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## Voorheesville bond issue tackles asbestos

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Building on \$5 million worth of asbestos removal and safety items, the Voorheesville Central Board of Education will seek voter approval on a \$8.5 to \$8.9 million bond package including some additional program-related construction.

Although final details of the 20-year bond issue package have not been decided, the district will attempt to put the issue before voters in time for asbestos removal and fire safety work to begin at the end of the school year.

In addition to asbestos removal and fire safety code compliance work in both school buildings, the bond issue will include funding for a new high school boiler heating system, elementary school bathroom renovation and will likely include funding for a four-classroom addition and the creation of a science suite at the high school. A proposed \$5.3

million project to create a separate middle school area connected to the high school was not included in bond amount limit set by the board.

Preliminary tax rate figures based on a 20-year bond issue for \$9 million would give New

rate increase would be between eight and nine percent, he said. The effect on the tax rate would then decrease over the life of the bond to three to four percent in the final year.

Grasso said the district will be using a financial advisor for the

project, the district will receive state building aid at the rate of 61 cents per \$1.

The board spent nearly five hours discussing the bond package before agreeing to set the limit of \$8.5 to \$8.9 million. However, the board did not come to agreement

summer, but she did not feel the district could accomplish all the program-related work in the short time frame needed to begin asbestos work by June. The program-related construction needed more investigation and discussion, she said.

The board began discussion using the \$5,037,000 price tag for asbestos removal and safety items mandated by the state Department of Education. The total included bonding costs and \$75,000 for a clerk of the works.

The board was asked by a resident who served on the facilities advisory committee to consider including some of the program-related work, which prompted Board Member John McKenna to suggest a number of program changes for inclusion. "In terms of strategy, we'd be better off dealing with all the changes at once in one bond

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**"I'd hate to bet a week's pay on the outcome of this bond issue, even just for the asbestos and safety items, which we have to do," said board member John McKenna.**

Scotland residents in the school district a tax rate increase of between four and six percent in 1989-90, when only interest would have to be paid back, said Gene Grasso, district business administrator. In 1990-91, the first year both interest and principal would be paid, the tax

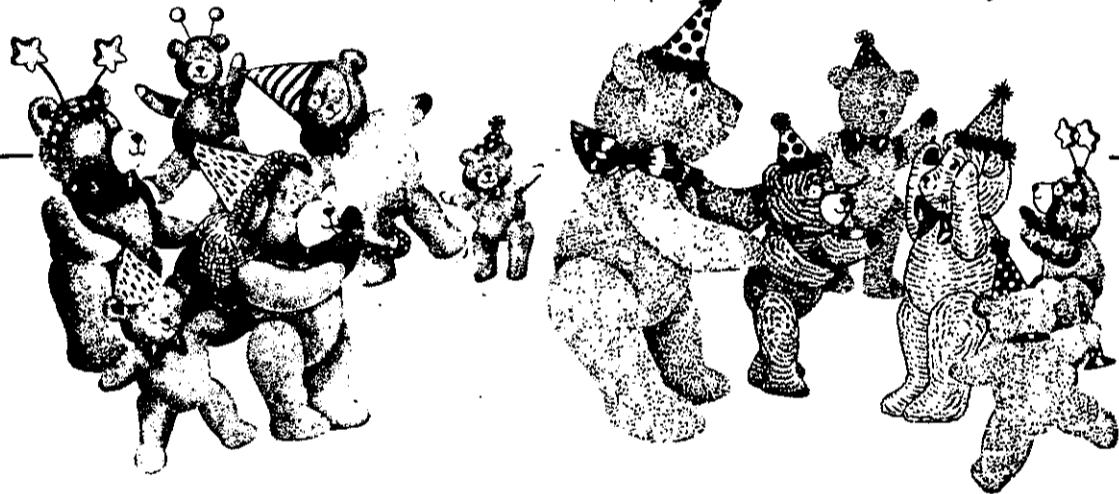
rate increase would be between eight and nine percent, he said. The effect on the tax rate would then decrease over the life of the bond to three to four percent in the final year.

If the state Education Department approves all phases of the

on what the bond should include.

Superintendent Louise Gonan was charged by the board to look at the program changes and make further recommendations.

Gonan told the board the asbestos and safety projects were "manageable" for start-up this



## Further teddy bear adventures

By Theresa Bobear



here is a new book of teddy bear adventures out in time for the holiday season, and Alexandra Kurland of Delmar is enthusiastically watching her Kenyon Bear Books gain in popularity throughout the nation.

"Our annual meeting," said Kurland at the start of a recent interview. "It's rather nice, a nice custom."

Some 4,000 copies of *Teddies to the Rescue* were printed in time for Christmas of 1986. About 2,000 copies of *Edgrr The Bear Who Wanted to be Real* were made available for Christmas of 1987.

"The first book has done just phenomenally well," said Kurland. "It has an age span which is much greater than I had anticipated." Instead of appealing just to children from 4 to 7 years, Kurland said, the books are welcomed by children 3

through 12 years and by adults.

The author said her most recent book, *Sara's Story: The Bear Nobody Wanted*, is about a bear that actually lived at the former Shuttle Hill Herb Shop in Delmar. Kurland and her mother, Martha Kurland, owned and operated the Shuttle Hill Herb Shop in Delmar until last January. The latest volume was published by the Bear Hollow Press in Delmar and printed by Tomson-Shore

Printers, Dexter, Mich.

"I hope children will enjoy the magic of the teddy bears and the fantasy of it in the same way that *Teddies* and *Edgrr* were very real," she said. "These stories are all written for children whose best friends are their teddy bears. I'm very true to that magic. I never betray it."

"My goal is to have the books widely enough known so that I

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## 'Animal Ambassadors'

When she's not writing children's stories, Alexandra Kurland of Delmar may be found training problem horses, rehabilitating injured horses or starting new horses using the Tellington-Jones Equine Awareness Method (TEAM). TEAM is a type of physical therapy that focuses on developing new nerve pathways. Kurland said the humane and effective method has been successfully used in rehabilitating people who are stroke victims, as well as the physically and mentally disabled. In addition to developing TEAM, Linda Tellington-Jones founded Animal Ambassadors, International, a group that uses animals to build bridges with people in other countries.

Since the winter of 1987 Kenyon Bear and Kurland have been visiting area schools as representatives of Animal Ambassadors. "I

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## Paper recycling to be mandatory

By Mark Stuart

The Town of Bethlehem will be sending out letters in December informing residents of what may be the first step towards positive resource recovery — or the beginning of what a local trash hauler terms a "solid waste crisis."

Effective Feb. 1, the town will begin mandatory newspaper separation, in anticipation of the state-mandated 50 percent resource recovery program expected to go into effect April 30, 1989. That program will require municipalities to recover 50 percent of their trash through recycling programs.

Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick and the Bethlehem Highway and Public Works departments will be sending out a brochure this December informing residents of the program. According to a letter expected to be included in the brochure, Hendrick states that "In order to meet New York State mandates and to comply with the latest requirements of ANSWERS, it is now necessary to change from a voluntary program to a town-wide mandatory newspaper recycling program. Mandatory recycling will take effect Feb. 1, 1989, and will apply to both residential and commercial sources of solid waste."

"Please keep in mind that newspaper recycling is only a 'first step' in a comprehensive recycling plan developed for the ANSWERS system. Experiences throughout the country have shown that recycling will be most successful if kept simple and convenient. Requiring existing trash haulers to collect and recycle selected material will

mean no change in your current trash service schedule," the letter stated.

Trash haulers who operate in the town will be required to pick up the separated newspapers and recycle them, according to the letter. Department of Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said that trash haulers will be required to document the amount of newspapers handled for recycling before a permit will be issued.

Additionally, the town Sanitation Department will not be continuing its newspaper pick-ups as it did under the old recycling pilot program. For residents who do not have trash pickup service, there is a drop-off area for newspapers at the Rupert Rd. transfer station. There is no longer any newspaper drop-off at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Mandatory newspaper recycling may not come as much of surprise since the Save Our Recycleable Trash program proved that recycling can work in Bethlehem. According to Secor, Bethlehem has averaged around 40 tons of newspapers a month, compared to the 200 tons a month collected in the City of Albany. What may come as a surprise to many is the news that what used to fetch the private hauler as much as \$20 a ton at the the U.S. Recycling yard in the Port of Albany now costs the hauler \$30 a ton to get rid of.

It's that kind of change in the market that makes one Bethlehem trash hauler rather nervous about the future of trash disposal for Bethlehem. "The Town of

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# —INVASION OF 1988—

November 30, 1988

Dear Neighbors:

Our Town is embattled by tremendous development pressures. The latest is the mega-plaza proposed by the Maryland based BTR Realty, Inc. and Price Chopper, which will be the largest commercial project in the Town of Bethlehem.

As a part of a public relations campaign to influence the community, Price Chopper wrote open letters to residents, challenging information concerning the negative impact of this large development. These letters create a myth about this complex by minimizing its impact on the Town.

**MYTH:** The developers call their project a "neighborhood strip center."

**FACT:** On November 2, 1988, Price Chopper stated that this complex would draw people from Gunderland, Albany, and New Scotland. *The Spotlight* called the complex a regional shopping area. We agree--it is regional.

**MYTH:** The developers do not think it is fair to compare their complex to Northway Mall: The Off Price Center.

**FACT:** *The Capital District Business Review* lists Northway Mall as having 500,000 commercial square feet. *The Spotlight* stated that the BTR Realty project will have 488,500 commercial square feet. We believe that a comparison of the developer's complex to Northway Mall is quite fair. And, we are not even counting the addition of 275 townhouses that are proposed for the site.

**MYTH:** The developers convey the assumption that this project will have a minimal impact on Town of Bethlehem.

**FACT:** The overwhelming evidence is that a project of this magnitude will destroy the character of our Town.

**MYTH:** The developers claim that the proposed extension of the Slingerlands By-Pass will improve traffic flow.

**FACT:** A qualified traffic expert who is not in the employ of the developers states that based on established engineering standards, the Town can expect 20,000 to 27,000 additional auto trips a day on local roads in areas near the complex.

**MYTH:** Price Chopper asks residents to allow the community advisory group to supply accurate information on this project.

**FACT:** The community advisory group does not exist. If it is established, it will be done so by the developers.

There are large open-spaced residentially zoned areas in Delmar, Elsmere, Glenmont and Slingerlands. The citizens of Bethlehem ought to protect this land from commercialization, especially massive commercialization, thereby preserving their residential neighborhoods. Please join us in the battle against this large out-of-state developer. If they win, a zoning precedent will be set that will effect all open-spaced residentially zoned areas. And, all Bethlehem residents will lose. Let our elected town officials know that we want our residential neighborhoods to remain residential.

Sincerely,  
Slingerlands Homeowners' Association, Inc.

# Petition drive in Slingerlands

By Mark Stuart

The latest development in the storm over the proposal to rezone 140 acres of Slingerlands for the proposed Bethlehem Village shopping center and commercial/residential complex is a petition to be circulated later this week opposing the project.

On the other side, Price Chopper, which will be one of the major tenants in the development, is planning another community information meeting at the request of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee. Arthur Brown, chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee, said Tuesday the informational meeting will be attended by representatives of the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning and Price Chopper. Brown said the purpose of the meeting will be for the Democratic committeeman to hear firsthand about the project in order for the committee to form an opinion. Brown said no specific location or date has been set, but said the meeting will take place "sometime this month."

In an effort to counter the mailings and ads placed by the Price Chopper Corporation advocating the shopping complex, a reconstituted Slingerlands Homeowners Association has taken out a full page ad in this week's edition of *The Spotlight* and has planned a community mailing later in the week.

Brian Danforth of Slingerlands, a spokesman for the newly formed coalition to prevent the construction of the Bethlehem Village project, said the petition will ask for signatures of "those opposed to the rezoning of residential land for commercial development." The petition also expresses opposition to the Bethlehem Village project due to "concern over the increase in traffic in Delmar and Slingerlands and the negative impact of this large complex on the whole Town of Bethlehem."

The Slingerlands Homeowners Association is one of the oldest neighborhood associations in Bethlehem, and was responsible for blocking state plans to extend the Slingerlands Bypass through the heart of the village in the 1960s. It has also been active in monitoring development at the Toll Gate intersection. In recent years, the group had been largely inactive, and Danforth said that it was reorganized as a result of the Nov. 10 meeting at the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

He said that the petition drive is

being run by volunteers who signed up at a Nov. 10 meeting and who are opposed to the Price Chopper project. "Right now we're in the coalition building process," Danforth said. "That's one of the key components of what's going on, it's a real grass roots movement. There's a lot of concern about this."

Danforth said that a steering committee of 24 people has been formed to head the coalition's efforts and will meet on a regular basis. That committee is comprised of members of the new Slingerlands Homeowners Association "but is not exclusive to the Slingerlands Homeowners Association," he said.

"The committee has a lot of individuals involved who are not formally attached to the Slingerlands Homeowners Association," Danforth said.

## New light shed on historic Slingerlands house, Page 12

On Nov. 2, the Price Chopper Corporation and BTR Realty of Baltimore unveiled plans for a combined commercial and residential development along New Scotland Rd. The plans included extending the Slingerlands Bypass to Cherry Ave. at a cost of \$2.5 million. Included in the plans were a 275-unit townhouse development, a 313,500-square foot retail complex and 170,000 square feet of combined office space and modified retail space. According to Ron Schleich, vice president of Real Estate Operations for Price Chopper, modified retail "would be defined as a business like an optometry lab or eyeglass center."

No application has been presented to the Bethlehem Town Board yet, but Schleich said he expects to have a completed application for the board "shortly." He said that the application must have the signatures of the owners of the two parcels of land involved in the project. One of the parcels of land is owned by several members of a family, all of whom are located in different parts of the country, causing the delay in the application procedure, Schleich said.

## Teen overdose reported

A 17-year-old Delmar teen was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital for an overdose of alcohol while at a Delmar home.

The incident occurred Sept. 24 and was not filed with police reports reviewed weekly by *The Spotlight*. However, Bethlehem police confirmed the incident Tuesday morning.

According to police reports, police received a call on Sept. 24 at 10:11 p.m. for a youth passed out at the Murphy residence at 5 Journey Lane. Eight other teens were at the house at the time of the incident. Police said the owners of the house were not home at the time of the incident.

The teen was found to have consumed a large amount of scotch whiskey. The youth was taken to Albany Medical Center, where he was treated and released, police said.

The preliminary investigation found the youth arrived with the alcohol and was told he could not drink it in the house, but investigators later found the youth obtained the alcohol at the Journey Lane residence, police said. Police said the other teens at the house also consumed alcohol.

No charges were pressed by the parents of the victim, police said. Police said the parents of all the teens involved were notified of the incident by the department.



A billboard, like the one shown above, will soon be confronting travellers entering Albany via Delaware Ave.

## A statement of conscience

By Cheryl Clary

As with many noble things in life, the difficulty of saying no is often fraught with doubt and debate. Particularly if the decision involves your own children.

So goes the problem of many parents who are uncomfortable with allowing what many call "war toys" into their homes. Now that the peak shopping season is upon us, parents of young children face this decision each time a child begs for a G.I. Joe or Cobra in the local department store, flopping to the floor in a writhing, shrieking heap.

As unpleasant as that experience may be, sometimes all a parent needs to hold steady to principal is the reassurance that other parents feel the same way and are making their beliefs stick. One Delmar mother, Ellen Kelly-Lind, has found a unique way of getting that message across during this holiday season — a billboard.

She has rented the billboard on Delaware Ave. just inside the Albany city line to suggest that parents consider this issue. The message of the board is, "Peaceful Toys, Peaceful World... Why Buy War Toys?"

The motivation behind this effort is Kelly-Lind's own experiences with her young children and her strong personal faith. She said she has spent many hours debating the issue in her own mind and with friends who share her concerns that war toys foster domestic violence, sexism and racist attitudes.

"I grew up playing with guns and I turned out okay" is the attitude that must be overcome, she says. Kelly-Lind shares the belief that violence on a societal level can be stopped if it is stopped or never started in the home. That an environment where there is violent play begets violent resolution to adult problems as the child grows up.

A publication on children's play habits with war toys published by the Commission on International Peace and Reconciliation argues that that "sides" are created by play with these toys, that children learn that arguments are solved by fighting, and that they teach children to pretend people don't suffer or die in war. Also, the publication raises the issue of racism and sexism — G.I. Joe often seems to be fighting a brown or dark-skinned opponent and women are seldom seen in decision-making roles.

Parents, notes Kelly-Lind, want their children to be happy, to belong in peer groups, to find satisfaction and value in the play. How is a parent to handle the media blitz of Saturday morning and after-school commercials? Parents sometimes feel they alone must do battle with their conscience, their children's desires

and the toy industry. If parents want to find support to help them follow through with their convictions, or to further educate themselves about the long-term effects of violent toys, someone is here to help, she says.

Last year, in a spontaneous move, Kelly-Lind and a few friends picketed in front of KayBee Toys in Delaware Plaza during the holiday season. They were soon met by plaza security who escorted them off the property to the road's edge, where they continued to display their signs.

But Kelly-Lind stresses that she is not a one-woman campaign. She said she wishes to make people aware of the issue

through accepted means. The idea of the billboard came after she received a publication from a national organization addressing the issue. She approached the billboard company to determine if the board on Delaware Ave., which is seen by many Delmar residents, was available around the holidays. Meeting with a little skepticism from Whiteco Metrocom, the firm that rents the advertising space, she secured the sign for the month of December for \$700, which she took from her savings account.

Kelly-Lind said she is not soliciting donations to underwrite the costs, but that if people feel strongly about this question they can call her at 439-8322.

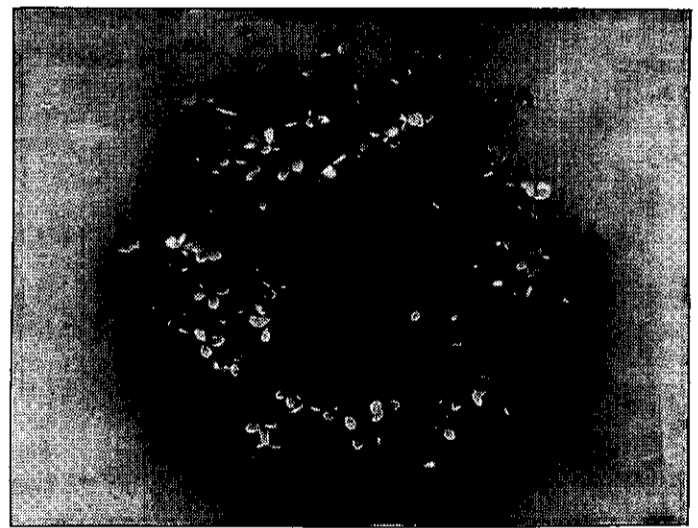
## Letters to Santa being collected

Children can receive letters from Santa Claus by placing their name and address in collection boxes at several Bethlehem locations.

The boxes will be out until Dec. 14 and the children will receive a letter from the North Pole by

Christmas. Collection boxes are at elementary schools, the Bethlehem Public Library, the Bethlehem Town Hall and McDonald's.

The program is being run by the Bethlehem Police Department and Bethlehem Senior Citizens volunteers.



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## Pro and con the market

Readers of *The Spotlight* have had no difficulty in discerning what the big local issue of the season is. Letters voicing a variety of opinions have arrived in virtually every mail delivery. As the Vox Pop columns in this week's edition indicate, there's no let-up in expressive response to the proposed "Bethlehem Village" development in Slingerlands.

This, in our opinion, is all to the good at such an early stage. Both sides are being heard from, with points cogently made by each. In an unusual development on any issue, the views of proponents and opponents have also been expressed in advertising in *The Spotlight's* columns.

The presumed "need" for a supermarket in Bethlehem is the point most frequently made by proponents of the development. (We use the word "need" cautiously here, in view of the challenge ably expressed by a skeptic in one recent letter.) The probable growth of this area in the future, and the need for the town to accept it and take reasonable steps to prepare for it, is another argument that must be thought through. And the willingness of the developer to pay the multimillion-dollar cost of extending the Slingerlands Bypass is a fact that is hard to minimize, especially since the extension would tend to improve conditions at some existing bottlenecks. A possible easing of the tax burden also has been cited.

Contrariwise, those who oppose the development seem to be most aroused by the very dimensions of it (additional shops, offices, and a large number of residences), which came as a surprise in the Price Chopper market parcel. The additional load on roads leading to the development area needs to be studied more than apparently is the case so far. One of the most emotional aspects of the negative response is the often-expressed fear that the development's location would spoil the character of the Slingerlands residential area. (This apprehension, while easily enough reached, is nonetheless more difficult to verify.) The impact on schools and other facilities created by the influx of several hundred residents is an undoubted factor to be evaluated.

## Some sobering thoughts

The current action by the Albany County district attorney in carrying to the State Supreme Court's Appellate Division the disposition of a DWI fatality case holds a basic relevance for virtually all drivers.

The driver in question is serving only a 3-to-9-year sentence after an Albany County Court judge dismissed a second-degree murder indictment and accepted a guilty plea to lesser charges.

In their appeal, the prosecutors argue that the driver's behavior prior to the accident was such as to justify the conclusion that she had acted in a

## December

The days are hastening on, and here we are at the doorsill of December, a month that caps the year with its triumphant celebrations and promises of better days over the horizon.

This coming weekend begins the observance of Hanukkah, the Hebrew calendar. A joyous event on the Hebrew calendar, the week-long commemoration honors the courage of the Judeans who drove the Assyrians from the temple and restored their freedom from tyranny. The occasion serves to highlight the historic value placed on individual liberties by the Jewish people over the centuries. The

## Editorials

Perhaps most troubling is the question of the timing in relation to the master plan that the town is in the process of drawing to guide future growth in Bethlehem.

And all the discussion is boiling along even before the developer has submitted a formal application.

A word of caution about the role of "public relations" in this debate. A project of this size — as well as the reputation of Price Chopper as a community-oriented corporation — gives the developers a certain advantage that is hard for local citizens to overcome. Price Chopper's involving of the community even before a formal application has been filed with the town is seen by some as a commendable gesture, while others see it as an end-run around the neighborhood organizations and other citizen activists that wish to be recognized as the peoples' spokesmen. We trust that the Price Chopper people and their out-of-state partners will have the good sense not to attempt to steamroller this proposal through.

On the other hand, the citizen groups that have already come out in opposition to the project — Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning and the now-revived Slingerlands Home Owners Association — seem to us to also be guilty of overkill. Spokesmen for these groups have made statements (including several letters and an ad in this week's issue) that appear to us to exaggerate the size of the shopping center portion of the Bethlehem Village proposal. By lumping the number of square feet devoted to office space with the square feet devoted to retail space, and then comparing that number with such shopping centers as Northway Mall, they create an impression that this proposal is even bigger than it is.

We suggest that both sides stick to the facts, avoid rhetoric and let the planning process work.

"depraved manner." They seek a reinstatement of the indictment.

The outcome of the appeal will be of special concern in our area because the tragedy struck home so bitterly to so many local residents.

But the implications are much more far-reaching. If the district attorney's appeal is upheld, there could be a precedent established potentially applicable to cases in which a death results and a driver already has a DWI record. The penalty then could range from 15 to 25 years in prison and upward, to mandatory life imprisonment. Sobering thoughts, indeed.

traditional lighting of candles during the festival connotes the illumination of the Temple of Jerusalem after its defilement. Soon thereafter all Americans will commemorate the solemn anniversary of the Pearl Harbor tragedy. But the emphasis during most of this month is on anticipation of the most holy day of the Christian calendar, already being marked by many through observance of the prayerful season of Advent.

And just ahead, in this sentimental period, is the arrival of the new year, when indeed all things must be better.

## 'Strong support' voiced for shopping center

Editor, The Spotlight:

Once again, the vocal minority, I hope, in the Bethlehem area, is being heard, while the silent majority, I hope, is not speaking up.

I, for one, strongly support Price Chopper's proposal for an additional shopping center for our area. Certainly it is needed!

When we moved to Delmar two years ago there were four grocery stores, and the population was probably half of what it is today, when we now have one supermarket, plus another of the same corporation in Glenmont. I have nothing against the Grand Union. They are trying to serve this area, but one market is simply not enough for over 25,000 residents. We deserve a choice.

I would like to plead the case for the proposed center and state the following reasons:

1. A shopping center, approximately the size of Stuyvesant Plaza, off New Scotland Avenue will *not* be a hindrance to the quiet little hamlet of Slingerlands, any more than Delaware Plaza harms the lovely residential areas of Kenholm, Birchwood, or Colonial Acres. It will not be in Slingerlands per se.

2. A second shopping access for the Town of Bethlehem residents should lessen the oft-times impossible traffic situation on Delaware Avenue.

3. The Town of Bethlehem is losing a great deal of revenue as its frustrated citizens (often not being able to find a parking spot at Delaware Plaza) go outside the area to shop, not only for groceries, but for other merchandise. The parking situation at Delaware Plaza must adversely affect other businesses in the plaza, such as Town and Tweed, Radio Shack, The Village Shop, The Paper Mill, etc.

## Vox Pop

4. Delmar needs another shopping center in addition to another supermarket. In fact the ideal situation would be that this shopping center would have two supermarkets, such as a Price Chopper, and a Star or Shop and Save supermarket. This is the case at the 20 Mall, and it does not appear to adversely affect the residents of Gunderland.

5. After attending the public meeting on Nov. 2, it looks as if Price Chopper, with the BTR Development Company with consultation from our local Roger Creighton Associates, has studied the situation in Bethlehem thoroughly and has come to the conclusion that the New Scotland Avenue location was the most feasible for all concerned without being an eyesore (as some claim it would become). What's wrong with another well-planned residential complex, which offers in its area senior citizen housing, nearby shopping, and small office complexes? The Bethlehem area certainly could use a small but upscale department store such as a Carl's, B. Forman, etc. Where do Bethlehem residents go for men and children's clothing other than Woolworth's, K-Mart, or Ginger-snips?

Finally, I am concerned that many residents are acting like the proverbial turtle who pulls into its shell. They are only concerned with their own backyards, not the good of the entire community.

Let's not be resistant to progress in the name of change. I urge others who feel as I do to become more vocal! Let's give proper planning for a better future for all of us a chance.

Eunice Spindler

Delmar

## 'Natural resource base' a factor in decision

Editor, The Spotlight:

I appreciated the opportunity that Price Chopper officials provided town residents to discuss the major commercial complex proposed for Slingerlands by BTR Realty of Baltimore. Yet I remain deeply concerned that many questions have been either

poorly addressed or avoided altogether relative to size, traffic, neighborhood intrusion, and environmental consequences, among others.

With regard to size, the nature and limits of the total project have

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## Coincidence's long arm

To appreciate this item, you'll need to recall a couple of things. First, a recent editorial in *The Spotlight* referred to Congressman Jack Kemp (who is retiring at the end of this year) as a potential opponent for Mario Cuomo in the 1990 election for governor. Second, there's a new movie around, receiving quite a lot of acclaim, called "Everybody's All-American."

The film is about a college football player who turns pro and over a 25-year period adapts to real life in only a limited fashion. The story begins in 1955 and ends in 1981 when this all-time hero of the folks who follow the "Louisiana University Tigers" stages a grand quarter-century celebration.

I had a note the other day from friends down in Washington, D.C., who had just been to see the movie. When the lights went on after the show, who was sitting across the aisle but Congressman Kemp. Jack allowed as how he'd liked the story well enough. And he grinned at the recollection. Jack, you'll recall with no difficulty, was a college football star who became an outstanding professional player for 13 years between the mid-1950s and 1970, when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from a Buffalo district. That was one job

CONSTANT READER

## A 'serious' new magazine

Every so often I've mentioned a "new" magazine, even when it may so far exist only in the dream-like mind of a would-be publisher. This week, I'll describe an actual monthly now in its first few issues. It's a publishing venture of uncommon interest because of history and the reputation of the publishing organization.

The magazine is *World Monitor*, and it is subtitled *The Christian Science Monitor Monthly*. *Monitor* is a substantial, 96-page slick-paper publication, well illustrated with lots of color photography and charts. The first issue was out in October, and I am reading the November issue, courtesy of a friend/subscriber. (There is a \$2.95 single-copy price on the cover, so I assume that *Monitor* is available in magazine racks, though I haven't happened to spot it yet.)

As you might expect from the folks who put out the daily *Monitor* newspaper, the content is pretty serious — for the most part.

Here are some of the articles: "Trouble in Samarkand" (how Kremlin policies conflict with local and Islamic traditions in a little-known corridor of central Asia); "Astronomers in the Dark" (95 percent of the universe still remains invisible — how do we know about it?); "Prime Time for Ivan" (glasnost means TV programs for Soviets such as they've never seen before).

A feature (the cover story) titled "The New Orient Express" turns out to be not about a train but "what leaders in the Pacific Basin must do to maneuver their nations into a new global role."

But these matter-of-fact pieces aren't the whole story. Among the half-dozen principal features is one with eight spectacularly colorful pages titled "Roundup!"

that the movie's hero hadn't thought of trying.

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Looking ahead to 1989, just over the horizon, it struck me that the year will bring a string of rather interesting anniversaries.

First, on Feb. 4 comes the 200th anniversary of the election of the nation's first President (by the hastily assembled Electoral College). And on April 30, George Washington took the oath of office. Those surely are events to be remembered, and we'll no doubt hear a great deal more about them through "docudramas," and other means of recreating the historic times.

### *Fateful encounters that we'll be noting in the coming year*

Later in the year, coincidence brings together two much more somber events in the perspective of history — and round-number anniversary.

It was on June 28, 1914, that the shot was fired which proved to be the beginning of a war which came to be called "the Great War" and, ultimately, "World War I." At Sarajevo (then in Serbia), a member of a secret society of Serbian nationalists assassinated

the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. This was the shot that touched off the tinder of the major powers' quarrel in the Balkans. A little more than a month later, Aug. 3 and 4, Germany declared war on France (as an ally of Russia), one of the contesting powers, and England, France's ally, came in also. That was just 75 years ago, and what has happened to the world in the intervening three-quarters of a century!

Twenty-five years later, on Sept. 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland, and all the various allies went at it again. So 50 years ago this coming summer, the die was again cast for the slaughter. In both cases, of course, American entry into the conflicts came more than two years later.

Peace has not reigned after "the war to end all wars," as the 1914-18 war was idealistically called. Nor have strife and battle ceased following V-E and V-J Days of 1945. But at least what has come to be a fearful spectre, "World War III," has not come about, and in that respect, at least, the world has been spared the ultimate conflagration.

So it may be worth noting, as we approach 1989, the more-than-passing significance of these particular anniversaries of fateful encounters.

that incorporates cowboy pictures from three continents. And in the section called "When 14 Harps Played 12-Bar Blues," a woman described as the world's leading jazz harpist reviews an international harp festival in Scotland.

Then there are the several departments, with titles such as "Investing," "Travel," "Film," "Art," "Sport," "Design," etc. They're generally pretty good reading. The one I like best is in "Nature," which the writer, Roger Swain, calls "Notes from the Radical Underground."

### *A new 'Monitor' looks closely into the world's condition*

What's the radical underground? In this case, it's the network of roots that provide "a subterranean society" where there's mutual cooperation, and some competition as well. I found it a fascinating article, involving the transfer of nutrients from one tree to a neighbor and other new views of what happens beneath the surface. As Mr. Swain writes, "Studies of interactions between roots, and of the intervention of microbes that may well be controlling the exchange, seem destined to revolutionize our view of trees."

Roger Swain, who is the science editor of *Horticulture* and a host of PBS "Victory Garden," always can be counted on for entertaining and enlightening prose. I still remember a magazine article he wrote 10 years ago on woodchucks.

Further in the lighter vein, and a quite un-Monitorlike theme, is an article called "Pop Goes Brazil," about "an exciting new sound: a wild mix of bossa, samba, jazz, and rock."

## Cycling for health—yours and others'

The writer of this week's *Point of View* is a Slingerlands resident who is by profession an architect. He and his wife Marion have operated Hart Tours in Delmar for the past 11 years.

By Albert S. Hartheimer

I'd like to tell *Spotlight* readers about a great way to improve their own lives while helping many others to get a better hold on a good life.

### *Point of View*

I found it this summer by taking a bike trek that actually was a fund-raising venture sponsored by the American Lung Association. The ALA, of course, is dedicated to helping people prolong their lives in good health through averting the damage wrought by smoking. That, at least, is a principal goal although I'm sure the association performs many other good deeds in the area of public health. In any event, I'm 100 percent in accord with the ALA's objective of reducing the smoking blight.

Each year, the ALA branch in the Capital District sponsors a pair of 150-mile cross-country bike treks. The idea is to enroll a large number of riders, each of whom undertakes to raise money from friends in support of the trek and the ALA. As an example of what this can mean, the trek in which I rode this past September had more than 60 riders — and we raised about \$38,000 for the ALA.

When I decided to try to make the trek, I sent letters to quite a few friends asking for their support at the rate of a dollar a mile (for the 150 miles I planned to undertake). Several came through, and others contributed lesser amounts. With that response, I was committed!

The other part of preparing was a bit more strenuous. Though I like to ride, and have been in the habit of riding some 13 miles over beautiful country roads in Bethlehem and New Scotland for an hour at least three times a week (in good weather), I realized that I would need better conditioning in order to survive distances that I'd never tried. So I set myself a routine that put me on the bike for more hours, longer rides, and increased frequency. (I used to jog, but that's too rough on the knees. Biking, I find, conditions your whole body, and is especially great exercise for the heart.)

### *Bicycling can be great for your health, and a trek can help a fine cause*

It turned out that my training was just the thing, for I found the 50 miles a day very doable. The trek began on a Saturday morning at Margaretville down in Delaware County (45 miles west of Kingston). We rode up and down some considerable hills and valleys through Andes and Delhi to our first day's destination, Oneonta. It was a tough ride, but if you just keep turning the crank sooner or later you get there. On Sunday, we traveled to Cobleskill, another 50 miles but with fewer hills. On the third day we returned to Margaretville, again in quite hilly country, but very scenic. Altogether, a delightful experience. By the time of the trek I was in the best physical condition I'd been in for years.

You pay a \$35 entry fee, and this helps to provide for two meals a day, and overnights at a motel and at a SUNY dormitory in Cobleskill, as well as for the highly desirable "sag wagon" that carries your luggage, is ready to help with any necessary repairs, and provides a couple of "fruit stops" each day with water, juices, apples, etc. I must have been the oldest kid on the trip. My biking mates came from all walks, ranging from a high school boy to a G.E. engineer. At least half of the riders were women. All the starters completed the trek. The ALA offers a variety of incentives for achievement and also conducts a raffle with very nice prizes for participants only.

Other ALA branches are doing this kind of thing all the time. It clearly is a big money-raiser. And there are variations, such as a 100-mile-a-day trek that covers longer distances; some people from this area will be participating next year.

You will want to have as good a bicycle as possible for the kind of trek I took. I find great pleasure in my 18-gear Trek 520, a superb machine. When you get to those steep places, you drop into the lowest gear (it's called the "granny gear" by all the youngsters) and away you go. A helmet is the other must. One refinement that would beguile you (if you're not already in love with it) is the "Cat Eye," a tiny computer that will tell you how long and how far you've been riding, your maximum and average speeds, your present speed, and even the gear you should choose.

All this adds up to two modest proposals: That you use the bicycle as a basic form of exercise for health and for recreation; and that you consider helping in support of the American Lung Association and its goals. Look, if I in my mid-sixties can do what I've been describing (and enjoy it immensely and benefit from it), so can you.

To get started, I suggest that you get in touch with Donna Clark of the ALA at 8 Mountainview Avenue, Albany 12205. The telephone is 459-4197.

# Matters of Opinion

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yet to be precisely defined. The project has evolved over the last several weeks from a "supermarket" to a "supermarket with some additional retail stores" to a high-density planned unit development totaling nearly 500,000 square feet of food, retail, and office space. And it appears there is potential for additional, yet undefined, development as well. Is this what Price Chopper officials consider a "neighborhood" shopping center?

The proposed location adjacent to an existing residential neighborhood and on land zoned for residential use is particularly troubling. History has proven that commercial encroachment of residential areas will contribute to changes in land use and travel patterns that work to erode the safety, convenience, and attractiveness of residential neighborhoods. What is the town's policy regarding the integrity and livability of Bethlehem's oldest residential neighborhoods, most of which are falling victim to increasing commercialization?

The traffic impact of the "current" project, while comp-

etently compiled by Roger Creighton Associates of Delmar, has not been discussed in terms that people can understand. While I agree that intersection performance is certainly an important consideration in measuring the traffic impact of the project, aren't there other traffic-related issues that should be clearly identified as well? For example, what impact will the traffic generated from this major commercial development have on the major (but residential) two-lane highways which will serve to funnel traffic to the site from Delmar, Glenmont, North Bethlehem, and Slingerlands? Will the likely increases in commercial-oriented traffic on streets such as Kenwood Avenue, Cherry Avenue, New Scotland Road, and Blessing Road affect the character and livability of residential areas bordering these highways, as has occurred in other areas of the Capital District?

Finally, don't most of us agree that managing what's left of the town's natural-resource base is vital to its ability to provide a pleasant and habitable environment for its citizens? Meaningful planning efforts in the town

(whether undertaken by public officials or private developers) must, therefore, recognize the existence of a limited natural-resource base to which continued development must be adjusted if serious environmental problems are to be avoided. Isn't a sound evaluation and analysis of the natural resource capabilities important to planning for the location of a major commercial development such as this in the Town of Bethlehem?

I ask town residents to seriously consider these and other issues before making a decision regarding the project. A supermarket is a convenience that town residents would certainly appreciate; a major shopping center would, perhaps, be something that most of us might live to regret. There's more to planning a supermarket than open land and good intentions.

Pat Jukins

Slingerlands

## 'Outsiders' unwelcome in decision process

Editor, The Spotlight:

Whether you are for or against the Price Chopper/BTR proposed

shopping center in Slingerlands, it is not hard to feel offended by Lewis Golub's letter contained in a paid advertisement in the Nov. 16 issue of *The Spotlight*. Mr. Golub and the BTR Development Corporation were nice enough to openly present their shopping center plans before the public at a Nov. 2 meeting. For this they should be commended. But is Mr. Golub now suggesting that the community does not have the right to openly discuss and debate the pros and cons of this project without having him and his crew looking over our shoulders? Our community is currently going through an open process of discussion — in public meetings, between neighbors, and in the pages of *The Spotlight* — to determine whether or not we want this project. Outsiders with financial interests at stake have no role to play in this process!

Are some of the statements that have been circulated about the proposed shopping center exaggerated? Or course they are, and Mr. Golub is correct that the project is no Crossgates or Northway Mall. But the people of Bethlehem are educated and intelligent, and are perfectly capable of seeing through the exaggerations (on both sides of the issue) without having Mr. Golub lead us by the hand (or nose, as he might wish). For his part, he is as guilty as those he accuses. His references to a "neighborhood shopping center"

and "community shopping center" are consciously misleading on his part, since the BTR developers have clearly stated that the project is to be a regional shopping facility that will daily draw tens of thousands of consumers from Bethlehem, Guilderland, New Scotland, Albany, Colonie, and other surrounding areas.

Many Bethlehem citizens have voiced their opinions concerning this project by using the Vox Pop forum in *The Spotlight*. I further wonder why this forum was not sufficient for Mr. Golub, and why he felt the need for a full-page advertisement. I can only assume that he wants to "speak louder" than everyone else, and is perfectly willing to spend money to do it.

Price Chopper and the BTR Development Corporation should have no role to play in deciding whether our town wants this project. Mr. Golub should just butt out!

Robert D. Keihn

Delmar

## 'Why the frills?' is supermarket question

Editor, The Spotlight:

The mall shopping center that BTR Development Co. plans to bring into Bethlehem is going to be a real hot issue, so I may as well get my two cents worth in right now.

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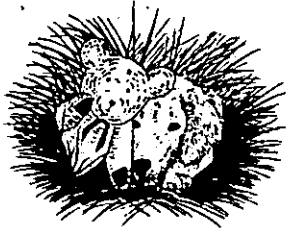
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town so we have the option to shop where we can get the most for our dollar. Competition between two companies is surely the best thing for the consumer, but the question is why do we have to take all the frills with the supermarket? The townhouses, the stores, the offices, etc. Why can't they just give us a large supermarket? If Price Chopper doesn't want to build just a market maybe some other chain store will be satisfied to build just a store here.

It seems to me that every developer that wants to build in the Town of Bethlehem has some kind of gimmick to offer the town in exchange for the right to build here: i.e. "We will build a new road; on housing we will set aside so many units for senior citizens." They all seem to know that this is an important issue in any town and so it goes on.

Has everyone forgotten the traffic backup on the Slingerlands Bypass from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. everyday, and how about Blessing Road? The town has to repair it every spring right now; what's going to happen to it with all that traffic on it then? I think this project should be shelved until a master plan is adopted for the town.

Pat Kendrick Sr.

Delmar

## Queries from a reader

Editor, The Spotlight:

A couple of unrelated questions:

(1) Why are people so sanguine that construction of the controversial Price Chopper complex would give us two supermarkets? Couldn't Grand Union decide to pull up stakes just as readily as they drove A&P out and bought out Albany Public Market, leaving us again with only one, less convenient store?

(2) Bethlehem and New Scotland voted 8,937 to 5,454 against the highway proposition, so why does your editorial express gratification "... that our area followed the lead of a majority of voters throughout the state in approving the bonds ..."?

Mauritz Johnson

Delmar

## Fire district election importance is cited

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, area residents will elect a fire district commissioner who will serve for

five years. This election is important as that individual will be responsible for decisions that will impact on every family's well-being.

The office of Fire Commissioner is not a political office in respect of being Democratic or Republican. Your board of fire commissioners is composed of five district residents. They are in direct control of the department and govern its workings, and also the budget that is required to operate. This affects your quality of fire protection and your taxes as well.

The election will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, between 6 and 9 p.m. at the fire hall on New Scotland Road. You do not have to be a property owner, just a registered voter residing in the district for 30 days.

In closing, I want to remind you of another important item, especially in the holiday season. If you don't have a smoke detector, please get one; if you do have one, please check the battery.

Walter W. Eck

Slingerlands

## Support for Reilly

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a long-time resident of the Town of New Scotland, I find the actions taken by the Democratic Party on election night in regard to Supervisor Herb Reilly a disgrace to the party. At a time when there are so many important issues facing our town government, we need the unity of all parties and not dissension.

Thank you, Mr. Reilly, for keeping the town residents as your major concern. After all, they are most important; they are the voters.

Janet Fisch

Voorheesville

## New police dog on the job soon

Editor, The Spotlight:

As your readers have learned from *The Spotlight*, we have been looking forward to having a replacement for our bloodhound, "Belker," for some time, and we have now acquired an excellent 27-month-old dog from Germany.

We have selected Officer Wayne LaChappelle as his official "handler." The dog (a German shepherd) was here recently for a short "visit," but it will be another month before he and Officer LaChappelle will complete a comprehensive training program in central New York.

In the meantime, we in the Bethlehem Police Department, as well as our town government in general, would like to thank our community for making this possible. First of all, we thank our Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, particularly President Doug Brownell and Executive Director Marty Cornelius, for putting together a fund raising plan. The many individuals who made contributions were great, and they were numerous! Fraternal and service organizations joined with us with substantial amounts, too.

In short, the thoughtful and generous folks in every part of Bethlehem must be thanked. When this handsome dog returns in December from training sessions, along with Officer LaChappelle, we'll have some combined expertise in drug detection, in tracking lost or missing people and in building searches. That will underscore, in full measure, the importance of these investments in time and publicly contributed funds to purchase the dog.

Our own police department, and Lt. Colin Clark, who has been

in the forefront of this program, have all been super!

Again, our thanks to everyone who has made this program such a success.

Paul E. Currie  
Chief of Police

## New Scotland residents urged to work together

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a New Scotland Democrat who is very disturbed to have read the article in the Nov. 16 *Spotlight* regarding the rude election night behavior of some of this town's Democrats aimed at Supervisor Herb Reilly.

I would like to think that the people who are in a position to determine the policies, platforms, and candidates of any political party are insightful, mature, and creative problem solvers as opposed to being reactionary, inflammatory, and divisive.

From what I've seen, Herb Reilly has been a dedicated, hard-working and very accessible supervisor. He inherited a number of challenges when he took on the job and has responsibly done what he can in looking out for the best interests of the people of our town. In Clarksville, for example, the only remaining hurdle to the development of our water district is the receipt of bids which fit into the budget for this project. Herb has done his part in seeing that the option on the well site and the necessary easements have been obtained. He has worked hard

with the FmHA to protect our loan as well.

Regarding the Larned mine, I believe Supervisor Reilly did the right thing in voting to grant the permit. This in my opinion is an example of appropriate land use with minimal environmental impact.

In granting this permit the town has successfully avoided a lawsuit from Larned and instead now faces one from the "Concerned Citizens" group. I attended the most recent meeting of this group, held after it announced its lawsuit intentions. From the attendance (approximately 30) it appears that they do not in fact have the support of the majority of citizens in New Scotland (population 9,000), at least on this issue. I am relieved that a candidate for town board who supports a lawsuit against the board did not win.

My hope is that we can now move forward, working together in an atmosphere of level-headed consideration of the issues. Let's stop abusing our elected officials, which at the very least is counter-productive.

Nancy Phelan

Clarksville

## Student musician expresses appreciation

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to publicly thank the membership of the Bethlehem Music Association for awarding me \$150 to help pay for my

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# Matters of Opinion

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participation in the New York State School Music Association's Conference All State Orchestra. I feel very honored and grateful to the BMA for their generosity. Even though through the years, I have taken private lessons, and done a lot of outside playing, including the Empire State Youth Orchestra, my participation in Bethlehem's school music program has been a very important part of my life. My music teachers in Bethlehem, starting with Mrs. Spelich at Slingerlands Elementary School and continuing to right now, have inspired me, and supported me all the way. Right now my career plans include music, and I know that my years at Bethlehem have been nurturing ones.

BMA is a household word now. I hope that the public will lend their support to this fine and very generous organization. Thank you, BMA!

Meg Bragle

Slingerlands

## Correction on Carson

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is in regard to a letter to the editor which appeared in the April 27 issue of *The Spotlight* with the caption "Don't Kill us With Lawn Care." At the end of the letter the Rachel Carson Council Inc. was given as a source for information on lawn care. Two of the pamphlets listed were incorrectly titled. Following are the correct titles and prices of the

three pamphlets mentioned:

"Pesticides in Contract Lawn Maintenance," \$2.50; "Healthy Lawns Without Toxic Chemicals," \$1.50, and "Pesticides and the Naturalist," \$1. If all three of the pamphlets are ordered, the cost for the set is \$4.50.

Our correct address is 8940 (not 894) Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815.

Betty M. Weeda  
Rachel Carson Council Inc.

## Physician sees peril in some video fare

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to support the person who wrote criticizing the ready availability to children, of

the "Faces of Death" video at Leeder's Video in Delmar.

While I have not seen this tape, it is clearly only a short step from it to the "Snuff" tapes which became available in England a few years ago and caused a great commotion and outrage among parental and government agencies. The snuff films portrayed people — usually young women — being slowly killed in usually very painful ways. The shocking realities are two fold, at least. One, these films or tapes are not acted — they are real, the victims are filmed while being murdered. Second, there is a wide demand for such records of evil, and much money to be made.

If we, in any way at all, allow such appetites as these to gain

ground, we are subsidizing the murder and torture of our neighbors and friends. I have read of several cases of young females being missing in the Capital District in recent months. While not suggesting that these are in any way related to the above videos, nevertheless, to support the one is to indirectly encourage the other. Today's missing teenager may feature in tomorrow's snuff film.

Perhaps it is not the job of the video store proprietor to censor his wares. That, in the final analysis, may be a matter for his morals. But to offer obscenities based on watching death, to adults or children, is to participate in spreading and encouraging appetites that feed on human destruction. Make no mistake, such appetites exist and may either be fanned or suppressed. Are the excesses of the Roman arenas so very distant?

But surely, as far as the children are concerned, one should say a word about parental care. The responsibility for training the morals and animal appetites of our children should not be delegated to the owners of video stores. It is the duty of parents to select the proper video fare of their immature offspring just as they — hopefully — watch what they eat.

If we believe in keeping poisonous tablets, weed killers, and such, out of our children's food, surely we are also responsible for keeping poisonous videos out of their sight, and poisonous concepts — such as "Death is Fun" — out of the minds.

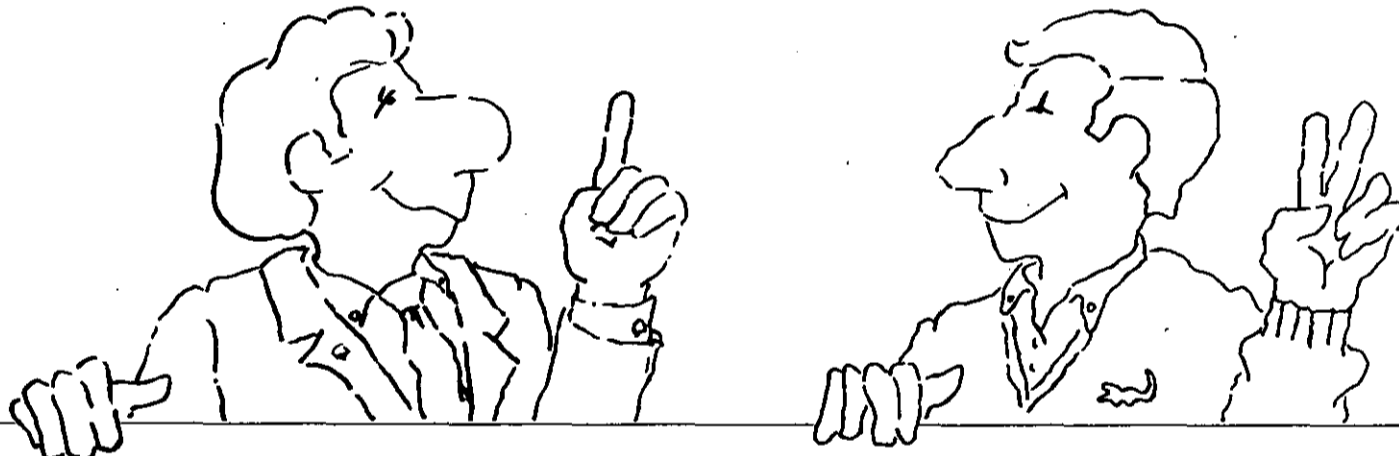
John Hotchin, M.D., Ph.D.  
Delmar

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shown during our recent fund drive. Donations to the fire company are still being accepted, and may be mailed to or dropped off at the fire station.

I would also like to thank the many residents who brought their children to the fire station on Halloween night. It was another successful and safe evening filled with fun, candy and several special treats.

Stephen R. Wright  
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## 'New York Alive' connections are many

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was very pleased to see the extensive mention of *New York Alive* magazine in the Nov. 16 "Constant Reader", in *The Spotlight*. I thought you might be interested in learning that this beautiful state-wide magazine has an extensive Delmar connection!

*New York Alive* is published in Albany by The Business Council of New York State Inc. The co-founder of the magazine, David Shaffer, is a long-time resident of Delmar. He, his wife Mary, and their four children live on Darroch Road. The current publisher of *New York Alive* and president of the Business Council of New York State, Daniel Walsh, has just moved to the Glenmont area. The art director for the

## Vox Pop

magazine, Carol Turner, has her studio on Delaware Avenue in the John Moore Design group. And I, who serve as associate publisher and marketing director for the magazine, live with my small clan on Winne Road.

*New York Alive* is a very special magazine. The feature mentioned in *The Spotlight* is quite typical of the lifestyle editorial matter that 40,000 readers have enjoyed in *New York Alive* for over seven years. It combines beautiful photographic images with focuses on history and profiles of communities and attractions. There are even calendars and maps to help folks find "fun" things all over the state.

It provides a fresh look at the spectacular sights and attractions, as well as the quiet and quaint settings found right around every corner from all of us in the Capital District. *New York Alive* embodies everything that is going right with New York, especially upstate!

Thank you on behalf of the council for the mention and on my own behalf for continuing to publish an exceptionally strong local paper. I worked on weekly publications like yours for five years and know how hard it is to do this good a job. Keep it up!

Michael Fleming  
Associate Publisher  
Business Council Publications  
Delmar

## Main Square lights tree

Main Square of Delmar will be celebrating its second annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony with an afternoon of festivities on Sunday, Dec. 4.

A live 25-foot spruce tree was given to Main Square, 318 Delaware Ave., by Elsmere resident David Scott Allen. The tree, located to the rear of the center, will be decorated with colored lights and will be lit every night during the holiday season.

The activities will begin at noon with horse drawn carriage rides, free with a donation to the Bethlehem Food Pantry. Carriage rides will also be offered on Sundays until Christmas.

Starting at 2 p.m., Santa Claus will be on hand and will also have a gift for his visitors, and strolling guitarist Mike DeAngelis will entertain throughout the center.

Free holiday cookies will be served at the 12 retail shops, and dreidels will also be given free upon request.

Main Square will also be sponsoring its second annual holiday ornament contest among District 9, Neighborhood 2, of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council. The ornaments will be donated to Bethlehem Area Food Baskets and one ornament from each troop will be featured at Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Shop. Three grand prize winning troops will receive prizes from Ben and Jerry's, the Daily Grind and Gingersnips, Ltd.

The Freindship Singers will sing carols beginning at 4 p.m. leading up to the tree lighting and there will be a bonfire throughout the afternoon.

The winner for the second

annual Flowers for a Year by Baby's Breath Florist will also be announced, and a fire truck from the Delmar Fire Department and volunteer fire fighters will be on hand throughout the afternoon.



## Words for the week

**Die was cast:** Something determined as if by a throw of dice.

**Averting:** Avoid; that is, by having seen an event or object coming and warding it off. Also, turning away or aside (as with the eyes) in avoidance.

**Beguile:** To please or persuade by the use of wiles; charm. Also, to lead by deception; hoodwink or cheat.

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Third graders in the Slingerlands Elementary School presentation of "The Baboon's Umbrella" from Arnold Lobel's "Fables" are, from left, Ashley Mettauer, Kerry Van Riper and Margaret Rotolo.

# Speeders get a sign

## Traffic committee reverses stand

By Mark Stuart

The Bethlehem Town Board Wednesday accepted a recommendation by the town's Traffic Safety Committee to install stop signs at Willowbrook Rd. and Orchard St. in South Bethlehem. The committee had reconsidered its first recommendation based on comments made by the commissioner of public works.

Residents of Willowbrook Rd. who were at the meeting expressed relief when the board made their decision. The Traffic Safety Committee had originally recommended increased police patrols along Willowbrook Rd., which according to residents has become a commuter short-cut between Rt. 396 and South Albany Rd. and is plagued by speeders. Despite a traffic study that showed there was a speeding problem, the residents' requests for stop signs were rejected by the committee in accordance with the state Uniform Code of Traffic Control Devices, which advises against the use of stop signs for speed control.

The change in thinking came last Tuesday when Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor told the committee that he was in favor of using the stop signs to deter commuter traffic since Willowbrook Rd. was an old, narrow road incapable of handling heavy traffic due to the design of the road, areas of low sight distance, narrow width and virtually no shoulder space in some areas.

"I'm pleased that they saw fit to reconsider their action; I'd say they acted responsibly," said Richard Pulice, a Willowbrook Rd. resident who helped organize the effort to have the stop signs installed.

The board also received a memo from Bethlehem Police Lt. Fred Holligan on behalf of the Traffic Safety Committee informing the town board that they have reviewed and approved a request to install stop signs in Elm Estates at the intersection of Peel and University streets and Sherbrook Drive and University St. The committee also approved

the installation of a "Private Property — Do Not Enter" sign at a private access road across from Peel and University streets.

The board is expected to set a public hearing on the signs at a January board meeting, according to Town Clerk Carolyn M. Lyons.

In other business, the board approved a request from the Department of Public Works to go to bid for materials and chemicals used in the Bethlehem water and sewer districts for 1989. Bids will be received until 2 p.m. Dec. 12 and opened at 2:15 p.m. the same day. Information on what materials and chemicals are needed may be obtained from the town clerk's office or the Department of Public Works.

The board also approved a request from the Highway Department to go to bid for a new five-ton roll off hoist and four new eight-cubic-yard roll off containers. Bids will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Dec. 20 and opened at 2:15 p.m. that same day.

The Department of Public Works has informed the board that a negative State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) statement has been declared regarding the CDTA park and ride lot on Elm Ave. at the end of the Delmar Bypass.

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# New light shed on historic Slingerlands house

By Allison Bennett

Since the article on the McCutcheon-Reilly house was published in *The Spotlight* issue of Nov. 22, 1988, further evidence has come to light concerning the merits of the property and its historical significance to the citizens of Albany County. We would like to record part of that information here, not only for our readers' information, but also because it might be pertinent to future decisions made by the Bethlehem Town Board regarding residential or industrial development in the area.

The manuscripts/archives section of the New York State Library has a 1789 map of the Van Baal Patent that shows a clear indication of a house, as well as property lines for the farm of Peter McCutcheon. The library also has a lease dated Nov. 19, 1787 from Stephen Van Rensselaer to Peter McCutcheon that mentions his dwelling as one of the survey points. Van Rensselaer customarily permitted a seven- to ten-year rent-free period before a tenant was required to sign a lease at the Manor office in Watervliet and begin paying annual rent. During this time the tenant cleared land, built a house and barn and began farming.

The tax roll of 1786 mentioned a Peter Custon, immediately following the name of Andrew Corning (Cumming, later Conning),

whose farm adjoined to the west. Since there were many variations in spelling in the 18th century, there is no reason to doubt that these are the same names rendered as Peter McCutcheon and Andrew Cumming on the 1789 map.

Rensselaerswyck rent records at the State Library show that Peter McCutcheon paid an annual rent of 13.5 bushels of wheat, four fat fowl, and one day's service with horse and wagon from 1787 to 1804. A sublease from him to Robert Brice and a subsequent 1814 lease to Brice from Stephen Van Rensselaer are also recorded in the rent records. In 1822 records show that Brice sold the lease to his son, James, who later sold it back to Van Rensselaer in 1829, although Brice continued to reside in the house. Two letters concerning this matter have survived. Stephen Van Rensselaer sold the property in 1837 to Aaron and Emeline Radliff (Radley). This deed seems to be a full transfer of title with no rent provisions or "quarter-sale" provisions, unlike the earlier leases to McCutcheon and Brice. In 1865 the Radleys sold the property to Peter D. Johnson. When the mortgage was subsequently foreclosed, the farm was purchased by the Reilly family in 1917.

The "1980 Cultural Resources Survey Report," concerning the New York Route 85 Slingerlands



The McCutcheon-Reilly farmhouse as it looked in the 1960s. At that time the structure was over 200 years old.

Bypass, was prepared by the state, Division of Historical and Anthropological Services for the U.S. Department of Transportation and the state Department of Transportation. After intensive study and research, the following information on the McCutcheon-Reilly house, referred to as structure 27, was presented in the report.

"The setting of the house and its present limited accessibility to the public are to some extent threatened by nearby construction,

and this report will recommend its protection. When National Register criteria are applied to the structure, its significance is apparent. That it possesses integrity of location is self-evident. Integrity of design is well preserved in the brick section of the house... The original design, has not been removed or destroyed, and survives within the historic fabric.

"Integrity of setting is well preserved in that the immediate visual environment of structure

no. 27 is much the same today as it has been for over two centuries. Rural and agricultural when Peter McCutcheon settled there in the 1780s, it remains rural and agricultural today... Cultural and natural processes have left the historic qualities of the site unaltered. Even the old road leading to the house from New Scotland Road appears unchanged; it remains a dirt track, overgrown with grass, and more suited to travel by horse and wagon than by automobile. In all, the setting



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of structure no. 27 is changed little from its past appearance, except for the removal of barns previously noted.

"Even observers not attuned to National Register criteria, when shown the house, readily saw that it is an old building in an unchanged setting, and that the present condition of the site evokes a sense of its past. The Dutch elements in its architecture associate it with an era that was historic even to Peter McCutcheon, the period beginning in 1624 when the Albany area was explored and settled by the Dutch and their descendants. The fact that McCutcheon was a tenant of Rensselaerswyck further reinforces this association with the early history of the area.

"In its present condition the house has been well preserved as an artifact of early Dutch and English culture in the New World. A further, more specific association with the Van Rensselaer family can also be made; although they once owned most of the farms in the Albany area, few structures associated with the Patroonship have survived. Stephen Van Rensselaer was probably the best known of that large and influential family; it was from him that McCutcheon and Brice leased the farm, and from him that Radliff (Radley) later purchased it. This connection is enhanced by the preservation and availability of the various documents such as maps, leases, rent records, and letters already cited. Not only do these primary sources illuminate the history of structure no. 27, but they also make it possible to relate its specific past to the general patterns of early settlement and historic lifeways in the Albany area.

"In terms of methods of construction, as well as of type and period, the local foundation stone, handmade brick, and hewn beams of the house illustrate construction technologies that have long been obsolete. Further, the fact that the building has been maintained in stable condition without being modernized makes it a significant artifact of local vernacular architecture, distinctive as well as unique.

"There can be little question that structure no. 27 would provide data valuable to the study of architectural history; because

so few Dutch houses in the Albany area have been preserved, additional importance is attached to them for being rare today... since the house and associated structure sites, middens, and other archeological resources remain unimpacted by development, indicates a high probability that the site as a whole would yield important information in a reliable context."

### New Scotland Dems celebrate holidays

A Christmas dinner and dance, sponsored by the New Scotland Democratic Club, will be held at the Clarksville Firehouse on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m.

A grab bag gift exchange will be held during the evening. Music will be provided by the Boothill Band. Admission will be \$15.

### Charged with larceny

Bethlehem police arrested a 21-year-old Albany man on petty larceny charges after he allegedly stole three watches and a VCR tape from the K-mart store in Glenmont. Police said he was found with the items in a trash can, which the man was taking outside to dump.

### Kraus promoted

Liz Kraus has been promoted to Albany branch director of World Book Inc. in Albany. She was formerly a senior division manager in Albany. Kraus once taught early childhood education in Delmar, where she grew up.

# Mandatory recycling

(From Page 1)

Bethlehem is headed right into a solid waste crisis in our opinion," said Gerald Wright of Robert Wright Disposal of Slingerlands.

Wright, who also serves as a member of the town's Solid Waste Committee, said he feels the town should become more involved in handling their own solid waste problems financially and not expect the state or county to do so. "The state has to take the lead, but the state, like everyone knows, moves too slow," Wright said. He estimated that the worst period of the crisis will be the next three to five years.

One of the signs indicating the gravity of the newspaper market is that the City of Albany must pay \$30 a ton to haul newspapers to U.S. Recycling. Originally, U.S. Recycling had told the city they would not have pay to drop off newspapers.

According to Secor, the softening of the market and subsequent newspaper glut is only a "short-term ripple." But he did question why that "ripple" was experienced only in the Capital District. He said that at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the New York State Chapter of the American Public Works Association in Syracuse, some of those attending the meeting from outside of the Capital District were surprised to hear that Capital District haulers had to

pay \$30 a ton to unload newspapers. "It looks to me that this is the only place in the state where collectors are paying to deliver their newspapers, and it's something we're going to look into," Secor said.

Wright may sound as though he's taking a dim view of recycling, but in fact he says he's strongly for it. "We still are committed to recycling... eventually it will work out. We think it's something that we (the haulers) and the town have to do, it's the future. But it's going to cost money."

Wright said even though the costs of recycling the papers are equal to the costs of using a landfill, in the long run, it's better not to fill the landfill with recycleable material, which will decrease the life of the landfill and eventually come back as a further cost to the taxpayer.

Secor also takes a positive view of recycling. "We're facing the reality that recycling must occur. We've got to get into recycling. In order to meet the state's (50

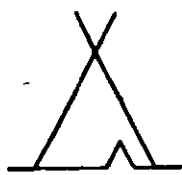
percent) requirement recycling has to come first," he said.

Secor said the county's recycling is being approached from two angles. The first is being done in a set of meetings between Albany City Mayor Thomas Whalen and representatives from Albany County municipalities that use the ANSWERS plant. Secor said those meetings are designed to coordinate the planning of the municipalities as to what items should be recycled next, such as cardboard and glass.

He said a second group comprised of municipal engineers and superintendents meet to work out the practical problems of coordinating their recycling programs.

### Meet Mozart at Bethlehem library

"Meet the Musician: Mozart," a family program, will be presented by Dennis Kobray, pianist, at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. For reservations call 439-9314.



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**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**ALBANY**

**SONS OF THE REVOLUTION**, winter meeting. University Club in Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 486-2695 or 877-5997.  
**CHRISTMAS MADRIGAL DINNERS**, staged by Albany Chamber Singers, First Presbyterian Church, \$20, 6:45 p.m. Information, 442-3995.  
**WORKSHOP**, "Counselor Wellness", presented by Eric Carlson, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 454-1232.  
**CAPITAL DISTRICT MOTHERS CENTER**, provides companionship for mothers and children, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Information, 482-4508.  
**BASKETBALL GAME**, Albany Patriots vs. Pansicola Tornados, featuring Bud Light Pencadevils, acrobatic act, Washington Ave. Armory, 8 p.m. Information, 1-314-982-9152.  
**NOON ORGAN CONCERTS**, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.  
**CHEMENON**, self-help group for adolescents using drugs and/or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC FORUM**, Edward H. Pattison Memorial, sponsoring public forum on "Public Policy in an Aging Society", Sage Hall, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 8 p.m. Information, 274-9890 or 439-8731.  
**CHRISTMAS GREENS FLOWER SHOW**, "Christmas as You Like It", sponsored by Capital District Garden Clubs, Pruyn House, 207 Niskayuna Rd., Newfane, noon-6 p.m. Information, 489-5183.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, return to classical, with Kenneth Kiesler, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4755.  
**"REDWING"**, produced by New Works Theatre Group, Dec. 2-4, 9 and 10, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave. Information, 465-6569.  
**CYGNUS**, Jazz, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7-11 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

**EXHIBITS**

**ALIX HEGELER**, painter, with Ralph Caparulo, sculptor, and Robert Martens, installation artist, through Dec. 30, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy. Information, 273-0552.

**BETHLEHEM**

**TAWASENTHA/HANNAKROIS NSDAR**, joint meeting to honor Good Citizens, Bethlehem Historical Association, Cedar Hill, 1 p.m. Information, 482-3865.

**BETHLEHEM**

**GENEALOGY LECTURE**, Loren Fay will speak about Latter Day Saints Family History Center in Loudonville, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**"MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM"**, presented by Bethlehem Central High School, Quietus Studio Theater, Dec. 1-3 and 9-10, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

**ADVANCED APPLEWORKS WORKSHOP**, presented by Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 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.

**NORMANVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. Information, 439-4258.

**ALBANY**

**ADVENT SERVICE**, service based on advent hymn, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 75 Whitehall Rd., 7 p.m. Information, 482-2701.

**HEALTH CARE SEMINAR**, home care information presented by state Health Department, Empire State Plaza, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information, 474-5370.

**"STRESS AND CHIROPRACTIC"**, with speaker Dr. Michael Bernhardt, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, choir of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, State Plaza, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8223.

**"WEDNESDAYS WANDERINGS"**, "The Tawana Brawley Case," presented by Martin Beisky and Donald Decker, State University at Albany, Campus Center, noon-2 p.m. Information, 442-3577.

**MEETING**, Northeastern New York chapter of International Association of Business Communicators, "Corporate Communication Management-The Need for Strategic Planning and What a Communications Audit Can Tell You," Albany Medical Center Executive Office Building, 628 Madison Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 436-2983.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

**"THE ADDICTED NURSE"**, panel discussion, sponsored by Capital District Nurses Association, Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 6:30 p.m.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**"MAN OF LA MANCHA"**, presented by Albany League of Arts, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, 6:30 p.m. Information, 449-5380.

**"DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS"**, through Dec. 3, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**"ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN"**, romantic comedy on Norman Conquests, through Dec. 18, Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St. Information, 462-4531.

**TOM POPE**, guitar and vocals, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7-11 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

**THU DEC 1**

**BETHLEHEM**

**INTERFAITH TEA**, for women, featuring "We Three Sings," First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 1:30 p.m.

**GLENMONT READ-IN**, Glenmont Elementary School, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 439-7242.

**BLOOD DRIVE**, Bethlehem Central High School, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**OVERTURE SERIES**, Kenneth Kiesler, conductor, will speak at Bethlehem Public Library, 3 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

**DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB**, meeting to decorate Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

**"TRANSPARENT THINGS"**, lecture by Steven Stucky, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**"MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM"**, presented by Bethlehem Central High School, Quietus Studio Theater, Dec. 1-3 and 9-10, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

**SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**, meeting at First United Methodist Church, Delmar, mainstream class, 7 p.m.; workshop, 9 p.m. 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.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**SHEEP DAIRYING MEETING**, "New Income Potential," Albany Cooperative Extension Resource Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2331.

**FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS**, 4-H group for youths 8-18 years, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

**NEW SCOTLAND KWANIS CLUB**, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

**ALBANY**

**SPECIAL PROGRAM**, for LPNs, information on becoming registered nurse, Marla College, 700 New Scotland Ave., 4:30 p.m. Registration, 438-3111.

**SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND WOMEN**, luncheon at Grimaldi's restaurant, 1553 Central Ave., 11:30 a.m. Information, 664-3091 or 286-3283.

**"HOLIDAY STRESS-HOW TO COPE"**, two-part series, St. Peter's Wellness Center. Information, 454-1232.

**CARDIOVASCULAR TEACHING DAY**, St. Peter's Hospital, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 454-1232.

**READING**, by novelist Brenda Schwabacher, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, 247 Lark St., 4 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

**MEETING**, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

**A TRIBUTE**, to Dennis Madden, 10 years of Proctor's Theatre, Ramada Inn, Nott St., Schenectady, 6 p.m. Information, 377-8455 or 374-0256.

**EXHIBITS**

**SKIDMORE THEATER**, presents "WOYZECK," Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, 8 p.m., Information, 584-5000, ext. 2347.

**ETHEL SCHWABACHER**, "Mythical Paintings," opening reception, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, 247 Lark St., 7-9 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

**"THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION"**, works by several gallery artists, Greenhut Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

**FRI DEC 2**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**, Christmas tree sale, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 5-9 p.m. Information, 439-0669 or 474-2251.

**PRESCHOOL FILMS**, "Chicken Soup and Rice," "How the Mole Got His Trousers," and "Paddington Bear and the Snow," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**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 required, 439-4955.

**CHABAD CENTER**, services and discussion followed by kidush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

**SAT DEC 3**

**BETHLEHEM**

**TAWASENTHA/HANNAKROIS NSDAR**, joint meeting to honor Good Citizens, Bethlehem Historical Association, Cedar Hill, 1 p.m. Information, 482-3865.

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"HOW TO DANCE LIKE AN EXPERT," workshop at St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guilderland, \$3 admission, information, 765-2815.

CHRISTMAS GREENS FLOWER SHOW, "Christmas as You Like It," sponsored by Capital District Garden Clubs, Pruyn House, 207 Niskayuna Rd., Newtonville, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 489-5183.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, presents Kenneth Kiesler, conductor, Palace Theatre, Albany, 8 p.m., information, 465-4755.

TOM GLADE, guitar, piano and vocals, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7-11 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

**EXHIBITS**

HARRY ORLYK, 1988 Artists of Mohawk Hudson Regional Invitational, through Jan. 13, reception, 5:30-11:30 p.m., Albany Center Galleries, Chapel and Monroe, Albany, 5:30-11:30 p.m. information, 462-4775.

STATE MUSEUM, national traveling exhibit in tribute to mother and daughter, including photographs and excerpts from famous authors, reception 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free.

"A CHERRY HILL FAMILY CHRISTMAS" Historic Cherry Hill, South Pearl St., with Yuletide music, holiday decorations, 5-8 p.m.

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**BETHLEHEM**

PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION, holiday party for members and guests, 823 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5487.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. For information on youth fellowship, 439-9252.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. information, 767-9953.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery care provided during worship, 10 a.m. information, 439-9929.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR, worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9976.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday service, 11 a.m. information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9 a.m., 3 years through adult; morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. information, 439-3135.

TREE LIGHTING, Main Square Shoppes, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon-5 p.m. information, 439-0146.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bible study and Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. information, 439-4328.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, service and Sunday school, 11 a.m.; child care provided. information, 439-2512.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. information, 436-7710.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, worship, youth forum, 10 a.m.; fellowship and adult education, 11 a.m.; nursery care provided. information, 439-1766.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday School and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by fellowship. information, 463-6465.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m.; Christian education for all, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon. information, 439-3265.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dance, with caller Ray Taylor, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. information, 438-1227.

WINTER BOTANY STUDY, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. information, 453-1806.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, sponsored by Hamagrael PTA, Hamagrael Elementary School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. information, 439-8826.

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 Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. information, 439-4258.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE, at Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle parking lot, noon.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE DINNER and holiday bazaar, at Grange hall, Rt. 396, \$6 and \$3 admission. information, 767-2770.

**ALBANY**

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Registration, 438-2356.

"BOWL 'EM OVER", Cerebral Palsy Center bowliathon, Playdium Bowling Center, Ontario and Park, midnight-4 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. information, 489-8336 or 462-8041.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, at Ten Broek Mansion, meet St. Nick, 9 Broek Pl., 1-4 p.m.

FINE ART/CRAFT FAIR, hosted by Albany Institute of History and Art, applied arts program, 19 Dove St. \$1 admission, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, morning worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 10:15 a.m. Information, 465-2188.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, holiday concert, Bethlehem Central Middle School, all welcome, 2 p.m. Free.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, child care provided; Christian education for 3 years through adult, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

NEWSALEM REFORMED CHURCH, service, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided. Information, 439-7112.

#### ALBANY

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS, Sunday evenings, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-0974.

ART AUCTION, to benefit Arbor House and other service projects, sponsored by Zonta Club of Albany, Albany City Hall, \$10 admission, 2 p.m. Information, 439-0904.

#### CAPITAL DISTRICT

CHRISTMAS GREENS FLOWER SHOW, "Christmas as You Like It," sponsored by Capital District Garden Clubs, Pruyn House, 207 Niskayuna Rd., Newtonville, noon-4 p.m. Information, 489-5183.

"A HISTORIC CHERRY HILL CHRISTMAS", open house, 523 1/2 South Pearl Street, 1-4 p.m.

COIN AND STAMP SHOW, last show of season, sponsored by Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 346-2584.



The Friendship Singers will perform at Main Square's Christmas tree lighting festivities this Sunday, Dec. 4.

ROAD RACE, sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, 6-mile handicap race, 1 p.m. \$1 and \$2 registration, 438-8807.

NISHT GEFERLACH KLEZMER BAND, music of Jews of Eastern Europe and New York's Lower East Side, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

HOLIDAY CONCERT, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., featuring Christmas melodies sung by barber shop quartet, 2:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT BRASS, holiday concert at Emma Willard Chapel, Pawling Ave., Troy, \$9 and \$5 admission, 7 p.m. Information, 273-8135.

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.

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. Information, 439-4258.

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

AIDS AWARENESS SESSION, for parents of secondary school students, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

EVERGREEN WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County, William F. Rice Extension Center, Voorheesville, \$3, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 765-3510.

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

TEAM INFORMATION MEETING, at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3314 or 765-2382.

#### ALBANY

"CREATING NEW MYTHS," evening with Geoffrey Scott-Alexander, expressive therapist, things of beauty Art Gallery, 247 Lark St., 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

GIFT SHOP, for patients at Veteran's Administration Medical Center, sponsored by American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries, Albany Veteran's Administration Medical Center, 10 a.m. Information, 439-4118.

LECTURE, Kathleen Tanner, director of state Department of Health's office of professional medical conduct, will speak at board meeting of Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York, Americana Inn, Albany, 5:30 p.m.

"DANCING AT MY FUNERAL," workshop on early forces that shape lives and how individuals can change, led by Sister Robert Ann Kelly, Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster St., Albany, 7 p.m. \$10 registration, 489-4431.

"PUBLISHING FICTION AND POETRY," presentation at College of Saint Rose, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 454-5221.

#### CAPITAL DISTRICT

GANSEVOORT DAR, meeting at Pruyn House, 1 p.m. Information, 456-4580.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, with flutist Irvin Gilman, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

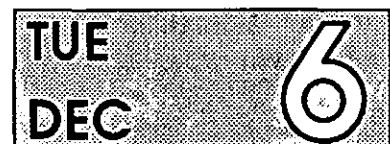
JIM RALSTON, jazz piano, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7-11 p.m. Information 436-0329.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

"PETER PAN," presented by ESIPA at The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Dec. 21. Reservations, 443-5279.

#### EXHIBIT

JOB OPTIONS, "A New Image: Expanding Job Options for Women," Empire State Plaza, North Concourse, through Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 442-3577.



#### BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY, meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

BETHLEHEM LODGE 1096 F&M, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

MEDICARE FORM AID, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

CONCERT, Clarksville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

WINTER CONCERT, Esmerine Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

HANUKKAH PARTY, sponsored by Chabad Center of Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

BETHLEHEM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, first Tuesdays, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

"CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF THE ARTIST," with Jean Lauber, sponsored by New Scotland Historical Association, New Scotland Town Hall, all welcome, 8 p.m. Free.

#### ALBANY

SAFE PLACE, support group for family and friends of suicide victims, sponsored by The Samaritans, meets first and third Tuesdays of every month, St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.



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**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

**PRINT WORKSHOP**, sponsored by Print Club of Albany, led by Louise Hamlin of Union College, Schenectady, 7 p.m. \$6 reservations, 463-3441.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**PAUL PICCIO**, pianist, State University of Albany, recital hall, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**CONCERT**, presented by percussion ensemble at College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Free; information, 454-5178.

**WED DEC 7**

**BETHLEHEM**

**PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP**, open to teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY**, sponsored by Bethlehem Business Women's Club, with entertainment by Tommy Ippolito, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB**, meets first Wednesday of month, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

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**ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, Information, 439-7864.

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**NEW SCOTLAND**

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

**WINTER Concert**, Voorheesville Elementary School, all welcome, 7:30 p.m. Free; information, 765-2382.

**ALBANY**

**OPEN HOUSE**, Christian Brothers Academy, for parents of prospective students, 1 De La Salle Rd., 5-5:30 p.m., 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 462-7041.

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKI SEMINAR**, sponsored by education committee of Adirondack Mountain Club, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 271-1001.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKSHOP**, sponsored by Cornell University, Thruway House, 1375 Washington Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$25 or \$30 registration, 449-4161.

**FUTURIST SYMPOSIUM**, Dr. Marvin Cetron, founder and president of Forecasting International, will speak at Palace Theater, Albany. Information, 472-8542 or 861-6509.

**CAREER DAY**, sponsored by business sciences department at Maria College, Albany, 1 and 4:30 p.m. Registration, 438-3111.

**POINT AND INSURANCE REDUCTION PROGRAM**, two-session program offered by Driver Training Associates, State University at Albany, Dec. 7 and 14, 6:15-9:30 p.m. \$35 registration, 465-0055.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

**SENIOR CARE CONNECTION**, program discussion, Eddy Memorial Geriatric Center, Burdett Ave., Troy, 10 a.m.-noon; Albany Thruway House, 5-7 p.m. Reservations, 272-1777.

**SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**, print group meeting at First Methodist Church, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m.

**SEMINAR**, "Clothing for People with Special Needs," sponsored by Town of Colonie Senior Citizen Service Dept., 91 Fiddlers Lane, Colonie, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Reservations, 783-2824.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND**, with University Percussion Ensemble, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**THU DEC 8**

**BETHLEHEM**

**WINTER CONCERT I**, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

**"MEET THE MUSICIAN: MOZART"**, with Dennis Kobray, pianist, family program, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free; reservations, 439-9314.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**COVERED DISH SUPPER**, at meeting of American Legion Auxiliary Post 1493, Dept. of New York, Information, 765-4306.

**ALBANY**

**SCORE**, meeting with Richard L. Paplernik, executive business editor of "Times Union," Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9:30 a.m. Information, 472-6300.

**"FOR WOMEN ONLY"**, featuring presentation by Benita Zahn of TV 13, cholesterol workshop, karate demonstration, water exercises, and make-up and flower arranging demonstrations, Jewish Community Center, Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SAT DEC 10**

**BETHLEHEM**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**, presented at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, "Sharing the Holidays with Your Family," 10 a.m.; "Conifers of New York State," outdoor walk, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE**, sponsored by New Scotland Democratic Club, featuring Boothill Band, Clarksville Firehouse, \$15 admission, 7 p.m.-1 a.m.

**SUN DEC 11**

**BETHLEHEM**

**CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA**, at Bethlehem Historical Assn. Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. information, 436-8289.

**TUE DEC 13**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BOOK REVIEW**, sponsored by Delmar Progress Club, at home of Bobby Papile, Reservations, 439-5347.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**, sponsored by AARP Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter 1598, at Normanside Country Club, Elsmere, noon. Reservations, 465-9539 or 439-4048.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .**

**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.

**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.

**BETHLEHEM LANDFILL**, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday,

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**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.

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

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE**, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY**, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

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# Shakespeare goes local

The Bethlehem Central High School drama club will be bringing Shakespeare to Bethlehem with its production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The play, featuring the original language of Shakespeare, but with characters and locations based on local people and places, will be performed at the high school on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 9, and 10. All performances will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The production is set in the Town of Bethlehem using locations including Slingerlands, Main Square, and the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, said director James Yeara, but the original language is preserved. In another attempt to make the play more contemporary, several characters are based on community members, administrators and teachers, he added.

The entire cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," top left, takes a break from rehearsal. Rogean Cadiux, left, and Carla Torre practice their parts as "mechanicals" based on stores at Main Square, while Yeara, below left, looks on. Britt Luzzi and Sarah Stasko, bottom left, will be dancing up a storm during performances.

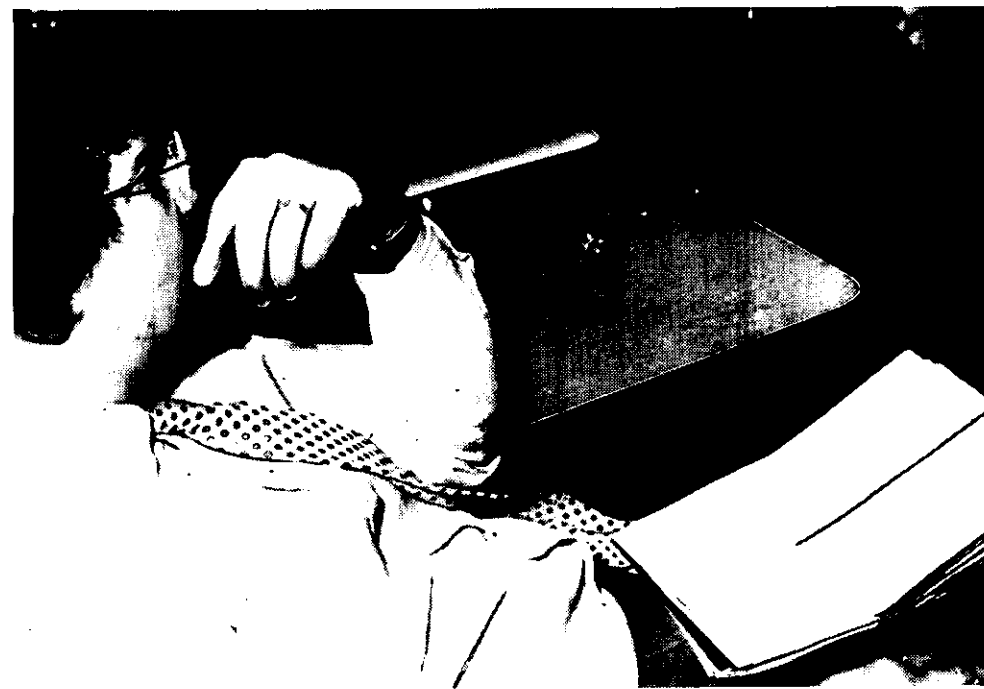
Trisha Greer, top right, poses a question to Geoff Rice, while Randi Wolkenbreit, bottom right, gets held back by Andy Seidon and Ben Vigoda.

There is "alot of excellent talent" among the 26 cast members, Yeara said.

The Bethlehem production will be performed for the Voorheesville Central School District in April and at the town library in May. Yeara also plans to enter the cast in several competitions.



*Tom Knight photos*



# Budget has no room for Jericho bridge

By Patricia Dumas

Albany County is budgeted to spend \$240.5 million in 1989, with a resulting 29 percent tax increase, but a public hearing last Wednesday to allow citizens to discuss the expenditure of their tax dollars drew only one speaker — a Selkirk man who came to talk about the Jericho Bridge and to see what a public hearing without the public is like.

Michael Fahey, who has led citizen demands for the bridge repair since it was closed in 1986,

## Albany County

told the 14 legislators present at the session:

"This is the first time I have attended a county budget hearing and I have to admit I was drawn almost as much by curiosity about its reputation as an open and closed deal as by the need that exists in the Town of Bethlehem." The hearing traditionally is scheduled for the afternoon before

Thanksgiving, a time that Republican legislators annually protest as being inconvenient for most taxpayers. The Democrat-controlled legislature consistently votes down Republican attempts to change the timing, and consistently the hearing is sparsely attended.

"During the past three years there has been a serious problem in the Town of Bethlehem," Fahey said. "A bridge has been closed and we have received very little satisfaction from the county.

I'd like to hear from anyone who can shed some light on what resources are available for the Jericho Bridge. We've waited almost three years and I think it's about time the county got its act together," Fahey said.

The hearing, in the legislative chambers of the county courthouse, lasted six minutes. Legislative Chairman Charles Cahill closed the session in the prescribed manner by asking three times: "Does anyone else wish to be heard?"

Cahill's gavel-pounding then ended the hearing on the budget that provides for a 29 percent increase in the county tax rate, a 38 percent increase in the total property tax levy, and a surplus of only \$8.9 million for subsidizing taxes.

Although the county budget does include more than \$2 million for maintenance and repair of highways and bridges, the Jericho Bridge repair currently is not part

of the spending program. The structure, the middle of three bridges that span the Conrail Yards in Selkirk, was closed in March, 1986, because it was rated potentially hazardous.

Initially, County Executive James Coyne said the county could act only if Conrail and the Town of Bethlehem also paid a share of the costs to repair or reconstruct the bridge. But after much prodding from Fahey and his citizen group — including research that shows that the bridge is solely the county's and Conrail's responsibility — county officials earlier this year started negotiations with Conrail. In a Nov. 2 letter to *The Spotlight*, Coyne said, "the county and Conrail are negotiating an acceptable arrangement for meeting the cost of repair" of the bridge.

Earlier this month, Fahey wrote a letter to all 39 legislators urging them to approve the county-Conrail settlement when it is eventually reached.



## Gunner speaks at middle school

The Bethlehem Central Middle School Leadership Club at its second annual Leadership Breakfast. While the club's work last year resulted in "the Pit", a space for relaxing after school, the finding

of asbestos in the area's floor tiles has left it closed until removal can take place. Recently retired high school principal Charles Gunner, right, addressed the students at the breakfast.

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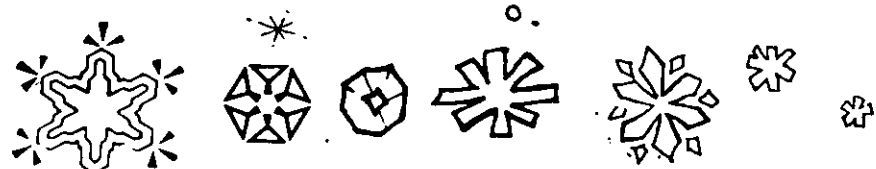
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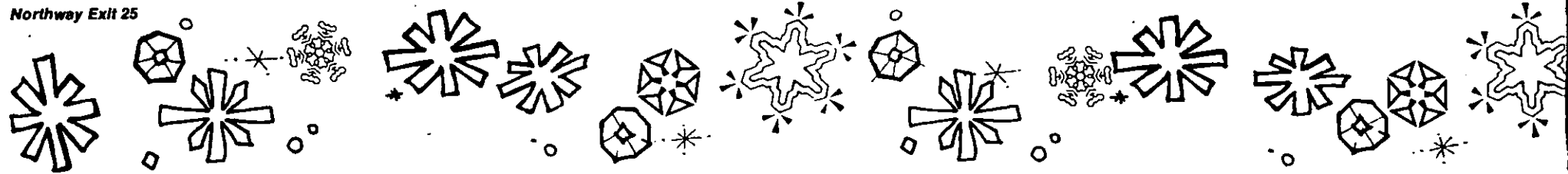
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<b>CORTINA VALLEY Haines Falls</b> <i>Thruway to Catskill, west on Rt. 23A 20 miles to Haines Falls.</i>	1 hr.	625	\$16	\$26	1-589-6500	1-589-6500	No nursery	90%	No cross country
<b>DEER RUN Stamford</b> <i>Thruway west to I-88, west to Richmondville, Rt. 101 south for 20 miles.</i>	1 1/4 hr.	750	\$27	\$27	(607) 652-7332	1-800-558-7669	Nursery	80%	30 mi., rentals, lessons
<b>GORE MOUNTAIN North Creek</b> <i>Northway Exit 25</i>	1 1/2 hrs.	2,100	\$28	\$28	1-251-2411	1-800-342-1234	Nursery	90%	10 km, rentals, lessons



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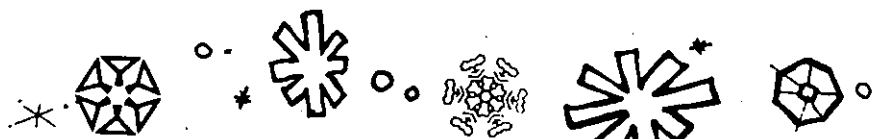
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<b>HAYSTACK</b> Wilmington, Vt.	1½ hrs.	1,400	\$15	\$29	(802) 464-5321	(802) 464-5321	Nursery	90%	Vicinity
From Bennington, Vt., take Rt. 9 east 19 miles to Wilmington. Left on Rt. 100, 2.4 miles to Col Brook Rd., 3 miles to Haystack.									
<b>HICKORY</b> Warrensburg	1¼ hrs.	1,210	Wkds & holidays only	NA	1-623-2825	1-623-2825	No nursery	None	No cross country
Thruway Exit 21, Rt. 9N west for 5 miles.									
<b>HIGHMOUNT</b> Highmount	1¼ hrs.	1,050		\$25	(914) 254-5265	1-800-255-7669	Nursery	60%	No cross country
Thruway south to exit 19, Kingston, Rt. 28 west for 40 miles.									
<b>HUNTER</b> Hunter	1½ hrs.	1,600	\$31	\$31	1-263-4223	1-800-367-7669	Nursery	100%	No cross country
Thruway south to Exit 21, east on Rt. 23 to Catskill, Rt. 9W south to Rt. 23A, west to Hunter									
<b>MINNY PEAK</b> Hancock, Mass.	1 hr.	1,140	\$25	\$30	(413) 738-5500	1-413-738-5500	Nursery	90%	No cross country
90 bridge over Hudson River, exit at Washington Ave., Rt. 43, east 29 miles.									
<b>MAGIC</b> Dundoderry, Vt.	1½ hrs.	1,700	\$16	\$32	(802) 824-5566	1-800-222-7545	Nursery	85%	.32km, rentals, lessons
Rt. 7 north from Bennington, Vt., to Manchester, Rt. 11 east for 18 miles.									
<b>MAPLE RIDGE</b> Schenectady	½ hr.	225	T-Sat nights \$10	\$16	393-5126 Ski School	381-4700	No nursery	100%	No trails, but permitted
Thruway west to I-88 exit. Left at first light, ¼ mile left on Burdack St., ¼ mile to Rt. 159, 3 miles on left.									
<b>MOUNT SNOW</b> Mount Snow, Vt.	1½ hrs.	1,700	\$34	\$34	(802) 464-3333	1-802-464-2151	Nursery	80%	Vicinity
Rt. 9 east from Bennington, Vt., 20 miles to Wilmington, north on Rt. 100 for 9 miles.									

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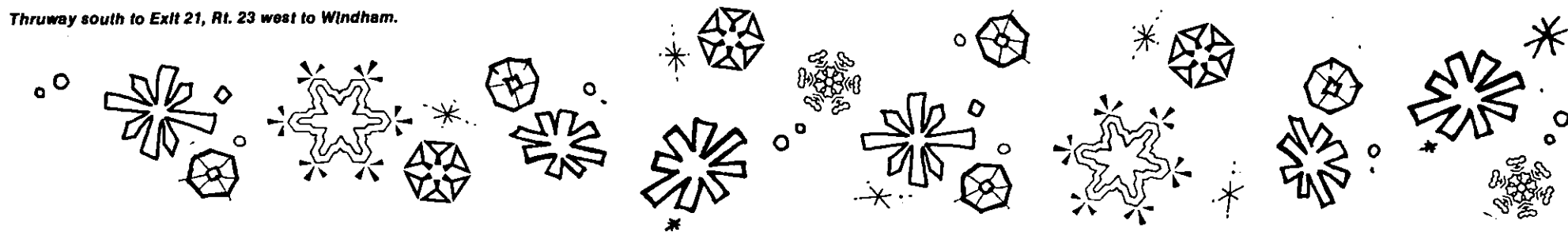
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<b>PLATTEKILL</b> Roxbury <i>Thruway west to I-88, south to Rt. 30, south to Roxbury.</i>	1 hr.	1,000	\$16	\$24	(607) 326-7547	1-607-326-7547	Nursery	90%	No cross country
<b>PROSPECT</b> Bennington, Vt. <i>Eight miles east of Bennington, Vt., on Rt. 9.</i>	1 hr.	700	No midweek	\$17	(802) 442-2575	1-802-442-2575	No nursery	None	40 km, rentals, lessons
<b>STRATTON</b> Stratton Mountain, Vt. <i>Rt. 7 north from Bennington, Vt., to Manchester. East on Rt. 11 for 37 miles, Rt. 30 to Bondville.</i>	1½ hrs.	2,003	\$20	\$35	(802) 297-2200	1-800-297-2211	Nursery	62%	27 km, rentals, lessons
<b>WEST MOUNTAIN</b> Glens Falls <i>Northway Exit 18, 3 miles west on West Mountain Rd.</i>	¾ hr.	1,010	\$19 (shift)	\$24 2-day	1-793-6606	1-793-6606	No nursery	70%	Vicinity
<b>WILLARD</b> Greenwich <i>I-787 to Rt. 7, Troy, north on Rt. 40, 20 miles to North Easton.</i>	¾ hr.	505	\$16	\$16	1-692-7337	1-692-7337	No nursery	70%	No cross country
<b>WINDHAM</b> Windham <i>Thruway south to Exit 21, Rt. 23 west to Windham.</i>	1 hr.	1600	\$23	\$32	1-734-4300	1-800-342-5111	Nursery	97%	Vicinity



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# News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

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## Songs of the season

Christmas must surely be on the way as the A.W. Becker first, second and third graders kick off the holiday concert schedule on Thursday, Dec. 1, with their chorus performing at the RCS Senior high school at 7:30 p.m. A concert combining the Becker fourth and fifth graders with P.B. Coeymans Elementary school will be held at the RCS Senior High School on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. It has been many years since all the elementary chorus and band members have performed together.

## Christmas tea to be held

Members of the Bethlehem Historical Association will celebrate the holiday season with their annual Christmas Silver Tea on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Schoolhouse Museum on Route 144 in Cedar Hill.

For the first time this year, an outdoor Christmas tree as well as outdoor decorations will adorn the museum. Various types of creches, wreaths and greens will be on display. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the spirit of the season viewing the decorations and enjoying the refreshments.

## Fund to help needy families

The Annual White Christmas Fund sponsored by the A.W. Becker School will begin its drive to help needy families in the area this holiday season. Each child is asked to bring in a can of food to share. Any member of the community may contribute by bringing your contribution to the school. Also look for an announcement brought home by your child regarding donations of new toys and clothing. Families requesting food assistance are asked to call Keating, principal at the Becker School. Your name will be kept in strictest confidence.

## Teacher publishes children's book

Joyce Hunt, first grade teacher at A.W. Becker will be publishing her first children's book, "Eat Your Heart Out Victoria Chubs," to be published by the Scholastic Press. Scholastic Magazine will be offering it as one of their book club selections.

## Hide donations sought

The Bethlehem Elks still are seeking donations of deer hides for use in the state Veterans Hospital crafts programs. Please contact Ken Parker at the lodge 767-286 if you can contribute to this worthy program.

## Elected student council president

Matthew Smith, a junior at Hofstra University in Hempstead, was elected president of the student council for 1988-89. He served as a member of the student senate in his sophomore year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Smith of Selkirk.

## ASAP extends services

The After Schools Activity Program, Inc. (ASAP) is now able to offer care for the children of families qualified to receive state Department of Social Services assistance at no cost to parents. Six children can be served at the Becker building and six at P.B. Coeymans. If you are a working parent looking for quality after school care for your afternoon kindergartener through fifth grader call 756-3933 or 767-3459.

## Spell-a-thon to be held

The American Lung Association is sponsoring a Super Spell-a-thon in the RCS district. Contestants will be collecting sponsors with proceeds going to the lung association. Students in the second, third, fourth and fifth grades will be taking a test on Dec. 9, with prizes for winners in several categories. The schools have received classroom educational aides for each grade level on the lungs and how to keep them healthy.

## Santa plans visit

Santa Claus is still busy at the North Pole but he'll be taking some time off to visit his young friends at the Selkirk No. 1 Fire House on Sunday, Dec. 11. When he decides on his arrival time, he said he will let us know.

## Post office sponsors food drive

The Delmar Post Office, in conjunction with Albany County Social Services, is sponsoring a holiday food drive for needy families in the Town of Bethlehem.

Donations of non-perishable foods or cash will be accepted in the post office lobby through Dec. 22, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays and between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

## Lions selling Christmas trees

The Bethlehem Lions Club will begin selling Canadian balsam Christmas trees on Friday, Dec. 2, at the former Dairy Queen building, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. The sale will be held from 5 until 10 p.m. on Fridays, and from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the group's community service projects.

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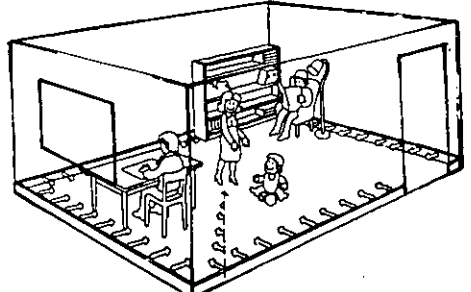
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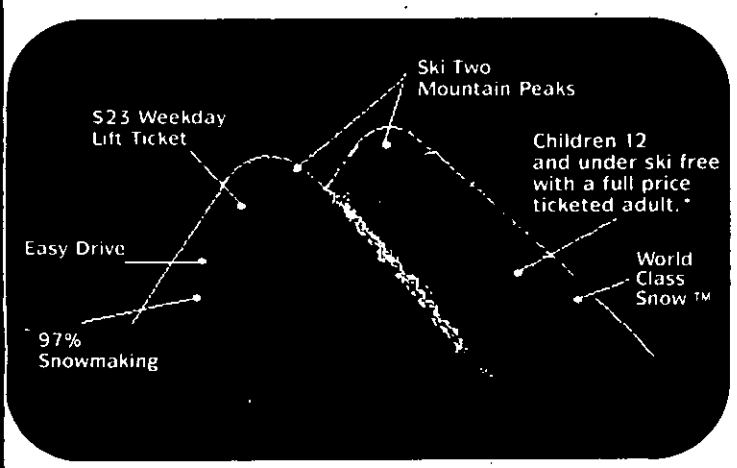
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# Voorheesville bond issue

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proposal." McKenna's proposal included all fire safety and asbestos recommendations, as well as alterations of existing classrooms to create a high school science suite and construction of a four-classroom addition. The proposal also included alterations and a gym for the elementary school.

"I'd hate to bet a week's pay on the outcome of this bond issue, even just for the asbestos and safety items, which we have to do," McKenna said.

## Asbestos projects

Asbestos removal will be included in any bond issue the board puts before voters. Under the proposals presented for the board's consideration, were projects to remove asbestos from the corridors, lobby, classrooms, piping, kitchen, office wing, music area, faculty room, auditorium, cafeteria and swimming pool. The cost of the asbestos removal, which was divided into two projects, is \$1,838,600. The figure includes funds for replacing lighting and ceilings as well as money for temporary lighting and ceilings in the event work is not completed before the start of school in September.

The elementary school project, which was estimated at \$735,800, calls for the removal of asbestos from classrooms, the cafeteria, kitchen, corridors and piping.

Removal of floor tiles containing asbestos from the cafeteria was included due to the poor condition of the tile. The project also included the cost of replacing ceilings and lighting, as well as the cafeteria floor.

The board considered spending nearly \$750,000 for removal the asbestos-containing floor tile from all the areas in both schools where asbestos removal was slated. Although no decision was made, by late in the meeting several board members were considering spending the money for other program-related construction because the floor tile asbestos is not friable.

## Fire safety items

The district had several items in its 1987 fire inspection report that were not in compliance with state Education Department and state building codes. These items have to be corrected before the district can get a permanent certificate of occupancy from the education department, said Gene Grasso, district business administrator. The district currently does not have a certificate of occupancy for its two schools, he said.

Grasso said the district has been in constant contact with the state Education Department about the code items and is continuing to deal with making the corrections. Because of the high cost of the repair work, the bond issue is the best fiscal way to pay for the work, he said. The district will

likely be eligible for its full state aid reimbursement ratio by putting the projects together and following education department guidelines, he added.

The cost of the fire safety compliance items is \$224,800 and includes 13 pairs of exit doors, two exits from the high school courtyard, escape windows at the elementary school. Exits from the elementary school cafeteria and a second exit from the stage are also included.

Currently, some exit doors at the high school and elementary school are being chained at night because of the poor condition of the door locks, which is in violation of code. Other violations include: emergency escape windows in the 1927 and 1949 parts of the elementary school; the exit doors at the elementary school auditorium swing in; lack of a second means of egress from the elementary stage; the lack of two proper exits from the high school courtyard.

## Contingency

If the proposed bond issue is rejected by voters, the asbestos and fire safety items could be declared contingency items in upcoming district operating budgets, Grasso said.

If district residents vote down the annual operating budget, as they have in recent years, the contingency items remain in the operating budget. The asbestos removal and fire safety items would then be paid for by district residents in their yearly taxes and would result in a greater tax impact in a single year than the bond issue.

However, the board of education must decide what items would be declared contingency, and not all of the work would have to be included. The board could decide on including the entire \$2,799,100 or only \$1, Grasso said. The board's consensus was that some of the work would be declared contingency budget items in the event of a bond issue failure.

## Other items

Several other items were included in the \$5 million base figure the board worked with.

The base plan included a new boiler heating system for the high school to replace the original system that is 30 years old.

The system would be converted from steam to hot water, and the project would include new piping to replace existing piping embedded in concrete floors. The new piping would help the district avoid a situation similar to the one that recently caused two classrooms to be closed for more than two weeks. The cost of the conversion would be \$1,480,700.

The base package also included entrance handrails for the handicapped at the high school, as well as new auditorium and stage lighting and a new auditorium sound system. A new fire alarm system, new wiring, renovation of bathrooms were slated for the elementary school.

## Middle school concept

The high school project proposals included building an addition to create a separate area for a middle school connected to the existing high school building. Due to the time constraints of putting a bond issue before voters allowing work in June, some board members and the superintendent were not in favor of including the option in the bond proposal. Both Gonan and McKenna noted more time was needed to explore the option, which would result in grouping grade six with grades seven and eight in the middle school.

The cost of creating the middle school would be \$5,328,300, including a new courtyard science suite, an 11-classroom addition and enlargement of the existing cafeteria.

Board Member Mary Van Ryn felt the proposal to build only a four-classroom addition at the high school would prevent the district from creating a middle school. McKenna said the addition would not prevent a later addition for the creation of a middle school. "Frankly, I think it's very likely we'll get authorization for asbestos and to correct code violations and that's it," he said.

Board President Joseph Fernandez said the issue could be brought to voters in a year or year-

and-a-half. "There's no way in a year-and-a-half voters will go for another bond issue," Van Ryn replied.

Board Member Steven Schreiber also questioned the "likelihood of being able to go back a second time and being successful . . . the more I see the size of the bond, the more difficulty I see in going back a second time."

Van Ryn later took exception to the middle school concept not being included in the bond issue. "I'm sitting here very angry," she said. "Apparently what I say doesn't matter to many people." She said the way the bond issue was being handled by the board would not allow the district to create a middle school and added that members of the board "said they don't understand" the middle school concept.

Fernandez said the board had agreed not make a decision about the middle school concept because it would require lengthy discussion and a review by the public. The time required to explore the middle school option would not allow the district to get the bond approved and begin asbestos work in the summer, he said. He again stated his belief the issue could be brought before voters at a later time.

"I really believe we have not been unfair or unmindful . . . the consensus was to move toward something that made sense and accept compromise. If we get 8.5 (million dollars), we'll do the best we can with it," Fernandez said.

## Police charge man with felony DWI

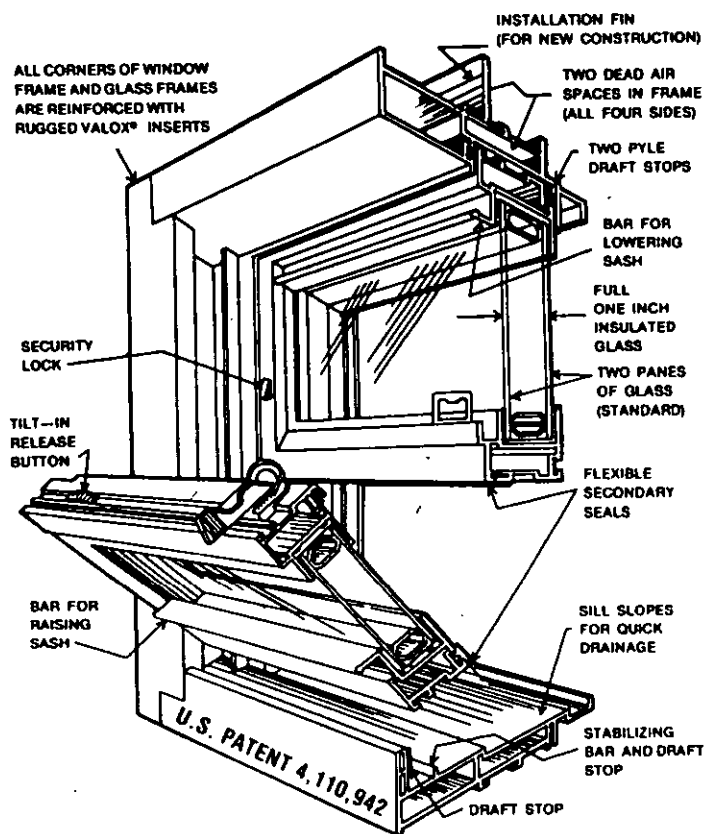
A 22-year-old Glenmont man was arrested on felony driving while intoxicated charges early Thursday morning after being stopped for traffic violations. Bethlehem police said.

Timothy Leahy was charged with felony DWI and felony aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, police said. He was stopped on Henderson Rd after a police radar unit determined he was speeding on Rt. 9W and ran a red light on Feura Bush Rd, police said. Police said the arrest was made after the odor of alcohol was detected and Leahy failed pre-screening device tests.

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# County drops inspection role

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron  
New Scotland may have to take a more active role in approving septic systems for individual residences and small subdivisions — a prospect that does not appear to appeal to town officials.

At last Tuesday night's special presentation on individual water and sewer systems, the New Scotland Planning Board learned that the Albany County Health Department is no longer claiming jurisdiction for anything smaller than 5.001 acre subdivisions, although it will provide technical assistance to the town for smaller projects.

Tuesday's meeting was dominated by the technical requirements of septic systems, and the lack of audience made it almost unnecessary for Chairman Robert Hampston to explain that Steven Lukowski's talk was "just for the benefit of the board."

Hampston only wanted to make it clear that the Albany County environmental health services director would not be taking questions from the audience at that time.

Lukowski detailed evapotranspiration or "transvap" systems, the "fill-type" of sewage disposal. "Where mother nature did not provide adequate fill, man does," Lukowski said of the systems.

Lukowski explained that a three-bedroom house required a 90 foot by 90 foot by 4 foot high field of "fill" for a transvap system to evaporate the sewage and byproducts safely. The health department "conservatively" estimates about 150 gallons of waste per bedroom. "That requires a very expensive amount of fill" said Lukowski, estimating the costs at \$10,000 to \$14,000 for the fill alone, without labor or other expenses.

A question was raised regarding the effectiveness of the transvap systems, and Lukowski said that the ones that don't work generally aren't maintained. For instance, a two-bedroom house has been made into a four bedroom house, doubling the amount of waste, or the tanks aren't properly cleaned."

Lukowski explained that the Health Department only gets involved in regulating and approving subdivisions, and that anything under 5.001 acres or less falls under the town's jurisdiction. He said that in many areas, developers were dividing their developments into lots smaller

than the 5.001 in order to avoid Health Department codes, but that "the uniform building code gives your building inspector broad power" to take over where the Health Department leaves off. The Health Department would also provide what Lukowski termed "conceptual" approval of anything the town would like them to look at.

"This seems to put us in the role of a consumer protection agency, and I don't know if we would want to be put in that position," planning board attorney John Bailey commented.

After the meeting, Hampston said that "on the individual lots, it's a little less clear. I think it will be a little more discretionary, with the Department of Health advising. But the way it works right now, they evaluate the water and sewer for single lots. But our consultants, C.T. Male, would continue to advise us as well. And we will make sure we have a good paper flow in between."

## Bowlers, sponsors sought for CP bowlathon

A bowlathon to benefit the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled in Albany will be held at the Playdium Bowling Center, Ontario and Park, Albany, on Saturday, Dec. 3. The first shift will run from midnight until 4 a.m. The second shift will begin bowling at 12:30 p.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

For information call 489-8336 or 462-8041.

## Family concerts scheduled

The Vanguard-Albany Symphony will present family concerts at the Palace Theater in Albany on Sunday, Jan. 22, and Sunday, March 12. Both concerts will begin at 3 p.m. For tickets call 465-4663.



## Musical history

Voorheesville junior high students Domenica Graffunder and Jamie Guerrero listen as George Ward sets English and history lessons to music. Ward and musical colleague Mitzi Collins spent one week in residency at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School as part of a grant written by Old Songs, Inc. for the school's new humanities program. *Lyn Staff*

# Pinnacle Rd. project aired

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Robert Mitchell's proposed Pinnacle subdivision received heavy questioning at last Tuesday night's New Scotland Planning Board meeting.

After Steven Lukowski's earlier presentation on individual water systems, it was no surprise that the board devoted the majority of its questions to the water supply of the 21 proposed lots.

Whether or not the lots were sufficiently large to support transvap septic systems was discussed, but not determined.

As the development is located in both New Scotland and Berne, two different fire districts may be involved. While New Scotland provides garbage collection, Berne

does not, possibly adding other problems. The developer was also notified by the highway department that the intended number of driveway cuts was too many for the area.

Robert Hampston, planning board chairman, commented that "there are a lot of issues here — the kind that create problems for towns. Since the board hasn't seen comments from the Health Department and our consultants, we can only indicate the things that we are uncomfortable with."

A public hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in

the town hall for the public to see what has been proposed, and make comments.

## Conductor to speak

Conductor Kenneth Kiesler, who will conduct the Albany Symphony Orchestra concerts on Dec. 2 and 3, will speak at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 3 p.m. The lecture will be presented as part of the Bethlehem Public Library Overture Series. For information call 465-4755.

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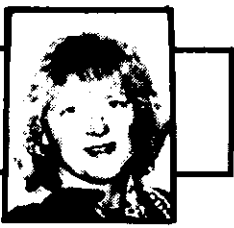
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## Musical offerings

The sound of music will be in the air during December as the area schools present their annual winter concerts. To start off the three Wednesdays of music in Voorheesville, the Elementary School will present its musical offering next week on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The sixth grade band directed by Lydia Tobler will perform several pieces including "Soliloquy" and "Masters in This Hall".

The fifth grade chorus will present songs including "Dwayne the Reindeer" and "Mr. Snowshoes" while the sixth grade chorus will sing "A Hanukkah Song" and "The Marvelous Toy".

Both choruses under the direction of Cynthia McDermott will present a combined finale. Entitled "A Holiday Medley", the piece includes several seasonal songs including "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus".

The Senior High music groups will give their concert on Dec. 14 while the Junior High musicians will perform on Dec. 21. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

All three concerts are free and open to the public.

## Kiwanis wreath sale

To add to the spirit of the season the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold its annual wreath sale beginning this weekend with stands being set up in Voorheesville, Slingerlands and Guelderland.

On both weekends the Kiwanians will be selling wreaths at the Star Super Market in Guelderland from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday and noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday. Wreaths will be on sale both Dec. 3 and 4 and Dec. 10 and 11.

Meanwhile, back in Voorheesville the men's service organization

will sell wreaths at Stewarts, Stonewell and the Voorheesville Pharmacy from Tuesday, Dec. 6, through Saturday, Dec. 10. Sales will take place at the pharmacy from 4 to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. At Stewarts wreaths will be sold from 6 to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday and at Stonewell the sale will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The wreaths, made from freshly cut greens, will cost \$10 each with the profits going to the many Kiwanis Youth programs including Grasshopper baseball and softball, pee wee wrestling, youth soccer and summer band.

## Christmas trees too

Girl Scouts from Voorheesville troop 259 will be selling Christmas trees on Dec. 3 and 4 and 10 and 11. The trees, cut by the girls themselves, will be on sale in front of Smith's Tavern from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the girls on their trip to England during the next year to meet with other scouts from around the world. Previously the group visited Our Cabana, a girl scout center in Mexico.

## Christmas Past

The New Scotland Historical Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8

p.m. in the Town Hall. Featured speaker will be Jean Lauber of the Albany Institute of History and Art, who will speak on "Christmas Through the eyes of the Artist." Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

## Super Team introduced

A reminder to area residents that a special meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library to introduce the public to the Super Team program organized to help prevent and combat substance abuse.

Those members of the staff and community who attended the extended workshop in Long Island earlier this month were: from the grade school, John Tobiasen, Peter Douglas, Mary Van Ryn, Laura Taggart and Robin Trencher. From the high school, team members were: Peter Griffin, Jerry Gordinier, Sherry Burgoon, Collette McCarty and Phil Davis.

## Magazine drive ends

The annual senior magazine drive ended this fall with a total of \$7,000 in sales, resulting in over \$2,000 in profit for the class treasury.

Top sales person was Amy Zongrone, who brought in over \$533 in sales, while second place went to Jason Biernacki with a \$377 total. Third place sales person was Deb McCluskey with

\$370 in sales, Joanne Vilar was fourth with \$364 and fifth was Amy Tesch with \$336. Other seniors rounding out the top ten were Donna Hawkins, Amy Rourke, Kristin Taylor and, Craig Shufelt, all of whom sold over \$200.

The money from the sale will be used for a special spring activity and rental of caps and gowns for graduation.

A last-minute reminder that the Salem Hills Park Association will hold its annual meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountaintown Rd. All residents of the Voorheesville subdivision are welcome to attend.

## New businesses

Two new Voorheesville businesses will hold an open house this weekend to acquaint residents with their services. Peter Luczal and Nancy Parella of Waddell and Reed, who have opened their own independent office of financial services, and Rhonda Flansburg who will operate Rhonda's Style styling shop, invite everyone to stop by their open house Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at 34 Main St. A representative of the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance which owns the building, will also be on hand. Refreshments will be served.

## Theatre arts classes offered

The Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts still has spaces available for next semester acting and movement courses. The classes are divided into introductory and scene-study sections, and meet at the Theatre Arts School of ESIPA at the Egg every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 until 10:30 p.m. For information call 443-5285 or write to ESIPA at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, N.Y. 12223. The deadline for class registration is Jan. 1, 1989. The classes will begin on Jan. 10 and run through April 8.

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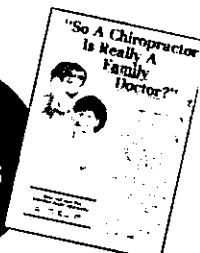
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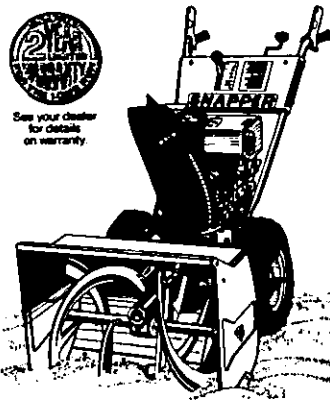
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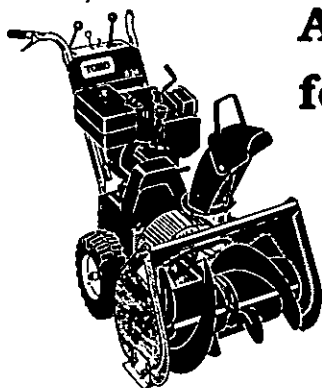
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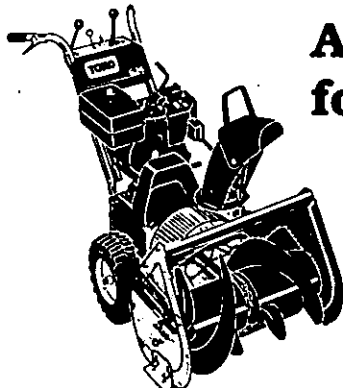


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# T-Class gives kids time to be themselves

By Lyn Stapf

For most people more time is always welcome, but to some young students additional time can be vital in laying the groundwork for a lifetime of successful learning.

At least that's what elementary school teacher Pat Burnham believes, and she and other teachers in the Voorheesville Elementary School piloted a project for an alternative first grade that will give some students additional time to lay a good foundation in the early years of their education, better preparing them for a more positive experience in school.

ready for first grade, volunteered to take on the class and spent a good portion of that summer formulating a curriculum.

"It was a lot of work," she admits, a statement backed up by her husband, Dave, who teaches sixth grade in the district. "With both the class being new and me being new at it, there was a lot of work to be done just to cover the basics."

In addition to that, there was no set state curriculum for such a class either to follow or augment. The mother of two had her work cut out for her.

Keeping in mind the main objective of the program was "to bridge kindergarten and first

activity for play but in actuality "it is not playing but learning through play."

Using every sense, the students move through the day in a number of short sessions to hold their interest with a variety of activities each geared to hone a specific skill. From sixth grade reading buddies who come in in the morning to dancing in the afternoon to writing to field trips, T-Class students are kept busy with a variety of activities to help students master concepts and in doing so build their confidence as well.

And from the concrete results of the first year obviously such a program works. After a year in

**"We use a lot of hands-on programming. For instance, when we do measurement we bring out the cups and measure water, sugar — anything we can."**

Burnham and many experts in the field of early childhood development feel that for some students the difference between success and frustration in school is merely a matter of time.

Concerned about the rising number of retentions in kindergarten, the primary grade teachers in Voorheesville several years ago began extensive research into alternative programs for students who did not seem quite ready for the rigors of the usual all day academic first grade program.

After many visits to schools having such classes and researching considerable reading and documentation about the positive effects of such alternative programs, the committee decided that a transition class concept best represented their philosophy, as well as the needs of their students.

With the backing of school principal Donna Grant-Canavan and Superintendent Louise Gonan, the group brought a proposal for such a pre-first class before the Board of Education in May 1987, and immediately received the go ahead to proceed with the innovative class that fall.

Burnham, a first grade teacher, who had seen the frustrations of students that were not quite

grade as perfectly as possible," Burnham worked out a totally individualized program to "take each child from where they were and to go as far as they possibly could go" in a way that would best suit their needs.

Although all the other grades in the school use a basal reader, the T-Class program, as it has become known, relied basically on the whole language approach, working without workbooks or texts but rather having students read from other sources and many times reading what they themselves had written.

Burnham explains that as a "child-centered program T-Class uses concrete or tangible experiences to introduce abstract or intangible learning skills.

"We use a lot of hands-on programming. For instance, when we do measurement we bring out the cups and measure water, sugar — anything we can. Seeing it means a lot more to the class than just seeing pictures of it on a piece of paper."

Using a variety of "manipulatives" the students learn the relationships of objects to each other by doing rather than just thinking.

Burnham points out that people coming in might mistake such

T-Class students were tested and not only performed as well as some of their peers but some actually exceeded the levels of other students entering first grade.

Burnham attributes the success of the program to several key factors. To begin with the kindergarten teachers were expert in their diagnosis of possible candidates' making the job of the transition committee and the teacher much easier.

The administration was also behind the project which made much of the red tape of the first year less complicated.

But outside of the enthusiasm and attitude of the students themselves, the most important factor of all was the parents, many of whom were leary at first about their children being part of this "experimental program" but who were constantly in there



T-Class creator Pat Burnham with students at her innovative Voorheesville Elementary School program.

helping in any way they could, attending the many parents night activities which involved both parents and students in a variety of hands-on events.

Monica Rivenberg, whose son Jeffrey was one of the first 12 students in the program, admits she had reservations about the class when it was proposed to her in the spring of 1987, but after seeing how the class worked she became an enthusiastic supporter of the program.

"As room mother I was in the class a lot and saw most of what went on." Although she was impressed by the time and effort Burnham put into everything as well as the attitude of the students, the end results were what made her a true believer. Seeing her October child become

so positive about himself was in itself well worth it, she said.

"T-Class gave the children somewhere to advance to. It was not a repeat of kindergarten but a program which gave them the chance to do what they were ready to do."

With T-Class now in its second year, Burnham as had time to look back and evaluate the program which helps students grow horizontally as well as vertically — and on the whole she is most pleased with what she sees. Although she has changed some of her techniques to suit this year's dozen "individuals" she still feels that the most important aspect of the program itself is that gift of time it provides to help each child reach their potential.

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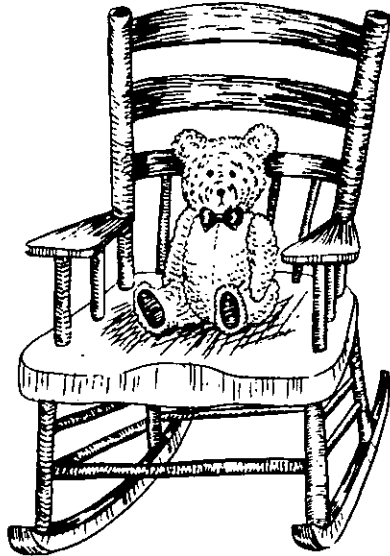
can go on making these books and having a market for them because I like to write and I like to share stories," she said. "It's not to have the next Garfield or anything like that. It's to write more books."

"I'm working with an agent in New York on developing subsidiary rights so that I can turn them over to a larger publishing house so that I can have the fun of writing the books and someone else can have the fun of marketing the books," said Kurland. "It really takes too much time to do both." In addition to developing subsidiary rights, the Susan Herner Rights Agency is handling licensing.

Currently, the Kenyon Bear Books are being offered by two national distributors, most Capital District bookstores, and Gingersnips and Johnson Stationers in Delmar.

Kurland said *Sara's Story* is the most complex of the three books she has written. "Sara is a little bit more complex but in a sense a very simple story," she said.

"What I hope children will take away from it is the sense that animals do have feelings and that it's important to treat them with kindness and caring," she said. "It can also be read as an analogy for the homeless or for all the children that are not wanted. So it can be read on several different levels."



Drawings by Jane Isabella

"It's the story about the friendship between a bear that nobody wanted and a dog that nobody wanted and the courage they have to find to stay together," she said.

"They have to face the things that they fear the most, the things that are the hardest to do," said Kurland. "In the dog's case, he has to learn to trust. Sara has to overcome her basic fear and lack of confidence."

"That's an important lesson for children: You can't just keep running away from your fears. You have to face them," she said.

"I think it will be a good book for parents to read to their

children," she said. "It does deal very directly with how the bears interact with each other and learn to acknowledge and be considerate of the feelings of each other."

"While it deals with serious subjects, it does it in a very magical and at times light-hearted way," said Kurland.

"It would make a wonderful Christmas present to open on Christmas Eve for a read-aloud," said Kurland. "But this is not specifically a Christmas story."

The third book in the Kenyon Bear series is illustrated by Jane Isabella of Johnstown. Isabella attended Fulton Montgomery Community College for two years and the Art Institute at Boston for three years. Mark Kenyon, who illustrated the first two volumes, was unable to illustrate another book because of his other professional commitments, according to Kurland.

"We wanted to keep the overall sense of magic and whimsy that the original drawings had; but, I wanted her to develop her own style, her own look. I wanted her to stay within the flavor of the first two books," said Kurland. "I think she has done a good job of developing the right balance."

Kurland said working with a new illustrator was a learning experience. "It was very rewarding giving a showcase to two such talented illustrators' work," said Kurland.

According to Kurland, the first illustration of the bears was done by Kenyon for an ad in *The Spotlight*. His mother, Jane Kenyon of Elsmere, made all of the stuffed teddy bears in the former Shuttle Hill Herb Shop. Kurland said she knew more could be done when she saw the illustration.

"It all evolved out of the bears we had at the shop," said Kurland. She explained that



Author Alexandra Kurland of Delmar and Kenyon Bear hope area children will enjoy reading *Sara's Story: The Bear Nobody Wanted*. In addition to sharing their teddy bear adventures, Kurland and Kenyon visit area schools as representatives of Animal Ambassadors. Theresa Bobear

while she looked at the bears playing in the shop window one day, the story for the first book came into her mind. "We knew that we had something that was good, something that was worth showing. So it was just a matter of deciding how to produce it," said Kurland.

Bear Hollow Press was formed. "Two years later we had a book," she said.

Kurland said a manufacturer interested in manufacturing Kenyon Bears would have to arrange licensing through the Bear Hollow Press.

"Things could become very complicated. That's why I have an agent in New York," said Kurland.

"I'm not saying 'no' to anything; but, I'm letting things evolve. I'm not forcing anything," the author said.

"It takes a year to make a book. It takes years to develop books and develop a market for them,"

she said. "I'm enjoying myself immensely working with the books."

"With books you absolutely don't know what could happen," she said. "It could be a nice local book or could be something that is known nationally."

"Writing is a very participatory process. You need an audience," she said.

"When I'm writing I have a picture in my mind. The stories have always just been. So it's just a matter of writing as fast and as furiously as possible to get them down on paper," she said. "The bears told me the stories. Maybe that's why they work, because they come from the bears themselves."

"It is exciting to see where the books are going; and, it will be exciting to see where they will go," said Kurland.

"All I know is that people keep asking me when the next book is



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coming out; and, people say their children keep asking to have the stories read to them for a month," she said.

Kurland has begun working on her next book with Linda Tellington-Jones, founder of Animal Ambassadors.

*Teddies to the Rescue* is still available in hardcover for \$11.95. *Edgrr The Bear Who Wanted to be Real* is available in softcover for \$5.95. *Sara's Story, The Bear Nobody Wanted* is available for \$12.95 in hardcover and \$6.95 in softcover. Readers may purchase the books through the mail by sending the price of the book, plus tax and \$2 for shipping, to Bear Hollow Press, 110 Salisbury Rd., Delmar, N.Y. 12054.



**Kenyon, a bear cub orphaned and injured during the past summer's forest fires, is recovering at the Camino Viejo Equine Clinic in Austin, Texas. The cub was adopted and named in honor of Alexandra Kurland's efforts on behalf of Animal Ambassadors, International.**

### Saratoga spas book available locally

"Saratoga — Queen of the Spas," by Dr. Grace Maguire Swanner, is now available in several Delmar-area bookstores.

The book is a source book on the Saratoga spas. Swanner was a medical intern to the spas' medical director, was a doctor in the city and acted as medical director of the spas.

"Saratoga — Queen of the Spas," (North Country Books, \$14.95) is available at Friar Tuck

book shop in Delaware Plaza, North River. book shop on Delaware Ave. in Albany, and it will be available at the Bethlehem Public Library. Proceeds from the book will go to the Historical Society of Saratoga Springs.

## Animal ambassadors

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introduce students to creative writing using Kenyon Bear; and, I introduce them to Animal Ambassadors.

"I reaffirm the importance of animals in their lives and the magical connection they can have with animals," she said. "An animal, such as a family cat or dog, can teach a child about responsibility, caring and compassion. These are values that are important to carry on into interaction with people."

During the past summer's forest fires, Animal Ambassadors took responsibility for orphaned bear cubs captured by the Montana Fish and Wildlife Service. According to Kurland, the group placed 10 bears in zoos or back in the wild. The last bear, which had suffered head injuries, was sent to the Camino Viejo Equine Clinic, Austin, Texas, for

treatment. The bear has been named Kenyon.

"We've sent a number of books abroad via Animal Ambassadors, including some to the Soviet Union, because Animal Ambassadors is also a cultural exchange program," Kurland said.

"When I started with *Teddies*, it never occurred to me that Kenyon would become connected to Animal Ambassadors," she said. "That is exciting to have this association with a group that has the potential to do a great deal of good in the world."

"Every time we can make a connection with people in that country, we improve our chance for peace," Kurland said the group's physical training method can improve the quality of life for stroke victims, as well as the physically and mentally disabled. "If we improve the self-esteem and confidence of children, they

will have better lives," she said.

Kurland has already begun working on her next book with Linda Tellington-Jones. "It's still just in the developmental stage, of course, so anything can happen," Kurland said. "It will explain the philosophy of Animal Ambassadors." *Theresa Bobear*

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# Gold-enstart for Indians

## 68-58 win earns RCS tournament trophy

by Curt VanDerzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys' varsity basketball team started off what looks to be a very promising year by winning their own Ravena Gold Medal Tournament Saturday.

The win meant a lot to both RCS players and fans, who in the past few seasons have experienced but heartache. The tournament trophy shows that things are starting to look up for the boys as they try to rebound from a disappointing 4-16 season last year. This season, Coach James Gorham has four returning starters including Jason Tucker who was named to the All-tournament Team and Phil Nicewonger who was named as the Tournament MVP.

On Friday night, the Indians

opened their season by beating Ichabod Crane 68-46. Nicewonger led the way with 23 points and 8 blocked shots. Tony Johnston chipped in 19 points.

Ravena took control of the game in the third quarter when it outscored Ichabod Crane 23-12.

Coach Gorham praised Nicewonger and Johnston but was also very pleased with the play of junior Tony Cary and sophomore Julio Colon.

In Saturday night's championship game, the Indians took on a very tough Maple Hill team. Maple Hill jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead and looked like they were going to run away with it when they extended their lead to 17-5. At that point the Indians woke up and went on an 18-2 tear to take the lead for good.

Nicewonger again led the way with 20 points. Jason Tucker added 12 points and 6 assists and Jim Rexford scored 10, hitting all five of his shots from the field.

### Jayvees victorious

The boys junior varsity team started off their regular season with a 2-0 record also. With center Steve Bullock leading the way, the Indians beat Ichabod Crane on Friday night and then went on to crush Voorheesville in the championship game.

The Indians will look to continue their winning ways when they begin their regular season this Friday night when they host Cohoes. The JV game starts at 6 p.m. and the varsity game starts approximately 7:30 p.m.



RCS's Anthony Cary lays up a shot over a Maple Hill defender in Saturday's championship game. R. H. Davis

# Lady Indians take second

By Curt VanDerzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls' varsity basketball team got off to a good start by taking second place in the Ravena Gold Medal Tournament this weekend.

The girls opened their season Friday night by beating Catskill 31-23. Sophomore Joan Marie Nunziato scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter as Ravena outscored Catskill 10-3. Cherie Stalker led all scorers with 11 points.

On Saturday in the championship game, the Indians ran into a more experienced and more talented Voorheesville team. Voorheesville took a 24-15 lead at the half and gradually pulled away for a 52-34 victory. Colleen Connors and Wendy Parker led the way with 8 points each.

Both Wendy Parker and Joan Marie Nunziato were named to the All-tournament Team.

The Lady Indians begin their

regular season this Friday night when they travel to Cohoes.

The Lady Indians will be rebuilding this year under new coach Tom Tucker. They lost their top six players from last year's team. Coach Tucker will have to look to his seniors Wendy Parker and Bridget Kelley for leadership.

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Women — Kristi Flanigan 249, Sharon Lyons 602.

Major girls — Traci Layman 181, 483.

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Junior girls — Kristina Blair 218, 483.

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Prep girls — Kristin Rider 169.

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Bantam girls — Kim Comtois 130, 287.

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Major boys — Mike Peters 236, 834 (four games).

Major girls — Tammy Smith 223.

# Moser sizes up BC's prospects

By Bill Dixon

In describing what he calls "the hardest working team I've had at Bethlehem," Bethlehem boys' basketball coach Jack Moser said, the whole question of his team's success depends upon two things: "how quickly we come together as a team, (and) how well we learn to work and communicate with each other."

Comprised mostly of newcomers to the varsity team, this year's Eagles have also been trying to foster some sense of experience and collective maturity before their season opener Friday at the Colonie Tipoff Tournament, where Bethlehem will face the home team, and if successful, the winner of a Shaker-Gloversville match-up.

Although BC is not favored in the first game, Moser remains optimistic, taking into account the fact that ten of Colonie's starters would be playing within a week of the conclusion of their extended championship football season. Moser said it's fortunate that "we will be getting them early" when they might be that much more vulnerable.

Also part of Moser's strategy for an upset was the use of BC's considerable "athleticism" and "on-the-court drive". "Some days we play really well, and I think we can play with anyone in our division," he said. Other times, Moser isn't so sure. What the team can boast in vigor and spirit it lacks in depth and, more importantly, in height. Having managed to graduate most of its taller players the year before, Bethlehem must now look up to juniors John Hansen and Kevin Keparatis, both of whom stand at approximately 6'4".

"Our size is a problem, but I think if we work with each other, it can be overcome," said Moser.

The first games of the season will not be easy. After the tournament at Colonie, BC is scheduled to face some of the toughest teams in its division.

In order to prepare itself for the onslaught, the orange and black played a series of five pre-season scrimmages which yielded some rather mixed results. Against Watervliet and Albany Academy, Bethlehem did "quite well" Moser said, coming out victorious with some fair showings of individual talent but with only a limited amount of team work. But matches against Schalmont and Troy didn't come out quite as well, though Bethlehem was said to have "made a good effort" in both games. Yesterday the team faced Linton, a game which beforehand had no clear favorite.

No matter the outcome, the experience BC will have gained will probably serve it well as it looks ahead to still more challenging matches against division leaders like Burnt Hills, Guilderland, Gloversville and Niskayuna. Unfortunately, according to outside opinion, says Moser, Bethlehem will be fighting as the underdog in each game.

"We have a very hard schedule," he says, "but if we move the ball offensively like we should... I think we can surprise some people".

Returning to the varsity court this year are seniors Kyle Snyder and Neil Breslin. Among the newcomers to be watched for are Scott Hodge, Tim McDermott, Sean McDermott, Alex Hackmen, Steve Calhoun, Craig Christian, and Matt Yeara. Injured for the time being is senior Ryan Flynn, who is out with a torn ligament.

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# Eagles lead All-stars to win

By John Bellizzi III

On Thanksgiving Day, Bethlehem Central High School proved itself to be a powerful force in Section II football with its great influence on the outcome of the first ever Section II Senior All-Star Bowl. BC Head Coach John Sodergren was the head coach of the North Team, which was comprised of players from the Suburban Council, the Northern-Adirondack Conference, and the northern half of the Foothills Council. Five Bethlehem seniors were on the roster of the North Team, and all played a role in the North's 7-0 victory over the South Team.

Sodergren, who was assisted by John Furey, Ken Hodge and Mark Chmielinski of the BC Football Staff, as well as other area

## Football

coaches, was extremely satisfied with Bethlehem's performance. "Our people showed that they were some of the best in the area," said Sodergren. "I was very pleased that we had this opportunity to show what we could do against the section's best football players."

After three scoreless quarters, Eagles quarterback Dave Sodergren hit BC wide receiver Pete Coccozza with a 21-yard touchdown pass, the only touchdown of the game. Sodergren, one of two quarterbacks on the field for the North team, was 5 for 9 passing. Bethlehem placekicker Lance Sprinkle kicked

the extra point, giving BC bragging rights to all seven points scored in the All-Star game.

Center Chris Pratt and guard John Reagan were both on the line for the North. 6'5" 250 pound Reagan made a "major contribution" to the North's offense, according to Coach Sodergren. "In the second half we took the game right to them on the ground," Sodergren explained.

"We ran right over Reagan. His blocking was a big part of the victory." In addition to being named starting Offensive Guard for the Section II Senior All-Star Team and a two-way starter on the Suburban Council All-Star Team. Reagan was also recently named to the starting offense of the Times-Union All-Star Team.



Voorheesville's Ken Andriano drives past Ichabod Crane defenders in Saturday's consolation game. R. H. Davis

# BC to narrow down from 45

By John Bellizzi III

As hard as it may be to believe, the 1988-89 scholastic wrestling season begins this week and Bethlehem Central Coach Rick Poplaski and his large squad of varsity and junior varsity wrestlers are eagerly anticipating the opening of their season in just two days, when the Eagles will be given their first test of the year against Mohonasen in a Suburban Council dual meet.

Preliminary indications point to a rather successful winter for the Eagle matmen. Bethlehem Central's wrestling program is certainly blessed with numbers this year. Between 40 and 45 wrestlers are out for the varsity and junior varsity teams, with the same number competing at the freshman level. Unfortunately, this year's BC team will be lacking the names of local greats such as Chris Saba, Mike Mosley and Steve Guynup. Nevertheless, the seniors returning to the

## Wrestling

varsity will provide the Eagles with a considerable nucleus of talent to work with.

BC has six outstanding seniors returning to the varsity team, athletes that Poplaski said he expects to deliver solid performances this year. The team should be especially strong in the middle weights, with veterans Pat Leamy, Eric Brown, Mike Leamy, and John Gallogly back. In addition returners Pete Bragaw and Paul Vichot will provide consistent support in the upper weights. Coach Poplaski believes that, although none of these wrestlers are sectional favorites for their weight class at this point, all six have "legitimate sectional aspirations".

Right now, Poplaski's main concern is effectively filling the remaining eight weight classes.

Poplaski realizes that with younger and less experienced grapplers at the bottom and top weights, their "progression and maturity will be the key to the team's success." With such a large pool of wrestlers, wrestle-offs for the varsity spots have not been completed in every weight class, but the following is a run-down of who will be representing BC on the mats at one time or another this season.

91 pounds — Poplaski is looking to first-year wrestler Anish Shah, a junior, to wrestle here.

98 pounds — Sophomores Cory Treffeletti and Marc Baizman both have a year of experience, being veterans of last year's freshman team, and will be competing for control of this weight class with freshman Chris Brozowski.

105 pounds — Mike Ehrlich, a tenth grader and Bethlehem's varsity 91-pounder last year, will

# Blackbirds hope speed will make up for height

By Rick Leach

As this year's Voorheesville boys' basketball team begins to take form, one begins to see a group of players gifted with speed but with a lack of height and depth up front.

As a matter of fact, first-year coach Frank "Skip" Caark's troops consist of just two players over 6-foot-2. Orion Colfer, a key part of last year's squad, is out for the season with a leg injury, while 6-foot-4 Kevin Davis, a part-time starter from a year ago, elected not to try out for the team. However, Caark will go with the hand he has been dealt and try to improve on the Blackbirds' 6-14 mark of a year ago.

Leading the group will be 6-foot-4 Craig Lapinski, who the Birds will look to for scoring and plenty of rebounds. Lapinski must stay out of foul trouble for Voorheesville to be successful.

The rest of the starters consist of a group of people 6-foot-2 and under, but all who will see plenty of time. They are seniors Derek Moak, Dave Larabee, Keith Fragomeni, Ken Andriano and junior Mike Haaf. Haaf has been a pleasant surprise, as he scored eight points in each of the first two games. As for the rest of the group, Fragomeni and Andriano expect to do most of the ball handling and outside shooting. Moak is a proven scorer and grabs many rebounds for his size, while Larabee will provide leadership and defense. One of the four will come off the bench.

Also coming off the pine will be forwards Chip Adalian and Harold Gosling, who will both be expected to add beef and rebounding to the lineup. Junior Kevin Jarvis can spell any of the guards and provide ball handling and an outside shooting touch. Another junior, Kevin Jaundoo, will play small forward for the Birds.

## Birds opener in Ravena

Voorheesville opened their season last weekend in the Ravena Gold Medal Tournament with Maple Hill. The game was a seesaw affair for most of the way, until Voorheesville squandered a seven point lead late, and was beaten 52-49 on a three pointer with 20 seconds remaining. However, this may have been the coming of age of Lapinski, who scored 20 points and blocked five shots.

The Blackbirds took on Ichabod Crane the following night in the consolation game and fell behind by ten points at halftime. However, they fought back, and, led by back-to-back three point plays by Lapinski, rallied to tie the score. Then with three seconds left, Andriano drove and picked up a foul, where he made both shots and gave the Birds the triumph. Lapinski, who finished with 24 points, was named to the tournament all-star team.

This week Voorheesville plays their first league game against Albany Academy on Friday.

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# Trustees meet

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Two proposed projects — Convenient Food Mart and Larissa Estates — dominated the Voorheesville Board of Trustees meeting last Tuesday night.

The board first discussed correspondence, including a suggestion that the former Grand Union space on Route 85A be divided into several stores to include Convenient Food Mart, a video store, and other retail establishments. In the opinion of the letter writer, a Convenient located near the existing Stewart's store would drive Stewart's out, leaving "another eyesore" in the village. It was decided that it was the village planning commission's responsibility to address such issues.

After considering three options put to the board by Peter Baltis to satisfy the town's requirement of providing green space in Larissa Estates, his proposed development off Voorheesville Ave., the board decided to recommend the inclusion of a "pocket park". The New Scotland land Baltis offered as a greenspace option was ruled out because the village would then have to pay taxes on the property.

The other alternative, waving the greenspace requirement, was not seriously considered.

To provide Convenient Food Mart with the opportunity to acquire the additional space it needs for its proposed grocery and gas station, the village decided to offer Mead Lane at auction. The auction price will start at \$12,000. While Convenient representative John Haluska said he felt that this would cause problems because "antagonistic parties (opposed to the market) are sure to bid against me", Mayor Edward Clark said that he must "follow the letter of the law" in the matter.

## Carolers raise funds for charity

"Caroling for Kids," a benefit for the Ronald McDonald House of Albany, is scheduled to run from Dec. 10 to 24. Carolers will accept donations from neighborhood residents.

Volunteer kits may be obtained by calling 438-2650 or writing to the Ronald McDonald House, 139 South Lake Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

## Girl Scouts earn silver awards

Five Girl Scouts from Voorheesville Troop 259 received the Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest achievement award in Girl Scouting, during the recent awards ceremony.

Honored at the awards ceremony were Holli Shufelt, Tracy Avgerinos, Debra Green, Dawn Rooney, and Nancy Timmis, all sophomores and juniors and Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. The scouts were honored for planning a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Day to educate other Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scouts also received other letters, certificates and proclamations from: Herb Reilly, supervisor of New Scotland; Edward Clark, mayor of Voorheesville; Louise Gonan, superintendent of the Voorheesville Central School District; Joe Armer, commander of the Voorheesville American Legion, and Mike Lancor, president of the New Scotland Kiwanis. Congratulatory letters were sent by Governor Mario Cuomo and Congressman Sam Stratton.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Stewarts and Voorheesville Drugs

## Officers elected

Newly elected officers of the Bethlehem Central DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Club are: Julie Francis, president; Jennifer Pittenger and Dan Stein, vice presidents; Dorothea VanAlstyne, historian; Chris Bearup, publicity, and Frank Archino, treasurer.

Elected officers of Bethlehem Central Deckers (Distributive Education Class Corporation Entirely Run by Students) are: Rozila Jakhra, president; Becky Seidenberg, vice president; JoAnne VanDeloo, secretary, and Mark Brennan, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are Chris Bearup, Tony Giaccone, Jennifer Pittenger, Brian Taylor and Frank Archino, chairman.

Julie Francis is the newly elected president of Region Four DECA, which includes school districts from five counties. Other Bethlehem DECA members now holding regional offices are: Frank Archino, treasurer; Chris Keezer, secretary; Dan Stein, parliamentarian, and Chris Bearup and Jennifer Pittenger, voting delegates.

## Bethlehem district presents concerts

Students in the Bethlehem Central School District are rehearsing for their winter concerts. The first concerts of the winter season will be held at Clarksville and Elsmere Elementary Schools on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Both programs will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Winter concerts will be presented at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Thursday, Dec. 8, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Other elementary school concerts are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 13, Clarksville Elementary School; Dec. 15, Slingerlands Elementary School; Dec. 20, Hamagrael Elementary School, and Dec. 22, Glenmont Elementary School.

A holiday concert will be presented at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Bethlehem Central High School. The high school ensembles will play at the Empire State Plaza on Friday, Dec. 23, from noon until 1 p.m.

# BC wrestling roster

(From Page 32)

wrestle at this weight, along with two other sophomores: Mike Genovese, a three-year freshman wrestler, and Jay Goggin.

112 pounds — Two varsity lettermen are contenders in this weight class: senior Jeremy Hartnett, who earned his varsity letter two years ago, and junior Eric Newdom, who was Bethlehem's 98-pound varsity entrant in the Suburban Council and Class A Championship Tournaments last year. Also in competition for this weight class is sophomore Dave Pierce, who received an Outstanding Season Award on last year's frosh team.

119 pounds — Brown (20-12-2 last year) will see most of the action in this weight class, though he may drop to 112 later in the year. Sean VanWely, also a twelfth-grader, and sophomore Nick Morrison will provide depth at this weight.

126 pounds — Pat Leamy (26-9-1 last year) has high hopes for his fourth varsity season, including capturing a third consecutive championship at the imminent Clyde Cole Invitational Tournament in Oxford. Kevin Schoonover, last year's varsity 98-pounder, as well as returning JV lettermen John Schroeder and Scott Mitchell and former freshman wrestlers Kevin Freeman and Hans Snyder, are Leamy's competition for this spot.

132 pounds — Like his brother, Mike Leamy is also looking forward to a successful season. Mike Braga and Matt Bechard, both sophomores, will also compete at this weight.

138 pounds — Two seniors who were among the most consistent wrestlers on last year's JV team are vying for this spot: Anthony Scisci and Mark Farina. In addition, sophomores Mike Roney and Mike Bienvenue, both members of last year's freshman team, are in contention.

145 pounds — Gallogly, who finished last year 25-9 and won the Saratoga Tournament, will be seeing action here and at 138. Darryn Fiske, a sophomore who had three outstanding years on the frosh team, will be seeing action here also, as will three juniors: returning JV letterman

Scott Stefanik, A.J. Johnson, a former frosh wrestler returning to the mat after a one-year absence, and first-year wrestler Jared Doyle.

155 pounds — Senior Bob Rodgers, who wrestled as a freshman and as a sophomore, and junior John Bellizzi, named Most Improved Wrestler of last year's JV team are vying for this spot. Tenth-grader Ethan Beyer, recipient of the Coaches' Award and an Outstanding Season Award on last year's frosh team, as well as newcomers Bryan Mullaney and Darren Cannella are also in the running for this spot.

167 pounds — Bragaw looks to have possession of this starting spot for the beginning of the season with little competition. Later in the season, Bragaw, who was undefeated on JV last year at 167, may see action at 155, with some of the aforementioned 155-pounders wrestling at 167.

177 pounds — Bethlehem's entrant at the varsity level will be Vichot, with sophomore Joel Begg as backup.

215 pounds (heavyweight) — Sophomore Joe Emerich and senior Todd Devoe each have several years of mat experience that will be put to use in this weight class. In addition, first-time wrestler Rob Lloyd, a sophomore, will compete here as well.

250 pounds (superheavyweight) — Don Thomas, a tenth grader who wrestled freshman last year, will represent the Eagles here.

Craig Walker and John DeMeo have returned to the coaching staff this year, as head JV and head freshman coaches respectively. Bob Anderson is back as an assistant coach, and is joined this season by Glenn Petersen, formerly a wrestling coach at Guilderland, now a teacher at BCHS.

"These kids all work hard in the practice room every day, harder than in other sports," Poplaski explained. "We have to make sure they can all get the payoffs they have coming to them."

Next Wednesday, the JV and varsity Eagles will face Shaker in an away dual meet. Next

weekend, Bethlehem will travel to Oxford, New York to participate in the prestigious Clyde Cole Invitational Tournament, which Bethlehem placed second in last year. The home opener for the Eagles is December 14th, when the JV grapplers will wrestle Columbia and the varsity will take on CBA.

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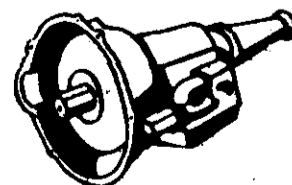
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He was arrested for DWI after police detected the odor of alcohol and he failed pre-screening device tests. He was also charged with unlawful possession of marijuana after a bag containing a green leafy material was found in the car, police said.

He was also ticketed for inadequate headlights, moving unsafely from his lane, having an unregistered motor vehicle, and improper license plates.

## BOU announces meeting

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited will hold an open meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 14, beginning at 4 p.m. For information call Holly Billings at 439-6885.

## Hanukkah celebrated

The Chabad Center of Delmar will hold a Hanukkah party at 109 Elsmere Ave. on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. Latkes with applesauce will be served. For information call Rabbi Nachman Simon at 439-8280.

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Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on Materials, and 2:15 p.m. on Chemicals, December 12, 1988, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. 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. Specifi-

### LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Town Law of the State of New York, an election for qualified voters of the Selkirk

### LEGAL NOTICE

Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, will be held on December 13, 1988 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Road, Glenmont, New York for the purpose of electing a Fire Commissioner for a term of five (5) years commencing January 1, 1989 and a District Treasurer for a term of three (3) years commencing January 1, 1989.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 7, 1988,

### LEGAL NOTICE

at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Phillip J. and Joan M. Thompson, 95 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variances under Article XII, Chapter 128, Section 50, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a 14 foot by 30 foot porch addition at premises 95 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, New York 12054.

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# Obituaries

## William G. Van Cott II

Services were held Saturday for William G. Van Cott II, 70, of Delmar, who died Tuesday Nov. 22 in Binghamton General Hospital.

A former Albany County Family Court judge, he graduated from Siena College in 1940. After serving in the Army during World War II, he attended Albany Law School, and had a private law practice in Albany for many years.

Most recently, he was an attorney for the Real Property Bureau of the state Attorney General's Office in Albany and he traveled frequently to Binghamton in that position.

Until the early 1970's, he owned Sargeant's Stationery Store in Albany. He was a county elections commissioner and a member of the Albany County Bar Association, the state Association of Family Court Judges, the University Club, the Masters Lodge 5 of the F&AM, and the Shriners.

Survivors include his daughter, Marie H. Van Cott of St. Louis, Mo., his sister, Mrs. Wilbur Smith of Towson, Md., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar, followed by burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

## Rosa Lavender Yeomans

Rosa Lavender Yeomans, a former Delmar resident, died Monday, Nov. 21, in Martinsville, Va. She was 69.

A native of Charleston, Miss., she had lived in Delmar for many

years before moving to Martinsville 18 months ago. She was a past matron of the Onesquethaw Chapter 818, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Delmar Reformed Church.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Yeomans; her children, Randall Yeomans and Jerian Dewey of Indian Valley, Va., and Donna MacMillen of Memphis, Tenn.; her brother James Lavender of Memphis, Tenn.; and her sisters, Ada Pfeiffer of Antioch, Tenn., and Mary Wilshire of Martinsville. She is also survived by six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Memorial services were held at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, with funeral arrangements by the Roselawn Funeral Home, also in Martinsville. Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

## Elma Fetterolf Brown

Elma Fetterolf Brown, formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, Nov. 20, in the Guilderland Center Nursing Home. She was 87.

A native of Troxelville, Pa., she was a communicant of the Delmar Reformed Church for more than 50 years, and was past president and a lifetime member of the Delmar Progress Club. She was active for many years in Delmar music and service organizations.

She was wife of the late John DeWitt Brown, and the mother of the late Laura Knox.

She is survived by a son, Richard Brown of Branford, Conn., five grandchildren, Deborah, Richard and James Brown, Sally Campo and Lawrence Knox. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 23 at the Delmar Reformed Church, followed by burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Delmar Reformed Church.

## Grange sponsors family dinner

A ham dinner will be served at the Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, on Saturday, Dec. 3, beginning at 4 p.m.

Baked goods and holiday gift items will be sold during the evening. Admission will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and younger. Tickets for a turkey raffle will be sold.

For information call 474-7890.

## Cuomo to light holiday tree

Governor Mario M. Cuomo and other dignitaries will gather at the Empire State Plaza to light the state's Christmas tree on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. The tree lighting will be followed by a fireworks display, sponsored by Price Chopper. The day's celebration will begin at 2 p.m. with a program of holiday music and a holiday bazaar.

For information call 474-5986.

## Legion auxiliary meeting scheduled

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 1493, Department of New York, will gather at the post meeting room on Thursday, Dec. 8, for a covered dish dinner. A grab bag gift exchange will be held. For information call 765-4306.



# Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
Nov. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Nov. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 17	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Nov. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Nov. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Nov. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Nov. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Nov. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Nov. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 19	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Nov. 19	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Nov. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 21	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Nov. 21	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Auto Accident
Nov. 21	Slingerlands Rescue Squad	Rescue Call
Nov. 21	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Nov. 22	Selkirk Fire Department	Structure Fire
Nov. 22	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Nov. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Nov. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Nov. 22	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Nov. 23	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Nov. 23	Delmar Fire Department	Structure Fire
Nov. 23	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Nov. 23	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency

A town fire officers meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. at the Elsmere Fire Company.

A 13-week course on the "Essentials of Firemanship" will be offered at Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 in Selkirk, beginning on Dec. 13.

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad will offer a CPR course for current card holders on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The class will be at the Selkirk Firehouse. Call Herb Parisi at 767-9037 for information.

Members of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance and their families will be caroling in the Glenmont area for the benefit of Ronald McDonald House on Friday, Dec. 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For information call Isabel Glastetter at 439-2627.

## Five Rivers offers holiday programs

Two holiday programs will be offered at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, Dec. 10.

"Sharing the Holidays with Your Family" will begin at 10 a.m. An outdoor walk focusing on "Conifers of New York State" will begin at 2 p.m.

For information call 453-1806.

## Christmas silver tea planned

A Christmas silver tea will be held at the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2 until 5 p.m. For information call 436-8289.

# Weekly Crossword

"AUTHOR, AUTHOR"

By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

- Engrave
- Moss and Gary
- Plateau
- Soft palates
- Mr. Root
- First name of 48 across
- Styptic
- "Dressed to the \_\_\_\_\_"
- Spice
- Mr. Twain
- "Leaves of Grass": Poet
- Heroine of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
- Pine tree State
- "The Magic \_\_\_\_\_": Mozart
- "To \_\_\_\_\_ is Human": Shakespeare
- "Ethnan \_\_\_\_\_": Edith Wharton
- Rave
- Pronoun (Possessive)
- \_\_\_\_\_ virgin
- Strange
- Flannery \_\_\_\_\_: Author
- Abbreviated Empire State (anagram)
- Frazing rains
- Duck genus
- Sword
- Precedes "RISM": Act of instilling tear
- Suffix denoting sugar
- "Golden Boy": Playwright
- "An Inquiry Into the Nature and Cause of the Wealth Of Nations": Author
- Irregular machine part
- Gerard Manley \_\_\_\_\_: Author
- "The Time of Your Life": Author
- Small needle case
- She should keep them straight
- 61 Countdown disappointment (2wds)
- Forsaken
- White Heron
- Sediment of liquids
- Jacque's father
- Carries
- Bishops territories

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### DOWN

- To clear: Briefly
- Relate
- Colonel Mustard's game
- Sam Spade's creator
- Reddish dye
- Muhammad and family
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Tin Tin"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_": Studs Terkel
- Type of bar
- "Spoon River Anthology": Author
- Cheese
- Heroic tale
- The last word
- Adam's rib
- Derive by reasoning
- Author Ogden's mother
- "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening": Poet
- It delivers quite a punch
- Beneath
- WW II initials
- Universal blood
- "Luncheon on the Grass": Artist
- Alter egos
- Fields of study
- Voice (Latin)
- Mexican Indian
- Born
- "Penelope's Man": Author
- "Drums along the Mobawk": Author
- J. Fenimore Cooper's lake
- Sculler's tool
- A photo inserted
- Playwright's needs
- Assist
- Sioux
- Contented sound
- Barrie's Pirate
- Olden days
- 1958 Pulitzer Prize Winner for "A Death in the Family"
- Egg concoctions
- \_\_\_\_\_ nouveau

### Last Week's Solution

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## Cynthia Cohn marries

Cynthia Lynne Cohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cohn of Delmar, was married Oct. 15 at Temple Beth Emeth, Albany, to Keith T. Morris, son of Mrs. Arlene Morris of Willingboro, N.J., and the late Melvin Morris. Rabbi Martin Silverman, Rabbi Herbert Morris, uncle of the bridegroom, and Cantor Howard M. Stahl officiated.

The maid of honor was Debra Cohn and Abe Morris was the best man.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

and Syracuse University, is a sportswear designer for Oxford Industries in New York City.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Syracuse University and the state University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, is an investment banker for Manufacturers Hanover Securities Corp., New York City.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple is residing in Stanford, Conn.

## 'Victorian Ball' becomes tradition

The third "Victorian Ball" will be held at the Troy Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Junior League of Troy in cooperation with the Rensselaer County Hospice, under the auspices of St. Peter's Hospital.

Featured will be a silent auction and music by the Rainbow Room Trio. For \$40 reservations call 474-5208 or 273-3004.



Anne Hughes and David Houston

## Houston - Hughes

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas Hughes of Jonesboro, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to 1st Lt. David Ross Houston, son of Col. and Mrs. Darrell Houston of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Georgia and she

is employed by MCI Communications.

Her fiancé, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Ga.

A Dec. 31, wedding is planned at the Roswell United Methodist Church in Roswell, Ga.

## 'Festival of Trees' open in Albany

The fifth Festival of Trees will continue through Dec. 4 at the Albany Institute of History and Art. "Christmas is for Children," the theme of this year's festival, was inspired by Gov. Cuomo's declaration of 1988 as the beginning of "The Decade of the Child."

The festival features more than 100 Christmas trees decorated by many different designers, florists and organizations. The festival is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Dec. 1 the festival will remain open until 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors, students and AIHA members, \$1 for children 5 to 12 years, and free for children under 5. For information call 463-4478.

## Interfaith tea scheduled

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will hold an interfaith tea on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 1:30 p.m. All area women are invited.

## Pecans are here

Shelled halves of fresh Georgia pecans are being sold by Smith College alumnae in the Albany area for the benefit of the college's Scholarship Fund. In the Bethlehem-New Scotland area, the pecans can be obtained by calling Susanne Hudacs of Delmar at 439-7570 or Susan Filipp of Glenmont at 439-4187.

## CDTA expands service before holiday

The Capital District Transportation Authority has announced an expanded schedule of bus service to shopping malls and downtown areas. Service will be increased on Central Ave Route 1, Washington Ave Route 12, Woodlawn Route 65 and Troy-Latham Route 90.

For information call 482-8822, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

## ESIPA offers spring internship program

The Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts (ESIPA) is accepting applications for spring internships until Dec. 10. Teachers, high school seniors, and college undergraduate and graduate students, may earn academic credits while learning about different aspects of professional theater.

Applications for the spring semester, which runs from Jan. 23 to May 29, may be obtained by calling 443-5222, or by writing to the Intern Program Administrator, ESIPA at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, N.Y. 12223.

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at Clarksville Quickstop

## Holiday concert scheduled

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Robert McGowan, will present a holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 4, at Bethlehem Central Middle School, beginning at 2 p.m.

The free program will include orchestral classics, contemporary music, seasonal songs and a holiday sing-a-long. All are welcome.

The orchestra will also perform at the German-American Club of Albany on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m.

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## Community Corner

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The Chabad Center of Delmar will hold a Hanukkah party at 109 Elsmere Ave. on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. For information call Rabbi Nachman Simon at 439-8280.

Best wishes for a joyous Hanukkah.

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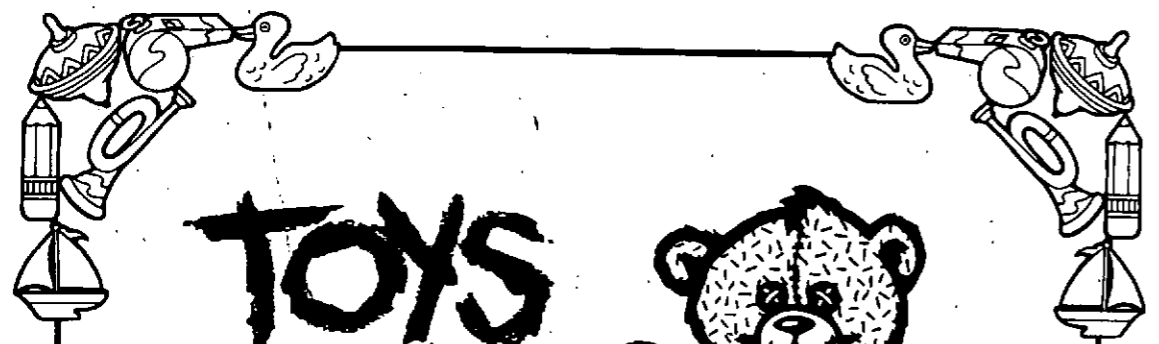
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