar to the position of account clerk in the Receiver of Taxes office. She will begin on Dec. 7.

Hahn had attempted earlier this year to get a full-time assistant, but had been rebuffed by the board. At the time, board members questioned whether the long-time receiver of taxes was making full use of the town's computer system, but Hahn charged that the delays were retaliation for his support of Gary Swan in last year's Republican primary for the state assembly. The account clerk request was one of a number of issues raised by Hahn when he was himself challenged in a primary last September, but after Hahn won that contest both sides said they wanted to mend fences. The town board passed the request with no comment Wednesday evening.

Bethlehem

The board also received a report from Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor on the costs resulting from the Oct. 4 storm. Debris clearing in Bethlehem totaled \$306,669, followed by utility damage at \$21,916 and light and safety expenditures at \$4,670. Bethlehem will receive approximately \$330,000 in state and federal aid, with 75 percent of the town's costs reimbursed by the Federal Government and 12.5 percent from the state.

In other action, the board:

- Tabled Police Chief Paul Currie's request for promotion of Officer Louis Corsi to fill a sergeant vacancy in his department. Board members said they received a petition that will require review before a move is made on the issue.

- Approved Secor's request to ask for bids for copper tubing, water meters and chemicals for the town water system. Bids will be opened on Dec. 15.

- Approved Currie's request to appoint Craig Sleurs as part-time dispatcher in his department.

- Authorized Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick to submit an application for aid to the state Division for Youth to continue its current funding. The request was solicited by the town Parks and Recreation Department.

- Learned from Highway Superintendent Martin J. Cross that the town is now responsible for 141.71 miles of road way.

- Congratulated John Flanigan, town building inspector, and Secor for their recent trade association recognitions. Flanigan was elected to the presidency of New York Building Officials Association and received an achievement award for outstanding building and code enforcement. Secor received the man of the year award from the American Public Works Association.

□ Bears

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Bear Hollow Press, Delmar. "We decided to do it ourselves because we wanted the control," said Kurland. "It was designed to bridge the gap between picture books and chapter books." Kurland said the new book appeals to children from 3 to 10 years of age.

In addition to working on a third story in the series, the author and illustrator plan to put more effort into national marketing during the upcoming year.

Alexandra Kurland is a graduate of Cornell University. Mark Kenyon holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Syracuse University. He has exhibited sketches and watercolors at the Albany Institute of History and Art, the College of Saint Rose, Posters Plus and the former C.S. Martin Gallery in Albany.

Christmas concert at Bethlehem Lutheran

A Christmas Concert, "Holy Day and Holiday," will be presented at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature both popular and religious music and conclude with a carol sing. David Van Duesen of Delmar will produce and direct the event.

An offering will be received to benefit the WGY Christmas Wish.

For information call 439-4328.

Delmar car thefts under investigation

By Patricia Mitchell

Bethlehem police said they are investigating a rash of thefts from cars in Delmar that occurred between Wednesday and Thursday.

Two men, about 16 to 18 years old, were spotted by a woman on Adams St. on Thursday. Police said the woman reported one man was in a car and one was across the street from it. After the men saw police in the area they fled into some woods between Furman Pl. and Adams Pl. Police said they chased the two youths on foot, but were unsuccessful. Binoculars, valued at \$50, were later found to be missing from a car after the incident.

Sunglasses and cassette tapes were taken and an antenna broken on a car parked on Rowland Ave., police said.

Three cars on Rowland Ave. were entered and ransacked between 1:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Thursday, police said. A bicycle was also taken from the garage, but it was left on the ground.

Another car was also ransacked

on Adams St., but police said nothing was damaged or taken.

Police said a cellular phone and a radar detector were taken from an unlocked car parked in an Adams St. driveway. A second car at the driveway was also gone through but nothing was taken.

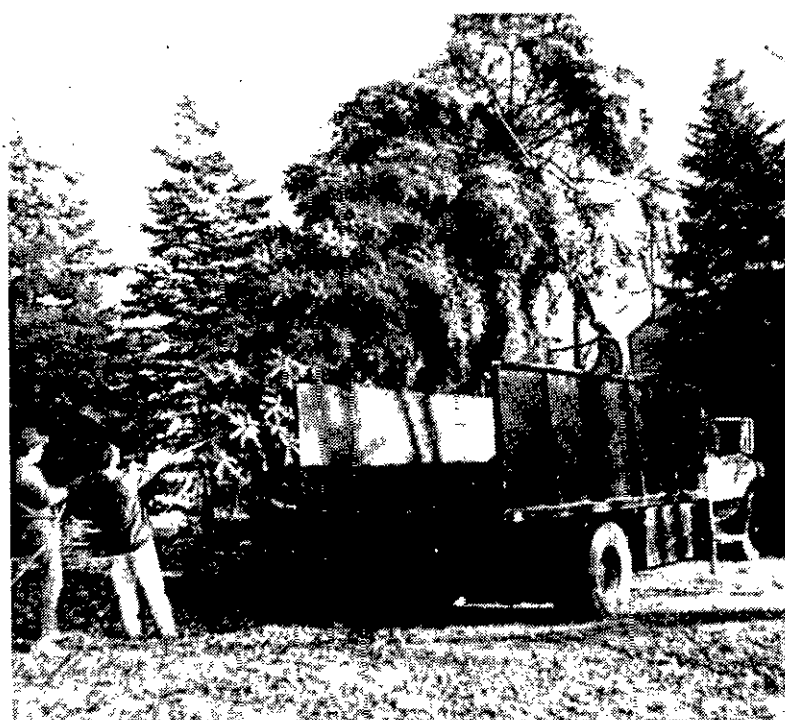
An Adams Pl. man reported a brown leather case, books and papers were taken from the front seat of his car while it was parked in his driveway, police said.

A radar detector was taken from a car on Adams Pl. and its glove compartment was ransacked, police said.

A garage door opener, valued at \$35, was taken from a Flint Dr. woman's car while it was parked in her driveway, police said.

Police also said the directional signals of a car parked in a Hawthorne Ave. driveway were found broken at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, after the car was entered during the night before.

A cigarette lighter and a flashlight were taken from a car parked on Wellington Rd., police said.



Bringing down the 30-foot spruce in the yard of Helen Brockley of Brockley Dr., Delmar, required the help of Haslam Tree Service and a flatbed truck provided by D.T. Dare Landscaping. The tree will be lit at Main Square this Sunday for the holiday season.

Main Square lights a tree

Main Square at Delmar will inaugurate its first holiday shopping season by reintroducing an old Delmar custom — an outdoor Christmas tree. The shopping plaza on Delaware Ave. will have a Christmas tree lighting ceremony Sunday beginning at 2:45 p.m., to be followed by refreshments and entertainment.

The event will feature several community groups, including the Friendship Singers, who will be singing carols throughout the day.

Brownie Troop 233 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 315 will be

serving cookies and apple cider. Members of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council's District 9 will participate in a holiday ornament contest. The ornaments will be donated to Bethlehem area food baskets. Prizes will be donated by several Main Square stores.

The 30-foot spruce donated by Mrs. James Brockley of Delmar will be lit every night during the holiday season. A shuttle bus service will run throughout the day from the additional parking lot at St. Thomas the Apostle Church to Main Square.



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Winter wonderland

Here at The Spotlight, it's easy to tell when the southward migration begins in earnest about this time of year. The change-of-address requests come flooding in. Our faithful subscribers don't want to miss an issue.

EDITORIAL

A rather sizable delegation it is, too, that we send to places like West Palm, Sanibel, Carefree, or San Miguel Allende.

But they leave behind all the rest of us, all set to enjoy the wonders of our Great Northeast. We are blessed, here in the vale of the Normanskill, the shadow and lift of the Helderhills, and the swath of the lordly Hudson. And well beyond, also, to the cities, mountains, and lakes that reach in each direction.

Whether you prefer to take your exercise strenuously in powder snow or more leisurely in front of an applewood fire, our area's got it for you. Downhill? Dozens of slopes await the caress of your fiberglass. Cross-country? Seldom more than a couple of furlongs away. Ice abounds in useful form other than cubed. A chestnut team is ready for your sleigh. One of the world's prime winter sports centers is within the morning's drive. Real hemlock trees for a white Christmas morning — at home. Brisk bracing breezes that make you feel fully alive — and a pox on whoever thought up the "wind chill factor" whose only real purpose is to furnish the stuff for smug chuckles by the folks down in St. Pete.

That's for everyone who thrives in the world beyond the doorsill. But for all of us there are more than ample attractions in cozier surroundings. The area's ancient advantages are augmented by the manifold improvements, diversions, and occasions that mankind has invented. From readings at the library to weekends at an inn, from programs at the State Museum to matinees at Capital Rep, the Egg, Proctor's, or Cohoes Music Hall, it's agreeably at hand. To say nothing of Legislature and Non-Candidate watching. As Durante used to say, "Everybody wants to get into the act."

There will be a "Christmas Count" of birds within a 15-mile circle that takes in part of Bethlehem on Dec. 20, under the aegis of the Albany County Audubon Society.

And so on. Lots to see, do, experience, participate in. Take full advantage of the opportunities that our immediate area and the Capital Region's farther reaches provide us. *The Spotlight's* weekly Calendar will go far in keeping you up on what's ahead of interest.

For kicks, let's begin by looking for the full moon on Friday night.

Our editorials

As a general rule, it is not the function of the editorial column to respond to letters from our readers, because we want readers to feel free to express their opinions, bound only by the rules of fair play and accuracy. However, the letter in this week's *Vox Pop* by Barbara Shields of Delmar requires a response in this space if only to clarify the function of an editorial page.

The letter is critical of two editorials, the first on the outcome of the Nov. 3 election and the second on Albany County Executive James Coyne. It is certainly the letter writer's right to disagree with editorials, and despite a certain dismay at seeing our efforts at discussing the issues in the election and the record of the county's chief executive described as "in poor taste" and "gratuitously unkind," we welcome her viewpoint.

The letter also ascribes "blame" for the editorials directly to Dan Button, who is the editor of these pages, and is a former Republican congressman. The allegation that Button, a former *Times Union* editor and a journalist with substantial credentials and experience, would use his position to promote a partisan agenda is a matter of some concern, and simply inaccurate.

The Spotlight's editorials are discussed and prepared by our editorial board, which consists of Button, myself and Editor Tom McPheeters. We are adding a fourth member to the board, Mary Ahlstrom. We hold weekly meetings to review each week's editorial and decide what subjects will be considered for the following weeks. These meetings are quite thorough and involve a good deal of give-and-take.

As such, the editorials are an expression of the newspaper's position and thoughts on a particular subject. We take collective responsibility for their point of view and their tone.

Is *The Spotlight* anti-Democratic? Let the reader judge for him or her self. I can tell you that our news columns have always aimed for strict impartiality, and our editorials will call the shots as we see them, without a political agenda. We expect to cover a wide range of topics in the months and years to come, and hope that readers will judge us on the basis of that effort. Above all, we hope that our editorials will be the catalyst for more discussion of the important issues in our community, whether you agree with us or not.

Dick Ahlstrom

The role of an editorial

Partisan comments in Spotlight editorials?

Editor, The Spotlight

The first two editorials by Mr. Button are cause for serious concern. As a registered Democrat, I fear that the Editorial Forum has, and will continue to exhibit partisan comments from a former Republican politician through a partisan publication.

Not only were the editorials disrespectful to elected officials of the Democratic party, they were in poor taste and gratuitously unkind. While one may not agree with a particular political viewpoint, it can be expressed without such obvious hostility and disdain.

The Spotlight has pledged to provide the residents of the Town of Bethlehem with informed and rational opinions. The two editorials published thus far are words written without any

Vox Pop

purpose other than to discredit one's character through political affiliation. I only hope you will be able to enlighten the community on political issues, both favorable and unfavorable, regardless of that person's political party; and in such a manner as is creditable, intelligent and fair. At the very least, the present style and quality of writing is unbecoming both to Mr. Button and to *The Spotlight*. I do hope the level of writing can be raised and viewpoints of Democrats can one day be read through *The Spotlight*.

Barbara Shields

Delmar

See editorial on this page for a response.

Editorial the 'soul of a newspaper'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Are you aware that in my native country, Brazil, editorials are the means by which newspapers are rated? They must be impeccably well written, and are continuously under the scrutiny of intellectual individuals ready to criticize them. In most cases they appear on the first column of the front page, and are commonly known as the Principal Article. A Portuguese author once said, "the editorial is the soul of a newspaper."

In my opinion, there is no undertaking more deserving than the contribution of a newspaper, to the community, through its editorials. I do believe that Mr. Dan Button is doing a fine job.

Abdias A. De Mello

Glenmont

Why AIDS council needs moral voice

Editor, The Spotlight:

Our society faces one of its most significant public health problems in the current AIDS epidemic. It is not solely the concern of the health professions and facilities, and certainly not government. It is the responsibility of all of us, the total community and all its elements. Our churches, no matter what their creed, are part of this community in the Town of Bethlehem; it is their obligation as well.

The Bethlehem Central School Board has formally refused to carry out a regulation of the Commissioner of Education as adopted by the Board of Regents which requires membership of a representative of a religious organization on a School District AIDS Advisory Committee. In that action they acted illegally, since they interposed their judgment of constitutionality and legality rather than follow the advice of those whose authority to make such pronouncements it really is. In this country indeed we have surfeit of those who take it upon themselves to determine what laws and regulations they will or will not obey.

The board did so on the much-misunderstood judicial doctrine of "separation of church and state," but no state legal official, no court has so advised them. Until such a determination is made by a duly constituted court of law, it is their obligation, individually and as a board, to carry out their office. The board only has authority to do what law or regulation grants them; it cannot on its own reject or act contrary to those requirements.

But why did these fine people act in such a legalistic fashion? The board saw this requirement as divisive, offending the Supreme Court's entanglement test. Apart from the validity of applying that criterion in this situation, the members, I am afraid, manifested a limited vision. Does that forecast of discord and divisiveness spring from some expectation that the issue of prevention will become a contraceptive battleground of differing moral viewpoints?

For one, I believe that such an

issue is only a small part of what AIDS instruction should be all about. The ignorance associated with this disease and how it is transmitted is appalling. But most of all, the cruelty and insensitivity it creates in people is shameful and shocking. Should not generosity, brotherly love, and compassion toward the afflicted have some place in our instructional program on AIDS? Hasn't that been what religion in our lives should be all about — to raise our consciences to what is good and right, to how we should behave justly toward one another?

If AIDS instruction in our schools will be limited solely to what it is and how not to catch it, then we are terribly short-sighted. The experts tell us that a cure will not be found for many years, and the number of those infected today will not be taken ill until today's high school seniors are well out of college. How willing will our doctors and nurses be to minister to AIDS victims? How generous will we all be to rising health care costs and taxes? How receptive will Bethlehem-of-tomorrow be to families whose son or daughter carries the virus or is slowing dying at home? How well received will an infected child be in our classrooms?

Values education has long and widely been recognized as a

problem area for our public schools. That is bound to occur in a pluralistic society. But that does not mean that in time of need, in time of suffering and rejection there is no hope or possibility of our working together to foster social justice and to reject ostracism, isolation and abandonment. Justice is a moral virtue, and I know of no religion which holds for injustice.

When it comes to moral education, the public school cannot do it alone. Certainly the advice of a religious representative on that Advisory Council will only be that; what makes advice so fearful that it be shunned out of hand before it's heard?

Why not ask the local ecumenical ministerial association if they want no part in the district's advisory council? Do we dare think that in the face of this growing problem they would not wish their voices to be heard in unity? It is not so much their right, as it is their responsibility to help. I think they should be heard from on this issue.

J. Alan Davitt

J. Alan Davitt is executive director of the New York State Catholic Conference.

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Yarns too good to be true

"I've been reading Donald Hall's latest book," announced No. 3 daughter the other Saturday. "Have you read it?"

Well, no. Too many obstacles had intervened, unwelcome as those digressions were. Your Uncle Dudley listened with rather mild interest.

But just a few hours later, on the drive home, here came "All Things Considered," with reception clear enough to cover the rush of the wind and the corresponding shudder of the venerable vehicle.

And here was the voice of Donald Hall himself, reading from his work — a coincidence strong enough to reinforce a vague intention to find that new book and look up some of the many, many of his earlier ones. Most of them contain poetry, for Donald Hall is a poet (even in his prose), one of the finest of our time.

But the published books — more than two dozen of them — cover a far range, from juveniles to limericks, from criticism to biography (and the latter diversely include Henry Moore, a sculptor, and Dock Ellis, a pitcher).

Among the most beloved for more than a quarter-century has been "String Too Short to Be Saved." The title derives from this story:

"A man was cleaning the attic of an old house in New England and he found a box which was full of tiny pieces of string. On the lid of the box was an inscription in an old hand: 'string too short to be saved'."

I gather that the inference to be drawn is that the dozen stories in

CONSTANT READER

On Americana, wildflowers, a dwarf

Though the copy of *Express* that I picked up on the Amtrak train was dated October-November, I'd expect that the chances are you'd still find that issue in the seatback rack if you're traveling soon.

Among its seven very presentable articles, I was most struck by "Electra's Museum," which recounts the pioneering fancy of Electra Havemeyer Webb for amassing Americana, "the art of the common people." She started with a cigar-store Indian at age 19 (horrifying her parents, who collected European art treasures). Her hobby ultimately became the Shelburne Museum, near Burlington, along Lake Champlain. Among its countless features are a double-lane covered bridge, moved there intact; the sidewheel steamer Ticonderoga; and a Greek Revival structure built recently to contain six rooms of the Webbs' Park Avenue apartment, including their wealth of Old Masters and elegant decor.

If you'd like more detail on the museum, try writing for a copy of this issue to PPI Publications, P.O. Box O, Huntington, N.Y. 11743.

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If house magazines are your thing, then \$1.95 spent on *House Beautiful* (December) offers a change from those endlessly thick competitors in the field. You'll find a few little surprises such as a reminder that Lady Bird



the collection can be considered too inconsequential for relating on paper. But the glory of these anecdotal reflections, as warm as they are quite and understated, is in the portraits they bring us of farming people of three or more generations ago. For Donald Hall spent his summers as a boy on his grandparents' farm in New Hampshire. The joys and wonders and realities that he experienced — and learned from — have brought him back, incidentally, to live out his life, full-time, on that same farm. It is the setting for the latest book, "Seasons on Eagle Pond," which if you're lucky enough you can find in a real good bookstore.

There's a fragment in "String Too Short to Be Saved" that particularly caught me up, because I can remember an experience quite similar to this as he relates it:

Donald is 16, and he and Grandfather are on a day of

serious blueberry picking on Ragged Mountain.

"We came to a part of Ragged that was entirely new to me. It seemed to be a high plain, quite level and thick with fir trees. Then we descended into what looked like a narrow, flat road. Banks rose on either side of it, perhaps twelve feet apart. Branches leaned together over it, but only goldenrod and small bushes were growing in its narrow path.

"Look," said my grandfather, and pointed to the ground. First I was aware that the path seemed made of ridges going from side to side, like a corduroy road except that the ridges were a foot apart. Then I saw what looked like long streaks of orange, running parallel across the ends of the ridges.

"It's a railroad!" I said.

"It used to be," he said. "I remember when they closed it down. It's narrow gauge, see? It was just a little branch line, built for hauling timber to the freight depots. They took the mail and some passengers too, when there were any. That was when there were more people here."

"It was like Pompeii, and the close foliage of the heavy trees around us closed us in, as if we were sealed off in an alley separate from the world of diesels."

And then as you turn the newer pages and later recollections in "Seasons on Eagle Pond," you find yourself wondering how a person could become as wise as Donald Hall in less than sixty years.

Johnson, who'll be 75 on Dec. 22, celebrated her seventieth by establishing the National Wildflower Research Center with the purpose of researching America's native plants and encouraging their use. The Center has 9,000 members now, publishes a newsletter and fact sheets, and is planning a directory of sources. For information on membership and on planting wildflowers in our area, write to the Center at 2600 FM973 North, Austin, Texas, 78725.

Two writers, including Jo-Ann Barwick, the editor, turn their backs on commerce (and their advertisers) by urging a low-pressure December: "What counts at Christmas is the spirit of joy to the world, which can be expressed in a multitude of ways, few more eloquently than the treasures nature offers," and "I encourage people to step away from their charge-account mentality. . . I would rather receive a pomander than a purchased gift. It's time we recognize that what is better bought is not, in fact, always better."

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Not very popular in our area as yet, but a comer is the four-year-old monthly *Manhattan, inc.* (\$3), which describes its contents as "the business of New York."

But neither parochialism nor statistics abound here. Dynamite articles fill its pages. The November issue, which probably is still around at places such as

Fowler's and Coulson's, offers Tom Wolfe's inimitable prose on "Wall Street's Masters of the Universe." "Bottom Line Larry" looks at the Tisch agenda at CBS. "The SEC's Really Big Target" is on takeover lawyer George Kern. "JFK Could Have Been Called a Dwarf Too" recalls when the future president was greeted by an outpouring of three citizens in Portland, Oregon, the year before he was elected. Edward Epstein looks at "Who sold the Soviets the software to silence their subs?" In "Fashion Statements," the proposition is put forth that instead of dressing to become CEO's, business women are now tending to dress to marry them. CBS News' executive political director contributes a fanciful piece datelined next Feb. 16 in Manchester, N.H., in which Pat Robertson is pictured as the Republican frontrunner and Mario Cuomo, as a write-in candidate, "The real Winner" by placing second to Dukakis in the New Hampshire primary. And much, much more. *Manhattan, inc.* — a fascinating magazine, every month.

You've probably already received your December Reader's Digest, so Constant Reader will forswear describing its contents, which turn out to read pretty much like those of December 1977 or 1947. But their "Sweepstakes" is cluttering your mailbox so insistently that it's impossible to tell one tantalizing come-on from the last. Good luck with those 100-million-to-one odds, if you bite.

Food for thought

This week's *Point of View* comes from Alan Mapes, the director of the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, a project of the Department of Environmental Conservation. He has been on the staff for 13 years, and has been the director since 1978. His home is near the center on Game Farm Road, and the Bethlehem/New Scotland town line runs through the house.

By Alan Mapes

One of the nation's most popular spectator sports is bird-watching — or more specifically, backyard feeder-watching.

Point of View

It's a healthy growing activity, but I find that some people still seem to be reluctant to make the effort. That apparently is attributable in part to a few misconceptions. In this brief article, I hope to be able to dispel some of those myths, together with offering some suggestions for contributing to successful feeding and the enjoyment of it.

First, though, I think it's only fair to deflate some underlying assumptions and expectations. That is to say, candidly, that for the greater part, winter feeding is not essential to the birds' survival. Except in spells of extremely bad weather, backyard feeders do not make a life-or-death difference. On stormy days, particularly in high wind, making seeds available can be crucial, however.

Those of us who like to feed birds in winter should recognize that we have found a very satisfying way of experiencing up-close observation of birds in large and fascinating variety. And that's really purpose enough.

So the first myth that we can put aside is the idea that if you start putting out feed you must follow through and provide feed all winter long, without a break. Birds are not dummies — their existence, after all, has depended historically on their success in foraging. And don't forget that many other people, including some of your neighbors, are continuing in your absence.

Related to the first myth is the mistaken idea that you must feed all that the birds will possibly eat. It is fine to put out only a cup or two a day since birds usually range over quite an area and will feed in a number of places each day.

There's also a feeling that feeding is an expensive hobby. It need not be. Shop around for a feeder and buy only what seems practical for cost as well as utility. In fact, you don't really need a feeder at all: put some feed on a porch rail for instance, or toss it on the ground. And the feed can consist of bread scraps. Some people like to put peanut butter on pine cones. That makes an expensive tidbit but one that is greatly preferred by some birds. Not so, as ample observation has shown.

If you do choose commercially prepared seed, I recommend black oil sunflower seeds — cheaper and better than the somewhat more familiar striped seeds. Another good feed is a mixture of small, round, white millet and fine cracked corn, together with about 50 percent sunflower seed. Niger seed (also called thistle seed, which it is not) is fine for some uses, particularly for attracting finches. Suet is good supplement, as a substitute for the insects that birds like woodpecker and nuthatches feed on.

Many people are having success with providing a bird bath with some kind of heater, for birds do use water, and the ice that forms in an unheated tray prevents this. The most common heater is the kind that originally was made for poultry.

On the 200-plus acres at Five Rivers, we have found 190 species in the past decade; so far this year we have identified 150. These range from some of the more common — Canada geese, wood ducks, goldfinches, and bob-o-links — to some that are much less frequent, such as the fish crow (a recent addition to bird life in the Capital District), and last February sighting of Say's phoebe (an excursionist from the West), a small flycatcher which has been registered only three or four times in Upstate New York.

At Five Rivers, we welcome visitors, of course, and through workshops, courses and nature walks, as well as other activities we encourage people to become involved in birding and feeding.

The practice of feeding can be presumed to have contributed to the spread of some species (notably the cardinal and tufted titmouse) northward into our area in recent decades.

You can help your chances of luring birds by selecting plantings (crab apple, high bush cranberry, mountain ash, for example) that provide shelter, perhaps some food, a place to land in, before going on to your feeder.

The first two hours after dawn and the late afternoon, just before the light starts to fade, are the prime times for feeding and for watching.

Arm yourself with Roger Tory Peterson's *A Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies*, and with a binocular if you can; a binocular that magnifies six to eight times is best.

And while watching, reflect for a moment on the change wrought in attitudes and practices in the past century — the availability of optics and field guides has transformed bird study. Now we watch instead of shoot. John James Audubon studied his birds after he'd killed them with his shotgun.

Burns: win or lose, election healthy

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Nov. 3, 1987, the voters of Bethlehem, in the privacy of the voting booth, chose the individuals they thought would best serve their interests and make responsible decisions on behalf of the entire town. In the election for at-large Councilman, the independent spirit of the voters was so high that party enrollment, long a determining factor in election outcome in the town, lost its usual powers, and the vote was so close that the New York State judicial system will now make a final determination.

While we all anxiously await that decision, the sheer closeness

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of the election has generated a good deal of analysis as to the causes of the event, so foreign to the town of Bethlehem, and lively discussions of the potential impact of the election on future public policy making and politics in town. This dialogue is healthy, and while I hope to join in the discussion soon, either as an upset winner or as "the Democrat who almost did it", I feel compelled to share only a few thoughts at this time.

VOX POP is The Spotlight's public forum. We print all letters from readers on matters of local interest. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible, and letters will be edited for good taste, fairness and accuracy as well as for length. No letter will be substantially changed or cut without consultation between the editor and the writer.

Letters should be typed and double spaced if possible. The deadline for all letters is 5 p.m. of the Friday before the Wednesday of publication. All letters must be signed and must include a telephone number where the writer can be reached. With satisfactory reason, letter writers may request that their names be withheld.

Whether it is I or Tom Scherer who will ultimately be given the honor and responsibility to serve the community on the board, the citizens of our town should surely feel a healthy surge of pride. More than ever before, they generally put party labels aside, analyzed the backgrounds of the candidates and their stands on issues, and pulled the lever for the person whom they felt was best able to serve them. The entire Capital District has been watching our town with great interest, and instead of observing the typical political scandal or campaign mudslinging that often attracts media interest, they are following a story that involves independent voting and an outcome that proves, beyond any doubt, that every vote truly matters. The residents should be quite proud, and the winner, either Tom or I, will undoubtedly hold a greater sense of responsibility to the voters, an awareness that can only enhance one's commitment to public service.

One of the many reasons why this election was so close involves the great deal of information that was presented to the voters in order to allow them to make their best judgement. In my case, the information could never have been presented without the tremendous commitment, zeal and energy of the scores of persons who worked on the campaign. As anyone who has run for public office can readily

attest, the support of family and friends is crucial, and the involvement of my children, parents, brothers and sisters and their families, and my neighbors and friends, went well beyond my expectations.

Members of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee, despite overwhelming odds, a history of disheartening defeats, and a reputation of being the inconsequential, loyal opposition to the powerful Bethlehem Republican Committee, worked on the assumption that their candidates had an equal chance of winning the support of the community, and they provided a great deal of support and assistance to my campaign. Committee members Art Brown and Barbara Shields were, with me at every phase of the campaign, and my gratitude is extended publicly. Treasurer Jim Boyle, Chairman Bill Burkhard, Jack and Carol Bailey, and each of the more than 40 committee members are to be commended.

Unique to this campaign, at least in my experience, was the involvement and immense assistance of several fellow residents who were not usually politically active during elections, but nonetheless were searching for an alternative candidate this year, put their trust in me, and devoted a great deal of time and expertise into the campaign. While I am certainly unable to name the hundreds of residents who posted signs, walked door to door, and made telephone calls, contributed money, hosted receptions, addressed envelopes, and performed

the other tasks that made this campaign a credible one, I must publicly thank Mary Powell, Mary Blake and Eric Beebe for their consistent presence and support. Similarly, I must cite John Smolinsky and Ellen Praken who, when *Spotlight* policy precluded printing of their Letter to the Editor on Oct. 28, paid for a large ad in this newspaper in order to express their opinions on my candidacy.

I remain grateful to the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, both for the opportunity they provided the voters in sponsoring the Candidates Forum, and for their eventual endorsement of myself and Republican Candidate Dennis Corrigan, an endorsement that will long be acknowledged as an independent, bold and significant step toward improvement of the elections process.

Ultimately, though, my gratitude is to the citizens of Bethlehem. If I win, I will remain constantly aware that, while my supporters provided the opportunity to inform the voters, it will be the voters that I will remember when policy decisions are to be made on the board. If I lose, my level of appreciation will be no less, and I look forward to working with my fellow voters as we make certain that our elected officials heard our voice on Nov. 3.

I thank the editors of *The Spotlight* for this opportunity to express my thoughts, and I look forward to continued dialogue with the Bethlehem Community.

Bob Burns

Glenmont

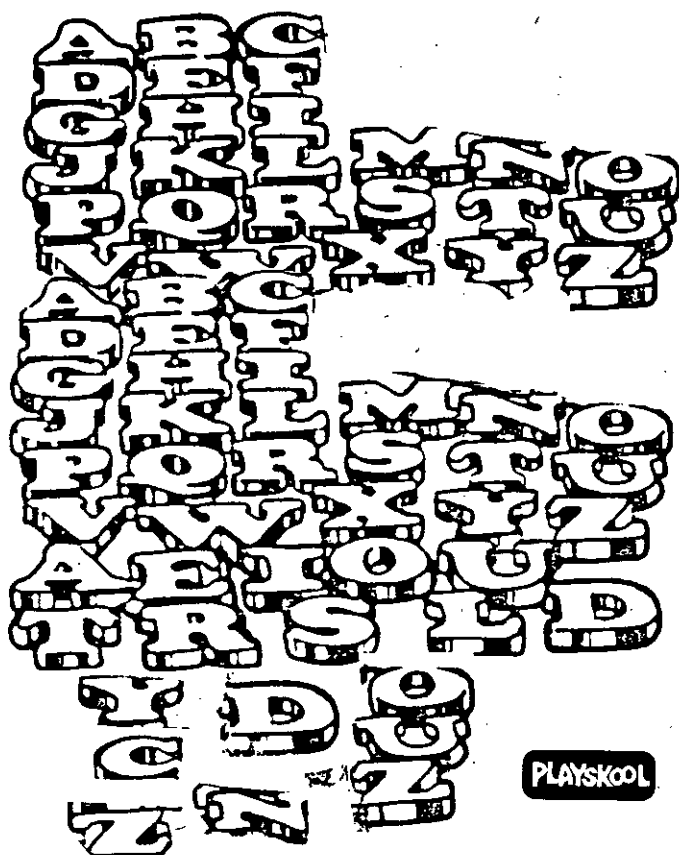
Some reasons for a Burns victory

Editor, The Spotlight

A few days after the election a conservative Republican friend called and asked what I thought of the Burns victory. I said, "I'm surprised." He said, "I'm not," and went on to explain the traffic problem on Delaware Avenue. I

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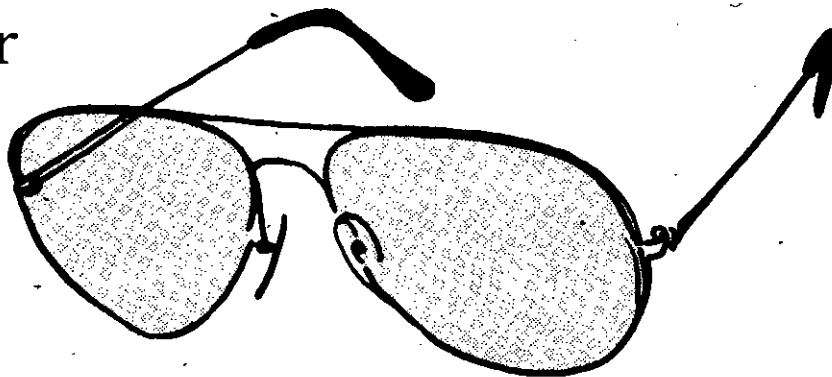
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MATTERS of Opinion

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indicated that Delaware Avenue is a State Highway. He then indicated that the town approves new developments along Delaware Avenue and mentioned greater traffic problems with approval of large subdivisions on the periphery of Delaware Avenue.

He then said if a resident wants to extend a porch or build a house on his lot, the relative amount of effort in seeking town approval is greater than the approval needed by a large subdivider.

The contributions to the Republican party by large developers are obviously legitimate,

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but they do appear questionable in the eyes of many voters. These perceptions, whether real or imagined, do influence the vote.

In retrospect, the Republican committee's rejection of Ken Hahn by a two thirds vote was overturned in the primary by a two thirds vote for Hahn by the Republican electorate.

Bob Burns is a bright, young, articulate and formidable Dem-

ocratic candidate. Taking nothing away from Bob Burns, should the Republicans have made a better showing? I do believe so. This was the first local election I can remember that no Republican candidate stopped at my house. I did see two Democratic candidates.

Shouldn't the Republican committee better reflect the obvious concerns of the Republican electorate? Shouldn't party loyalty be secondary to putting forth the strongest candidates who have a real feel for "changing times".

Sherwood Davies

Delmar

War toys vs. holiday spirit

Editor, The Spotlight:

For many people, the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of peace, joy, and good will toward all people. Yet, the top selling toys that many parents buy for their children convey a different spirit — that of violence, war and murder.

Many people believe that playing with war toys increases anger and violent behavior in children. An even greater danger is that these toys tend to desensitize growing young minds to the horrors of murder, militarism, and war. To give a child a war toy is to entice a consciousness wherein conflict is self-righteously resolved by the total defeat and humiliation of the other party. Indeed, to give a child a war toy such as Rambo or GI Joe is to nurture him or her into enjoying the subtle but powerful pleasure of total humiliation of those with whom one disagrees. Children may then come to accept a militarized and violent world as normal, and may see violence as an acceptable, even preferable, means of conflict resolution.

There are plenty of toys that children consider fun and encourage play that teaches the things that we as parents want them to learn. With our help, playtime can be a time when children learn joint decision making, sharing, and helping one another. Playtime can be a way for our children to learn to live with each other so they can feel good about themselves and help those they interact with feel good about themselves as well. This may be hard to remember at this time of year when we and our children are bombarded with commercial messages from toy companies that are interested in making money, not in the well-

being of our children. As consumers we can make a difference. Parents can stand together and support each other in the decision to disarm our children's toy boxes.

If by our actions we are considered naive, so be it, but we will not talk, act or consume in ways that encourage our children to cheat, hurt, or humiliate others. At this time of year, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and three weeks later that of another non-violent leader, Martin Luther King, we will not buy any toys that are violent, sexist, or which stimulates fantasy play based on hurting anyone.

Pat Jukins
David Jukins

Delmar

Feura Bush flier not authorized

Editor, The Spotlight:

It has come to the attention of the executive board of the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association that a flyer was circulated in the Bethlehem area announcing a recent meeting sponsored by our association. The meeting was an informational one to give the General Electric Plastics Company of Selkirk an opportunity to inform the citizens of our area on GE plans and procedures for burning and disposing of hazardous and non hazardous wastes. The flyer had a bias and was not created or approved by our association.

Judith Wing
President, Feura Bush
Neighborhood Association

Word for the week

Binocular: It's just as correct, and technically more desirable, than binoculars. It is an optical device designed for use by both eyes at once. Therefore, such a device is a unit and need not be referred to in the plural. "A pair of binoculars" should mean two separate such optical devices. (This is also good for a discussions to help warm a winter's evening.)

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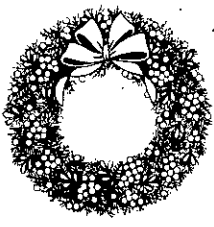
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Police promotion

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then all officers would move up, he said, adding that two years of service in Bethlehem cannot be compared to 18.

"He (Corsi) is a good cop. I just don't think it was fair to the entire department. I wouldn't do anything to hurt the other officer," Koonz said.

He said he also disagrees with the makeup of the review board because he said it was not impartial because it had only department personnel. Koonz said he helped to train two of the lieutenants. Instead, Koonz said, the board should have included an educator, a citizen, a town board member, and either Currie or a police chief from another department.

Koonz has been president of the Bethlehem Police Union for two years, and while he doesn't deny being controversial and unpopular among his superiors in the department, he is popular in the community, he said.

"When you're a union president you're going to have trouble. (But) I am not a troublemaker," he said.

As union president, Koonz said he knows he is "in between a rock and a hard place" challenging Currie's recommendation to promote Corsi, and he has offered to resign from his union position if members thought he was abusing the title. He talked to Corsi after the meeting and Koonz said he believes Corsi doesn't have any hard feelings. The town recently declared an impasse in negotiations over a new contract. Police officers have been without a contract since Jan. 1, and talks on a new contract have been going on for over a year.

The town board tabled the recommendation indefinitely to consider petitions with some 106 signatures in favor of promoting Koonz. The petitions, which call on the town to recognize Koonz's years of service as a police officer and in the community, were circulated without his knowledge by the Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Koonz said.

Three letters were also presented

to the board from Slingerlands Elementary School Principal David Murphy, Hamagrael School Principal Joseph Schaefer and high school principal Charles Gunner, all calling for a promotion for Koonz. The letters, dated in October, were written on official school stationery.

Reed-Kerr is also protesting the recommendation to promote Corsi, and she said she plans to file a sexual discrimination suit if Corsi is appointed. A Bethlehem officer for nine years, Reed-Kerr is the first and only woman police officer in the department.

Koonz said everyone has to do what they feel they have to do, and if Reed-Kerr feels she has been discriminated against then she should protest. Koonz said he also felt he also had to protest Currie's recommendation.

While Reed-Kerr has not asked for any help in her possible sexual discrimination suit from the union, Koonz said he would take her case to Council 82, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, headquarters to discuss it with lawyers if she wanted.

Richard Croak, an attorney with offices in Delmar who is

Police union, town to meet with mediator

Representatives from the police department and the town will meet next week with a mediator after an impasse was declared by the town early last month.

Bethlehem police officers have been without a contract since Jan. 1, and 15 negotiation sessions have been held for over a year.

Bethlehem Police Union President Marvin Koonz said the two sides will meet with a mediator from the Public Employment Relations Board on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.

Disputed in the talks so far include salary, a 20-year retirement plan and sick leave policies.

representing Reed-Kerr, wrote to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz that his client "has substantial reason to believe the reason she was not selected was due to her sex, or put more precisely due to the sexual bias against women exhibited by the selection panel."

Reed-Kerr said the sexual bias that she charges did not just begin with this promotion process. She said there has been a lot within the last four years.

In Croak's Nov. 9 letter to Kaplowitz, he said he hoped for a way to protect Reed-Kerr's rights without the "necessity of invoking mutually disadvantageous remedies," and he requested that the matter be solved informally.

The town board was due to receive Currie's recommendation

to promote Corsi at an October town board meeting, but it was withdrawn a few hours before the meeting because the civil service

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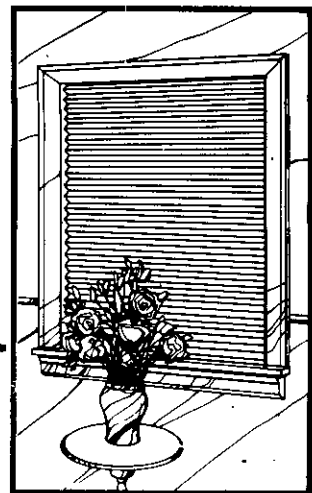
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Village to get storm aid

By Sal Prividera

The Village of Voorheesville has sent its application in for disaster aid in an attempt to recoup most of the village monies spent as a result of the Oct. 4 snow storm.

The village spent \$31,000 cleaning up the damage of the storm and hopes to regain 87 and 1/2 percent of the total bill from federal and state disaster aid, said Lauren Tedesco, village treasurer. Included among the expenditures were overtime pay for employees,

Voorheesville

fees for rental equipment and the purchase of a chipper for \$10,600, she said.

The village will find out the amount of aid it will receive within 90 days, Tedesco said.

In other business, the board of trustees:

- Set a temporary monthly

rate of \$31 per month for the Pleasant St. sewer district.

- Denied a request for a water tap on East Rd. by a non-resident of the village.

- Decided not to install a speed bump on Maple Ave. after the matter was investigated by Superintendent of Public Works William Hotaling.

Firearms stolen

A shotgun and two rifles were taken from a Edgewood Dr., Selkirk, mobile home between 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, Bethlehem police said.

'Refusniks' to speak at Ohav Shalom

Two former Soviet Jewish "refusniks" will address Congregation Ohav Shalom on Dec. 5 and 19 at the synagogue located on New Krumkill Road, Albany. Both presentations are at 11 a.m. and are open to the public.

Shimon Tobolsky, the first speaker, is a new resident of the Capital District. He and his wife and daughter arrived in October from Leningrad. Dr. Mikhail Fuhs-Rabinovich, who will speak Dec. 19, lived with his family in Moscow.

These talks are part of the ongoing commitment of Ohav Shalom to the redemption of Soviet Jewry. Regular phone calls to Soviet Jews, annual visits, resettlement assistance and efforts to increase public awareness are undertaken by members of the synagogue. For information, call 489-4706.

Stopped for DWI after running sign

A 24-year-old East Berne woman has been charged with driving while intoxicated after Bethlehem police said she was stopped for failing to stop for a stop sign.

The woman was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court Tuesday on the charges, police said.

The woman was seen on County Rt. 102 at about 4:20 a.m. Tuesday when she failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of Rt. 396, police said. The woman was followed by police for about one mile with their lights and sirens on before she stopped.

Police said she was also ticketed for driving without a license, failure to stop at a stop line and failure to keep right.

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Reading at Glenmont

The December Glenmont Read-In will be held Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Glenmont Elementary School Auditorium at 7 p.m. This month's reader will be Robert Ruslander, Bethlehem Board of Education president, as well as teachers and students.

Evening walk

An evening walk at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center to discover wildlife activity on the center grounds will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. The free outdoor hike will be led by center naturalists. For information call 453-1806.

Home and City lights up a life

Home and City Savings Bank is sponsoring a "Light Up a Child's Life" program to benefit the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

For a \$5 donation, donors can light a bulb on a tree and become eligible to win a trip for two to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The funds raised are used to support the specialized services at the Children's Hospital, including cancer care, pediatric and neonatal intensive care and treatment of pulmonary diseases.

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Students in holiday concert

The sounds of the season will ring through New Scotland next week as the students in the Voorheesville Central School District present their winter concerts.

The junior high concert will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School auditorium. The junior high band, under the direction of Lydia Tobler, will present "The Gettysburg March" and Handel's "Water Music." The chorus, under the leadership of Margaret Dorgan, will sing "One Tin Soldier" and "Modern Ragtime," accompanied by Alison Egan on piano and Lucretia Rathke on flute.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the senior high will present a concert at the high school. Chorus selections include favorites from *Oliver and Fiddler on the Roof*. The concert chorale will perform the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Both groups are directed by Margaret Dorgan. The stage band and concert bands will perform under the direction of Frank McDermott.

Finally, on Thursday, Dec. 10, the students of the Voorheesville Elementary School will present a concert of holiday music at 7:30 p.m. The sixth grade band, under the direction of Lydia Tobler, and the fifth and sixth grade chorus groups, under the direction of Cynthia McDermott, will entertain.

Holiday decorations are being prepared by art teacher Margaret Fennell and some of the sixth grade musicians.

All are invited to attend the free concerts.

All-State musicians selected

Some 16 area high school musicians had something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Among students selected to participate in the recent Area All-State Festival in Saratoga Springs were Lucretia Rathke and Stephanie Brown, flute; Tracy McFate, Janine McAssey and Denise Gobeille, clarinet; and Kevin Russo, trumpet.

Vocalists selected to sing with the choir were Susan Arthur, Alison Egan, Jeannette Keigle, Staci Loewy, Rene Hunterm Scot Chamberlain and Jason Eberhart.

Selected to play with the orchestra were Haven Battles, violin; Christian Scharl, percussion, and Melissa Donnelly, French horn.

Santa visits firehouse

Santa will also live up the holiday season by visiting the Voorheesville Firehouse on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1 until 2:15 p.m. Glenda Forsyth, a featured performer last month at the Empire State Plaza, will present balloon magic. According to Richard Langford, coordinator of the event, Santa will listen to the requests of boys and girls in Voorheesville. All are welcome.

Seniors plan holiday party

Although Santa may not attend, the New Scotland senior citizens are planning for a great time at their Dec. 9 Christmas party at the American Legion Hall. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. For \$8 dinner reservations call Avis Smith at 765-2035 or Lois Crounse at 765-2109 by Friday, Dec. 4.

Students win baking contest

Speaking of food, three students from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High recently walked away from the State University College at Cobleskill's high school day activities with a second prize in baking. According to teacher Susan Lauraine, David Veeder, Angel Amith and Kristin Deeley took honors for their Chocolate Intemperance Cake, which was decorated at the contest site.

Kiwanis Club sells wreaths

Area residents still have time to decorate their homes for the holidays and support the many community activities of the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland in the process. The men's service organization will continue its wreath sale this week. On weekdays wreaths will be sold from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. in front of the Voorheesville Pharmacy, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Stonewell, and from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Stewart's. On Saturday, Dec. 5, the last day of the sale, wreaths will be sold from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Pharmacy and from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at both Stewart's and Stonewell.

Kiwanis sponsor clinic

A free blood pressure clinic, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and 7 until 9 p.m. at the First United

Methodist Church of Voorheesville. All are welcome.

Coach Douglas honored

Congratulations go out to Voorheesville Varsity Football Coach Peter Douglas, who was named the *Times Union* Coach of the Year. Douglas's role in leading the Blackbirds to the league title was highlighted in the Thanksgiving edition of the daily newspaper.

Also bringing honor to Voorheesville were several members of Voorheesville's football team, including punter Bruce Kinisky and kicker Matt Cillis, who were named to the paper's All Star Football Teams First Team, and tailback John Traudt, who was named to the second team.

Youth group plans dance

St. Matthew's Youth Group will hold a dance on Friday, Dec. 4, from 7 until 10 p.m. at the old church on Pleasant St. A meeting to plan possible upcoming events, including a ski trip, a camping

trip, an ice skating party and a live band dance, will be held before the dance. All students in grades 7 and above are welcome to attend both the dance and the meeting.

Admission will be \$2. Students may bring their favorite dance tapes.

Holiday choirs rehearse

The children's Christmas choir at St. Matthew's Church will hold the first of two rehearsals on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 11:15 a.m. All students in grades 2 through 7 are welcome.

The adult choir will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

The executive board of the Voorheesville Public Library will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library. The board may discuss bids for the new library and the continuing search for a new library director. The meeting is open to the public.

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Town of Bethlehem, Town Board 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 Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt. 85.

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

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

New Scotland Landfill open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at town hall.

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

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

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

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.

AARP, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, are offering free tax counseling for seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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 breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

and Wednesday, and Saturday mornings. Information, 439-4258.

Creative Kosher Cooking, with Sandy Berkman of Kaye's Catering in Albany, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Free, registration, 439-9314.

"A Conversation with Dr. Les Loomis," interview with Nick Nealon of Bethlehem Central staff, BCTV, Channel 8, 7 p.m.

Midweek Advent Series, discussion of personalities of Christmas story, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Appeals, public hearings on application of Douglas and Carol Roberts, 155 Winne Rd., Delmar, for variance under Article VIII, 8 p.m.; Association for Retarded Children, Blessing and Krumkill Rds., for variance under Article V, 8:15 p.m.; Four M. Construction Corp., 78 Rose Ct., Albany, for variance under Articles VIII, IX and X, 8:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar.

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

area arts

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

THEATRE

"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.

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

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

"HOT L.C.," by William O'Brien, presented by the New Works Theatre Group of Albany, Caffé Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. \$5 reservations, 583-0022.

"A Child's Christmas," eba Theater, Lark St., Albany, Dec. 4-6 and 11-13, Dec. 4 and 11, 7 p.m., Dec. 5 and 12, 2 and 7 p.m., Dec. 6 and 13, 2 p.m. Tickets, 465-9916.

"Nunsense," Cohoes Music Hall, through Dec. 20, Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 5 and 9 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets, 235-7969.

"The Sound of Music," presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, Proctor's Theater, Dec. 4-6. Tickets, 377-5101.

"The Blaspheming Moon," reading by playwright Christopher Hewitt, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

"The Maids," by Jean Genet, staged by State University at Albany, theatre department, Arena Theater, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, Dec. 9-12, 8 p.m. Tickets, 442-3997.

MUSIC

New World String Quartet, Union College, Schenectady, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Stanley Hummel, Chopin Recital, State University at Albany, Dec. 6, 2 p.m.

Octavo Chamber Singers, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, Dec. 5, 1-4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Choir, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, December 6, 1-4 p.m.

Capital Chamber Artists, performing Dvorak Dumpy Piano Trio, Holst Fugal Concerto and Bloch Baal Shem Suite, Page Hall, State University at Albany, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Information, 489-0507.

Russell Sage College Women's and Community Choruses and Signs of Joy Sign Choir present holiday concert, Troy Music Hall, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Tickets, 270-2248.

Neil B. Rolnick and Jerry Hunt, "New Music for Digital Keyboards," Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Chapel and Cultural Center, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Information, 276-6097.

FOLK

Steve Kay, folksinger and songwriter, Caffé Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, Dec. 5, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

Magpie, folk duo, Caffé Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, Dec. 5, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

Garnet Rogers, folk artist, Caffé Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, Dec. 5, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

JAZZ

College of Saint Rose Jazz Ensemble and Empire State Jazz Ensemble, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

Spyro Gya, Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4663.

ART

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

"Portraiture in Dance: Photographs by Ken 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 Jan. 3.

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.

"Broadside," 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.

"Departing This Day: Steamboating on the Hudson River and Lake George," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2, 1988.

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, through 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 by art faculty of College of St. Rose, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, through Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Exhibit of works by Charles A. Schade, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, through Dec. 4. Information, 439-1087.

Works of William Ramage, The Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through Jan. 1, 1988, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Authors Vanessa Park and Kathryn Gordon, sponsored by Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

Presentation of tapes by Francesc Torres, video-artist, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Chapel and Cultural Center, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Tickets, 276-6097.

Holiday exhibit of dolls and toys by Shaker Doll Club and Friends of Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newtonville, through Dec. 31, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

"Curious Arts: 19th Century English Ornamentation," Museum of the Historical Society of the Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through October 1988. Information, 462-1676.

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

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

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

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.

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

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

Joint Meeting, Bethlehem Central's Enrollment and Facilities Task Forces, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

International Holiday Festival, for children of all ages, children's room, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-8 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Interfaith Tea, and program, "Christmas Around the World," sponsored by United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 1:30 p.m.

Football Boosters Annual Meeting, Room 46, Bethlehem High School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7132.

Glenmont Read-In, with Bob Ruslander, teachers and students, Glenmont Elementary School Auditorium, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7242.

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- Remembering Bing Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.
- The Adams Chronicles Thursday, 10 p.m.
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Civil War Round Table of Capital District will hear Michael Aikey, founder, speak about Willard's Brigade at Gettysburg, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, all welcome, 7:30 p.m.

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

Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

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

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

Home Buying Program, "Home Ownership: Breaking into the Market," for first-time homeowners, Bethlehem Cable, channel 7, 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Program, "Sharing the Holidays with Your Family," Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, \$3 materials fee, 10 a.m. Registration, 453-1806.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

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

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

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

Square Dance, with Dave Haas calling, sponsored by Tri-Village Squares, First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

Awards Party, for new and old members, Bethlehem Tennis Association, Southwood Tennis Club, 44, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-6365.

Craft Fair, 55 vendors, sponsored by Hamagrael PTA, Hamagrael Elementary School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Christmas Tree Sale, to benefit Bethlehem Central Football Boosters, Bethlehem Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

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, 439-9252.

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

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

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. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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

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

Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, worship, 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.

Holiday Lunch, sponsored by Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, Fiesta Restaurant, Delmar, \$8.50, 12:30. Reservations, 439-2284.

Cocktail Buffet, sponsored by Albany Panhellenic Association, 823 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 5-7 p.m. Reservations, 439-5487.

Christmas Silver Tea, Bethlehem Historical Association, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, worship and Sunday school, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

Christmas Program, with carol singing and Christmas tree lighting, Main Square Shoppes, Delmar, 2:45 p.m. Information, 439-6437.

Holiday Concert, Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Middle School, 2 p.m.

Christmas Tree Sale, to benefit Bethlehem Central Football Boosters, Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Berean Baptist Church, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship, 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m., pre-teens and youth 4:15 p.m. Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4184.

Children's Christmas Party, with Santa, refreshments and magic, Voorheesville Firehouse, 1-2:15 p.m.

MONDAY DECEMBER 7

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

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

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.

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, rehearses 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. Information, 439-4258.

Children's Room Event, "Jack Frost Party," for children under 3 and parents, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Delmar Progress Club, holiday tea, with music program, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-1370.

Farmers Home Administration Meeting, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 9:30 a.m. Information, 765-2425.

Teacher Workshop, "Project Wild," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 3:30-6 p.m. Registration, 453-1806.

Library Board, executive meeting, Voorheesville Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

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

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

Slingerlands Fire District, commissioner's meeting, second Tuesday at Slingerlands Firehouse, 8 p.m.

Dana Natural History Society, Christmas tea, Bethlehem Historical Museum, 2 p.m. Information, 767-9919.

Fire District Election, Elmwood Park Fire District, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., Albany, 7-10 p.m.

Decoration Program, "Decorating with Sheets," Martha S. Brown Urban Extension Center, 230 Green St., Albany, 10 a.m.-noon. Registration, 765-3550.

Life Rebuilding Group, putting your life back together after broken relationship, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 7 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Literature Discussion, "Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey," Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, evening group, table decoration making, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Reservations, 439-4298.

Blood Pressure Clinic, United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

Christmas Luncheon, Bethlehem chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon. Information, 439-3305.

Winter Concert, junior high band and chorus, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 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 Auxiliary, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of month.

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

Second Milers, association of Tri-Village retirees meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

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

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Slide Presentation, "Japan: Ambivalent Country," by Sheila Schlawin, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Fiction Lecture, on "Sons and Lovers," by D. H. Lawrence, led by Helen Adler, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

Midweek Advent Series, discussion of personalities of Christmas story, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Chinese Auction, sponsored by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society and

Home School Association, school auditorium, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-1449.

Winter Concert, senior high concert band, stage band and choruses, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

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.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

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.

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185, meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

Elsmere Fire Company Auxiliary, meets second Thursday of each month at firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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.

VFW Post #3185, meets second Thursday of each month, VFW Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

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

Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library, annual meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Progress Club, meeting to decorate Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Volunteers, 439-2812.

Twilight Walk, to see night beauty of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Winter Concert, band and chorus, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11

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

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

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

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

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

Christmas Tree Sale, to benefit Bethlehem Central Football Boosters, Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Christmas Concert, "Holy Day and Holiday," with carol sing, and benefit for WGY Christmas Wish, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2

Festival of Trees, exhibit of decorated Christmas trees, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$2.50, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Open House, for prospective students and their families, Christian Brothers Academy, 7-9 p.m. Information, 462-7041.

Nursing Meeting, and lecture on "Promotion of Nursing From Within to Without," sponsored by New York State Nurses Association, Century House, Route 9, Latham, 6:30 p.m. Information, 270-5510.

Asbestos Control Update, review current OSHA standards, EPA emergency school rule, state school asbestos law, and state licensing and certification law, Quality Inn, Watervliet Ave. Ext., Albany, \$25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 449-4161.

Holiday Party, sponsored by Epilepsy Association of the Capital District, First Presbyterian Church, State St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 272-4074.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

Monthly Meeting, with discussion on stress management, Capital District

Club of Printing House Craftsmen, Century House, Latham. Reservations, 438-7834.

Bell Ringing Concert, by St. Gregory's School, to benefit Ronald McDonald House, Albany Marriott Hotel, 7 p.m. Information, 785-6621.

Annual Cardiovascular Teaching Day, "Coronary Disease: New and Future Therapy," Cusack Auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration, 454-1587.

Children's Program, "Winter and Holiday Crafts," Albany Public Library, 517 Delaware Ave., Albany, 3:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Information Session, Empire State College, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 447-6746.

Festival of Trees, featuring 113 decorated Christmas Trees, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$2.50 donation, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Information, 463-8259.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, weekly meeting, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30-10 p.m. Information, 439-3524.

National Society of New England Women, Dutch treat luncheon with discussion of Cherry Hill, Veeder's Restaurant, 2200 Central Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 456-7942.

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Capital District Mothers' Center, informal drop-in, First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

Auditions, world premiere of "Thursday's Child," Capital Rep's Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Appointments, 462-4531.

A.C. Sparkplugs, square dance, with Al Capetti calling, Pinegrove Methodist Church, Central Ave., Albany, 8 p.m.

Information, 765-4122.

Holiday Music Potpourri, Bethlehem Central High School Orchestra, Empire State Plaza, noon-1 p.m.

Workshop, "Children's Creative Response to Conflict," sponsored by Interfaith Center for Peace with Justice. Registration, 274-1983.

City Club of Albany, holiday cocktail party, with music by Albany Police Pipes and Drums, Fort Orange Club, Washington Ave., Albany, \$10, 5-7:30 p.m. Reservations, 458-9512.

Delmar Community Orchestra, in concert at German-American Club of Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

Singles Night, performance of "Nonsense," at Cohoes Music Hall, with party at Heathstone Inn, \$14 and \$12, 9 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

Rainbow Children's Chorus, premiere concert, Doane Stuart Academy Chapel, Rt. 9W, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 731-6643.

Public Address, by Shimon Tobolsky, Russian emigrant, Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Road, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 489-4706.

Grand Reopening, Junior League of Albany's Next-to-New Shop, 419 Madison Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 463-4343.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 5

Festival of Trees, featuring 113 decorated Christmas Trees, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$2.50 donation, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Information, 463-8259.

Holiday Greens Show, Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany, 1-5 p.m. Information, 436-9826.

Christmas Open House, Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-1676.

Old-fashioned Christmas, sponsored by Lark St. Area Merchants Group, with Scrooge look-alike contest, wagon rides and tree lighting ceremony, Lark St., Albany, noon-5 p.m. Information, 463-7182.

Square Dance, Schoharie Valley Hayshakers, Schoharie Elementary School Gym, 8:00 p.m.

Festival of Trees, featuring 113 decorated Christmas Trees, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$2.50 donation, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Information, 463-8259.

Christmas Open House, Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-1676.

Family Fun Day, with puppet show for school-age children, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 1:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Choir, Albany

Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Victorian Stroll, with music and collection of food, clothing and toys, streets of downtown Troy, noon. Information, 274-1374.

Coin and Stamp Show, 75 dealers, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 346-2584.

Six-mile Handicap Run, sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, SUNYA campus, 1:30 p.m. Information, 235-6122.

Women's Press Club Luncheon, "There's No Such Thing as a Free Lunch," with Benita Zahn and Harry Rosenfeld, Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 11:45 a.m. Reservations, 457-7643.

MONDAY
DECEMBER 7

Federation of Historical Services, "Creative Approaches to Planning and Management" workshop, Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Reservations, 273-3400.

Veteran's Health Care Conference, "Bridging Veteran's Administration/New York State Health Care Services to Veterans," Ramada Renaissance, Saratoga Springs.

Lecture-Discussion, "Televangelism and Its Message," by Dr. Kyong Kim, sponsored by Empire State College, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 447-6746.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 8

Veteran's Health Care Conference, "Bridging Veteran's Administration/New York State Health Care Services to Veterans," Ramada Renaissance, Saratoga Springs.

Capital District Women's Political Caucus, holiday party, "Bork and Bonzo Bash," Unlimited Feast Restaurant, Dove Street, Albany, \$25, 6-8 p.m. Reservations, 372-8396.

Luncheon Seminar, for employers, dealing with the new federal immigration law, Quality Inn, Watervliet Ave. Ext., Albany, noon. Reservations, 465-0797.

Parson's Child and Family Center, foster care/adoption information exchange, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-4571.

Multiple Sclerosis Chapter, 30th Anniversary Dinner, with Art Buchwald speaking, Desmond Americana, Colonie, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 452-1631.

Senior Services Center, holiday shoppe, South Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 9

Veteran's Health Care Conference, "Bridging Veteran's Administration/New York State Health Care Services to Veterans," Ramada Renaissance, Saratoga Springs.

College Program, "Your College Application: Writing Essays and Being Interviewed," for high school juniors and seniors and their parents, Albany Public Library, 517 Delaware Ave., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

PMS Support Group Meeting, Bellwood Room, Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455.



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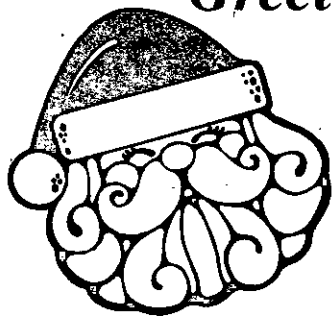
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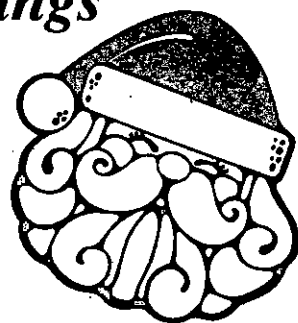
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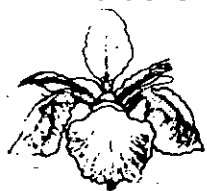


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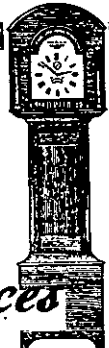
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THIS CHRISTMAS



PUDs, enforcement top planners' agenda

By Patricia Mitchell

Strengthening the rules governing Planned Unit Developments, enforcement of the zoning code and forms to keep track of the status of applications are some of the issues the New Scotland Planning Board will take up as it starts its large task of revising the

New Scotland

town's zoning laws.

Meeting informally after their regular meeting last Tuesday, planning board members began to

outline areas to discuss with C.T. Male Associates, and discussed its procedure for revising the zoning code.

C.T. Male Associates was recently hired by the town board on recommendation from the planning board as a part-time planner to look at New Scotland's

zoning codes and maps and offer recommendations on revising them. The firm is also reviewing the ordinance for major problems, and plans to hold community meetings. The code was passed in 1961 and updated in 1981.

Board member William Childs said the first area to be discussed should be requirements for Planned Unit Developments (PUD), pointing to a 430 unit-PUD that is expected to be proposed by the Galesi Group for the former Tall Timbers Country Club. He said he thinks this should be of immediate importance.

Board chairman Richard Stickley said he likes written forms used by the Town of Rotterdam listing where an applicant stands after each appearance before the planning board.

A moratorium on building should also be discussed with C.T. Male, Stickley said, and the question of whether it will affect the Galesi proposal.

An outline of all necessary forms that should be completed before coming to the planning board should also be instituted, said board member John Loucks.

Enforcement procedures should be clarified, said board member Annick Belleville. She said someone should be given jurisdiction if there is a violation.

Another issue that has been around for years is rezoning an Industrial zone between Hilton Rd. and Rt. 155 near the railroad tracks to a residential zone, said Robert Cook, board consultant and chairman of the water resources commission. That brings up the question of revising zoning townwide, he said.

Building Inspector Walt Miller also compiled a list of issues

several years ago and the planners agreed to discuss them with C.T. Male. Included are a conflict of definitions of all structures and accessory structures, whether the horse-limit maximum applies to farms, whether mobile homes can be stored and whether fences are required around swimming pools.

The planning board will discuss revising the ordinance at future meetings after the close of regular business. Cook suggested that the board could discuss its ideas with no participation from the audience, but that a suggestion could be made through one of the members.

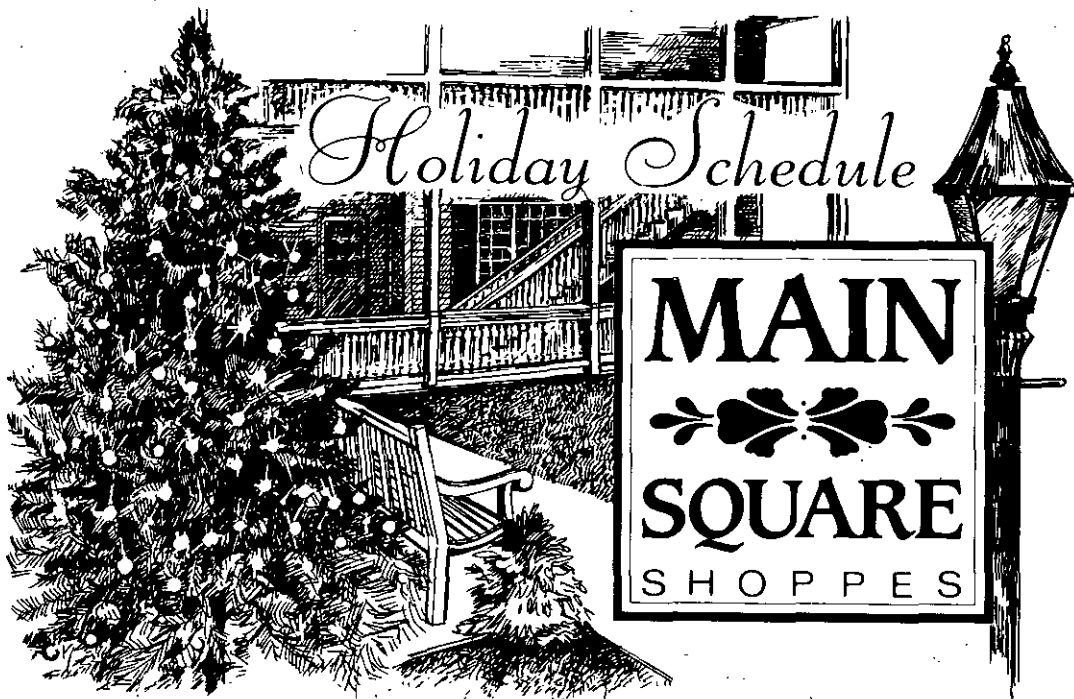
Cook also warned that the planning board should be careful about boredom. The board was "gung-ho" for a while during the ordinance's last review, he said, but then interest dropped for five or six years.

In other business last Tuesday, the planning board:

- Suggested builder Joe Immediato withdraw his application to build a duplex on Salem Ct. off Krumkill Rd. and cancelled a public hearing scheduled for the night. The board received a notice of violation after he allegedly continued to work on the site after he received a stop work order because he started construction without a building permit.

- Received a letter from David Curtis, a member of the building committee of the Mountainview Free Evangelical Church that necessary driveway culvert work has been done at the church site on Rt. 155. The board stipulated that it be done to the best of the church's ability when it granted a special use permit recently.

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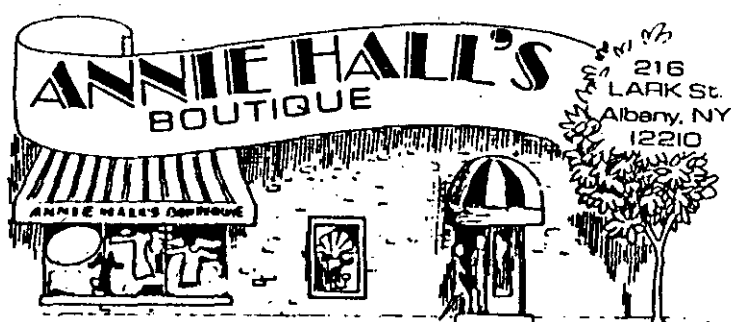
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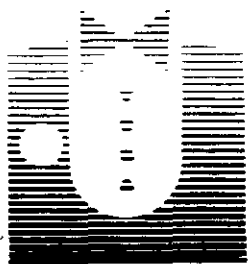
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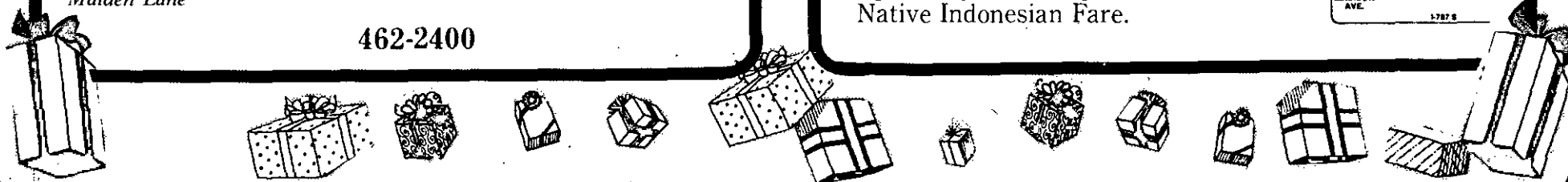
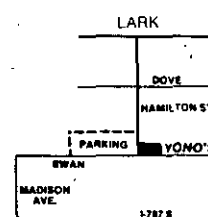


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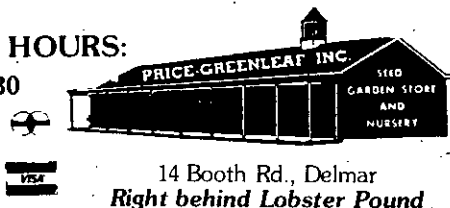
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Volunteers needed

The Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 has welcomed two new members. Arthur Hunt and Gary Wilhelm became active firefighters on Nov. 16. Men and women 18 years or older who are interested in serving are welcome to call the department.

A fire commissioners election will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Selkirk Firehouse No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk.

Holiday fair on Saturday

The Ravena-Coeymans PTO is hosting a holiday fair on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

The fair will include student crafts, parent crafts, a bake sale, popcorn, balloons, face painting, and a secret shop where youngsters may shop for Christmas gifts without help from Mom or Dad.

All are welcome.

Hikers enjoy season

The RCS Hiking Club participated in a forest life lesson at Five

Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Club members learned to measure the number of board feet in a tree and to estimate its monetary value "as it stands."

On Oct. 17 club members hiked to North Point in the Catskills. The hikers enjoyed a view of the fall foliage view as they ate lunch on the summit.

Holiday tea scheduled

The Christmas Silver Tea, sponsored by the Bethlehem Historical Society, will be held on Dec. 6, from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Cedar Hill School House Museum, Rt. 144 at Clapper Rd.

James and Ann Vandervort will arrange the holiday greens, wreaths and Christmas trees.

In addition to antique Christmas ornaments, Christmas miniatures by Marie Wiedemann and birds carved by Peter Peltz, a former Selkirk resident now living in Massachusetts, will be displayed. Hostesses will serve tea, coffee, punch, holiday sweets and tea sandwiches.

Committee members include Mary Elizabeth VanOostenbrugge, Coleen Brewer, Mary Ann Twardowsky and Josephine Twardowsky. All are welcome.

Children invited to sing

With the approach of Christmas, the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is planning its holiday program. Children in the Sunday school program are invited to participate.

On Sunday, Dec. 6, the Christmas tree will be trimmed to the sounds of caroling during Sunday school. The White Christmas program and dinner will be held on Dec. 27. If you are interested in having your child participate, call Heidi Hauf at the church.

RCS plans holiday concert

A holiday concert will be presented at RCS Senior High School on Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited.

Book fair for holiday shoppers

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Parents are invited to shop from 2 until 3 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 2 and 3.

Trees at Institute from local donors

Several local businesses and individuals have sponsored tree exhibits in the Festival of Trees at the Albany Institute of History and Art. The event will continue through Dec. 6 and will raise funds for the institute.

Participating in the event are the Bethlehem Garden Club, Price Greenleaf, Shuttle Hill Herb Shop and J.J. Philips Restaurant. Also participating are Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Filipp and Mrs. Ellen Courtney of Glenmont; and Mr. and Mrs. John Belizzi, Dr. and Mrs. William Blackmore, Mrs. Ellsworth Elmore and Mrs. Doris Fry from Delmar.

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□ Bridges

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the small bridge that spans the Normanskill on Rt. 85, the Slingerlands bypass. Because of a new stop signal at Blessing Rd., installed recently by the DOT in recognition of increased traffic on the two roads, many motorists are finding themselves stopped on the bridge.

It shakes. It shakes quite noticeably when several cars or a heavy truck are passing by. It shakes enough to cause one Slingerlands resident to call the DOT in alarm.

"I explained to her that bridges do that," said Paul Kuehn, supervisor of the bridging and inspection unit at DOT's Region One. "The sensation she was feeling was quite normal."

The bridge was built in 1964 when Rt. 85 was reconstructed, and was last inspected in 1985, with another inspection due by the end of this year, Kuehn said. However, following the Schoharie Creek disaster, the state has sent divers to look at all bridge supports, and the supports for the Rt. 85 bridge were inspected this summer by a diving team. No problems were found, Kuehn said.

Modern steel bridges are designed to deflect, or move, when they are under stress, Kuehn explained. And someone sitting in a stationary car — waiting for the new light to change, perhaps — will notice it even more because the car's suspension system "can amplify the sensation you're feeling," Kuehn said.

Responsibility for the Thruway bridge is divided three ways. The Thruway Authority is responsible for the structure, the City of Albany for the deck, or road surface, and the state DOT for safety inspections. The bridge was posted by the city, which acted after the Thruway Authority passed on a recommendation from DOT inspectors, but no one seems to be quite sure what happens next.

According to Art Isabella, a Thruway spokesman, the bridge structure is sound, but inspectors found two problems with the deck — an accumulation of road surfaces had "added to the dead weight" on the bridge supports, and the "facia concrete", or concrete facing under the deck, was deteriorating, causing occasional chunks to fall on the roadway below.

"It's up to the city to take the next step," Isabella said. The state inspectors have recommended that Albany replace the road surface, he said.

Inspector Robert Coleman, chief of Albany's traffic bureau, said Monday he posted the 10-ton limit on the state's recommendation, and understands that the

city plans to carry out the DOT recommendations using state funds. However, a DOT official said Monday that no state funds are available to repair the bridge.

□ War toys

(From Page 1)

the children how to use violence as the only option to settle a conflict, Kelly-Lind said.

"Children have to be able to imagine peaceful solutions to conflict."

The group started their day's work in front of Kay Bee Toys, since the store carries G.I. Joe toys. The group handed out copies of the War Resisters League leaflet to passersby.

However, Kelly-Lind said it was not the group's intention to discourage people from shopping at Kay Bee Toys. Plaza security asked the group to move away from the store after about 30 minutes, she said.

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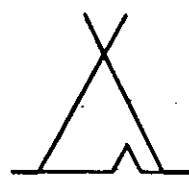
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Blackbirds come back to top Fonda

By Rick Leach

After getting off to a poor start with a 47-42 loss to Queensbury on Friday, the Voorheesville boys basketball team came back with a 67-46 crushing of Fonda to gain third place in the Queensbury Tip-Off Tournament. This leaves the Blackbirds at 1-1 for the season, with their first league game coming on Tuesday at home against Ravena.

On Friday, Voorheesville out scored the host Spartans in three out of the four quarters. However, they had a nightmarish third quarter, in which they were out scored 18-4. Except for that period, the Birds didn't play all that badly, especially in the first half, where they came out and opened a 22-15 lead at intermission. The 15 points was a credit to the Blackbird's solid man-to-man defense, something they will need to be successful this season. However, the defense wasn't as

Basketball

good in the third quarter, and the offense was even worse, so the Purple and Gold went into the final stanza trailing 33-26. Voorheesville tried to come back in the last quarter, but still fell on the short end. "We had some communication problems in the second half, and we didn't even set our offense on more than one occasion," a distraught coach Bob Crandall said.

These shortcomings seemed to fade away the next night, when the Birds dominated Fonda in every phase of the game. They came out strong early and struck to a 14-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. Leading the way was junior Orion Colfer, who had all six of his points in that period. In the second quarter most everyone played, and the Birds were out

scored 18-17, making the tally 31-22 at the half. In the second half Crandall used only about seven or eight players, and the Blackbirds scored 18 points in both quarters for the easy triumph.

Leading the way in this game were Marty Gordinier with 11 points and 7 rebounds, Joe Harding with 7 points and 10 boards, Ed Sapienza with 11 points, 4 assists and 5 steals, and John Lawrence who was 3-3 from these point range and had 14 points. Craig Lapinski also added seven rebounds for the Birds, who out rebounded Fonda 42-20.

Sapienza was named to the tournament all-star team, averaging 11 points and 3.5 assists for the two games. "It was an adequate team effort. If we get together and get a couple of guys playing better, we're going to be a good team," Crandall stated. Crandall's main concern was the Bird's 24-46 foul shooting perform-

ance, which will need to be improved in the tough Colonial Council.

That Colonial Council season opens on Tuesday at home against Ravena, followed by Friday at Cohoes. The Tigers are serious competitors for the league title, and that game may tell how serious Voorheesville is about a championship of their own.

Pianist performs at Downs convention

Jonathan Swick, a student at Bethlehem Central High School, was the guest pianist at the National Downs Syndrome Congress 15th annual convention. He played several pieces throughout the evening, including both popular and classical selections.

Swick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Swick of Delmar.

Spotlight SPORTS

RCS girls win at home

The girls basketball team at RCS opened its season with two wins for an early undefeated record to capture Ravena's own the tenth annual Gold Medal Basketball Tournament last Friday and Saturday evenings.

On Friday night, RCS defeated Ichabod Crane 55-28. On Saturday, the girls won the tournament with a come-from-behind victory when Tracy Tucker, held scoreless until the final quarter, scored 14 points to lead RCS to a 53-46 upset over Germantown.

Coach Betty Faxon praised her team for the high degree of intensity they brought to the game.

"We trailed the entire game until the last two minutes and 30 seconds when we tied it up. We outscored Germantown 26-11 in the final quarter," Faxon said.

"Dena Perry played on their center, Sherry Collier. She denied her the ball and that helped us a lot. Our three small guards, Perry, Kerry Chapman, and Marsha DiNapoli played with great quickness and intensity. They really put the pressure on and deserve a tremendous amount of credit."

IRS wants to give back overpayments

The Internal Revenue Service has had \$267,656 in tax refunds for 529 residents of northeastern New York returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable.

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Indians battle to finals

By Josh Curley

A combination of poor rebounding and missed free throws is what RCS Boys Basketball Coach Jim Gorham blames for the 70-55 loss to LaSalle that Ravena suffered last Saturday.

The Indians advanced themselves into the finals of their own Ravena Gold Medal Tournament last weekend by convincingly topping Germantown 63-44. "They were quick and we were concerned," said Coach Gorham referring to the Clippers squad. Ravena's aggressive game plus domination of the boards by 6-6 center Phil Nicewonger and 6-4 forward Dave Cary helped out in the victory. Nicewonger also contributed 19 points in the effort. The Indians moved out in front of Germantown quickly and decisively, leading early in the second quarter by a score of 30-6. The game became more relaxed after this early lead allowing the starters to rest in preparation for the following night's championship game.

Unfortunately, Ravena played LaSalle with an obvious lack of aggression, poor shooting and numerous turnovers. The Indians never fell behind by more than fifteen points throughout the game and came as close as five points in the second half. Despite the losing effort, junior Bob O'Neill scored sixteen points coming off the bench. O'Neill connected on three consecutive three-pointers from the right corner in the fourth quarter keeping the Indians within range of LaSalle.

Nicewonger and Tucker were named to the tournament's All-Star team following Ravena's second place finish. Nicewonger averaged 16.5 points between the two games in addition to turning in the team's high in rebounding. Point-guard Tucker played with "great control" and averaged 14 points per game.

RCS is scheduled against two tough council teams for this week. Tuesday, Ravena met Voorheesville and Friday the Indians will face Mechanicville.

Scott a co-captain

Sarah Scott of Delmar recently completed her senior year as co-captain of the varsity soccer team at Emma Willard School. Scott played defensive halfback and had two goals and one assist. She is the daughter of Keith and Mary Scott.



RCS center Phil Nicewonger adds two points to his team's score in Friday night's 63-44 victory over Germantown in the initial game of Ravena's annual Gold Medal Tournament this past weekend.
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John Scicchitano of Feura Bush and Matthew Fleming of Slingerlands were recently named to the Cum Laude Society at The Albany Academy.

Both were chosen for academic accomplishments and extracurricular involvement.

Scicchitano is captain of the Albany Academy Cadet Battalion, president of the Student Judiciary Committee and a member of the school's Answers Please team.

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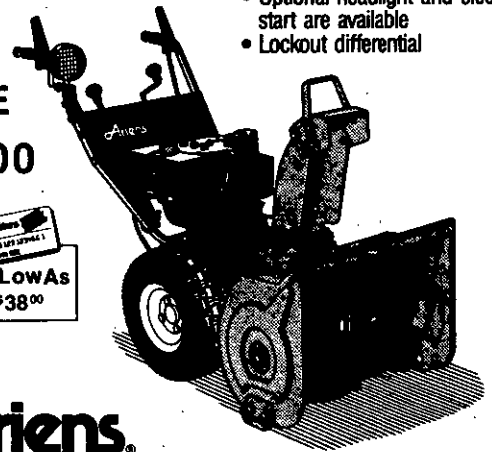
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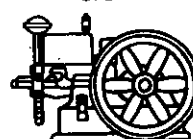


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Veteran BC squad spells trouble

By John Bellizzi III

Cold weather is once again upon us, and for those athletes and fans not involved with shooting hoops, it's time to begin another wrestling season. The eager grapplers from Bethlehem Central will host Suburban Council rival Mohonzen in their first dual meet of the season this Friday evening at BCHS.

Looking back on four weeks of pre-season practice and preparation, all indicators seem to point to a very successful year in store for the Bethlehem wrestling program. Eleven wrestlers with varsity experience are back, five of them with two or more years of varsity experience under their

Wrestling

belts already. Included in that group are three 1986 Sectional runner-ups. In addition, seven lettermen from last year's 9-4 junior varsity team have returned. All this plus a very experienced coach with great confidence in his team makes the future look bright indeed for the Eagles.

"We have one of the strongest upper weight lineups in years," reported BC Varsity Coach Rick Poplaski. "We have question marks at a number of weight classes, but we have solid

strength from 105 pounds to 177 pounds. We've really got some solid athletes."

Poplaski, returning for his 15th consecutive season as varsity coach, has been involved in the Bethlehem wrestling program in a coaching capacity for 20 years. An experienced instructor and successful wrestler in his own right, Poplaski's personal dedication to the sport of wrestling has served as a tremendous example to many athletes during his coaching career.

As the season opener draws near, Poplaski has a fairly good idea of who will be wrestling where on his team. Although the roster may fluctuate once the season is underway, the following athletes should be beginning the season as varsity starters.

Bethlehem's representative in the 91 pound weight class will be freshman Mike Ehrlich, a first-year wrestler. At present, Ehrlich is recovering from a wrist injury sustained during the early days of the pre-season practices. As a result, he has gotten in very little mat time so far, and doesn't have much time to prepare for the dual meet season. "It's hard to tell how

he will do because I haven't seen much of his ability," Poplaski said. "Being inexperienced, he will probably have to grow into the situation. He's got some talent, though; I'll wait to see what happens."

The 98 pound weight class is another one of those "iffy" ones. At the moment, Poplaski has no wrestlers to fill that weight category, but he is hoping for one of his many 105-pound contenders to drop down here. A likely candidate for this class may be sophomore Kevin Schoonover, who was named Most Improved Wrestler on last year's freshman team. If Schoonover can drop the weight, he may be a contender with a little varsity experience. According to Poplaski, "he may have to get his feet wet first."

Pat Leamy, an eleventh grader, will begin his third varsity season Friday evening. Last year, Leamy was 27-3 at 91 pounds, winning his weight class in the Oxford, Johnstown, Saratoga and Suburban Council Invitational tournaments, and placing second in the Class A Sectionals. This year, Leamy will see action in the 105 pound weight division, a fairly crowded one at

Bethlehem. "Pat's one of the top wrestlers in the section at his weight," praised Poplaski. "He knows what he has to do, and he's more than capable of doing it."

Another junior, Eric Brown, will be starting at 112 to begin his second varsity year. "Eric was one of our more improved wrestlers," commented Poplaski. One of the factors leading to improvement cited by Poplaski was participation in the Junior Olympics in Iowa. "Eric's mentally and physically tough," Poplaski warned.

Another returning letterman from last year's varsity is Mike Leamy. "Mike's jumped up quite a bit in size," explained Poplaski. "He has the experience to help the team consistently." Leamy will wrestle at 119.

Senior Tom Nyilis, a third year varsity wrestler, will have control over the 126 pound weight class, "I see Tom as being a big key this year," Coach Poplaski remarked. "He's proved to be successful, and he deserves the opportunity to have a great year"

At 132 pounds, John Gallogly, a junior who saw limited varsity action last year, will start. Says Coach Poplaski: "By the time he's done this year, people will realize his fourth place finish in the Class A's last year wasn't a fluke."

Wrestling at 138 is one of the team's truly outstanding wrestlers. Chris Saba is going into this, his fifth varsity season, with 125 career victories. His record last year was 28-4, and included championships in the Class A's and the Saratoga tournament and second place finishes at Oxford, Johnstown and in the Suburban Council Invitational. Saba's third place finish in the Section II finals last year qualified him for the state meet. "Barring injury, Chris should be able to win a Sectional title and do well in the States this year," said Poplaski. Saba is a senior, and co-captain of the varsity team.

The 145 pound weight class is another question mark. Out of the six grapplers he has at that weight, Poplaski sees senior Absar Husain and freshman Bob VanNatten as likely candidates.

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Tom Morrison, a twelfth grader, returns this season for his first year on the mat since his freshman year. Poplaski sees Morrison as a great athlete who really wants to succeed. "The question isn't athletic ability, but rather technique," explained Poplaski. "He's showing good signs, though."

At 167, senior Mike Mosley returns for his fourth varsity year. "All I can say is just to tell everybody to watch out," Poplaski says with a laugh. Mosley was 28-7 as a junior last year, won the Oxford and Suburban Council tourneys and took second in the Class A Sectionals, and Saratoga and Johnstown tourneys. "Mike will be a real force to reckon with this year."

Of course, if a wrestler wanted to move up a weight class to escape facing Mosley, "he would only be going from bad to worse," according to Poplaski, for at 177, Steve Guynup, the other senior co-captain, will start. Guynup's 27-8 record last year almost speaks for itself, combined with a Class A Sectional championship and a fourth place finish in Section II. "Steve will be one of our solid anchors he's a tough kid," Poplaski said.

At 125, senior Jim Hoffman returns to the wrestling team after a one year leave due to an injured back. "If we have luck in terms of his health, we should be seeing consistent performances here."

Last, but not least, Bethlehem's heavyweight, first-year wrestler John Reagan. "He's a heck of an athlete," remarked Poplaski, adding that he is probably the best athlete he had ever coached at this weight. A minor injury to Reagan's knee will have him sitting out the first match, but count on him for strong performances once he gains some experience.

The true mat lovers among you may have noticed two names conspicuously missing from that roster Jim Dayter, who finished with a 25-1 record in his third varsity year last season, and John Sinuc, whose record in his second varsity season was 25-9-1. Both seniors have sustained injuries that prevent them from wrestling this year, but both have returned to the team in the role of "Honorary Captains."

"We are going to have our hands full, no doubt about it," warned Poplaski of this Friday's season opener vs. Mohonasen.

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Poplaski led the Eagles to a 7-2 league record last year (10-3 overall), which earned them second place in the Suburban Council Gold Division. In addition to Mohonasen, Poplaski sees Burnt Hills, Saratoga, Shenendehowa and Niskayuna as tough league rivals for the coming season. "The Council is pretty well-matched," he observed. "Any of the top six can probably beat any other." He sees a non-league match at Averill Park to be a potential challenge as well.

Also on the coaching staff for the 1987 season are John DeMeo, back again as head freshman coach, Craig Walker, returning for his second season as an assistant coach, and 1979 BC graduate Mike DeAngelis, junior varsity coach.

Meilinger listed in Merit program

Jennifer Meilinger of Voorheesville has been listed as a commended student in the 1988 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The Merit Program, which recognizes outstanding academic promise, selects students from the more than one million participants in the PSAT/NMSQT taken each year by high school juniors.

Meilinger is a student at the Emma Willard School in Troy. The senior is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meilinger.

Eagle gridders winning post-season kudos

By John Bellizzi III

Even weeks after the conclusion of their championship football season, players from the Gold Division Champion Bethlehem Central Eagles are still making headlines as they are named to various local All-Star teams.

At the top of the list is senior Gary Mendel, who was named first-team linebacker on the *Times Union* All Star football team. One of the Eagle's four captains, Mendel's aggressive defense and team spirit was a big part of Bethlehem's Gold Division victory.

Eric Heathwaite, another senior captain, was named defensive end for the *Times Union* All-Star Second Team. Junior Lance Sprinkle, who was 20-for-20 in field goal and extra point attempts this year, was named the Second Team place kicker.

BC had eight football players named to the Suburban Council All-Stars. Mendel made the first team on offense and defense, at

BC football boosters hold annual meeting

The Bethlehem Central High School Football Boosters Association will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in room 46 at the high school. Officers for the coming year will be elected. All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend. For information, call 439-7132.

Boosters sell trees

The Bethlehem Central High School football boosters will hold their annual Christmas Tree sale at the Bethlehem Middle School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 6.

The sale will also be held Dec. 12, 13, 19 and 20.

Poggi in 'Who's who'

James A. Poggi of Delmar has been named to the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." He is a student at St. John Fisher College in Rochester and was chosen on the basis of his academic performance, community service, leadership and involvement in extracurricular activities.

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Austin honored for league

Bruce Austin recently was honored by the Bethlehem Masonic Lodge of Delmar for his long-time support of the Bethlehem Recreation League, the town's summer baseball league. He received the John R. Schoch Community Youth Award created in the memory of Schoch, who also served the league.

Austin served the Bethlehem Recreation League from 1972 to 1986 beginning as a player and manager. He was later elected president of the league and served in that capacity until taking a leave of absence in 1986.

Under the leadership of Austin, the league obtained uniforms, expanded to six teams of 15 players and became recognized by the Town of Bethlehem.



Robert Singer, left, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, presents the Bethlehem Masonic Lodge's John R. Schoch Community Youth Award to Bruce Austin of Delmar in recognition of his long commitment to serving the youth of the Bethlehem community. The award was presented at a Nov. 17 dinner held at the Albany Marriott Hotel.

Voorheesville girls have the potential

By Matt Hladun

It's a start of a new season for Voorheesville's girls basketball team. Under new head coach Frank Carrk, the girls are looking for a superb year.

The girls team is made up of eleven strong players. One of those is Tricia Carmody. Carmody is one of Section II's best. She will key the inside game along with Paige Hotaling, Melanie Wakely, Shannon York, and Kristen Foster, the team's only sophomore. The inside game will be very strong and will be helped with a lot of depth, which Carrk feels is their strength.

The outside game is also very good. The team has the shooting skills of Carey Donahue, Kim Sullivan, Angel Smith, and Tally Bausback. They are also gifted with the quick hands and ball handling skills of Donna Bulgaro.

Finally, the girl which Carrk calls "the mailman", Jen Elliot, will be calling the plays and be used at the point guard position. Another girl on the team is

seventh grader Courtney Langford. Even though she is not playing, she is the manager of the team and practices with the team.

The key to success, Carrk feels, is defense. The girls will have to be quick but aggressive in order to contain their opponents.

The girls start their season Tuesday at Ravena, whom Carrk feels will be one of the top teams in the Colonial Council. They will also try to get their first win ever against Ravena. They finish the week home, against Cohoes.

Car parked at plaza is burglarized

A car parked in back of the Delaware Plaza Wednesday was broken into and several items were taken, Bethlehem police said.

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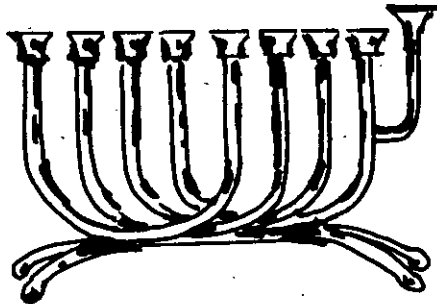
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Members of the D. C. Stars gymnastics team got their season off to a winning start by placing in several events and qualifying for Sectional competitions at their invitational meet in Colonie.

Colleen Teal, a Bethlehem Central High School junior competing in the Advanced Optional competition for 15 plus, placed third in the all around competition with a score of 32.30. She placed in several events including a second place finish in the vault, third in the floor and first in the beam.

In the Class III division, Brigid Carroll finished third in the beam competition, Leslie MacDowell placed third in the floor event, and Suzanne Dorfman placed in several events including first place in the floor event. All are sixth graders at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

In the Class IV division, Carrie Whitaker, also a middle school student, placed in several events with first place finishes in the vault and floor events.

Voorheesville soccer players, coach honored

Several Voorheesville High School soccer players were named by the Colonial Council Soccer Coaches to the All-League teams. Keeper Kevin Davis received player of the year honors and Voorheesville Coach Bob Crandall received coach of the year honors.

Davis and Andrew Rockmore, a forward, were named to the Colonial Council first team.

Second team members were forward Jeff Smolen and defender Brian Tracey.

Several Voorheesville players receive honorable mention including Mike Race, Akihiro Miyachi, Matt Bates and John Corcoran.

Rockmore and Tracey placed in the top seven in the balloting for player of the year honors.

Found on Adams St.

Bethlehem police said binoculars and a brown case with French language course records and books were found along Adams St. in Delmar Thursday morning.

Six mile race set for SUNY campus

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club will hold a six mile handicap run on the State University at Albany campus on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 1:30 p.m. Beginning in front of the Physical Education Plant, the race will consist of two loops around the campus perimeter road. Runners will be handicapped on the basis of past performances with the slower runners starting first.

Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome to take part in the race. The entry fee for members of the club is \$1; there is a \$2 charge for non-members. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. in front of the Physical Education Building. Refreshments and showers will be available after the race. For information, call 235-6122.

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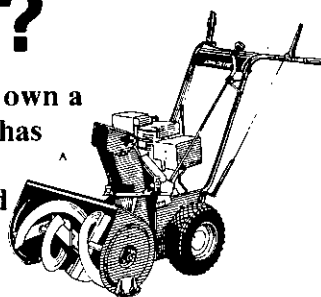
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Bids will be received up to 2:00 P.M. on Materials, and 2:15 P.M. on Chemicals, December 15, 1987, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor of

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the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, New York 12054.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 1987
(December 2, 1987)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, Voorheesville, Albany County, New York will receive separate sealed proposals for the Public Library for the following:

General Construction work

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Proposals shall be addressed to the Clerk, Board of Education, Voorheesville Central School District, Voorheesville, New York 12186. Proposals will be received at the School District office until 3 P.M., Wednesday, December 30, 1987, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Forms for Proposal, Agreement, General Conditions of the Contract, Specifications and Drawings for General Construction, Plumbing, Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning, Electrical and Library Equipment (cabinets, casework, counterwork and supporting equipment) may be examined on or after October 28, 1987 at the office of Bender Associates Architecture & Engineering PC, One Becker Terrace, Delmar, New York. Complete sets of plans and specifications will be available

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to prospective bidders and copies thereof may be obtained at the Architect's office upon deposit of \$50.00 for each set of Plans and Specifications. Any Bidder or non-Bidder who returns the Plans and Specifications will be refunded his deposit.

For the convenience of prospective bidders, subcontractors, and material suppliers, Drawings and Specifications will be on file at:

Dodge Reports, 4 Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12205;

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Dodge/Scan, 858 Park Square Building, Boston, Massachusetts 02116;

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Tri-County Builders Exchange, River Street at Bridge Avenue, Oneonta, New York 12550;

Albany Electrical Contractors Association, 16 Wade Road, Latham, New York 12110.

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Each Bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of his total in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the "Information to Bidders."

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Conditions of the Contract include "Regulations, Part 5, Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction" as published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual time of the formal opening of bids, but may withdraw it any time prior.

The Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District reserves the right to waive any formalities in or reject any and all bids.

Voorheesville Central School District
By, President, Board of Education
(December 2, 1987)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 1987, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 P.M., to take action on the applications of Nicholas Vitillo, 14 Minnowbrook Ave., Delmar, N.Y. for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed one lot Subdivision, to be located Elm Avenue as shown on map entitled, "Preliminary Map of Proposed (1) Lot Subdivision, Property of Nicholas Vitillo, Elm Avenue, Town of Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York," dated November 3, 1987, and made by Paul E. Hite, PLS, Delmar, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.

John A. Williamson

Chairman, Planning Board

(December 2, 1987)



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Date	Department or Unit	Nature of Call
Nov. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Nov. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Nov. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Nov. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Nov. 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory distress
Nov. 19	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Nov. 19	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory distress
Nov. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Nov. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Nov. 21	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Nov. 21	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Nov. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Nov. 22	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory distress
Nov. 22	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Nov. 22	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Nov. 22	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Nov. 23	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Nov. 23	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Nov. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Nov. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Nov. 24	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Nov. 25	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Nov. 25	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto accident

The Elsmere Fire Company will host the annual anniversary dinner in recognition of the start of the organization on Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30. Plan to be early.

Ravena bank offers chance to share

The "Giving Tree" located in the Ravena Branch of the Catskill Savings Bank is an opportunity to share the holiday spirit with others.

Small gifts such as socks, canned goods, books and small safe toys may be left with tellers at the bank. These gifts will be given to local social service agencies such as the adopt-a-family program and toys for tykes.

Gifts should be wrapped and labeled for the age group its for. For information call 943-3600.

Food drive under way at area supermarkets

A food drive for needy families in Albany County and surrounding counties is being conducted through Dec. 20. Collection baskets are set up in area Price Chopper stores for food donations. The food collected in Albany County will be distributed through food pantries to the needy in the Capital District.

Next-to-New shop to reopen in Albany

The Junior League of Albany will hold a grand re-opening on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for its Next-to-New Shop. The public is invited to visit the newly decorated store at 419 Madison Ave. in Albany to browse for Christmas toys and holiday items.

Beginning Dec. 7, the shop will be open on Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Project Wild slates workshop for teachers

A Project WILD teacher workshop will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar, Monday Dec. 7, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The workshop for teachers and youth leaders will emphasize conservation and environmental activities designed to expose students to a broad range of views about wildlife. Participants will receive a Project WILD activity book and other environmental teaching materials for classroom use.

Women artists featured in library film series

The Monday Movie Break at the Bethlehem Public Library will feature "Mary Cassatt" and "Alice Neel" Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

The current series of films feature 19th and 20th century artists. Mary Cassatt is recognized as one of the great American artists of the 19th century. Alice Neel is a portrait painter.

For information call 439-9314.

Holiday programs at 5 Rivers Center

Two holiday programs will be offered at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Saturday, Dec. 5.

"Sharing the Holidays with Your Family" will begin at 10 a.m. This program will feature an outdoor walk in search of signs of wildlife and will offer suggestions on ways a family could enjoy the outdoors together.

An outdoor walk on the center's grounds showing how to choose a holiday tree will be held at 2 p.m. The free walk will be led by center naturalists.

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The Bethlehem Central School District was recently recognized by the Metropolitan Life Foundation for having an outstanding health education program.

The district's program covers topics such as child abuse, maturation, suicide prevention and social problems. The health education program is offered for students from kindergarten to grade 12.

Bethlehem Central was among 35 districts chosen nationally by the foundation.

Citizens group to meet planner

Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning is sponsoring a "Meet the Planner" event Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to meet and participate in a discussion with new town planner Jeffrey Lipnicki. Refreshments will be served.

City Club of Albany holds cocktail party

The City Club of Albany, Inc. will hold its annual holiday cocktail party on Dec. 4, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at the Fort Orange Club, Washington Ave., Albany.

The event, featuring music by the Albany Police Pipes and Drums, will include a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$15 per patron and are available by calling 458-9512 or at the door.

Art talk planned for Friends of Library

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Bethlehem Library will be held Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library. At the meeting, Dr. John Spalek will speak on "Expressionism in Modern Art."

Spalek is a member of the state University at Albany German Studies Department.

Bike found in Elsmere

A woman's 10-speed blue bicycle was found in a field off Sylvan Ave. in Elsmere at 1:20 a.m. Sunday, Bethlehem police said.

More car-deer incidents

Bethlehem police reported five car-deer accidents last week.

A deer ran off after it collided with the left front of a Menands man's car as he was driving on Rt. 85 at about 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, police said.

A Massachusetts man was driving on Rt. 32 near Bender La., when a deer ran into the path of his car at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

A deer ran on to Rt. 32 at about 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, and an Albany man told police he could not avoid hitting it, police said.

A Lake Pl., Delmar, man was driving on Wemple Rd. at about 5:40 p.m. Thursday, when a deer ran into the road and the right side of his car, police said.

A deer wandered onto Rt. 85 near Blessing Rd. at 9:55 p.m. Friday, colliding with the right front fender of an Albany man's car, police said.

Window damaged

A window on the south side of the St. Thomas School on Adams Pl., Delmar, was damaged between Wednesday and Saturday, Bethlehem police said.



Past post commander and editor Charles J. O'Hara (left) of *The Ten Forty Times* of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion in Delmar, receives the Emerson O. Mann Plaque from Past Department of New York American Legion Commander Alton H. Carpenter. The award was for producing the best typeset post publication in the American Legion for the past year.

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Obituaries

William R. Clauss

William R. Clauss, 69, of Delmar, an artist and former area educator, died Monday, Nov. 16, at the Veterans Medical Center, Bay Pines, Fla.

He was born in Poughkeepsie and was a long-time Delmar resident.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Syracuse University and studied at Columbia University.

He was an associate with the state Department of Education in secondary curriculum and later in humanities education. He was an art and humanities teacher at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School for 22 years and was an assistant professor of art at Elmira College. He retired in 1980 for his position as art instruction at the Junior College of Albany.

He was a member and past president of the National Association of Humanities Education. He was a member of the state Art

Teachers Association, American Crafts Council and the Dutchess County and Bethlehem Art Associations. He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

He published numerous articles on the humanities in education and exhibited his own work.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Claire Riddeford Clauss; two sons, Richard A. Clauss of Greenwich and Mark W. Clauss of Jamesville; and a sister Patricia Costello of Poughkeepsie.

Burial was in Union Cemetery in Hyde Park, N.Y. Arrangements were made by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Edward C. Doran

Edward C. Doran, 56, of Glenmont died Sunday, Nov. 29,

at St. Peter's Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Albany and was a long-time Glenmont resident. He was a retired truck driver.

He was a member of St. James Church in Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Mary DeMercurio Doran; three sons, Paul Doran, Edward Doran Jr. and William Stapleton, all of Albany; two sisters, Ethel Doran of Albany and Grace Hart of Castleton; a brother, Francis Doran of Melbourne, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Burial was Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were made by the Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany.

Helen Doring Busch

Helen Doring Busch, 89, formerly of Slingerlands, died Monday, Nov. 16, at the Guiderland Center Nursing Home after a long illness.

She was born in Germany and while living in Slingerlands was employed as a clerk at the Little Folks Shop in Delmar.

She was the wife of the late William C. Busch.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Memory's

Garden Chapel, Colonie at 11 a.m. Arrangements were made by the Fredendall Funeral Home, Altamont.

She is survived by a son, William C. Busch Jr. of Diamond Point, N.Y., two daughters, Mildred Moecher of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. and Jean Lloyd of Annadale, Va.; and three great-grandchildren.

Antoinette Scisci

Antoinette Franchini Scisci, 64, of Selkirk, a retired county worker, died Saturday, Nov. 28, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Binghamton and was a long-time area resident. She was employed by the Albany County Department of Social Services, retiring in 1985.

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

She is survived by her husband, Damiano Scisci; three sons, Pasquale Scisci of Loudonville, Marino Scisci of Delmar and Franco Scisci of Colonie; a daughter, Rosmunda Scisci of Selkirk; her mother, Nancy Salamino Franchini of Albany; three brothers, Lawrence Franchini of Voorheesville, Gino Franchini of Loudonville and Cosimo

Franchini of Schodack; two sisters, Tefesa Scisci of Albany and Joanna Thomas of Selkirk; and seven grandchildren.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were made by the Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Two Delaware Ave. stores burglarized

Bethlehem police said two stores, located next to each other on Delaware Ave. in Elsmere, were both broken into Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Burglars got away with \$60 from the Delmar Beverage Center at 242 Delaware Ave. between 8 p.m. Tuesday and about 2 a.m. Wednesday, and with an unknown amount taken from the Handy Dandy Cleaners at 240 Delaware Ave. between 6 p.m. Tuesday and 2 a.m. Wednesday, police said.

A door at the beverage center was found ajar by police and on examination, police said it showed that the door was forced open with a tool. The cash was taken from underneath the store's cash register, police said, and \$50 in damage was done to the door.

Police said when they were called to check the two burglaries, they found that two doors on the cleaners appeared to have been hit from the outside and a window was also pushed in.

Police offer tips for safe shopping

The New York State Police have released a number of shopping safety tips for the holiday season. Major John W. Heritage, Commander of Troop G, said that the holiday season brings an increase in thefts.

Among the holiday tips are:

- Never leave valuables visible in a parked car.
- Exercise care when traveling by car — use an established route and keep your doors locked.
- Only park in well lighted areas of parking lots.
- Teach children to stay together with family members while shopping.
- Carry only the money you need — do not flash currency to others.
- Tell children to go to a store employee if they get lost.
- Call the police for any assistance needed.

Albany man injured in Delaware Ave. crash

An Albany man is listed in fair condition at an area hospital after his car and a Voorheesville woman's car collided on Delaware Ave. near Delaware Plaza Tuesday, Bethlehem police said.

Frederick Bockis, 66, of Albany, was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for neck pains following the collision, and a hospital spokesman said he was in fair condition on Monday.

Lillian Prichard, 67, of Delaware Tpk., Voorheesville, was stopped for traffic at the traffic light on Delaware Ave. at Normanskill Blvd. when Bockis' car struck her car from the rear, police said. He was ticketed for following too closely.

Holiday party set for Epilepsy group

The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District will hold its annual holiday party Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the First Presbyterian Church, Albany, at 7:30 p.m.

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Girl, Kristine Leigh, to Janice and Steven Crookes of Clarksville, Nov. 10.

Girl, Chelsea Kathleen, to Kathleen and Anthony Arduini of Selkirk, Nov. 10.

Boy, Lawrence John, to Nancy and Lawrence Joseph Hallenbeck Jr. of Slingerlands, Nov. 8.

Boy, Daniel George, to Constance and George McNally of Delmar, Oct. 27.

Boy, John Michael, to Karen and Alex Kapczynski of Delmar, Oct. 15.

Boy, Paul C. Jr., to Kathleen and Paul C. Hognestad of Voorheesville, Oct. 5.

Girl, Vanessa Renee, to Doreen and William Patry of Delmar, Sept. 17.

Girl, Juliana Leigh, to Karen and Jeffrey Mathieu of Delmar, Oct. 15.

Girl, Patricia, to Joan and Roger Woodin of Voorheesville, Sept. 30.

Boy, Brian, to Ann and Jeffery Wendth of Delmar, Oct. 27.

Girl, Jennifer, to Lisa Relyea of Voorheesville, Oct. 9.

Boy, Christopher, to Sandy and Clark Thomas of Voorheesville, Oct. 8.

Girl, Rebecca, to Janis and Gary Griffin of Delmar, Oct. 12.

Girl, Kendra Amanda, to Maureen and Edward Kleinknecht III of Slingerlands, Oct. 22.

Girl, Kristin, to April and Peter Koska of Glenmont, Oct. 11.

Girl, Megan Elizabeth, to Pamela and James Gadani of Feura Bush, Oct. 20.

Girl, Samantha, to Debra and Rex Carey of Slingerlands, Oct. 26. Paternal grandfather, R. Nickson Carey of Elsmere.

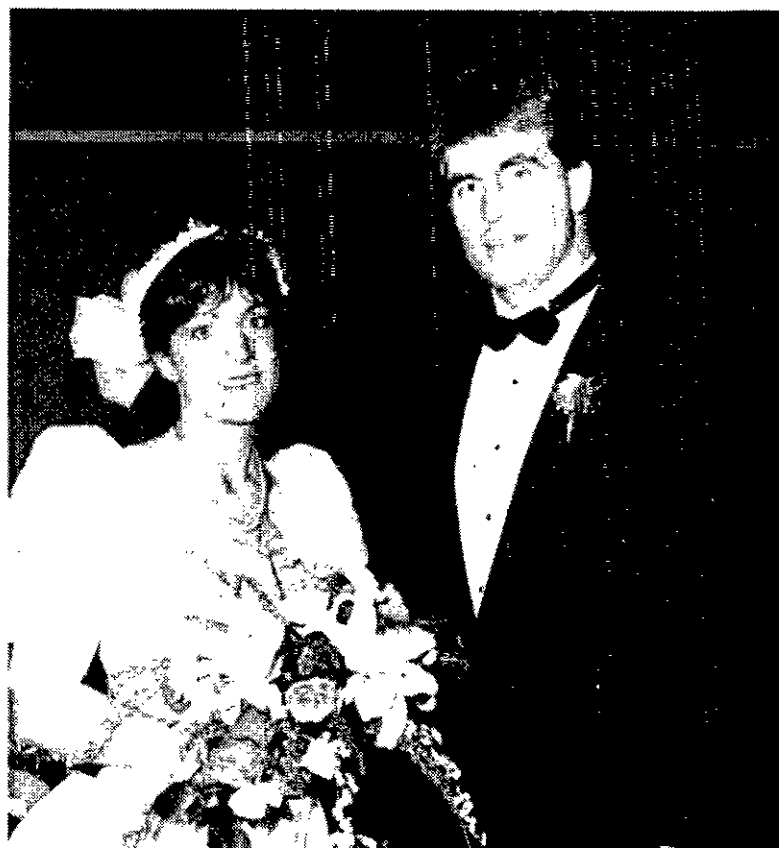
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Boy, Scott George, to Laurie and Charlie Colehamer of Voorheesville, Oct. 27.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Stacey Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pittz of East Greenbush, Nov. 9. Paternal grandparents are Joan and Seward Pittz of Delmar.

Girl, Jennifer Lynn, to Patricia Stone and Richard Yowell Jr. of Selkirk, Sept. 4.



Mr. and Mrs. Guy Scheffler

Cynthia Reusswig married

Cynthia Lane Reusswig of Minneapolis, Minn., formerly of Glenmont, daughter of William and Nancy Reusswig of Glenmont, and Guy Steven Scheffler, son of John and Ida Scheffler of Cold Spring, Minn., were married on Oct. 17 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany with Father Leslie Hughes officiating.

Taryn Jelovich was the maid of honor. Kathy Stewart, Marle Raub, Carolyn Scheffler and Heather Leslie were bridesmaids.

Mark Tuszka was the best man. Attending the bridegroom were Peter Doyan, Bryan Virgin, Eldon Scheffler and Eugene Scheffler, with Peter Reusswig and David Reusswig as ushers.

The bride is a sales representative with Sandoz Nutrition. The bridegroom is a computer consultant with Soft Serve Business Systems.

After a wedding trip to Williamsburg, Va., the couple is residing in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Correction

The Nov. 25 issue of *The Spotlight* contained the wrong picture for the wedding announcement of Elizabeth Ann Jones and Bruce Alan Shreffler, who were wed on June 27 in Columbus, Ohio.

Correction

John Ronald Corelli, who was wed on Oct. 18 to Kristen Ann Bosse, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bosse of Delmar, is a partner in Corham Artificial Flower Company, Inc. The company was misidentified in the Nov. 25 *Spotlight*.



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shreffler

Elizabeth Jones wed in Ohio

Elizabeth Ann Jones, the daughter of Elizabeth Jones Clark of Delmar and the late Robert Jones III, and Bruce Alan Shreffler, son of Lance and Marilyn Shreffler of Columbus, Ohio, were married June 27 in Columbus.

The bride is a graduate of Ohio State University.

The groom attended Ohio State University and is employed as a software support engineer for Digital Equipment Corporation at their European Technical Center in France.

The couple will reside in Grasse, France.

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Nominations for the best commercial and residential displays, with or without lights, may be made through Dec. 18 at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce office, 118 Adams St., at the Spotlight office, 125 Adams St., at the Key Bank offices in Elsmere and Delmar, or at the Slingerlands Post Office.

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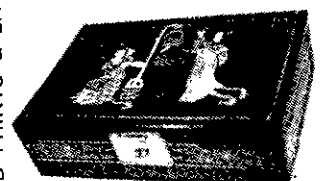
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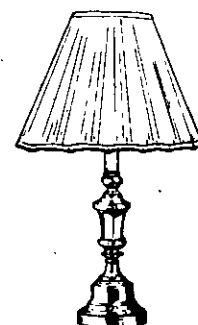
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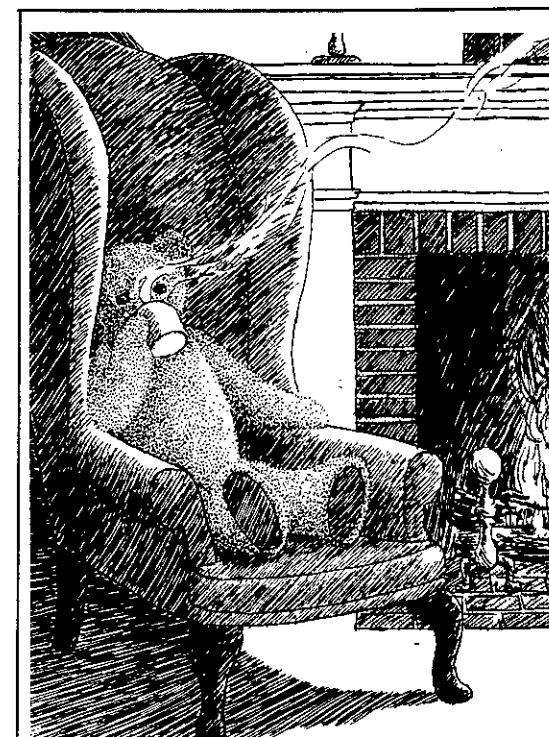
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