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Once around the ice



Harry Matrese of New Scotland leads daughter Amanda around the skating rink at Swift Road Town Park. *Bob Hagyard*

'It's not fair,' says New Scotland clerk

Probst refuses extra jobs in dispute

By Bob Hagyard

Edita Probst believes she is underpaid as New Scotland town clerk because she is a woman. And she's not taking on any new jobs until the town board brings her salary in line with other department heads.

The salary issue resurfaced last Thursday at the town's end-of-the-year meeting while Town Board members debated how to compensate garbage collectors. Councilman John Sgarlata wondered aloud why the average refuse worker earns an annual salary within \$200 of the town clerk's — that is, within \$200 of what the clerk will receive in her third year of service after her raise goes into effect.

The board should again raise Probst's salary for 1990, he suggested. But Supervisor Herbert Reilly said, "We can't raise salaries once we've adopted a budget."

"I checked with the state comptroller's office," Sgarlata replied, "and we can't do it once the calendar year begins. But we can at the end of the previous year, which is right now."

Reilly: "No, we can't."

As the councilmen sat mute, Probst outlined the history of the town's administrative salary structure. While the second-lowest paid department head, the

town assessor, is paid 18 percent more than three years ago, the lowest-paid, the town clerk, has gained only 5 percent during the same period. In other words, the clerk's position is losing ground relative to all other departments.

Further, salary discrepancies between department heads are not based on seniority, Probst said. In 1988, she recalled, the town hired Paul Cantlin as its first full-time building inspector "at \$23,000, more than the assessor made after 10 years" in the job. The next year, both were raised to \$25,000.

During a town budget workshop last October, Probst submitted comparisons with salary structures of three other towns:

- In Glenville, a town with a part-time supervisor, the highway superintendent (\$34,450) is the highest-paid administrator. The full-time town clerk (\$31,800) earns 91 percent as much.

- In New Scotland, the town supervisor (\$33,031 in 1990) is the highest-paid full-time administrator, while the full-time town clerk (\$21,235) will earn 64 percent as much.

- In Berne, a town with a part-time supervisor, the highway superintendent (*Turn to Page 6*)

Busy year ahead for Bethlehem

By Mark Stuart

The next two years could shape the decade for the Town of Bethlehem.

Commercial development, a waste incinerator proposal, new roadway projects, master plans in both Bethlehem and New Scotland, school space problems and the possibility of redistricting, impact fees, taxes and tax equity all must be addressed.

For Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler, two major issues were resolved before he took office Tuesday: Delmar Village and a new police contract. Delmar Village, which had taken five years for review from its initial Planned Residential Development application, would have been further delayed if it were to have been passed to the new board since the three new board members — Ringler and Councilmen M. Sheila Galvin and Charles Gunner — have never formally reviewed the proposal.

The new three-year contract between the town and the Bethlehem Police is the first time former supervisor J. Robert Hendrick can recall a police contract being signed before the previous contract expired.

As supervisor Ringler will inherit the Route 9W Corridor Study, which he played a key role in overseeing as planning board chairman.

He will also steer a proposal for a town-wide development moratorium past the town board. Ringler drafted the moratorium as planning board chairman, and based on comments made in the November election, the moratorium will be approved by



During his last day in office Friday, Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick found time to reflect on his four-year tenure. *Bob Hagyard*

the town board. Approval will depend on the timing of the town's implementation of the master plan.

Of all the problems facing the towns, solid waste is perhaps the most urgent. This year the Albany ANSWERS program, which currently handles Bethlehem's and New Scotland's waste, must come up with a new solid waste management plan. There

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Teacher seeks ties with USSR

By Bob Hagyard

Arthur Willis, high school social studies chairman at Voorheesville and twice-published poet, remains nervously hopeful about the chances of a student-teacher exchange between VCHS and Leningrad School 80.

Last October, Willis went to Leningrad with what he calls a "troupe" of American actors, actresses, jazz musicians and another poet, Terry Hunter of the University of Maine at Orono, as part of a cultural exchange program. Evenings, Willis read from his two published volumes. Days, he contacted education officials to set up an exchange between VCHS and a sister school in Leningrad.

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□ Bethlehem officials face challenges

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is a good possibility that ANSWERS will seek a new landfill site in Bethlehem. At the same time, the American Ref-Fuel 1,500 ton-per-day, waste-to-energy incinerator will be officially presented to the town. In 1990 Bethlehem will also implement its mandatory recycling plan, which could be on the town board agenda as soon as February.

In both Bethlehem and New Scotland, time is running out on the 1991 deadline to complete the

state-mandated assessment inventory update. Bethlehem has allocated \$150,000 in the 1990 budget for the study, but the problem in completing the study is finding an inventory consulting firm as well as finding space in town hall for the consultants to work.

Outside of town government, school redistricting can be expected to be an issue for Bethlehem, as it already is for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District. Bethlehem is moving into the building stage of its expansion program,

and school officials have said the expected to be on the planning board agenda in 1990. Bethlehem Village is Planned Development District proposal for New Scotland challenge of convincing voters to road and LaGrange Road in Slingerlands and includes a Price classroom space shortage problem because of overcrowding. Chopper supermarket as an anchor store.

There is a new proposal to move fifth graders to the junior high to address the immediate problem.

Supermarkets

The supermarket situation will again be a major issue in Bethlehem as Bethlehem Village can be

Traffic and roads

Court decisions in 1989 regarding the Town of Guilderland's transportation impact fee law and "welcome, stranger" assessment practices have put towns in the precarious position of financing new road projects to accommodate growth.

In Guilderland's case, the New York Court of Appeals ruled that a Guilderland law collecting impact fees from developers for unspecified road projects was unconstitutional. In "welcome stranger" assessment rulings, both federal and state courts ruled that a new homeowner could not have his home assessed based on market value when similar homes were not.

So in the 1990s, towns are looking to the state for help, not for money, but for legislation. Towns such as Bethlehem and New Scotland are looking for enabling legislation from the state that would define what impact fees are constitutional.

Mitigation fees may be an answer for now. The Town of Colonie is using a mitigation fee system whereby developers are charged a fee based on services that are directly used at the home, such as roads, sewer and water.

County plans to alleviate traffic problems in the Krumkill Road area have been delayed because of the need for a generic environmental impact study. That study has been delayed because Bethlehem and Guilderland have been reluctant to pay for it. The county is considering a mitigation fee similar to Colonie's to fund the study.

Under the proposed county plan, the towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem and Guilderland will initially pay for the study and will be reimbursed later through mitigation fees paid by new home owners.

Included in the proposed county roadway plan is a connection between Schoolhouse Road and the Slingerlands Bypass, a connection between the Slingerlands Bypass and Route 85A in Voorheesville, and the extension of the Slingerlands Bypass to connect with the Cherry Avenue Extension.

The Route 9W Corridor study is expected to be implemented if it can overcome resistance from land owners. Under pressure from several residents, Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick sent a proposal for the Route 9W Overlay District law back to the planning department to eliminate or reduce some of the negative fiscal impacts the law would have on land owners. The overlay district law would impose new site development standards to existing zoning within the corridor.

The end of the Jim Coyne era as county executive seems possible, but 1991 is a long way off and voters may forget about the happenings of 1989. But if Coyne does step down, questions arise as to whom his successor will be and whether the Albany County Democratic Party will be able to field a strong candidate in light of recent party fissures.

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Local schools resist pressures on textbooks

By Nat Boynton

Movements by fundamentalist church groups in several western and southern states to gain school textbook recognition for the biblical version of creation as opposed to the theory of evolution is unlikely to cause ripples in the teaching of science in local schools.

A front-page story in the *New York Times* recently described a revision of textbook guidelines by the California Board of Education as a "concession to evangelical Christians that could affect the teaching of science nationwide."

The article stated that the new guidelines delete a reference to evolution as a "scientific fact," but retain "a strong statement" supporting the teaching of evolution. The latest development in a long-standing controversy that has been prominent in recent years in Texas and California, the two largest textbook markets in the nation, was termed "a compromise" by the newspaper.

As such, the report said, educators have become concerned that political action by fundamentalists supporting the Garden-of-Eden concept of creation could have an impact on publishers of science

textbooks. But a *Spotlight* survey of local public schools showed that science teachers and administrators had no such concern.

Textbooks used in life science classes in seventh grade at the Bethlehem Central Middle School and in the junior high schools in Voorheesville and Rensselaer treat evolution as an accepted theory with no reference to the biblical version. The same holds true in biology courses, usually introduced in 10th grade.

Nor has there been any protest by parents or clergy.

Robert Samuel, science department chairman for Voorheesville schools, says that while most textbooks do not mention the creationists' approach, the subject does come up in class discussions. "We want to teach the scientific theory (of evolution) as a theory, not a fact, but we also mention, however briefly, that there are other points of view," he points out. "We say that some people believe in Adam and Eve, but that we have scientific evidence in support of the theory of evolution."

Stephen Swinton, science supervisor for Bethlehem schools, believes that most of the youngsters

have been exposed to the evolution theory prior to entering seventh grade. "We treat it just as you would the atomic theory in chemistry—here is a theory, here is the evidence to support it. Let the kids question this if they want."

At RCS, Bob Patterson, one of two teachers in the seventh grade life science program, says that the textbooks he has seen and reviewed make no reference to the biblical version. "We don't present it (evolution) as anything other than a theory," he says. "We don't dwell on it in seventh grade."

Nor does it get much emphasis in high school biology, although it does emerge in class discussions. Gary Kosowsky, the senior of three biology teachers at RCS, says the subject of evolution is a minor factor in 10th grade science. "If it's mentioned at all, it's more in passing," he says.

In all three local school systems, teachers and department heads handle the chore of evaluating the wide selection of books submitted by major textbook publishers, and each year brings an influx of new ones and revised editions. In reviewing the texts, the schools have the latitude of

choice, but the prime consideration is that they must conform to the state syllabus.

That syllabus, says Swinton, describes the evolution of life as a scientific theory that helps explain living organisms and how they survive the process of change. One of the five objectives listed in the state syllabus applying to the question is "to describe a hypothesis that attempts to explain how primitive environmental conditions may have contributed to the formation of initial life forms."

Final authorization for approving the texts selected varies by school system. The process usually starts with the teachers or department head; some school systems require only the approval of a principal, others must have the endorsement — technically, anyway — of the school board.

The *Times* report from California listed several specific references the state board ordered deleted from the official guidelines for the teaching of science. One was a paragraph that described a 1987 U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning a Louisiana law that required the teaching of the divine theory of creation along with any teaching of evolution.

Among those criticizing the California action, according to the newspaper report, were Eugenie Scott, executive director of the National Center for Science Education, and Michael Hudson, western director for People for the American Way, a Washington-based advocacy group for civil liberties. Scott was quoted as saying that the compromise was "a concession to board members who are knuckling under to right-wing religious pressure." Hudson was quoted as saying that the continuing influence of fundamentalists in Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Missouri, Alabama and other states "is sort of disappointing in this day and age."

Have teachers in this area received any complaints from parents on this question? "Very rarely," says Samuel, Voorheesville's science coordinator. "And not to any extent. I've been asked, perhaps twice, but never at the seventh-grade level. They (parents) just wanted to know whether we give any exposure to the Christian concept. It does come up in class, and we talk about it — just briefly."

RCS considers shifting grades

Among overcrowding solutions

By Mark Stuart

A preliminary plan designed to alleviate classroom shortages and overcrowding has been submitted to the Rensselaer-Coemans-Selkirk Board of Education and includes a proposal to move fifth grade classes into the junior high school.

The plan was drafted by Superintendent Bill Schwartz and delivered to the board on Dec. 18. Schwartz stressed that the report was only preliminary and that the plan is only temporary. "Moving the fifth grade out of elementary school into the junior high is a stop-gap measure," he said. "It does not give us the space we need, but it is a start."

By moving the eight sections of fifth grade, which is comprised of 190 students, from the P.B. Coeymans and A.W. Becker elementary schools to the junior high, four classrooms would be made available to handle the increased elementary population. The largest class in the grades between kindergarten and fifth grade is the 220-student first grade, which will have 10 sections in 1990, according to Schwartz' projections.

The district faces space problems in the wake of two failed bond votes in October 1988 and January 1989 that included additions to both the senior high library and gym and two elementary additions at a total cost of \$9.5 million over 20 years.

Schwartz reported that the elementary population in 1989 increased eight percent, roughly 100 students, over the 1988 school year. In the kindergarten alone, Schwartz said there are 217 students in the current class, up from 150 in 1988.

"We've seen some growth in the other grades also, but the thrust of the growth is in the elementary," Schwartz said. "Although the impact of (overall) growth isn't felt

district-wide, it is felt in the elementary."

Under Schwartz' proposal, music and art classes that are currently "mobile" will remain without regular classrooms. Classes that have been conducted in hallways, also known as "hall classes," will be given space in classrooms.

This year's fifth grade will grow from five sections to eight sections in 1990-91. The elementary school is expected to grow from 45 sections to 49 sections to accommodate the increase from 1,144 students in 1989-90 to 1,235 students in 1990-91.

The shift of the fifth grade to the junior high would place total of 719 students into a building that has a 950-student capacity. The junior high currently includes grades six through eight.

Schwartz said it is not unusual to group fifth graders in with grades six seven and eight. He presented a March 1989 report from the State Education Department titled "Regents Policy Statement on Middle-Level Education and Schools With Middle-Level Grades" that explained the organization, goals and philosophy involved with students between the ages of 10 and 14.

Schwartz said the prospect of another bond vote in the near future is possible, but isn't likely: "It (a vote on the bond issue) can come up any time but the feeling of the board, and what we're hearing from the community, is this is not the best time to do this. Even if it were to be approved, there would be a two year waiting time before any building would be complete. So for now, we're looking at short-term (remedies.) Twice they told us in no uncertain terms, the answer is no. That is a pretty clear indication that the community has spoken and we're responding to their concerns."

Winter construction



Construction workers of Trinity, Inc. and D&D Masonry place footing

foundation for Glenmont Square, now under construction.
Joe Futia

Community contacts published by library

The ninth edition of the Bethlehem Public Library's Community Contacts is now available.

The booklet is a handy guide to organizations in and around the town of Bethlehem. Over 90 groups are listed, many of which are difficult to find in other resources. A description of each organization, with contact people and phone numbers, is included. A subject guide helps locate groups according to particular areas of service or interest.

Community Contacts is published annually by the Bethlehem Public Library with help from the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Library. Ask for your free copy at the library's reference desk.

Parents plan BCHS '90 graduation

The parents' committee for Graduation Celebration '90 are planning an after-graduation event that will be open to all graduating Bethlehem seniors. The exact location and some of the entertainment events will be determined during the next month. Parents of all senior class members are invited to join the planning committee. Meetings will be held monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The committee is seeking student assistance in planning this event. For more information or to sign up for a specific committee, contact Jeanne Spinelli at 439-5589.

Don't dial 911, Brennan says

Jack Brennan, chairman of the Bethlehem Emergency Services Committee, is advising residents not to dial 911 in the event of an emergency.

"Residents should call the Bethlehem Police and fire dispatchers at 439-1234 to prevent a delay in response," Brennan said.

Unlike certain areas of the country, Albany County does not have an enhanced 911 system and by dialing 911, the caller may get

in touch with a NYNEX operator located in another part of the state.

Brennan said that teaching children the 439-1234 number is important since so many children are taught the 911 number from television shows.

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Matters of Opinion

The Plus Nineties

Our editorial's title capsulizes our outlook for this much-heralded new decade. You are about to read a testament to the power of positive thinking.

Our telescope is reversed, so that instead of viewing magnified problems that can appear overwhelming we see the broad and larger scene in perspective.

We see as a positive fact our region's (and America's) readiness to face up to many of the elements that are too easily categorized as "problems." By being willing to work on the solutions to the solid-waste "problem," the water supply "problem," environmental "problems," and the "issue" of limited-growth and controlled development, we are indeed on the way to determining tenable solutions that will prove to be acceptable to most people. (And even the predictably continuing dissatisfaction of some "activists" is a plus-factor. They'll be sure to keep us on the trail of perfection.)

A second positive factor in this region's outlook is its very matter-of-fact receptivity to regionalism. In some instances, these are only sensitive stirrings, but the awareness of the need is discernible even in such matters as potential consolidation — for effectiveness and economy — of police and other emergency services, and even of many more educational obligations.

Highly important to all of us in the region will be concentration on vital transport facilities — those of rail service, the Albany port, and aviation. All can benefit from the regional approach which is within the jurisdictional control of towns, cities, and counties. (A fourth major transportation aspect, of course — our highways — is primarily under the thumb of

Editorials

the state, which must be prompted to keep on top of the adequacy and safety of roads and bridges.)

In the decade that just closed, we experienced general improvement in the quality of services and facilities with which we live every day. And the climate in which those conditions are maintained has been a healthy one for the businesses which, after all, give us a reason for living here. The energies of persons and organizations promoting commercial and banking interests have produced effective results — and every plausible indication supports further blossoming of those essential interests. Among other benefits will be improved employment opportunities — and along with growing payrolls will be the added bonuses that make life enjoyable — the cultural, health-giving, and even entertainment facilities.

Yes, ours is a fine place to live. We are convinced that the beneficial circumstances will continue and enlarge.

A necessary element that should be expected to accompany — or anticipate — the rosy-hued future we're envisioning, is the attitude of those who hold public-office responsibilities. A willingness to serve the interests of the population broadly, rather than parochially, is essential. Let's make sure that we try to select leaders who will be up to the demanding — and rewarding — tasks that they assume. They will be the glue that will seal positive future for... The Plus Nineties.

January thaw?

We're all indebted to Irving Berlin for the expression that best describes the month we've just experienced:

I can't remember

A worse December...

One hardly needs Weather Bureau statistics to be assured that the tail end of '89 was a time to conjure with. It is certain to linger in song and story, with or without a Berlin tune. The most fortunate of us, of course, were fortified by his remedy for a terrible December: a love to keep us warm.

Traditionally, the first month of the new year — after Janus has turned his other profile — produces a period of balmier temperatures and relatively benign breezes. We won't try to forecast exactly when the awaited January thaw will occur, but we'll venture boldly out on a snow-covered limb and declare our confidence that this month will produce on of the most welcome heat waves you ever thaw.

And when it arrives (to quote the composer again), "just watch those icicles form!"

Albany sparkles once a year

Albany may never be the 24-hour city that Mayor Whalen once envisioned, but on one night a year it sparkles with all the cosmopolitan glitter one could possibly wish.

That's First Night, when revelers from all over the area come downtown to celebrate a festive, but sober New Year's Eve. Aided by warm weather and only a mist of rain, this year's celebration may have been another record setter, but that's hardly what counts.

From its inception three years ago, First Night has had a warmth and good feeling

that goes a long way toward dispelling the uncertain feelings that many people associate with "down town". A good deal of that atmosphere comes from the fact that it is mostly a volunteer effort that make First Night happen. And indeed, Albany at night is worth showing off, from the ornate town houses and the uniquely compact Banker's Row on State Street to the stately Hudson River, framed by fireworks at midnight.

First Night works. May it become a tradition.

Words for the week

Appellation: An identifying name or title; designation.

Janus: A Roman god identified with doors, gates, and all beginnings, represented artistically with two opposite faces; duplicitous, two-faced.

Tenable: Capable of being held, maintained, or defended; reasonable.

Supporters thanked by young musician

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank the Bethlehem Music Association for its generous gift of \$150 to help pay for my participation in the New York All-State Music Conference.

Conference All-State is a wonderful four-day music festival filled with long rehearsals, and rewarding concerts. It is a great experience for anyone involved in music, because you are playing with the best student musicians in the state. Much is gained from this experience in the way of new friendships,

Vox Pop

and learning from the conductors who direct you.

Bethlehem music students are very lucky to have such a supportive parent organization as the BMA. I am very grateful for all their help.

Meg Bragle

Slingerlands

'Clean indoor air' promoted by new law

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am responding to a Dec. 13 letter to the editor regarding unregulated smoking in supermarkets.

Beginning Jan. 1, the new state law called the "Clean Indoor Air Act" requires smoking to be prohibited in food stores and supermarkets as well as auditoriums, elevators, gymnasiums, enclosed indoor swimming pools, classrooms used for teaching, public means of transportation (including ticketing and boarding areas in public transportation terminals). In essentially all other indoor areas open to the public, smoking will be restricted to enclosed areas clearly designated and separate from any area where smoking is not permitted.

A number of scientific studies, including the surgeon general's report, have shown that breathing second-hand tobacco smoke can be a health hazard. It increases the frequency of respiratory infections in children and is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers. The Clean Indoor Air Act was enacted to protect non-smokers from involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke.

The new law assigns responsibility to the Board of Health for

ensuring compliance. The Albany County Health Department is the administrative arm of the Board of Health and this is directly responsible for enforcement. It will be a requirement under the law for the manager of an indoor area open to the public to designate an agent who shall be responsible for informing individuals smoking in an area where smoking is not permitted that they are in violation. The agent of an indoor area open to the public must demonstrate a good-faith effort at enforcement of the new smoking law. Failure to comply with the law may result in a civil penalty and a fine.

As with any new law or policy, there will be a period of transition. We fully anticipate that compliance with the regulations will not be a difficult experience once the provisions of the new law are understood by our community. The Albany County Health Department staff is available to assist all county employers, organizations, and citizens with any questions regarding the provisions and/or implementation of the new law.

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Auld Robbie's words

Having just sung "Auld Lang Syne" twice publicly after a few warm-ups with only a Cairn Terrier as auditor, I've fallen into a speculative mood.

The song, with words set down by the immortal Burns 202 years ago, has become a celebration of a new day. How many people who sing it lustily are actually harking back to the past, to auld acquaintance or other forlorn memories?

But onrushing time, whether at the onset of a new year or at any other occasion, unfortunately does tend to dim our recollections and our comfortable associations with those who are much more than acquaintances, but truly are friends (which is what Burns almost certainly meant, anyway).

We slide too easily, adapt too quickly, into new surroundings and circumstances. Mobility probably has quite a lot to do with it. We grow up in one place, go to school somewhere else, move on and on as the livelihood may demand of us. People are left behind geographically, and also become — to often — just a bit of color on a fading landscape.

This trait I find to have been true in my own life, and perhaps I exaggerate it in relation to many others, particularly persons who are lucky enough to be rooted in a relatively small homeland. But the condition that bothers me does, I'm persuaded, hold true in far too many instances.

CONSTANT READER

'A brush with history'

I've some catching up to do with my reports on current reading in periodicals. The month-long break in December focused on readable books that might be of interest as gifts, and we closed out the year with a little review of the "World Almanac" for 1990.

Let's start the new year with a publication from 1989 — the December issue of "American Heritage." Even in its relatively stripped-down version (compared with the hard-cover magazine that some of us can remember from the 1950s and several later years) it's an expensive magazine at \$4.50. For a year's subscription (eight issues) it's \$27, and as it turns out you can still order a "collector's edition" — the hard-cover — at \$49. For many years, "American Heritage" was itself a collector's item, and it gathered dust on the shelves of many a home in its earlier form.

Now, I question whether many people are saving and collecting it — and I say this largely because of the contents, rather than about its physical format. The emphasis has changed, and sometimes it seems as though the editors are concentrating on filling up a requisite number of pages, rather than producing significant history.

The December issue marks the magazine's 35th anniversary, and the editors have chosen to devote some 18 pages to what might, in an uncharitable moment, be termed "filler" copy. It's their "cover story,"

"And never brought to mind!" How melancholy! Those people who shared experiences at school, at work, in dedicated activity — they're part of us. Too busy to write, too preoccupied to call. Good intentions prevailing, performance much less than suitable.

A good friend across town to whom I'm delinquent in responding to cordial messages...one who has every right to hear from me.

By the way — have you written '1989' on a check yet this year?

Last week I called a friend, now in his late eighties, as I do every year on his birthday. I called him at his office, where he goes daily, leaving early only to get in a swim at the pool in the apartment tower where he lives.

"Be sure to come in and see me when you're in town," he always urges in sincere invitation. A year passes, and I haven't gotten there. One of these days I'll read about him in the *Times*...too late.

"And never brought to mind?" Perhaps it's worse to let dear

friends come to mind — and not act on it...

Pardon me, but:

I went in and out of the Albany County Airport the other week via USAir, and I must say that I don't find it nearly as distressing an experience as is so often reported. It's not what you'd call a metropolitan airport, much less an "international" one (the most recent trendy appellation), but it happens to suit the needs of most fliers quite adequately, so far as I am able to discern. I question whether the whole thing is worth the fuss that's going on perpetually — and also I doubt that facilities for travellers are worth the many, many millions of dollars that are being tossed around. I do wish, though, that the airport management would obtain a telephone listing so that you could call 'em up. I can't find one anywhere in the book. Is there a good answer on this?

Several weeks ago, I wrote a couple of paragraphs about some unusual — and mostly clever — license plates seen around town. Yesterday I came across another one on a parked car:

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Do you suppose that's a kind of self-assured boast, or a vow of a determined plugger? I like the latter idea. A good motto to tell the world, and also a personal reminder.

in fact, entitled "A brush with history," and the point is that a few dozen people — some historians, some well-known individuals, and some obscure persons — relate briefly some event, occurrence, or episode in which they, often unwittingly, played some small role, either as participant or merely as observer.

Several of these are quite winning, such as the recollection by a

Dozens of glimpses of how history has touched many

man of the day 60 years ago last August when the dirigible Graf Zeppelin flew over his grandmother's farmhouse in rural Illinois on the last leg of an around-the-world flight.

Then there's Gerald Carson's rendering (in connection with a yarn about the Civil War deaths of two of his great-uncles) of a snatch from the Illinois state song: "Grant and Logan and our tears, Illinois, Illinois; Grant and Logan and our tears, Illinois."

And a recollection by a professor of the time Charles de Gaulle came to dinner in the college hall at Oxford early in the days of the Free French in England. And William F. Buckley's reminiscence of how Joseph R. McCarthy stood in the way of Henry Cabot Lodge's lost victory over John F. Kennedy (for the U.S. Senate) in 1952, thereby making a future President.

The yarn I liked best was one told by the popular historian Walter Lord, about V-E Day in 1945. He was with the OSS staff in London, and his recollection went this way:

"We wandered down Birdcage Walk to Whitehall and Parliament. It was growing dark now, but I was aware of a group of musicians apparently waiting for something.

"Suddenly, onto a floodlit balcony directly overhead strode Winston Churchill, complete with cigar. A great shout went up, and in a few seconds the whole street was packed with people.

"When the din had died down, Churchill briefly assured the crowd, 'This is your victory,' and made his famous V sign. The effect shattered one of my pet theories. I have always held that no song falls as flat as 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' whether at a birthday, wedding, or political rally. Somehow it never goes over and always trails off in awkward embarrassment.

"I know now that it can succeed perfectly in certain rare circumstances — namely, if it is sung by thirty thousand people, accompanied by a ninety-piece band, on V-E Night, to a triumphant war leader, standing on the floodlit balcony of a flag-draped building.

"Under these conditions it can even move a crowd, including me and Winston Churchill, to tears."

The little story is captioned, "Churchill Weeps."

Real estate prices up, closings down

The writer of this guest editorial is president of Nancy Kuivila Real Estate, Inc. She has been active in the business since 1966, and founded her own firm in 1980. She was president of the Albany County Real Estate Board in 1988.

By Nancy Kuivila

Exactly a year ago, in writing a "Point of View" guest editorial for *The Spotlight*, I predicted as follows:

"If you hope to sell your home in 1989, be prepared for a slow market and prices stabilized quite close to where they were during late 1988." And,

"If you are in the market for purchase of a one-family dwelling, your outlook is improving. You already have a larger than usual list of homes from which to choose..."

Well, my twin forecasts were quite accurate. As of the beginning of 1990, Albany County real estate agencies have a record number of one-family residential listings. The 1,800 total is almost unbelievable. A year ago it was 1,200; last March it was 1,400, and obviously the number of available dwellings has increased steadily. For contrast, in 1986, we had only 600 listings, and would-be buyers were competing for most of them. Having been in this business since 1966, I've never seen so many residences available for purchase. Naturally, it's their owners who now are competing more than ever before.

And of course all this means better prospects for anyone who is going to be trying to buy a home in the coming months.

In fact, throughout 1989 the total number of listings climbed. There were 4,639 single-family homes on the market in Albany County, representing a 13 percent increase over the 4,091 offered in 1988. (These figures are for the first 11 months of each year.)

On the other hand, actual closings were off by 10 percent — from 2,266 to 2,046. But because the average selling price was up again substantially, the cumulative amount that changed hands rose from just less than \$264 million to slightly over \$268.5 million.

Current market conditions mean better deals for people trying to buy a home in 1990.

It was the sixth year in a row in which the average selling price increased by at least 11 percent. In 1988, the average price was \$116,458. In 1989, it rose by over 12 percent, to \$131,238.

Now, I expect this upward price trend to stabilize, with the average possibly falling back under the pressure of the much larger selection and the stiffer competition which an owner faces. Let's look at the picture from another angle. In 1988, the average length of time that a house stayed on the market was two and a half months (76 days). By the end of this past year, the time had almost precisely doubled, to 141 days, or nearly five months.

Unfortunately for hopeful sellers (and their agents), this glut on the market seems certain to continue in 1990. Contributing to the situation is the natural-enough desire on the part of so many prospective buyers to see all the homes that are available in their price range. (From the agents' standpoint, this means a lot more work, and also more advertising expense. There are some 1,800 persons working in real estate agencies in Albany County, including part-time salespeople, and it seems possible that current conditions will cause some of them to leave the business.)

As I noted, 1990 will be a great year for buyers. They will have lots and lots to choose from. (And if the seller has put himself in

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A five-year low

Sales of one-family residences in Bethlehem were at a five-year low last year. The 304 sales were 10 percent less than in the previous year and 13 percent less than the average of the preceding four years. The average selling price was \$158,303, which was 7.4 percent more than the \$147,116 mark of 1988.

Eighteen percent of these dwellings sold for more than \$200,000. Almost one-third of all houses sold had four bedrooms; and another one-third were three-bedroom houses.

The average selling price in Bethlehem was 25 percent higher than that in Colonie. In that town, however, total sales were approximately 84 percent greater than in Bethlehem.

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a position where he must sell, the situation is even more favorable for a buyer.)

Further, interest rates now are as low as they have been in a long time, and this will improve if the "Fed" reduces the discount rate still further.

I expect that in 1990 homeowners who would consider selling but who have an option as to timing will hold back and wait perhaps a year, hoping that the number of competitive properties will diminish. Some factors, however, may well tend to enlarge the pool through forced sales brought about by business cutbacks such as the closing down of Sterling Winthrop.

Accordingly, I anticipate that the number of homes that will be sold in Albany County this year will be about the same as last year (around 2,000). Supporting this idea is the fact that as of now the number of pending sales (Those under contract but not yet closed) is almost identical with the figure of a year ago.

I do have qualms about the considerable number of approvals that have been voted by governing bodies for construction of new homes which can contribute to the oversupply, and affect adversely the value of existing properties.

A year ago, I finished my commentary with the following observation, which I would like to repeat now:

"After almost 24 years in real estate, I do know that homes continued to sell regardless of what happens in the economy, and that most of us buy the best that we can afford."

Hospital plans assessment clinic

Bellevue Hospital will hold a developmental assessment clinic on Wednesday, Jan. 3, from noon to 4 p.m., at the hospital, located on Troy Rd. in Schenectady.

The clinic is open to all those interested in the physical development of a child up to two years of age.

Call 346-9438 for more information.

Probst: sex discrimination

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(\$24,000) is the highest-paid full-time administrator. The town clerk (\$14,000) earns 58 percent as much — at first glance, rather in line with the salary differential in New Scotland. However, the Berne town clerk works a 14-hour week, not 40 hours.

In Rensselaerville, the highway chief again is the highest-paid full-time administrator (\$22,260) while the clerk (\$15,750) will earn 68 percent of that top figure. However, the clerk will work only 12 hours per week.

Probst will receive a \$1,000 raise this year. The assessor, by comparison, will receive \$1,250 more — a \$500 raise plus a \$750 "incentive" payment triggered by his years in town government and the board's policy to keep veteran employees. (Ironically, Bailey has announced his retirement effective next spring, though he may continue if no qualified successor is found.)

The relative size of each town is unimportant, Probst told the board last October and again last week. "Each department head serves the same number of people," she said.

Reilly took exception to that: "You can't tell me the town clerk of a larger town such as, say, Bethle-

hem, doesn't serve more people, handle a larger staff, than here. My salary is \$33,000 after three years, but in Bethlehem a new supervisor is coming in at \$48,000."

"That wasn't what I meant," Probst commented afterward. "I meant: the town has 9,000 people. Each department head would serve the same number of people, the same 9,000."

Probst's reaction to the board discussion, or lack of it: "They're a bunch of male chauvinists. If a man was sitting in my position, the board would have acted."

As it is, Probst continued, "This department (the clerk's) has been dumped on for years. Not one member of the board has come to me and asked, what are my responsibilities, or what are the responsibilities of the building inspector, or the assessor, or any of the department heads. And this is unfair."

Annual meeting

Monday, the board worked its way through the list of New Year's Day appointments for the 1990 year: registrar of vital statistics, deputy town clerk, clerks for various departments, dog control officer and so on. On the table was a resolution naming Probst as collector of water and sewer rents.

"I would not be burdened with that responsibility," Probst said, bringing the board up short. "I have a lot of work, and overtime almost every night Water and sewer rents can be given to any employee or department head. But if you authorize me, if you order me, I'll do it."

Board members discussed handing the job to Tax Collector Barbara Holmberg, or Highway Clerk Pat Geurtze, then tabled the question for the regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday (tonight).

Whoever is appointed, "you'll have to compensate her for it," Probst advised.

Later, Probst refused the positions of registrar of vital statistics ("other towns have registrars who are not town clerks") and marriage officer ("the town doesn't need one").

That morning, the board:

- Appointed Martha Slingerland registrar of vital statistics by a 3-2 party-line vote, with GOP Councilmen Wyman Osterhout, Craig Shufelt and Peter Van Zetten in favor and Democrats Sgarlata and Reilly opposed.

- Left vacant the marriage officer position.

- Appointed Roselyn Robinson counsel to the building inspector, replacing Cynthia LaFave, again on a 3-2 party-line vote. LaFave would represent the town in the pending cases versus James Smith and Donald and Beatrice Terhune.

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Bethlehem board wraps up the year

By Mark Stuart

The Bethlehem Town Board held its last meeting of 1989 Wednesday and took care of year-end budgetary and personnel matters.

It was the last meeting for outgoing board members Sue Ann Ritchko and Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. Councilman Dennis Corrigan, who will also leave the board, was absent.

The board accepted the resignations of Kenneth Ringler as member and chairman of the planning board, John T. Mitchell as planning board attorney, M. Sheila Galvin as member of both the Land Use Management Advisory Committee and the Board of Appeals and Charles Gunner as chairman of the Land Use Management Advisory Committee.

Gunner and Galvin will serve as new councilmen and Ringler serve as town supervisor beginning with the 1990 term.

The board approved several budget transfers including a \$14,000 transfer for the police department, \$17,000 for the comptroller's office, \$13,600 for the department of parks and recreation, \$600 for the computer programmer, and \$210,000 for the Department of Public Works. Both the parks and recreation and public works transfers were in to capital projects accounts for use in 1990.

Anderson Equipment and Testing of Schenectady was awarded an \$8,666 bid for a new fleet fuel management systems for use by the Highway Department. The new system will have card access and a printer for record-keeping purposes.

The board approved increases in water tap and meter charges and sewer connection fees. Bruce Secor said the increases are due to the increased manpower hours needed to install the new water

meters and sewer connections because of obstacles such as underground cable, electric and telephone wires. He said that all digging is done by hand for such projects.

The fee for a new sewer connection will increase from \$300 for a residential connection to \$400, from \$400 for a commercial connection to \$700 and from \$1,000 for an industrial connection to \$1,100.

Cost of installing a water meter will increase from \$375 to \$450.

The board agreed to grant a reduction of bond for the Normansgate subdivision from \$41,000 to \$35,000. The bond originally was \$150,000 when construction in the Elsmere subdivision began in 1987.

A request from Ringler was approved to attend the Association of Towns New Town Supervisors Training School Jan. 16 to Jan. 18 in Saratoga Springs.

The next town board meeting will be Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Caribbean holiday planned by committee

The Women's Council Travel Committee has planned a trip to the Caribbean Island of the Dominican Republic. The trip will be from Feb. 17-24. The tour price includes round-trip air fare from Albany to Santo Domingo, arrival and departure transfers, hotel accommodations, full breakfast and buffet dinner daily and participation in hotel activities.

Inquiries are welcomed and for further information, call 463-4478.



Linda Pettit
Pettit appointed
director at Sage

Linda R. Pettit of Delmar has been appointed director of development at Russell Sage College. She will be responsible for all of the fund-raising units of the public affairs department, which include the annual fund, planning giving, and foundation/corporate solicitations.

Pettit served as director of the annual fund at the college for the past four years.

Snowshoe hikes

The nature Conservancy and the Sierra Club will sponsor a winter snowshoe hike on Sunday, Jan. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Whitebeck Memorial Grove in New Scotland.

Participants must bring their own shoes, and dress for cold weather. If there is not adequate snow cover, participants should plan on hiking on foot.

The hike will meet at the preserve entrance on Rt. 85 in New Scotland, between Bullock Rd. and the railroad underpass. To make a reservation, call 456-5170.



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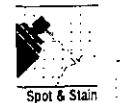
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Jury awards \$1.2 M in Delmar accident

A Saratoga County jury has awarded a Delmar businesswoman \$1.2 million for injuries she suffered in a two-car accident at the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Normanskill Boulevard March 18, 1987.

The suit was tried in state Supreme Court in Saratoga because the plaintiff, Tracy Bouyea, owner of Cintra Electrolysis in Delmar, lives in Stillwater.

The jury made their decision on Dec. 14 after one hour and 25 minutes of deliberation.

According to her attorney, Cynthia S. LaFave of Delmar, Bouyea suffered five broken vertebra, a broken pelvis and a broken and deformed shoulder. She was hospitalized for eight days, released under active nursing care and was unable to work for two and a half months.

LaFave said the accident occurred when Bouyea was driving from Normanskill Boulevard to Delaware Plaza and a van owned by Carl C. Beck Corp. and driven by Shawn Mickleboro passed through a red light and collided with Bouyea's vehicle.

Bouyea was awarded \$500,000 for past pain and suffering, \$250,000 for future pain and suffering, \$48,000 for past lost wages, \$100,000 for future pain and suffering and \$300,000 for future medical expenses.

1990 tax bills to be mailed out

439-4955, extension 177.

Property owners who should have received a bill but have not should also contact the tax office to request a replacement copy and to prevent a late charge.

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Six generations have roots on Mead's Lane

Mead's Lane, to the west of Delmar, has long been a landmark in the Town of Bethlehem, joining Delaware Turnpike to Feura Bush Road. The name is taken from the family of Jeremiah Mead, although Jeremiah was born in 1807 at Mead's Corners, Route number 32, Town of New Scotland.

Jeremiah grew to adulthood and married Lucy Brate, whose father owned the farm on present day Mead's Lane. That farm has become the family homestead to six generations of Meads. Jeremiah and Lucy farmed the property that was originally owned by her father. From their settlement on the former Brate property the country lane that ran past the farmhouse evolved into "Mead's Lane." Probably some of the reasoning for the name is also that the present Lyman farm, down the road from the Mead's red brick farmhouse, was purchased in the mid-1800s by Jeremiah Mead, so he owned two properties along the road.

Henry Mead inherited the present Lyman farm from his father, Jeremiah Mead, but Henry died at an early age. Henry's brother, Baltus, bought that farm from the heirs of Henry Mead. When Baltus died, his son inherited the lower farm, and the red brick house went to John J. Mead, father of Albert Mead, who now owns the house.

Baltus Brate, the father of Jeremiah's wife, Lucy Brate, had purchased their farm from the Oliver family. The Olivers had several farms in the immediate vicinity. Albert Mead has a parchment lease from the Patroon Van Rensselaer, showing the origins of his farm. That lease designates the farming land along the Vloman's Kill to John Oliver of Bethlehem in 1800. The usual rental terms of skeples of good, clean winter wheat, four fat fowls and one day's service with horse

Times Remembered

Allison Bennett



and carriage at the Manor House are the same terms found in the many similar leases still held as treasured mementos by farm families in Albany and Rensselaer counties.

The present Mead farm was sold by Garrit Oliver and his wife, Catherine, to Nicholas and Baltus Brate on March 26, 1816. Of course, the rent to the patroon had to carry on, regardless of the owner. Other Olivers who lived on the farms along the present Mead's Lane were Joseph and Valentine in 1813 and Richard and Garret A. Oliver.

Mr. Mead has many other interesting deeds and papers, but probably the one most significant is the paper, dated Dec. 13, 1859, to Jeremiah Mead and Gerrit A. Oliver that releases them from payment of annual rent for the sum of \$375. This sum would have included rent that was in arrears. This was, however, a staggering sum in the year 1859. This annual rent stipulation on the leases to farms by the patroon (often not paid at all by the farmers), and the demands by the patroons' heirs that the farmers must settle back rents were a cause of the local uprisings by the farmers known as the "Anti-Rent Wars."

The house on the farm Albert Mead owns today was built by his great-grandfather, Jeremiah Mead, about 1854. Apparently he had prospered on this former Brate farm and so wanted a larger and more impressive home. Albert Mead believes that one part of the barn complex contains what was the original Oliver-Brate farmhouse. He also remembers his



The red brick house that has been home to six generations of the Mead family.

grandfather, Baltus Mead, recounting to him when he was a small child that he, Baltus, carried many of the bricks for the house to the masons when they were working. At that time Baltus was a boy of 10.

In the early years the farm had its own animals to supply provisions to the farmers, but the main crops then were hay and apples. There were two orchards on the property. When Albert took over operation of the farm, he changed from fruit raising to dairy farming. In 1932 he started a milk route around Elsmere and Delmar and the farm was well known by many people as Mead's Dairy. At that



Lucy Brate Mead, wife of Jeremiah Mead. The couple moved to Unionville after they shown in her room at her house in Unionville. retired.



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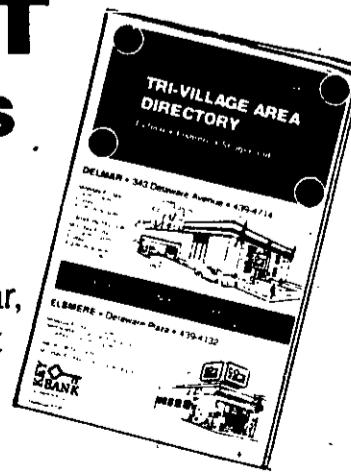
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Jeremiah Mead, who built the red brick farmhouse on Mead's Lane in about 1854. Mead was a former Bethlehem town supervisor.

time milk sold for 80 cents CWT and today the price is \$12. CWT. In 1972 Albert Mead retired from the dairy business and closed the milk route.

One interesting resident of the red brick farmhouse was Albert Mead's aunt, Ida Mead Slingerland. She lived in the house all of her life and took care of her invalid sister and elderly parents. After they and her husband passed away she asserted herself as the independent woman she had always been although her conscience had kept her faithful to her family duties. She visited Moak relatives in California three times, then took a trip to England with a friend in 1911. She capped these travels off with a two-year trip around the world by freighter. While in Egypt she took a trip out into the desert and there found a camel's skull, which she brought back to Del-

mar. After these adventures she enrolled in the Young Women's Bible Training School in Albany, a

school that trained people to be missionaries. A member of the Unionville Reformed Church, Ida actively participated in missionary work in local country churches in this area for some years. She also wrote a journal of her travels around the globe, and it is one of the Mead's treasures from the past. Through the courtesy of her nephew, Albert Mead, we are going to publish excerpts from two of her diaries in future issues.

Originally there were 169 acres on Albert Mead's farm. In 1932 he inherited in part and also purchased from other heirs the upper farm of 139 acres, at the junction of Mead's Lane and Delaware Turnpike. This farm was owned by Anna Mary Hotaling Van Valkenburg, a granddaughter of Olive Mead Oliver, who was Baltus Mead's sister. With this added acreage there are now approximately 300 acres in the Mead farm properties. The Meads want to keep this land as it has always been and at present plan to do so. It's still a little bit of country just outside the heart of suburbia.

Methodist women elect president

Rowena Hewitt of Slingerlands, has been elected the new president of the United Methodist Women of the Albany District of the Troy Conference, the United Methodist Church. She will suc-

ceed Nancy Pullen of Albany who is completing the maximum four-year tenure.

Jane Conklin of Delmar was elected vice-president at the annual meeting.

4-H evaluators

Over 130 exhibits were entered in the 1989 4-H Holiday fair held at Northway Mall. The program was sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension in Albany County.

The event is held to show the public what 4-H members have created as a result of the 4-H project work.

Evaluators for this event were Margaret Kleeberg of Selkirk, Gladys Chamberlain, Barbara Jefers, Dawn Appleby, and Jennifer Appleby of Voorheesville

Coordinator named

Blackman DeStefano Real Estate has announced the recent opening of their Development Division, which will be coordinated by Tom Coyle of the Delmar Office.

Coyle attended Siena College and graduated from Junior College of Albany. Before joining the firm, he was affiliated with Northgate Development Inc.

New highway signs

The New York State Transportation Department has announced the use of a new sign to warn motorists of work zones ahead. The new signs, which will be black-on-orange, will be used in conjunction with the standard black-on-white signs warning of speed zones ahead and reduced speed limits. The implementation of the new signs is part of a statewide effort to make New York highways safer for both motorists and the work crews who repair them, by teaching motorists to associate reduced speed limits with work zones.

Writing winner

Joshua Levensohn, a Bethlehem Central High School student, has been named an Achievement Award in Writing Winner by the 1989 National Council of Teachers in English. Levensohn was one of 800 students to receive the award in a field of 6,000 nominated students.

Program to feature ways to manage stress

The Mended Hearts of the Capital District will meet on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m., in the Cusack Auditorium of St. Peter's Hospital

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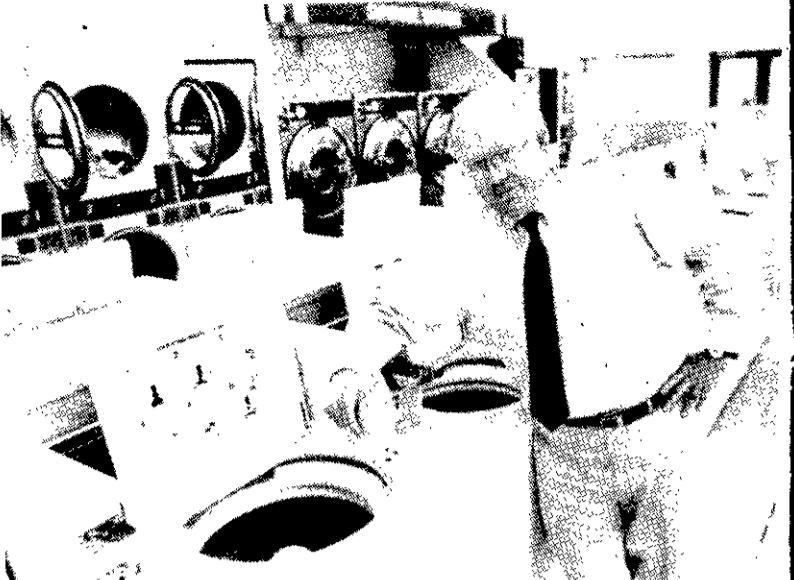
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Robert Benton
**Delmar man
earns promotion**

Robert A. Benton of Delmar has been named assistant vice president and manager of financial reporting in the Corporate Finance Department of KeyCorp, announced Victor J. Riley Jr., president and chief executive officer.

Benton joined KeyCorp in 1986 as an accounting officer. Prior to that he was employed by Peat Marwick Main & Co. as an audit supervisor. He is a member of the State Society of CPAs and the Institute of Certified Management Accountants.



Owner Vincent O'Brien at the recently opened Center Square Laundromat and shipping service in Glenmont. Alongside the 26 washers and 18 dryers is a desk to handle UPS and Federal Express services.

Joe Futia

BC educators attend convention

Two Bethlehem Central High School educators recently took part in a program during the 79th annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Baltimore.

Ann Connolly was part of a panel presentation titled "Researching the Teaching of Literature—Teachers Learning from Teachers."

Achievement award

The State Civil Service Employees Association Labor-Management Committee has awarded a 1989 Achievement Award to the Reorganization Committee of the State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC). The Committee was created in 1987 to provide staff input to management on a plan to reorganize the Bureau of Collection Control within HESC's Division of Guaranteed Loan Programs and was nominated for the Achievement Award.

Award winners include Michael Daggett of Voorheesville and Steven Miller of Delmar.

Some 5,000 teachers and supervisors of elementary and secondary school English, college faculty in English and rhetoric, and teacher educators from all parts of the U.S. and Canada attended the convention.

Two BC teachers honored

Two Bethlehem Central teachers have been selected as 1989 Teachers of Excellence by the State English Council (NYSEC).

BC English department supervisor Gene Duffy and Glenmont third grade teacher Valorie Beard have been singled out as teachers who have encouraged students' love of literature, facilitated students' learning and enriched students' lives. They will receive their awards at the annual NYSEC conference in Albany in late October.

Chosen on the basis of nominations by colleagues and supporting letters of recommendation from administrators, peers and students, Duffy and Beard meet the selection criteria centered this year on NYSEC's theme, "The Literate Professional."

Earns scholarship

Wendy H. Berger of Delmar recently received the Lucy M. Manvel Scholarship by the Northeastern New York Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

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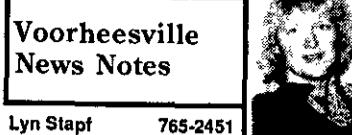
Something for everyone in the new year

The Voorheesville Public Library will begin the new year with a number of programs for young and old alike. On Tuesday, Jan. 9 Robyn Potter will present a program on Earthwatch, a non-profit organization that sends volunteers around the world to assist scientists on field projects. Potter will show slides of a 1989 expedition to Fiji to document the effects of two hurricanes on a coral reef. The free program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6 the Friends of the Library will sponsor a program entitled "Around the World in 80 Minutes." Area travelers are invited to share their trips to exotic lands with students of geography and armchair travelers by presenting a 5 minute talk with slides. To sign up to give a presentation, contact friends president Dr. Michael Jarus at 765-4188. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Peter Luczac, C.F.P. and Nancy Parella of Waddell and Reed will present a series of financial planning workshops over the next few months. The first session will be presented on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and will provide an overview of financial planning, including such topics as income tax, investment strategies, planning for education and retirement and selecting life and disability insurance. Upcoming sessions will include "Financial Planning for those Under 40" on Feb. 15, "Pre-retirement Planning" on Mar. 8, and "Financial Planning for Senior Citizens" on Mar. 29. All programs except the last one will be held in the evening. Pre-registration is required for all sessions and can be made by calling 765-2971.

A reminder to parents of the younger set that pre-school story hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 8 and will be held every Monday at



Friends of the Library on Dec. 20. The quilt sewn together by the Village quilters consisted of squares made by area residents.

Color on display

This month watercolors by Leslie Simmons of Altamont will be on display at the Voorheesville Public Library. Mostly self-taught as an artist Simmons is a former art director at General Electric and is manager of all Capital District GE advertising art. He has had numerous one-man shows and has won ribbons at several juried art shows as well as two national awards.

After serving four years as president of the Colonie Art League, Simmons currently is president of the Schenectady Art Society.

Seniors to meet

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will hold their next meeting today, Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. at the New Scotland Community Center in New Salem. Guest speaker will be Rev. Bruce Wierks of the New Salem Reformed Church.

A reminder to members that the trip to Proctor's to see the play "Driving Miss Daisy" has been changed from Jan. 6 to Jan. 28. Anyone who planned to attend but has trouble with the new date should contact Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

Save those labels

The Voorheesville PTSA invites

everyone to save the labels from Campbell's, Swansons and other products for their ongoing labels for education project now in progress. In February the labels will be used to obtain educational equipment for the elementary school. In 10:30 a.m., every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and every Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Finally, "fine free" weeks will continue until Jan. 31. Already existing fines will be halved in preparation for the upcoming computerized loan system to be used by the library in the near future.

Quilt finds a home

Congratulations go out to John Stansfield of Voorheesville who was the winner of the beautiful Friendship quilt raffled by the

the past the school has received playground equipment, computer programs, social studies and science materials and other valuable items at no cost to the school district. Labels may be left either at the school or at the Voorheesville Public Library.

Students make holidays happier

Karen Beck's sixth grade class at the Voorheesville Elementary School joined in the spirit of the Christmas season making the holidays a little happier for some

service men and women away from home. Receiving the names from the America Remembers program the students wrote letters to the military personnel, including homemade stockings filled with candy canes and pictures. Other items included in the holiday box were cookies and fudge, a banner with all their names on it and a booklet on the history of Voorheesville. A tape of their winter concert complete with a personnel message by each student was also included.

Village squares plan

Saturday dance

The Tri-Village Squares will hold a dance on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., in Delmar.

Tom Vititow is the featured caller who will call the mainstream with a plus tip. For more information, call 861-6407.

Y slates course in creative drama

The Albany Young Women's Christian Association of Albany will hold a Creative Drama Course for children ages 8 through 12, at the Association, located at 28 Colvin Ave., in Albany.

The course, which runs one eight consecutive Wednesdays from Jan.

10 through March 7, will cover the basics of theater, including improvisation, make-up, mime, movement and theater jargon. It will meet from 4 to 5 p.m.

Call 438-6608 for more information.

Directory available

A Regional Directory of services for senior citizens, their families, and health and human service professionals lists more than 30 different categories of services and programs available in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties. Many of the services listed are unique and constitute components of comprehensive coordinated post-hospital care.

Divided into four sections, the directory covers information and hot lines, community-based services, home care services and institutional care services. An extensive dictionary defining terms used in the directory is also included. Some of the services listed are meal services, self-help and support groups, respite care, pharmacies with delivery service, and sources of financial assistance and health insurance information.

The directory was produced by the Medical Center's division of Geriatric medicine, office of medical education, Alden March Care, and Albany Home Health Resources. For additional information, call the Medical Center's public relations office at 445-3421.

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THE Spotlight Sports

Rensselaer edges Bethlehem in Helderberg tourney, 77-66

By Mark Stuart

Thursday's Helderberg Tournament championship game at the Bethlehem High School gym featured all the elements of a traditional high school basketball barn-burner.

Before roughly 1,000 people, Rensselaer High School, the top-ranked small school in the state, faced the hometown favorite, Bethlehem, in a hard-fought championship game that kept the crowd on the edge of their collective seat as Rensselaer defeated the impressive Eagles, 77-66 after a strong fourth quarter surge.

The Eagles made it to Thursday's championship game by defeating Cohoes 81-61 on Wednesday night. Sean McDermott led the way for the Eagles by scoring 22 points, including three three-

pointers. Other scorers for BC were Alex Hackman with 13 points; Eric McCaughin and Scott Hodge with 12 apiece; Scott Fish with nine; Keparutis with six; Chris Black and Steve Calhoun with three apiece and John Hansen with two.

BC's McDermott was named to the All-tournament team.

"I thought the team got a lot of good production from people on the bench that don't get a lot of playing time," said Bethlehem coach Jack Moser, "Particularly senior Steve Calhoun and junior Ira Rotenburg, they were just great."

The Rams opened the game with a narrow three-point lead, 18-15, at the end of the first quarter. Moser said the Eagles fell into a "scoring drought" in the second quarter as they were outscored 25-

11 by the Rams. The score at the half was Rensselaer 29, BC 20.

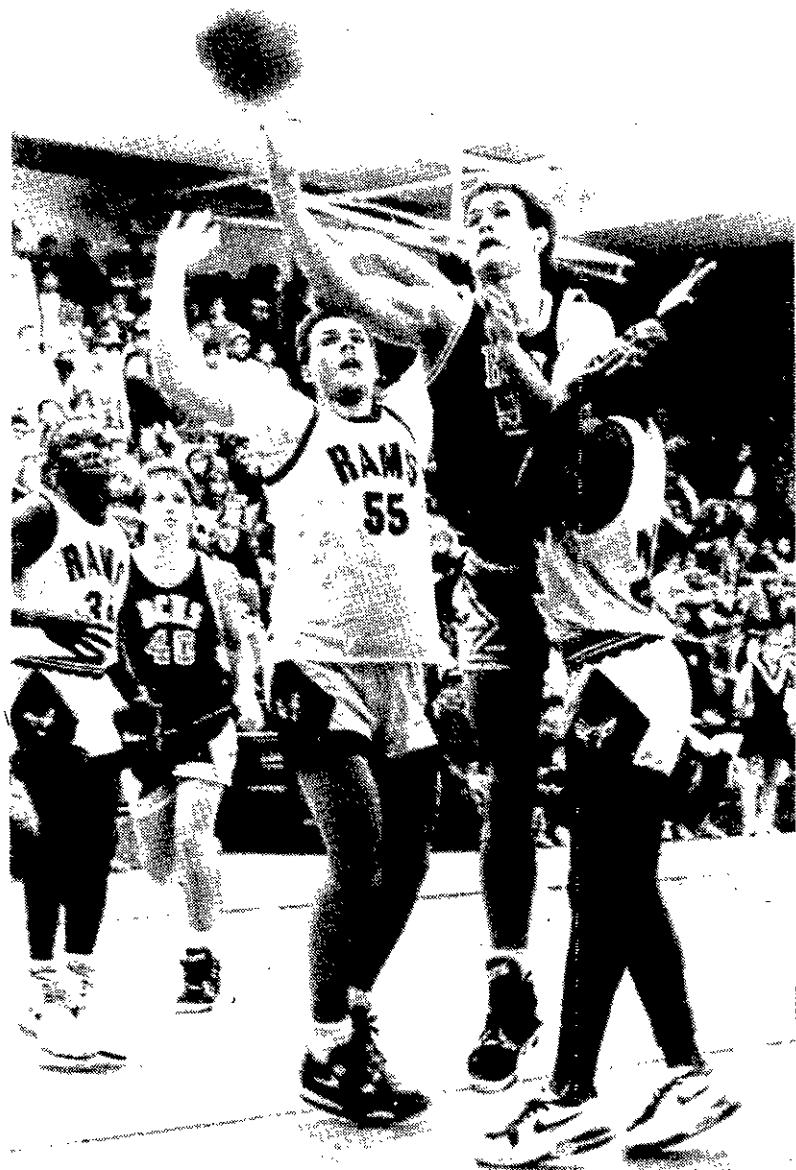
The Eagles burned up the nets in the third quarter to pull within two points, 50-48. Scott Hodge led the third quarter comeback, scoring eight of his 21 points.

Carrying their momentum from the third quarter, the Eagles scored the first basket of the fourth quarter to tie the game up at 50. But that was as close as they would get. Rensselaer never gave up and rallied behind the efforts of tournament MVP Tony Holloway. The Rams scored the next eight points and held on for the championship win.

Moser said he was impressed by Rensselaer's depth and maturity. "They could have folded right then when we tied it up," he said, "but they regrouped and scored the next eight points."

"Rensselaer is so balanced," Moser added, "Every one of their starting five players was in double figures."

Moser said he was impressed with the way Bethlehem seems to be improving as a team. "I think we're starting to rebound better," he said, "Kevin Keparutis, Sean



Sean McDermott drives between two Rensselaer defenders in Thursday's championship game of the Helderberg Tournament. McDermott was the sole BC player named to the All-tournament team.

R.H. Davis

McDermott and John Hansen all did a good job rebounding." Keparutis was Bethlehem's top rebounder Thursday night with 11.

Moser also praised the entire team for their improved play. "Scott Hodge is coming around, he was having trouble making the adjustment to basketball after football season.

Senior Alex Hackman is steady. We're getting excellent play from junior Scott Fish. All of our players are starting to play up to their potential."

Moser said with the holidays behind them, the Eagles can now concentrate on their league schedule. "I think we're going to be competitive in the Gold Division," Moser said, "We're 2-1 in league, so now it's all business."

"We don't have an easy non-league schedule," Moser said, "With teams like Colonie and Gloversville, we don't play a patsy schedule and I think that will help us at the end of the season in the race for the Gold Division championship."

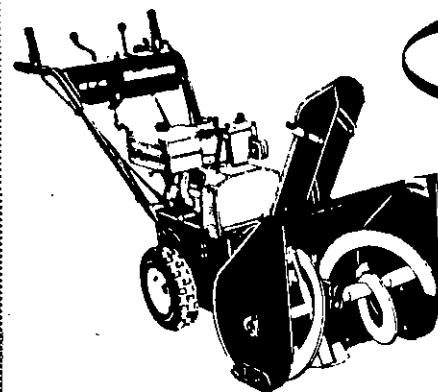
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Bethlehem's Scott Hodge sparked a third quarter rally by scoring eight points.
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Bethlehem Tomboys registration Saturday

The Bethlehem Tomboys will hold registration for the 1990 softball season this month at the Bethlehem Town Hall and the Bethlehem Public Library.

Registration at the public library will this Saturday, Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and again on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Registration at town hall will be

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College Athletics

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Francis is a 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, where her career scoring record in girls basketball still stands. She is the daughter of James and Antoinette Francis of Glenmont.



Francis

David DeFazio of Slingerlands was a member of the St. Lawrence University men's soccer team during the 1989 Fall season.

The Saints finished the season with a 7-8-3 record.

DeFazio is the son of David and Joyce DeFazio of Slingerlands.

Isaacs takes first place in bench press contest

Neil Isaacs of Slingerlands placed first in the masters division of the Capital District Bench Press Championship at the Troy YMCA on Dec. 16.

He pressed 320 pounds to gain the title.

Isaacs has been competing in powerlifting and bodybuilding events for several years. In November, he placed second in the masters division of the North Atlantic Bodybuilding Championship in Meriden, Conn.

He plans to compete in the Eastern States Bodybuilding Classic in Albany April 14.

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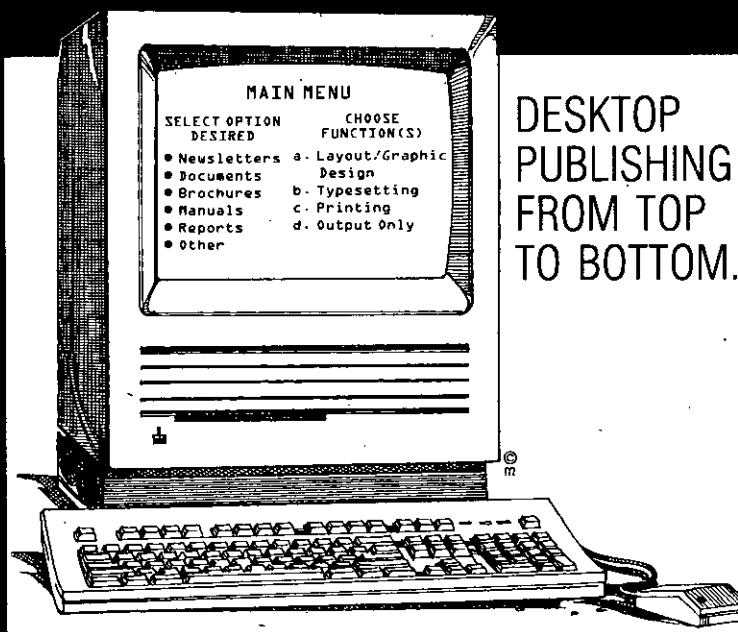
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Jr. Girls — Erin Barkman 199, 517 triple.

Prep Boys — Al Crewell 174, 429 triple; Josh Naylor 185, 477 triple.

Prep Girls — Jennifer Scott 144, 343.

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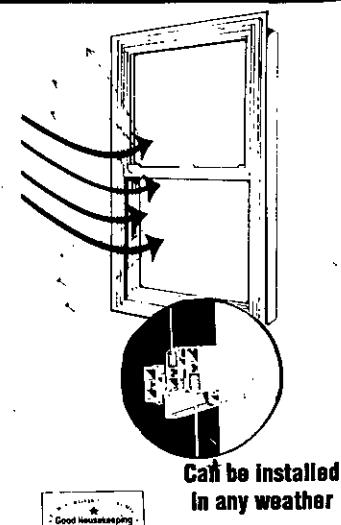
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Voorheesville crushes Coby and Academy

By Kevin Taylor

A young but up-and-coming Voorheesville Wrestling team scored back-to-back victories against strong opponents last week.

In the first match, the Blackbirds quickly silenced the confident Cobleskill crowd by jumping out to a 6-0 lead on seventh grader Eric Domermuth's pin at 1:58. But Cobleskill fought back as Chris Hanes pinned John Cook, late in the third period despite Cook's strong showing in the early part of the match.

At 112, Josh Vink picked up a forfeit win to give the Blackbirds a short-lived lead, 12-6. The Blackbirds gave away forfeits at 119, 126, and 132 and found themselves trailing 24-12. At 138, Mike Gaudio came close to winning his first varsity match ever for Voorheesville but couldn't turn over a reversal with less than 10 seconds remaining and lost a tough match 3-1, leaving the Blackbirds with a 27-12 deficit.

But the Birds continued to chip away at the Red Devil lead closing the gap to 27-18 as Tim Reeth

Wrestling

picked up a forfeit win at 145. The team's comeback slipped when Scott Harms, 155, was pinned in the first period by Jeff Gonzalez, upping the Devil's lead to 33-18. Then Buddy Deschenes at 167 picked up a forfeit win closing the gap again, 33-24. At 177, Paul Novak continued the Birds' comeback with a pin of Mike Pagan in just 57 seconds, leaving Cobleskill with a slim 33-30 lead.

Big Chad Hotaling, who needed a pin for the victory or a decision for a tie, held the team's hope for its first victory. He came out strong, got the early lead, and was still in command as the first period ended. Then, Hotaling, looking very determined, quickly got Tom Kimball on his back early in the second period, and eventually pinned him 41 seconds into the round, giving the Blackbirds a 36-33 win, leaving their record at 1-3.

Two days later the Blackbirds went to Albany Academy, a formidable league opponent. The Birds

took command from the opening whistle as Darren "Dwayne" Ascone won by disqualification over Peter Kim. The infraction was an illegal slam, which injured Ascone, who could not continue.

At 98, Domermuth got another pin, in 1:52 giving the Blackbirds a 12-0 lead. Then, at 105, Cook wasted no time as he got Tim Warnke in a beautiful cradle in the first 10 seconds and pinned him in :21, a very impressive win for the freshman. At 112, co-captain Vink found himself down 7-6 with less than 20 seconds remaining, but applied a half-nelson and got two back points in the last five seconds for the win.

Forfeits at 119, 126, and 132 closed the Blackbird lead to 21-18. At 138, Gaudio was overmatched but managed to stay off his back, but lost 16-2, giving the Cadets a 23-21 lead. At 145, Reeth wrestled extremely well and recaptured the lead for Voorheesville with a default win, 27-23.

Now it was anybody's match. Andy Symula lost 12-5 in the 155 class, to much bigger and stronger Cadet. Symula does not even weigh 150. But the Blackbirds still led 27-

26. Freshman Buddy Deschenes put a beautiful cradle on his foe, had an outstanding match at 167, got a two point reversal and then 3 back points just before the horn sounded giving him an 11-7 win.

At 177, Novak knew if he could post a victory, the Birds could clinch a second win. And Novak did just that. He won a 9-1 decision over Jim Catalfamo, giving the Blackbirds a 34-26 lead. At 215, Chad Hotaling lost a grueling match to probably the best Academy wrestler, 6-2. In the end the Birds got their second straight win 34-29.

The team came home to host a dual meet with Averill Park and Bethlehem, who both have had very strong teams recently.

Against Bethlehem, the forfeits at 119, 126, and 132 really broke the Birds' backs, since they lost 18 points they'd never get back.

Nonetheless, they came out smokin' with Domermuth getting a 7-0 victory at 98, in a match he dominated. Cook picked up a 7-4 decision at 105, for a 6-0 lead. At 112, Vink pulled out another one of his miracles. Trailing 7-6, and under 30 seconds remaining, he

put the forfeits, the Blackbirds found themselves down 18-9 even though they had won every match. At 138, Gaudio was pinned midway through the second period upping the Eagle lead to 24-9.

At 145, Symula wrestled in place of an ill Reeth, and lost 8-1 despite wrestling well again. At 155 and 167, the Eagles scored a quick 12 points, with two pins against Scott Harms and Deschenes, in a combined time of less than a minute, giving the Eagles a comfortable 45-9 lead. Novak and Hotaling, at 177 and 215 respectively, made the score respectable with pins, Novak's in :58.

In an exhibition match at 250 (super heavyweight), eighth grader Dave Bartholomew, in his first varsity match, held his own until he was pinned early in the third period. The Blackbirds lost the second part of the meet to Averill Park, 60-15.

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□ Art Willis and the Russians

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The approvals aren't in yet. After he returned to the U.S., VCS Superintendent Dr. Alan McCartney became an enthusiastic backer of the idea, said Willis. At the suggestion of Leningrad officials, McCartney has written his counterpart at Public School 80 and contacted state Education Department officials to contact their counterparts in the Soviet educational establishment.

"We'll wait for a reply from them," explained Willis. "Then there are several more steps after that." He hopes to start by September, though September 1991 would be "probably more realistic."

But there are still obstacles, according to Willis.

"Mainly bureaucracy," he said. "I was fortunate to have been introduced to a fairly important official there who explained to me that everything is done on a group-to-group basis. And, what I really needed to do was find the commensurate group in the Soviet Union."

Several office visits later, that commensurate school proved to be Public School 80, a select school specializing in English/German language studies. Willis paid a visit.

"Their English is marvelous," he noted. "I read their poems in English and I had absolutely no problem fully understanding them. The teachers are even better."

Stumbling blocks

Willis admits it would be "a little embarrassing" for a school to send students and teachers over who don't speak the language. "But then, how do you learn?" he asked. "The way to learn is right there in the place. I would say you could learn it in three months if you're a young person, six months if you're an adult. And after a year it truly becomes a second language."

Willis first visited the USSR in 1946-47 when his father, Armond Willis, was posted there as a cultural attache.

A larger obstacle to a Voorheesville exchange, however, will be the currency problem that has stalled Perestroika: Would the

trip be financed in dollars, or rubles? The ruble, Willis pointed out, was never a part of the international monetary system. And, as a currency whose value was always set by government fiat, no one knows its value vis-a-vis the dollar.

"While over there, I heard that Gorbachev has offered a financial prize to any economist who could figure out how it could be done, the ruble becoming a member of the international money system," he continued. "That is going to be our biggest stumbling block. I don't think that they worry about the kids, or the teachers staying here, or anything like that. As a matter of fact, I find Russians remarkably open and candid.

"And critical of themselves," he went on. "The problem is the years, the hundreds of years of what you might describe as feudalism. There's an awful lot of similarity between their government and what the czars had. They're simply antiquated."

One example confronted Willis during conversations with education officials in Leningrad, searching for the proper authorities who would, in Willis' words, "expedite" an exchange. "There's no problem like that on the American side," he said, "but (Russian bureaucrats) don't understand that. I think they more or less assume that our government operates the same way as theirs does... This is new stuff for Russia. And with Perestroika, they are eager to make contact with the outside world, but they stumble over their own feet."

Value of an exchange

"I think it's just a matter of time before the Russian market becomes available, enthusiastically available to American business," he said. "It's potentially an enormously wealthy market."

"And so for students to learn Russian—" Willis paused, turning

palms up. "It's a marvelously opportunistic thing for government, or business, or both. Plus, Russia has been our greatest enemy and now this would be a chance to turn it into something resembling a relationship."

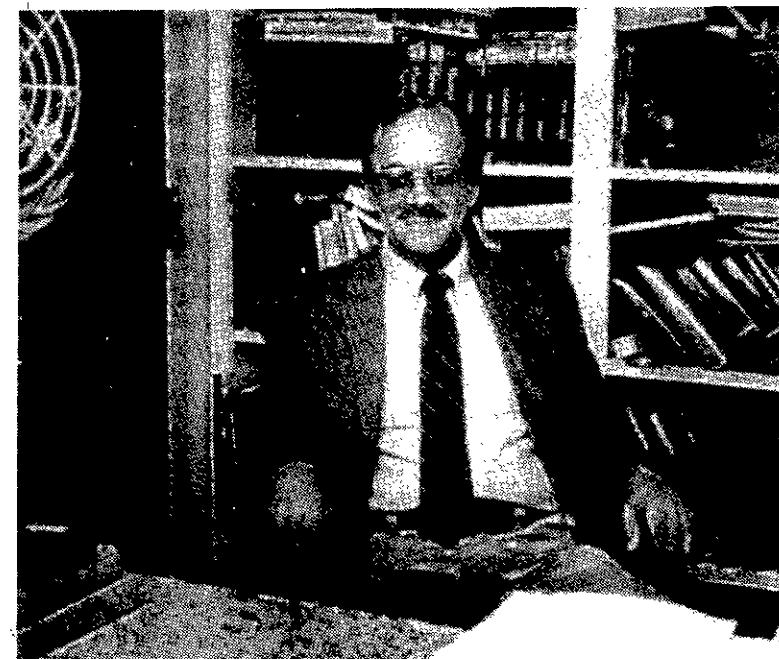
As a teacher fluent in five languages, Willis has mixed feelings about his school's bare-bones foreign language program. (Robert Streifer, VC foreign language chairman, is another backer of the exchange idea.)

"We're a rather small high school, and it's expensive to teach Russian," Willis said. "A larger school can afford it, can usually teach it, because they would have the teachers to teach (Regents-required) Spanish and French.

"I did teach it voluntarily, early on Wednesday afternoons, for a couple of years," he recalled, "and there was quite a turnout of faculty and students. But I couldn't keep that up. It's too much work—you really need to have a developmental (teaching) plan with exams and the whole business."

In the portion of the Soviet Union he visited last fall, Willis found people to be "very open, very critical of their own government and frustrated at the slow pace of change"—the impressions commonly conveyed to followers of the American news media. "I didn't see any real deprivation, but a lot of frustration," he said. "Long lines, people queuing up for goods. My feeling is that the changes that are afoot are just now getting under way. In 10 years, perhaps, a traveler will see a remarkable change. But not now."

Yet, he went on, "the Russians I met—all of them—didn't want to hear any criticism of the U.S. They seemed to think that Ronald Reagan opened the door for them. I'd say we have our most passionate believers in the Soviet Union—I was really shocked by that."



Arthur Willis.

Bob Hagyard

Bethlehem club sets meeting today

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Albany Motor Inn at 6 p.m.

Lori J. Bruel will conduct a real estate workshop based on members' requests for real estate information. Call 439-0303 for more information.

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Nominations sought Army publication in Bethlehem Library

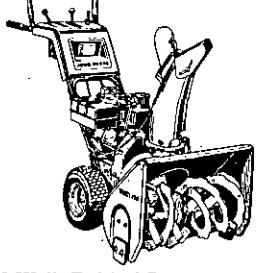
The YWCA of Albany is seeking nominations of outstanding women in the Capital District to be honored at the 11th Annual Tribute to Women on May 4. This event recognizes women who are demonstrating particular leadership and commitment to the community through their professional work or volunteer activities.

Deadline for nominations is Jan. 10. Nomination forms are available by calling the YWCA at 438-6608.

Recognizing the "Year of the NCO (non-commissioned officer)," the Capital District chapter 1704, Association of the US Army, has placed in area public libraries, including the Bethlehem Public Library the Organization's publication, ARMY, which is the 1989-90 "Green Book."

The magazine has two dozen status reports from all levels of the Army.

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January 5
Colonia (A)
January 9
Mohonasen (A)
January 12
Saratoga (H)
January 16
Burnt Hills (H)
January 19
Guilderland (H)
January 27
Columbia (A)
January 30
Niskayuna (H)
February 2
Shaker (A)
February 6
Scotia (A)
February 9
Shenendehowa (H)
February 13
Mohonasen (H)
February 16
Burnt Hills (A)
- 8th GRADE -
(Home games at Middle School upper gym. Starting time: 4p.m.)
January 3
Shaker (A)
January 5
Sand Creek (H)
January 9
Guilderland (A)
January 12
Mohonasen (H)
January 16
Lishakill (H)
January 19
Niskayuna (A)

January 9
Mohonasen (A)

January 12
Saratoga (H)

January 16
Burnt Hills (H)

January 19
Guilderland (H)

January 27
Columbia (A)

January 30
Niskayuna (H)

February 2
Shaker (A)

February 6
Scotia (A)

February 9
Shenendehowa (H)

February 13
Mohonasen (H)

February 16
Burnt Hills (A)

- FRESHMEN -

(Home games in High School lower gym. Starting times: Weekdays, 4:45p.m.; Saturdays, 11a.m.)

January 5
Colonia (A)

January 9
Mohonasen (A)

January 13
Saratoga (H)

January 17
Burnt Hills (A)

January 21
Guilderland (A)

January 25
Mohonasen (H)

January 29
Burnt Hills (A)

- 8TH GRADE -

(Home games at Middle School upper gym. Starting time: 4p.m.)

January 3
Shaker (A)

January 5
Sand Creek (H)

January 9
Guilderland (A)

January 12
Mohonasen (H)

January 16
Lishakill (H)

January 19
Niskayuna (A)

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

- VARSITY/JV -
(Home games in High School upper gym. Starting times, unless otherwise noted: Weekdays, 6:30p.m. for JV and 8p.m. for Varsity; Saturdays, 1:30p.m. for JV and 3p.m. for Varsity.)
January 3
CCHS (A-Varsity only, 6:00p.m.)
January 6
Colonia (A)
January 10
Mohonasen (H)
January 12
Saratoga (H)
January 17
Burnt Hills (A)
January 19
Guilderland (A)
January 31
Niskayuna (A)
February 3
Shaker (A)

January 23
Saratoga (H)

January 26
Bye

January 30
Columbia (A)

February 2
Shaker (H)

February 6
Sand Creek (A)

February 9
Guilderland (H)

February 13
Mohonasen (A)

February 16
Burnt Hills (H)

- FRESHMEN -

(Home games at the Middle School lower gym. Starting times: As noted.)

January 6
Colonia (A, 11a.m.)

January 10
Mohonasen (H, 4p.m.)

January 13
Saratoga (H, 11a.m.)

January 17
Burnt Hills (A, 4:45p.m.)

January 20
Guilderland (A, 11a.m.)

January 26
Columbia (A, 4:45p.m.)

January 31
Niskayuna (A, 4:45p.m.)

February 3
Shaker (A, 11a.m.)

February 7
Scotia (H, 4p.m.)

February 10
Shenendehowa (H, 11a.m.)

February 14
Mohonasen (A, 4:45p.m.)

February 16
Burnt Hills (H, 4p.m.)

Spotlight on the Services



Navy Seaman Recruit Timothy S. Pearsall, son of Lee B. and Laurie C. Pearsall of Voorheesville, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

Pearsall is a 1989 graduate of Voorheesville High School.

Marine Pvt. Eric O. Johnson, son of Judith Grose-Johnson of Feura Bush and Steve E. Johnson of Delmar has completed the School of Infantry.

Johnson is a 1988 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Stephen F. Fifield has been promoted in the Air Force to the rank of first lieutenant.

Fifield is the son of David C. and Joyce A. Fifield, Clifton Park. His wife, Jill, is the daughter of Madeline Sutter of Delmar.

Johnson is a 1988 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

New York's Vietnam veterans and their families will get a second chance to benefit from the \$52 million Agent Orange Class Assistance Program, Tom Lewis, director of the State Veterans Affairs, announced recently.

The funding was created by the \$240 million settlement of the Agent Orange Product Liability class action brought by Vietnam veterans. The funding is designed to provide services to benefit veterans of the Southeast Asian war and their families with emphasis placed on programs for veterans' children with disabilities or birth defects.

For more information, contact Bruce Percival, 474-6784.

The cemetery was recently inspected by a Division of Cemeteries representative who commented that the "cemetery was in exce-

Artist to perform for school children

Theater and drama artist Leeland Faulkner will perform his "Light Theatre," at the State University at Albany's Page Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 10, for Bethlehem elementary school students.

Students from Glenmont, Slingerlands and Elsmere Elementary

Pvt. Brian C. Womer has completed the field artillery fire support course at Fort Sill, Okla.

Womer is son of William and Linda Womer of Feura Bush and a graduate of New Hope Christian Academy, Coeymans.

Airman Veronica A. Bailey has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Bailey is the daughter of Carol A. Bailey of Voorheesville and Ronald C. Bailey of Cooperstown.

Marine Cpl. John M. Strottenke, whose wife, Lisa, is the daughter of Leon Caldwell of Voorheesville, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea while serving with 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 2nd Marine Corps division, Lejeune, N.C.

"You are to be congratulated for your accepting and fulfilling the responsibilities that go with the operation and maintenance of this local cemetery," O'Callaghan said.

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The performance is offered to area students by the Capital Region Center Institute for Arts in Education.

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Couple returns to yesteryears

"Yesterday in South Bethlehem" will be the topic of a talk given by Bob and Jean Kerker at the Bethlehem Historical Association meeting on Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Schoolhouse Museum on Route 144 at Clapper Road in Selkirk. The Kerkers have been interested in local history since moving to South Bethlehem in 1957.

Bob is a member of the Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission and will discuss the railroads and the history of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Joan will speak about the residents and oral history interviews with folk who remember "the olden days."

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Becker PTA to meet

The A.W. Becker PTA begins 1990 with a membership meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Childcare is available for a nominal fee. Start the new year off right by getting involved in your child's school.

Seniors to meet

The Bethlehem Sunshine Senior Citizens will meet on Monday,

**News from
Selkirk and
South Bethlehem**

Cheryl Clary 767-2373



Jan. 8 at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem beginning with a shared dish luncheon at noon followed by the meeting at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting.

It's not too early to get your reservations in for the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church's meatloaf dinner to be held on Monday, Jan. 29. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. followed by games, entertainment, and an MC will award food door prizes.

The dinner is sponsored by Shop and Save Supermarkets, which works with nonprofit groups in fund-raising efforts. All proceeds go to the church.

Reservations are required by Jan. 23 with adult tickets at \$5.00 and children 10 and under at \$3.00. Call Dick or Jean Canutsen at 767-9058 for your dinner spots.

Elks plan Vegas night

Here's a hot event to chase away the winter chill. The Bethlehem

Elks will be holding a Las Vegas Night on Friday, Jan. 19 beginning with a buffet at 7 p.m. Games begin at 8 p.m. and run until midnight.

There is no charge for admission to play but you must be 18 years of age. The buffet will be \$3.00 per person. The public is invited to the event held at the lodge on Route 144 in Cedar Hill. For Information call Al Cargill at 439-2172.

Special meeting set

The RCS Special Education Parents Support Group will meet tonight, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the junior high school. Any district parents whose child has a special need is urged to attend.

Thanks to Blue Circle

The After School Activities Program, Inc. (ASAP) wishes to thank Blue Circle Atlantic Cement Company for their continued support of the program with their contribution of \$1000. It is due to the generosity of Blue Circle and other area businesses, church and civic groups that ASAP can offer quality after school care to area elementary students.

Obituaries

Florine E. Moran

Florine E. Moran, 79, of Bloomer Road, Voorheesville, a former teacher, died Sunday, Dec. 24 in St. Peter's Hospice in Albany after a long illness.

Born in Ripley, Chautauqua County, Mrs. Moran lived in Voorheesville since 1951. She graduated from Fredonia State Normal School, now State University College at Fredonia. She had taught grade school in Bethpage, Nassau County, and at Voorheesville Elementary from 1952 until her retirement in 1970. She was a member of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, where she held several offices over the years.

Survivors include her husband, John J. Moran; a daughter, Nancy Whichard of Blackwood, N.J.; two sons, Timothy Moran of Glen Rock, Pa., and Michael Moran of Broadalbin, Fulton County; six grandchil-

dren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were by Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville. Burial will be held in springtime in the New Scotland Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the New Scotland Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, Box 327, Slingerlands 12159.

Leora Shaw

Leora M. Wheat Shaw, 90, former Delmar resident and music teacher, died Dec. 14 in the Pine Run Health Care Center, Doylestown, Pa.

Born in Manitou Springs, Colo., she was raised in Saratoga Springs, where she was valedictorian of the 1916 graduating class of Saratoga Springs High School. She attended Barnard College and performed volunteer work at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, during World War II. While a Manhattan resident during the 1940s she performed as a soloist with various New York church choirs.

She moved to Delmar in 1957, then to Doylestown in 1984.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Shaw Jr. of Ocala, Fla. and David B. Shaw of Maitland, Fla.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Spring burial will be in Greenridge Cemetery, Saratoga Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monday Musical Club scholarship fund in care of Helen Henshaw, 325 Kings Road, Apt. 208, Schenectady 12304.

Library's snow policy

If the Bethlehem Public Library closes in an emergency due to hazardous weather or other conditions, announcements will be made over radio stations WGY (810am), WAMC (90.3fm), WQBK (1300am), WKLI (101fm), WPYX (106fm) and WROW (95.5fm and 590am).

The library will open at 10 a.m. on days Bethlehem Central Schools close or when the schools open one hour late due to inclement weather. If Bethlehem schools are closed, there will be no preschool storyhours at the library.

Winter program has openings

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is now conducting registration for all Winter 1990 programs.

There are many remaining openings in aerobics programs such as Body Wise, Shape Up, and Aerobics Trim.

The 1990 programs will also feature a new Lunchtime Lap Swim for adult lap swimming during the day.

Other programs include baton twirling and Senior Water Workout for senior citizens.

For information on all programs and to register, call 439-4131 or visit the parks and recreation office at the Elm Avenue Park, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Programs are open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem School District.



Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit
December 21	Delmar Rescue Squad
December 22	Selkirk Fire Dept.
December 22	Bethlehem Ambulance
December 23	Selkirk Fire Dept.
December 23	Delmar Rescue Squad
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December 24	Bethlehem Ambulance
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December 26	Bethlehem Ambulance
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December 27	Delmar Rescue Squad
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Standby
Personal Injury
Structure Fire
Standby
Heart Attack
Auto Accident
Medical Emergency
Transport
Medical Emergency
Respiratory Distress
Respiratory Distress
Personal Injury
Medical Emergency
Medical Emergency
Heart Attack

The Town of Bethlehem Fire Officers meeting will be held on Jan. 4 at the Selkirk number 2 firehouse in Glenmont. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

To contribute to Fire Fighters Corner, call Isabel Glastetter at 439-2627.

1990 organizational meeting Friday night

The 1990 organizational meeting of the Elmwood Park Fire District will be Friday at 8 p.m. at the North Bethlehem Fire House, 589 Russell Road.

The regular meetings of the

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Bus driver wins olympics award

Paul House has been awarded a silver award during the first Drivers' Olympics at the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled. The competition for professional bus

drivers is part of the annual safety and performance program, which recognizes superior driving record, accident free driving, and satisfactory job performance.

Two ticketed for DWI Christmas weekend

in Town Court on Tuesday.

At 9:37 the same evening, police stopped a vehicle for allegedly running a stop sign and driving in excess of the speed limit at the intersection of Rowland Avenue and Lake Place in Delmar. Police said that the driver, Timothy I. Alund, 30, of 1121 24th St., Watervliet, then failed a field sobriety test, was arrested for DWI and taken inside the police wing at Town Hall for processing. He will reappear in Town Court on Jan. 9.

Slingerlands man nabbed after chase

A Slingerlands man awaits trial on reckless endangerment, reckless driving and other charges after a Dec. 24 high-speed chase through Slingerlands and the Town of New Scotland.

Mark A. Wood, 18, of 658 Kenwood Ave. was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court that morning and remanded to Albany County Jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail. He is scheduled to reappear in court next Tuesday.

At 1:08 a.m., Bethlehem police stopped a vehicle for alleged speeding at the intersection of Route 140 and McCormack Road. Police said the car, driven by Wood, then took off, west on McCormack, then to Maple Avenue at "a high rate of speed" before turning left on Route

85 in Slingerlands.

Police said the car was clocked at speeds in excess of 90 mph as it traveled west on Route 85, passing a car near the Font Grove Road intersection, then another at the Auberge Suisse entrance in the Town of New Scotland. As State Police and Albany County sheriff's deputies were alerted, the vehicle was observed turning right on Route 85A.

As the car approached Voorheesville and the intersection with Route 155, police said, the car attempted to turn right whereupon it was cut off by a sheriff's cruiser.

Two passengers in the Wood car were released and not charged according to police.

Brunk-Danz

Jeanne L. Barriere of Delmar and Paul J. Brunk of Saratoga Springs have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen E. Brunk, to Theodore Danz III, son of Leslee Danz and Theodore Danz Jr. of Slingerlands.

Brunk is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and is a cosmetologist and beauty consultant for Clinique cosmetics.

Danz is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and is attending Hudson Valley Community College. He is vice-president of Danz Control Systems of Albany.

A May 1990 wedding is planned.

Jeram-Ganley

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Jeram of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Vincent G. Ganley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Ganley, also of Delmar.

Jeram is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, St. John Fisher College and State University at Albany. She is a teacher at the Glenmont Elementary School.

Ganley is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Maryland at College Park. He is a project manager for Dominick Dan Alonzo, Inc., in Mechanicville.

A July 1990 wedding is planned.

Henahan-Govekar

Ruth and Arthur Henahan of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter Mary Patricia Henahan to Christopher Paul Govekar, son of Michele and LTC. Paul Govekar of West Germany.

Henahan is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. The couple will graduate from University of Notre Dame in May. They are both to be commissioned as 2nd lieutenants in the Army.

A June 1990 wedding is planned.

Amanda Hamilton
would like to thank
her family and many
friends for their
thoughtfulness and
prayers during her
stay at the hospital

Here's to a
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WEDDING!**



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deodato

Deodato-Woodland nuptials

Cynthia Woodland, daughter of Ruth and Millard Woodland Jr. of Albany, and Joseph L. Deodato, son of Clare and Guy Deodato of Brooklyn, were married in St. Teresa of Avila Church in Albany on Oct. 14.

Karen Wolford was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kathy Bunney, and Ellen Moran; Jamee Wolford was flower girl.

Harry Moran was best man. Ushers were Matt Deodato, Doug

Deodato, John Sgamblare and Ron Richter.

The bride is a graduate of State University of New Paltz. She is employed by the State Department of Tax and Finance.

The groom attended State University at New Paltz. He is employed by an area investment firm.

After a wedding trip to Lake Placid, the couple will reside in Slingerlands.

Orange Crush night at BC on Jan. 12

The second annual "Orange Crush Night" at Bethlehem Central High School will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 12, when the girls and boys basketball teams take on Suburban Council rival Saratoga.

Through joint efforts of the high school administration and the Bethlehem Basketball Boosters Club, "Orange Crush Night" will feature the only opportunity to see both the varsity boys and girls roundball teams on the same court on the same night during the season.

"Orange Crush Night" will include special recognition of past members of BCHS varsity boys and girls teams and an a half time exhibition by the newly formed Bethlehem Basketball League for boys and girls in grades 5, 6 and 7.

For information on the Booster's events or how to support Bethlehem basketball, contact Larry J. Hackman, communications director of the Bethlehem Basketball Boosters Club at 439-0748.

Bridal Gowns

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Benoit

Joseph Benoit weds Alison Petro

Joseph P. Benoit of Delmar, son of Catherine and Win Benoit of Tupper Lake, and Alison Petro, daughter of Katie and John Petro of Plattsburgh were married on September 23. The Rev. James D. Daley performed the ceremony at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Mary Wilson was maid of honor, with Tom and Jim Benoit as best men.

The groom is a graduate of

Bethlehem Central High School and State University at Plattsburgh. He is a sales manager with AT&T, Corporate Woods, Albany.

The bride is a graduate of the State universities at Geneseo and Plattsburgh. She is a speech pathologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will reside in Delmar.



Community Corner

For the birds

Ornithologists, plain old bird watchers and those who aspire to be have a busy week ahead in Bethlehem.

On Saturday, the Audubon Society on Rarick Road begins training courses for anyone who wishes to volunteer at the center leading hikes or giving presentations. The courses run from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27.

On Monday evening at 7:15, the Bethlehem Public Library is holding a reception for the upcoming "John James Audubon: the Man, the Art and the Movement He Inspired" exhibit.

For information on either event, call 767-9051.

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By Joy Healy

"Ice skating makes the winter go fast," according to Dennis Murphy, an area skating aficionado. "We need something to do with the cold."

And local rinks are collectibles—that is, they are the perfect winter place to go as a family for fun, whether it be for an hour or four hours. They collect people searching for something to do.

In Colonie, there are 11 ice skating rinks open to the public, the largest of which is the Ann Lee Pond. A second natural rink is behind Town Hall on Route 9.

Nine other rinks are sprinkled throughout the town, usually at pocket parks, and all are supervised. For information on their locations, a map is available from Town Hall by calling 783-2761.

The rinks are in operation Monday-Thursday 4-9 p.m.; Friday 4-10 p.m.; Saturday 12-10 p.m., and Sunday 12-9 p.m.

For an update on rink conditions, residents can call 785-4301 for winter program information.

Don Myers, assistant superintendent of Parks and Recreation in Colonie, said the only negative aspects of town rinks is they are subject to the elements. There are times when snow or a warming trend can close the rinks. Residents can keep informed by the signs posted at each of the rinks, or by calling 785-4301.

The Village of Colonie recently opened a new facility in Cook Park, replacing the one at Locust Park. The new rink is 40' x 100' and can accommodate about 25 skaters comfortably. Jeff Bellinger supervises the rink when in operation, and can be found hitting around a hockey puck with kids as they come and go.

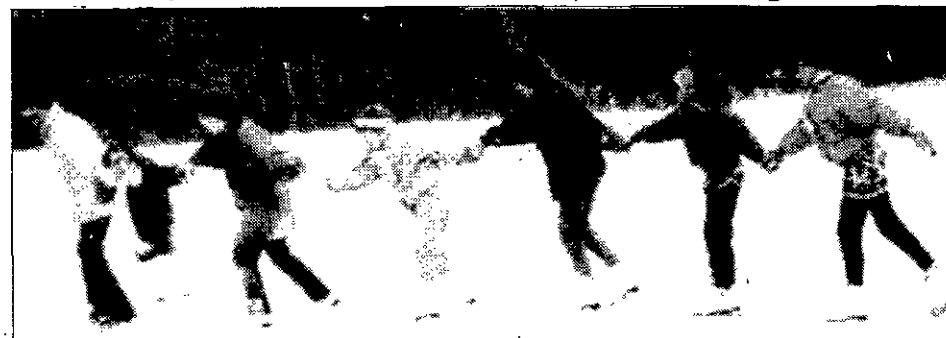
Herb Reilly, supervisor of the Town of New Scotland, refers residents to Swift Road Park, where an area used in the summertime for volleyball is flooded for ice skating. Also, a brand new facility is being created behind the Clarksville Elementary School. It should be ready for skating any day now. Call 439-5721 for an update.

In the Town of Bethlehem, David Austin, administrator of parks and recreation, refers residents to the Elm Avenue Park, which houses a large rink for general skating and a separate hockey rink. These rinks are open 9 a.m. daily until 9

*A*Good*Skate*



Neil Ruckert, left, chauffeurs his son Kyle at the Ann Lee Pond, while Dave Gilchrist of Loudonville, right, skates with his daughter Coleen behind Colonie Town Hall. Below, the John Simonian family, with friends Amy Fiorello and Sabrina Szetela, form a skating chain.



Joy Healy and Joe Futia

p.m. on Sunday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday the rinks are open until 10 p.m.

Austin says the conditions are excellent for skating, especially since the Town resurfaces about three to four times a week.

There is a warming area for skaters to take skates on and off, and warm icy finger and toes.

The season depends on weather and normally begins mid-December and ends mid-February," Austin said.

The Elm Avenue hockey rink is re-

stricted to hockey players. If you are looking for a pick-up game of hockey, this would be a good place to go. Normally kids in grades four or five, and older, can be found either playing hockey or knocking a puck around the rink for fun or practice.

"We have not offered lessons because it is very difficult to schedule," he said.

Many times we have to close the rink because of heavy snows, sleet, or warm weather."

And to keep blades sharp, for \$3 plus tax, taking the skates to places like the

Bethlehem Grinding (439-5756), where owner Rich Hale will sharpen your skates.

Hale said the most popular form if sharpening is the "hollow ground," referring to the natural concave surface that the blade has. And most people will have their skates sharpened at least once a season, unless they are hockey players.

"I get quite a few customers who have bought new skates and complain they are not sharp enough," Hale said. He encourages owners of new skates to bring them in and have them sharpened.

Bill Pentak, manager of DeRossi Sports Inc., Guilderland, stays busy all year sharpening skates. "Everybody wants to skate. With the lack of snow last year, people had nothing else to do but ice skate." This was a big boon to the sport.

Pentak will sharpen your skates while you wait, unless they are particularly dull. For questions pertaining to this service, he suggests you call the business. (456-7630)

Pentak said the interest in ice skating has risen since last year, especially since there was little else to do because of the lack of snow, coupled with interest in Olympic skating and professional teams in the area.

And the Capital District does have its share of professional skaters and hockey players. Troy seems to be the focal point of activity for these persons.

Bob Barnes, City of Troy recreational supervisor, offers skaters the Frear Park Ice Skate Facility, off Hoosick Street and left on Lavin Court. This is an enclosed facility, but has no heat, and skaters can skate their blades off for only \$1.75 adults, \$1 children, with rentals for \$2.

"On a cold day you will need a jacket," Barnes said, adding that the facility has a warming room, complete with restrooms, snack bar and restaurant.

"This is a great place for a family to spend a day," he said. There is also a sledding area in the park which is perfect for sleigh riding.

Pro teacher Beth Randall manages the concession at Frear Park, and she is the one to speak with regarding lessons for your budding skating star. At the park, group lessons, as well as private and semi-

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Local photographer finds special patterns

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

While she found her subjects anywhere from Europe, Alaska and Hawaii to the backyard of her Mohawk River home in the Town of Colonie, photographer Diane Heilbrunn Reiner knew they had a common thread. That thread—"patterns of culture, patterns of nature," has become Reiner's first solo show at the things of beauty (t.o.b.) gallery in Albany.

"I feel the images are exciting. They are unusual—the images span across 12 years, and they are a real range of my life," she said.

Reiner started photography as a student at the State University at Albany, where the emphasis on composition was a strong influence. "That emphasis tends to make images abstract, and I would definitely categorize my work as abstract," she said.

Reiner's photographs are printed in an unusually large size—28 by 40 inches. "I work in slides when I do color, and all it comes down to is that tiny piece of celluloid. Technically, I can hold my whole show in the palm of my hand. I'm intrigued with being able to take something that small and enlarge it. It gives

people the opportunity to have a completely different look at what is right in front of them. By making it that large, I'm framing what is already around them," she said.

Gallery owner Peg White appreciates Reiner's view. "She does see abstractly. For instance, in a photograph of 50 sneakers together, once you find the pattern, it becomes abstract, and different," she said. White added that Reiner's will be the two-year-old gallery's first photographic show. "Traditionally, photography doesn't fly off the walls, so I have been hesitant. But Diane's work is unique, so I was willing to take the chance," she said.

Reiner reassures, however, that while her work is unique and abstract, it is not tedious. "The color and the composition in the photographs are pretty apparent. There are not a lot of subtle details, especially considering their size. I don't feel people should have to work hard to enjoy an image," she said.

Reiner has keenly anticipated Tuesday's opening. While she was offered a showing at the gallery in better weather, she jumped on the chance of a January exhibit. "The idea of a new year and a new decade is perfect," she said. "I

have a bunch of images to get out of my system, and this is the perfect time to do it."

"Patterns of culture, patterns of na-

ture" will be shown at t.o.b. Galleries, 247 Lark St., from Jan. 2 through Jan. 31, with an opening reception this Thursday evening. For information, call 449-1233.



Few people would know that the chain in this Reiner piece is not on land, but at the end of a ferry boat, and that what appears to be sky is actually the sea. She also finds interest in the single sideways link.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

DRIVING MISS DAISY
1988 Pulitzer Prize-winning bittersweet comedy, Proctor's, Schenectady, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

THE SEA HORSE
Lusty, amusing and touching story by Edward J. Moore, Capitol Rep., Albany. Now through Jan. 28, Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 4:30 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m. 462-4534.

THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG
Funny, romantic show, Historic Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 10-Feb. 4, Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

FILM

CINDERELLA
Disney's fairy tale, State Museum, Jan. 6 and 7, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

MUSIC

OUT OF CONTROL
Rhythm and Blues Band, performing at Casey's Lounge, Schenectady Ramada Inn, Jan. 5, 9:30 p.m. Information, 372-5607.

ALUMNI CONCERT
Alumni concert of the Empire State Youth Orchestra, State University at Albany's Performing Arts Center, Albany, Jan. 6, 7 p.m. Information, 438-8868.

THE MUIR STRING QUARTET
Performing at The Balsam Music Hall, Albany, Jan. 7, 3 p.m. Information, 449-1217.

MUSEUM-COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES
Wu Han, Pamela Frank, and Yeesun Kim, playing their second area appearance, Memorial Chapel, Union College campus, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. Information, 372-3651.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

ARTISTS/ARTS ORGANIZATIONS
Applications for inclusion in a directory of artists and organizations interested in providing quality arts programs in the schools will be available mid-month from the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy. Information, 273-0552.

VISUAL ARTS SMITHSONIAN ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT

"Remaking America: New Uses, Old Places," the College Center at Union College, Jan. 10-Feb. 4, daily 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

CYANOTYPE AND ALTERNATIVE PROCESSES

By Louie Powell, The Schenectady Photographic Society, Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

SLIDE ENHANCEMENT, DUPES AND MANIPULATIONS

Featuring Jack Kelly of Corporate Graphics, Schenectady Photographic Society, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

ROCK N' ROLL ART SCULPTURES

Of T.H. Hyndman, Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, Jan. 5-Feb. 11. Gallery hours, daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

SELECTIONS FROM THE 16TH NATIONAL PRINT EXHIBITION

Fine art prints by the Print Club of Albany, Inc., Display at Albany City Hall. Through Jan. 31. Information, 459-2674.

PATTERNS OF CULTURE, PATTERNS OF NATURE

Large photographic prints by Diane Reiner, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, Albany. Through Jan. 31. Opening Reception, Jan. 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS

Presented in the Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany, by the Albany County Historical Association. Now through Jan. 5, Thurs.-Fri. 2-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 1-4 p.m.

ASPECTS OF REALISM

Paintings of Marcia Clark, Thyra Davidson, Warner Friedman, Barbara Mungall, Tom Nelson, Harry Orlyk, Marjorie Portnow, Chester Rose, Judith Weinman, George Wexler and with window installations by Adrienne Klein, Ted Gallery, Albany. Now through Feb. 10, noon-7 p.m. Wed.-Sat. Information, 434-3285.

COMMITTED TO PRINT

Social and political themes in American printed art from the sixties, State Museum, Albany. Now through Feb. 11. Information, 474-5877.

OH! CHRISTMAS TREE!

Exhibition of artists giving their view of this seasonal symbol, Albany Institute of History and Art. Through Jan. 6, Tues.-Sat. noon-5 p.m.

ARTIST AT PLAY

Group showing, Greene County Council on the Arts Catskill Gallery, Catskill. Gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

VISIONS OF CHRIST'S COMING

Opening show at new diocesan gallery, Pastoral Center, Albany. Through Jan. 14, 2-5 p.m. Information, 439-4951.

DOUGLAS C. SHIPPEE

Exhibition of abstract paintings, The Orange Street Gallery, Albany. Through Jan. 5, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

GALLERY ORIGINALS

Exclusive pastel paintings by Hudson River artist Gene Green. Limited edition fine art prints of contemporary realism from China. Gallery Originals of Latham. Information, 785-0198.

GREENHUT GALLERIES

New paintings by local artist Barbara Mungall, new works by 12 female printmakers from upstate New York, Greenhut Galleries, Albany. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. noon-5 p.m.

RECLAIMING PARADISE: AMERICAN WOMEN

Photograph the Land Work from Bernice Abbott, Linda Connor, Imogen Cunningham, Judy Dater, Marion Faller, Laura Gilpin, Betty Hahn, Dorothea Lange, Gail Skoff, Joan Myers, Marlon Post Wolcott among others, University Art Gallery, University at Albany.

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

New exhibit, Museum of The Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Albany. Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-1676.

AMERICAN ART FROM THE 20s, 30s AND 40s

Includes works that represent some of the major regional and national trends in early 20th century art, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany. Family program "Detail Detectives," a self-guided gallery activity, weekends in January from noon-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Group showing, Greene County Council on The Arts, Top Gallery Windham. Through Jan. 7, Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 734-3104.

A FOCUS ON THE FEMALE FIGURE

The Rice Gallery in the Albany Institute of History and Art. Gallery hours, Tues.-Sat. noon-5 p.m. Information, 785-1441.

Daddy 'n me program planned at JCC

The Department of Early Childhood of the Albany Jewish Community Center is offering an innovative program for toddlers age 18 to 30 months and their fathers called "Daddy 'n Me" on Tuesday evenings from 5:45 to 7 p.m. The activities for this program include crafts, storytelling, songs, creative movement and easy cooking. The six week program will begin on Jan. 9 and the last class will be held on Feb. 13. For registration or more information, call 438-6651.

Gala theater party set for Feb. 11

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Albert, well known area philanthropists, and the Albany Jewish Community Center, beginning its 75th year, are extending an invitation to a gala theater party and special performance of "Crossing Delancey."

The black tie optional event will take place on Sunday Feb. 11. Dinner will begin at 5 p.m. at the Peter D. Kiernan Plaza, One Norstar Plaza, Albany. The performance of "Crossing Delancey" will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Capital Repertory Company. To participate or for more information, call Joyce Pogoda 438-6651.

ERASTUS DOW PALMER EXHIBITION

American sculptor of the mid-19th century, Albany Institute of History and Art. Now through June 10.

THE STATE OF UPSTATE: NEW YORK WOMEN ARTISTS

Work of women artists from across Upstate New York, State Museum. Now through Jan. 28. Information, 474-5877.

WALTER LAUNT PALMER

16 paintings in a new exhibition. Albany Institute of History and Art. Through 1990. Information, 463-4478.

Y slates course in creative drama

The Albany Young Women's Christian Association will hold a Creative Drama Course for children ages 8 through 12 at the Association, 28 Colvin Ave. in Albany.

The course, which runs on eight consecutive Wednesdays from Jan. 10 through March 7 will cover the basics of theater, including improvisation, make-up, mime, movement and theater jargon. It will meet from 4 to 5 p.m.

Call 438-6608 for more information.

Old Songs plans country dance Jan. 6

Old Songs Dance, Inc., will hold a workshop and a country dance on Saturday, Jan. 6. The workshop, held at the St. Mark's Community Center on Rt. 146 in Guilderland will take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Later, the dance will feature caller Pam McKeever from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, in Guilderland. Live music will be performed by the St. Regis String Band.

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Skates

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private lessons are offered to Capital District residents.

Frear Park is also the home of two adult hockey leagues, two youth leagues, and a number of skating clubs. More information can be obtained by calling 274-2392.

Public skating hours at Frear Park are Tuesday and Thursday 9:10:30 a.m.; Monday through Friday 12:1 p.m.; Friday and Sunday 2:30-5:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 7:30-9:30 p.m.

For the toddler who is just beginning to walk, there is even a Toddler Class on Friday mornings and Saturday noon. "They are scared when they first get on the ice, but they take off after that," said Pat Gillett, property manager and secretary for Randall.

Gillett said it's wrong to wear heavy socks. "If they do, it will cause them to sweat, and they will freeze." She suggests skaters wear banlon or silk socks, nylon socks or skating tights, complete with a boot cover for the skates.

Skating pants or a ski suit is proper attire, with or without long johns. "Wear a couple of sweaters a hat and gloves. Don't over-dress or under-dress," warns Gillett.

The main parts of the body to keep warm and dry are the head, hands, and feet.

"And it's important to get the proper support for ankles with your skates," said Gillett. "If you don't have proper support, you will flop about. You should be able to walk properly as though you are wearing a pair of shoes." Gillett suggests comparison shopping, noting materials and whether the skates can be bent side to side. "It is wrong support, not weak ankles," said Gillett, "that cause problems with skating."

Center City, downtown Schenectady, is an indoor rink, complete with open skating, learn-to-skate programs, with schools and youth hockey teams also using the facility. It is open to the public Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Tues.-Wed. 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Thurs. 3:30-5 p.m.; Fri. 4-6 p.m.; Sat. 12-2 p.m., 5-7 p.m., 10-11:30 p.m.; and Sunday 12-2 p.m.

Admissions are \$1.50 for adults, and for children and senior citizens \$1.25. Skate rental is \$1.25. For information, call 382-5104.

Greg Davenport, manager of Center City, said the temperature at the rink is about 50-55 degrees. As there are no elements to deal with, a heavy sweater and proper socks will do. Radio Station KZ 96.7 is housed in the same facility and plays skating music.

Center City also offers a learn-to-skate program, which meets Monday mornings and Friday evenings. If you have a toddler, the Monday class would be perfect for your child. A group of senior citizens also gather for lessons, "which

are basically dance lessons on ice," said Davenport.

If you are looking for an organized hockey program for your ice skater, the Troy Academy Youth Hockey Program is one of the areas largest groups, having a membership of over 500 skaters this season. The program utilizes Albany Academy's ice rink, as well as time at the rinks at RPI, Watervliet, and Frear Park. Murphy, of the Troy Academy Youth Hockey Program, encourages youngsters to don their blades early, joining in with the Termite Program (4,5,6 year olds). "Here they learn to skate with a professional, Dave Randall," he said. Two 10-week sessions are offered, the next of which will start immediately. For information, call the league president, Stephen Lewis at 273-3375. For \$65 a session, the league supplies the Termites with a helmet and face mask; and if a skater takes both sessions, they get to keep the equipment at the end of the season. "This is a little incentive to see the program through," Murphy said.

But if hockey is not your game, and you have a petite eight year old girl who admires the suave figure skaters, clubs

such as the Achilles Figure Skating Club will fill the bill.

Union College's Achilles Rink is the site of a learn-to-skate program for beginner figure skaters. Call Elaine Blondin at 377-0947.

"We have a full skating program during the year," she said. The club is affiliated with the U.S. Figure Skating Association and "has a great deal of diversity."

"A number of our skaters are going to the Empire State Games, the winter games in Lake Placid.

"Realistically, most of these kids will never go to the Olympics. But participation in the skating gives them a taste of it," she said.

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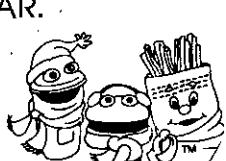
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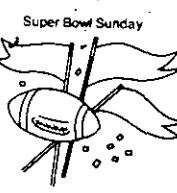
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THE Spotlight

CALENDAR

Wednesday
January

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BETHLEHEM

PUBLIC HEARINGS
on application of Stewart's Ice Cream Co. Inc.; Gary and Sherrie Hickey, 32 Mayfair Dr., Slingerlands; Gytelle Bloom, 46 Dumbarton Dr., Delmar, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

meets first and third Wednesdays, Old Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

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

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

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday. Information, 439-4258.

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

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN
meeting, with Lori J. Breuel conducting real estate workshop, Albany Motor Inn, 6 p.m. Information, 439-9303.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PSG
meeting, Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School, Ravenna, 7:30 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN STORYHOURS
four-week program at Bethlehem Public Library, Jan. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, Information, 765-2109.

Thursday
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BETHLEHEM

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
members will remove decorations from the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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.

OVERTEERS ANONYMOUS
meeting every Thursday, 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. every Thursday, 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, every Thursday, 4:50 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

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

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

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

FRIDAY

January

FREE LEGAL CLINIC
for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT
first Fridays, North Bethlehem Fire House, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Saturday
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BETHLEHEM

PRESCHOOL FILMS
for children 5 years and younger with parent or caregiver, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES

with caller Tom Vititow, round dancing included, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 861-6407.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE

for those interested in leading hikes or giving presentations, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, Audubon Society

Sanctuary, Rarick Rd., 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration, 767-9051.

CHABAD CENTER

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

SUNDAY

January

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

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

worship, Sunday School and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont. Information, 463-6465.

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.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

Scientist, service and Sunday School, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-3406.

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.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH

worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 436-7710.

NORMANNSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-5303.

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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

Worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school. Information, 765-2895.

MONDAY

January

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BETHLEHEM

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
general member meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-4725.

ART EXHIBIT

"John James Audubon: the Man, the Art and the Movement He Inspired," through Jan. 30, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 767-9051.

ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

for exhibit "John James Audubon: the Man, the Art and the Movement He Inspired," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:15 p.m. Information, 767-9051.

DELMAR KIWANIS

meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

AL-ANON GROUP

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

ALATEEN MEETING

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday. Call 439-4258 for more information.

MOTHER'S 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.

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

Hints for 1 to 1 conflict resolution

Peaceful conflict resolution can be conducted with the help of a mediator or on a one-to-one basis. Below are some hints for one-to-one conflict resolution.

- Take time to cool off — issues can't be dealt with until emotions are worked through and we can think clearly.
- Be specific — when you bring up a problem don't just generally complain. Identify how a specific behavior affects you.
- Know your priorities — knowing what is important to you in the conflict and stating it clearly makes it more likely that your needs will be met and the conflict resolved.
- Try to understand the other's point of view — listening, paraphrasing or repeating main points shows understanding of the other person which can facilitate communication, defuse conflict and decrease tension.
- Never assume — ask for and give feedback on major points. Never predict how a person will react or what he will accept or reject.
- Stay with the here and now — forget the past. Concentrate on the changes you help to see starting now, and view each conflict as an opportunity for a new beginning and a better relationship.

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Information, 765-3313.

Tuesday January 9

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
Literature Group, book review by Lois Riedel on "Life in Alaska," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-4725.

DELMAR ROTARY
Meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn, Side Wheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT
commissioners' meeting, second Tuesdays, Slingerlands Fire House, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND
"EARTHWATCH"
program about Fiji's coral reef, presented by Robyn Potter, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Wednesday January 10

BETHLEHEM

GLENMONT JOB CORPS
Community Advisory Board, Small Dining Room, Rt. 144, Glenmont, noon. Information, 767-9371.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
Evening Group, program on vacations, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4725.

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

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Bible Study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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RED MEN
second Wednesdays, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

SECOND MILER'S LUNCHEON MEETING
First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
meet second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND
NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, Information, 765-2109.

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

To list an item of community interest in the calendar send all pertinent information - who, what, where, why, when, and how to
THE SPOTLIGHT
125 Adams St.
Delmar, NY 12054

AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday January 3

Friday January 5

ALBANY COUNTY

SINGLES SQUARES DANCE
with caller Tom Vititow, St. Michael's, Linden Ave., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-5653.

LOW-IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS
twelve weeks Mondays and Wednesdays, sponsored by Young Women's Christian Association, Christ Lutheran Church, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 6-7 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

FAMILY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM
presented by the Epilepsy Association of Capital District, St. Peter's Hospital, Staff Dining Rm., South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 439-1395.

APPLE COMPUTER USERS CLUB
meets first Wednesdays, Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT CLINIC
for those who have a concern about a child up to two-years-old, Bellevue Hospital, Troy Rd., Schenectady, noon-4 p.m. Information, 346-9438.

ALBANY COUNTY

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

Saturday January 6

ALBANY COUNTY

OLD SONGS DANCE WORKSHOP
followed by covered dish supper, St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, \$3, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

OLD SONGS EVENING DANCE

live music by St. Regis String Band, with caller Pam McKeever, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, Guilderland, 8:15-10:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

BLOODMOBILE

American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

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American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

SCHEECTADY

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

CINDERELLA

movie, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

SUNDAY January 7

ALBANY COUNTY

SCUBA COURSE

sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Registration, 785-5836.

CINDERELLA

movie, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

INTERFAITH COUPLE WORKSHOPS

Sunday evenings through Feb. 11, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

THURSDAY January 4

ALBANY COUNTY

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, every Thursday, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

RENTSELAER COUNTY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

for workshop, "Considering a Change," to be held on Jan. 20 and 27, Russell Sage College Career Development Center and Center for Women's Education, Troy Campus. Registration, 270-2319.

MENDED HEARTS OF CAPITAL DISTRICT
program on "Managing Stress," presented by Dr. Harvey Gold, Cusack Auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

Monday January 8

ALBANY COUNTY

CLOWNING WORKSHOP

for children 8-12 years, Mondays through March 12, Albany Young Women's Christian Association, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 4-5 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

BLOODMOBILE

American Red Cross, Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Building 18, Corporate Woods, Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

SCHEECTADY

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

for workshop, "Considering a Change," to be held on Jan. 20 and 27, Russell Sage College Career Development Center and Center for Women's Education, Troy Campus. Registration, 270-2319.

Tuesday January 9

CIVIL AIR PATROL

every Tuesday, Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB
for people who wish to develop speaking skills, second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, Gaspari's Restaurant, 164 Madison Ave., 5:45 p.m. Information, 1-851-9859.

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10 Heed: Fr./Eng.
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28 Don't _____: Spill the beans
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LEGAL NOTICE

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VOORHEESVILLE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BID PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE
OF CERTAIN ITEMS TO IN-
CLUDE:

Piano, Kitchen Equipment, Video
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Sealed bids for each item will be received no later than January 10, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. by the Business Administrator of the Board of Education at the above address and then publicly opened and read. Bids must be in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside stating the bid proposal as shown above.

Inspection of items for sale will occur Wednesday, January 3, 1990 between the hours of 12-3 P.M.

Voorheesville
Central School District
Town of Colonie

County of Albany
Newtonville, New York 12128
(January 3, 1990)

NORTH COLONIE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWTONVILLE, NEW YORK
12128

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The North Colonie Central School District, Town of Colonie, Newtonville, New York 12128, invites the submission of sealed bids on

The Sale of Used
Miscellaneous Equipment

Bids will be received until 10:30 A.M. on the 10th day of January, 1990, at the Administration Building in Newtonville, New York at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the same office.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH COLONIE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Town of Colonie

County of Albany
Newtonville, New York 12128
By: Thomas J. Rybaltowski
Purchasing Agent
(January 3, 1990)

LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The applications of Sound of Life, Inc. ("Sound"), Family Broadcasting, Inc. ("Family"), George M. Ragsdale, Daniel F. Viles, Jr. and Gregory T. Lano d/b/a Mid-Atlantic Broadcasting Company ("Mid-Atlantic"), WAMC ("WAMC"), Francis W. Bell ("Bell"), R. Bryan Jackson ("Jackson"), and Tri-Cities FM Limited Partnership ("Tri-Cities") for a commercial FM radio station on Channel 242A at Voorheesville, New York have been designated for hearing on the following issues:

1. To determine whether Sonrise Management Services, Inc. is an undisclosed party-in-interest to Tri-Cities' application.

2. To determine whether Tri-Cities' organizational structure is a sham.

3. To determine whether Tri-

LEGAL NOTICE

Cities violated Section 1.65 of the Commission's Rules and/or lacked candor by failing to report: (i) the designation of character issue against other applicants in which one or more of its partners has an ownership interest, (ii) the dismissal of such ownership interest and/or dismissal of such applications with unresolved character issues pending, and (iii) the interest held by one or more of its partners in applications pending and/or dismissed with prejudice by the Commission.

4. To determine, from the evidence adduced pursuant to Issues 1 through 3 above, whether Tri-Cities possesses the basic qualifications to be a licensee of the facilities sought herein.

5. To determine whether the proposals of Sound and WAMC would provide coverage for the city sought to be served, as required by Section 73.315(a) of the Commission's rules, and if not, whether circumstances exist which warrant waiver of that Section.

6. If a final environmental impact statement is issued with respect to Sound, Family, Mid-Atlantic, WAMC and/or Jackson in which it is concluded that the proposed facility to have an adverse effect on the quality of the environment, to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, as implemented by 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1301-1319.

7. To determine which of the proposals would, on a comparative basis, best serve the public interest.

8. To determine, in light of the evidence adduced pursuant to the specified issues, which of the applications should be granted, if any.

The hearing will convene on February 26, 1989, at 10:00 AM at the office of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. A copy of the application, amendments thereto and related material of Mid-Atlantic are available for public inspection during normal business hours at Voorheesville Public Library, during regular business hours. (January 3, 1990)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Telecommunications Uniforms for the Town of Bethlehem Police Department.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of January, 1990 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any formalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
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TOWN CLERK

Dated: December 27, 1989
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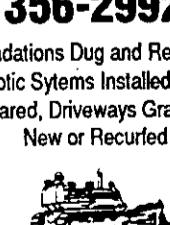
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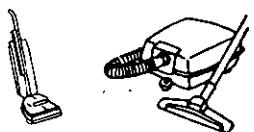
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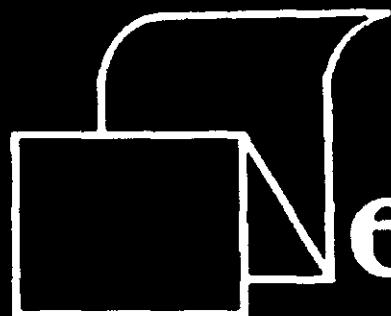
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