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## RCS bond goes to voters in 3 parts

*Second vote follows October defeat*

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Residents of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will be asked to vote next Wednesday on a building project to alleviate overcrowding and projects to improve high school facilities.

Voters will have the opportunity to approve or veto three separate construction projects: classroom additions to the Becker and Coeymans elementary schools; a high school library addition, and a high school gymnasium addition.

The \$9.5 million project was voted down by a 321 vote margin in October, when it was presented as one package, which prompted the school board to present each

project as separate propositions for the revote. At the time of the November decision to have the separate propositions, Board President Mark Sengenberger said the board felt strongly all three items were needed.

District Superintendent William Schwartz said that the bond issue represents the board of education's and the district administration's "support of what best meets the needs of the children."

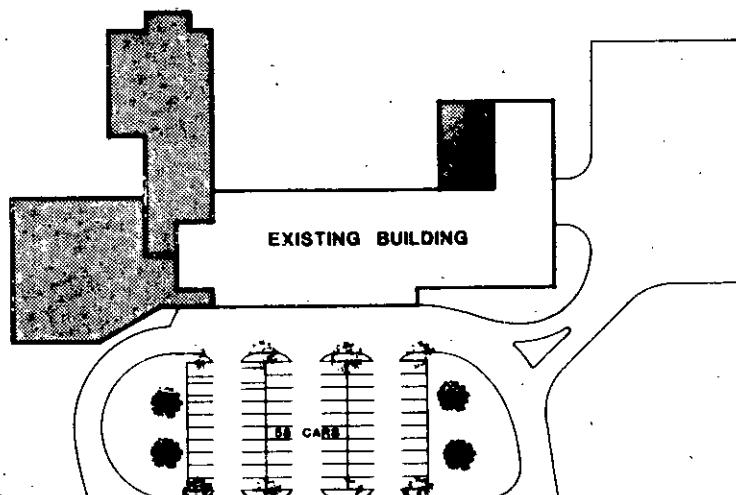
The board also planned opportunities for community members to get information on the bond issue and to have their questions answered, including a public

presentation of the three propositions and a telephone line manned by board members.

Any resident with a question about the bond issue can speak to members of the board of education by calling 767-2513 or 767-2514 on Jan. 24 between 7 and 9 p.m.

If all three propositions are approved by voters, the 20-year bond issue will cost \$9.5 million and school district residents in the Town of Bethlehem would have a tax rate increase of \$12.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the first year. The increase would fall to \$4.34 per \$1,000 by

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The first proposition in the RCS bond issue to be voted on next Wednesday provides for additions to the A.W. Becker Elementary School in Selkirk, shown here, and the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School in Ravena.

## Coyne: new taxes needed for roads, 911 service

By Patricia Dumas

The Albany County Legislature has started another year in disharmony with its majority party Democrats defending County Executive James J. Coyne's summary of the county's concerns and its minority party Republicans dismissing his presentation as "the same old smokescreen."

It remained to be seen whether a new Republican initiative on raising more funds for the civic center would transcend the political rhetoric.

Coyne delivered his "State of the County" address to the legislature at its meeting Jan. 9 as a contingent of citizens from South Bethlehem, standing in the back of the legislative chambers,

waved signs of protest against the county because the Jericho Bridge, declared unsafe three years ago, remains in disrepair and closed to traffic.

Focusing on county-wide needs for road and bridge repairs or replacement, Coyne said the county could raise money to fund such projects by levying a special tax on gasoline. That proposal, voiced last month by the New York State County Executive's Association, would require state legislation giving counties the option to levy the tax as a revenue source set aside for improvement of roads and bridges. Sixty percent of the receipts would be retained by the levying counties and 40 percent distributed among their towns, cities, and villages.

"The need for local road and bridge repair and replacement is all too apparent as we approach the 21st century, and with state and federal assistance drying up, and with annual local operating budgets unable to shoulder the burden, a nickel per gallon paid by the motorists who use our roads and bridges is a fair and legitimate means to generate needed funds," the county executive said.

"If we get bipartisan support from local governments across the state, I hope that your bipartisan support would be forthcoming," he told the county legislators.

Two separate county studies have recommended large-scale

road building projects around the Albany County Airport in Colonie and in the Krumkill Rd. area, including North Bethlehem, eastern New Scotland and southern Guilderland. No funds are currently available to pay for any of the roads.

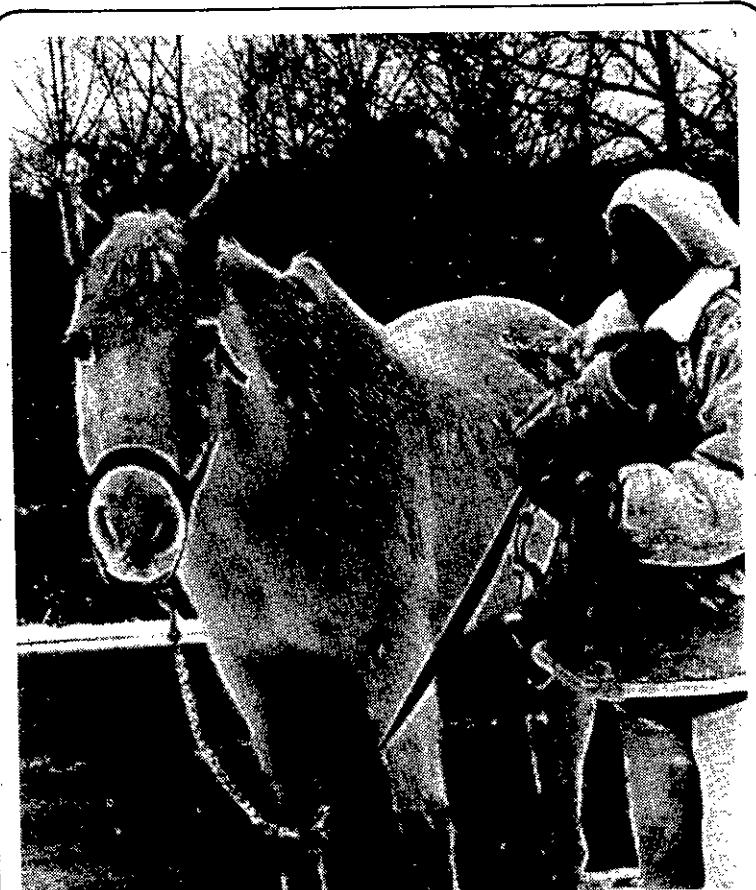
In his address, Coyne referred to the Jericho Bridge problem, noting that because the bridge is over the Conrail yards at Selkirk, the railroad is partly responsible for its repair. Albany County is responsible for replacement of the bridge deck and Conrail for the superstructure, Coyne pointed out.

"The county, Conrail, and the Town of Bethlehem have been working closely for the past two

years seeking funding for the repair of the bridge, including yet another proposal by my office three weeks ago to assist Conrail with their costs, either through a long term loan and/or grant by our local development corporation. This would assist in creating 75 more jobs in addition to serving the needs of residents of the South Bethlehem area. We are awaiting a response from Conrail in order to make a proposal to the county legislature for approval," Coyne stated.

But the South Bethlehem delegation was not impressed by the county executive's words. Michael Fahey, spokesman for the local citizens, distributed a

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The mild winter may not suit everybody, but it's a break for senior citizens. Erin Hansen of Clarksville takes her horse, Jake, for a walk on Delaware Ave. At 30 years old, Jake's riding days may be over, but as a senior citizen he can still enjoy a brisk winter walk.  
Thea Favoloro

## 'Ironweed' bums no longer model for homeless

By Theresa Bobear

"If you spent any time at all around a shelter and if you went to any of the shelters in the Albany area, what you'd find out is that you're not nearly as far away from being homeless as you think you are," says Henry J. Steadman.

"These are not 'Ironweed' bums that have made a life of traveling the train circuits and are homeless. Many of these people are not very much different from yourself and some economic catastrophe has hit and they no longer have shelter." Steadman's comments are not just opinions. The Delmar resident, who has a Ph.D. in sociology, is co-founder and president of Policy Research Associates, a Delmar firm that has received a major federal grant to provide information on the homeless mentally ill.

"I think that when you first see these people you realize they are not nearly as different as you thought they would be."

An increase in the number of homeless mentally ill people in the United States followed a move toward deinstitutionalization and a subsequent shortage of affordable housing, Steadman says.

"It was clear that warehousing them in huge state facilities wasn't making them any better."

It only put them out of sight. It was clear to the advocates, to the mental health professionals, that a greater proportion of the mentally ill would improve if appropriate community treatment programs could be established and the interventions delivered in more open, less custodial sorts of environments. Unfortunately the community treatment programs were not put in place," said Steadman.

Considerable attention has been paid in recent years to the often desolate existence of the nation's homeless. The mentally ill make up some one-third of our homeless population, according to Steadman.

The former director of the Bureau of Evaluation Research at the state Office of Mental Health is considered an expert in the areas of the prediction of dangerousness, the interface of the mental health and criminal justice systems, and the organization of mental health services for specialty populations, such as forensic patients and the homeless mentally ill. After years of devoting considerable energy to searching for effective ways of providing health services to the mentally ill, Steadman

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## An open letter to our customers...

To Our Delmar Customers:

Late last year, Don Wright decided to sell his business to Browning Ferris Industries of New York, Inc. (BFI). Don had done an admirable job for many years, serving nearly 4,100 customers in the town of Bethlehem.

But Don sold his business for compelling reasons. He recognized that the waste services industry is changing rapidly and that the way he conducted his business would be forever altered. He chose BFI, we believe, in part because of the professional way we would serve the customers Don had worked so hard to keep.

"I don't have the capital or the technology to continue changing with the times," he wrote in a farewell letter to his customers. "...I feel that they (BFI) can better serve you, my customer, in the fast changing future."

BFI knew when we acquired Don's routes that we would have to work to raise collection rates. The pricing structure we inherited contained varying rates for the same service. More importantly, it did not reflect the \$10 per ton-rise in fees at the Albany ANSWERS facility that took place earlier this year, nor did it take into account a mandatory recycling program that began January 1, 1989 at the Rupert Rd. Landfill and which will begin February 1 at ANSWERS.

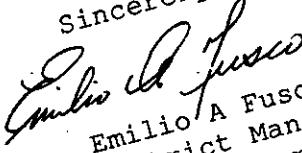
BFI supports recycling. Without places to dispose of trash, all waste haulers face the prospect of present disposal. Landfill space is rapidly dwindling in the Capital Region. In order to meet the Capital District's recycling needs, BFI has recently spent \$350,000 on specially designed trucks, and \$50,000 for plastic recycling bins that we distribute to customers. BFI also incurs increased transportation and personnel costs as a result of running a second, separate pickup for recyclables.

These are some of the investments that Don Wright didn't have to make. He had two choices; he could have stayed in business, invested a lot of money and raised your rates. Or he could have gotten out of the business—which he did.

BFI is in business for the long haul. We have the experience and expertise to keep up with changes in the industry and to meet New York State's ambitious recycling goals.

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# Garbage

## Town board sets new prices for landfill

By Theresa Bobear

A new price schedule for dumping at the town's Rupert Road landfill facility was approved by the Bethlehem Town Board last Wednesday night.

As recommended in a memo from Martin J. Cross, superintendent of highways, the board approved the following price schedule: auto tires, \$2; truck tires, \$4; couches and chairs, \$2; mattresses, \$2; rugs and carpets, \$2, and appliances, \$5. The board also authorized the superintendent of highways to sell newspapers, tires and white goods (appliances).

Previously, tires were accepted at a rate of \$10 per yard, Cross said on Friday. He said other items were accepted under the cost of a dump permit, running at \$1 per car. Commercial rates will vary according to what is being dumped. The state Department of Environmental Conservation has instructed the town to remove the metal from mattresses and send only burnable material to ANSWERS, according to Cross. He explained that the junk metal cannot be sold and must be given away because there is no market for it.

While the new prices will not cover the costs of labor and

transportation required to properly dispose of the materials outlined, the board concluded that the prices are not so high that residents would resort to roadside dumping. The Rupert Road landfill facility has a permit to operate as a construction and demolition disposal site.

Councilman Dennis Corrigan said the rates are constantly being juggled to try and bring the waste disposal situation into balance. "It's a problem. There's no doubt about it," said Corrigan.

"We have a stockpile of white goods that we're not quite sure what to do with yet," said Bruce Secor, superintendent of public works. "We're hoping that the short-term problems of not having a market are going to go away."

Councilwoman Sue Ann Ritchko asked if the rates were apt to attract haulers from out of town. Secor explained that the town would have to police the dump site. At an earlier meeting, Secor said a town law regarding solid waste management facilities allows only the dumping of materials from the Town of Bethlehem. He said the question is whether or not the town law can be enforced when the operator has a state permit.

"Some of the local people still like to do business with other local people," said Robert Wright of Glenmont's Robert Wright Disposal Inc., an independent business without affiliation to Don Wright's or BFI's services. He acknowledges that there has been a steady pickup of customers since the BFI bought Don Wright's service, and describes the impending mandatory recycling problem as "a little labor costly," but no real threat to his business.

Ron Cross, owner of Bethlehem's Cross Refuse Service, said that his business has also been "picking up pretty regularly" and has had no problems with the paper recycling aspect of the removals.

BFI, the world's second largest waste management firm, bought the local hauler on Dec. 8. Wright, citing Delmar's mandatory recycling program, said "It is going to take more than a small contractor to handle it... as of February we're going into mandatory recycling and I was aware of that."

The mandatory recycling pro-

Secor said a mailing that will explain what will and will not be picked up during the spring will go out during March. "There are going to have to be some changes made as to how the waste stream is handled," said Secor. In other business, the board:

- Approved the installation of stop signs at Peel and University streets and at Sherbrook Drive and University St. in Elm Estates.

- Granted permission to Cross for the purchase of two dump trucks at \$43,000 each.

- Granted a dumping permit to Harold C. Grumme to allow the filling of a low area of property off Rt. 144 in Glenmont.

- Approved a recommendation from Department of Public Works for house numbers on Krumkill Road in North Bethlehem, effective in six months.

- Authorized Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick to enter into an agreement with the developer of Somerset Woods regarding a water district extension on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont.

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

## BFI sets new rates for rubbish collection

By Sam McPheeers

Less than a month after Browning & Ferris Industries (BFI) acquired Glenmont's Don Wright Rubbish Removal, the firm has raised collection rates prompting some local residents to take their garbage elsewhere.

BFI now charges \$13.75 per month for curb service, up from Don Wright's Rubbish Removal fees of \$9.95. Robert Wright's Refuse Service of Glenmont charges \$12, Glenmont's American Waste charges \$11, and Cross Refuse Service of Bethlehem charges \$10. For garage service, BFI's new rates are \$25 per month, and both American and Cross charge \$15.

Some of the businesses offer other services at different prices, and tax is not included in the prices.

BFI, in an open letter to its customers, cites increasing landfill rates, a \$350,000 expense for new trucks, and an additional cost of \$50,000 for plastic recycling bins to be distributed to local residents, as the reason behind the price increases.

The mandatory recycling pro-

## Presentation set on proposed bond

Bethlehem Central School District residents will have an opportunity to view a slide presentation on the district's proposed \$1.16 million 20-year bond issue during tonight's (Wednesday) meeting.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis will conduct the presentation outlining the items included in the bond issue such as classroom additions at the Slingerlands, Glenmont and Hamagrael elementary schools, improvements to all seven Bethlehem schools, roofing work and asbestos removal.

The bond issue will be put before voters on Feb. 15. Voting will take place at the Bethlehem Central Middle School.

Loomis said the need for the bond issue as well as the rationale for the items included in the issue will be discussed. The impact of the 20-year issue on the tax rate will also be detailed.

District residents will have the opportunity to ask questions after the presentation, he said.

Sal Prividera Jr.

## Police warn residents about donation request

Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie said the department has received three complaints about an organization soliciting funds for a police memorial monument.

A letter requesting donations to build a national monument dedicated to police officers killed in the line of duty has been sent to some local residents by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund group.

Currie said the Bethlehem Police Department is not participating in the fund drive and that any donations should be between the group and the donor.

The fund drive group in its solicitation letter states it will send a letter to the local police department "notifying them of your involvement in this important cause." Currie said he is concerned about the department letter because it may lead donors

### Healthy families is topic of program

Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield is sponsoring a program for parents on Friday, Jan. 20, at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield office, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd. in Albany, at noon.

The program will include a light lunch, and is intended to acquaint the public with issues vital to healthy families.

For information call 472-8554.

to believe they are deserving of special treatment from Bethlehem officers. A copy of the letter that would be sent if a donation is made is also included with the solicitation letter.

"If a person prefers making a donation, why is it important for us to know... on two of the complaints we had people thought we were participating in the fund drive. We are not participating," Currie said.

Currie said the fund drive "is not illegal as I understand it, but their methods certainly raise some doubts." He said any community members who have doubts about the fund should not respond.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is trying to raise \$2 million by April 15 to begin construction on the monument.

### Girl Scouts offer cookie baskets

The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc., of Delmar, is now offering Girl Scout Cookie Baskets. The baskets may be custom ordered, carry a personal greeting and include any combination of five out of the seven available varieties. The Cookie Baskets are \$25 each and may be ordered by calling 439-4936.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Real Concern on Schools (RCS)

In this winter of discontent about so many features of our various governmental operations, residents of our area are confronting three separate opportunities to pass on the rate at which they are to be taxed.

In the Voorheesville, Bethlehem Central, and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts, people are to be asked to vote up or down on the question of bond issues that would finance physical-plant improvements. On these pages over the next few weeks, readers will have a chance to gain further understanding of what the choices mean.

The first vote will be a week from today, Jan. 25, in the RCS district, where approval of a proposed \$9.5 million spending plan is the question. It would make possible additions to the Coeymans and Becker elementary schools, and add a library and a physical education teaching station at the senior high school.

It will be, as is only too well known to most residents of the district, the second time the question has been put before the voters. Three months ago, the bond issue was turned down.

The school board appears to have gone the extra mile consistently in order, first, to act responsibly, and then to make the proposal as palatable as any new spending/taxing plan can be.

The desire to add the extra facilities seems to have been well documented in terms of actual need. We fail to see the question as ambitious empire-building or to adopt the currently popular phrase — a manifestation of the edifice complex.

And following the voters' rejection (with fewer than one-fourth of eligible voters participating) of the bond issue in October, the

## January flies

This is a week of legend and lore, some ancient and unprovable, some forcefully contemporary and provocative.

Most significant is the legendary life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose sixtieth birthday anniversary was celebrated by the nation this week. "I have a dream" unquestionably will continue to be his most quoted phrase and speech, but he left with us numerous other telling expressions that must always put a lien on the country's conscience.

"Man must evolve for all human conflict," he said, "a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love." In the same address (accepting the Nobel Peace Prize), he stated his conviction that "unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality." And he expressed his "abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind."

The national holiday marking Dr. King's birthdate happened to fall this week on a date well known to generations of amateur thespians: "The Night of January 16" was the title of Ayn Rand's courtroom drama that over the years has been performed in countless high-school auditoriums and little

theaters. After more than a half-century, the play is itself a legend and still is offered for public performance through the licensing agency for most dramatic works. Probably you will yet be exposed to its rather gripping magic — again.

Legend and mythology mingle in the lore of the martyred St. Agnes, whose day canonically is Jan. 21. In centuries past, the mystery of St. Agnes' Eve has become even more storied in some quarters. Its best-known celebration is in John Keats' romantic verses of Madeline, the young virgin who obeys the stricture of supperless to bed, retiring with her hands beneath her head so that her future husband can appear before her on that night, kiss her, and feast with her (as he does, in the honeyed middle of the night). . . and they flee past sleeping dragons and wakeful bloodhound.

Ah, weren't those the times, though! Quite enough to stir the blood warmly through the bitter chill of one or more January nights. And how many maidens can you imagine going hungry to bed tomorrow night? — and under a full moon at that.

(Whence the titling of this editorial essay, you ask? It derives from another poet's imagery that the delight of "encountering a fly this January day" is akin to "the drunkard who cannot meet a cork without a reverie.")

## Words for the week

**Audacious:** Intrepidly daring, adventurous; or reckless bold, rash; or insolent; or marked by originality and verve.

**Synchronous:** Happening, existing or arising at precisely the same time; or recurring or operating at exactly the same periods.

**Inexorable:** Relentless, not to be persuaded or moved by entreaty.

## Editorials

school board has hearkened to the undercurrent of comments by splitting the proposal into three parts, any one of which can be approved or rejected next week. This may be appeasement, but it also smacks of a kind of statecraft of the "half a loaf" variety.

In a *Spotlight* "Point of View" guest editorial last week, the school board's president urged persuasively that, at the very least, residents take the trouble to understand the facts and assess them fairly — and then to go out and vote. It's a reasonable appeal, and of course very much in keeping with the essence of democracy. It's surely not unreasonable to exercise the privilege of taking part in a process that gives us all a chance to affect our future (in this instance, our children's and our children's children's futures).

Granting that some negative voting can occasionally rein in grandiose ideas ill-timed to need or ability to pay, we believe that in this instance (as in most other parallel circumstances), the board of education must be given the benefit of good faith and competent analysis and planning to remedy a problem. Few people who volunteer to assume the onerous (though rewarding) responsibility of overseeing the operations of our schools are ready to burden their neighbors with needless spending and the accompanying bills.

The *Spotlight* believes that a "yes" vote is justified in the RCS district voting next week.

And in weeks to come, we will have comments on how the questions appear to affect the Bethlehem Central and Voorheesville districts.

## Property taxes and school budgets: uneasy partners

By Tom McPheeers

In deciding how to cast their votes on the three school bond issues that will come before them in the next several months, area residents will certainly want to look at the merits of each proposal carefully. But I suspect that that's not all they will be looking at.

Generally speaking, all three districts are talking "bricks and mortar", necessary additions and changes to buildings rather than operations, or programs in the schools. In two districts — Bethlehem Central and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk — most of the money will go for new classrooms to ease overcrowding, while in Voorheesville the bulk of the funds will be used to clear up asbestos problems, as mandated by the Federal Government.

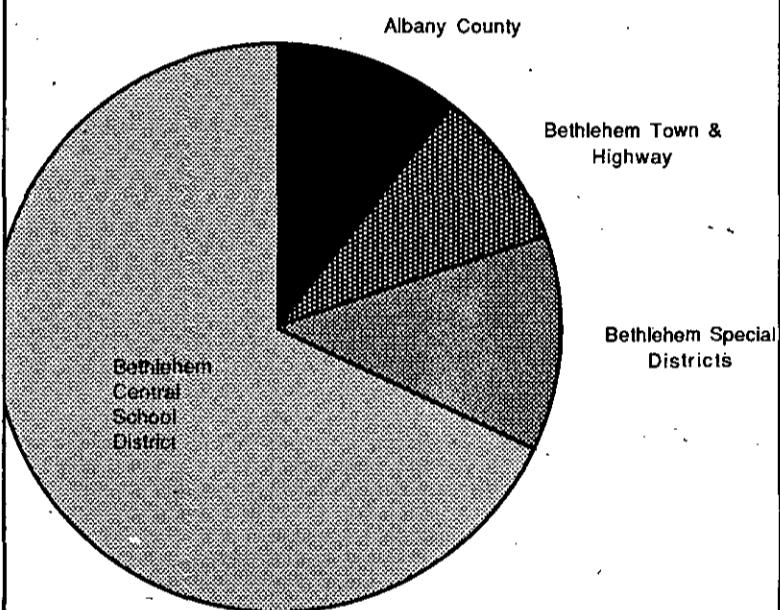
In each case, there are strong arguments to be made for passage

## Commentary

As cited above, Bethlehem Central's budget increased by 43 percent, while the budget for Albany County increased 60 percent and the Town of Bethlehem's general and highway funds went up a whopping 129 percent.

The difference is that both Albany County and the towns benefit from the county's sales tax, which tends to increase revenue from year to year. The county and the towns also receive various forms of federal and state aid. School districts get state aid, but for the three districts in our area the complex state formula has meant no increase whatsoever since 1980. Thus, property taxes take on a larger and larger share of the burden. Currently, Bethlehem Central gets only

## Comparison of tax rates



of the bond issues, and they are being ably presented. We also know, however, that there is a good possibility that one or more these bond issues will not gain approval from the voters; indeed, this is the second attempt for RCS. Why?

In two words, property taxes.

As the accompanying pie chart illustrates, school taxes make up by far the largest share of the property taxes paid by local residents. Using Bethlehem Central (more precisely, the Delmar-Elsmere-Slingerlands part of the district) as an example, school taxes are more than twice as much as all other property taxes combined. The situation in other parts of the district and in the RCS and Voorheesville districts is pretty much the same.

And while property taxes for our municipalities remain relatively stable, or at least increase only slowly, taxes for school districts seem to rise inexorably. Using Bethlehem Central as an example again, taxes have gone from \$131.98 per \$1,000 in 1980-81 to this year's \$192.12 per \$1000 — 45 percent over nine years. By contrast, the combined town and county tax rate in Bethlehem has increased only nine percent in the last 10 years. (Almost all of that increase is attributable to town taxes, despite a 20 percent increase in county taxes this year.)

Does this mean that school districts are less fiscally responsible than towns and villages? Not necessarily. In the same nine-year peri-

about 20 percent of its revenue from the state.

The inescapable fact is that school districts are the governmental entity most closely tied to the property taxing system. Not only is this the only tax over which the average citizen has some measure of control, it is also the least fair and most widely resented form of taxation. The property tax hits hardest those individuals and families on fixed incomes, and it also is correctly perceived as being full of inequities. When a home owner newly arrived in the community can see that other houses on his block are taxed at a fraction of what he is paying, it tends to make him less enthusiastic about voting himself a tax increase.

Some of the blame for the inequities lies at the local level, where towns have failed to spend enough to keep valuations up to date, but most of it belongs at the state level, on the shoulders of those who have allowed a poor system to get worse. Until our legislators show the political courage to achieve genuine property tax reform, and also recognize that the property tax should not be the principal source of revenue for school districts, school boards will have more and more trouble passing school budgets and bond issues.

The argument is sometimes made that schools are the public institutions closest to the people,

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## Asimov to Bush: space is our only hope

Dear Mr. President:

I am not one who thinks that a President is a miracle man who can, with a wave of his hand, change the world. There are limitations on the power of a President, ranging from the intractability of the physical laws of the universe to the stubbornness of public opinion.

Nevertheless, a President can push in a certain direction, acting where the Constitution and events permit, and persuading where public opinion lags.

Let me begin by considering the matter of our energy supply. Americans use energy at a greater per-capita rate than any other people on earth and it is to this that we owe our high standard of living. This high standard has been built up because our territory has been rich in the prime energy-yielders, coal and oil, and because our society has been of a nature that has made it possible for us to exploit these resources.

But oil, at least, is running out. American production peaked early in the previous decade and has since been inexorably decreasing.

### Solar power stations would orbit earth, 22,000 miles up.

Even allowing for new supplies from Alaska and from the continental shelf, native oil will be virtually gone by the year 2000. Nor will imports help. Quite aside from the danger of growing ever more dependent on foreign oil, world production will peak in the near future and will then begin to decrease just as inexorably.

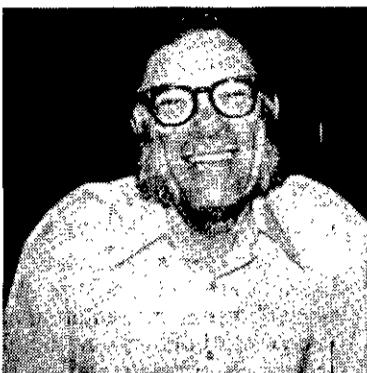
We must, therefore, develop a rational energy plan for the nation.

We can conserve our present energy supply, and absolutely must do so, but, with the best will in the world, we can conserve only so much.

Conservation will stave off the evil day by only a couple of decades.

We may turn to greater use of coal and to the use of oil shale, but both will have serious environmental consequences. We may develop more sophisticated uses of such old standbys as wind power and water power, and such new developments as tidal power and wave

### Point of View



Isaac Asimov

power. This will give us additional time — but again only a limited time, and by themselves they are not enough.

We can grow plants for alcohol as fuel, but these will eventually compete for space with plants grown for food, and we will face a struggle of competing pressures of the two kinds of starvation.

We may rely more heavily on nuclear fission power, but there are very real risks and dangers involved.

We may pass on to nuclear fusion power — far more plentiful than fission and, possibly, far less dangerous — but controlled fusion has not yet been developed, and we can not yet be certain that it will be.

We may pass on to geothermal energy and to the direct use of solar energy. Both have promise, but both will require great capital investments.

It is quite possible that by a mixture of all of these, the United States, and mankind generally, can pull through. But there is one more way of getting energy that is, in my opinion, better and more valuable than any of those I have mentioned.

Direct solar energy as received on the surface of the earth is blocked to some extent by the atmosphere on even a clear day. Where special atmospheric interference exists in the form of clouds, mist, and fog, major blocking results. And, of course, it is blocked altogether at night.

Then, too, because the energy of sunlight is dilute and because conversion devices are inefficient, it must be collected over a large area if it is to be useful as a major energy source. Several thousand square miles of southwestern

desert area (where sunlight is most reliable) would have to be coated with solar batteries.

Why not, then, make use of space? Why not have several solar power stations placed in synchronous orbit about the earth, some 22,000 miles above the surface, each one moving so as to stay, more or less, over a single spot on earth's equator?

A solar power station can receive the full range of the sun's energy, unblocked by atmosphere and atmospheric phenomena. It will be in earth's shadow only two hours out of the 24, and when one is in shadow others will be in sunshine. It can convert solar energy to a beam of microwaves which can be picked up and used with much greater efficiency than sunlight itself can be, so that the collecting areas on the earth's surface will be much smaller and more easily maintained.

Finally, energy stations in space will give us something much more important even than energy.

The world, at present, is divided into well over a hundred competing nations, every one of which considers its own particular needs and desires to be paramount. At least two of these nations have the capacity to destroy civilization in a matter of hours if they should choose to go to war. Even if there is no war at all, the resources and energy spent on maintaining competing war machines is something the world can no longer afford.

Apart from material considerations, antagonism and rivalry among nations are no longer think-

### We can afford only one war — the one against extinction.

able because they consume efforts of reason, outpourings of emotions, intensities of drive and ambition that are uselessly wasted when devoted to such ends. There is only one war that the human species can now afford to fight and that is the war against extinction. It is the effort for human survival that should claim all our reason, emotion, and drive, because all we can supply will be needed if survival is to be achieved. Any lesser struggle is trivial and will, in any case, be doomed as soon as the greater struggle is lost.

Nor is this war for survival a matter only for our nation's own concern. All the great life-and-death problems that now affect the United States, affect the world generally. The problem of overpopulation and soil deterioration, the problem of resource depletion and of pollution; the problem of alienation and terrorism — these affect the entire globe.

Nor can these problems be satisfactorily solved by any nation within its own boundaries, however large, wealthy, or populous that nation might be. The earth itself is now too small, and the nations too interconnected, economically and ecologically, for any solution to make sense on a purely national basis. There will have to be international cooperation, closer than

any that yet exists, if these problems are to be solved.

As the years pass, it may be that the intensification of these problems will force a form of cooperation, but it is likely that mutual dislikes, rivalries, and antagonisms will reduce the efficiency needed to arrive at and implement solutions, and do so to the point of absolute failure.

Somehow, it will have to become clear to the nations of the world — more importantly, to the people of the world — that *real* cooperation among nations will bring about enormous benefits desired by all, and that these will be lost otherwise.

And so we come back to the notion of power stations in space.

All forms of energy obtained here on earth are geography-bound. Just as there are oil-rich regions and oil-poor regions, so some regions are richer than others in tidal energy, in waterpower, in geothermal energy, in uranium supplies, in access to the ocean. And while that is so, the temptations to rivalry may be impossible to defeat.

Space, however, is equidistant from all surface-regions. Energy drawn from the sun in space would belong to all people in a fashion that no earth-bound energy source possibly could. The power stations in space would, in a sense, breed cooperation.

Furthermore, the task of building such space stations is so enormous that it could well be made an international project. Not only would this reduce the cost to the United States alone, but it would give the people of the world a task (one of immediate profit to themselves) to which they could all contribute. It would capture their imagination, lift their pride, raise their hopes. The construction and maintenance of stations would be

so global and human a project that it would dwarf and make clearly disreputable any petty ambitions on a smaller scale. What's more, once the stations are built, it would be clear that if humanity falls into its earlier rivalries, those stations might well fail through lack of proper maintenance. That would provide an overwhelming incentive for cooperation to continue.

The techniques developed for building such stations could be used to build other structures in space. There could be space observatories for the study of astronomy and other sciences; space laboratories where dangerous experiments in nuclear physics and genetic engineering could be conducted with little risk to earth itself; factories that would take advantage of peculiar properties in space (such as high vacuum, high and low temperatures, hard radiation) to carry on industrial procedures difficult or impossible to accomplish in earth's surface environment.

As more is done in space, it will be increasingly useful to get rid of wasteful commuting problems by placing more and more people in space more or less permanently. We would, in short, build space settlements.

Building materials for these observatories, laboratories, factories and settlements could be obtained almost entirely from the

moon. For the foreseeable future at any rate, the moon is an inexhaustible source of material of all kinds (except for hydrogen, carbon, and nitrogen). What's more, the moon is without a native ecology we might otherwise hesitate to disturb.

Three great ultimate consequences may result from our space activities, aside from obtaining energy and gaining world cooperation:

1. Eventually, there might be enough space settlements to permit a new growth of human numbers, after that growth has come to

### We must expand again—toward the horizons of space

a halt (as it must in the near future) on earth's surface.

2. Eventually, more and more of earth's industry will be lifted into space, where the problem of resource depletion (thanks to the moon) and of pollution (thanks to the great volume of space) will be far less important. With industry on earth's surface shrinking, that surface might return to a more desirable wilderness/park/farm condition. What's more, we would restore the beauty of the earth without losing the material advantages of industry and high technology.

3. Eventually, the people of space settlements would serve as the advance guard of humanity in the exploration and settlement of farther reaches of space. People living enclosed in small worlds and accustomed to space travel would have far fewer psychological problems in making long space flights than would people who have been brought up under the space-alien conditions of earth's surface.

The importance of this can be seen if we remember that the advance of humanity till now has come about, after all, through the steady increase of its range over the face of the earth. With this has come steady increase of sophistication in methods for its transportation; communication, and the steady increase of its ability to make use of the laws of nature for its own purpose. But the earth is filled now; over-filled indeed; and we can do nothing more, if we must remain confined in the strait-jacket of the planetary surface. Indeed, we can only decline and perish.

We must therefore expand again — toward the unbounded horizons of space.

The totality of this vision cannot be brought about in four years, or even eight, but a start can be made. The vision can be presented as a goal to the people of the United States — no, to the people of the world — by the President of the United States far more effectively than by me.

You can become space-oriented, then, Mr. President; you can begin the planning, on an international scale, of the steps by which we may safely take what I believe to be the only road that will lead to the salvation of civilization.

*Isaac Asimov*

### How this article came about

Over a period of several years, I had the privileged opportunity to work with Isaac Asimov, the scientist and author. Our collaboration took the form of my suggesting (or his proposing) subject-matter for him to write about for the magazine devoted to the sciences of which I was the editor. Altogether, the product added up to perhaps 40 such articles.

The very first one was published in January 1977, as President Carter was taking office. It was entitled: "Asimov to Carter: The Only Way to Save Civilization."

Recalling that as another new President is about to be sworn in, I asked Isaac if his advice of a dozen years ago would still hold true. His answer:

"I wouldn't change a word. It all fits with even greater urgency, for since I wrote it the earth has gained over a billion more mouths to feed."

So here is Dr. Isaac Asimov's counsel to President George Bush, still advocating an undertaking that he sees as "the only road that will lead to the salvation of civilization."

Dan Button

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# Matters of Opinion

## RCS high school student assesses need for bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

On the evening of Jan. 9, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education met with members of the community at the senior high school library. Out of several thousand taxpayers in our district, only 30 residents appeared although the purpose was to answer the public's questions in regard to the Jan. 25 vote on the bond issue for the district. (Among the 30 were district teachers, principals and board members. As a high-school senior, I was present.)

Many of you have already made your decision, whether it be "yes" or "no," but do you really understand the facts?

The bond issue will be presented in three parts: a \$7,968,000 expenditure for additions to the A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans schools, a \$945,000 expenditure for a new senior high library addition, and a \$587,000 expenditure for a new physical education addition. All these are greatly needed, or else they never would have been originated. Regardless of what some may believe, the school board is not trying to waste taxpayer's money. Consider each proposition separately:

First, consider the additions to the Becker and Coeymans schools. Believe it or not, some classes in each of these buildings are being held in hallways and boiler rooms due to lack of space. One gentlemen brought up a very legitimate point. He stated that approximately 13 years ago there were 500 to 600 more students in our district. His question was, "Where did all that space go?" The answer is quite simple. Nowadays, our district has seven special-education programs compared to the two offered in 1976. Because of this advantage, a number of students who were being sent to BOCES programs or private-sector programs are now

### Vox Pop

housed in our own district. This has saved a considerable amount of money.

In addition to these special-education programs, students have been provided with such advantages as computer labs, speech programs, and remedial programs. In order for them to compete with those from other schools, these classes, as well as others, are greatly needed. You must remember, this is the 20th century and times have changed!

Next, consider the senior high library. As a student, I can relate directly to this problem. I surveyed about 100 seniors in regard to our library. The results were overwhelming: Almost 85 percent found this facility to be inadequate. When I asked if they ever had to use other libraries because ours didn't have the information they needed, 88 percent replied "yes."

Where are students going to complete research needed to fulfill their assignments? The majority are going to the Bethlehem Public Library and Albany Public Library because facilities there are similar to most colleges. Why should students have to travel to different libraries to find needed information, when that is what their school library should be for? As was stated at the meetings, "It is

impossible to set aside a certain amount of money from our library fund for research materials for which there isn't enough space".

The library has grown over the past couple of years, but the limited room continues to be a problem. The majority of the seniors also mentioned space as a major factor. These are the young adults of the future talking, the ones who experience these problems daily. If you won't listen to them, then who will you listen to?

The final proposition is for the senior-high physical education department. Why do we need an addition? First of all, our facilities do not meet the standards for students with disabilities. The adapted physical education class is held in the music room.

Secondly, we don't have enough storage room or practice space for most of the teams. Wrestling mats are stored in the cafeteria. If you think that is bad, come and visit the school after 3 p.m. to view the wrestling practice. Watch them workout and sweat in the cafeteria — the same cafeteria we eat in each day! Or how about the other incidents that occur: Don't be insulted if you're asked to leave the hallway near the gym if you are there at about 2:45. It's probably just a freshman football player wanting his privacy as he changes in the hall, because the locker room is crowded. It has happened to me.

What is the total cost? The

stationary figure is \$9.5 million. With state aid estimated at approximately 52 percent, people at the local level are faced with the remaining 48 percent, at an interest rate of about 7.5 percent. This cost can never go up, and many believe that it could be lower. This is because our board is working with a faithful architect, Ben Mendel. Mr.

Mendel has been with the district for over 20 years, and he has done a great job for us professionally and financially. This time around

Even though I am only a senior in high school, I am strongly in favor of this bond issue. A lot of time and energy has gone into researching my facts. Many of you should also realize that

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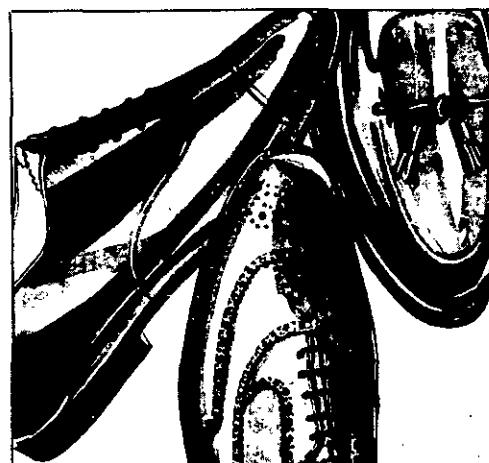
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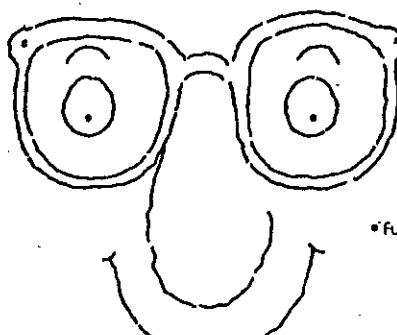
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# Your Opinion Matters

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students today will most likely have to help pay for approximately the last 15 years of this bond issue is no exception, either. If it is approved. We understand that, and yet we are still in favor of it.

If any of you have any questions, I suggest you call the Board of Education at 767-2513 or 767-2514, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24. Don't hesitate; the answer you receive could be the deciding factor when you vote on the 25th.

Dawn Dinardi  
Ravenna

## He urges conciliation on Price Chopper location

Editor, The Spotlight:

Oh, little town of Bethlehem,  
We hate to see you grow.  
For each proposed development  
Some neighborhood group says no.  
If Planning heeds their clamor,  
"How dare you," some judge roars,  
And so we sigh and whine and cry,  
"Not my backyard, but yours."

"No bypass near our lovely homes,"

Remember? "Don't despoil  
The sacred sands of Slingerlands.  
Don't touch our hallowed soil!"  
And now again they're saying,  
"Not all — not any — stores.  
We'll authorize no compromise.  
Not my backyard, but yours!"

Enough parody. The lines above may sound as if I'm completely out of sympathy with the stand of the Slingerlands Homeowners' Association. Not true. I would not like to see commercial or industrial intrusion in the area between Toll Gate and the abandoned drive-in theatre. That high-grade part of New Scotland Road, and its side streets, should be preserved. The quality goes down on the stretch between Toll Gate and the Cherry Avenue Extension. Then, from there to and including the Blue Cross-Blue Shield office, the area is mixed residential-commercial. I don't believe anybody would build an expensive residence there, facing New Scotland Road; trying to preserve AA residential zoning in a section adjacent to a fast-food stand, a Chinese restaurant, a gas station and an office building is a hopeless cause.

There are reasonable, sensible, thoughtful ways to resolve the differences among Slingerlands (not an inch), Delmar-Elsmere (Price Chopper and little or

nothing more), and BTR (Price Chopper, a good-sized mall, offices, and town houses). BTR says its option is good for only one year, so it can't wait for a master plan; I imagine they could get an extension on their option.

The town supervisor, Mr. Hendrick, says that nothing can be done until the master plan is complete, at least two years from now; a sectional plan is being completed for the area along Rt. 9W, and I imagine a plan for New Scotland Road could be similarly expedited. The area BTR wants is large, and the project is extensive, probably much too large for the community; I imagine, in the bargaining process, it could be persuaded to scale its plan down. A few homes are very close to the planned area; they would suffer a hardship, which should and could be minimized by protecting them with plantings in a buffer zone, and Price Chopper's conciliatory attitude toward preserving the 18th century Peter McCutcheon house seems to indicate that this would be no problem.

Adding a piece to the Slingerlands Bypass could be a joint project of BTR and the town, as Michael Strange suggested in a recent letter, and subsequently deeded to the town. By thus reducing BTR's initial investment, a smaller development would become commercially feasible. Furthermore, this alternate entrance to the Bypass should reduce traffic congestion on part of New Scotland Road.

By and large, a Price Chopper store seems to be the key point for the community. With that accepted, everything else can be

negotiated. Slingerlands Homeowners should draw in its perimeter to a more defensible position. BTR should limit its proposal to a more acceptable scale. The town government should cooperate to effect a desirable improvement to the convenience of its citizens.

To the Slingerlands Homeowners' Association, in particular, I'd advise they not be so inflammatory and hardnosed. When the development comes, as it probably will, you may like having a group of upscale stores and another source of groceries so conveniently next door. Bend a little. Your insistence on no encroachment (again) makes you look selfish and unneighborly. If you get the rest of the town sufficiently irritated you might lose more than if you were gracious and conciliatory. Peace.

Alfred Basch

Delmar

## Christmas tree sale result was gratifying

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Bethlehem Lions Club, I would like to thank all those residents of the Tri-Village area who enthusiastically supported our first attempt at a Christmas tree sale. The warm reception and many positive comments regarding the quality and the price of the trees has encouraged us to make this an annual event.

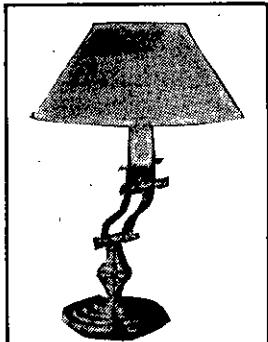
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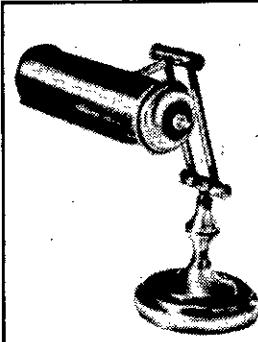
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the Albany Times Union, and John P. Flach and Henry Digeser of Flach Development.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to support community service projects such as sight and hearing conservation, senior citizens, and youth activities.

Once again, thank you. The Bethlehem Lions Club appreciates your support and looks forward to seeing you at the tree sale next Christmas.

Joseph Dieffenbacher  
President  
Bethlehem Lions Club

## PTAs, sports boosters support RCS bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

The A.W. Becker PTA, the RAVENNA-COEYMANS PTO and the RCS Sports Association have joined to remind parents to vote on the three RCS building project bond issue on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the senior high school.

If you were among those who voted yes last time, we urge you to do so again. If you weren't able to make it to the polls, or if you just assumed — as many did — that the building additions were needed but would be approved without your help, please cast a yes vote on the 25th.

It's true that we can't change the minds of many of those people who vote no. But we can pass these bond issues if all of those who favor them keep the issue alive by talking to neighbors, relatives and friends and remind them of the importance of the proposals.

There are so few times that we are truly able to make an impact.

This is your chance to make a positive change for our children. An educated and fully employed work force benefits our entire society.

We are all responsible for the nurturing of our future. Your yes vote will help make that possible for all the youngsters in our school district.

Donna Crisafulli

Ravena

## Support is expressed for BC bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

Residents of the Bethlehem Central School District will vote Feb. 15 on the proposed \$11.6 million bond issue. We are all aware of the countless time and effort so many citizens of our town have contributed over the past two years to develop this plan. Of special importance is the fact that the bond issue monies will fund additions to three elementary schools and renovations at the remaining two.

Improvements to the middle school and high school are also planned. Thus, the proposal provides a comprehensive solution to a district-wide problem.

In order to maintain our present grade configuration (i.e., K-5 neighborhood elementary schools, 6-8 middle school, and 9-12 high school), this bond issue is the most reasonable solution to the overcrowded situation we are now experiencing. If these additions and improvements are not made, we will be faced with more difficult crowding at all grade levels caused by shifting elementary students to the middle school building and middle school students to the high

school building.

We have always taken great pride in the excellence of education at Bethlehem Central. It is very difficult to achieve excellence with children being taught in hallways and closets, no classrooms for art and music, and controversies over busing kindergarten children to different schools.

The situation will continue to worsen and the quality of the educational program will suffer further if we voters do not approve this bond issue.

These building improvements will provide adequate future classroom space to serve all Bethlehem students in a way we can be proud of; it is not frivolous—it is most necessary. Please vote "yes" on Feb. 15.

Elsmere PTA Executive Board

## Description provided on stolen watercolor

Editor, The Spotlight:

In November an advertisement appeared in *The Spotlight* under the heading of "lost" and reading "Reward for return of painting 'Historic Albany—That is No More'" contact Kirchner 439-7761. No questions asked."

In reality, the painting was not lost, it was stolen. It was among the art works, painted by members of the Bethlehem Art Association, which were hung in the November Show at the Bethlehem Library. The painting was hanging on the left just before the entrance to the main library and was stolen early in November.

If I may give a description, someone may still call with

information leading to the return of the artist's work.

It was a watercolor (about 16x20 or larger) of the little park and brownstones (which are no longer there) between Madison Street and Madison Place in downtown Albany. A person is walking in the foreground and another in the background. The artist has signed, ELK, in the right-hand corner.

Anyone with information can call the number mentioned above. The artist and members of the Association would deeply appreciate return of the painting and a return of the feeling that we are a community watch group for those who display their work at the library.

Micki Ahl

## Commentary

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chance to say "no", since negative budget votes are easily overridden by the adoption of so-called "austerity" budgets.

Obviously, it is incumbent on school boards and administrators to be realistic about what they ask the voters to consider, keeping in mind that their constituents are not only those who have children in the schools, but all those who live in the community. Bond issues are requests for extraordinary spending, and districts have to be prepared to explain why they are necessary. In the case of the three bond issues now going before the voters, the answer would be that these large projects have to be done right away, and that the expenditures would be too much for any one budget.

It's a reasonably persuasive

argument, but school boards should not lose sight of the fact that many voters don't look only at the merits of a particular bond issue. The accountability factor means that the questions go well beyond that.

Are the districts doing everything they can to keep personnel costs — by far the largest part of the budget — as low as possible? Are they using buildings and other facilities in the most efficient way possible, whether or not that use violates traditional boundaries?

By the same token, the burden for passage should not rest entirely on the school districts. Strong schools make for a strong community, and the community itself has a role to play. Business and government leaders should support growth in the educational system if they think it justified. Economic development — the introduction of compatible commercial and industrial concerns — is a way of lessening the tax burden on the home owner. And a fairer property tax system would benefit everybody.

## Earns award at 3M

Bill Leonard, son of Arcola and Irving Leonard of Delmar, was one of four 3M Corporation employees to receive the 1988 Carlton Society Awards. He is an associate corporate engineer in Engineering Systems and Technology. Leonard, a 1960 Bethlehem Central graduate, earned his undergraduate and doctorate degrees at Clarkson College of Technology and has worked with 3M since 1969. He and his wife, Janet, have three children.

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# Coyne, GOP spar over taxes

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statement to legislators and to the press. It declared that "if this most recent attempt to soothe Bethlehem residents proves to be as empty and worthless as those before it, and, as expected, there is no agreement in place by Jan. 31, we could have some work for Jim Coyne's legal staff."

Fahey said an Albany law firm may be willing to help the citizens bring a suit against the county for noncompliance with the railroad law.

Coyne also asked the county legislature to support state legislation that would permit a surcharge on telephone bills within the county. The revenue from that would make it possible

for Albany County to pay for maintenance and upgrading of an emergency telephone system (E-911) that would link homes with appropriate emergency response places. According to Coyne, Albany County could afford to install the system at an estimated \$130,000 cost but would need another revenue source in order to pay the estimated annual maintenance cost of nearly a half million dollars.

W. Gordon Morris, the legislature's minority leader, expressed dissatisfaction with Coyne's proposals.

"What he's doing is renaming taxes. He can call it a surcharge or a fee but he's not honest enough to admit he's raising

taxes. Why doesn't he call a spade a spade. . . it's the same old baloney, the same old smoke-screen," Morris declared.

Morris and fellow Republican legislators Robert G. Prentiss and Kenneth MacAffer of Colonie last week issued a statement charging that Coyne and Democrat Majority Leader Harold L. Joyce have disregarded taxpayer concerns in order to focus spending on the Knickerbocker Arena civic center. They claimed that with better planning and budgeting, the county would not need to borrow money to finance jail expansion and road repairs. According to the Republicans, the Coyne administration overestimates expenditures and underestimates revenues so that a surplus can be achieved at years' end.

The county executive, however, claimed in his address that "everyone here knows that Albany County is a wonderful place to live and work. Together, over the last 12 years, we have succeeded in providing a broad array of public services with an eye toward creativity while, at the same time, protecting the taxpayer from soaring tax bills."

Coyne cited statistics to show that Albany County's property tax levy has increased only 37 percent in the past 11 years, although "the typical county in New York State has more than doubled its property tax levy."

He said that during his administration the Albany County Local Development Corporation has provided long-term loans to 58 small businesses, and that economic development efforts are reflected in an average 1988 unemployment rate of 2.5 percent.

Since January 1985, Coyne claimed, more than 7,200 welfare recipients have been able to find work.

But Republican legislators countered that the property tax levy is a tax burden on the elderly and low-income homeowners. This year's \$240 million county budget required a 20.5 percent tax increase in Bethlehem and a 26 percent tax increase in New Scotland. The Republicans also said that the number of displaced workers who need to be retrained for future employment needs is growing.

On Thursday, the Republicans held a meeting to discuss the possibility of a bi-partisan effort to convince the state Urban Development Corporation to increase its \$6.5 million contribution to the Knickerbocker Arena. The cost of the arena is currently estimated at \$65.4 million, and the Republicans want a cap put on any additional costs. Although no Democrats attended the meeting, Coyne was quoted as saying he would meet with the Republicans later to discuss the effort.

After listening to the county executive's address, the legislature dealt with agenda items which included a contract award of \$994,390 to Hussey Seating Co., of Berwick, Maine for furnishing upholstered seats for the Knickerbocker Arena, a \$132,599 contract to Capital Materials Testing for additional work required in testing civic center construction, and authorization for Spectacor management firm to seek a logo design for the arena, offering a \$5,000 award to the professional firm that provides the selected design.

Colonie Republican Paul Scaringe, a member of the legislature's civic center committee that recommended the upholstered seating, noted that he originally agreed to the seating as an improvement on the originally planned plastic seats "because the success of the arena is important to the taxpayers." But, he said, he now has second thoughts: "I think it's about time we as a body start using some restraint."

Republican James C. Ross, Bethlehem, termed the contract award to Capital Materials Testing "a perfect cameo of how the citizens of Albany County are taken to the cleaners." Ross pointed out that the original contract was for \$93,900 but that the increase was caused by the need for corrective inspection on work done overtime because of delays in steel delivery.

## Newsletter details Agent Orange suit settlement

A special veterans newsletter detailing a court-ordered distribution plan for nearly \$240 million resulting from the settlement of an Agent Orange class suit is now available.

The suit was filed on behalf of veterans exposed to Agent Orange — a dioxin-tainted defoliant used during the Vietnam War.

The newsletter, prepared by the state Division of Veterans Affairs, also highlights significant legislation being considered by the federal government to aid veterans of the Vietnam War.

To obtain a copy of the newsletter contact state Senator Howard Nolan's (D-Albany) office at 455-2657.

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# Public favors tough laws

Some 87 percent of the more than 2,000 102nd Assembly District residents who responded in a recent questionnaire favoring an amendment to make possession of any amount of crack or cocaine a felony, according to State Assemblyman John J. Faso (R).

Some 68 percent support and 32 percent oppose increased state funding for the establishment of alcohol and drug treatment programs for adolescents.

Only 36 percent of the area residents surveyed believe things in New York are generally going in the right direction. Some 64 percent believe things in New York have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track.

Only 15 percent approve of

Governor Cuomo's handling of the state's garbage crisis.

According to the survey results, only 31 percent of area residents support the \$3 billion Highway Bond Act, which was approved in November.

A total of 72 percent of the respondents support legislation that would allow New York State citizens to propose laws and after gathering a requisite number of signatures to place the proposal on the state ballot for approval or disapproval by voters.

Some 82 percent of the people who responded said doctors should be limited in what they can charge a person over 65 under the Medicare; and, 55 percent said doctors should be limited in what

they can charge even if the person over 65 can afford to pay the full cost of providing a particular medical service.

Of those questioned 75 percent do not believe life and health insurance companies should be barred from testing applicants for the AIDS virus.

Some 80 percent favor reinstatement of the death penalty in New York State.

Only 42 percent of the respondents think the legislature should approve the governor's plan to close the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant.

Finally, 55 percent of the area residents surveyed believe things in the country are generally going in the right direction.



Assemblyman John J. Faso, Republican of the 102nd District was one of four appointed to the Assembly Banks Committee. He will serve as ranking Republican.

## Faso gets seat on Assembly committee

Assemblyman John J. Faso (R-102nd) has been appointed to the Assembly Banks Committee as the ranking Republican member, according to Assembly Minority Leader C.D. "Rapp" Rappleyea.

Faso will retain membership on the Education, Social Services and Cities committees, in addition to the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment.

Faso is one of four legislators on the task force, which is charged with the responsibility of redrawing Senate, Assembly and Congressional district lines after the 1990 census.

"This will be a busy year for the Banks committee, and one I look forward to with great anticipation," said Faso, whose district includes Bethlehem and Coeymans in Albany County.

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### Progress Club to hear Findlay Cockrell play

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, members of the Delmar Progress Club are invited to a performance by Findlay Cockrell at the Empire State Institute of the Performing Arts.

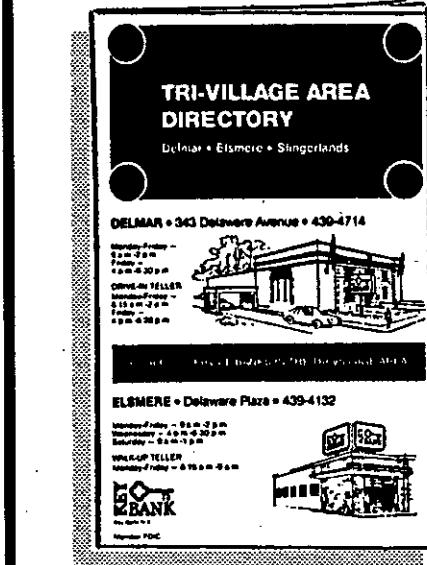
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**WED JAN 18**

**BETHLEHEM**

# The Spotlight CALENDAR

MEETING, antique study group of Delmar Progress Club, "The Elegance of Haviland," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, to highlight the "Week of Prayer of Christian Unity," sponsored by Venture Churches, Glenmont Reformed Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2188.

AQUATIC WILD WORKSHOP, for teachers or youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

EMBROIDERERS' CLUB MEETING, United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 356-3149.

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

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

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

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.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, low income and rural housing meeting, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 9:30 a.m. Information, 765-2425.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland, Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

**ALBANY**

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY, meeting, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., 7:45 p.m. Information, 785-3192.

ALBANY SOROPTIMIST CLUB, featuring John P. Wrafter, "Vampires and Magicians in the Medicaid Environment," Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave., 6 p.m. Information, 465-0737.

INFORMATION SESSIONS, Empire State College, State University at Albany, Capital District Regional Center, 845 Central Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

COUNSELING, on careers, education and finances, offered by State University at Albany and Career Counseling Center in Schenectady, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT**

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, photo essay group, First Methodist Church, corner of Lafayette and State Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

"WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF," through Jan. 29; Albany Civic Center, 235 Second Ave., Albany. Information, 462-1297.

VOICE OF THE PRAIRIE, romantic and nostalgic play written by John Olive, through Feb. 5, Capital Repertory Company, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Information, 462-4534.

THU JAN 19

**BETHLEHEM**

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING MEETING, Bethlehem Middle School, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE STAGE INC., auditions for "The Pajama Game," Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4898.

"JOY OF LIVING," twelve week study beginning with Philippians, the book of Joy, Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM TOMBOYS, girls softball league, registration, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6-8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, January general meeting, featuring slide presentation by Dr. Les Loomis and Sheila Fuller, includes luncheon, Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, \$8.95, noon. Reservations, 439-0512.

SLIDE PROGRAM, "By the Cut of Her Clothes," presented by Maril Spaulding, Bethlehem Historical Association, Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM, presented by Mary Vines and Carl R. Palmer, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

LA LECHE LEAGUE, offers support for breastfeeding, Delmar. For time and more information, 439-9660.

OVERTURE MUSIC LECTURE, featuring composer Vincent Plush, conductor Geoffrey Simon and violinist Stephanie Chase, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TODDLER'S SHATDAY, for toddlers under 3 and their parents, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

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

KABBALAH CLASS, class in Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

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

SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

BOWLING, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4:50 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEONS, for members, guests and membership applicants, for Sidewheeler Restaurant, Albany Motor Inn, third Thursday, noon.

FOODSTAMP FORMAID, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS, 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years, meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

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

**ALBANY**

WRITING WORKSHOP, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 9:30 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP, "Electricity," instructed by John Kohler, Neighborhood Resource Center, 340 First St., 7-9 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

"HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL TO DADA," film tracing development of American Art from 19th century landscapes through Armory Show of 1913, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

VANGUARD/ASO CONCERT, featuring Vincent Plush and Geoffrey Simon, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 449-3380.

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.

ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

ART LECTURE, "The Natural Sublime: Irving, Cooper and Cole," presented by Francis Murphy, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

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NEW SCOTLAND LANDFILL, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at town hall.

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

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

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

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

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

## THE YOUTH NETWORK

**'Men, Myths and Beer'**

"Men, Myths and Beer" is an AAA (American Automobile Association foundation) study of 40 beer advertisements aired on television in February and March of 1987. According to the study, American children view an estimated 100,000 TV commercials for beer between the ages of 2 and 18.

The study found that beer drinking in commercials is portrayed as a means of initiation and acceptance into male adulthood and as a catalyst for male bonding and making romantic contacts with females. Drinking beer is also regularly portrayed as a reward for hard work, a drink to be enjoyed by both male yuppies and "regular" guys who like simple things, and as the beverage of choice for various sports celebrities, comedians and patriotic folk. Rock and roll, the great outdoors and the rugged frontier are also used to sell beer.

But, most dangerously, beer is depicted in some commercials as something to be associated with speed and daring. This is done in the following ways:

- By linking drinking and driving explicitly through the juxtaposition of images of beer with images of moving cars — sometimes traveling at high speeds. They also link references to the pleasures of beer to the pleasures of driving.

- By making a more general connection in their imagery between beer and the challenge and excitement of speed.

- By representing as attractive and desirable such characteristics of "masculine" behavior as risk taking, challenge seeking, and disregard for the destructive and potentially dangerous consequences of one actions.

- By implying that beer consumption is a challenge through which self-control can be tested, and that risk taking is enhanced (and therefore a better test of manhood) when control is most fragile.

- By omitting any references to the drinker's condition and mode of transportation when leaving the setting where beer is consumed, and therefore implying that drinking has no consequences that are cause for concern.

The study purports that by allowing beer commercials to continue while hard liquor and cigarette ads are banned, a message is given that beer consumption is innocuous. The report recommends that beer advertising on television be prohibited, and states that although this would not change ingrained societal attitudes, it would eliminate at least one potent source through which such associations are propagated.

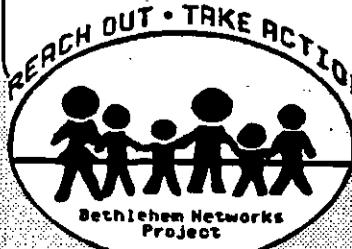
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## CAPITAL DISTRICT

SLIDE PRESENTATION, "A Look at Railroads and Industries," presented by John Nehrich, sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, Troy Holiday Inn, Sixth and Fulton Sts., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 274-5267.

## ENTERTAINMENT

"I HAVE A DREAM," Off-Broadway production dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., sponsored by Siena College Committee on Women and Minorities and Niebuhr Institute of Religion and Culture, Siena College, Foy Campus Theatre, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2381.

**FRI JAN 20**

## BETHLEHEM

"GET INVOLVED BEFORE YOUR KIDS DO," workshop in the fight against drugs, sponsored by Aid Association, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3022.

VILLAGE STAGE INC., auditions for "The Pajama Game," Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4898.

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

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE, all levels welcome, meets every third Friday, St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

## NEW SCOTLAND

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

## ALBANY

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.

OPEN HOUSE, Capital District Mothers' Center, offers support to parents, First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 434-8860.

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

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES, sponsored by American Red Cross, through April 21, State University at Albany pool, \$14, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Information, 462-7461.

## CAPITAL DISTRICT

LUNCHTIME PROGRAM FOR PARENTS, designed to acquaint public with issues vital to healthy families, sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Empire Blue Shield and Blue Cross Building, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd., noon. Information, 472-8554.

## ENTERTAINMENT

MAZOWSZE, Polish folk dance troupe, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information, 346-6204.

"THEADA BARA AND THE FRONTIER RABBI," musical comedy, through Feb. 12, Cohoes Music Hall, Remsen St., Troy. Information, 235-7909.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, with Geoffrey Simon, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

**SAT JAN 21**

## BETHLEHEM

FAMILY SING-ALONG, with Peggy Skemer, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM TOMBOYS, girls softball league, registration, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-noon.

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

WINTER WALKS, Five Rivers Environmental Education center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

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

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

## ALBANY

ART WORKSHOP, "Native People," for 4th-6th graders, State Museum, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 474-5877.

MOVIE, "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," State Museum, \$1 per child, \$2 per adult, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

OPEN HOUSE, Albany Academy for Girls, for kids entering pre-kindergarten through grade 12, 140 Academy Rd., noon-3 p.m. Information, 463-2201.

JOB WORKSHOP, conducted by Barry Schwartzberg, part one of two, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1-5 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

"DINO DEN DISCOVERY PROGRAM," featuring hands-on activities for children, State Museum, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

## CAPITAL DISTRICT

OLD SONGS COUNTRY SQUARE DANCE, Contras, Squares, Circles and Participation, with caller Paul Rosenburg, music by Fennig's All Stars, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, Guilderland, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

## ENTERTAINMENT

RICHARD STOLTZMAN, jazz and concert artist, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, with Geoffrey Simon, Palace Theater, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 465-7064.

FOLK ROCK, Helen Avakian and Terry Champlain, Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0329.

**SUN JAN 22**

## BETHLEHEM

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.



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

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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.

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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.

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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, 438-7740.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, morning worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 10:15 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 465-2188.

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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, and snowshoeing, free instruction, Helderberg Workshop, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, noon-4 p.m. Information, 765-2777.

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. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

#### ALBANY

FAMILY FUN DAY, "The Magic of Reading," presented by Randy Donaldson, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

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

#### ENTERTAINMENT

ALBANY SYMPHONY FAMILY CONCERT, plus Music Fair sponsored by College of St. Rose, Palace Theater, Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 465-7064.

EMPIRE STATE REPERTORY ORCHESTRA, directed by James Robinowitz, Philip Livingston Middle School, Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 438-8868.

**MON JAN 23**

#### BETHLEHEM

STORY HOUR REGISTRATION, for the library's spring series of toddler and preschool storyhours, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

VANGUARD MEETING, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 465-7064.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, to celebrate the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity," Glenmont Reformed Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, sponsored by Venture Churches, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2188.

SYSTEMATIC TRAINING COURSE, for effective parenting, nine weeks,

Community Health Plan Health Center,

250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$40 per person, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 783-1864.

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.

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.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA,

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

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.

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.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

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

#### ALBANY

AUDITIONS, for "A Life in the Theatre," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-1297.

FAMILIARIZATION SESSION, for prospective Apple II microcomputer users and popular software, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

VIDEO DAY, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 3:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

#### CAPITAL DISTRICT

WORKSHOP, "Putting All Your Ducks in Order: Personnel Policies, Procedures and Liabilities," sponsored by Federation of Historical Services, Pruy House, Newtonville, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 273-3400.

**TUE JAN 24**

#### BETHLEHEM

CHOCOLATE DAY, for children over age eight, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

WOMEN AS MANAGERS, workshop for women, presented by Margie Wood, part two of two, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING MEETING, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 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.

#### ALBANY

EPILEPSY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, Epilepsy Association, United Way Building, Pine West Plaza, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 456-7501.

NEEDLCRAFTS WORKSHOP, led by Ruth Solomon, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

FILM FORTOTS, Children Room, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10:30 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

NOONTALK, "The Steam Locomotive," presented by Richard Barret, 12:15 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

FILM, "The Last American Hero," State Museum, 7:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

BLOODMOBILE, sponsored by American Red Cross, Albany Area Chapter House, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

ROUNDTABLE LUNCHEON, Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III will present annual address on city issues, Old Federal Bldg., State University of New York Plaza, 12:30 p.m.

"SMALL BUSINESS START-UP AND SURVIVAL," workshop for prospective small business owners and those who have been in business less than three months, sponsored by Small Business Administration, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 765-3520.

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BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN, dinner meeting, Noreen Glacone will conduct a "Pound Party," Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m.

#### CAPITAL DISTRICT

EMERGING BUTTERFLY SUPPORT GROUP, for young widowed persons, Calvary United Methodist Church, Belle Ave., Latham, 7:30 p.m. Information, 456-0186.

**WED JAN 25**

#### BETHLEHEM

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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**FRI JAN 27**

#### ALBANY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Philip Livingston Chapter, University Club, 6 p.m. Information, 486-2695.

**SAT JAN 28**

#### BETHLEHEM

"DAD'S TIME OUT," for children and their fathers and grandfathers, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

**SUN JAN 29**

#### BETHLEHEM

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, and snowshoeing, free instruction, Helderberg Workshop, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, noon-4 p.m. Information, 765-2777.

**TUE JAN 31**

#### ALBANY

"WORKING BEYOND FEAR," for employers who deal with AIDS education, sponsored by American Red Cross, Albany Chapter, Hackett Blvd. and Clara Barton Dr., 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

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# Bond issue vote slated

Residents of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District are being encouraged to vote on the district's proposed building bond Wednesday, Jan. 25. Polls will be open at the senior high school from 2 until 9 p.m.

All of the items proposed are supported by the A.W. Becker PTA, the Ravena Coeymans PTO and the RCS Sports Association.

## Warm clothing needed

The A.W. Becker PTA is conducting a clothing drive in conjunction with other Capital District schools and churches. Donations will be offered to Native Americans in need of warm clothing at the Akwesasne St. Regis Reservation in the northern part of the state.

Donations of warm, clean, undamaged clothing may be dropped off at A.W. Becker

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Elementary School through Feb. 3. Donations of 25 cents are needed to cover the cost of shipping the clothing.

## Ecumenical service scheduled

The Venture Churches will be hosting a "Service of the Word," which will focus on the unity of Christ's church, on Monday, Jan. 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The service will be held at the Glenmont Reformed Church, 1 Chappel Lane, Glenmont.

Invitations have been extended to all parishes in Bethlehem. All are welcome. For information call 465-2188.

## RCS bond issue

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the final year, New Scotland residents would have an increase of \$17.76 per \$1,000 in the first year decreasing to \$6.64 per \$1,000.

The average cost of the \$9.5 million package in the first year has been estimated at \$60 in all four towns served by the school district.

## Elementary school additions

The plans call for identical construction of additions to the Becker and Coeymans schools. Each addition would include 15 classrooms, a gym station, a

opportunity for younger students to have older elementary students as behavior models. The Ravena Elementary School houses kindergarten through grade two, while Becker and Coeymans house programs for grades one to five.

## Library addition

The high school library addition, if approved by voters, would be constructed at the rear of the building's two-story classroom wing at a cost of \$945,000.

Schwartz said the current library facility is "grossly inadequate." The library has room to

## Students' effort spells funds

More than 80 students at A.W. Becker Elementary School are breathing a little easier after passing spelling tests designed to make them more aware of the dangers of smoking. Several students collected pledges for the American Lung Association based on the number of words they could spell correctly.

Top fundraisers were: Lauren Radliff, \$890; Shawn Campbell, \$314; Danielle Hummel, \$141, and Amy Williams \$103.50. In all the students raised more than \$3,000 for the support of American Lung Association programs and services.

## Elks host games

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge will host a "Las Vegas Night" on Friday, Jan. 20. A buffet will be served at 7 p.m. Games of chance will begin at 8 p.m. Adult 21 years or older are welcome.

change for gym activities in hallways, Schwartz said.

If any or all of the propositions meet with failure, Schwartz said it would result in the adverse conditions continuing to exist in the district.

He said, "If it does not pass that does not mean the need goes away . . . be assured we'll come back to the people again and again because of the need for the future." He added his belief that the community is "generally positive and recognizes the need for these improvements. I'm very hopeful the community will come out and support the proposals."

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— Superintendent William Schwartz

media resource center, a computer classroom and a new main office. The cost of the work is \$7,968,000.

If voters approve the additions, the Ravena Elementary School would no longer house students.

Schwartz outlined the district's need for the classroom additions on Friday. "First and foremost, a number of instructional activities are occurring in places other than classrooms," he said. Schwartz said classes are being conducted in hallways and in the cafeteria.

Schwartz said it was "not unusual" for art and remedial instruction classes to take place in the same room. "Students least able to cope with distractions are being placed in areas with distractions . . . none of this is conducive to learning," he said.

Schwartz also said the Ravena school was originally built as a high school and did not meet the program needs of an elementary school, especially in the area of classroom size. The state Education Department requires kindergarten classrooms to be 900 square feet, while the rooms at Ravena are 500 square feet and "restrict the kinds of activities teachers can do," Schwartz said.

Schwartz said there would be additional benefits to consolidating to two elementary schools, such as better use of instructional staff, the opportunity for intermediate and primary teachers to work together, and the

seat only 15 to 25 students at one time, he said. "If, we have a class in there, how can anyone else do research." He added the library's shelves are filled and the opportunities to have a library computer and microfilm storage do not exist due to the lack of space.

"We're not in any way preparing kids to use the library effectively," the superintendent said. "How can we teach students how to use (modern library facilities), if we don't have the facilities."

He said the library's lack of space and equipment is "forcing" RCS students to use facilities outside the community.

"We're denying them (RCS students) access to equal education and that's not fair . . . we want them to be competitive, to get into good colleges and compete for the best jobs . . . we have to give them the educational opportunities," Schwartz said.

## Gym addition

The high school gym addition will cost \$587,000. Schwartz said the addition was needed for the district to provide students with access to weights and a Universal gym, as well as providing physical education opportunities for handicapped students.

The addition will also solve space shortage problems, since the school wrestling program currently takes place in the cafeteria and students have to



## BCMS performers

Marchers and Mice. Five Bethlehem Central Middle School students were among the cast of the Berkshire Ballet when they danced "The Nutcracker" at the Bardavon Theatre in Poughkeepsie. Left to right are soldiers Lauren Brown, Alix Miller and Lynn Coffey. Under foot are mice Sara Goldstein and Robin Bellizzi. After appearing in four performances at the Bardavon, the group returned to Albany to dance in the evening show at the Palace Theatre.

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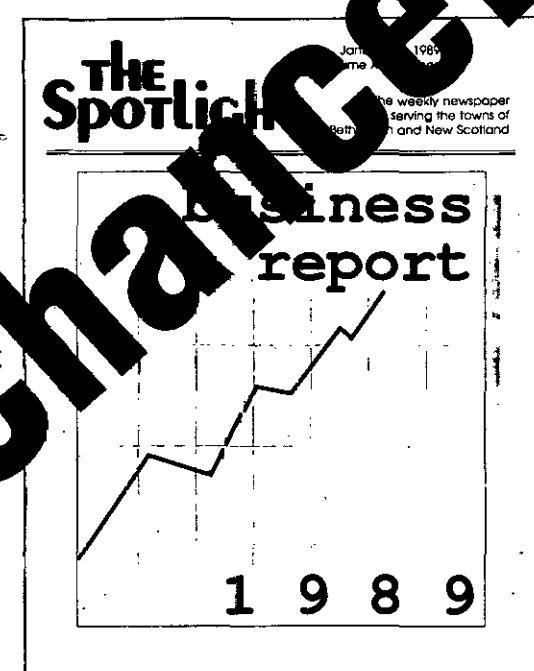
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# A new kind of homeless person

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feels he has some insights into the problem.

The public's perception of the mentally ill as "unpredictable and as dangerous" is not accurate, according to Steadman. "A major reason that the public's perceptions are so miscast is that the primary sources of the public's experience with mentally ill are TV, movies and newspapers. And the only things that are worthy of dramatization — in that they will sell tickets or will sell sponsorship on TV or will sell newspapers — are the abhorrent cases of the mentally ill."

Steadman said the majority of the public is exposed only to a very few violent, psychopathic individuals. "The vast majority of the mentally ill, who are internally very upset but pose no danger of violence to anyone, they never are aware of," he said. "They assume that the majority of the mentally ill is made up of those people that they've seen on TV and in the movies and in the headlines of the newspapers, when in fact they may make up a distinct minority of all the mentally ill just as they make up a distinct minority of the whole public."

Policy Research Associates in Delmar was recently awarded a three-year contract from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to operate the National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness. According to Deborah L. Dennis, project director and a former research scientist for the state Office of Mental Health, a lack of

affordable housing is a primary issue with regard to homelessness among the mentally ill.

"It is clear that when you've got a large majority of your mental health clients living independently, that if there is a housing problem in any particular city or any particular locale, that those people are going to be in grave danger of being displaced," she said.

Studies of mentally ill people coming into state hospitals show a high rate of residential instability, according to Dennis. "And, of course, once you're admitted to a state hospital and may have an extended stay there, you become a greater risk of losing whatever option you've had in terms of housing. If you had an apartment, you may lose that because you're not able to pay the rent or not able to go back there. If you've been with a family, the family may have been

people's ability to work. It interferes with their ability to maintain normal personal relationships so that their families and friends often aren't excited about the prospect of having them around because they're hard to have in a household. They're disruptive. And if someone is on their own and they can only be marginally employed, they can't afford what housing costs," said Steadman. "There are fewer and fewer low-income, single-room options for individuals."

"The mentally ill as a group are extremely vulnerable to anything else that happens in society," Steadman said. "If housing becomes shortage, they're particularly vulnerable to being out on the street. If there's a recession, they're particularly vulnerable to being quickly unemployed. They're just more vulnerable in every sense of the term."

As an example, Dennis cited the

government under the community support program in 1986 and 1987, Steadman said nine adult demonstration projects and three programs for children were funded by the Stuart B. McKinney Act of 1987.

Dennis said the state Office of Mental Health has tried to address the problem with a new case management program.

Steadman said more case managers are needed to ensure that care is continued when inpatients are released out into the community and to follow patients and flag problems before they become serious issues. "The theory is that good case management is one of the programs that is really needed with these people that have a pattern of being disruptive... when they get back in the community," he said.

Steadman said a case manager is typically assigned 30 to 50 cases, while with "the really

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so upset by the recent whatever had transpired that put you into the hospital that they may not want you back for a brief period of time or a long period of time."

"To have a home, you have to have money, and oftentimes mental illness interferes with

large proportion of the single-room occupancy (SRO) hotel rooms in New York City that were filled with people who left the state hospitals in the 60s and 70s. "In the early 80s what happened was all the SRO hotel rooms began to be taken over for gentrification, to be torn down and so forth," she said. "They lost 80 percent of all SRO hotel rooms in New York City, which had been a prime placement option for mentally ill clients coming out of state hospitals."

Services for the mentally ill population have just begun to get going, according to Dennis. "That's why NIMH is funding the demonstration projects, really. They're trying to make people understand that there can be or there is a need for special services for this population." She said NIMH is hoping to get the states to replicate the programs after they've been tested.

In addition to the 14 relatively small programs for homeless mentally ill funded by the federal

difficult cases" the need is to get that down to 10 to 15 per case manager. Case managers could be state employees, hospital outpatient staff members, employees of voluntary agencies, county employees or could be funded by any means available, Steadman said.

"Part of the reason why we have so many homeless mentally ill on the streets is that they fall in through the cracks of the traditional mental health service system, and partly that has been caused by the approach... service providers take," said Dennis. "They sit in their offices behind their desks and wait for the clients to come compliantly to them. They expect their clients to take their medications (after) just handing them the prescriptions and telling them to get them filled. It doesn't always work that way, and that's how you lose people."

After outreach efforts are made to get people who are not in the system connected again, clients can be attached to case managers, according to Dennis. "It's called a



Henry J. Steadman, Ph.D.

'no reject system'. No one gets let go or gets rejected because they're difficult to serve or because you don't know what to do for them. You keep tabs on them. You keep track of them. You establish a trusting relationship. You go to them. You do not wait for them to come to you. So that's the kind of a theory behind services to the homeless that I think eventually, once the homeless mentally ill are no longer homeless, we need to provide... to the mentally ill as well."

Steadman holds a doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston College. He is an adjunct professor of sociology at the State University at Albany. He has published four books, 17 book chapters and more than 65 journal articles. He received the 1987 Amicus Award of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. He has been appointed to national study groups for the National Academy of Sciences, the American Psychiatric Association and the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards Project. He reviews research applications as a member of the National Institute of Mental Health Epidemiology and Services Initial Review Group. He also serves on the editorial boards of several professional journals.

## Bingham appointed

Robin Bingham of Voorheesville has joined the Albany chapter of the American Red Cross as a health services specialist. She will be responsible for bringing AIDS education programs to work locations and coordinating youth services programs.

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## Police warrant sweep nets 16 arrests

The Bethlehem Police Department with assistance from the town court and the county probation department conducted a sweep of individuals with outstanding warrants last week, resulting in 16 arrests.

Bethlehem Sgt. Paul Roberts, who is the department's warrant control officer, said the sweep resulted in 13 arrests last Tuesday and three more arrests by the end of the week. The arrests brought 30 outstanding cases to closure, he said.

Lt. Frederick Holligan said the arrests were a "coordinated effort between the town court and four members of the Albany County Probation Department who work with our officers." Arrests were made in Albany and "several locations in surrounding towns," he said.

Roberts said several more individuals were expected to turn themselves in after being notified about having outstanding warrants.

A majority of the warrants were for writing bad checks, but arrests were also made for larceny, violation of probation and one for a DWI bench warrant, Roberts said.

Another sweep is being planned and they will continue "until we get everything done," Roberts said.

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More information may be obtained at the state Labor Department's Job Service Office.

### Brown receives award from insurance women

The Insurance Women of Albany recently honored Delmar resident Dorothy Brown with the Presidential Award at their annual guest night dinner dance.

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### Job Corps officer attacked by youth

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# Planners, developers tangle over views

By Cathi Anne Cameron

The New Scotland Town Planning Board was in session past 11 p.m. last Tuesday night considering a full roster that included Pinnacle and Swift Estates. The developers of both projects say they continue to be upset about the pace and tone of the reviews.

Pinnacle, a 22-lot subdivision proposed for Camp Pinnacle Rd., received close attention by the board during the meeting.

## New Scotland

As a result, on Thursday, planning board chairman Robert Hampston sent developer Robert Mitchell a letter, which according to Hampston said that "substantial questions have been asked by the Department of Health about water and septic. And in addition, a preliminary plat review cannot be determined until lot size

adequacy is established, and he clarifies some incomplete information on the SEQR form he submitted." The standard 45-day review period was suspended for Pinnacle until the developer provides the necessary information.

According to the developer, Hampston's letter contains 15 requests including the provision of a visual impact study, verification that the site contains nothing listed on the state register of historic places, and proof that the area is not the habitat of any endangered species. "Everything he is asking for I can have in a couple of weeks," Mitchell said.

Previously, Mitchell and Hampston had sparred over the board's standards of proof that adequate water is available on the site. After last week's meeting, Mitchell objected to the board's concern over the possible 30 percent increase in traffic the development might bring to Pinnacle Hill Rd. "It's an irrelevant comment. The

road's capacity is greater than 1,000. The study said it would go up 30 percent from an average daily vehicle count of 81 (to approximately 105). Even with that increase, that means the road is still carrying just over ten percent of its total capacity."

Mitchell has requested to be on the board's agenda for Jan. 24, at which time, he said, he hopes to answer all of the questions raised in the letter.

Swift Estates developer Peter Baltis also had his differences with the board. "If Galesi or Michaels comes in with a proposal, the board bends over backwards to accommodate them. If a local developer comes in, it's another story," he said.

While Baltis' wife, Donna, is the name on the records, Baltis is very much involved in Swift Estates. The project was first brought before the town in 1981, and included 23 lots. By October of 1986 it had been reduced to 13 lots, and by early 1987, 11 lots.

According to Baltis, the time it took getting to the present nine-lot form cost him inclusion in the extension of the Swift Rd. water district. Currently, only two of the lots which face Swift Rd. have public water. Swift Estates has been costly in other ways. Since 1986, Baltis has spent over \$40,000 in engineering and legal fees, "for nothing," he said.

Baltis' main dispute with the town involves the limited conceptual approval the development was given in October of 1986. The approval included a 1,200 foot main cul-de-sac. The current board had expressed concern over the length of the cul-de-sac. "When Ed Dowling of Vollmer Associates showed them the

minutes of that 1986 meeting, with the approval, they (the current board) just looked at each other and smiled and didn't say anything," Baltis said. "Apparently, they didn't know."

As he feels he already received the necessary approval for the cul-de-sac, Baltis is considering legal action as a last resort to get the development started. "I'm sure they know it too," he said. "I turned up with Michael Hoblock (from the law firm of Zubres D'Agostino and Hoblock) and Jim Sneeringer (from the law firm of Sneeringer and Carmody), and they weren't there just to observe."

Baltis added one observation. "They are holding back, stalling everyone, hoping that the master plan will be in place before they take any action on any development. That's why they are buying time like this. A moratorium (until the installation of the master plan) was found illegal, so they are stalling instead." Chairman Hampston said that the matter has been sent to consultants C.T. Male for review.

In other business, the board:

- Reviewed a dining room addition on Camp Pinnacle, and recommended that it be reviewed at the next board meeting.

- Recommended a special use for a 12-unit rental property to be located on New Scotland Ave. in Feura Bush because of its multi-family nature, and referred it to C.T. Male for review.

- Informally discussed a six-lot subdivision by J.J. Cramer Inc. to be located on Rte. 85 in New Salem. Plans will be brought before the board for consideration at a later date.

## Church to distribute abortion information

A brochure providing information on abortion will be distributed to Roman Catholic parishioners throughout the state on Sunday, Jan. 22.

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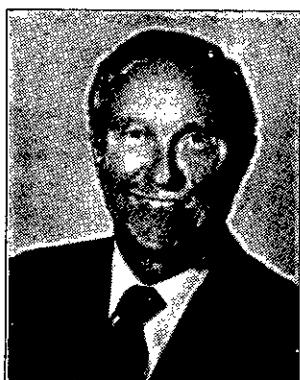
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Elaine McClain

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**May ban student privileges**

## Student smoking studied

By Sal Prividera Jr.

A letter from a district resident raising concerns about smoking in bathrooms at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High school has district administrators studying the problem — and some school board members suggesting a complete ban on student smoking at the school.

The district's current policy is to allow students who are 16 or older to smoke during their lunch period in a designated outside area with parental permission, said O. Peter Griffin, high school principal.

Griffin said the boys' bathrooms are "pretty free of smoke." However, he said, there are problems with the girls' bathrooms. He said it is more of a problem with grade eight through 10 girls. There are two aides in the high school who spend some time supervising the bathrooms, he said.

"There are penalties when students are caught. . . and students are caught," Griffin said.

Students who violate the smoking policy receive after school detention for five days, Griffin said, adding the student's parents are contacted. Repeat offenders can receive a suspension, which has never exceeded five days, he said.

"It raises the issue of whether we should allow smoking at all," said board member Steven Schreiber. He added his hope that the board would take a look at the question of smoking in the school.

"I'm for abolishing the smoking policy (and) maybe we should up the ante for students caught breaking the policy. . . I think we ought to react strongly," said board member David Teuten, adding that he is a smoker.

Teuten said he was "prepared to vote to ban smoking" and suggested that teachers and other staff members should police the bathrooms.

Board President Joseph Fernandez and Teuten both said student government should become involved in the issue. Fernandez directed Griffin to discuss the

issue with students and staff and to come back to the board with a proposal or policy change for the board to deal with.

Other local school districts including Bethlehem Central have moved recently to end smoking by students in school.

In other business, the board heard an update on the Superteam project from board member Mar Van Ryn. She told the board 40 district residents had taken part in a weekend training session which was a follow-up to the training several district residents and staff had late last year.

The district now has two high school teams and three elementary school teams, she said.

One of the project's goals is preventing substance abuse among students. Van Ryn said the training dealt with finding solutions to some of the causes of substance abuse, such as boredom feelings of failure and the lack of adult leadership. The team worked on developing programs focusing on prevention through early intervention, she said.

## Test scores still 'outstanding'

The Voorheesville Central School District presented its annual Comprehensive Assessment Review report for 1988 at Monday night's meeting. While some results were down slightly from last year, the district is still "outstanding," according to one administrator.

The Comprehensive Assessment Review (CAR) is a state Education Department-mandated report of student achievement on statewide tests such as Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP) tests and Regents examinations. The annual report was designed to be a gauge of how well a district is teaching its students and to make school districts more accountable by increasing public awareness.

Voorheesville grade three students' scores on the Pupil

Evaluation Program test in reading dropped from 95 percent scoring above the state reference point to 88 percent in 1988. The percent scoring above the state reference point "indicates the percent of pupils making normal progress in developing the basic skills of reading comprehension mathematics and writing," according to the education department-issued report.

Fewer Voorheesville grade three students surpassed the reference point on the math PEP than in 1987 when 100 percent of the students achieved above the reference point. This year's results showed 97 percent surpassed the reference point.

The reference point was achieved or surpassed by 93 percent of the grade five students

taking the writing PEP, a three percent drop from 1987.

The district's scores on the grade six reading PEP improved from 92 percent to 95 percent and on the grade six math test 9 percent surpassed the SRP, a one percent drop.

The Voorheesville School District results surpassed the state-wide school district average scores for all of the Pupil Evaluation Program tests.

In presenting the high school results, high school Principal O. Peter Griffin said "overall, I think we've done outstanding." Griffin portion of the report include various Regents examination results, which showed the percentage of Voorheesville students passing the exams above the Albany County average on most exams.

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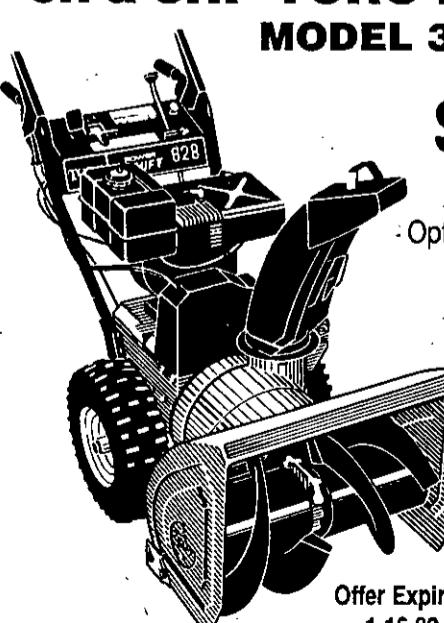
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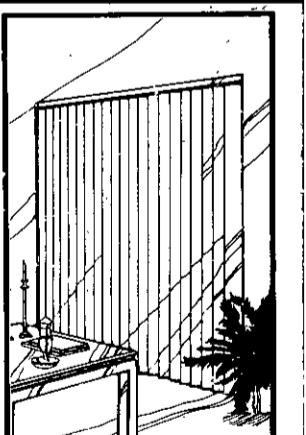
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# Girls rule on the courts

**Bethlehem Eagles take Saratoga, bowl over Burnt Hills, at 7-1 in council**

By Justin Cresswell

For three quarters last Wednesday, it looked like Saratoga was going to hand the Bethlehem Girls Basketball team their first loss on the road. But thanks to a 17-6 run encompassing the entire fourth quarter, the Eagles pulled out an impressive 51-46 win over the Blue Streaks.

Sophomore center Anita Kaplan scored 11 of her 23 points and senior forward Jennifer Flynn added six of her 12 in the decisive

fourth quarter.

Saratoga led 29-22 at the half thanks to Lisa Vandermark hitting from the outside to the tune of 18 points. Also, the Blue Streaks successfully double-teamed Kaplan in that half, something they were unable to do in the final two periods. Additionally, the Eagles connected on many of the easy lay-ups they missed early in the game, helping them to put Saratoga away.

On Saturday in Burnt Hills, the

Eagles picked up right where they left off against Saratoga. After one quarter, they held a commanding 16-2 lead over their hapless hosts. BC never looked back and improved their record to 7-1 in the Suburban Council and 11-1 overall while lengthening their lead in the Gold Division. Kaplan scored a game high 22 points and snared 10 rebounds. Senior forward Julie Francis added 11 points to go with her seven rebounds.

The Eagles turned in a superb

defensive effort on Saturday. They held Burnt Hills to under 10 points in each of the four quarters, allowing only 25 the entire game, a season best. Over the last 12 quarters (three games) BC opponents have hit double figures only three times.

That defensive intensity spreads throughout Bethlehem's entire team. Their roster lists 11 talented players. It's made up of seniors Leslie Anderson, Amy Koski, Julie Francis, Jennifer

Flynn, and Nicolle Vangent. Rounding it out are juniors Karen Timmerman, Crystal Fournier, Karen Mendel and Tracey Keys, with Anita Kaplan being the lone sophomore.

The Eagles play next at Guilderland on Wednesday and are at home on Friday against Columbia. After that, there is a seven-day layoff until BC travels to Niskayuna for a rematch with the only team to beat the Eagles this season.

## Voorheesville continues to dominate Colonial Council with 7-1 standings

By Matt Hladun

The Voorheesville girl's basketball team is continuing to hold its dominance in the Colonial Council as the first half of the season closes and the second half begins.

The team is alone atop the standings with a 7-1 league record and a 12-1 overall record.

They started the week against

Schalmont, in the last game of the first half of the season. The 'Birds got off to a fast start, and were able to build themselves a 15-2 first quarter lead. They were able to push the ball up the court against a much slower Schalmont team.

The Sabres were no match for the Blackbirds as they went on to a 68-34 victory.

Double figure scorers of the game were Tricia Carmody with 19 points as well as 20 rebounds, Kim Sullivan added 16 points and seven assists, while Jen Elliott put in 12 points.

The following night, they faced Albany High of the Big 10 Council, in a non-league matchup. In their second meeting of the season, Voorheesville once again pushed out to a quick lead, taking an early 8-0 score.

But they were unable to keep the Falcons out of the game, and

with about three minutes to go in the fourth quarter, they pulled to within one point of the 'Birds. But Sullivan's strong defensive effort at the end of the game, along with a Carmody lay-up of a missed shot, gave Voorheesville the victory, 52-46.

Carmody finished with 16 points, while Varey Donohue added 11.

On Friday, they faced Holy Names to start the second half of the season. Just like the two previous games, they started fast

and built themselves a 22-9 first quarter lead.

Holy Names didn't have the height or the speed to match up with Voorheesville as the 'Birds rolled to a 66-46 victory.

They were once again led by Carmody, who scored a season high 28 points while pulling down 15 rebounds and dishing off five assists. Elliott added nine points and seven rebounds. Tally Bausback also pulled down seven rebounds, and Sullivan had seven assists.

### In 'Who's Who'

Two Delmar residents have been chosen to appear in the 1989 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Marjorie A. Eilertsen is a recent graduate of Ithaca College, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sigbjorn Eilertsen of Delmar.

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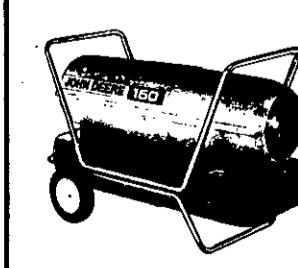
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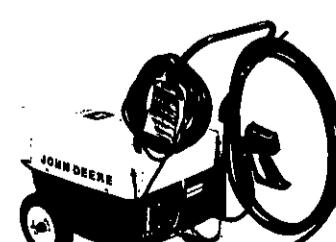
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# Champion Saratoga takes Eagles, 54-12

By John Bellizzi III

Last Wednesday evening was a grim one for the Bethlehem Central wrestling team. Saratoga, the undisputed wrestling champion of the Suburban Council Blue Division, handed the Eagles a debilitating 54-12 loss in a league dual meet at Bethlehem Central High School.

The Eagles are now 2-3 in the league and 4-5 overall.

The Blue Streaks dominated the early part of the dual, capturing relatively easy victories in the first two weight classes with a technical fall at 91 pounds and a pin at 98. At 105 pounds, BC's Mike Ehrlich took a physical beating by the more experienced Ray Martel of Saratoga, who took third place in Section II last year.

## Children win essay contest

Nine Town of Bethlehem students have been selected winners of the 1989 YWCA Black History Month Essay Contest.

The students include Thomas Hitter, Sarah Searle-Schrader and Matt Wagoner of Glenmont, and Nora Bunk, Steve Castle, Sheila McCaughin, Jessica Scisci, Jenna Spevack and Christopher Van Woert of Delmar.

Throughout the month of February, which has been designated as Black History Month, each student can be seen on local television, reading excerpts from his or her prize-winning essay. The students will also be honored at a special reception, to take place at Albany High School at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, and will all receive various gifts, including a \$100 savings bond.

## Drug prevention workshop offered

The Aid Association will sponsor and present a drug prevention workshop entitled, "Get Involved Before Your Kids Do," on Friday, Jan. 20, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

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## Wrestling

Ehrlich's jaw was dislocated during the match, forcing him to default the match to Martel.

The early part of the meet was not without its moments for the Eagles though. BC seniors Jeremy Hartnett (112 pounds) and Eric Brown (119 pounds) both wrestled strong matches against difficult opponents, though both lost by narrow decisions.

Pat Leamy, one of BC's most experienced grapplers, faced defending Sectional Champion Chris Cocozzo of Saratoga in the 126 pound bout. Leading 7-0 in the third period, Cocozzo pinned Leamy to capture this key match and increase Saratoga's lead over the Eagles to 30-12.

In the next match, Mike Leamy avenged his brother's loss as he won by technical fall. Leamy ran the score up to 15-0 in the third period of the 132 pound match to put the Eagles on the team scoreboard with six points.

Wrestling at 138 pounds, Mark Farina nearly picked up another BC win, but was instead narrowly decisioned by his

opponent. Down 6-0 in the second period, Farina scored a takedown, followed by an escape and another takedown in the third period, narrowing the score to 6-5. Farina then allowed his opponent to escape, intending to take him down to tie the score. Unfortunately, Farina was not able to score another takedown before time ran out and he was decisioned 7-5.

After a scoreless first period, John Gallogly captured a relatively easy 8-0 victory at 145 pounds. Pete Bragaw followed with a 5-2 decision at 155 pounds. Bethlehem had narrowed the gap in team score to 33-12.

At 167 pounds, BC's Paul Vichot faced Jason Rocker of the Blue Streaks, and an escape in the second period by Rocker won the match 1-0. Winning by fall at 177 and 250 and accepting a forfeit at 215, Saratoga won by a final score of 54-12.

Wednesday evening marked the first dual meet loss of the season by the Eagles at the junior varsity level. The Blue Streaks overcame the Eagles (8-1) in most

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weight classes, but BC managed to salvage some respect as Joel Begg won by fall at 177, John Schroeder won a 6-0 decision at 119, and Kevin Schoonover tied 2-2 at 126.

A silver lining for BC's varsity grapplers is that most of them will have an opportunity for a rematch against their Blue Streak opponents in this Saturday's Saratoga Tournament. In the more immediate future, tonight's league dual meet will provide another solid challenge for the Eagles, as they travel to Burnt Hills to face the Spartans that are ranked third in New York State. Burnt Hills, the only Suburban Council school with a returning state champion, Scott Hughes, on its roster this year, shares with Saratoga and Niskayuna the distinction of being the three strongest varsity wrestling teams in one of the strongest leagues in the state. Tonight's dual between the Eagles and the Spartans looks

to be a strong match between two Gold Division rivals. The JV dual is scheduled to start at 6:30 tonight at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, with varsity to follow.

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# BC sees new determination, confidence

By Bill Dixon

After an honest, if uninspiring, loss to a formidable Saratoga, the Bethlehem boys basketball team balanced its record by coming back strongly against Burnt Hills last week.

Both games demonstrated Bethlehem's renewed sense of determination and confidence, qualities that will be crucial to Eagles' performance this Friday as they face Columbia, one of the more tenacious teams in the Gold Division.

On Tuesday, BC had to contend with Saratoga's Tim Parker, now the leading scorer in his division. Bethlehem Coach Jack Moser said that his team's strategy for the Saratoga game would rely heavily on new plays that would

## Basketball

emphasize tight coverage of Parker, a plan that had helped BC to victory last year. But by the end of the first half, it was clear that this year the Eagles would not be so successful. Saratoga held their significant lead from the first quarter into the second, then extended it powerfully in the last half. With just under five minutes left in the game, Parker stunned both spectators and opposition alike as he sunk two baskets from well behind the three point line, bringing the score to a hopelessly lopsided 76-60.

"It was a good effort from our team. Our defense was better and

we had less turnovers," said Moser, adding that the game had seen a number of outstanding performers from BC, among them Sean McDermott, who tallied no less than 22 points and 18 rebounds.

Facing Burnt Hills earlier in the season, the Eagles had made the mistake of allowing them to gain a slight lead in the first quarter, an error which eventually cost them the game. Last Friday Bethlehem worked to make sure that if there was an early lead to be gained, it would be to their advantage. The first quarter ended in a tie, while the half saw Burnt Hills inch ahead of BC, 24-23. Undoubtedly remembering wounds received last December, the Eagles rallied, scoring the first seven points of

the third quarter and putting a distance between themselves and Burnt Hills that the latter would never be able to completely recover. Senior John Reagan led the way for Bethlehem, as he scored 14 points and recovered 13 rebounds, while teammate Alex Hackman took 13 points. By the end of the game, Burnt Hills had fallen back 12 points, leaving the final score at 54-42 and Bethlehem's record at three wins and five losses.

"With Burnt Hills, we kept the game close and just built from there," says Moser. "A lot of our guys are playing really steadily. Everyone's doing a really good job. Now we're starting to play a lot more team-ball out there, and I think it's helping us. We have

different outstanding players on different nights, but we're also getting better as a team."

Yesterday (Tuesday), the team faced Guilderland. Moser expected the game to be a challenge, as Guilderland is currently the top ranked team in their division. With seven returning players from last year's Gold division championship team, Guilderland should prove a strong opposition to the Eagles. Friday, of course, will be "orange crush night" at Bethlehem. Both girls and boys games will be played, with the orange and black pitted up against Columbia, a team Moser described as "capable of beating anyone on any given night. They've had their ups and downs, but they've played everybody pretty tough."

# Blackbirds lose two, but still improve

By Rick Leach

It was one more frustrating week for the Voorheesville boys basketball team as they lost both of their games, 58-50 to Schalmont on Tuesday and 75-71 to Albany Academy Friday. Although the Blackbirds keep improving, they have yet to climb over the hump and pull out a big victory.

The first game of the week was at home against the Sabres. The score was deadlocked at nine after one quarter and the visitors grabbed a 27-23 edge at halftime. Once again, the third quarter was evenly played as both teams netted 16 points and Schalmont

led by four heading into the final stanza. The game stayed close throughout the fourth quarter, and the Birds drew to within 49-48 on a pair of Derek Moak free throws with less than four minutes to play.

A three-pointer by the visitors widened the margin to four, but a steal by Moak and a jumper by Larabee led to a 52-50 Schalmont lead with one minute remaining. The Sabres then connected on all six of their foul shots in the final minute while Voorheesville could not answer and the final score was 58-50. Mike Haaf paced the Blackbirds with 11 points, while

Larabee and Moak each had ten and Lapinski added nine.

The next contest was against an Academy team that had beaten the Blackbirds by 40 points in Voorheesville. However, this was a much different story as the Birds opened up a 17-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was a nightmare for the Birds as they were outscored 28-10 and trailed 40-27 at halftime. The never-say-die Blackbirds fought back in the third period and cut the margin to seven with eight minutes to play. The final stanza was a very bazaar one, as the Birds twice

narrowed the gap to three, but still trailed by nine in the final minute. This is when the hysteria started.

Voorheesville battled back, and despite having six players on the floor and costing themselves two technical foul shots, they pulled to within four on three-pointers by Ken Andriano and Keith Fragomeni and two foul shots by Larabee. After another steal by Larabee and a bucket by Lapinski, the visitors trailed 73-71 with six seconds to play.

A foul sent Academy shooting guard Brian Marks to the line. He missed the front end of the one-

and-one, but Cadet star forward Mike Shanley slipped in between Kevin Davis and the basket to grab the rebound. He was fouled and made both foul shots to seal the triumph. Voorheesville was led by Lapinski and Davis, who each had 14 points. It was only Davis' second game of the season. Fragomeni added 13 points and Larabee had ten.

It was the seventh straight loss for the Blackbirds, who are now 2-8 in the league and 3-11 overall. This week, they'll try to get back on track against Rensselaer on Tuesday. They lost to the Indians by seven at Rensselaer the first time around.

## Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Jan. 8 at Del Lanes in Delmar go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Stan Montague 224, Art Tenney 559 triple.

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Men — Mark Hilton 300, Chuck Puls 670 triple. Tom Kelly 954 four-game series.

Women — Nan Nicholson 220, Jane Compson 583 triple.

Major Girls — Chrissy Shultes 179, 499 triple, Robin Crocker 181, 466 triple, Traci Layman 180, 479 triple.

Jr. Boys — Kory Snyder 197, 549 triple; Don Robbins 210, 483 triple; Matt Barkman 201, 532 triple.

Jr. Girls — Lisa Green 223, 531 triple.

Prep Boys — Justin Gamelin 108, 299 triple.

Prep Girls — Kim Comtois 136, 329 triple.

Jr. Classic League

Major Boys — Mike Graves 242, 825 four-game series.

Major Girls — Amy Aylward 210, 739 four-game series.

Jr. Boys — Lee Aizetta 247, 828 four-game series.

Freezing rain causes one-car crash

The freezing rain that fell Saturday night contributed to a one-car crash on Rt. 85 in New Scotland, Albany County sheriff's deputies said.

The crash sent David Lavergne, 25, of Loudonville to the hospital after the car he was driving slid off the road and struck a utility pole, deputies said. Deputies said he was treated for his injuries and released. No charges were filed.

# Guilderville outswims Amsterdam-Fonda

By Zack Kendall

After a tie Monday against Burnt Hills, the Guilderville boys swim team defeated the much larger Amsterdam-Fonda team at their home meet last Wednesday.

The score against Amsterdam-Fonda was 50-26, Guilderville taking firsts in most of the events. The 200 medley relay team of Dave Washburn, Matt Kost, Gary Washburn, and Seth Rose took first place with a time of 1:58.15. Joe Tyrell took firsts in the 200 IM, with a time of 2:25.13, and the

backstroke with 109.53. Scott Bowden placed first in the 500 free, with 5:53.66, and second in the 50 free with 25.40. Matt Kost won the 200 free, with 2:10.65, and took second in the 100 breast. Gary Washburn placed first in both the 100 free, with 53.95, and the 50 free with 24.43. Dave Washburn was first in the 100 fly with 103.65.

Guilderville tied Burnt Hills in an away meet on Monday. It was a standoff, with a final score of 78-78. Guilderville took first in all

but one of the events, and if the team were larger in size and could have placed more swimmers in each event, they might have won hands down. Joe Tyrell placed first in the 200 IM, with 2:28:50, and 100 free with 56.60. Gary Washburn won the fly in 1:01.09, and the breast in 1:10. Dave Washburn took first in the 100 back, with 1:03.81, and 50 free with 24.03, his personal best. Scott Bowden finished first in the 200 free, with 2:02, and Seth Rose won the grueling 500 free in 5:34.70. In the last event, the 400 free style relay, the team of Washburn, Washburn, Bowden,

and Tyrell tied the score and blew away Burnt Hills' time of 4:00, with their own of 3:49.21.

## Dr. Silver honored

Dr. Reuben J. Silver, professor and head of psychology at the Albany Medical College, department of psychiatry, was recently presented with the Allen Williams Award for outstanding service. The award was presented by the New York State Psychological Association. Silver is former president of the association. He resides with his wife Mary in Delmar.

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# Voorheesville grapplers thrown to mat

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville wrestlers, a team that looked as if it was on the way to a good season, fell on tough times last week.

The week started with the Blackbirds playing host to Rensselaer, a team that hadn't lost a Colonial Council match. The Indians jumped out to a quick 21-0 lead before the second Blackbird wrestler reached the mat. Trailing 27-0, the Blackbirds began to mount a comeback which started with a hard fought 8-4 decision victory by Tim Reeth at 138.

Tom Ravida then followed with a 10-1 decision to close the gap a little further. Pins by Rick Leach and Paul Novak at 155 and 167 respectively pulled the Blackbirds within 27-19, with two matches remaining.

In order to pull off the upset, the Blackbirds would need a combination of two pins or a pin and a decision victory. The Blackbirds' victory hopes were quickly dimmed as Christian Rooney was pinned at 177. Rensselaer finished the match with a decision at 215 over Chad Hotaling and a 36-19 victory.

On Saturday, the Blackbirds wrestled in the Shenendehowa Invitational Tournament. The 'Birds wrestled three other Section II schools — Hoosick Falls, Ballston Spa, and South Glens Falls. Against Hoosick Falls the Blackbirds tallied four pins, one by Ravida, Leach, Novak

and Bob Blanchard, but it wasn't enough as the 'Birds lost 43-24. In their second match against Ballston Spa the Blackbirds fared no better, losing in the end 39-30. Winners for Voorheesville were Reeth and Josh Vink with decisions, and Blanchard, Ravida, Leach, and Novak with pins. Novak's victory was over a Ballston Spa wrestler who had finished fourth in the section last year at that weight class of 177.

In the last match for the Blackbirds they wrestled South Glens Falls. The Blackbirds seemed to be on their way to winning this match, but it just wasn't meant to be. The 'Birds came back to take the lead on pins from Blanchard and Ravida and a decision victory by Reeth. The match remained close as Leach lost a decision but Novak got a pin and Rooney a forfeit to put the Blackbirds ahead by three points with one match remaining. All heavyweight Hotaling had to do was not get pinned and the Blackbirds would get at least a tie. Hotaling ended up getting pinned and the Blackbirds lost by three points, 33-30. It couldn't be said that the Blackbirds didn't have their chances, though, as Leach and Chris Dell'Acqua both lost very close matches.

The Blackbirds have two matches this week. One was Tuesday at Guilderland and the other is a league match Thursday at Lansingburgh.



Bill Stanton of Rensselaer gets the upper hand in the process of beating Bob Blanchard of Voorheesville in the 126 pound category at Thursday's meet.



As a large crowd watches in Voorheesville, 132 pound Henry Mormile of Rensselaer is victorious in his bout with Indians' Chris Dell'Acqua. On the cover: Blackbirds' Rick

Leach is the winner by a pin over Rensselaer's Joe Dillberg in the 155 pound category. The next Voorheesville match is Thursday at Lansingburgh.

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The top bowlers for the Elsmere Fire Company Bowling League for the week of Jan. 8 were: mens high single and mens high triple — Bill Webb 234, 599; ladies high single and triple — Ann Costigan 174, 465.

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The joint crew member drive between Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance and Delmar Rescue Squad is underway. Bethlehem Ambulance is the lucky organization to have the first member signed with the Glenmont Squad having signed Mike Walsh.

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On Jan. 5 the monthly meeting of the Volunteer Fire Officers Association of the Town of Bethlehem was held at Clean Harbors Environmental Services at Bask Road Glenmont.

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Navy Ensign Michael A. Rosenblatt, son of Robert M. and Carol E. Rosenblatt of Slingerlands, recently participated in acceptance trials with the Precommissioning Unit battleship Wisconsin, based at Pascagoula, Miss.

The trials completed the final testing of the ship's system before it is officially accepted by the Navy from the reactivating shipyard in Pascagoula.

A 1983 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and a 1987 graduate of State University of New York at Albany, with a Bachelor of Science degree, he joined the Navy in May 1987.

Staff Sgt. Elaine V. Krzanowski, daughter of Walter A. and Leona Krzanowski of Selkirk, has been decorated with the second award of the Army Commendation Medal at Fort Jackson, S.C.

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A 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1980 graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, he joined the Marine Corps in December, 1980.

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# Obituaries

## Lillian Leinbohm

Lillian Kratt Leinbohm of Elsmere died Jan. 13 in Albany Medical Center after a long illness.

Born in New York City, she was raised in West Stockbridge, Mass. Together with her late husband, August, she operated the North Chatham Dairy for 40 years, retiring in 1970.

She was a past master and 50-year member of the West Stockbridge Grange 246. She was also a member of the West Stockbridge and Nassau chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kinderhook.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Kermani of Elsmere; her son, Paul Leinbohm of Colonie; and two grandchildren.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family, with burial by arrangement of the Applebee Funeral Home in West Stockbridge Village Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar, or the North Chatham Methodist Church in North Chatham.

## Karen Smith

Karen Smith, a grocery store clerk at the Stonewell market in New Scotland, died Jan. 11 after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. She was 37.

A fund has been established in her memory for her children, Paul, 17 and Tasha, 13. Contributions may be made at the Stonewell market.

She is survived by her children, her brother, Edward "Buzz" Smith of Clarksville, and two sisters, Geraldine King of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Patricia Durham of Lake Luzerne.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Meyer's Funeral Home, with burial in Memory's Garden, Colonie.

## Helen Ortali

Helen Ortali, a Delmar resident, died Jan. 12 in St. Peter's Hospice, Albany, after a long illness. She was 53.

A native of Kenosha, Wisc., she had been a marketing manager at SUNY Press in Albany.

Survivors include her husband, Ray; her mother, Lillian Hancock and her brother, John K. Hancock, both of Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services with arrangements by the Applebee Funeral Home were held at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Delmar with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Memory's Garden, Colonie.

## Joseph Leo Gagnon

Joseph Leo Gagnon, 85, died Jan. 14 in Memorial Hospital, Albany.

A former Delmar resident, he had been living in North Chatham, N.Y. He was a retired maintenance custodian who had worked for many years for New York State.

He is survived by his grandchildren, John Gagnon and Doreen McManus of Delmar, and Brenda Wurzburg of North Chatham; his brother Arthur Gagnon and sister Agnes Bridgeford of Lowell, Mass., and his sister, Alice Landry of Natick, Mass. He also is survived by nine great-

grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Services will be held at the Applebee Funeral Home today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

## Albany man charged for disorderly conduct

Albany County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 19-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct Thursday afternoon at a Miller Rd., New Scotland residence.

The arrest was made after deputies were called to assist State Police with a disturbance call, deputies said. The man was remanded to Albany County Jail in lieu of \$250 bail.

## Applications available for energy assistance

Albany County Opportunity, Inc. (ACOI) is accepting applications for the 1989 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

The program provides funds to low income families to help pay heating costs. The size of the grant depends on the size of the family and the type of fuel used, and the household must also meet various income limitations. Fami-

## Police arrest two for drinking, driving

Bethlehem police arrested two drivers for driving while intoxicated in separate incidents this week.

A 38-year-old Westerlo man was charged with DWI Saturday night following a property damage crash on Rt. 443, police said. The man drove off the roadway and struck a utility pole. He was arrested after he failed a pre-screening device test, police said.

A 45-year-old man was arrested for DWI on Saturday night after he was stopped for speeding on Rt. 144, police said. Police said the odor of alcohol was detected on the man and that he subsequently failed a pre-screening device test.



William A. Powell

## Chamber sponsors empowerment seminar

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a personal empowerment seminar on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Howard Johnsons Motor Lodge on Rt. 9W.

The seminar will be conducted by William A. Powell and will focus on approaches to managing yourself and other people effectively.

Reservations are required for the seminar by Feb. 1. The cost of the seminar is \$45 and reservations can be made by calling 439-0512.

## Library has events for younger children

Through the end of January, the Bethlehem Public Library will hold a series of programs for younger schoolaged children.

On Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. there will be a Toddler Hat Day for toddlers under the age of three.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a.m. the library will hold a Family-Sing-Along, and on Monday, Jan. 23, the library will hold registration for toddler and preschooler story hour.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 is "Chocolate Day," at the library, and children over the age of 8 are invited to hear stories about chocolate, make chocolate and eat chocolate.

To register for any of the events call the library at 439-9314.

## January is Financial Aid Awareness Month

January is the month for college-bound high school students and their parents to get some answers to questions about how they will pay for higher education.

Financial Aid Awareness Month in the state runs through Jan. 27.

A toll-free statewide "hotline" will provide financial aid advice from 1 to 7 p.m. until Jan. 27. The phone line, 1-800-367-2670, will be staffed with volunteers from college financial aid offices.

A detailed wall chart has been distributed to high school guidance counselors and libraries throughout the state. It outlines aid available through institutions, the state and federal government, and lists eligibility, selection and renewal criteria, and how and when to apply for the aid.

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- 5 Minnesota, e.g.
- 10 Gilt decorated metalware
- 14 Funt or King
- 15 Peer Gynt Suite composer
- 16 River to the Baltic
- 17 Super Bowl IXX Joe Montana
- 19 Bearing
- 20 Wigwam
- 21 Four time Super Bowl winners
- 23 Coll. entrance scores
- 26 Sicilian volcano
- 27 The ultimate abbreviation
- 30 Lute of India
- 32 Peruvian Indians
- 36 Kingdom; stadium
- 38 Scorekeeper's duty after P.A.T. (2 wds)
- 39 Caesar's year
- 40 Knock before you
- 42 South Korean Syngman
- 43 Leotards
- 45 1980: Steelers vs
- 47 The jokes
- 48 "North Dallas Forty"
- 49 Nears (abv.)
- 50 Minor basketball league initials
- 52 Use a blue pencil
- 54 Super Bowl XXII winner
- 56 The lights of Las Vegas
- 62 Newspaper sect.
- 63 Super Bowl XVIII winner
- 66 Mom's admonition (2 wds)
- 67 Cantered
- 68 Trial
- 69 Soon
- 70 A settlement of monks
- 71 Mr. Cartwright
- DOWN
- 1 Crazy
- 2 Medicinal plant
- 3 Canvas cover
- 4 Feeds the kitty
- 6 Precedes "UMPH": victory
- 7 Owns (scot.)
- 8 The other side of letter
- 9 White heron
- 10 Super Bowl XII winning coach
- 11 Garfield's buddy
- 12 A nasty glance
- 13 Sea eagles
- 18 Leavener
- 22 City in Oklahoma
- 24 Scrabble pieces
- 25 British gun
- 27 DAY: newspaper
- 28 Russian revolutionary leader
- 29 Tastes like the space drink?
- 31 Before "DOME": stadium
- 33 Sen. McCarthy aide Roy
- 34 miss
- 35 Soothsayers
- 37 Warren Moon's family

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Mr. and Mrs. David K. Williams

## Anne Marie Olsen marries

Anne Marie Olsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Olsen Jr. of Voorheesville, and David K. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Williams of Seneca Falls, were married on Nov. 26 at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Gregory Pike officiated.

Judith Olsen, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Michael Spak

## Program on clothing at Schoolhouse Museum

"By The Cut of Her Clothes," a slide program, will be presented by Meril Spaulding on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Bethlehem Historical Association meeting, Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, at 2 p.m.

For information call 436-9289.

## Legion to show film

The American Legion Nathaniel Blanchard Post 1040 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m., in the post meeting room at Poplar Dr. and Elsmere Ave. A half-hour film, "Calling the Shots," will be shown to highlight the dangers of alcohol and drugs, and the meeting is open to the public.

served as best man.

The bride holds a bachelor's degree in biomedical computing from the Rochester Institute of Technology. The bridegroom holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

The couple will reside in Denver, Colo.

## Center offers program on reentering workforce

The Albany Displaced Homemakers Center will begin a free reentry program on Jan. 24 for women who need to return to the paid work force.

The program consists of career assessment and planning, speakers providing information on training, educational and career opportunities, therapy, and offers field trips to employment sights and the opportunity to earn college credit with Hudson Valley Community College.

The program runs for six weeks, four days a week, six hours a day, and is open to all. Anyone interested can call 434-3103, or visit the center at 315 Hamilton St. in Albany.



Kristine Hasbrouck  
**Hasbrouck-Strada**

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas C. Hasbrouck of Glenmont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristine, to Dominic Strada, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Strada of Jessup, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a recent graduate of the University of Rochester and is currently pursuing her master's degree in deaf education and counseling at the University of Rochester and the National Technical Institute of the Deaf.

Her fiance will graduate in May from the University of Rochester and will take a sales management position at Ralston Purina.

An Aug. 26 wedding date has been set.

## Effective parenting course offered at CHP

The Community Health Plan in Delmar is offering a nine-week course in effective parenting beginning Monday, Jan. 23, at the CHP Health Center, 250 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The program will focus on helping participants deal with their children.

The course will be held on nine consecutive Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., and will cost \$40 per person.

To register call 783-1864.

## Married in Durham

Barbara Sue Coffin, daughter of Georgia Martin of Durham, N.C., and Jeffery David Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quinn of Delmar, were married on Dec. 17 at the Duke University Chapel in Durham.

Megan Burns was the maid of honor, and Jay Quinn, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride received her bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from the North Carolina State University.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from North Carolina State University, where he starred on the scholar-soccer All-American team. He is a professional soccer player for the Albany Capitals, and is currently on a winter tour in Europe.

The couple plans to reside in Guilderland.

## Senior Citizens



Volunteers of the American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter 1595, will again offer free tax assistance to senior citizens and shut-ins from Feb. 2 through April 14 at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

Tax assistance will be offered on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the exception of March 2. You must bring a copy of your 1987 tax return at the time of your appointment.

Appointments can be made by calling the Senior Citizens Services Office at 439-4955, ext. 77.

## The cookies are here! The cookies are here!

The Hudson Valley Girl Scouts from the Hudson Valley Council have begun delivering Girl Scout cookies and will continue through Jan. 27.

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It costs about \$125 annually per girl to deliver program and services to the council's 7,000 girl members. Through the sale of the cookies the council is able to provide these services.

Capital District residents who were not called upon by a Girl Scout, but who would like to purchase cookies, may call the Girl Scout hotline number, 462-5953.



## Community Corner

### Drug Workshop

The local branch of the Aid Association for Lutherans is sponsoring and presenting a workshop entitled, "Get Involved Before Your Kids Do," on Friday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., in Delmar, and will focus on the fight against drugs.

The Public is invited to attend the workshop. For more information call 439-3022.

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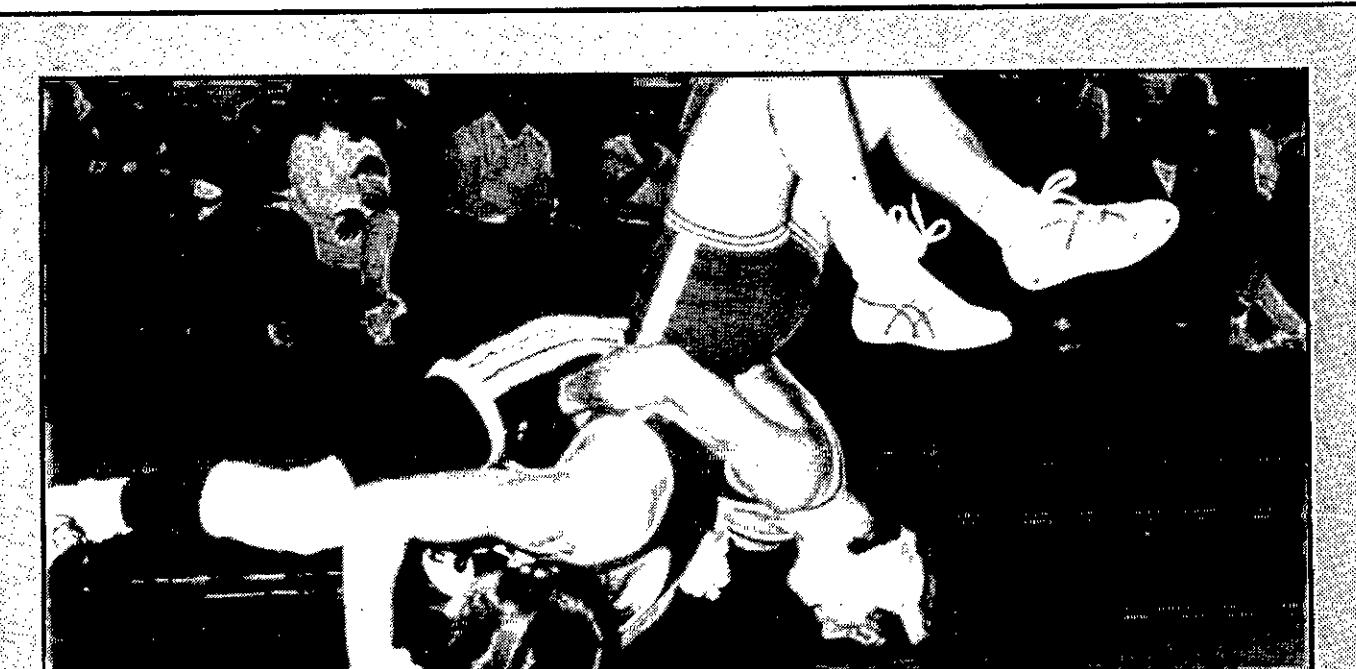
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