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Clarksville's 'Endeavour'

By Sal Prividera Jr.

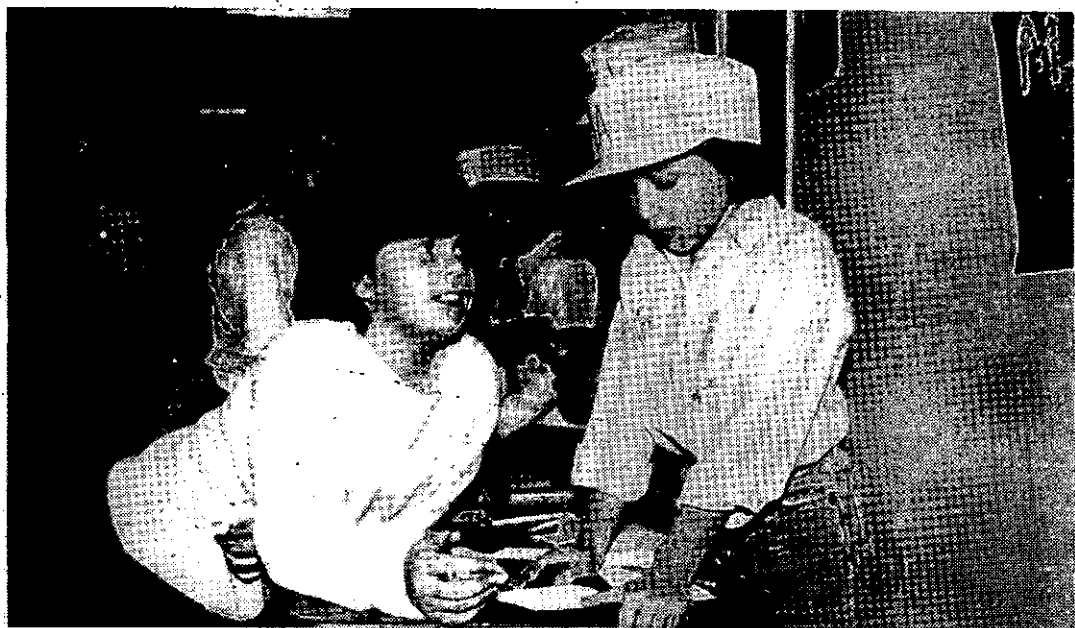
Students at the Clarksville Elementary School have a greater understanding and interest in America's space program after a day-long space fair last Tuesday.

Space Appreciation Fair Endeavour, or SAFE, was created after much hard work by Challenge program Teacher Dee Foley and a small group of interested students.

The fair concept was sparked by a NASA-sponsored name-the-shuttle contest, a national competition for schools, Foley said. After learning about the contest through a teaching magazine, she sent for an information packet and then realized the contest required an extensive project in addition to naming the shuttle.

Foley and 14 grade four and five students began research for the project in October. She said the students did not have to be in the district's Challenge program, but had to like

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Clarksville student Paul Leonard, top left, watches James Slingerland cast his vote for the country he thinks is ahead in the space race during the Space Appreciation Fair Endeavour (SAFE) last week. Chrissy Breedon, left, gets help with a "mind find" from Amanda Genovese. The "mind find" included questions such as "What is a lunar song?" Answer: "A moon tune."

Sal Prividera Jr.

Gonan leaving Voorheesville

Contract extension at issue

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Louise Gonan, superintendent of the Voorheesville Central School District, has refused a one-year contract extension offered to her by the board of education and has announced she will leave the district in May.

The district will also have to find a replacement for Gene Grasso, assistant superintendent for business, following his resignation to accept another position.

Gonan, whose three-year contract expires June 30, declined a one-year contract extension offered by the board of education citing concerns for the students, faculty and instructional program. "I don't feel it's productive to have a superintendent who can only make short-term assurances that she can assist the staff... that's not educationally sound," Gonan said Friday.

Gonan's tenure has been plagued by difficulties including unanticipated deficits, several budget defeats and some public displeasure with her methods. The district needed three budget votes in both 1987 and 1988 to pass the annual operating budget. Following the second budget defeat in June, the board of education held a well-attended public discussion session. Several of the nearly 200 residents attending the meeting called on the board to not renew Gonan's contract and to hire a new superintendent. One resident said the public did not feel Gonan was doing her job.

Residents also attributed the budget failures to a loss of confidence in the school admin-



Louise Gonan

istration, while some said they felt the administration was close minded.

In a memorandum distributed to the district's staff, she reiterated the point that she did not feel it would "benefit the children, program or faculty... to have a superintendent who is not in a position to assure her assistance as the district formulates its plans for the future."

Grasso, the district's business administrator for about a year, said he was resigning as of Jan. 30 to accept a similar position with the Plain Edge Central School District in Long Island. He said he was making a "career move."

Board of Education President Joseph Fernandez said Friday he was "very sorry" Gonan did not accept the extension. "In the

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Citizens agree with planners on Rt. 9W

By Theresa Bobear

Residents of the Rt. 9W corridor appear to agree with a consultant's ideas about how the area should be developed.

Working in a spirit of cooperation, representatives of residential areas and businesses, town officials and planning consultants gathered at three large tables in the auditorium of Bethlehem Town Hall Dec. 15 for a friendly discussion of development alternatives.

After discussing pros and cons of various development scenarios, the 75 or more people in attendance formulated a recommendation calling for retail and commercial facilities in the north section, residences in the central section, and offices and industrial facilities in the south section of the corridor.

The meeting was in contrast to many more formal town meetings in which specific development proposals are debated, often with residents pitted against developers and town officials.

"We certainly do have a

Hutton Katz Inc., planners and urban designers, and Jacquemart Associates, transportation planners and engineers, three alternatives for developing the Rt. 9W corridor were suggested. Alternative "A," which was recommended by the

than absolute, development plan. However, in addition to neighborhood-level retail and commercial development, some individuals at the three tables said they would like to see some offices similar to the Farm Family offices built in

highway, improved aesthetics and large setbacks, the need to resolve traffic problems in the jughandle area (A traffic circle was suggested.), and the need for parks and green space throughout the corridor.

Tom Fiesinger, president of the Village Square Homeowners Association at Dowerskill Village, said a question raised at his table was whether or not the road could support much additional development without some improvements by the state Department of Transportation (DOT) or developers. He said his workshop group had some question about the scale of residential development. Fiesinger said his group identified industrial/commercial development as a good source of tax income without requiring a lot of services

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"We certainly do have a wonderful brain trust in this community, and we look forward to having you again," said Planning Board Chairman Kenneth Ringler

wonderful brain trust in this community, and we look forward to having you again," said Planning Board Chairman Kenneth Ringler at the end of the meeting. "Please be with us through this process as you have been."

In a recent report to the town, prepared by Buckhurst Fish

consultants, called for retail and commercial facilities in the north section, residences in the central section, and offices and industrial facilities in the south section of the corridor.

Alternative "A" was favored by many of the individuals in attendance as a general, rather

the north corridor section.

Melanie Schmidt, assistant town planner, reported overall suggestions offered at her table, including the possible installation of lights to interrupt the continual traffic flow on Rt. 9W, a grouping of uses to limit the number of accesses to the state

WE THE PEOPLE

We the undersigned residents of the Town of Bethlehem place our names in opposition to the proposed shopping/retail/office/townhouse mega-complex proposed by BTR Realty Inc. and Price Chopper. We are opposed to this development for the following reasons:

- oppose the rezoning of a 140 acre single-family residentially zoned Slingerlands site for the purpose of commercialization,
- oppose the construction of a regional center that benefits people from surrounding areas at the expense of Bethlehem residents,
- oppose the increase in traffic volume and resulting traffic congestion that will occur on Cherry Avenue, Kenwood Avenue, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands By-Pass and other roads in the Town,
- oppose the negative impact, as expressed by many residents, that this development will have on surrounding residential areas, and
- oppose the additional demands that this project will have on Bethlehem's public services such as schools, volunteer fire forces and police services.

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Deneige Barlow, left, and Stanley Grady host "The Edge," which appears on the Bethlehem Channel Wednesdays and

Fridays. The show is sponsored by the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood.

TV show with a message

By Deborah Cousins

When BC senior Deneige Barlow was selected to be a co-host for a local television show, she didn't quite know what to expect.

What she found was something different from the usual definition of "stardom." "I talked to Mr. Dunn, and he said that people are actually writing in letters, which means that people are actually watching the show," says Barlow.

"I always tell my friends to watch the show and I ask them for feedback. I ask them if someone was watching the show who didn't know a thing about it, would they learn anything. They really think that they would!"

"The Edge," a bi-weekly local cable educational series, is Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood's new attempt at helping teenagers deal with the problems that face them today. The show is produced by Robert Dunn and stars two area high school seniors, Barlow of Bethlehem Central and Stanley Grady from Albany High.

Barlow and Grady compose a team of co-hosts who handle the talk show format of "The Edge." They deal with a live teen audience plus a guest expert. Together with a teen acting troupe, Barlow and Grady provide an atmosphere that is suitable for learning and sharing.

Since the staff of "The Edge," realized that the show's targeted audience would mainly be teenagers, they wanted the audience to be able to relate to the subject of each show. That was the reason for having teenagers themselves host the show.

"There was an advertisement in the paper saying that they (Planned Parenthood) needed actors for a teen program. So my mom saw it and cut it out of the newspaper. The next day I went down to Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood and tried out for the acting session and I got called back. Mr. Dunn talked to me and said that he wanted me to be the host instead of an actor," says Barlow.

Grady, Barlow's counterpart, was selected in a different way. "I used to be in this program at the Boy's Club ... I did counseling and service work dealing with teen pregnancy and a lot of adolescent problems altogether. A supervisor from the Boys' Club called me one day at school and told me that they (UHPP) were looking for a male host that could really show his feelings about something on the show. I didn't really go through an interview. He (Dunn) noticed me the first day I came. I went through a couple of readings and he liked what he heard. He said

that in the back of his mind that he had me in mind all along."

After the casting of the hosts and six teen actors, the staff of "The Edge," developed the format of the program. The show begins with the introduction by the hosts, and then a short taped acting vignette performed by the acting troupe. The vignette introduces the topic for the day's discussion. The 29-minute show also includes an interview with the "man on the street," (or rather some unsuspecting teenager) on the day's topic, introduction and interview of the show's guest expert by Barlow and Grady, a question and answer period with the audience, and at the end, a live vignette that introduces the topic for the next show. The show is also interrupted several times by informational segments called "Infobumps."

"The Edge" initially began as an outlet for teens' feelings and as a discussion and solution group on the topic of teen pregnancy. As time went on though, the show evolved into something deeper.

"The more the concept of what was underlying the problem of teen pregnancy was examined, the more they (UHPP) realized that it had to deal with a whole lot of basic skills that teens have to learn during those years, personal responsibility, standing up for yourself, making decisions on your own after thinking it over and talking it out with people that are important, rather than letting yourself get pressured into things," says Dunn.

Although the show has only been on a few months, already viewer reaction has startled the staff of "The Edge." The staff hoped to have at least 30 teenagers in the audience for each taping, but usually almost twice that number, from all over the Capital District, make their way to Channel 10 in Albany to get the chance to express their feelings on such topics as teen pregnancy, interracial dating and even on being overweight.

"If we can help just one person or something, that would be really good. ... keep one girl from getting pregnant or one person from buckling under from peer pressure," says Barlow. The "Edge," can be viewed on the Bethlehem Channel, Channel 31, on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and on Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Teenagers, ages 14 through 21, are always welcome to join the program as members of the studio audience. Those interested should call 434-4979.

Sergeant exam passed by three

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The Albany County Civil Service Department has released the results of the police sergeant examination taken by several Bethlehem police officers.

Only five of the 17 patrol officers from several departments taking the county-wide test achieved passing grades on the test.

Bethlehem officers James Kerr, Cynthia Reed-Kerr and Timothy Beebe passed the sergeants' exam taken on June 11, 1988. Kerr, a six-year department veteran, had the highest score achieved on the test with an 84.3. Reed-Kerr, a 10-year department member, was second on the county list with a 78.9. Beebe, a six-year veteran, was fifth on the county list with a 73.1.

Officers Kerr and Reed-Kerr are married.

Reed-Kerr was the top scorer on the last sergeants exam, which was used to promote Louis Corsi to sergeant. The promotion prompted a legal battle, in which both the police union and Reed-Kerr had filed suits. State Supreme Court Justice William McDermott decided the suit filed by the union in favor of Corsi, which ended Reed-Kerr's suit.

The third and fourth place scorers were not members of the Bethlehem Police Department, according to Bethlehem Chief Paul Currie.

The county Civil Service Department would not release the names of those who took the test and failed or the name of the officer whose test application was disqualified.

The test established a list of officers eligible for promotion to sergeant, which will be valid until Dec. 21, 1989. A police department may consider any one of the top three scorers from its department for promotion, when a vacancy needs to be filled.

Currie said Thursday he had not seen the results of the test and would not get a list from civil service until the department had a sergeant position open. He said he did not know how many of his officers had taken the examination.

The department's 20-year retirement plan goes into effect on Jan. 1 and Currie said three sergeants — Leo Dorsey, Richard LaChappelle and Joseph Sleurs — would be eligible to retire during early 1989. He said he did not know if any of the three would retire when they came due.

Don't drink and drive

Since the New Year's holiday is a time when more people are consuming alcohol, the Bethlehem Police Department will be increasing its patrols.

Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie said the department will have an additional patrol out "during high incident hours" on the approaching holiday. The patrol, funded by the county STOP-DWI program, will be an additional officer whose priority will be DWI enforcement, he said.

The Albany County Sheriff's Department will have routine patrols during the holiday weekend, deputies said.

Those caught drinking and driving in Albany County will face stiffer punishment, according to District Attorney Sol Greenberg. Greenberg announced last week that first-time DWI offenders will not be allowed to plea bargain down to driving while ability impaired (DWAI). The district attorney's office allows the plea bargain to DWAI for first time offenders, when there is no property damage or personal injury involved in the incident.

Greenberg said people tend to drink more and the purpose of the decision was to send the message "don't mix alcohol with gasoline."

"We had eight (alcohol-related) fatalities last year. That's eight too many."

Sal Prividera Jr.

Boluch appointed

Elizabeth A. Boluch, daughter of June and Ted Boluch of Clarksville, was recently appointed assistant director of development for annual funds at Simmons College in Boston.

A graduate of Amherst College, Boluch was previously employed as assistant director for parents and friends programs at Amherst College.

Bethlehem police elect union leadership

Bethlehem Police Department officers elected their union leadership for the next year during a meeting last Wednesday.

Anthony Arduini was elected president by the union membership. Also elected were Vincent Rinaldi, vice president, Jeffrey Vunck, secretary, and Jay Mosca, treasurer.

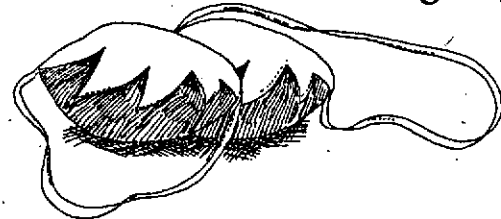
The officers were elected to serve one-year terms. The Bethlehem Police Officers Union is a member of the Security and Law Enforcement Employees Council 82.

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An agenda for '89

In the last issue of 1987, *The Spotlight* offered an agenda for Bethlehem and New Scotland, enumerating aspirations and goals for 1988. Let's take a brief review of that platform, see how its items fared — and look ahead to 1989 in similar fashion.

We called for "intensified attention by citizens to the ideas and commitment on the part of community planners and other public officials." We asked, too, where the line should be drawn on growth and development. In a timely prescience (considering particularly the controversy that erupted late this year over the "Bethlehem Village" proposal), we commented a year ago:

"Should not the community — and all its people — have a voice, as well as a stake, in determining its size and its character? We must not be at the mercy of those who see our open land as an invitation to make a new fortune. Nor must we be at the mercy of those who oppose all progress, particularly when it infringes on their own back yard."

These questions certainly have gained renewed pertinence in both towns, and the issue must continue to receive a top priority. In Bethlehem, a professional planner took over — a highly desirable, and overdue, move. In both Bethlehem and New Scotland, development of a "master plan" was initiated, likewise an appropriate action, though some aspects of their utility remain fuzzy. We believe that responsible officials should insist on a bottom-line declaration of principles for any master plan and a timetable to which its architects are to be held accountable.

The issue of whether major developments should await completion (at an uncertain date) of the master plans is also a genuine one that remains unsettled. Continued attention to this dilemma is a must for the coming year, and we intend to comment further on that issue in this space next week.

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We looked, a year ago, at these other issues: improved traffic arteries and a better flow; the Bethlehem community center; senior citizen housing; education; water supply and access to it; solid waste disposal; voluntarism; the status of such commonplaces as bridges and other hazards and bottlenecks — and "aggressive action to explore the possibility of bringing about a new commercial area that will better serve the needs of this diverse and diffuse community"! To say the least, that final item on the 1988 wish list was attained during the years. It is sure to be firmly in the public eye as the new year starts.

Effective action in the other contexts has been spotty, and in several instances the best that can be said seems to be that people are more inclined to be looking, thinking, and talking — perhaps even moving a bit — toward logical progress.

Editorial

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The matter of solid waste disposal, in particular, is not going to disappear and, in fact, grows more urgent with each new truckload to oblivion. The crucial fact is that the place called Oblivion is in the process of shutting its gates. The place called *Answers* has proven to be no real answer. Real answers, obscure as they are, must be searched out by this community in concert with every other perplexed area. Are we being alert enough on this distasteful, unwanted crisis? Time will tell, but the tale may well turn out to have an unhappy ending. Diligence in pursuit of that answer is a mandate for everyone.

Concern about the environment is a continuing fact, and no less an urgent one. Our towns have not yet found the solution to the question of how to satisfactorily provide for a fruitful coexistence between residential areas and both commercial and industrial bases. Are we acute enough on this crucial issue that is basic to the character and viability of the towns?

Our highly lauded education systems are approaching a fork on the road to continuing excellence. Apart from the need (which has been adequately met in the past) to provide for quality instruction, there's the matter of the facilities, where the costs of maintenance, upkeep, enlargement, and safety have become ever more paramount.

The various boards of education do have an obligation to be fiscally responsible in drawing up operating and capital goals and budgets. They also have the obligation to improve their performance in communicating their story to the taxpaying public and in enhancing the voters' understanding and acceptance of the goals and the bills. Without question, resistance to the bills is growing, as can be seen in recent budget votes.

The basic issue is one of providing a sound education in tenable surroundings. The district boards, we believe, will continue to face up to that mandate. And all of us who support the schools as well as the theory of excellence, must accept our part of the responsibility if we are satisfied that these all-important boards of education have, in turn, done their job.

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The year ahead will bring about local, off-year elections, with the selection of supervisors, some council members and other town officials. We believe that as the 1989 contests shape up, it is important that the two major parties make certain to select the best available candidates. We hope that such nominees can strengthen the plausibility of the parties as such, together with their platforms — and thus diminish the temptation to campaign on personality, pro and con.

At the threshold of the oncoming year, let's all make one firm resolve and promise:

In my New Year's Eve celebrating I will practice moderation and will do my part to assure that neither I nor anyone else I'm with (and particularly those under my control and responsibility) tries to drive while affected by alcohol. I will remember to respect the rights of other people and spare them horror and sorrow.

The dreadful toll caused by celebrants of the new year need not happen. Common sense and only ordinary concern for the well-being of others can put an end to the senseless and tragic slaughter on the road.

Incidentally, the announced resolution by various police forces that they will be especially vigilant that night — and the Albany County District Attorney's new policy not to allow plea bargains for DWI arrests made during the holidays — should help to stiffen a decent regard for one's self and for fellow human beings.

But that regard hardly should end there. Safe driving can and must prevail throughout the year, and with that kind of resolve we can bring an end to the needless highway toll.

At the same time, we will continue to advocate a political diversity that will strengthen the true two-party system and the resulting competition that, in the end, will enhance governmental decision-making and performance. Strength within the respective parties can, and should, discourage the self-importance of organizations that best serve to promote their own one-issue agendas. And, finally, is it too much to ask that the public's business be conducted not only within an atmosphere of healthy competitiveness but also of openness and decent congeniality?

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One last matter: A year ago, we asked that our community "give concerted attention to the facts of alcohol and other drug abuse." Gains in this direction seem virtually indiscernible on the surface, though we are encouraged by some public efforts, such as those of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, the Networks Project and Project Team in Voorheesville. A number of high school students have taken independent action to create a reasonable standard of social behavior. General awareness of the crushing impact of illicit drugs does seem to be growing. We believe that only when the entire community begins to take responsibility for recognizing the harmful effects of substance abuse, not only on the younger generation but on all of us, and acts upon these concerns will meaningful change take place.

In closing we draw attention to the accompanying box which reiterates a comment and proposal made on this page a year ago. We find it still pertinent and recommend it accordingly.

'Participatory costing' urged for schools

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

It will be most interesting to see how the Bethlehem Central School Board handles the proposed reduction in state aid to education. Will the board sincerely try to cover the shortfall by effecting economies within or will it end up passing the burden on to the taxpayers?

In this regard, some opportunities are there. The last time I looked, the cost of "fringes" was better than one fifth of the total budget (\$4 million of \$20 million) and the health care portion was escalating at 35 percent over two years; this will continue to soar!

If negotiations with the teachers and the non-professional unions are not concluded, I believe that

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there is an opportunity to follow New York State and most of the unions representing state employees, along with many corporations, in moving to a participatory costing program.

The *New York Times* recently featured a front page article on this subject as follows:

"Employees paying even bigger share of medical costs"

"Companies shift burden"

"More health care expense shifting to employees"

"Even with inflations staying under 5 percent for most of the

decade large increases are projected for medical costs in 1989"

They go on to make the point that the trend seems to be toward employees paying 20 percent and that 42 percent of corporations surveyed now require some payment from employees (this is up from 27 percent in the early 80's). In addition, deductibles have been raised.

There are many ways to approach this. The annual increase in premiums could be shared between employer and employee — or present employees could be "grandfathered" and apply a cost sharing approach to all new employees. Even a modest start could have great impact over the years. Employees, I believe,

will have more incentive to impact on control of medical costs if they have a stake in the

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premiums.

Incidentally, deep in the present

budget is the second and third year payment to the State Teachers Retirement Fund — it is over \$150,000 to catch up for our early retirement project of several years ago.

Quo Vadis B.C.?

Charles "Bud" Reeves

Delmar

Mr. Reeves is a former member of the Bethlehem Central School Board.

Vox Pop is *The Spotlight's* public forum. All letters from readers on matters of local interest will be considered. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible, and letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness and accuracy, as well as for length.

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

UNCLE DUDLEY

Of a maximum and a moral

As fall passed into winter, my sister and I were speaking of the weather, as people do. She quoted:

"When the days lengthen,
the cold winds strengthen."

That was a couplet that I didn't remember, but she explained that it had been a favorite (seasonal) expression of our mother. My sister, having a few years' start on me, had better reason to recall the lines.

"I must annoy all my friends the way I quote my mother," she remarked, reverting to the singular as though I wasn't quite there. "I can still hear the way she said it."

She (my sister) went on:

"Many hands make light work." This is one that I did recall, but I thought it to be a rather common expression. To the contrary, my sister opined that these were copybook maxims that our mother had memorized and brought back into timely use all her long life. Her schooling had been in a small village, remote from very much of anything in the far western edge of what old-timers called York State. There was an elder in the family who could recall having a bad tooth cauterized with a hot poker. Another spoke of having heard the wolves howling in the neighborhood. A child was punished for the forbidden act of running on Sunday. She and my father grew up in the days of Grover Cleveland in the White House, the Blizzard of '88, and the new thrilling Sherlock Holmes stories (which, of course, they weren't allowed to read).

Now, one of their grandchildren is looking for 'suitable given

names for a forthcoming New Year's Day infant. I timidly suggested the possibility of using the name of a great-great-grandfather of the baby, a person whom I had known slightly but warmly. That launched some further reflections on my part.

My own great-great-grandparents would have been born sometime in the early 1800s, perhaps one or two of them during the time of George Washington. I am standing somewhere near the middle of a stretch of ancestors and descendants which may reach out over a period of two centuries, all within one person's scope of comprehension.

From my spot, as I look forward and back for four generations

As a certain old acquaintance used to remark several times a day, it's enough to make you think. Not very awesome, in strict fact, but I like it better than the man who was deeply impressed by the realization that he could speak prose.

It was a great column idea for old Dudley (it seemed). There had arrived at *The Spotlight* a neatly handwritten letter, on both sides of a single sheet of paper, from a person who had both a name and a number.

Not a nine-digit number even as you and I received from Social Security, but a number conferred when he entered the gates of a prison in the Midwest. This

inmate, who offered no clue as to any connection with *The Spotlight's* home territory, was nonetheless writing to ask for publication of his letter so that people would be willing to accept him as a pen pal (excuse the expression!) and help relieve the monotony of his loneliness.

Our Midwest correspondent explained that he had committed no dreadful crime, but had made the mistake at one time in his life of employing drugs and now was paying the rightful penalty. Because he had received counseling (he added), he now was no more afflicted with the vice, and was a man of good habit. Interesting, even though seven years (he'd been in since 1981) seemed like a long time for that particular offense.

But what a moral could be visualized there: One slip, and this gentleman had ended up in a prison cell for seven years (and who knew how much longer), his life in ruins. Read this, then, all ye who may be ready to yield to temptation — and be saved!

As I said, it seemed to have the makings of an Uncle Dudley item, the kind of hokey yarn that is his frequent specialty. But wait! Let's call the warden out there at that Midwest prison and check out this reformed man's premises.

"No problem; let me get out the file. . . . But first let me mention that such appeals often end up in some kind of scam. . . .

"In for seven years on a drug charge, and now he's straight, you say? Number 1021468 is doing 30 years for attempted murder."

Well, it *might* have made a column item for Uncle Dudley. Too bad the moral was ruined.

A world changed by circumstances

I liked these lines to help close out the year:

"Many wars have been fought since 1945, and they have been brutal in their toll of lives, but all have remained limited. None have enlarged into world war. Of the tens of thousands of nuclear weapons in the arsenals of the world, not one since 1945 has been exploded in anger. The superpowers, despite their frequently expressed belligerence, and despite

provocations that at an earlier time might well have led to all-out wars, have not once even gone to full military alert against each other."

That paragraph is from the "Notes and Comment" page that leads off each issue of *The New Yorker* (in this case, the issue dated Dec. 26). A further thought:

"Such unprecedented restraint by nation-states as contentious as

the United States and the Soviet Union is remarkable, but, to judge from the evidence of the arms race, it has not resulted from any millennial change in the hearts of men. Rather, it seems to have been forced upon the nation by a millennial change of circumstance: the knowledge of how to release nuclear energy." And, more somberly:

"The simple, incontrovertible fact is that we are naked to our enemies, now and for the remotely foreseeable future. So are the Soviets. The arms themselves — even the so-called defensive ones — only add to our peril, by enlarging the potential for accident, miscalculation, and destruction."

What will become of Russia is the serious question'

The same issue includes an involving essay, a few thousand words in length, "Where the Wars Came From," by a William Pfaff, otherwise unidentified. He reviews at length the historical and current picture in Central and Eastern Europe.

(Meanwhile, in Western Europe, the prospect is for the "1992 Single European Market, if

Fate: what are its terms?

This Point of View was written by a man whose work as tour arranger for musicians requires frequent international air travel. He arrived in the U.S. on Dec. 21 on the Pan Am flight that preceded the one that crashed. He is a son-in-law of Mary and Richard Ahlstrom of Delmar.

By David Wernham

My wife Mary vows never to meet me alone again at JFK upon my return from one of my numerous overseas flights. She was waiting in the Pan Am lounge there last Wednesday afternoon; my flight from Heathrow was a half-hour late. Meanwhile, I had comfortably passed the seven hours after take-off with a pleasant vegetarian lunch, reviewing some work papers, chatting with a young seatmate, conversing with a pair of old friends, reading three newspapers, and doing the American crossword in the *International Herald Tribune*. It was a good passage, was Flight 001 that day.

Mary and I chatted all the way home during the hour's drive to Brewster in Putnam County. We were so engaged in conversation that we never turned on the radio. We were oblivious to all else in the world save for our own joyous reunion, including the fact that 90 minutes before my arrival at JFK the following Pan Am flight (103) had vanished from radar screens with the horrible aftermath that all the world soon learned.

We — Mary and I — received the bruising impact immediately after we entered the house, for the telephone answering device was flashing frantically. Message tumbled over message. "Call us — are you safe?" was the query over and over. At last, the truth came through from Mary's sister Ann, a few miles away. Only then we knew.

And only then did the circumstances of my own safe arrival strike me with full force. I had boarded the flight that came through mainly because my travel agent had succeeded in bumping up my accommodations "as a Christmas present" for 001 instead of 103. Mary had, in fact, been suggesting that 103 might be more comfortable — and within almost minutes of 001's departure a business associate with whom I'd been meeting at Heathrow had been urging me to wait over for 103 so we could confer further. I opted for the better accommodations that my generous agent had finally arranged.

All that spells fate with a capital "F," I guess. I'm quite fatalistic about flying and other aspects of life. I do a great deal of traveling abroad, without apprehension. As for terrorist threats, I've gone through situations much more menacing in prospect than seemed in store for 103. I have walked away from an automobile crash under conditions that a witness called miraculous. I do believe in a Higher Power, and have felt a divine guidance at numerous stages in life.

As for the future, there's nothing I can do except proceed with the needs of my occupation. I do avoid certain airlines, but I have always regarded Pan Am as very reliable, and I continue to do so. I use it for virtually all travel abroad, just as I prefer American Airlines in the U.S. I'll be flying Pan Am back to London soon after the holidays, which I'm rejoicing to be able to spend in Delmar with Mary's family, now my family.

Several sidelights that may be of some interest to *The Spotlight's* readers:

The two friends I met unexpectedly on the flight (a singer and her manager) had been booked on 103, but at a last hour had changed their plans. . . . As I write, I am reluctant to make some calls I must make, inquiring about some musicians I believe to have been on 103. . . . At Heathrow, unusual precautions are taken about security, about boarding passengers, about their luggage, and particularly about any bags that may seem to be unclaimed. . . . I know well the quiet little town where 103 went down; it's on the major route between London and Glasgow, is the first you enter when motoring north into Scotland, and is famous for its haggis. It's shocking, too, to think of what happened to those people, innocents also as they were. . . . My mother, incidentally, was probably among those least concerned about my fate, for she had seen me off at Heathrow (she's a London resident), expecting me to be on 001, as indeed I was despite temptation unknown to her.

The news left me drained, as it must any human being. I am humbly grateful to have been so fortunate. What about the ones who chose 103? I have no answers. All this will be in my thoughts, from time to occasional time, as I travel further on business, which takes me all over the world. (During the fall, I spent many weeks in various continental countries, including three weeks in Moscow during the group Big Country's highly acclaimed engagement. That group emphasizes the theme of its new "Peace in Our Time" album, and it was enthusiastically received by the Russians, who heard it as support for Gorbachev and Glasnost.)

I myself live in hope of a safer world. The prospects for peaceful solutions mean much to me. I shall continue to try to do my part to help achieve them.

As for air travel, it will continue virtually without a blip. We can't stop the world no matter how bitter the tragedy.

Saddened, shocked, grateful . . . I've written out these thoughts in the first gray hours.

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Matters of Opinion

Constant Reader

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successful, to complete the work of the original Common Market and make Western Europe the most populous, most productive, and richest industrial community on earth.")

Mr. Pfaff writes: "The disputed nationalisms and separatisms of central Europe and the Balkans are not today problems that the great powers are likely to go to war about. There are no Sarajevos on our horizon, even though Serbian nationalism — the force behind the Archduke Francis Ferdinand's assassination at Sarajevo, in 1914 — has made an explosive return to the news

from Yugoslavia. The serious question is: What will become of Russia? During the Khrushchev and Brezhnev years, a challenge was aggressively extended to the non-Western world ... Today, all that is over ... The Soviet Union is thrust back upon itself." Provocative reading. Worth some of your time.

— So here's another indication that the times they are a-changing. Some readers (female, almost certainly) will recall that along about 1980 a new magazine called *Self* burst breezily on the contemporary scene, as contemporary as all get-out. *Self*, another of those ubiquitous Conde Nast

magazines, made it big for a few years, but those male proprietors are perpetually unsatisfied types, so some key changes have been made in the last few months, with a restyling so that *Self* is even more with it.

The result is, for the most part, an increase in the quotient of fluff, such as an article (by a man) entitled "Breast Frenzy," which describes "America's new (!) obsession as a \$300 million business." I found these thoughts interesting, and not very alarming, either:

"From the 60s, when 'Is it a boy or a girl?' was a frequent, if obnoxious, question, through the late 70s and early 80s, when both men and women wore business suits and ties, the unisex look thrived. But, say those who make a living tracking trends, no more.

"About four years ago, we noticed that the 20-year phase of androgyny had peaked," says (a spokesperson for a "social and market-research firm"), citing, for example, the fading of such androgynous stars as Boy George and David Bowie and the rise of such sex-distinct performers like Bruce Willis, Jessica Lange, and Madonna, (she) "believes we'll

continue to see 'the ideal of androgyny unravel. Separate roles of masculinity and femininity are the popular focus of the future.'"

And so we head fearlessly into 1989. See you there!

Vox Pop

A New Year's wish for the town's teens

Editor, The Spotlight:

When you raise your glass to ring in the New Year, make a special wish for the teens of Bethlehem. Many have it all — a very promising future — yet they are willing to risk it all for a few beers and "the fun of drinking".

If you are the parent of a teen, especially a young adult who is a good student, model son or daughter, and a seemingly happy person, it might never occur to you that on any given Friday or Saturday night he or she is partying with their friends.

For some that means a beer or two after a movie. Others follow the alcohol with drugs. Really, it is happening here — to good students from good homes.

More townspeople must recognize that teens are drinking. The accidents are just waiting to happen.

Make a New Year's resolution to talk to and listen to your teenager. Talk to his or her friends' parents, too, especially before any known "party" is to occur.

Take time to discuss the issue of drinking and alcohol — to explain your standards and to hear your child's reasons. (It is extremely difficult for teens to admit that they are drinking. Though we all know this, we cannot avoid the conversation forever.)

It's tough to have a discussion about alcohol and teenagers. It takes a lot of time, a lot of courage, and a lot of love. What better gift this holiday season?

Name submitted

Delmar

Our open space: endangered species

Editor, The Spotlight:

Development is the single most pressing issue in the minds of many residents of Bethlehem. While under the laws of the State, development cannot be stopped (except for a temporary moratorium as in the 9W corridor), it certainly can be regulated in accordance with a master plan and effective and sensible zoning laws. The 9W corridor moratorium and study and the advocacy by the town supervisor of master planning prior to consideration of a development on the scale of the proposed Price Chopper complex in Slingerlands are positive signs.

Development, however, has proceeded in the town relentlessly. The preservation of open space should be a high priority in the planning process for development throughout the town.

There are mechanisms available for preservation of open space. Under state law the town can require that developers dedicate areas as open space. Developers can be required to pay fees that can be pooled by the town for the purchase of land for open space. The town can negotiate for or condemn land that is particularly suitable as open space. A local law could be passed designating this land as "forever wild". This concept is not new. Many towns in Massachusetts have preserved conservation land. We are precipitously reaching the point where open space will be only a memory. Action must be taken before our

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favorite vistas, meadows, or wooded areas are victimized by unchecked development. My favorite is Orchard Road between Cherry Avenue and Delaware Avenue. What provision will be made by town planners to preserve one of the town's most beautiful vistas should Delmar Village become a reality?

The quality of life is enhanced by our walks along wooded areas and bike rides on country roads bordering pristine farmland. The town of Bethlehem is unique in that it offers suburban living along with these other pleasures. Open space must be preserved now or be lost forever.

James Cole

Delmar

He joins opposition to shopping center

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was pleased to read the growing sentiment against the Price Chopper/BTR regional shopping center plans.

It is only logical that the Bethlehem Town Board does not contemplate a proposal, of any size, from Price Chopper/BTR until a comprehensive plan for the Town of Bethlehem is completed.

Waiting for the completion of a comprehensive plan before proceeding with a zoning change or further major developments in Bethlehem is the first step toward assuring Bethlehem as a good place to live in the future.

Kevin C. Meany

Slingerlands

Peace and good will require our help

Editor, The Spotlight:

Readers of this newspaper may recognize me as the author of the "Money Talks" column, but I'd like to talk here about something a lot more important than financial planning.

Certain homilies and trite phrases gain prominence this time of year: peace on earth, good will toward men (and, presumably, women). I wonder how seriously we utter or hear them. Yet, have any more important slogans ever been conceived? In fact, when you get right down to it, does anyone have a better alternative — moral,

political, or economic — to peace and good will?

I have always believed that living in this world entails accepting some measure of responsibility for its well-being. It's not a responsibility we get to choose; it falls upon us simply as a function of our existence. I don't know if I would feel that way under any circumstances, but in a world at war with itself in so many ways, in a world sleeplessly poised to destroy itself at the touch of a few buttons, that moral precept strikes me as more or less essential.

I don't think peace and good will are really difficult to achieve. We need to foster them, nurture them, praise them, reward them. Must that really be so problematic? Consider the recent tragedy in Armenia. People who might, the moment before the earth shook, have been regarded as foreigners, communists, denizens of the evil empire, suddenly, by virtue of a tragedy, were transformed into... people. And from the simple willingness of people to reach out a helping hand to others, help and concern poured in from all over the world.

If only we could find less dire ways of transforming strangers into people than requiring that they first be buried alive under tons of twisted steel and concrete.

David Vigoda

Delmar

A plea to Bethlehem motorists

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, on the New Scotland Avenue, the water crew was repairing an eight-inch water

main off the side of the road when a motorist hit one of the orange warning cones and backhoe and drove off. The accident could have been more serious than it was. One man was injured.

Every day the town's department of public works employees are working on the roads repairing water and sewer lines, raking leaves, cleaning brush, etc. "Men working" signs, flashing lights, orange cones, safety vests or clothes are placed at each work site. Please motorists, slow down and respect the men and signs so we might have a safer town.

John B. Geurtze
Director of Field Operations
Bethlehem Dept. of
Public Works

Town can determine Slingerlands development

Editor, The Spotlight:

There is a major misconception that continues to surface in regard to the Slingerlands location of the mega-plaza proposed by BTR Realty Inc. This misconception is that if the Slingerlands By-Pass were extended from the Blue Cross/Shield building to Cherry Avenue, all adjacent land would have to be "down-zoned." The assumption is that the area would become suitable only for commercial development.

The fallacy of the idea can be readily ascertained by comparing this site with Delmar By-Pass/Route 32 area. Lining both sides of the four-lane Delmar By-Pass, one can see numerous residential areas. These contemporary communities carry the prestigious names of Hamagrael Woods, The Meadows, Westchester Woods and Westwood II. The

homes in these subdivisions were built by some of Bethlehem's leading builders and residential developers: Charter Concord Construction, the Klersy Building Corporation and Briand M. Parenteau. And selling prices for the homes range from \$200,000 to \$400,000. As one advertisement for the area states: "Exclusive Single Family Custom Residences."

From a community development point of view, there is nothing inevitable about the future of northern New Scotland Road. If the land adjacent to the Delmar By-Pass can command high residential values, the same situation pertains to the Slingerlands By-Pass area.

It is time to stop talking of what is inevitable and start remembering what was envisioned when the Bethlehem Town Board designated this area as primarily AA-Residential — the most restrictive residential class in the zoning code. What was envisioned was that the area was to become a

desirable residential area. This is quite possible. The area has all the attributes that realtors deem necessary for a prime residential location: good road access, a good school system, residential zoning, and nearby quality homes.

The only thing that is inevitable about New Scotland Road is what we decide to make it. I only hope that we all respect the need to protect our neighborhoods. We all moved here because of the quality of residential living — not because it was five minutes closer to a commercial strip.

Brian J. Danforth

Slingerlands

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Somerset Woods hearing set

By Theresa Bobear

A public hearing on the proposed Somerset Woods subdivision was scheduled for Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. by the Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday night. The Morache-Keneally Development Corp. has proposed 59 single-family lots for the AA-Residential parcel off Wemple Rd.

"Our site distances are fine," said Lindsay Boutelle, an engineer representing the developer. "The regrading (of Wemple Rd.) can do nothing but improve that situation."

According to Boutelle, the proposal includes an undisturbed, limited use area near the Dowerskill. Boutelle said an extension of the water district has been requested.

Melanie Schmidt, assistant town planner, suggested some sort of erosion control for the portion of the site with a 13 percent slope. "The hill will be taken care of," said Boutelle. Schmidt also recommended a setback of 35 feet for the four lots

on Wemple Rd., a major collector road. Boutelle said the developer is not committed to 70-by-30 buildings on the four lots.

Schmidt requested that the developer submit landscape plans for the parcel.

The board held a public hearing on a proposed three-lot subdivision of lands of Anthony Caccamo on Kenwood Ave., near Oakwood Rd.

An engineer representing the developer said the 2.85-acre parcel is bound by existing houses on all sides except for the frontage on Kenwood Ave. He said a variance was obtained for the two driveways that are 23 instead of 28 feet in width.

A neighbor expressed concern that there would be drainage problems near one section of the parcel. Board Chairman Kenneth Ringler said the town engineering department will review the proposal and be sure the drainage will not adversely affect neighboring properties.

The board decided against requiring a full impact statement

and granted conditional site plan approval to Mark Raymond for conversion of a residential building on Delaware Ave., across from the Mobil station and Main Square, to a commercial office. The property is zoned CC-Commercial and has an entrance on Howard Place. The board members instructed Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, to review the proposed sign to be sure it does not impede the site distance of cars exiting on Delaware Ave.

The board members heard Kleinke review the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Carriage Hill development off Jericho Rd. Kleinke raised questions about the physical crossing of the Dowerskill, construction on lots identified by a soil engineer as needing special attention, the phasing and bonding of the construction, and the verification of statements regarding the absence of endangered species at the site.

Board Member John Williamson suggested that the entire road system for the project be bonded.

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Service announced

A New Year's Day service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

The Rev. Arthur Hagy Jr., will preach on the topic, "Behold, I Make All Things New."

For information call 439-1887.



'It was like this...'

Nat Boynton, former editor and publisher of *The Spotlight*, discusses his career in journalism during an interview with Al Leutz of Our Town Television. The television company will air a story about Boynton and his new book *Media Rare*, which is about his adventures as a newspaper reporter, editor and publisher, on Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. on Channel 17.

Sal Prividera Jr.

Fee hike suggested

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has agreed to recommend higher fees for variance applications and has changed its meeting time.

After Building Inspector John Flanigan reported on fee schedules for neighboring communities, the board members decided Wednesday on a recommendation of higher fees for variance applications. The town board would make the final determination on the fees.

The board's recommendation calls for the following fees:

residential area variance applications, \$50; residential use variance, \$100; commercial, \$150; light industrial, \$300, and heavy industrial, \$500. The town's current fees of \$25 for residential applications, \$50 for commercial and \$100 for industrial were adopted in 1980.

Board chairman Charles Fritts announced that the Board of Appeals will begin meeting at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. on Jan. 18. The board's meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 4, will be held at 8 p.m.

Regarding an unrelated matter, the board members voted to draft a resolution for approval of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip J. Thompson's application for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy at 95 McGuffey Lane, Delmar. The board amended the application to allow a 14-by-28 addition rather than a 14-by-30 addition.

The board also learned that Vincent Riemma may request a time extension for the Woodhill subdivision. The board previously allowed the developer five years to complete construction. The five-year period ends in December of 1989. Chairman Fritts said the developer will be asked to submit a formal application requesting the extension.

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Citizens plan Rt. 9W

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in comparison with residential development. He added, however, that his group operated under the assumption that neighborhood commercial and light industrial development were being discussed, not a major strip area.

According to Fiesinger, the Glenmont Elementary School was a major factor in discussion of development in the north section. He said the possibility of extending the residential development area to the north of the school and having a transitional area was suggested.

Leslie Loomis, superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District, asked the consultants to keep in mind that the Glenmont Elementary School is in the northern section when considering commercial or retail uses that add to traffic of the area. Loomis noted that the school is in the fastest growing part of the school district and that the proposed \$11.6 million bond includes money for new classrooms at the school.

Loomis said the use of the Glenmont Elementary School is central to responsible planning on the part of the district and fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of the school district.

Ernest Hutton, a principal in the consulting firm, said the state Department of Transportation is aware of the traffic issue. "They are trying to improve the situation with a traffic light there," Hutton said. He added that there is some discussion of a shared access with Farm Family.

"We're appreciative of the initial positive response on the part of Farm Family," said Loomis.

"I was very impressed with the level of thoughtfulness that came out of the group I was with," said Marty Cornelius, who is executive director of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Cornelius said her workshop group looked at the possibility that commuters who use Rt. 9W might travel on the Thruway if the tolls are indeed taken off.

Hutton said the consultants' next step is to formulate the workshop comments into a plan. He said workshops with town staff members will be held during the next month. Hutton said final recommendations will be fashioned into an agenda of actions for the town to make and for the town to ask the state to make.

According to Hutton, a draft report will be presented to the planning board in mid-January and a final report will be presented two or three weeks later after hearing remarks.

Some advantages to placing a majority of retail/commercial development in the north section mentioned during the workshop were: the existing traffic flow in the area; the availability of large parcels of land; the existing commercial development in the area; the proximity to a larger population in Albany; the relatively low level of conflict with residences because the area is relatively undeveloped; the ravines acting as buffers; the potential for commercial uses mixing in a complementary fashion with offices, and the area's accessibility to neighboring communities. Some disadvantages mentioned included the possibility that the large land tracts would attract large regional projects, the addition of traffic in the vicinity of the Glenmont Elementary School and the existing traffic problem in the jughandle area.

Some advantages to locating a majority of residential development in the central section mentioned during the evening were: the possibility of extending residential development to land north of the school; the existing residential uses in the central section; the consultants' estimate that residential development would generate the lowest amount of traffic in the section of the highway where the road is winding and the greatest amount of land is available for development, and the opinion that residential uses would have the least impact on land values. Against the plan people in attendance mentioned that there is a need to control the number of curb cuts in this section of the highway and that the tax generated would be relatively low.

Some comments in favor of planning light industrial and office development for the south section were: the estimate that this type of use generates the greatest amount of traffic and placing it in the south would put traffic in the off-peak direction; the accessibility of the south section from the Thruway; the existing industrial uses in the area; the proximity to the railroad yard, and the market that is developing in the area. The major disadvantage mentioned was the conflict with existing residential development in the area.

Alternative "B," the second development scenario suggested by the consultants, called for offices/industry in the northern section, retail/commercial facilities in the central section and residences in the south. Alternative "C" called for residences in the north, offices/industry in the central section and retail/commercial facilities in the south section.

At the opening of the workshop, Planning Board Chairman Ringler said input was being sought from town residents to be sure the planning process was on track so that the final product would be implemented and well received by the town.

Hutton asked residents to look at some of the land uses they would like to see and some of the impacts they might have along the corridor.

Heather Narzimski wins slogan contest

Heather Narzimski, a student at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School, has been chosen the winner of a slogan contest held by the volunteer ambulance and the fire department rescue squad.

The slogan will be used in a recruiting effort to attract new crew members for both squads.

Captain Herb Parisi of the Volunteer Ambulance and Captain Bob Boyea of the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad presented a \$30 award to Narzimski on Dec. 9 at the junior high school.

The slogan contest was open to students in the RCS Junior High School and the Bethlehem Middle School. Other students submitting entries were: Sana Norkun, Stacy Vaurnick, Jennifer Rogers, Casey Bruno, Diane Anderson, Fred Dorick, Wilson Diaz and Steven Glastetter.

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Slingerlands group to deliver petition

The Slingerlands Homeowners Association has announced that it will present a petition tonight (Wednesday) to the Bethlehem Town Board. The petition with several hundred signatures will show residents' opposition to the "rezoning of a residential area along New Scotland Road . . . for the purpose of constructing a commercial development, including a retail-shopping center, supermarket and office complex, plus 275 residential townhouse units."

A representative of the homeowners has reported that the petition drive in opposition to the BTR Realty/Price Chopper proposal was concentrated in the Slingerlands area.

Reasons stated by the Slingerlands Homeowners Association for opposing the project include concern that a major commercial development in the Slingerlands area would: inevitably lead to the commercialization of surrounding undeveloped land; draw a high volume of out-of-town and commercial traffic through residential neighborhoods; place major, new demands on town services and schools; provide an extension of the Slingerlands Bypass to the Cherry Ave. Ext. that serves as a project access road rather than as a limited access highway, and include much more than just a supermarket, which is only a tenant.

Association celebrates Constitution bicentennial

Using a special call sign from the Federal Communication Commission, Jack Donnelly, Fred Boughton, John and Lois Hotchin and other local ham radio buffs manned a Special Event Station at the state Cultural Center in Albany to help celebrate the bicentennial of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

The final tally of radio contacts made by the Albany club members was 7,709 — the highest total of any club participating in the U.S. Visitors to the museum sent 159 free messages to friends and relatives throughout the country.

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BTR project may boost master plan

By Theresa Bobear

Discussion of Bethlehem's proposed "master plan" appears to be taking a high priority for the new year.

The master plan has taken on new significance recently because of the controversy over the proposed Price Chopper/BTR development on New Scotland Rd., which town board members say is too big to be considered without such an overall plan.

At the close of the public portion of the Bethlehem Town Board meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, board member Bob Burns suggested that a specific date be identified for a work session on a master plan. He also asked that a timetable for 1989 be established.

Town planner Jeff Lipnicky said the board members have to sit down and make decisions about the best way to handle the project. Among the options, he said, are appointing a committee, assigning one of the boards, hiring a consultant or having the

town planner coordinate the project. When Board Member Dennis Corrigan asked about some of the more immediate zoning changes, Lipnicky said he was shooting to get something together by the last week of December or the first week of January.

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said the number one priority now is the Rt. 9W study. Lipnicky said the study is "right on target."

Hendrick asked the town planner to check his calendar and give a particular date for a master plan "brainstorm session."

"I think this is something we've got to take our time on and do a good job with," Hendrick said.

In other business, the board:

- Heard Board Member Sue Ann Ritchko state that she will not vote on any Price Chopper/BTR proposal. Ritchko is vice president for communications with the Golub Corporation.

- Approved a resolution to



Sarah Frank, left, hands a donation from the Main Square Merchants to Paul House as Santa, Dick O'Connell and Joyce Becker, of the Bethlehem Senior Services, look on. Main Square merchants raised of

\$200 in donations for the Bethlehem Food Pantry during December and sponsored carriage rides for those who donated.

Lynn Powell

Celebrate 1989

assign house numbers in the Elm Ave. area of Selkirk and seek community input on a local name for County Rt. 55, which runs between Rt. 9W and Rt. 32 near the Conrail yards. According to Terrence Ritz of the public works department, the different portions of the road are currently referred to as Elm Ave. County Rt. 55 and Long Lane.

- Approved a traffic ordinance amendment to install stop signs on Willowbrook Ave. at its intersections with Orchard St. and Babcock Terrace.

- Authorized the town supervisor to sign a \$3,000 contract with the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society for 1989. The town paid the same price for the past year's contract, according to Hendrick.

- Received a request from the Slingerlands Post Office for the renumbering of houses on Krumkill Road. The request was referred to the engineering department for review and a recommendation.

- Approved dumping permits for clean fill at 12 and 14 Frances Lane, North Bethlehem.

- Approved and adopted sewer assessment rolls for 1989.

- Reappointed Richard Haverly to the board of assessment review. His term will expire on Oct. 1, 1993. Hendrick said Haverly recently retired from his post as a senior vice president at Key Bank.

- Referred a letter from the Gasoline Retailers Association of Northeastern New York to the board of appeals. The group

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requested an opportunity to discuss issues pertaining to zoning regulations and the sale of items at a gasoline filling station.

Decided to sell surplus radio equipment to fire districts in the town for \$1. Hendrick explained that the town has discontinued responsibility for maintaining the equipment for the districts. He said the equipment is used for the benefit of the town.

The town board held an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Hendrick said later no action was taken.

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board will be Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 p.m. The town's annual meeting will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 4:30 p.m.

Jefferson Rd. stop signs

Seek to reverse decision

By Mark Stuart

Two Glenmont residents have resurrected the issue of stop signs along Jefferson Rd. by filing a suit in the state Supreme Court that asks for the reversal of an August town board decision to install the signs.

The defendants named in the suit are the Town of Bethlehem, Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick, Highway Superintendent Martin Cross and Town Comptroller Phillip Maher.

George Kaufman and Douglas Bailey, who are listed as the plaintiffs in the suit, are asking

the court "to declare the ordinance that authorized the signs is invalid," according to Michael D. Cathers, the attorney for the two men. Cathers said the plaintiffs are also asking the court to order the removal of the signs and order town officials not to install any new signs until they are able to comply with state Department of Transportation regulations regarding where and when traffic signs are appropriate.

The stop sign issue has generated considerable controversy in the Jefferson Rd. area. One group of residents petitioned the town for them as a way of

controlling speeders using Jefferson Rd. as a through street. A second group, led by Kaufman, circulated petitions opposing the stop signs. The town's Traffic Safety Committee recommended against them, but was overruled by the town board.

"We're asking that the town develop a plan whereby they install traffic signs according to state transportation department regulations," said Cathers. Additionally, the plaintiffs are asking that when installing signs not in compliance with state regulations,

the town state reasons for that deviation, according to Cathers.

Town attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said the suit is a declaratory judgement, and therefore has no set return date for a court appearance as in an Article 78 proceeding.

McDonald joins Girl Scout staff

Lynn McDonald of Glenmont recently joined the executive staff of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council. She will be responsible for recruitment, training and support services in the Colonie and southern Albany County council areas.

She is a recent graduate of Siena College, Loudonville.

Community center report given

The Bethlehem Town Board acknowledged receipt of report from the Town of Bethlehem Community Center Committee at its Wednesday, Dec. 14 meeting. No members of the committee were on hand to present the report, and there was no discussion of it at the meeting.

The committee's report recommends that the town board recognize a need for a community center that is not currently being met. The committee recommended that the town engage the services of a facilities planning consultant to do the following:

- Review the committee's data.
- Evaluate the alternatives for constructing a center or acquiring an existing facility.
- Estimate the cost of each facility and operation, and evaluate funding alternatives.

The consultant would submit a Request for Proposals within two months and would make recommendations within six months.

The committee also recommended the formation of a new committee with members who have expertise in financing, architecture and programming to assist the planning consultant. "Current committee members have offered to serve in the areas of their expertise," the report stated.

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick formed the committee in February of 1987 J., charging it with determining the need for a community center. The group was also asked to determine whether or not the need can be met with existing facilities, and

consider other approaches. Last month the committee released its report, based in part on a survey conducted by the State University at Albany Department of Geography and Urban Planning. Results of the survey were released in April of 1988.

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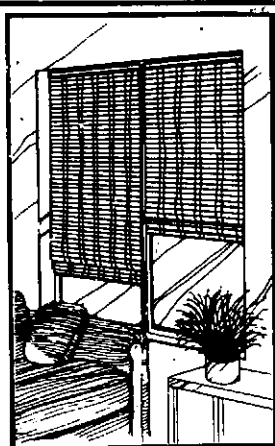
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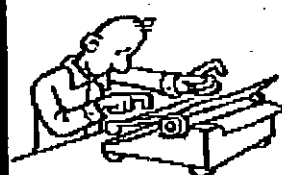


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SLINGERLANDS FIRE CO. AUXILIARY, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

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, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

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"DOAH WORLD MUSIC ASSOCIATION," featuring music from Latin America, Africa, Asia, and other lands and cultures, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

KWANZAA FOR KIDS, program on African-American roots, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

BASEBALL CARD CONVENTION, featuring Keith Miller, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, 5-9:30 p.m. Information, 377-0219.

BLOODMOBILE, sponsored by the Albany American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

ENTERTAINMENT

"WEST SIDE STORY," matinee, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 2 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

"MAN OF LA MANCHA," Palace Theatre, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

BOBBY G, guitar and vocals, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

"THE VOICE OF THE PRARIE," John Olive's romantic and nostalgic play set amid the excitement of birth of radio, through Feb. 5, Market Theatre, Albany, Information, 462-4531.

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MOVIES, "Banjo the Woodpile Cat," and "The Puppy who Wanted a Boy," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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.

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

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"KALEIDOSCOPE," comedy-movement theater, presented by Carte Blanche Mime Theater, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT

BRUCE CULVER, guitarist, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7-11 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

"MAN OF LA MANCHA," Palace Theatre, Albany, 2 and 8 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

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MOVIE, "Adventures of Buckaroo Bonzai," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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MOVIE, "The Explorers," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

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"A CHILD'S HOLIDAY," dance and music show, presented by EBA Dance Theater, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5977.

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.

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

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- Never force drinks on your guests or rush to refill their empty glasses. "Loading" drinks does nothing to encourage a festive gathering.
- Set out jiggers to encourage measuring alcohol if there's no bartender. Guests are less likely to drink excessively when standard measures are used.
- Serve unsalted, high protein and carbohydrate foods with alcohol. While food can't sober anyone up, it can help slow the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol.
- Make fun, not alcohol, the focus of your party by providing music, dancing, and games and food service. Never view a tipsy guest with amusement.
- Stop serving alcohol about two hours before the party is over. This will give your guests time for their bodies to absorb one or two of the alcohol drinks consumed.
- Your actions and attitudes about alcohol use can have a dramatic impact on your children. Your drinking habits and those of your guests will be seen — and remembered — by your children.
- Assume responsibility for the safety of anyone who exhibits signs of intoxication. Guests who have had too much to drink should be encouraged to let someone else drive.
- Provide non-alcoholic beverages including no- and low-alcohol beer and wine. It's a thoughtful gesture for guests who don't or can't drink because of pregnancy, medication, or other reasons. These drinks can also be inviting and plentiful.
- Keep alcoholic beverages out of reach of young children. Empty drinking glasses and store liquor bottles immediately after a party before a youngster can drink potentially dangerous leftovers.



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ENTERTAINMENT

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, with General Electric, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, \$3 per person, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 436-0329.

"MAN OF LA MANCHA," Palace Theatre, Albany, 9 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

L'ENSEMBLE, Norstar Plaza, corner of Broadway and Columbia Sts., Albany, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Information, 436-5321.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRD COUNT, eighth annual, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 453-1806.

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

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour; Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR, New Year's Eve worship service, 11 a.m. celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, with Rev. Arthur Hagy. Information, 439-9976.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday service, 11 a.m.; 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bible Study and Sunday School Classes, 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, service and Sunday school, 11 a.m.; child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

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

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, worship service, youth forum, 10 a.m.; Fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m.; nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday School and nursery care, 10 a.m.; followed by a time of Fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont, Information, 463-6465.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m.; Christian Education for all ages, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Popular and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Holy Communion, 9 a.m.; Church school, 10 a.m.; 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 465-2188.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 436-7740.

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NEW SCOTLAND

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

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, Worship, 9:30 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School.

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

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

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH, service at 11:15 a.m.; nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85 A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

ENTERTAINMENT

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ENTERTAINMENT

L'ENSEMBLE, performance of Strauss waltzes and Gershwin songs, Norstar Plaza, corner of Broadway and Columbia Sts., Albany, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Information, 436-5321.

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BETHLEHEM

DELMAR KWANIS, meet Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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

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.

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

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.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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BETHLEHEM

55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Tri-Village Chapter 1598, American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. Registration, 439-5770.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING MEETING, for community members and parents, Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

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

BETHLEHEM LODGE 1096 F&AM, 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.

NEW SCOTLAND

BOARD MEETING, Voorheesville Public Library, lower level, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

SPIRIT MEETING, on winter carnival, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3314.

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

ALBANY

SAFE PLACE, a support group for family and friends of suicide victims, sponsored by 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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BETHLEHEM

55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Tri-Village Chapter 1598, American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. Registration, 439-5770.

BETHLEHEM TOWN BOARD MEETING, Bethlehem Town Hall, 455 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB, meeting, Albany Motor Inn, featuring Deborah Morris, of Village Frame Shop, 6 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, for Delmar Fire District of Town of Bethlehem and County of Albany, Delmar Fire House, Corner of Adams St. and Nathaniel Blvd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

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

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

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, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

ALBANY

HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKSHOP, for workers and unions, "Repetitive Strain Injuries," sponsored by Cornell University's New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations and New York State AFL-CIO, Thruway house, 1375 Washington Ave., \$30 at door, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 449-4161.

"A FAMILY AFFAIR," for parents and their children, featuring performances, craft projects, games and activities, Russell Sage College, Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 445-1273.

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GARDEN CLUB, of the Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.

BETHLEHEM

PRESCHOOL FILMS, "Stone Soup," "Isabella and the Magic Brush," and "Wynken, Blinken and Nod," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dance, with caller Tom Vitlow, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 439-0490.

BETHLEHEM

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING MEETING, Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, of Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.

AEROBICS PROGRAM, "Stretch, Smooth and Swing," sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, Mondays, 5:45 p.m. Registration, 439-4131.

ALBANY

GONZO TALENT SHOW, to benefit Easter Seals, every Friday of January, sponsored by WXXA-23, FLY-92, and OTB, Imperial Racing Center, Alexander House Restaurant, State St., Schenectady, 7-9 p.m. Information, 438-8785.

SPECIAL SHOWING, for working parents and their preschoolers, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

OUTDOOR WALK, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

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LITERATURE GROUP, of Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m.

SLIDEPROGRAM, "Albany: Capital City on the Hudson," presented by John McEnery, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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BETHLEHEM

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING MEETING, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

EVENING GROUP, of Delmar Progress Club, and Drama Group, "Hats, Will Travel," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-9 p.m.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES, provided by Upper Hudson Library System, Wednesdays through March 15, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Progress club calendar full

The Delmar Progress club will sponsor a series of events and meetings throughout the month of January.

A general membership meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library on Monday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m.

The club's literature group will present a book review at the library on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 1:30 p.m.. Pat Lattiner will review "Lizzie, a Victorian Lady's Amazon Adventure."

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, the club will hold a covered dish luncheon.

Town board changes organizational meeting

The time of the Bethlehem Town Board organizational meeting has been changed to Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. The meeting date was previously scheduled for Jan. 3.

Recycling to benefit retarded children

The Bethlehem Public Library is currently recycling its newspapers through the Albany County Association for Retarded Children's recycling program.

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Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf

765-2451



School starts Tuesday

Students at the Voorheesville Central School District will return to school at both the high school and elementary school next Tuesday, Jan. 3. With New Years on Sunday they have been given an extra day of vacation on Monday, Jan. 2.

Lunch prices up

When students return to school they will find new lunch prices waiting for them. Hot lunch at both schools will go up to \$1, while the cost of the salad bar lunch at the high school will also be raised to \$1. Previously lunch at the grade school cost 85 cents while lunch at the high school cost 90 cents.

Library board meets Tuesday

The executive board of the Voorheesville School District Public Library will hold its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3, instead of on the first Monday of the month due to the New Year. Top priority on the agenda will be the move to the new library scheduled to take place in late January.

Presently volunteers are being sought to assist with the move. Those wishing to help may call 765-2971 or stop by at the library to sign up. Co-chairpersons Diane Relyea and Sue Rockmore would like all names by Jan. 6 so that they may begin to schedule workers for the move.

Fine free week

A reminder that the library is also holding a fine free week from Dec. 27 until Jan. 1. Overdue books returned at that time will not be charged fines and all fines on record will be rounded to the nearest dollar and halved during that time.

Director Gail Sacco also reminds library users that the library will be closed on Jan 1 and 2 in observance of the New Year and will close at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Vacation movie

The Library will also be sponsoring a vacation movie on Friday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy the free showing of the Disney adventure movie "The Explorers". Children's librarian Nancy Hutchinson reminds everyone that the pre-school story hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 9.

Winter carnival plans

Winter is upon us and Special People Involved Rebuild Interest Together (SPIRIT) is planning a winter carnival on Feb. 11 and 12. To make final plans, the group is planning a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. in the high school library. All are welcome to attend. Those who cannot come to the

meeting may contact SPIRIT chairmen Derris Tidd at 765-4277 to give their input or volunteer to help.

In rehearsal

Theater lovers mark your calendars! The Voorheesville Drama Club has selected its spring play, cast its characters and has begun work on the annual production to be held on March 17 and 18. This year the club will present the comedy "The Mouse that Roared" with an expanded junior-senior high cast.

Save those soup labels

With the cold weather here the Voorheesville PTSA urges everyone to keep saving those soup labels for the Campbells Labels for Education Program. Label fronts may be left in the school or at the Voorheesville Library.

Classes in January

A reminder that religious Education classes at St. Matthew's have ended for Christmas Recess and will resume beginning Jan. 7. Those having questions may contact Mary McKenna at 765-4826 or Lyn Stapf 765-2451.

Kiwanis Club holds raffle

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland has something in mind to help warm up this winter. The local men's service organization is presently holding a raffle with a two-person spa to be the prize. Tickets are limited and sell for a \$5 donation with the proceeds benefiting the youth recreation programs sponsored by Kiwanis. Tickets are available from any Kiwanian and will be sale through Thursday, March 16, when the drawing will be held.

Convenient, Baltis projects move up

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Two controversial projects, Peter Baltis' Larissa Estates subdivision and the proposed Convenient Food Mart, moved closer to approval at last Tuesday night's Voorheesville Planning Commission meeting.

Conditional approval of the preliminary plot plan was given to developer Peter Baltis for Larissa Estates, the proposed 32-house subdivision off Voorheesville Ave.

In granting Baltis the preliminary approval, the village stands to gain \$12,800 for its park and recreation fund. The payment will be in lieu of the developer including a "pocket park" of green space usually required the town in this size subdivision.

The commission and the village board agreed that the payment would be preferable to the park space, given the maintenance and policing problems such parks have created for the village.

Represented by his lawyer, Gene Sneering Jr., Baltis provided the commission with lighting, paving and other profiles of the development.

Commission members made suggestions including repositioning the fire hydrants, detailing of road material composition and the submission of drainage plans to the commission's consulting firm, C.T. Male Associates.

A detailed "long form" environmental impact "SEQR" study has been filed by the developer at the village's request.

The commission apparently eliminated one more obstacle from Convenient Food Mart's path. John Haluska, CFM Enterprise's director of corporate marketing, had been told by the village board that he would have

to bid for the Mead St. property that Convenient needs to supply enough space for customer parking and gasoline tanks. This caused him to speculate that an unfriendly buyer might try to outbid Convenient for the property, and thereby block the possibility of a store.

The commission, guided by attorney Thomas Dolin, said that there was "no problem" entering into an agreement with Convenient Food Mart to sell the property without auction, because the 16 foot right-of-way for access to the property behind the proposed Convenient site had been protected since the 1940s.

Haluska offered the board blueprints of the proposed food mart, detailing brick frontage, a mansard roof, and an interior-lit 50 foot "Convenient Food Mart" sign logo.

There was much discussion about the building's aesthetics, including whether a mansard or colonial roof is more in keeping with the village's architecture, and how to make the canopy which covers the gas pumps as unobtrusive as possible.

After looking at the blueprint, commission member Robert Cureau asked, "How can you make this 'colonial'? It's a damn food store with a couple of pumps in front of it." Cureau said he thought the plans constituted a "public garage" because of the dispensing of gasoline, which would require the issuing of a special use permit as well as a site plan review.

While Chairman Douglas DeDe disagreed, the commission decided to do a site plan review and special use permit hearing simultaneously to cover the possibility.

The parking lot plans will be

corrected to eliminate a swale that could freeze and become a driver/pedestrian hazard, and fuel delivery hours were discussed. It was agreed that mid-morning would be the least disruptive delivery time, but DeDe acknowledged that this would not always be possible.

The chairman said that the planning commission should not "rule out the profit factor of the store," in its considerations. "By the same token, 'who needs another convenience store' is not up to us either. If it is zoned commercial, the entrepreneur decides, then the customer proves him right or wrong. Not us," DeDe said. The commission then accepted the plan on a condition of the approval of the sale of the Mead St. property.

"I think the meeting went very well," said Haluska in an interview Thursday. "I understand that for all the folks in the planning commission, this is a major undertaking. These folks are giving up a lot of their time to look at these applications. You've got to listen to everybody's point of view, and everybody has a different opinion." His next step? "To continue working with the people. It always is."

A joint public meeting of the planning commission and zoning board of appeals has been scheduled for Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in Village Hall to discuss all aspects of the proposed market and gas station.

Sign language classes offered

The Upper Hudson Library System will offer sign language classes on Wednesdays, from Jan. 11 through March 15.

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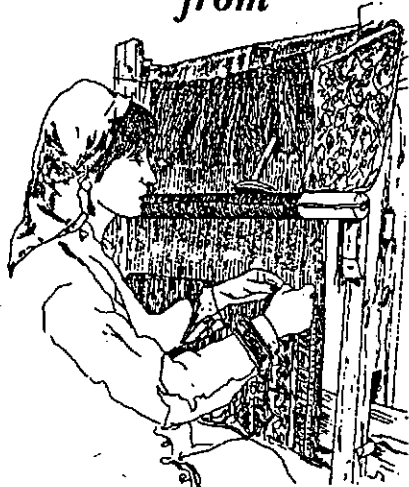
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Professionals making a clean sweep

By Lyn Stapf

When Santa slid down area chimneys last week he had Gary Menia and his crew to thank for many a soot-free entry. Even more important though is the fact that those families "who were nestled all snug in their beds" were indebted to Menia for their safety.

Menia, who owns and operates Professional Chimney Service in New Scotland, may have begun the business with cleaning chimneys in mind, but has over the past decade and a half he has branched out to include repair and relining of chimneys, installation of wood stoves, as well as building fire places. Menia estimates he has serviced some 15,000 chimneys in the last 15 years.

Menia was a mason in 1973 when the oil crisis hit. At that time there were only six full-time sweeps in the country and with the deluge of people scurrying to heat with wood, Menia felt the move was good for him.

"I was in the right place at the right time" he says, adding that having built fire places gave him a working knowledge of chimneys and an edge in the business.

Besides fishing raccoons, birds and squirrels out of chimneys,

quick to assure everyone that the average 45 minute cleaning provided by his service leaves no mess.

"We're very careful in cleaning," he stresses, "laying out drop cloths and closing the flue when cleaning from the top."

But the image of the costumed, soot-filled mess maker lives on. Menia admits that he even succumbed to the allure of dressing in top hat and tails when he first began.

"It was a great promotional gimmick" he says, but as he branched out more and his business took on a more serious note, he and his crew changed to uniforms.

Menia tells of an instance where an area hotel needed extensive repair to some of its chimneys. Although he was more than qualified to handle the work, Menia says, he felt "if I waltzed in in top hat and tails and told them they needed \$3,000 worth of repair work I would have been laughed right out of the place."

Indeed, the business of a sweep is no laughing matter. Over the years it has become apparent that it can be a matter of life and death, as illustrated by sky rocketing liability premiums for those in the profession.



Gary Menia prepares for another day of keeping chimneys clean and safe for area residents. Lyn Stapf

concern of chimney professionals over the past few years as a number of chimneys have been

time. Although many can give a chimney a good cleaning few can do a professional inspection that

chimneys, has done a castle in New Jersey and is presently in negotiations with a big name publisher to oversee work on his houses in Connecticut and England, Menia says. He also has been invited to lecture in Hawaii in February at a conference where members of chimney sweep guilds will meet to share their expertise.

"The business is getting very specialized," he says. People in different localities are becoming masters of problems they face in their respective areas. For instance, there are sweeps on Cape Cod who specialize in treating chimneys that are affected by the salt in the air, and those on Long Island, where many people burn coal, who specialize in that aspect of the business.

But no matter where the area is or what its problems are Menia stresses the importance of maintaining chimneys, whether they be outlets for burning wood or other fuels.

A question he often hears is how often a chimney should be cleaned. According to Menia there is no rule of thumb. It depends on many factors, including the design of the fire place, its efficiency and of course the frequency of use. Menia adds though that every chimney should be inspected at least every 10 years, with the average chimney needing an examination every three years to check if the ground has shifted, if cracks have formed, if the masonry or liner have corroded or if hazardous residues have built up.

An old adage says, "good luck will rub off on you when you shake hands with a sweep." While Menia can't promise a change in luck after shaking hands with a customer, he can promise that after a visit from him and his staff one's chimney will be safe — and that's worth more than even a visit from Santa Claus.

Besides fishing raccoons, birds and squirrels out of chimneys, one of the biggest obstacles Menia has had to overcome over the years is the 'Mary Poppins Syndrome'

one of the biggest obstacles Menia has had to overcome over the years is the "Mary Poppins syndrome" — people equate all sweeps with the bumbling Dick Van Dyke character in the classic Disney film. Menia tells how one woman called recently, interested in having her chimney cleaned but reluctant to do so after having seen the mess left by the character in the movie. Menia is

Menia cites the story of a recent client, a woman who had converted to gas heat. Unfortunately an inspection of her chimney was not included by the company that hooked up the system. She was lucky she found out that her chimney was not safe before it killed her, but not before she was whisked away to the hospital.


This points out a special

converted from oil to gas. Although gas is cleaner and more efficient it presents special problems since it produces many caustic acids which can corrode chimneys, leaving them unsafe.

Because of this threat Menia favors licensing in his profession to insure customers a standard of safety. According to Menia, there are about 32 sweeps in a 20 mile radius, many of them part-

may uncover dangers such as cracks and corrosion.

But Menia says he does keep up with advances in the field. He was the first in the area to reline chimneys, many of which previously had no other lining than the brick or tile work. He is also considered an expert in the area of chimney masonry. He has gone to Colorado to service



Happy New Year

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Telephone stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a telephone from Bleau's Towing Service in Selkirk. The telephone was taken between Dec. 18 and Friday from the dispatcher's office, police said.

Car stolen from Delmar resident

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a car from the driveway of a Tamarack Rd. home early Christmas morning. Police said the car was taken from the driveway during the early

morning hours. The car was left unlocked and a spare key was inside, police said.

A brief case, ski boots and poles worth \$350 were also taken, police said.

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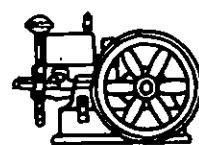
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Candle stand reduces smoke

By Medideth Dix

Peter W. Burnetter, a Bethlehem painter, recently announced his invention of a candle stand with automatic filtration. The invention could save churches thousands of dollars in maintenance costs without eliminating the use of devotional candles.

Burnetter said many churches need extensive interior restoration about every 10 years because the smoke from votive candles blackens the walls. He pointed out the extensive restoration of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel as a famous example.

Burnetter said he first realized the need for a device to protect the interior of churches when he was painting the interior of the St. Francois de Sale Church.

"I was a parishioner there, and I was doing the painting myself," Burnetter said. "The interior was so blackened from candle smoke that I had to wash it down before I could begin painting. Underneath, I found a beautiful stencilling that had disappeared under the smoke. It looked as though there had been a fire in the church, but it was only a result of the candle smoke."

When Burnetter researched the problem, he discovered one approach to solving the problem had been the abandonment of candles for light bulbs or gas pilot lights. He did not believe the abandonment of tradition was the necessary answer. After tinkering in his garage and interviewing several ventilation contractors,

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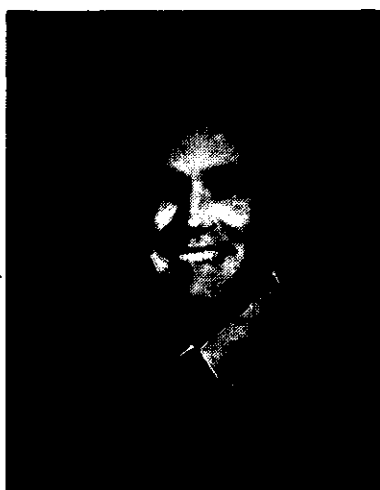
he decided that removing the smoke at its source was the answer. He began work on a candle stand that would remove smoke. Three years and many designs later, Burnetter had refined his idea into the Devota-Air Votive stand.

While searching for a patent, Burnetter discovered that the candle stands currently used in churches throughout the world were patented in 1896. "How could anyone expect to ward off 1988 maintenance costs with 1896 ideas?" he asked.

Burnetter said his original motive for designing the stand was to reduce maintenance costs for churches and, thereby, free funds for the poor.

Devota-Air stands, which are manufactured in Albany, are being offered for \$2,645 rather than the list price of \$3,778 to encourage parishioners to buy them as a tax-deductible gift to their churches.

Burnetter said he never expected or wanted to be in the church goods industry. He said he hopes to capture the interest of someone who might view his invention as a fund-raising tool for a worthy cause. Until Burnetter finds that person, he plans to run Devota-Air and make sure his invention benefits churches.



William E. Pierce

KeyCorp promotes Pierce

William E. Pierce has been promoted to vice president and regional compliance manager for KeyCorp.

Pierce is a graduate of the Cato-Meridian High School. He received his bachelors from St. Lawrence University, and completed the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

Pierce has been involved in numerous community activities, and served as an instructor for the American Institute of Banking.

Before working in the Albany area for KeyCorp, Pierce served in the Watertown area for about 10 years. He relocated to Albany as an assistant vice president in 1982 and was named a vice president in 1984.

Showroom opens

Peter G. Merrill of Delmar has announced the formation of Professional Kitchens at 476 Central Ave. Albany.

Professional Kitchens will feature custom cabinetry by Crystal Cabinet works of Princeton, Minn., and will provide custom kitchens. Merrill, a certified kitchen designer, will supervise the design and sales staffs.



Thomas Dolin Jr.

Joins firm

Thomas Dolin Jr. of Voorheesville has joined Consultech Communications Inc., Troy, as a staff journalist and media liaison.

Dolin's duties in his new position will include writing for technical journals. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and was previously a general assignment reporter for *The Ogdensburg Journal*.

Named independent federation director

Mark P. Alesse of Delmar has been named state director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

As director, Alesse will be responsible for working with members of the Legislature and Gov. Mario Cuomo's administration on issues of concern to NFI's 32,500 members.

Alesse has worked on both the state Senate and the state Assembly staff levels as well as being a public affairs director for the Retail Council of New York State and director of the Senate Task Force on Defense Spending.

He received his bachelors from the University of California.



Sandra Miller

Promoted at bank

Sandra Histed Miller of Delmar was recently promoted to branch officer at the First American Bank of New York. She is branch manager of the bank's Glenmont office.

Miller, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, earned a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in business administration from the State University at Albany.

Fallon appointed to Alaskan art council

Elizabeth J. Fallon, daughter of William Tinney of Delmar, was recently appointed to the Alaska State Council on the Arts by Alaskan Gov. Steve Cowper.

Fallon, an associate professor of English at the Matanuska-Susitna Community College of the University of Alaska Anchorage moved to the state in 1964. She has published approximately 50 articles and short stories, and plays second violin in a string ensemble.

Fallon is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University of New York at Albany.

Duracell announces scholarship competition

Duracell has invited high school students to enter its seventh scholarship competition by building battery-powered devices that are practical and energy efficient. A total of \$30,000 in scholarships will be awarded to 41 students throughout the nation.

The first place winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. The five second place winners will receive \$3,000 scholarships. The company will award 10 \$500 third place scholarships and 25 \$100 cash awards.

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Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Doug Brownell, left, and Debbie Matterson, chamber vice president, right, present Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick with 500 copies of the chamber's Community Fact Book. This is the second year the chamber has produced the free book, which is available at town hall and the chamber offices. *Spotlight*

Carey to head Conrail's new Albany division

R. Paul Carey of Selkirk has been named the new general manager of the Albany Division for Consolidated Rail Corp. (Conrail).

He is one of six general managers who will be appointed as part of Conrail's streamlining of field operations across its Northeast and Midwest rail freight network.

Carey has served as division superintendent of Conrail's Albany Division, based in Selkirk, since April 1987. He began his railroad career with Conrail in 1979 as manager-operations improvement, based in Philadelphia. He has held several positions in the operating department, including regional superintendent-industrial engineering at Pittsburgh, assistant division superintendent at Cleve-

land and division superintendent at Columbus.

The Albany Division will include Conrail lines in New England, in most of the state, including New York City, and Quebec.

Conrail's three regional and 12 divisional offices will be consolidated into six divisions, each led by a general manager who will be responsible for managing operations and track and equipment maintenance in their territories. The transitions will be effective Jan. 1.

Richard Sanborn, Conrail's president and chief operating officer, said the streamlining "will allow Conrail to more efficiently serve its customers and be more responsive to their needs."


CDTA announces holiday schedule

The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) has announced its holiday schedule. On Saturday, Dec. 31, all routes will run on a regular schedule at the regular cost of 60 cents until 8 p.m. The buses will carry passengers free from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. as a special New Year's Eve service. Special runs in downtown Albany will accommodate individuals at the city's First Night Celebration.

On Sunday, Jan. 1, all routes will run on a Sunday/holiday schedule. On Monday Jan. 2 all routes will run on a regular weekday schedule; however, no express service will be offered with the exception of the Altamont Express (20). On Monday the route 50 will operate on a Saturday schedule and no service will be offered on the Charlton (64) run.

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Predictions for the new year

Money Talks

David Vigoda



trying to achieve with their investments. (By the way, don't be put off by the term "portfolio." Whatever you've got, that's your portfolio.)

Don't go away. I'm about to state my predictions. You might note that I tend to be early. I announced that stocks were somewhere near a peak in April of 1987 and ate crow for the next six months. All this year I've been looking for the "second leg" — the completion of the market's drop — and have been forced to buy gingerly into a generally rising market.

Here we go: Stock prices will fall significantly from their current level before sustaining a rise significantly above it. Bond prices will also fall because interest rates will rise.

This will happen early in Bush's administration, if not late in Reagan's. Inflation will continue to accelerate, regardless of the pace of economic expansion or contraction, propelled by an unfavorable balance of trade, the inexorable growth of money, and credit required to cover the Federal debt, rescue the banks from the Third World (which includes Texas and the farm belt), and rescue the savings and loans from themselves. All of this, of course, will cause "modest expansion" to be renamed stagflation, until the recession begins. One more: Bush will not raise taxes. Congress will; Bush will sign it into law.

Does it sound dire? It isn't really. It's more like business as

usual. Come on, none of this is new; this is the way economics behave. That's why it's a good time to buy stock. No, I'm not crazy. Think about it: How else can you hope to buy low and sell high? As for bonds, if I knew I was right, I'd hold off until rates peak, but since I can't know if I'm right, or know when rates have peaked, I suggest we all spend less time on the prediction game and more on the job of setting appropriate goals for saving and investing.

Red Cross plans garage sale

The Albany Area chapter of the American Red Cross is preparing for the third "World's Largest Indoor Garage Sale," from Jan. 13 through 15.

The First Prize Center will host the event, which will begin with a gala dinner on Friday evening, Jan. 13, and continue with two days of garage sale shopping on Jan. 14 and 15.

The theme for this gala weekend is a 1920s speakeasy. The Red Cross is asking for donations of teacups and saucers to use on Friday night. The Albany chapter will arrange to have items picked up from donors or donors may drop them off at the Red Cross chapter house on Hackett Blvd. in Albany.

For information call the Red Cross at 462-7461.

Author to speak

John McEneny, local author and historian, will present a slide program, entitled "The Architectural Guessing Game," at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public. For information call the library at 439-9314.

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At about 3:30 p.m. each day students from Bethlehem Central's five elementary schools "come bouncing off the bus" to spend the rest of the afternoon at School's Out.

In its sixth year of operation, School's Out, Inc. is meeting the needs of 220 school-aged children who need a place to go before or after school.

The before-school program is running in four elementary schools in Bethlehem and the after-school program is housed in two locations, said Judy Cresswell, executive director. The after-school program began at the United Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave. and has expanded this year to a second location at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. School's out recently expanded its program to cover the school district's winter vacation time.

Although the program is operating at near maximum capacity, there are a few openings, Cresswell said.

The young students sign in and are allowed to choose an activity such as relaxing, playing a board game or quiet activity, she said. When all the students have arrived a nutritious snack is served and a story is read to the children.

Following the story reading, Cresswell said the children divide into small groups for structured activities. Some of the activities offered at School's Out include craft making, game playing, homework assistance and tutorial services, she said. The children also have the opportunity to play and a weekly trip is made to the Bethlehem Public Library. The children are picked up by their parents by 6 p.m., she said.

"Children need a structured, safe place and the opportunity to just have fun," she said.

Sal Prividera Jr.

Scenes from a typical day at School's Out, clockwise from bottom right, Sarah Lefkowitz, Kate Jeffrey-Martin, Sarah Gold, Charise Pfeffer, Grace Ting and Laura Osterman enjoy playing outside, while Mark Economides, Cory Reid-Vanas and Andrew Royne show off a project. Charlyn Salford passes out the daily nutritious snack. Sherry Fuss leads Scott Tullock and Ben Kowalick in game activity, while Sandy Arnold helps Nicole Privitera with a project. Lindsey Caldwell also gets a helping hand from Arnold. Executive Director Judy Cresswell takes a moment to pose with some of the children. *On the cover:* Josh Schaeffer, left, Eddie Bradley and Mitchell Lane take time out to play.



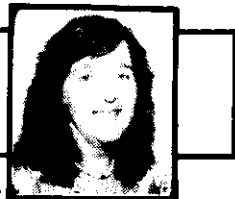
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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary

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Generosity appreciated

As the holiday fades into a pleasant memory, the generous contributions from the community to the White Christmas Fund of A.W. Becker Elementary School are worth noting.

A last-minute push on Friday brought the total of canned and packaged food items contributed to over 900. Some 150 gifts of toys and clothing were distributed to six needy area families. The fund combined the efforts of the Becker students and families, and the Bethlehem Kiwanis Club. Danielle Hummel and Mike Reinich, both fifth grade students, counted, bundled and organized the donations as they arrived.

Students honored

Amy Misuraca and Daniel Egan were named students of the month for December at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, according to Victor Carrk, principal. The program is sponsored by the Order of the Elks. The students selected receive a \$25 award and become eligible for an award of \$100 if later named student of the year.

Misuraca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Misuraca of Ravena,

is a senior and a member of the student council, the principal's advisory committee, the yearbook staff, the steering committee and the homecoming committee. She is presently secretary of the senior class. Amy was crowned last year's prom queen. She works at the rectory of St. Patrick's Church.

Egan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Fargione of Selkirk, is also a senior. He is a member of the varsity football team, the varsity wrestling team, the steering committee and the Key Club. He is student council vice president. Egan enjoys weight lifting.

Keenan tours with ballet

Jennifer Keenan of South Bethlehem will be touring this season with the Berkshire Ballet's production of the Nutcracker. She has been taking dance lessons for 10 years. This year she auditioned for a ballet for the first time.

Early dismissal announced

RCS Superintendent of Schools William Schwartz has announced that all students will be dismissed early on Jan. 11. Teachers and administrators will participate in professional development activities during the afternoon.



Helping others at Christmas

Danielle Hummel and Mike Reinich, both grade five students at the A.W. Becker Elementary School, pose next to the "White Christmas Tree" at the school that was used as a collection point for goods for

the needy. Donations at the school included over 900 cans of food and 150 presents and were distributed to six needy area families.

Cheryl Clary.

Spotlight on the Services

Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry A. Miles, son of Jerry A. Miles Sr. of Route 2, Voorheesville, recently returned from a deployment to the Republic of the Philippines with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The deployment included various training exercises as well as a visit to Hong Kong. A 1984 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined the Marine Corps in January 1986.

Pvt. Matthew M. Legg, son of Luther F. and Denise C. Legg of South Bethlehem, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1988 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

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Shane J. Craver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvids Janums, Delmar, has enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Craver is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School. He is scheduled to receive Basic and Advanced Individual Training as a cannon crewman at Fort Sill, Ok.

Marine 1st Lt. Anthony J. Mauro, son of Antonio Mauro of Feura Bush, recently reported for duty at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va.

He is a 1977 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and a 1983 graduate of the University of La Verne, Calif., with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Pvt. Bradley G. Stillwell, son of Frances P. Stillwell of Selkirk and Robert C. Stillwell of Albany, has graduated from the aircraft powertrain repairer course at the US Army transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

He is a 1987 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. James S. Lewis, son of Karin R. Demis of Feura Bush, recently reported for duty with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Tustin, Calif.

A 1985 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Lewis joined the Marine Corps in February of 1987.



Celebrating 10 years

Rev. Allan Janssen, right, recently celebrated ten years at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. He is shown here with his family, Sarah, Colleen, Emily and Jonathan.

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Nash named Job Corps head

Terence S. Nash of Delmar will become the new director of the Glenmont Job Corps Center on Monday, Jan. 3.

He will replace Aladin Rodrigues, who will be leaving his position after five years and going to Maryland to pursue "something different professionally."

Asked what his goals are for the center, Nash said, "To keep us on the same course established by Alan Rodrigues. This center is at a very high level at present, and maintenance of current conditions would be most acceptable."

The Glenmont Job Corps Center's programs was recently

ranked fifth out of 107 centers in the country.

Nash is presently the director of the Office of Employment and Training at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson, a position he has held since September, 1986. Before that, he served as the group life director and the weekend supervisor at the Glenmont Job Corps. Also at the center, Nash was the group life director, the program director, the vocational supervisor, the educational supervisor and the General Education Diploma director. He has also served as the

center director of the Chesapeake Job Corps Center in Port Deposit, Md.

He received his masters in education from the College of St. Rose in Albany, and his bachelors in social studies from Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

Rodrigues, who has spent 16 years in Job Corps, said, "Anyone who works with young people can appreciate just how rewarding experiences are. I have been with the best of both worlds... a to shape the future, and a job with good, caring people. I leave Corps with many established friendships."

Voorheesville honors announced

The following students were named to the honor roll at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. The asterisks indicate high honors.

Grade 9

Laura Blanchard, Daniel Carmody, Lyra Colfer*, Noelle Crisafulli*, Kristen Foley*, Brian Goldstein*, Pamela Harms*, Emily Hibbert*, Kristin Hodder*, Kimberly Horan*, Alexandra Kinnear*, David Lancor*, Steven Lapinski*, Eric Logan, Rebecca Logan*, Alison Meilinger*, Samantha Morrissey, Scot Porter, Anthony Primiano, Joseph Race, Kathryn Ramsey*, Nicole Solomos*, Robert Stapf*, Erin E. Sullivan*, Andrew Symula*, Christin Veeder*, David Washburn.

Grade 10

Richard Adams, Ellen Barber*, Jonathan Bissell, Dana Blackmer, Darcy Blackmer, Christine Blanchard, Christian Clark, Mary Coates, Leah Collins*, Jennifer Cooper, Brigid Corcoran*, Kelly Donohue*, Michelle Doto*, Sean Foley, Adrienne Ford, Thomas Genovese*, Matthew Hladun, Sandra Huang*, Matthew Jeffers*, Michael Kaine*, Elena Keller, Dianne Kissell*, Christopher Lawler, Nicole Leach, Tammy Loewy*, Dennis Lucia, Jodi McFate, John McGuire, Lynn Meade*, Beth Miller, Cheryl Murphy, Michelle Paraso*, Heather

Parmenter, Laura Pierro*, Keith Ranalli, Catherine Reilly*, Todd Relyea, Kyle Russo*, Robert Sarr, Holli Shufelt, Judy Smith*, Tami Stewart, William Stone, Kevin Taylor*, Nancy Timmis, Theresa Wakefield, John Wojewoda*.

Grade 11

Tracy Avgerinos, Susanne Beresford, Sarah Bissell, Matthew Burns, Erin Donnelly*, Brian Dunn, Kristen Foster, Michael Haaf*, Karie Hammond, Kevin Jaundoo, William Kerr*, Jessica Killar, Jennifer Kraemer*, Cher Krajewski, Michael Malark, Christopher McDermott*, Randolph Rathke, Kyle Relyea*, Tamra Renaud, Christian Scharl, Craig Schreivogl*, Megan Smith, Katharine Sommer, Tracy Stevens*, Alice Warden, Angela Washburn*.

Grade 12

Kelly Avgerinos, Haven Battles*, Natalia Bausback*, Justin Birk, Colin Breeze*, Stephanie Brown, Patricia Carmody*, Laline Carvalho*, Scot Chamberlain*, Joseph Colburn*, Orion Colfer*, Kevin Davis*, Jill Decatur*, Amy Defazzio, Bridget DePasquale, Alison Egan, Kristina Flanders*, Koren Gibbs*, Heather Glock, Deirdre Gobeille*, Bret Hart*, Donna Hawkins*, Maureen Herlihy, Amy Hibbert, Denise Hoagland*, James Hooks*, Shaun

Joyce, Cheryl Kerr, Kathrin Kirschnick*, Craig Lapinski, David Larabee*, Adrienne Long*, Debra McCluskey, Tracey McFate*, Peter Meilinger*, David Mistretta*, Claudia Molina*, Cynthia Murphy*, Maura Murphy*, Michelle Petre*, Jeffrey Pierro, Lori Rafferty, Stephanie Reh*, Kevin Russo*, Michael Sestak, Joanne Sheridan, Christopher Stevens*, Gina Stewart, Hiroyuki Takase*, Kirsten Taylor*, Amy Tesch, Jennifer Toritto*, Brian Tracey*, Gary Washburn, Michael Whiteley, Jennifer Zeh, Amy Zongrone.

No PCBs found in area towns

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has begun investigating the discovery of PCBs at compressor stations along the Tennessee Gas Pipeline's transmission pipelines in New York State. No compressor stations are located along the company's gas pipeline in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

A recent report from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline indicated the discovery of PCBs at seven of its nine compressor stations in New York State. A DEC representative has reported that the state is requiring thorough investigations and cleanup of the sites.



In the Christmas spirit

The Delmar Post Office got in the Christmas spirit of giving to others by collecting donations and purchasing gifts for a needy Clarksville family. Jim Foster, supervisor of mail and delivery, left, Tom Porcaro, postmaster, and Tony Maio, a letter carrier load the gifts for delivery. The post office assisted by the Delmar Veterans of Foreign Wars post raised over \$600 in food and presents including a bicycle and radio.

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BC Peer Helpers get training during retreat

By Drew Patrick

Members of the Bethlehem Central High School Peer Helpers group, which represents a cross section of the students at the high school, attended a retreat training program at St. Joseph's Spiritual Life Center in Valatie on Nov. 20 and 21.

The Peer Helpers are people who want to, and believe they can, make a difference in the quality of life at Bethlehem. The Peer Helpers are a resource for students who have a problem and seek someone to talk to. The Peer Helpers are trained in communication and listening skills, as well as the decision making process, recognizing one's limits, and

knowing when to seek professional assistance.

One main topic of this retreat was how to recognize a problem, and how to be an active Helper, rather than a passive one. The members of the Peer Helpers purchased T-shirts with the intent of becoming more visible within the school. With the help of Mrs. Pinchback, counselor and advisor, and staff members Mr. Bango, Ms. Birch, Mr. Furey, Ms. Moriarity, Ms. Shane and Mr. Villa, the training was well received. Kate Provencher from the Albany County Substance Abuse Program also helped with the training. Bethlehem Central student Sean Nixon presented one session. Melissa Coccozza, a Bethlehem Central graduate and former Peer Helper, also helped present the training sessions and was a positive influence through sharing her own experiences.

The goal of the group this year is to become more active in promoting positive peer influence throughout the school. The retreat was very successful. The new members are now prepared to use their training in the school.

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Gonan leaving

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coming weeks (the board) will begin the process of how to approach finding replacements," he said. Fernandez indicated that Grasso's position may be filled by someone currently working in the district.

The board of education also issued a memorandum to the district's staff. It thanked Gonan for her efforts as superintendent and assured the staff of the board's commitment "to providing for the continued stability and professional growth of our district and its excellent programs and services."

Both Gonan and Fernandez said the superintendent will continue with the district for the term of her contract. Gonan said that by using accumulated vacation time she will leave in May.

"At Voorheesville these past two and one half years, my focus has been on the needs of the children and on helping the professional staff to grow to meet those needs," Gonan wrote. "In addition, it was also unexpectedly necessary to focus on the many emerging problems which had their genesis prior to my tenure."

The district has begun work on an up to \$8.9 million bond issue, which will give Voorheesville funding to remove asbestos and correct a number of fire safety code violations. Included in the bond issue will be some program-related work.

Recently, Gonan outlined a number of program-related suggestions such as "clustering" grade levels at both district schools, which may be part of the bond issue expected to go before voters this spring.

Fernandez said the board has not finalized its decisions on the bond issue and "will try to have a meeting in January to review the specific implications of the ideas (Gonan) presented." He added the board wants to have a "complete understanding of the costs and the academic improvements" before making decisions on what will be in the bond issue.

The district will "certainly proceed with all the program changes (Gonan) has initiated," Fernandez said.

Gonan said after the holidays she will decide her future plans and "will certainly look at another superintendency" either in the area or on Long Island, where she owns a house.

She also said she enjoyed working with the "terrific" staff in the Voorheesville district.

Ironically, Gonan's decision to leave comes as she received a nomination to Commissioner of Education Thomas Sobol's advisory council representing the New York State Superintendents' Council. Gonan was nominated by her peers in the council and approved to join the council by Sobol. As a member of the council, she will meet with the commissioner, along with other school district superintendents, to discuss educational issues.

Three vacant homes burglarized

Bethlehem police are investigating break-ins at three vacant houses in the Bethlehem area over the last two weeks.

Thieves broke into an abandoned house on South Albany Rd. between Dec. 16 and Saturday, police said. About \$5,000 worth of copper pipe was cut out and stolen from the basement, police said.

During that time two vacant homes on Elsmere Ave. were also broken into. Over \$2,000 worth of copper pipe was taken from one of the homes, police said.

All three homes were owned by a Selkirk resident.

Preschool films shown at library

A series of preschool films will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, Jan. 6, at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Young people are welcome to view "Stone Soup," "Isabella and the Magic Brush" and "Wynken, Blinken and Nod."

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Legislature wraps it up

By Patricia Dumas

In customary end-of-the-year practice, the Albany County Legislature last week moved swiftly through a lengthy agenda by authorizing on a single vote call resolutions dealing with budget appropriations.

The legislators, meeting Dec. 20, approved a motion by Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris to lump together 38 appropriation items in order to trim a 393-item agenda. The measures, which were approved by voice vote, provide for tax dollar expenditures needed to maintain routine services within the county. The money will be channeled through various county departments.

Many of the appropriations requiring legislative approval dealt with functions of the county's Department of Finance. These include collecting revenues, paying county bills, handling payrolls, collecting delinquent taxes, and being responsible for monies held in trust for court actions and held in escrow for works in progress.

Under the county's \$240.8 million budget this year, a \$5,211,557 expenditure is allotted for maintenance of the county road system and a \$1,895,727 amount for snow and ice control on highways within the system. Those items were officially approved last week.

The legislative action also included adoption of equalization rates for tax districts within the county. Bethlehem's percentage of assessed full value to real value is 11.16, with the assessed value set at \$105,926,459.

The county legislators also approved their annual reimbursement for travel to attend the monthly meetings of the legislature. Based on a rate of 20 cents per mile, the reimbursement total for claims submitted by 24 of the members (those representing areas outside the city of Albany) totaled \$1,295.60. The claims submitted by local legislators were: W. Gordon Morris, \$47.60; Robert W. Hoffmeister, \$42.00; James C. Ross, \$41.60; Michael A. Ricci, \$44.80; Charles E. Houghtaling Jr., \$41.60, and Anthony DiAcetis Jr., \$112.00. James J. Perkins, who represents the three towns of Berne, Knox and Rensselaerville, submitted the largest mileage claim, \$179.20 for 896 miles traveled.

The legislature also approved resolutions dealing with the county airport. It awarded a contract of \$180,610 to Monroe Tree and Lawntender of Rochester for clearing obstructions to a runway approach surface, authorized a work-change order to provide a \$12,885 payment to Callanan Industries for installation of a security gate as part of an ongoing contract for airport work, and agreed to lease .02 acres of land, rent-free, to the Federal Aviation Administration for installation of part of a wind shear alert system near the airport on ground by the intersection of Sicker Road and Albany-Shaker Road.

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Indian matmen victorious

By Josh Curley

With a huge second place finish at the Colonie tournament followed by a crushing Colonial Council victory over Lansingburgh over the past weeks, the RCS wrestling team has proven its power and earned respect.

The squad traveled to Colonie to compete in a tournament attended by many large schools

and many powerful wrestling programs.

The Indians took second overall on the strength of sophomore Shannon Cowles' (98 pounds) and junior Henry Mormiles (138 pounds) individual victories. Both victors won by decision in their championship match, 7-5 and 12-9 respectively.

Three other Ravena wrestlers also advanced to the finals. 119

pounder Geoff Demis, Jeff Friday at 155 and at 167 Joe Dillberg were all pinned in their match and settled for second place.

As a team, RCS was 21 points behind winner Linton and 6½ points ahead of Amsterdam. The Indians defeated perennial rival South Glens Falls in the tournament by 27½ points.

As Colonial Council leaders, Ravena handled a weak Lansingburgh team 63-6 to bring the Indians' overall dual meet record to 5-0. Lansingburgh competed with just nine wrestlers and consequently posted several forfeits. However, Lansingburgh managed their only victory at 91 pounds where Ravena, unable to fill the empty slot, was forced to forfeit. Ravena scored on four forfeits and five pins. Bob Pelletier, Dillberg and Tri-captains Demis, Curt Van Derzee and Friday produced pins within the first period of their match including Dillberg's pin in astonishing 17 seconds. Joe Mehaniw, Brian Goodrich and Dan Egan each won their matches by decision.

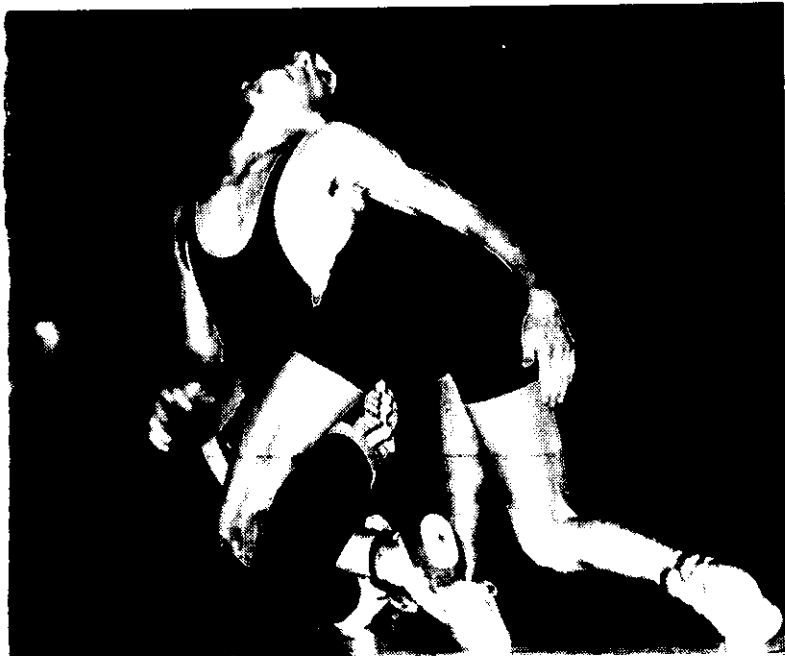
This week Ravena will face Johnstown, Fonda and Averill Park at Johnstown on Friday.

Burle supports team

Alex Burle of Delmar is playing hockey this season for Skidmore College. The freshman defenseman has had six assists in eight games. He is the team's leading scorer at defense. The Skidmore team has a 5-3 overall record and is 3-2 in ECAC North/South play. Burle is a graduate of Albany Academy.



RCS Indian's Joe Mehaniw has his hand raised in victory after earning a decision for his match.
John DeLaney



Ravena's Joe Mehaniw tries for a reversal of his Lansingburgh opponent during their 112-pound weight class match on Tuesday. The Indians won the meet 63-6.

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Dunmore honored

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Dunmore, a sophomore striker on the Clarkson University soccer team this fall, played a major role in the Golden Knights' best season ever.

Dunmore is a 1987 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is a mechanical engineering major at Clarkson.

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BC domination may end

By Nat Boynton

It would take a long and deep search of the archives of New York State interscholastic athletics to find a varsity team of any school in any sport that can top a record of 18 consecutive Sectional championships.

And the chances are it would be futile. Bethlehem Central's swimming dynasty in the Seventies and Eighties in Section 2 has no equal, let alone a challenger.

But few things on this transitory planet are permanent, and if the end of this awesome win streak doesn't come this year, it almost certainly will come next season. Meanwhile coach Ken Neff's talent-laden navy continues to dominate the Adirondack Swim League.

For another month, that is. There are storm clouds on the immediate horizon, and even darker threats in the distance.

So far this year it has been business as usual for the Eagles, led by four experienced seniors who include two of the area's top swimmers. Neff, in his own high school days a sectional superstar and a major contributor to the BC dynasty, has 22 swimmers and six divers in his current edition. They opened the season with easy victories over Johnstown, Guilderville, Burnt Hills and Albany Academy without a hint of a challenge, and survived a modest test last Friday in a meet against Shenendehowa at the Mechanicville pool.

It won't always be that easy. Coming up is a confrontation with Troy High on Jan. 31 that could be ominous. Not only does Troy have a strong team long on experience, but the meet is in the Trojans' tank.

In this collision the Eagles will need balance and versatility. Five-year veterans Justin Baird and Chris Drew can be counted on for first-place points, four-year starters Scott Whitney and Chris Engstrom are solid contributors, and the divers will score well, but the meet outcome will hinge on the battles for second and third places.

No one in the Eagle camp likes to think beyond that critical meet. Bethlehem will be losing Drew, Baird, Whitney, Engstrom and five other seniors to graduation, while Troy loses no one. With only two experienced juniors, Drew Patrick and diver Andrew Satinger, Neff concedes that this is a serious problem.

"Normally it takes a couple of years to develop young swimmers and grow them into individual events," Neff points out. "This year, with only two experienced juniors, we have to speed up the process by filling in with sophomores and freshmen. We expect to give Troy a strong run this year, but it poses a problem for next year."

In last Friday's 42-34 triumph over the Shens, several of the newcomers showed up well. Craig Mattox, a sophomore backstroke, was clocked in 1:06.6 and was barely touched out for second place. Ian Salsberg, a freshman in his first year on the varsity, was timed in 1:13.6 in the breaststroke, more than four seconds off his previous best. That got him only a fourth place, but those clockings qualified both youngsters for the Sectionals next February.

"He'll cut that time down even more in the coming weeks," said Neff. "He's just getting started."

The Mechanicville splashing also gave Neff an opportunity to put his best medley relay quartet together for the first time this season. Engstrom (back), Whitney (breast), Baird (fly) and Drew (free) were clocked in 1:48.6, second fastest in the section so far this year.

Neff said the Eagles handled Shenendehowa well despite adverse conditions. The spread of a flu bug through the schools left him with only eight available swimmers.

Whenever diving is included in the scoring, the Eagles can also deliver important points. Bill McCarthy is the diving captain, and Satinger is experienced off the boards. Only a few league members have a pool qualified for diving, hence the divers are frequently denied competitive action. Even in BC home meets, when visiting teams have no divers, meet points are waived in that event.

That doesn't deter Bethlehem divers from their daily workouts under diving coach Mike Scherer in his second year in Delmar. Scherer, a U.S. citizen who grew up in Austria, is a substitute teacher in this area.

If the 1989-90 season turns out to be a building year, there is good reason for optimism. The modified team, coached by Sue Hrib, has an excellent chance to go undefeated despite the absence of ninth graders who are on the varsity. Shaker appears as the only serious challenger.

Guilderville handed tough loss

By Zack Kendall

The Guilderville boys' swim team hosted Queensbury last Thursday, and although the 30-46 final score of was disappointing, the team had a surprising number of personal victories.

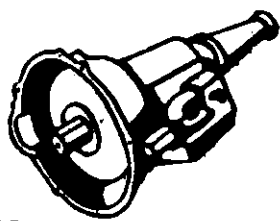
Joe Tyrell took a strong first in the 100 freestyle, and Scott Bowden also finished first in the breast stroke. Four swimmers reached their personal best times

in their events: Seth Rose, second in the 500 free; Stephen Csiza, third in the IM; Doug Wuttke, fourth in the fly, and Brian Smith, fourth in the 500 free. Gary Washburn placed second in the fly and 500 free; in both cases he was just a foot or two behind the winner. Scott Bowden took a second in the 200 free, and Dave Washburn finished second in both the back stroke and IM, as did Matt Kost in the 400 free.

Guilderville performs well in their own four-lane pool, where fewer opposing team members can be entered in an event. In large pools, the Coach Larry Dedrick has a hard time filling the lanes from a small squad. When the New Year arrives, the team will be hosting Johnstown. Coach Dedrick is optimistic about this meet, saying, "They're about our size, and we've got a good chance of defeating them."

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Eagle matmen split meet

By John Bellizzi III

Last week's only competition saw the Bethlehem Central varsity wrestling team pick up both a non-league win and a non-league defeat. In a double dual meet last Thursday at Averill Park, the Eagles downed Voorheesville 39-26, but were defeated by the host school 33-18 in a meet in which the final score did not indicate the closeness of the competition.

BC's Suburban Council dual meet record remains 1-2, though its overall record improved to 3-3 with last week's action. Far from taking the holidays off, the Eagles will be wrestling in one of New York State's top-ranked tournaments this Thursday and Friday in Spencerport.

Senior co-captain Pat Leamy is the only member of this year's team who placed at Spencerport last winter, coming in fourth in

the highly-competitive 105-pound weight class. Last year, BC took fourth at the tournament.

In Thursday's meet, Voorheesville earned six points by registering a pin at 98 pounds, but BC's Mike Ehrlich accepted a forfeit at 105 to tie the score 6-6. Eric Newdom won by fall for BC at 112 and Nick Morrison outscored his opponent 17-0 at 119, earning a technical fall. Pat Leamy won by a 9-0 major decision and Mike Leamy by a 15-1 superior decision, increasing BC's lead to 27-6. A 24-7 technical fall registered by John Gallogly at 138 pounds further increased BC's lead to 33-6.

Voorheesville was victorious in the next three weight classes, as Bob Rodgers was defeated by technical fall at 145, Ethan Beyer fell victim to a superior decision at 155, and Pete Bragaw was edged out 7-4 at 167. Paul Vichot

accepted a forfeit at 177, and Voorheesville won by fall at 215.

Averill Park got off to a very good start against the Eagles, winning the first three matches of the dual. The Warriors registered pins at 98 and 105, and BC's Jeremy Hartnett lost by a 6-2 decision in a close 112-pound bout, to give Averill Park an early 15-0 lead.

A 5-1 decision by Morrison at 112 gave the Eagles their first win, and Pat Leamy followed with a pin, narrowing the gap to 15-9. In a very tight 132-pound match, Mike Leamy was defeated by former BC standout wrestler Ed Moak 12-2.

A victory by Gallogly at 138 made the score 19-12, but victories by Averill Park at 145 and 155 increased their lead substantially. Bragaw picked up a 6-0 decision and Vichot won 3-1. Todd DeVoe lost at 215, 10-0.

Birds can't close gap against 'Burgh

By Rick Leach

After last Friday's stunning, late-second victory over Mechanicville, the Voorheesville boy's basketball team came into Lansingburgh with a newly found confidence.

"We had played eight straight good quarters, dating back to halftime of the Ravena game," Coach Skip Caark said. However, it was not to be, as the Birds fell 52-49.

Voorheesville started off by continuing that string with two solid quarters of defense, to grab a 23-20 advantage at halftime. However, at the beginning of the third quarter, Lansingburgh began to solve Voorheesville's collapsing defense with three straight three-point shots. Although the rest of the quarter was virtually even,

the damage was already done, and the Knights went into the final stanza with a comfortable 40-31 lead. However, the Blackbirds, who had been cold from the field all night, all of a sudden found the bottom of the net and cut the margin to 50-49 with eight seconds to play. After trying to steal the inbounds pass, the visitors were forced to foul. The hosts made both foul shots and the buzzer sounded, giving the Knights the narrow win. Individually, Ken Andriano paced the Birds with 16 points, while Keith Fragoni added twelve. Craig Lapinski added eight points and thirteen rebounds.

This week the 3-4 Birds play in one of the tougher tournaments of the year, the Helderberg Tournament at Guiderland.

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(December 28, 1988)

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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, January 4, 1989, at 8:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of William J. and Rosa M. Belleville, 31 Bittersweet Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159 for Variances under Article XII, Chap Section 79 A-2, Rear Yard, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for an already built deck/gazebo encroaching 19 feet into the rear yard setback at premises 31 Bittersweet Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159.
Charles B. Fritts

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Chairman
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(December 28, 1988)
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Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(December 28, 1988)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, invite sealed bids to be publicly opened at 7:45 P.M. on January 5, 1989 at No. 1 Fire House, Maple Avenue, Selkirk, New York, for the purchase of a new 1 Ton Cab and Chassis for a Fire Police Vehicle.
Specifications may be obtained from Thomas W. Jeram, Esq., 39 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, (518) 463-2251.
The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

LEGAL NOTICE

Dated: December 13, 1988
BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS OF
THE SELKIRK
FIRE DISTRICT
/s/ Frank A. With
Secretary
(December 28, 1988)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY on the 11th day of January, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respect:
I. Amend ARTICLE I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, by adding two new paragraphs (vvv) and (www) to read as follows:
(vvv) The intersection of Peel Street and University Street is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with a Stop Sign to be erected on Peel Street at its intersection with University Street.
(www) The intersection of Sherbrook Drive and University Street is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with a Stop Sign to be erected on Sherbrook Drive at its intersection with University Street.
All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.
BY ORDER OF THE

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TOWN BOARDTOWN
OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK
Dated: November 23, 1988
(December 28, 1988)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
BETHLEHEM CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM
AND NEW SCOTLAND,
County of Albany, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of Bethlehem Central School District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, New York will be held at the Bethlehem Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, in said District, on the 15th day of February, 1989, at 7:00 o'clock, A.M., Eastern Standard Time.
At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed. The following resolution which will be submitted at said meeting states the taxes to be proposed, the object or purpose for which such taxes will be authorized and the estimated maximum amount to be expended for such object or purpose:
Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
1. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Clarksville Elementary School and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such reconstructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$635,636.00.
2. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Elsmere Elementary School and to purchase the original

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furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such reconstructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$331,576.00.
3. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Glenmont Elementary School and to construct an addition thereto, and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such building, all at an estimated cost of \$2,923,821.00.
4. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Hamagrael Elementary School and to construct an addition thereto, and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such building, all at an estimated cost of \$2,221,825.00.
5. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Slingerlands Elementary School and to construct an addition thereto, and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such building, all at an estimated cost of \$2,889,425.00.
6. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Bethlehem Middle School and to relocate existing modular units owned by the district to the Middle School site, purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such reconstructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$1,119,226.00.
7. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to reconstruct the Bethlehem High School and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for such reconstructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$1,294,616.00.
8. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to construct a school district maintenance building and facility located at the high school site and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment,

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machinery and apparatus required for such newly constructed building, all at an estimated cost of \$224,800.00.
9. The total estimated maximum cost of the purposes set forth hereinabove is \$11,640,925.00 and a tax in that amount authorized to be expended for such purposes shall be levied upon all the taxable property in the School District in order to raise money required for such purposes, and such tax shall be levied in annual installments which shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education. The sums set forth for each building or site are estimated and may be increased or decreased but the total estimated maximum cost of all such purposes shall not exceed the sum of \$11,640,925.00.
10. Bonds or other obligations of the School District of the aggregate principal amount of \$11,640,925.00 are hereby authorized to be issued in anticipation of the collection of said tax and a tax shall be levied to pay the interest on said bonds or other obligations as the same become due and payable.
The Board of Education has determined that the vote upon such proposition shall be taken by the use of voting machines and that the polls shall be kept open for voters desiring to vote upon such proposition from 7:00 o'clock, A.M., Eastern Standard Time, until 9:00 o'clock, P.M., Eastern Standard Time.
By order of the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, New York.
Dated: December 14, 1988
Kristi Carr
School District Clerk
(December 28, 1988)

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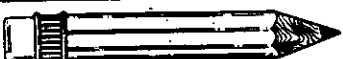
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Dec. 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Dec. 16	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Dec. 16	Selkirk Fire Department	Structure Fire
Dec. 16	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
Dec. 17	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart Attack
Dec. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Dec. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
Dec. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Dec. 18	Delmar Fire Department	Structure Fire
Dec. 19	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Dec. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Dec. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Dec. 21	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Dec. 21	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Auto Accident

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad will offer a full cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course at the Selkirk Firehouse No. 1, Route 396, Selkirk, on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 21 and 22. The classes will begin at 9 a.m. For information call Linda at 767-2429 or Herb Parisi at 767-9037.

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Obituaries



David Blanchard

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David W. "Butch" Blanchard Jr., 41, of Delmar, a football coach for several Bethlehem teams, died Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was a native of Albany and lived most of his life in Delmar.

He graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1966 and from Boston University in 1970. He was a college track and football athlete.

For the past seven years he was a sales manager for Cibro Petroleum Products Inc. at the Port of Albany.

He was a coach for the Bethlehem Pop Warner Football League for the past three years. He was an assistant varsity football coach for Bethlehem Central High School from 1973 to 1978. He was also a coach, player and vice president of the Hudson Valley Amateur Hockey League.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo O'Brien Blanchard; a

daughter, Lauren G. Blanchard of Delmar; a stepson, Joshua M. Lanny of Delmar; his mother, Geraldine Griffin Blanchard of Delmar; his maternal grandmother, Lena Wilson of Springfield, Mass.; three sisters, Gerri Lynn Battle, Priscilla Smith and Tracey Stanton, all of Delmar, and two brothers, Jeffrey G. Blanchard of Clarksville and Gregory S. Blanchard of Unionville. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the David W. "Butch" Blanchard Football Scholarship Fund, care of John Sodergren, 22 Sheffield Dr., Delmar, N.Y. 12054, or St. Peter's Hospital Foundation for Hospice, Albany.

Mary Jarvis

Mary Kenneally Jarvis, 84, of Voorheesville, a former owner of the Delmar Theatre, died Saturday, Dec. 17, at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

She was born in Albany.

She retired 25 years ago after owning the Delmar Theatre on Delaware Ave. for many years.

She was the wife of the late Joseph Jarvis.

She leaves two daughters, Mary Wachter of Port Townsend, Wash., and Geraldine Wagner of Voorheesville; a son, Joseph Jarvis Jr. of Guilderland, and 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Reilly and Son Funeral Home of Voorheesville. Burial will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Donations may be made to the Voorheesville Ambulance Service.

Charles Hatcher

Charles Hatcher, 87, of Selkirk died Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a long illness.

He was a native of Halfmoon.

He was a railroad worker for 30 years. He retired in 1965 from the former New York Central Railroad in Selkirk.

He is survived by his wife, Clara N. Hatcher; two daughters, Elsie Ward of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Judy M. Benway of Hannacroix, and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home of Altamont. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Berne.

Donations may be made to the Bethlehem Ambulance Squad.

Mary Hanzlik

Mary Hanzlik of Feura Bush died Dec. 25 after a long illness. She was 63.

An area resident for over 40 years, she was a member of the Jerusalem Reformed Church, where services will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

She is survived by her husband, Frank; her daughter, Anne Marie Greene, and son, Frank (Bud) Hanzlik; her sister, Helen Gammel of Glenmont and brother, William Ziman of Coeymans Hollow. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Burial will be in Jerusalem Cemetery, with arrangements by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar. Contributions may be made in the name of Mary Hanzlik to the American Cancer Society or the Jerusalem Reformed Church.

Feura Bush man charged for drinking, driving

A 36-year-old Feura Bush man was arrested for driving while intoxicated Saturday evening, Bethlehem police said. The man was stopped after an officer observed him failing to keep on the right side of the Rt. 140, police said. The DWI charge was made after police detected the odor of alcohol and the man failed field sobriety tests.

BCHS student has purse stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a purse from a Bethlehem Central High School student last Monday. The purse containing the girl's driver's license, \$12 in cash, a calculator and a pair of glasses was stolen from the girls' gym locker room, police said. The theft occurred while the girl was attending gym class, police said.

Free clinic offered for infants

A new community service is being offered for area infants. The Capital District Region Developmental Assessment for Infants, a free assessment clinic is will be open monthly at Bellevue Hospital in Schenectady. Referrals will be accepted from anyone who has a concern about a child up to two years of age.

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Space

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science and be responsible.

Since the orbiter name had to be that of an ocean-going vessel, the group's first step was to research a list of names. They chose *Endeavor*, a vessel led by a Captain Cook in the 1760s, Foley said. She said the group chose to keep the old spelling of *Endeavour*.

The SAFE day activities included creating informational posters about space, news articles for a space edition of the school newspaper, button making and drawing space shuttles, she said. The program also had computer activities, booths where student could design their own space T-shirts and a sing-a-long. All the booths were run by the group of students who had done the research.

Foley said each class at the school wrote space poetry, which was later put to music by CiCi Hunt. The children learned the songs for their class and then sang them to the rest of the school.

"I don't think there was a child in the school that didn't enjoy the fair," she said. "It took in everyone."

Foley is writing an account of the day's activities and sending the school's name choice of *Endeavour* along to NASA to be judged. She said she is "optimistic" about the schools chance of winning the contest. "Whether we win or lose, we're all winners ... It was a terrific learning adventure. It was fun, yet we were learning."

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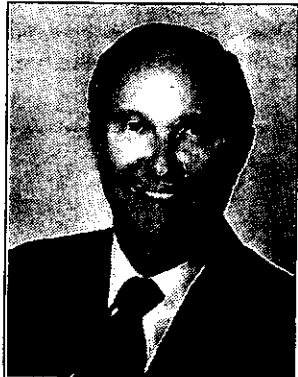
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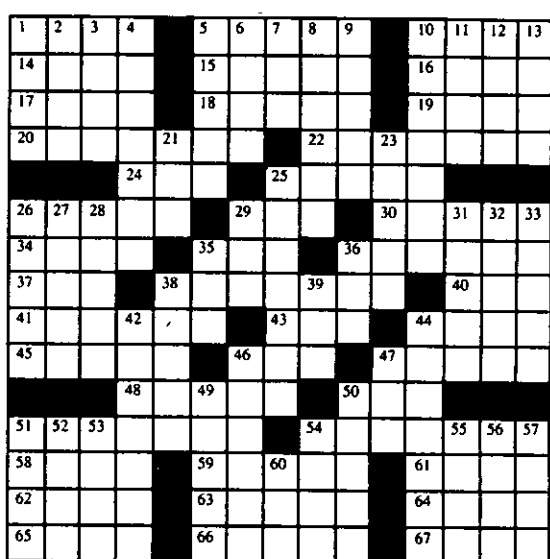
Weekly Crossword

"FIDDLES, HORNS, ETC."

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Peruse
- 5 Hawaiian feast
- 10 Fiddle
- 14 Actor John
- 15 Surrender cry
- 16 Restart
- 17 Country in South America
- 18 Link up (2 wds)
- 19 Female name
- 20 Wind instrument
- 22 Balalaika player; Nationality
- 24 Mr.'s wife
- 25 Ernest or Julian
- 26 Congressional workers
- 29 Transport
- 30 Main artery
- 34 "Either get ____ get out"; Mother's command
- 35 Lyric poem (Medieval French)
- 36 Pansy or Nasturtium (e.g.)
- 37 Amer. Glassworkers Union
- 38 Omen
- 40 Mine (Italian)
- 41 Message senders
- 43 Alternate (adv)
- 44 Can do
- 45 "My Gal Sal" or "By the Light of the Silvery Moon"
- 46 Precedes "INARY": Common
- 47 Orchestra section
- 48 Kilns
- 50 Quagmire
- 51 Instrument at 5 Across
- 54 Brass instrument
- 58 Moslem judge
- 59 Bspatter
- 61 Labor protection org.
- 62 City in Massachusetts
- 63 Model
- 64 Belmont's cheers
- 65 Botanist Gray and Biblical King
- 66 Charley Brown's little sister
- 67 Plunder



DOWN

- 1 Preoccupied
- 2 Elbe tributary
- 3 Egyptian heaven
- 4 Rich or Krupa
- 5 Ancient musical instruments
- 6 One
- 7 Trick taker
- 8 Extreme extremes
- 9 Olympic locale
- 10 Clown of the woodwinds
- 11 Philippine Island termite
- 12 Watery parts of blood
- 13 Trumpeter
- 21 Two at a time (adv)
- 23 Blas
- 25 Hendrix and Van Halen's instruments
- 26 Van Cliburns specialty
- 27 Heaven's horn blower
- 28 Out of your ____ (slang)
- 29 Ban
- 31 Desi's dance

32 Follows

- 33 Medicinal plants
- 35 Alamos
- 36 Hard worker
- 38 With pet: bugaboo
- 39 Old (archaic)
- 42 Stern and Perlman's instruments
- 44 Arabian oboe
- 46 New York lake
- 47 Choice seat at Lincoln Center
- 49 Entry island
- 50 Precedes "HOO": Hype
- 51 USC's rival
- 52 Kyser and Starr
- 53 Ms. Ferber
- 54 Official stamp
- 55 Capital of Norway
- 56 Precedes "STAT": Resistor
- 57 Political cartoonist Thomas
- 60 Canto: Fine singing



Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Smith

Audra Ingraham wed

Audra Lynn Ingraham, daughter of David and Linda Ingraham of Clarksville, and Robert Joseph Smith, son of Janet Argins and the late Herman Smith of Voorheesville, were married on Aug. 21 at the Clarksville Community Church.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College

at Cobleskill. She is currently employed at Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, is currently employed by Owens Corning Fiberglass.

The couple will reside in Feura Bush.

Seek volunteers to assist poor residents

Albany County Opportunity, Inc., is seeking volunteers for its projects serving low income and poor resident of Albany County.

Albany County Opportunity is the community action agency within the county. Community action agencies provide programs for low income residents to enable them to escape poverty. More than 28,000 residents of the county live below the poverty level based on the 1980 Census and its updates.

The agency was started in 1966 and in is a non-profit corporation. It operates a senior transportation service, provides client advocacy, operates the Albany County Head Start program, a weatherization program, an outreach program in Cohoes called CoCap, and various other community agencies.

To volunteer, contact Paul Stewart at the agency at 463-3175 or stop by the office at 35 Clinton Ave. in Albany.

Funding for the program is received from the Department of State, Health and Human Services, county, city and private sources.



Mr. and Mrs. William F. Howard

William Howard wed

Paulette E. Morgan, daughter of Mrs. Walter Morgan and the late Walter Morgan of Cincinnati, and William F. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Howard of Delmar, were married Sept. 17 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar.

Elizabeth Morgan was the maid of honor. Thomas Howard served as best man.

The bride, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, received her master's degree from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. She is currently

employed as a research assistant with the New York State Senate Research Service in Albany.

The bridegroom received his bachelor's degree from Manhattanville College and his master's degree from the State University at Albany. He is employed as a policy analyst for the New York State Senate.

The couple will reside in Guilderland.

Meeting date announced

An organizational meeting of the Delmar Fire District will be held at the Delmar Firehouse, Adams St. and Nathaniel Blvd., on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Five Rivers offers winter program

An outdoor walk and exploration of the winter world of animals will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m.

The free program will be led by center naturalists. To register call 453-1806.

New member welcome

The Association of Ladies of Charity in Albany recently inducted 59 new members. Marcy Wendth of Delmar was named president of the association.

The Ladies Charity Association provides services, funds, food and clothing to individuals in need. One important focus of the association is visiting and serving the elderly.

Dr. Joseph & Mrs. Cynthia Manzi

Wish to announce the birth of their daughter

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Reeves-Dempsey

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Reeves of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet Marie, to Stephen Robert Dempsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Dempsey of Warren NJ.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names and Siena College, and she has attended Russell Sage College in Troy. She is a graduate student at the Rockefeller School of Public Affairs and Policy at the state University of New York at Albany.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Mahopac High School and Siena College. He is a New England representative for Vermer Sales and Service Company in Castleton.

A May wedding is planned.

Library closed

The main and branch libraries of the Albany Public Library will be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, and Monday, Jan. 2. The regular library hours will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

For information call 449-3380.

Square dance planned

The Tri-Village Squares Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, from 8 to 10 p.m.

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