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Conrail to burn waste oil at Selkirk

Incinerator details sketchy

By Mark Stuart

Plans to construct a waste oil and filter incinerator near the repair shop section of the Conrail railroad yards in Selkirk were confirmed last week, although details remain sketchy as to what the project will entail.

According to Pat Lynsky, a Conrail spokesperson in Philadelphia, Pa.: "Conrail expects the incinerator at the Selkirk Yards to begin operation some time in late spring. It will not burn anything hazardous or toxic and will not affect the air quality of the State of New York. The state Department of Environmental Conservation has approved the

project and they should be contacted for further specifics."

EnCon officials said they have no record of any approval being granted to construct the incinerator. Mike Styk, a spokesman from EnCon's Region 4 headquarters in Schenectady, said he spoke with Conrail representatives from Altoona, Pa. "about a year ago" and sent the company the necessary applications, but has not received any reply since then. He also said Conrail had mentioned burning oil filters in addition to waste diesel oil.

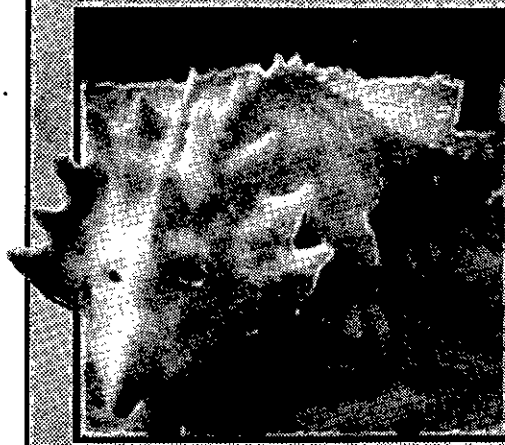
Lynsky refused to comment on how much fuel would be burned and where

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The incinerator will be located next to the existing diesel repair facilities in the Conrail Selkirk yards.

Strange creatures



Dinosaurs appeared in Delmar (top) and Voorheesville (left) after the first snowfall last week. With the Delmar stegosaurus is co-creator Kristin Loomis, age 4.

Joe Futia

Bethlehem businesses optimistic

By Mark Stuart

A majority of Bethlehem businesses expect to expand both business and profits in 1990 but don't expect to expand their work force, according to a December business climate survey conducted for the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

The results are good news for Marty Cornelius, executive director of the Bethlehem Chamber, but she said the positive outlook is nothing new and has been evident at the chamber's monthly meetings. "I am optimistic and that's what I've been hearing all along, everyone does have an optimistic view," she said.

A representative of Marvin and Company of Schenectady will re-

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Master plan defined by regions

By Bob Hagyard

"There are not many areas in town with such good water," said Samuel Stein of the planning board, pointing to Picard Road.

"And there are not many areas in town so scenic," countered colleague Ann Richards.

A lot hasn't been settled in developing the town's master plan. Actually, the planners are putting together a three-part package: the master plan, a proposed new zoning ordinance to replace the one adopted nine years ago, and a new set of subdivision regulations to replace the one adopted in 1974.

Sometime this year, the set will go to the town board. At least one public hearing would have to precede adoption of a new zoning law and subdivision regulations.

At last week's master plan session, the planners threw the ball back at their planning consultant, John Montagne of C.T. Male engineering firm. Montagne arrived

New Scotland

with translucent overlay maps showing proposed new zones.

And left with 95 minutes of critiques of his work, most of them specific to each neighborhood in the town.

"I'll go through the comments," he told the board, "and try to finish the draft. . . One of the next regular sessions, we can schedule another special meeting." Regular planning board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

The size, number and restrictions of zones are not set, either. Among the proposed new zones now on the table: Resource Conservation, requiring 10-acre lots; R-6, R-5, R-4 and R-3, each number indicating the minimum lot acreage size; Highway Business, requiring minimum one-acre lots; and Office-Residential Hamlet, a variation on the present Resi-

dential Hamlet category. However, the new classifications are "just concepts," subject to change by the time a final package is ready for the town board, said Montagne.

The discussion included zoning in each community in the town except Voorheesville, which as an incorporated village has jurisdiction within its own boundaries.

Picard Road — One consensus was reached: West of Picard Road, lot sizes for new construction will start at three acres. The minimum would be less restrictive east of the road. The whole area is now a Residential-Hamlet zone, one-acre lots unless municipal water (half-acre) or municipal water and sewer (quarter-acre) service is available. Because of "good water for home development" in the area, Montagne suggested the whole area can handle "up to RH" densities.

Montagne then suggested agricultural zoning west of Picard, and low-density residential (same density as RH) east

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□ **Conrail to burn oil**

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waste oil and filters are currently disposed.

Styk said Conrail would need to go through a two-step approval process through EnCon, which is required for all industrial incinerators. The first step involves receiving building plan approval, followed by subsequent operations approval which would require air emissions monitoring.

John Flanigan, Bethlehem building inspector, said he only learned of the project last week and has received no correspon-

dence on the matter.

Both Styk and Flanigan said they would visit the Conrail yards to investigate whether any construction was underway.

Styk said the waste diesel fuel is not considered a hazardous material and is actually more refined than home heating oil.

Air quality in Selkirk and South Bethlehem has been a concern in recent years, particularly in light of two separate applications from General Electric in Selkirk and Blue Circle Atlantic Cement in Ravena to operate hazardous waste

incinerators. State air quality inspectors conducted ambient air tests in 1988 to determine background air quality, although no results were ever released.

One of the concerns specifically addressed during those proceedings was formaldehyde, which is a byproduct of hydrocarbon combustion, such as exhaust fumes from vehicles travelling along the New York State Thruway and from idling diesel engines in the Selkirk yards.

Exposure to formaldehyde can have an irritating effect on the eyes and respiratory systems of some human beings.

Snowshoe hike set at Five Rivers

A nature snowshoe hike will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., in Delmar, on Saturday, Feb. 10 and on Monday, Feb., 12, at 2 p.m.

Led by center naturalists, the outdoor exploration on snowshoes will be in search of tracks and traces of animals.

For information and to register, call 453-1806.

Party planned at Delmar park

An outdoor party, "Fire and Ice," will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

The party, which features ice skating, music and a bonfire is

Club slates Tu B'Shevat meeting

The K'ton-ton club, a group for Jewish preschoolers, will meet on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at 109 Elsmere Ave. in Delmar.

open to middle school children who are residents of the Town of Bethlehem.

Call 439-4131 on Sunday for more information.

The children will learn about Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for trees, through arts and crafts, movement, and song.

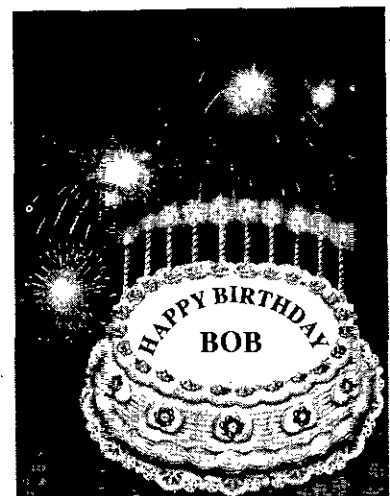
For information, call 439-8280.

New York Audubon Society will sponsor a May 9-25 field trip to explore rain forest wildlife along the Amazon. For information call 767-9051.



Drawing workshop set at library

Rosalee Beck, art instructor for the College of Saint Rose, will conduct a figure drawing workshop on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.



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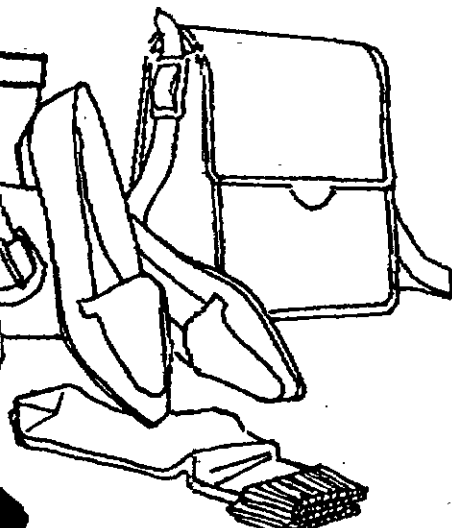
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Condos for the elderly on Delmar market

By Mark Stuart

So far, solutions to the senior citizen housing shortage in Bethlehem have come from the not-for-profit sector. Now a private owner is getting into the act.

The 16-unit Kensington Apartments complex in Delmar has received state approval as senior citizen-owned condominiums.

And the owners are seeking similar status for 28 similar units on Kenwood Avenue.

The approval will help to improve the senior citizen housing situation by providing affordable, low-maintenance housing, according to the owners, members of the Crisafulli family. Other recent strides toward ameliorating the senior housing shortage in Bethlehem has included the approval of 36 independent living apartments at the Good Samaritan Home on Rockefeller Road in



Kensington Court condos, off Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

Delmar and the Bethlehem Planning Board's conceptual approval of a zoning change for the Beverwyck geriatric campus in North Bethlehem, to be operated by The Eddy Memorial Foundation.

Meg Reed of Lori Breuel Realty said the current residents of Kensington Apartments are protected by a "no eviction" policy and will not be asked to leave because of

the change. She said some of the residents have been living in the apartments for 20 years and the majority of residents in the complex are senior citizens.

Five of the 16 units are for sale. Cost of the condominiums ranges from \$90,000 to \$121,500. The Kensington Court complex consists of four four-dwelling units, or

four-plexes, each with its own gas heating system which is the responsibility of the homeowner. Each unit also includes central air conditioning. Laundry facilities are located in the basement of each building, although washer and dryer hook-ups are available in each apartment.

Both the Kensington Court and Kenwood Avenue complex are on bus lines and are served frequently by the Bethlehem Senior Services van, Reed said.

"This is an alternative for senior citizens that we hope has a real good use in the community," Reed said. "Each resident here has a voice in what goes on here, I think it's good their voice doesn't get lost in the shuffle."

One of the areas that the July 1988 Bethlehem Senior Citizen Housing Committee report ad-

dressed was the number of senior citizens who owned their own homes and said they were having difficulty maintaining those homes. In the Kensington condominiums, the homeowners would only be responsible for maintaining the inside of their homes. Lawn care, snow shoveling and other outdoor maintenance would be taken care of by Kensington Court Associates.

Kensington Court Associates is a partnership between two Crisafulli brothers, Frank and Eugene, and their father, Vincent Crisafulli. The Crisafullis are the proprietors of Crisafulli Bros. Inc., a family-run food distribution business located in Albany.

"The idea for this came from one of my current tenants," said Frank Crisafulli, adding that the apartments have been rented to mostly older adults "for a long time."

Museum director leaving

Martin Sullivan of Delmar has announced he is leaving his position as director of the State Museum at the end of February to become the director of the Head Museum in Phoenix, Ariz.

Sullivan has been museum director since 1983.

During this time, he secured grants for more than \$300,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to construct the widely acclaimed Native Peoples exhibits in the new Upstate Hall, and instituted the Museum's membership program which has grown in four years to more than 5,000 members.

Sullivan also initiated the Dinosaur Discovery Center, the popular hands-on activity center for youngsters, which will be expanded in the 1990s. Under his direction, education programs at the Museum have more than tripled to approximately 300 annually and the number of changing exhibits has doubled.

Sullivan also successfully negotiated the return to the Onondaga Nation of historic wampum belts held in trust by the Board of Regents.

A native of Troy and a graduate of Siena College, Sullivan also serves on the national council of the American Association of Museums representing the Mid-Atlantic region. He is the AAM representative to the National Panel on Dialogue between Muse-

ums and Native Americans, and serves on the AAM Governance Task Force.

He is president of the board of the E.N. Huyck Preserve and Biological Field Station, and is a trustee of the State Council on Waterways, the Eastern New York Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and the Historic Albany Foundation.

Sullivan holds a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Notre Dame, specializing in social and cultural history.

PTSA meeting set

The Voorheesville PTSA will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Voorheesville Elementary School, at 7 p.m.

Extension sponsoring pesticide program

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will sponsor a Pesticide Certification Training Program on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd. and Rt. 85A, in Voorheesville.

Training will prepare participants to take the commodity exam and the category exam.

Registration fee is \$3. To register and for information, call 765-3512.



These are two of about 12 trees that were cut down Friday on the Anthony Pizzitola property, 1562 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Bob Hagyard

After the court battle, trees come down anyway

On Friday afternoon, the sound of chainsaws blared at the intersection of Kenwood Avenue and New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, followed by the crunch of falling evergreens.

The last time such sounds were heard was last June when, soon after the first half-dozen trees were felled, town officials scrambled to get a court order to prevent Anthony Pizzitola from cutting down any more trees.

This time, there was nothing the town could do.

The June incident flared up into a legal action between AFV Enterprises and then-Planning Board Chairman Kenneth J. Ringler and Building Inspector John Flanigan, resulting in a temporary restraining order being issued against property owner Pizzitola.

Neighbors who heard the chainsaws last June were alarmed to find earth-moving machines as well on the property. Officials and police were called to the scene but were not allowed to go on to the Pizzitola property.

Pizzitola said the trees that were cut were diseased and videotaped

several tree-care workers pulling chunks of trunks apart with their hands to show the condition of the trees. Those workers, however, would not testify on behalf of Pizzitola when a hearing was held on the temporary restraining order.

The reason for the outcry surrounding the incident revolved around an application before the planning board to build a post office at the site. Since the application involved an environmental assessment, no changes to the existing property could be allowed.

However, the application was withdrawn by Pizzitola on July 20 and he is now able to do whatever he wants to the trees.

Currently, there is a proposal before the planning board that would require a permit for any cutting of mature trees for commercial purposes or development. The proposal, drafted by Ringler, now town supervisor, and engineering consultant Ed Kleinke, is still under review by the planning board and would require town board approval to become law.

About 12 trees were cut on Fri-

day and several remain along the western boundary of the parcel near the Slingerlands family cemetery.

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Matters of Opinion

The 'Welcome Stranger' decision

A recent state Supreme Court decision on a Bethlehem assessment case illustrates again the perilous course municipalities take when they drag their feet on reassessment.

The Bethlehem decision applies to one apartment complex in Delmar, and carries no legal weight as far as the whole town is concerned. Nor does it directly affect other towns, like Colonie, that are in similar situations. However, it follows last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision that clearly and unequivocally condemned the "welcome stranger" practice — that is, assessing new properties or those that have recently changed hands at their "market" or sale value while older properties remain at values set 10, 20 or 30 years ago.

Thus, towns like Bethlehem and Colonie, which have not revalued in many years and which do use sale price as a means of arriving at reassessments, must be particularly vulnerable to additional lawsuits. The precedent having been set, more property owners will likely seek the same relief.

It would be logical to think that a state Supreme Court decision declaring a town's assessment practices unconstitutional in one case would be a spur to action, but that's unlikely.

When it comes to revaluation in New York State, foot dragging is a time-honored tradition.

When the state's highest court declared in the 1970s that fractional assessment and the "welcome stranger" practices that resulted were unconstitutional, the state Legislature

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delayed finding a remedy for several years and then ordered the state Board of Equalization and Assessment not to force municipalities to revalue. The current policy — offering money to those municipalities that gather data that would make a revaluation possible — could be characterized as the carrot without the stick. And not much of a carrot at that, since the state funds cover only a fraction of the cost.

It is true, as one Bethlehem official said, that "a lot of people will be hurt" in a town-wide revaluation. That is because a lot of other people are being hurt now. Whenever assessments are out of line, it means that one group of people is getting a better deal than another. Money left in one pocket comes out of another pocket.

We have said before that we believe that revaluation is "the right thing to do." However, now we believe that the choice is no longer whether to revalue, but whether to do it willingly, in an orderly fashion.

The high costs involved in a town-wide revaluation make it imperative that towns do everything possible to maximize state aid and assistance, while finding the most economical way to gather and process data. In addition, an early start makes it possible to zero in on those people who are likely to be hurt by revaluation — notably the senior citizen population — and devise ways to protect them.

Coyne 1, Doubters 0

The proof will emerge more clearly as the pudding is more fully digested, but the Knickerbocker Arena got off to a reasonably promising start in its debut.

The public, surely including those who don't go out for many spectaculars, will continue to be greatly interested in many aspects of the project. Gripeing about the location, the design, and the ways in which the cost spiraled is now more than ever futile. How well it will all work out financially is the crucial

question — and will be so long after Mr. Sinatra has retired and the rock bands disbanded.

Mr. Coyne, whose project it was and is, made completion of the Arena a personal crusade. As of this week, he's a living exemplar of Eddie Guest's lines: "They said it couldn't be done, but he did it."

Congratulations to him. Best wishes to us, the ultimate benefactors of his enterprise.

Counting counties' chickens

Previous *Spotlight* editorials have referred to the burden currently facing Albany County residents as a result of certain management practices in recent years.

We believe that to be true, but in all fairness we must also cite the pressing problems of all counties largely as a result of being saddled with a portion of the costs of the state's Medicaid, welfare, long-term care, prenatal care, pre-school for handicapped children, public health, solid-waste management, and a variety of other health and human services programs.

The shifting of the state's fiscal responsibility to local governments, and the increased state mandates — for services such as those just enumerated — that are helping to cause

drastic property-tax increases.

As the New York State Association of Counties has pointed out, it is only through the contributions of local governments that the accomplishments of numerous desirable state programs have been possible.

Among the steps that the county association advocates to forestall higher property taxes are: granting counties the option to impose and collect impact fees on new development; allowing counties to increase sales taxes from 3 to 4 percent; and creating a transfer tax on the seller in real property sales transactions. Clearly, there's a certain amount of controversy in all these ideas, but due consideration won't hurt and many be useful in finding equitable relief.

It's always fair weather

In our first issue of January, The *Spotlight* projected the soothing degree to which January thaws would dispel the bitter recollections of frigid December.

In this first issue of February, encouraged

as we were by Mr. Groundhog's damply grudging prognosticating, we hereby fearlessly forecast an early spring, unmistakably so with the unfolding of the first Lenten lily.

Telephone outage called an outrage

Editor, The *Spotlight*:

On the night of Feb. 1, at about 8 o'clock, I tried to make a telephone call from my home. The line was dead. Checking with neighbors: to my left there is a medical doctor on exchange 439. He already knew of the trouble. To my right, a 475 exchange, he knew not of the phone-out. Across the thoroughfare, a 439er, there was no outage.

Then I went to the Bethlehem police, who were unaware of the problem. From there I contacted NYNEX through 1-890-6611. A machine answerer told me to push other touch-tone buttons until a customer-service person in Syracuse heard me and explained there was a cable-out that should be repaired by 5 p.m. the next day. She could, or would, not tell me the location of the inactive cable. She went so far as to ask why I wanted to know. The response to that was to relieve the anxiety raised from not knowing the details of the break-down. (The restoration came between 10 a.m. and noon.)

After checking with other available neighbors on my side of the

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road, one knew about the outage, as did a second, an undertaker with a phone extension from his business to his residence but fortified with a cellular system. He had already called NYNEX.

While the problem affected only a small number of NYNEX customers, the thought occurs to me that there is a need for improvement in the method of notifying telephone customers when there is an outage.

Fortunately, there was no incident of emergency on this occasion. I'm shuddering to realize what may have resulted if a phone became deadened where there was an urgent need for the occupant(s) to seek immediate help.

I'm hoping this letter may move those responsible for this lifeline of communication to take action that will bring about a means to notify outage-affected telephoners of the problem causing the outage ASAP as it occurs.

Alexander J. Woehrle

Delmar

Tax delinquent sale of property clarified

Editor, The *Spotlight*:

The purpose of this letter is to correct a misconception brought on by an article entitled "Hal's Sunoco Sold at Auction" in Jan. 17 issue of *The Spotlight*. This article stated that the gasoline station was sold as a result of \$1 million of back taxes on the property.

Gayle Henderson cited that wording in her letter to the editor of *The Spotlight*, issue dated Jan. 31, with a series of questions which require clarification and correction.

Facts will show that the auction of the property was initiated by the

Commissioner of Taxation and Finance for taxes owed to New York State, principally state sales taxes. That action had nothing to do with unpaid property taxes nor with the Town of Bethlehem as such.

Perhaps, in the way of information, this would be a good time to offer an overview of how local unpaid property taxes are handled. If a school tax remains unpaid, at the close of school tax payment season, namely Nov. 1, they are first reported by the Receiver of Taxes to each school district within

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Three modest proposals

By the first week of February, the annual tug of war between opposing political factions over taxes is well under way.

Are more taxes needed? Of what kind? Who would have the burden of imposing them — and of reaping the benefits?

You've read, of course, about the various ideas and proposals, pro and con, at every level, from the federal government to the county and town. Should there be a tax "cut" or should there be a new tax of some kind? If so, on what, against whose interest?

The bottom line, as ever, is: where's the money going to come from to do the things we'd like to do? Rather like a family discussion.

It so happens that I have a few suggestions — some modest proposals — for one governmental unit or another to seize in the interests of their own liquidity. The unit that displays the most alacrity in grasping these new sources of revenue will win the golden egg.

My first proposal is right before your eyes, virtually under your feet.

Have you ever noticed that the first reaction of the utility company, as soon as a street or highway is newly paved or repaired, is to go in and tear it up?

Thereupon, the surface ultimately becomes patched, and a

new rough spot, depression, or makings of a pothole is imposed on the traveling public — and on our cars, and on the cars' tires, and on the pleasure and comfort of driving along the street. Meanwhile, the utility's workers have packed up and gone on their way, to dig another hole through layers of macadam paving.

A great deal of your rough riding is directly attributable to the

Who will bell the nation's cats for revenue's sake?

utility company's fondness for digging up streets. The mere fact that they have these clever little signs, "Dig we must," only underscores their dedication to the habit.

My tax proposal is: Every public utility (or governmental body, for that matter) that opens up a paving shall be taxed substantially for the offense. And their tax payments would have to be chargeable to stockholders and not become a pass-along to consumers.

All right, that should ease the fiscal problem of some city or town, but here's another proposal. One of the untaxed fringe benefits of people who travel on business (or for personal reasons, for that mat-

ter) is the "frequent flyer" credit. I believe that the recipient of the credit, and thereby the beneficiary of a gift from the airlines, should pay a nice tax on the free ride. Lots of funds will come flowing into the treasury as a result. This one probably belongs to the IRS and state tax department.

I have one more suggestion. It came to mind recently as I paid the annual tax (in the form of a license) on my faithful dog.

It's my understanding that the number of household cats in the world far exceeds the number of dogs. Why do cats (and their proprietors) get this free ride?

I am in favor of licensing every cat, with a suitable fee that will also return a nice dividend to the public coffers. In applying for the license, furthermore, the person admitting ownership will be required to swear whether he or she permits the animal to run at large, thereby endangering the bird population. There will be no penalty for this infraction, at first, but the evidence will accumulate and be the basis for further fees to be considered in the future.

I recognize that this proposal is likely to inflame a large number of cat owners, and that its imposition will not be easily accomplished. I guess that the question comes down to this: Who will bell the cat?

CONSTANT READER

Remember where or when?

A magazine that is new to me, though apparently it's been around for at least several issues, is a bimonthly called "Memories," which subtitles itself as the magazine of then and now.

Because I like history and trying to relate it to subsequent events or present-day ones, I found "Memories" to be rather beguiling, and I expect to buy later issues if I can find them on the magazine rack at my favorite stores. The one I just purchased is dated February/March. A single copy sells for \$1.95, but you can subscribe to a year's worth of issues (six) for \$7.97, which seems to figure out to about \$1.33 per. It's a reasonably good buy, provided that you like the kind of material that "Memories" focuses on.

Quite a bit of the magazine is organized around even-number anniversaries: events or people very much in the public eye 20, 25, 30, 40, and 50 years ago. The editors obviously seek to be exact with their remember-when articles. Some examples: "Pinocchio" (Disney's) in 1940; Joseph R. McCarthy in 1950; Wilt Chamberlain and Caryl Chessman in 1960; Malcolm X and Sophia Loren in 1965; midi dresses in 1970.

Sophia Loren is the cover girl, and the article is mostly about her difficulty with the Italian courts over a little case of bigamy.

Then there are additional features, such as an excerpt from a memoir by Harry S. Truman on the decision to drop the atomic bomb; a man recalling the Selma to Montgomery march; and a "film

festival" featuring a heavily illustrated review of the movie career of Lana Turner. For some old-time movie-goers, this two-page spread might well be worth the price of the magazine.

But the feature that I liked most was a simple collection under the heading of "Missed List" — that is, what a variety of well-known individuals miss most today compared

Gene Kelly would like a return of '29 Ford roadsters

with something happily remembered in their past:

Leona Helmsley says she misses "old family values." We go upward from there: John Jakes misses "good passenger train service all over America." Stephen Birmingham, the author, misses telephone exchanges with names, like Rhineland, Plaza, Murray Hill, and Butterfield — "they had more style." (Can we say the same about Ivanhoe, Hobart, Gridley, Hemlock, etc.?)

Erma Bombeck wants a return of "old lipstick, the kind that stayed on your lips through lunch." Art Linkletter nostalgically would like to have a 25-cent haircut, a five-cent Hershey bar, and movies without "vulgar, four-letter words." On the other hand, Joyce Carol Oates would settle for the return of Astaire, Faulkner, and Sugar Ray.

I liked Joseph Wambaugh's

choices: "The poets of Tin Pan Alley — people like Ira Gershwin, Lorenz Hart, and Johnny Mercer." Doc Severinsen wants an old-time filling station operated by a fellow in a leather necktie who'd do all the old details for your car without being asked. Maureen Stapleton, also down-to-earth, would like the return of doctors who make house calls. Malcolm Forbes would like to have us value and revere trees again, as in days of his youth. Stephen King: "Black-and-white feature films with clean, crisp contrasts." Jeanne Dixon: "Good manners." Leo Buscaglia: "Romance expressed in all the arts without steamy, graphic sex." (He mentions Casablanca, Father Knows Best, and Andy Hardy.) Gene Kelly: Street cars and 1929 Model A roadsters. James MacGregor Burns chips in with "rumble seats (but with safety belts)."

And how about this list from Marty Ingels, an actor and an agent: "Joe Louis, Harry Truman, Spencer Tracy, and the Good Humor Man. Ethics, Walter Cronkite... and my father."

Julian Bond offers an even longer list, which likewise includes his father, plus items such as Ed Murrow, soda fountains, real hamburgers, Your Hit Parade, the 10-cent original Mounds Bar, movie serials, real movie theaters, real Jeeps, certain T-bird and Chevy models. And Martin Luther King (as well as several other items and persons). Another good feature, "Lovebirds," several photos from a new book, "A Kiss Is Just a Kiss."

Helping the 'buyer beware'

The contributor of this guest editorial is New York's Secretary of State, a position she has held since 1983.

By Gail S. Shaffer

Point of View

Whenever any one of us sets about buying a home, we are preparing for what

probably will be the biggest transaction of our lifetime. And a positive, happy experience it ordinarily is. But one that unfortunately is sometimes endangered by misunderstandings on the part of the buyer.

You may or may not realize that the New York State Department of State regulates the real estate industry in New York. As Secretary of State, it is my responsibility to make as certain as possible that real estate transactions are carried out properly, satisfactorily, and lawfully.

A key issue — and one that very frequently is misunderstood by both prospective buyer and seller of property — is this: Who does the real estate broker actually represent?

The confusion about this creates a blurred outlook for the two principal parties (and this is likely to result in favoring the middleman, the broker).

A survey made a few years ago by the Federal Trade Commission found that seven out of ten buyers think that the broker represents them. The truth is that the broker represents a client, usually the prospective seller — and both ethically and legally he (or she) owes loyalty, fidelity, and competence to that client. (These are known as common-law fiduciary duties.)

What often happens is that a buyer unnecessarily discloses personal financial information which could increase the final amount acceptable to the seller.

To the would-be buyer, the broker owes honesty, and fairness, as well as competence. And one thing more: disclosure.

It is the position of the Department of State that real estate licensees must make both oral and written factual disclosures of who it is they represent, along with a statement of their obligations to each party.

When the buyer lacks the knowledge, or forgets to remember, who the broker is working for, there is an unevenness in the relationship that is detrimental to completion of a really good deal all around. What often happens is that a buyer unnecessarily discloses personal financial information which could increase the final amount acceptable to the seller.

Most people believe that the personable agent with whom they're dealing is going to represent them and stick up for their best interests. They are failing to realize that, by law, the agent has to do everything he can to obtain the highest price and the best terms for the seller.

Making this point indelibly evident to all parties is one of the goals of regulations which the Department of State expects to adopt in the near future. In the next month, real estate interests will be commenting on the draft of such regulations which I had sent to them soliciting their views, pro and con. Their responses will be analyzed and considered before the regulations are finalized and promulgated. I am persuaded that codifying such principles will be of significant benefit to the general public as well as to the real estate practitioners who we license.

Simply stated, our proposed rules will seek to instruct brokers and the two groups with whom they deal — clients and customers — about how a broker's general duties, as based in law, relate to the agent's everyday work.

This action reflects again the recent role of the department, through its Division of Licensing Services, to educate you, the public, and the industry about what's called the "Law of Agency" and the ways it applies to business practices. As a result of these efforts, we already have witnessed an increased recognition by individuals and the licensees alike as to the high standards that New York law imposes on real estate brokers. Interestingly, nearly 70 years ago the State Legislature enacted a law requiring all such brokers to demonstrate their good character and competence as a condition to being licensed to sell real estate.

Summing up this special goal among the numerous points covered in the forthcoming codification of existing judicial and quasi-judicial decisions and rules, it is only fair to emphasize that inasmuch as the real estate broker represents a client (usually the seller), it is only fair that the buyer be clearly informed that the broker is indeed representing someone else. It would be unfair and perhaps dishonest for brokers to allow buyers to believe they are working to obtain the lowest price on salable property when, in fact, the client (seller) deserves that loyal effort — to obtain the highest price.

Matters of Opinion

□ Tax question

(From Page 4)

the township. Each school district then transfers these records to Albany County, Supervisor of Tax Records, where delinquent taxes can be paid from Nov. 16 through Nov. 30, at a somewhat higher amount.

If not paid at the county, unpaid school taxes are re-levied onto the following January property tax bill. If the property tax bill remains unpaid at the close of property tax season, every April 1, the Receiver of Taxes reports all unpaid taxes to Albany County for late-payment collection.

However, the Town of Bethlehem receives its entire budget from the 98.2 percent of taxes paid during the three-month collection season. The unpaid taxes are taken

Vox Pop

from Albany County's approximate 25 percent share of the property tax levy.

So, in no way does the Town of Bethlehem lose a single penny of unpaid taxes ever! By the same degree, towns are not empowered or authorized to seize, foreclose, or auction real property for failure to pay property taxes. That right and authority rests and belongs to the county governments.

Kenneth P. Hahn
Bethlehem
Receiver of Taxes
& Assessments

mented much more economically than the construction of an incinerator and with less hazard to the public. Additionally, a reuse/recycling program would create jobs, save energy, and conserve natural resources.

We urge you to oppose the proposal to build a garbage incinerator.

Karen M. Fein
Steven A. Fein

Delmar

'Good history' made by Arena, he says

Editor, The Spotlight:

The day after the Knick Arena opened, the *Times Union* outdid itself in carping. After all these years, why change? Maybe the *Daily Gazette* going "Capital District" might be a reason for those with their blinders off.

George Scaringe, Albany County Republican chairman, said, "Their whole political future is on the line. If it does not turn around they're history." The people who were there last night say they're already history, damn good history. What have your boys done lately, George, except carp?

Joe Hill

Berne

Success attained by 'Family Affair'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you for publicizing the Jan. 20 "Family Affair" at Russell Sage College, which was a tremendous success with hundreds of

parents and children attending to learn and have fun together. The event was free of charge to families, thanks to donations and services from many community businesses and organizations, and the dedication of staff from over 70 agencies who provided parenting workshops and informational exhibits.

Russell Sage donated use of the campus center and support services, while WRGB supplied publicity and Tom Mailey as master of ceremonies. Cooperating organizations included Effective Parenting Information for Children, First United Methodist Church of Delmar, Telephone Pioneers of America, and American Parents Plus.

We extend appreciation to all supportive organizations and volunteer workers for their commitment to strengthening and supporting families in the Capital District.

Christine Deyss
Federation on Child Abuse & Neglect
Margallen Fichter
Parent Education Network

Rural home repair program a success

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the directors and staff of Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, Inc., I would like to thank all the individuals and organizations who helped to make our recent Home Repair for the Elderly Program so successful. With a small amount of funding, Rural Housing was able to complete repairs on 21 homes in rural Albany County. But even more

important we were able to finally assist those senior citizens who had been unable to do the repairs themselves.

We especially thank Assemblyman Richard Conners and Assemblyman Paul Tonko for sponsoring the funding for this program for their constituents. Thanks also to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Weatherization Program of Albany County for the prompt response to our referrals and to the many fine sub-contractors who in many cases took on repairs that required much imagination to complete within a very limited budget. All our clients were extremely impressed with your abilities.

Anne Patnode
Albany County Rural
Housing Alliance, Inc.

When do '90s begin?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your Dec. 20 editorial is correct in closing the decade only provided we began it 1 Jan. 1980. The decade of the '80s actually started 1 Jan. 1981 and continues to 31 Dec. 1990. The '90s are here but its decade will start 1 Jan. '91.

Alexander J. Woehrle

Delmar

Interlibrary loan policy clarified

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to comment on a recent letter to *The Spotlight* concerning use of Bethlehem Public Library materials outside of the town. The Bethlehem Public Library belongs to the Upper Hudson Library System, and as a member

Incineration costs, hazards enumerated

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are concerned citizens who are opposed to American Ref-Fuel's proposal to build a garbage incinerator on Cabbage Island along the shores of the Hudson River.

Garbage incinerators threaten the public health. Even when in compliance with environmental regulations, they pollute our air, land, and water. Many of the chemicals released in the ash and smoke are toxic, and there are other

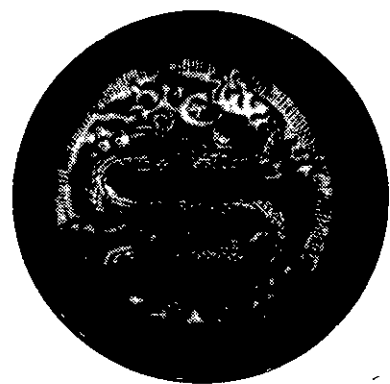
chemicals whose potential negative effects on human health and the environment are yet to be ascertained.

Incineration is not only hazardous, it is a costly option for handling our municipal waste. It wastes recyclable resources.

The solid-waste crisis is solvable by the implementation of a comprehensive waste reduction, reuse, and recycling program. This type of program could be imple-

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is required to participate in an interlibrary loan network. This mutual agreement by participating public libraries mandates them to honor requests for materials by other member libraries. Members may request books, excluding current titles, which are not in their own collections for use by their patrons.

Moreover, the aim of sharing resources is to benefit all library patrons by providing a wider access to library materials. It does not replace book-buying for a library's own collection. Interlibrary loan also allows patrons to borrow materials beyond the system through the State Library's Interlibrary Loan Network (NYSIL); in addition, through a direct mail network, materials can be obtained from outside of New York State.

As interlibrary loan librarian at the Troy Public Library, I am well aware of these exchanges. Ideally, all area libraries would benefit equally from the interchange of public library resources. Unfortunately, this will not occur since area public libraries are not funded equally, and the quality and depth of collections widely varies.

Mary Ellen Beck

Delmar

Scout earns award

Lea Foster of Voorheesville was recently honored at a ceremony for earning the Girl Scout Silver Award.

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the second highest achievement award in Girl Scouting.

To complete the Cadette Girl Scout Challenge, Lea, a member of Troop 259, worked with five Gold Award recipients in planning and implementing an improvement project for Voorheesville Elementary School. She also assisted in carrying out a Special Olympics event held last summer at the Altamont Fairgrounds.

Foster is the daughter of Eric and Bonnie Foster and is in ninth grade at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

'March' tunes out on older polio cases

Editor, The Spotlight:

Ask anyone over the age of 30 "What is the March of Dimes?" and the answer inevitably will be "a support system for polio victims founded in honor of FDR when he was in office." How many have contributed to this organization thinking that millions of polio victims are being helped? Since 1972, the funds have been diverted to other concerns and not to aiding victims of polio.

With proper vaccination, polio is a conquered disease for our children and future generations. But it is not a conquered disease for millions who contracted the disease during the 1940s and 50s. Today, these people are suffering with polio and/or post-polio syndrome. They need assistance with canes, crutches, wheelchairs, and continuing medical treatment, as most are physically unable to work. However, the March of Dimes will only assist a polio victim if he or she needs an iron lung.

I have contacted this organization on several occasions only to be told they can do nothing. Instead, they sent a list of 21 child-

hood-disease agencies to contact and several periodicals to read, none of which are related to polio.

If the March of Dimes no longer helps the group of people for which it was founded, it should not continue to capitalize on the name. Let's get back to what this organization was founded for by saying "No" when it asks for our support.

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A resident of Slingerlands,

Lynch will lead a medical/dental staff of 166 members. He will also be an ex-officio member of the hospital board of directors.

Dr. Thomas Bailey, also of Slingerlands, was elected vice president of the staff.

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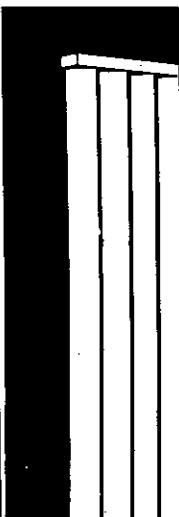
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Diary reveals hard life on Mead's Lane in 1915

In 1987 we published the diaries of Belle Salisbury in the *Spotlight* and readers received them with much favorable comment. Through the courtesy of Albert Mead, we can now bring to our readers the diaries of another Delmarite, Ida Mead Slingerland. She was born and lived her entire life in the red brick Mead family home on Mead's Lane, Delmar.

Although she married William Slingerland of Unionville, she stayed in her home and took care of an invalid sister and her parents in their later years. Her brother, John, and his wife, Edith Long Mead, also resided in the house with their son, Albert, and these are the people she most refers to in her diaries. She also often refers to Ed and Ida Lee, another brother and his wife, who resided on the present Lyman farm, down the road from the John Mead farm. Ida's diaries present a picture of day-to-day living on a farm that could have been repeated in thousands of similar farm homes in the nineteenth century.

January 1915

6th — Usual work. Father attended Farmers Institute at Delmar.

7th — completed last of fall housecleaning.

14th — Edith Mead called, making preparations for party. Tine (Oliver) and Sarah went for a drive to Onesquethaw. Mr. Bennett took S. and I to the Hall seeing "Things That Count."

Times Remembered

Allison Bennett



20th — My birthday. John and Peter went to Albany. Sophia came at 5 and Mr. Bennett called in evening. 2 birthday remembrances and 3 cards.

26th — Big storm yesterday — could not start sawing wood. William Bradt came today with engine and commenced sawing. Edith went to Albany on train. I fixed my white dress.

28th — They moved the saw to Ed Mead's. John and Florence called. Sophia and Ruth Long drove down in the afternoon.

February 1915

1st — Storm. Usual work. Ed and Ida Lee started for the Farmers Convention at Oswego.

3rd — Still storming. F and E got ready for Albany but did not go. Peter called, also John 2nd, Florence and Henrietta.

7th — I went to church and Sunday School, had 10 scholars. Mr. Long brought Edith and Albert home. Mr. Bennett and I went to visit K. and R. in evening.

17th — The fish peddler called. John went to Albany with hay.

March 1915

7th — Edith and I attended church and Sunday School, had 9 scholars. In evening went with John 2nd and Ethel to Endeavor and

church at Feura Bush. Went home with Anna Bell and spent the day (8th) at Uncle Willis's, called at K. Kellers and H. Brates. Stayed all night with Anna. (9th) Visited cemetery (Feura Bush), called on W. Hellers, Mrs. Becker and Lou Moak. J.E., A.H., S. and P. came after me, we spent evening at W. Masons.

12th — The men finished pressing hay in red barn. I called at Olivers with drama book.

22nd — John, Edith, Albert and I spent evening at Eugene Morehouses. Mrs. J. Long was there. Peter butchered 5 pigs.

31st — Father and I went to Poughkeepsie and saw Louise and Mrs. Bragdon. Mr. Becker, Peter, John, Edith, Albert and I spent evening at Crebles.

April 1915

Edith and I attended luncheon at Ed Meads. Edith's (Mead) engagement was announced. 19 present.

5th — Usual work. I received box of maple sugar from H.W. of Rutland.

15th — J.P.C. and Mr. Bennett went to the barn raising bee at La Granges. (Their barn had burned in January). Fish peddlers made last trip. Edith and I attended the Egg Social at Unionville. Aunt Hester called in p.m. Father took her home.

20th — Moved into summer kitchen. Went to play rehearsal in evening. I cleaned wood house stove pipe.

27th — Father and I went to Albany. Ida Lee and Ethel came out with us. I called at Olivers and Van brought me home in auto.

18th — Washed front room and whitened front room and hall. Men planted corn.



Ida Mead Slingerland in 1910. The fashions are typical of a stylish Edwardian lady of the period.

July 1915

10th — I put feathers in pillow for Philip Vadney's wedding present.

22nd — I covered Myra's comfortable (bed cover) and made a sunbonnet. Mrs. Murphy and I went with Ida Lee and Edith berrying.

September 1915

1st — Usual work. Canned peaches, mowed yard. P., Edith, Albert and I spent evening at Crebles.

3rd — Usual work — washed quilt tops, etc. Ella M. came and worked in Edith's place. She picked elderberries. We picked elderberries and Ella and I went after ferns.

October 1915

6th — Hannah Relyea and Alice Vadney spent the day with us. Put down carpet in setting room.

15th — I cut out four aprons for fair (church). Made chair covers. Fixed fur coat. TJ and I went to Henry Brates funeral.

November 1915

1st — Ed Mead ill, doctor to see him. Went to call on John Moak, Mrs. Magee. V.D.H.O. called, also Mrs. Bennett.

5th — Dr. M. and Dr. B. had consultation on Ed's case. Trained nurse came in evening. (This was when Ed Mead's family all had typhoid fever. John 2nd, Edwin Mead's son died from the fever) Aunt Tillie at Ed's to help nurse.

12th — P., Ella and I went to fair at church — good crowd, cleared 180 some dollars. Threshers moved to Ed's.

December 1915

6th — Moved milk in. I called at Ed's. Florence ailing, Ida Lee took to bed, very sick. John very bad, hemorrhage.

10th — Ed's man came for me to phone for Doctor. John is worse, hemorrhage. Other sick about the same. I went down.

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Lyman farm on Mead's Lane today. This was the home of Edwin and Ida Lee Mead, so often mentioned in Ida's diaries. Once owned by the Hendrickson family and sold to Jeremiah Mead in the mid-nineteenth century. *Bob Hagyard*

13th — Dr. came to see John at 3 a.m. and is now coming 3 or 4 times a day. He left auto at Fullers, came with two horses and sleigh, stayed all night. It is snowing fast.

15th — Men shoveling snow and breaking roads all day, nearly three feet of snow, but drifted.

24th — John's funeral at 2 p.m. at house. Florence in room with Ida Lee, both sick. Rev. Hagaman read funeral service from "Isaiah", body put in Feura Bush vault. (to be buried in spring)



John Mead, father of Albert Mead, dressed for the cold weather and prepared to shovel snow. Notice the trees behind him — at one time the Meads had large fruit orchards, and this was the principal crop raised on their farm.

16th — Blizzard.

18th — Butchered Ed's four pigs. Tine came to help. Men opened roads.

29th — We made sausage and

3 arrested for DWI

Bethlehem town police arrested four motorists last week for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Last Thursday at 3:51 a.m., police stopped a van along Pine Street, Delmar, for an alleged light problem. Police said the driver, Russell John Loder, 17, of Dunbar Hollow Road, Clarksville, then failed a field sobriety test. He was arrested for DWI, taken to Town Hall for processing, and ticketed.

At 8:31 p.m. that day, police were called to a property damage auto accident at the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Van Dyke Road. There they found a car, driven by Kathleen A. Curry, 20, of Cobleskill, at rest near a downed phone pole. Police said the driver, to avoid a dog, swerved right; the

head cheese, Tine came again to help.

31st — Finished butchering. T.G. and Lina Everett, Ed, Ethel and Mabel called.

car left the pavement and took down a row of mail boxes before snapping off the pole at the base. After failing a field test she was arrested for DWI.

At 4:09 a.m. Saturday, police responded to a property damage auto accident call at the intersection of routes 9W and 32 in Glenmont. There they found a vehicle in a ditch and John Gillespie of 12 Prospect Ave., Colonie, standing alongside. Gillespie, who admitted to driving the vehicle, then failed field sobriety and pre-screening device tests. He was arrested for DWI and taken to Town Hall where, police said, he twice refused to take a blood-alcohol test.

All four motorists will appear in Town Court on Feb. 21.

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Extension offers AIDS program

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The program is for all parents and guardians, or those who work with youth, so that talking to children about AIDS will become easier.

Any group of adults interested in participating in such a program should call Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County at 765-3500.

Women publish book

The Women of the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands have just published a cookbook. Under the chairmanship of Jean Clark of Delmar, the women contributed their own favorite recipes to the book.

Following the Sunday, Feb. 11 worship at the church located at 1499 New Scotland Ave., desserts from the cookbook will be available for tasting during coffee hour and the books will be on sale for \$6.

Books are also available at the church office. For information, call 349-1766.

Writing workshop planned Feb. 10

Mary Lou Cummings, a Delmar resident and a specialist in written communications education and training, will conduct a workshop, entitled "Writing Right In Business and Industry," on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave. in Albany.

The program, which begins at 8:30 p.m., will present the basics for writing for both experienced writers and novices. For information, call 439-2545.

Library to be open on holidays

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar, will be open for regular hours, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., on both Lincoln's birthday, Monday, Feb. 12, and on Washington's birthday observance, Monday, Feb. 19.

Scouts to hold pancake supper

Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73, will sponsor a pancake supper, at the Voorheesville Legion Hall, on Saturday, Feb. 10.

The supper will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost for adults is \$3.50, and \$2.50 for children.

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Scouts to dish up pancake supper

Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 will hold its annual pancake supper this Saturday, Feb. 10 from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Avenue. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Tickets for this, the only fund-raiser of the troop, can be purchased from any Scout or at the door.

The dinner ends Scout week which began on Sunday, Feb. 3 with Scouts participating in religious services at their respective churches.

PTSA to meet

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Voorheesville Elementary School. All are invited to the session which will begin at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The labels for education program is ending, and those who have labels are asked to send them into school immediately.

Playground fund-raisers launched

The Voorheesville Creative Playground Committee will meet on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



elementary school. The group, which hopes to raise \$50,000, has launched a number of fund-raisers this month.

Students at the grade school are selling a variety of Stuckey's candies. The drive ends on Feb. 12. To support this sale, contact either Debbie Baron at 765-9371 or Elaine Burns at 765-4898.

Also the group will sponsor a cocktail party and dance on Friday, Feb. 16 to be held at Crossgates Restaurant on Washington Avenue Extension. The evening will include a hot and cold hors d'oeuvres buffet and cocktails as well as music for dancing. Cost of the evening is \$15 per person.

Ball registration

A reminder that there is still time to register for the Kiwanis

baseball and T-ball leagues. The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold registration Wednesday, Feb. 7 through Saturday, Feb. 10. Evening registration will take place from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Saturday sign-ups will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Registration will be held at the Voorheesville Elementary School. All children who will not be 13 until after July 31 are eligible to play in one of the three leagues. A registration fee of \$10, which will cover the cost of a shirt and hat, should be paid at the time of sign up. For each additional child in a family the fee is \$7.

Youth dance planned

St. Matthew's Youth Group will sponsor a Valentine's Day Dance on Friday, Feb. 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Church. Admission is \$3 per person. All students in grade 7 and up are welcome to attend this social event featuring disk jockey Jay Carey.

Town dance slated

The Town of New Scotland recreation committee will sponsor a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Clarksville Firehouse. Admission is \$2. Music and light show will be provided by the Tri-City Illusions. The dance is open to all New Scotland residents in grades 7 through 12.

Fingerprinting sessions set
The Town of New Scotland

Recreation Committee in conjunction with the Albany County Sheriff's Department will sponsor a fingerprint session for children this Saturday, Feb. 10 from noon to 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville. Parents can obtain their children's fingerprints to be used in cases of emergency. All town residents are invited to take advantage of the free service.

Program meeting slated

Parents of eighth graders are encouraged to attend a meeting this evening (Feb. 7) at 7:30 p.m. at the library at Clayton A. Bouton High School to hear to guidance people discuss high school requirements. For information, contact the guidance office at 765-3314.

Nursery school meeting

The Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold an information meeting on Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the school on Maple Avenue. Parents can talk to the school's teacher and board and obtain a registration form for the program which begins in October. A lottery will be held on Monday, Feb. 26 to determine enrollment in the program. For information, contact Monica Rivenberg at 765-2385 or Mary Ann Matrese at 439-2016.

Gardeners to meet

The Heldervue Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the social hall of the First United Methodist Church of

Voorheesville. Following a brief business meeting, a program will be presented by Susan Cromer on gardening with perennials. The public is invited.

Still time to register

Although in-person registration is over, mail registrations are still being accepted for the session of the continuing education program sponsored by the Voorheesville Central School District. For information, contact the school at 765-3314.

Valentine events planned

The Voorheesville Public Library will hold special Valentine's Day celebrations next week. Valentines are due in the library by this Friday, Feb. 9 for the Valentine Heartline, which distributes cards to area nursing homes. On Monday, Feb. 12 the library will host a craft and film program at 4 p.m. for students of all ages. On Wednesday a special Valentine's Day bedtime story hour will begin at 7 p.m. Regular story hours with a Valentine's Day theme will be held on Monday, Feb. 12 at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Young people's librarian Nancy Hutchinson invites all youngsters to take advantage of the free programs.

Students in festival

Music students from Clayton A. Bouton High School will participate in the annual Colonial Council Music Festival to be held this weekend at Cohoes High School.

Members of the high school band are Alexandra Kinnear, Tracy Stevens, Mary Coates, Tina Joslin, Sarah Bissell, Cathy Dugan, Ellen Barber, Rebecca Logan, Cathy Reilly, Sandra Huang, Erin E. Sullivan, Alison Meillinger, Bill Kerr, Kevin Taylor, Jeff Fryer, David Lancor, Andrea McAssey, Jodi McFate, Angela Washburn, Mike Haaf, Robert Sarr, Hans Kiersman, Todd Relyea, Greg Sullivan, Randy Rathke, Dennis Lucia, Chris Scharl, and Tom Kurkjian.

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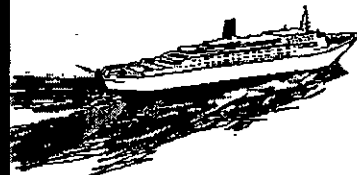
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Child ID day



Adam Hornick, 14, of Clarksville is fingerprinted by Deputy Gary Fish of the Albany County Sheriff's Department Saturday at Clarksville Community Reformed Church. *Bob Hagyard*

berg, Renee Brisson, Melissa Cooper, Bonnie Polzin, Bryan Richmond, Ruth LeGere, Hanna Spence, Mara Steinkamp, Amy Fike, Laurie Richie, Teri Stewart, Christine Paraso, Renee Parmalee, Michele Chapman, Jennifer Markham, Noelle Urbano, James Schryver, John Burgess, Matthew Reh, Mark Chiarello and Stephen Halligan.

Those participating in the jazz choir are Bob Stapf, Judy Smith and Erin Donnelly.

The concert, which begins at 4 p.m., is open to the public.

Three other Voorheesville students will be participating in the Colonial Council program as well. Marie Papa, Meredith Malark and Sara McDonnell, all eighth grade students at the Academy of the Holy Names, will be representing their school in the junior high chorus.

New Yorkers eligible for disability benefits

Attorney General Robert Abrams, Social Services Commissioner Cesar A. Perales, New York City Corporation Counsel Peter Zimroth and Suffolk County Executive Patrick G. Halpin have announced that more than 9,000 New Yorkers who were wrongly removed from the disability rolls or denied disability benefits under the Reagan administration can now receive retroactive disability benefits of up to \$50 million.

In addition, eligible individuals currently receiving benefits may receive up to double the amount they are currently receiving.

Anyone who believes he was improperly denied benefits or who does not receive a notice is encouraged to contact the nearest Social Security Administration office or to call 1-800-342-3009.

NiMo offers tips to get through winter

Niagara Mohawk has announced that, in order to help its customers make it through the long winter months, it has produced several pieces of literature.

The following are available by calling toll free, 1-800-NIAGARA:

Stay Warm in the Cold; How to Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in Your Home; Weathering Storm Emergencies; and 5 Tips to Keep Your Home Safe and Cozy this Winter.

Award reminder

The Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program has announced that it is once again that time of the year for Northeast dairy farmers to start cleaning up their barns and fences and apply for the Dairy of Distinction Award.

The award is based on the concept that attractive farms enhance consumer confidence in the dairy industry.

Dairy farmers are judged on roadside appearance of buildings, grounds and surroundings in May.

For more information on how to apply, call (315) 476-9101.

Local firms awarded contracts

Two area companies were awarded contracts with the State Department of Transportation as part of the "Rebuilding New York" initiative.

Harrison and Burrowes Bridge Constructors of Glenmont received a contract for \$434,434.43 for the repair of a bridge in Oneida County, and Callanan Industries, Inc. of South Bethlehem received a \$868,661 contract to widen and resurface a road in Columbia County.

Albany named site of spring festival

The New York State Department of Economic Development, Division of Tourism has designated Albany the location of the 1991 I Love New York Spring Festival. The "international-connection" festival will take place within the Albany Urban Cultural Park from April 25 through June 17. The Festival will expand upon existing "internationally connected" festivals and Albany Urban Cultural Park historical and natural sites.

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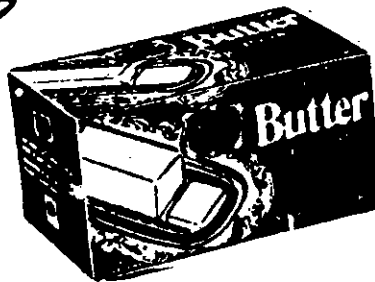
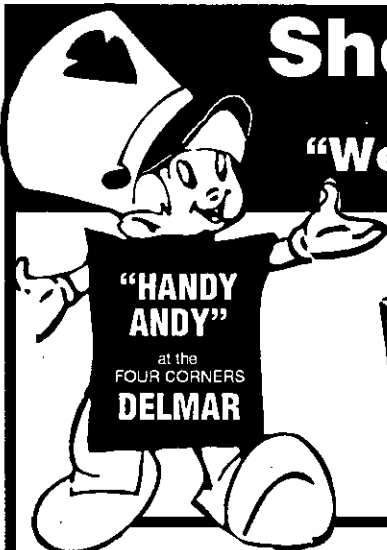
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Master planning goes on

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toward Voorheesville. He also suggested buffer or clustering requirements.

South of Picard is the existing New Salem RH zone, which would extend 500 feet to 1,000 feet from the center line of New Salem Road.

Escarpment — Board members want areas above the Helderberg escarpment, Wolf Hill, Cass Hill and Bennett Hill zoned for large-lot residential use, perhaps abolish the Residential-Forestry classification. Chairman Robert Hampston kicked off the discussion with the question, "Are we regulating forestry, or are we protecting forests?"

Richards said one logging area near her Wolf Hill Road home was "a mess."

"It's lousy timber anyway, all second-growth," she added. "The law allows lumbering now, but not on a large scale."

"My sense is that was not what we wanted," Hampston said.

Two resource conservation areas lie off Dunbar-Hollow Road in the extreme southwest corner of town behind Cass Hill.

"You could call the RF category obsolete," Montagne advised, as

Hampston expressed "mixed feelings" about its near relative, Residential-Agricultural. "When you use the word 'residential,' you confuse the issue if what you intend is 'agricultural.'"

Routes 85-443 — Now zoned RF, the intersection, described as a potentially good commercial location, includes two non-conforming businesses, the Dunston Bros.' garage and TamTom Pizza. Some sort of commercial zoning is likely. It was discussed last fall when Graham Franks, development manager for the Stewart's ice cream store chain, requested the rezoning of an RF lot to permit a store outlet. The planning board begged off, insisting that no lots would be rezoned pending completion of the master plan and new ordinance.

Feura Bush — The Commercial-Hamlet zone extending from the Conrail tracks to County Rt. 102 may be extended further west, past the church on the north side of Rt. 32 to County Rt. 308, the Unionville-Feura Bush Road. The zone might include lots zoned for Office-Residential-Hamlet use, "a modification of Residential-Hamlet and Commercial-Hamlet," Montagne suggested, "for home-

owners who would like to sell, perhaps move up in use."

If adopted, ORH would "permit," in the legal sense, home-occupation businesses in the town's more densely populated hamlets, board members said. That is, a special use permit would be required for operating, say, a doctor's office from a structure in an ORH zone.

"The definition would fall between residential and home occupation, as defined in the ordinance," said Hampston. "A home occupation, as it now stands, now only needs a permit from the building inspector." Under this classification, a special use permit from the zoning board of appeals would be required as well.

Normanskill Valley — Montagne had the R-3 category in mind, three-acre lot minimums for this area. Hampston had one caveat: slope requirements. "As it is, everything (around the creek banks) is unstable," the chairman said.

"We can require that a buffer begin at the top of the bank, not at the center line of the stream," the engineer said.

"I'm looking at the safety perspective and the likelihood of slipping slopes," Hampston went on. "Also fishing accessibility."

"And clear-cutting, and the silting up of the stream," Montagne suggested.

Next Tuesday night at 7 p.m., the board will hear J.J. Cramer's request for final plat plan approval for his seven-lot Mountainview Estates subdivision in New Salem. At 7:15, Christina Spaulding's request to board a horse on one acre of her property at 37 Wormer Road will be heard.

GOP women to hold cabin fever supper

The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club will hold a "Cabin Fever Pot Luck Supper," on Friday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Members should bring a dish to share. For information and reservations, call 439-9165.

Living Resources has openings

Places are available in the after school program planned by Living Resources especially for adolescents with mild to moderate disabilities.

The program is open to young people who need after school supervised activity and peer interaction. Those attending have such disabilities as cerebral palsy, mental retardation, and learning disabilities.

Currently, the program is held, at a nominal fee, at the YWCA, Colvin Avenue, in Albany, from 2 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays, from noon to 5 p.m.

For information, call 438-6472.

Adoptive, foster parent group to meet

The Capital Region Foster and Adoptive Parent Association will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Albany County Building, 112 State St., in Albany.

Dora Diggs, executive director of the New York State Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, will be present to assist in writing the constitution and by-laws of the newly formed association.

All foster and adoptive parents are welcome to attend. For information, call 767-3090.

Girl Scout award represents milestone

The Girl Scout Gold award is currently the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. In all ways, it is comparable to the Boy Scouts' rank of Eagle Scout. The earning of this award is an major milestone in a girl's life, yet not many in the community fully understand the full significance of it. It symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development.

For information, call 439-4936.

Consul general to visit Ten Broeck Mansion

The Honorable Cornelis W.A. DeGroot, the newly appointed Netherlands Consul General of New York, will pay his first visit to Albany on Tuesday, Feb. 13, as a guest of honor during a reception at the Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany.

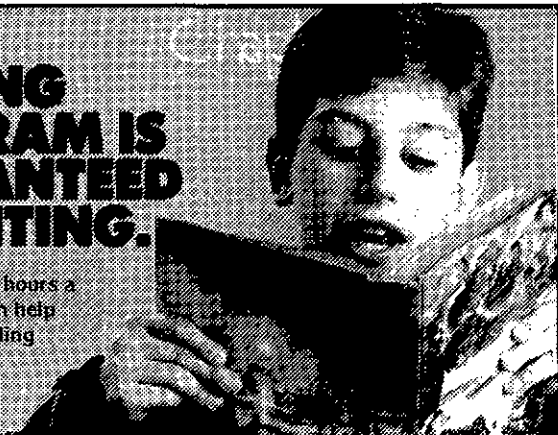
At the reception, which will begin at 5:30 p.m., DeGroot will present a scale model of planned restoration to Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III, honorary chairman of the Ten Broeck Mansion Restoration Committee.

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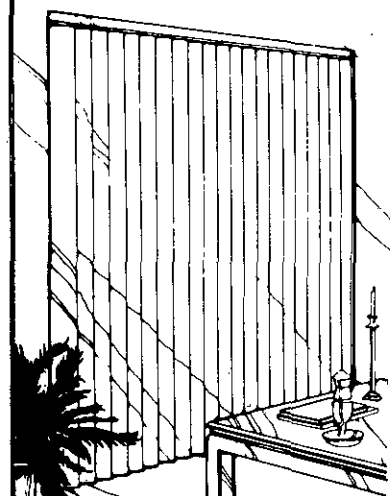


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Stage to hold costume ball

The Tri-Village Stage, Inc. will sponsor a "Golden Age of Hollywood" costume ball, on Friday, Feb. 9, at the Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Rd., in Delmar, at 8:30 p.m.

The ball will feature cocktails, dancing, and music of the 20s, 30s and 40s. Tickets are \$15 per person.

To make a reservation, call 439-0508.

Civil War group plans meeting

The Capital District Civil War Round Table will meet on Friday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

Historian and author of *The First Battle of Manassas: An End to Innocence*, John Hennessey will present a program entitled, "The Summer of 1862."

For information, call 861-5211.

Got a talent? Share it!

The hunt is on! Auditions are being held on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for anyone who would like to entertain in the Second Annual Variety Show, sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Talent Coordinator Jim Staats of South Bethlehem says, "Last year was such a big success with so much good talent, everyone's been asking when?"

"The tickets are going to go fast!" They are looking for all kinds of performers: singers, dancers, comedians and novelty acts. The show will benefit the new parsonage fund and to help defray some unexpected mechanical repairs to the church.

Auditions will be held at the church and there is no age limit, but call Jim Staats at 767-2744 if you are planning to attend. A sound system and piano will be provided. The show is set for Friday, March 9. To reserve your tickets, call Rev. Gary Dickson at the church office at 767-9953.

Beat the fever

Come on out and beat the dreaded "Cabin Fever" this Friday night, Feb. 9, as the A.W. Becker PTA presents its Family Film Night series. This week will feature a Disney classic for the whole family. The movie begins at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30, tickets are \$1 per person and refreshments are available at very reasonable prices.

Sunshine seniors meet

The Sunshine Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, Feb. 12, at noon with a covered dish luncheon followed by a meeting and program at 1 p.m. Jack Keenan from the Arthritis Foundation will be the speaker. The meeting will be at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Please bring your own place setting and a dish to share.

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary 767-2373



American History Month

The Hannakrois Chapter of NSDAR will celebrate American History Month with displays at the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum and the Ravena Library.

The chapter will hold its monthly meeting at the Historical Museum on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. Mr and Mrs. Frank Galea will present a program entitled, "Three Centuries of American Indian Crafts". The meeting is open to the public.

Gymnast on the road

Jennifer McDonald of Selkirk will be competing in two upcoming USGS sanctioned gymnastic meets. Coming up in March, she will be competing in Coral Gables, Fla., in the annual Sunshine Invitational, March 2, 3 and 4. Jenny will compete in the overall events: beam, bar, floor and vault events in Level 9.

Then it's on to the Niagara Cup on March 9, 10 and 11 in Niagara, N.Y.

Jennifer competes with other

members of Yuri's School of Gymnastics. They participate together in the meets but not as a team.

Fingerpainting event

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Town of New Scotland Recreation Committee will hold fingerpainting for youngsters, at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville, from noon to 2 p.m.

Audubon offering free nesting boxes

The Audubon Society of New York State is giving away free bluebird nesting boxes to people who become New York Audubon members and who enroll in the Audubon's nestbox program at the same time.

The Nestbox Network is a public participation program that is sponsored by New York Audubon, which focuses on the conservation of all cavity nesting birds, such as bluebirds, chickadees and the house wren.

This month, the New York Audubon will give a free Bluebird nestbox to anyone who joins the Society at the \$25 level, and who enrolls in the 1990 NBN for the \$10 program fee. Mail checks to: New York Audubon, Rt. 2, Box 131, Selkirk 12158.

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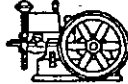
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□ Bethlehem business survey

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view and explain the 12-question survey with the members of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at its monthly meeting Feb. 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Olde Center Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont.

The survey, which was conducted by Marvin and Company of Schenectady, showed that 73.3 percent of local respondents felt their business will increase, 18.6 percent said their business will remain stable and 8.1 percent were unsure of their future. None said they expected to lose business in 1990.

Also, 66 percent said they expected profits to increase this year, while 15.1 percent expected profits to remain the same, 3.5 percent expected a loss in profits and 11.6 percent were unsure about 1990 profits.

The outlook for new job growth was not as optimistic, however it wasn't entirely downbeat: 59 percent said they expected their employment level to remain the same, 26.7 percent said they ex-

pected to expand their work force and 5.8 percent said they expected their work force to decrease. Eleven percent were unsure of what 1990 held for their employees.

The breakdown for Bethlehem businesses is topped by the service industry which comprises 47.7 percent of Bethlehem business, followed by retail (14 percent), contractors (8 percent), financial institutions (7 percent), real estate (5.8 percent), wholesale (2.3 percent), and manufacturing (1.2 percent). Fifteen percent classified their business as other than those listed above.

In response to how large their business is, 89 percent said they employed under 25 employees, 4.7 percent said they employed between 25 and 50 employees and 4.7 percent said they employed over 50 employees.

When asked what was a major concern for 1990, 41 percent said finding qualified employees, 20.9 percent said health benefits costs,

7 percent said solid waste disposal and 5.8 percent said insurance costs. Fifteen percent expressed concerns other than those listed.

The survey was met with a 16 percent response from Capital District business, which represents over 100,000 employees in an eight-county region of the Capital District. Overall, the survey showed that the lack of sales help is a major concern for businesses. That sense is consistent with the response from Bethlehem where, according to the 1990 survey, the hardest positions to fill in Bethlehem are secretarial, salespersons and laborers, respectively.

In the Capital District, 61 percent said they expected an increase in 1990 business, which is down 70 percent from last January and 76 percent from January 1988.

Capital District businesses also expressed lower expectations for profit growth in 1990 than in previous years. Fifty-three percent predict a better profit year in 1990, compared to 62 percent in 1989 and 64 percent in 1988.



Albany VA Medical Center "Academy Award" winners for good works included Dr. Monica Bishop (left) and Hospice Program Administrator Lee Hayner (center), both of Delmar. Dr. Bishop received the hospital's community service award while Hayner accepted the ward award on behalf of the hospice staff. At right is Dr. Lawrence Flesh, hospital chief of staff and acting director.

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The Department of Environmental Conservation is in Albany March 16-18 at the Empire State Plaza for a Northeastern Wildlife Exposition.

The department is going "on the road" with various themes to promote outdoor activities for this summer, and the public is invited to attend and find out what New York's great outdoors has to offer.

Meetings postponed

The monthly parents' support group sponsored by the Epilepsy Association of the Capital District will be postponed until further notice.

For more information, call 456-7501.

Bar officers elected

John T. Mitchell of Delmar has been elected vice president and Robert K. Ruslander of Delmar has been elected secretary of the Albany County Bar Association.

Wildlife presentation planned at sanctuary

Denis Ziter will present "Wildlife Rehabilitation in Action," on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m., at the Audubon Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary, on Rarick Rd.

Bedtime story hour slated at library

"Hearts and Roses," a Valentine bedtime story hour, will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m., at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., in Voorheesville.

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No last roundup for Ponderosa

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Calling reports of a March closing "the most absurd rumors I've ever heard," Daniel Mitchell, CEO of Claim Your Steak, Inc., the owners of the Delaware Ave. Ponderosa franchise, recently denied any possibility of an impending closing of the restaurant.

"I heard the rumor from one of the kids about a week ago, and I sloughed it off as a joke," Mitchell said. "But when it's to the point that the press is calling me, obviously you have to take it more seriously."

Mitchell acknowledged that business at the restaurant is down from opening figures of almost 6,000 customers per week to approximately 4,200, but said he is not surprised, as December, January and September are traditionally bad months for the industry as a whole.

Mitchell surmised that the rumors may have been started by disgruntled former management employees. "I cleaned house in management about six weeks ago," he said. "I just didn't feel things were running well, so I decided to manage things myself for a while. Paul Squalice and I are now co-managing."

Saying he was unhappy with the consistency of operations, Mitchell cited other staffing problems as well. "It's really hard to get

high school kids for the most part to take work seriously. You just don't 'blow it off' when you feel like it. We know they are not going to do this all their lives, but you just don't go to a basketball game when you are scheduled to work," he said. For the most part, he added, the problem has been getting better, as his staff has narrowed from 101 to 64 employees.

Some employees, speaking on condition that their names not be used, have said that staff reductions were made in order for the franchise to avoid paying bonuses promised to employees who stayed with the restaurant through its first anniversary. Mitchell denied that. "Of the about 60 employees, I'd say there are about 40 still with us who are eligible for bonuses. That's after a normal attrition rate," he said. He added that about 60 percent of his work force is from Delmar, the remainder from Albany.

Right now, Mitchell's focus is on trying to increase weekend business. "This restaurant outperforms our Clifton Park location Monday through Thursday. But Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we just don't do the same amount of business," he said.

His feeling is not that the weekend is time for more traditional family meals or different restaurant fare, but that as area residents

generally go outside the area to do their shopping on the weekends, they also are eating outside the area. "It's simple. People tend to eat where they shop, and we just don't have the volume of shopping the Clifton Park location (near Clifton Country Mall) has," he said.

"I don't think you'll find a business person in the world who wouldn't want things to be better. We did have a drop out rate, but we are making money. And if I can increase our weekend business, it will be clear sailing from here. In no way or form is this shop for sale," he concluded.

Chamber schedules open house

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold an open house at its new location on Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. The new office is located in the Main Square Shopping Plaza, at 318 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

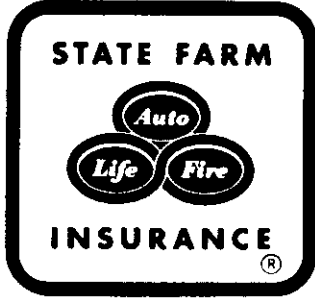
Watercolors on exhibit at library

Watercolors by Ray Decker are on exhibition at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd. this month. Library hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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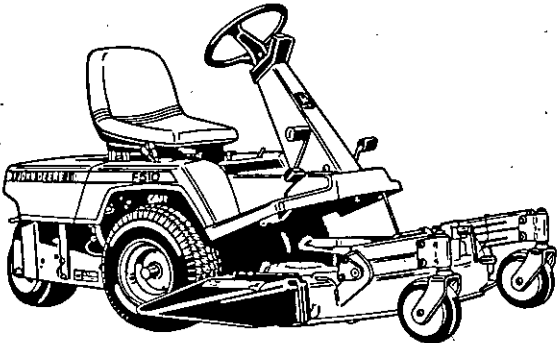
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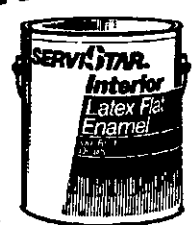


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By Anna Abaray

This fall, an edition of "Walter Scott's Personality Parade" in the Sunday newspaper magazine answered questions from readers including "Who do White House correspondents refer to as the Silver Fox?" and "Is it true the late comedienne Lucille Ball was awarded the Medal of Honor?" Other inquirers wanted actor Mel Gibson's background, the names of Caspar Weinberger's wives and the origin of the quote "Good Night, Sweet Prince" from Laurence Olivier's obituaries.

In reality, you don't need intelligence reports or secret, inside information to get the real "truth." The answers to these types of questions are published information, readily available in a public library.

The identity of the "the Silver Fox" is hardly a secret. That was the title of *Time* magazine's Jan. 23, 1989, cover story on First Lady Barbara Bush. The article is listed in the *Readers' Guide* and a score of other print and electronic search services.

According to the July 14 issue of *Facts on File* weekly news reference service, on July 6, George Bush posthumously awarded Lucille Ball the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. This sounds impressive unless you look up the complete list of Freedom Medal winners in the *Information Please Al-*

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manac. President Reagan alone awarded 72 of them to personages as diverse as football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, singer Tennessee Ernie Ford and the late president of RPI, George M. Low.

A three-page biography and photo of Australian actor Mel Gibson can be found in the useful reference book *Current Biography*. This monthly publication profiles newsmakers and well-known international personalities, ranging from Israeli President Chaim Herzog to quiz show hostess Vanna White.

Center to conduct therapy groups

The Albany County Rape Crisis Center is offering two therapy groups for women: one is for the adult survivors of incest-for women sexually abused by a relative or household member; and the other is for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse for women sexually abused by non-relatives.

The programs are open to Albany County residents, and all services are free and confidential.

For more information, call 447-7100.

The latest edition of *Who's Who in American Politics* reveals the unsensational news that Cap Weinberger has been married only once, to his present wife of forty-seven years, Jane Dalton.

In case you've forgotten that "Good night, Sweet Prince" is a line from "Hamlet," the Library has John Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, Burton Stevenson's *Home Book of Quotations* and the Oxford *Dictionary of Quotations* to help you out. You do not have to write a nationally syndicated column and wait three months to get the answer.

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Volunteers needed

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Women's group luncheon slated

The Women's Organization of the Normanside Country Club will hold its monthly bridge luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the club in Delmar.

Cocktails will be at noon and the luncheon will follow at 12:30 p.m. Reservations should be called in at 439-5362.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Co. will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Elsmere Firehouse on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.

Selkirk man honored

Anthony J. DiBenedetto Sr. of Selkirk was given a Richard Silverman Award, the highest award for dedication and service from the State Federation of Professional Health Educators (NYSFPHE), in recognition of his life-long professional and personal commitment to health education.

Low bid announced

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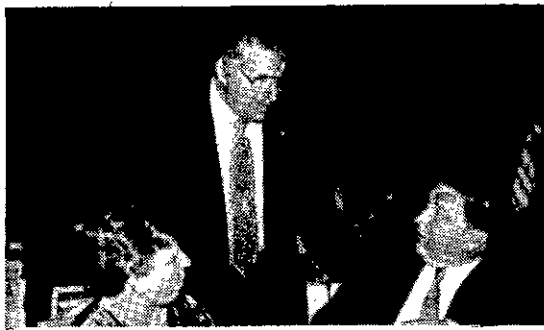
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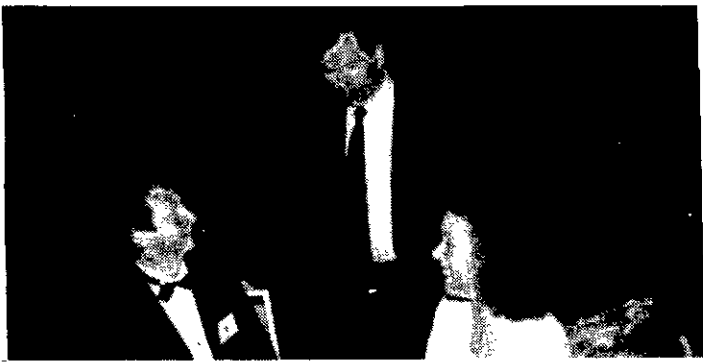
George Diamond of the Esperance lodge, left, Jim Barlow of the Colonie lodge, and Steve Villano and Edward G. Gifford, both from the Guilderland lodge.



Kenneth D. Caswell of the Watervliet lodge, left, and John Stewart, exalted ruler of the Schenectady lodge.



George Covell, standing, leading knight of the Albany lodge, with Joan and Matt Fraley, leading knight of Bethlehem lodge.



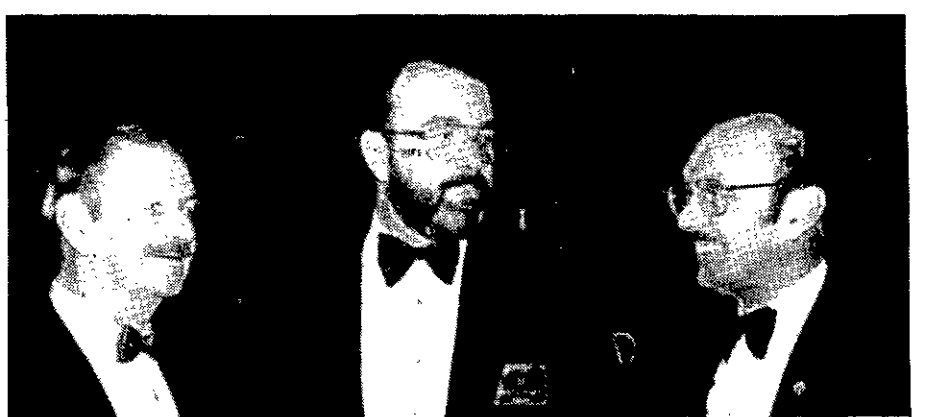
Richard Warnken, standing, with Frank and Sharon Ornoski, all from the Bethlehem lodge.



Pat and Bill Polit, wagon master for the Colonie recreational vehicle group and state director of the Good Sams.



Frank P. Bauer, center, of the Schenectady lodge, chairman of the charity ball committee, George A. DeSormeau, P.D.D., of the Bethlehem lodge, publicity chairman, left, and Joseph Pomakoy of the Bethlehem lodge, committee secretary.



M.J. Don Quintana, exalted ruler of the Albany lodge, left, James F. Clancy, esquire of the Albany lodge, and David A. Vanderwerken of the Cobleskill lodge.



Stanley J. Bandos, leading knight of the Rotterdam lodge, left, David Mincarelli, exalted ruler of the Rotterdam Lodge, Raymond M. LaRose of the New Scotland lodge, charity ball committee vice chairman, and Robert W. St. John of the Watervliet lodge.



Alex A. Lister of the Colonie lodge, left, Donald F. Gula, state vice president of the state capital district, from the Colonie lodge, and Harry J. Kindt Sr., district deputy grand exalted ruler of the state capital district, from the Esperance lodge.



George A. DeSormeau, P.D.D., standing, with Vada and Al Danckert, all Bethlehem lodge members.

Elks hold annual fund-raising ball

Elks from around the Capital District met on Saturday, Jan. 27, for the Twelfth Annual State Capital District Elks Charity Ball in order to raise money for local charities. Colonie Lodge No. 2192 hosted the event this year.

At least \$5,000 is raised each year for local charities. The money is placed into the Elks' State Capital District self-perpetuating fund. Money is made available to the various agencies of the Capital District.

Lodges participating in this year's ball were Albany 49, Schenectady 480, Watervliet 1500, Cobleskill 2040, Rotterdam 2157, Colonie 2192, Bethlehem 2233, Guilderland 2480, Esperance 2507, and New Scotland 2611.

Honored guest was Mrs. Robert "Winnie" Bender. Invited dignitaries were Harry J. "Bud" Kindt, Sr., district Grand Exalted Ruler; Donald F. Gula of the Colonie lodge, senior vice president; and Alex A. Lister of the Colonie lodge, representing the state Elks Association.

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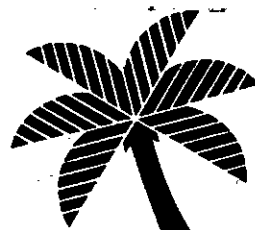


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Eagles get a win, but are they 'back'?

By Michael Kagan

"We're like the Hoosiers — we're back!" exclaimed center John Hansen in the locker room after the Bethlehem Central boys basketball team got itself a much needed 71-65 win over the Ni-

skayuna Warriors at home last Wednesday to snap a seven game losing streak.

Originally scheduled for Tuesday but postponed due to snow, the game was even in every respect until the Warriors put to-

gether a 10-2 run at the end of the first quarter to take a 20-14 lead. The second quarter, however, totally favored Bethlehem as the Eagles put together a 15-4 run to claim the half, 34-29. Then with 1:27 left in the third period, BC had a 15-2 run, including a streak of 12 unanswered points to take a commanding 54-39 lead.

The win, however, would not come that easily. With 5:04 remaining in the game, Niskayuna had closed within five points, 59-54. The Eagles then expanded the lead only to have it cut down again, this time to 66-61 with 1:24 left. The Warriors could come no closer, though, as Scott Fish completed two three-point plays to put BC on top to stay.

Fish thought that the team worked the passing game better. "We had better teamwork, we shot a lot better, and we executed more than we had been," he said.

Alex Hackman, who BC coach Jack Moser said played his best game of the year, added, "We ran better and played more relaxed."

Moser also said, "I thought (Eric) McCaughin played great defense."

Against Niskayuna they shot 60

percent overall in the game, compared to their previous three outings in which BC barely shot over 30 percent. In addition, four Bethlehem players, Fish, Sean McDermott, Hackman and Scott Hodge, broke 10 points, the first time the Eagles had more than one person in double figure since Jan. 12, when Kevin Keparutis, McDermott, and Fish did it in a 80-75 loss to Saratoga. "We got everybody involved in the offense," said Moser. "That was the key."

Against Niskayuna, Fish led the Eagles with 20 points, including two three pointers, and three rebounds. McDermott, played what may have been his best all around game of the season, had 19 points, including a three pointer, five assists, and one rebound. Hackman scored 15 points, including two from home run range, and pulled down three rebounds to break his scoring slump in which he averaged under three points over four straight games. Scott Hodge added 13 points, while Hansen and McCaughin both had two. McCaughin also had seven rebounds to lead the team in that category. Keparutis had one rebound.

Moser said Bethlehem didn't do anything different to accomplish this: "We ran the same offense we've been using, we just moved the ball around more... We spread the ball out more and took shots when they were open."

Fish also said the team didn't do much different, except to "try to look for each other more." He also said, "We put in some new plays to get everybody involved."

Hackman added, "He (Moser) told the two Scotts (Hodge and Fish) and me that we needed to get more involved in the offense and we needed more balanced scoring." Moser recalled this discussion, saying, "we decided in the meeting before the game that we couldn't shoot any worse, so we were just going to take shots when they were there."

The Eagles beat Niskayuna, 72-69, previously in the fifth game of the season. Moser said this may have given the team more confidence going into the game than they've had in recent games. "That had a lot to do with us going out with a lot of fire," Fish said.

On Friday, top-ranked Shenendehowa will come to Bethlehem for a game most would expect to be a blow out. Moser compared this game to David and Goliath: "The pressure's on Shenendehowa because they're the one's with the winning streak. If we come out, play loose, and make some of our shots, who knows? It's good that they have a long winning streak because it's due to end. That's the thing about winning streaks — they always end, and why not us? We're not going to surrender. We'll show up."

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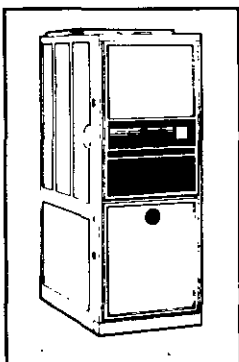
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Kaplan leads girls to 2 wins

By Shannon Perkins

After a two week void due to mid-term exams, the Bethlehem girls basketball team returned to the court last Wednesday to top Niskayuna, 60-40 as Anita Kaplan led the Lady Eagles with 32 points and 25 rebounds.

Kelly Ryan and Kassie Jeram added seven points each, while Lynn Doody contributed nine points.

In another game on Saturday, the Eagles trampled Shaker 67-45. Kaplan put in 40 points to lead the Bethlehem scoring effort. Kaplan also made 18 of the 22 field goals she attempted and had 19 rebounds. The game, however, was truly a team effort. Lynn Doody added 10 points with Kassie Jeram and Karyn Mendel contributing seven and three points respectively. Senior Chrystal Fornier had 11 assists and four points to add to the effort.

As the end of the season approaches, the Lady Eagles are becoming even more confident of their ability to take the Gold Division championship. The defense is becoming stronger, while the offense is learning to be even more aggressive. As of their last game against Mohonasen, the team's record stands at 11-4 including non-league games and 11-0 in the Suburban Council.

The team is looking forward to improving their game as the championship approaches. They are counting on the awesome offensive skills of their star center Kaplan as well as their outstanding defensive players. They are especially concerned with their teamwork, making each player a part of the game.

BBC teams tighten standings

Bethlehem Basketball Club standings in both the Pro and College divisions tightened up considerably after Sunday's basketball action.

The surging Warriors won their third game in a row, downing the Celtics 49-24. Warriors Aaron Thorpe, Jason Heim, Erik Gill, and Eric Weimer scored eight points or better to lead the attack. The Celtics were led by Mike Pressman's six points and Tom Birdsey's yeoman work on the boards.

In College Division play, Seton Hall won its second game in a row by outlasting league leading Georgetown 26 to 20. For the winners, Dave Martin tallied 12 points and Nick Turner added 10 points to pace the attack. Georgetown was led by Chris Wenger's 12 points and Sean Berry's four points.

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BC's Anita Kaplan leads the way Saturday scoring 40 points against Shaker. *Bob Hagyard*

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Matmen pin Mohon in dual season finale

The dual meet season ended on a positive note for Bethlehem Central's varsity wrestlers last week, with pins provided by Shane Cunningham, Eric Newdom, Dave Pierce, Scott Mitchell. A climactic 55-second fall scored by Don Thomas in the final bout helped Bethlehem overcome Mohonasen 42-33 in the season's final contest.

Bethlehem finished the dual meet season with a 4-9 Suburban Council record (5-11 overall), a statistic that must include the disclaimer that the Suburban Council is one of the most difficult leagues in New York State, including perennially state-ranked Niskayuna and Burnt Hills.

The Mighty Warriors that Bethlehem vanquished last week were a highly competitive team as well. Though Mohonasen had traditionally produced weak teams in many sports, their athletic program has greatly improved in many areas of late, particularly wrestling. The 7-7 Warriors were a quality opponent for the Eagles.

Bethlehem finished 12th in the tournament with a total of 47 team points. Thomas was BC's only place winner, though several other Eagles had strong matches. Mallow and Doyle each recorded two pins in wrestleback rounds. Shah earned two team points by winning the satellite wrestleback round for BC.

Friday and Saturday, Bethlehem's varsity grapplers will compete in the Class A Section 2 Tournament at Burnt Hills High

School, facing the best wrestlers from Albany High, Amsterdam, Burnt Hills, CBA, Columbia, Colonie, Guilderland, Niskayuna, Saratoga, Schenectady, Shaker and Shenendehowa. The top four finishers in each weight class will qualify to compete in the Section 2 finals Feb. 17 at the RPI Field House.

Arrested for DWI

A Cleveland man was arrested last Wednesday, Jan. 31, for misdemeanor DWI in Slingerlands.

Albany County sheriff's deputies said that Thomas Ewert, 21, was stopped on Rt. 85 that morning for failure to keep right. Deputies said that after failing a field sobriety test, he was arrested for DWI. He was released on traffic tickets and is due in New Scotland Town Court on Feb. 22.

Two hurt in accident

Two teenagers were hospitalized after a one-car accident last Thursday on Wolf Hill Road in the Town of New Scotland.

Albany County sheriff's deputies said that a vehicle driven by Robert Galusha, 18, of Wolf Hill Road, drove off the roadway in an effort to avoid another vehicle and struck a tree.

Galusha and his 16-year-old passenger, Henry Thornton, also of Wolf Hill Road, were taken by Onesquethaw Rescue Squad to St. Peter's Hospital, where they were treated and released.

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Eagles put streak on the line

By Nat Boynton

This week's head-on collision between the area's two foremost scholastic swim powers will be as much a challenge for the two coaches as it will be for the teenagers in the water.

At stake in Thursday's 4:30 matchup of Bethlehem Central and Troy High in Delmar is a lot more than the 1990 championship of the Adirondack League, a pedestal the Eagles have owned for the past 19 years. On the line is BC's historic string of 290 league victories without a defeat: Bethlehem has not lost a dual meet with a Section 2 rival since January, 1970.

In that span, however, the Eagles have lost several times to Section 3 powers, primarily New Hartford, a Utica suburb noted for an annual production of quality swimmers.

In such a scenario it was appropriate that New Hartford was in town this past Saturday for a non-league renewal of a rivalry that has become a classic over the past decade. Both teams are in a rebuilding season after having suffered major losses of top-flight swimmers, and for BC it was a significant tuneup for this week's showdown with Troy. New Hartford dealt the Eagles their first defeat of what had been a 12-0 season; in the process providing local boosters their first significant glimpse of BC under pressure.

The final score was 93-79, but there were so many close races that only a few clicks on the stop watches could have changed those numbers dramatically. The visitors took seven of the 11 first places, including both relays, but Bethlehem more than held its own in thirds and fourths. That was an encouraging indication that BC may have enough team depth and balance to counter Troy's big-gun triumvirate of Sean Maxwell, David LeBlanc and Deron Murray.

Those three, along with several Trojan teammates and head coach Jack Fitzpatrick, were among the onlookers in Saturday's splashing. Maxwell, Section 2's dominant swimmer of the Eighties, is unbeatable in whatever events he is assigned, BC has no one to handle LeBlanc in the backstroke, and Murray, having an inconsistent

year, has the potential to be destructive.

Coach Ken Neff, facing chessboard strategy against Fitzpatrick after a season of bringing along a bevy of young, inexperienced swimmers, appears to have settled on a lineup designed to get maximum efficiency from emerging swimmers like Craig Mattox, Ian Salsberg, Jeremy Goldman and Jim Davis behind front-liners Pat Fish, Dave Cleary and Drew Patrick. He used virtually the same deployment in all three meets last week, plus leaving his free relay quartet intact.

Despite three meets in four days, 108-64 over Shaker on Wednesday and 94-62 at Queensbury Thursday, the Eagles gave highly favored New Hartford a good run. A 1-3-4 by Patrick, Davis and Goldman in the 50 sent Bethlehem into the diving with a slender 32-30 lead. When Andy Sattinger captured the diving with two freshmen, Joe Schneider and Tim Bearup delivering a 4-5, BC was up by 41-37. Fish won the fly in 55.52 to protect the 4-point margin, but the visitors had too many guns for the homestretch. New Hartford took 1-2 in the 100 free to pull even at 55-55, yielded a second place to Cleary in the 500, and went 1-3-5 in the backstroke. A 1-3 in the breast rendered the relay academic.

It was a good week for Fish, Cleary and Patrick, all triple winners against Shaker and Queensbury. They would have done the same against New Hartford if Fish hadn't had to face New Hartford's talented Kevin Nakarowski in the IM, and if the invaders hadn't loaded their 4x100 relay with the likes of Nakarowski and Mike Humphries.

And it was a fine week for Mattox, a hard-working junior who had two firsts in the backstroke before encountering New Hartford. There he saw a lot of open water behind Humphries' 59.88, but BC would welcome another second place from him tomorrow behind Troy's LeBlanc, reigning sectional champion who will come in under 58.

Guilderville falls to Nisky's depth

By Josh Vink

Niskayuna needed two teams of swimmers in the last event of the day last Tuesday to salvage a 38-38 tie against the Guilderville boys swim team at the Voorheesville High School pool.

Niskayuna, a large team, seemed to be the favorite in Tuesday's matchup. Niskayuna came out with a win in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:58.29. After that, Guilderville's first winner was freshman Seth Rose in the 200 free in 2:07.33. After Bendi from Niskayuna took the 200 Individual medley, Guilderville took the next three events. Joe Tyrell won two of these three, winning the 50 free and the 100 free with times of 25.02 and 56.14 respectively. The other winner was Dave Washburn, who won the 100 fly in 1:00.81. He also won the 100 back

with a personal best of 1:03.83. Scott Bowden then won the 100 breaststroke, with a personal best of 1:08.10 to round out the individual events.

The match came down to the last event, the 400 free relay, with Guilderville needing a first or second to wrap up the win. This, however, was not to happen as Niskayuna put its eight best swimmers in the water (two teams) and placed first and second to tie the score at 38.

Guilderville, 5-7-1, has surprised many teams. Considering its young crew, its record is more than mediocre. With two meets left, a future makeup against Hudson and today at home against Glens Falls, they can raise their record to .500. The Glens Falls meet starts at 4:30 p.m.

Leary leads Dolfin attack

With three first place medals, eleven year-old Billy Leary led the Delmar Dolphins in Sunday's Colonie Aquatic Odd-Age Meet, capturing the meet high-point trophy for 10 and 11-year-old boys.

Leary was first in the 100 IM, touching at 1:13.81, and also took first place in the 50 breast with 37.05, and the 50 free, finishing at 28.93.

Among 10 and 11-year-old girls, Cailin Brennan was a double medalist, taking third in the 50 back with 37.39, and sixth in the 50 fly, touching at 36.68.

In the Nine and under girls division, Arianne Cohen took three medals, with a second in the 50 breast, at 44.14, a fourth place in the 50 back, and a fifth in the 50 free. Becky Fay was sixth in the 50 fly, finishing at 45.29. Cohen, Fay, and Andrew Loomis and Todd McCoy, were first place medalists in the 200 mixed free relay for nine and under boys and girls, with a time of 2:35.63.

Rounding out the Dolfin medal-

ists was Georgia Butt, who was sixth in the 100 free for 14 and 15-year-old girls, finishing at 1:02.76.

The Dolphins will travel to the Mohawk Valley Community College pool in Utica this weekend, swimming in the Leatherstocking Invitational, and to New Hartford on Mar. 4.

Conducts ski survey

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a survey among children with special needs in the Town of Bethlehem who may be interested in learning to ski.

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Obituaries

Christine Thompson

Christine S. Thompson, 64, of Oak Road, Delmar, died last Thursday, Feb. 1 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a long illness.

Born in Holland, she served as a pastoral care assistant at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar.

"This was a great loss to us, and to our community," said Father James Daley, pastor. Before taking the pastoral care assistant position last July 1, Mrs. Thompson worked for five years at St. Peter's Hospice.

Over the past seven months, "She worked out, she described to us the needs of the elderly and the handicapped in the parish and community, and the need for caregivers," Father Daley said, "and had just organized a caregivers' support group in the parish, caregivers for the elderly and disabled."

"She was just a wonderful person who was very aware of people's needs."

Survivors include her husband, Howard Thompson Jr., M.D., of Dallas; two daughters, Ulrike Beckham of Leander, Texas and Friederike Lawrence of Austin, Texas; a son, Howard K. Thompson III of Delmar; two sisters, Catherine Voit of California and Alexandra Moolman of Cape Town, South Africa; a brother, Dolph Slotemaker of California; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont, will be under arrangements by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Thomas', Delmar 12054 or St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Elizabeth O'Malley

Elizabeth Reilly "Rye" O'Malley, 65, of Winne Road, Delmar, died unexpectedly Jan. 31 at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Saratoga Springs, she had lived in Delmar since 1950. For many years she worked in the former John G. Myers department store in Albany, leaving there in 1953 to raise her children. From 1968 to 1987 she was a saleswoman at the Town and Tweed clothing store in Delmar.

A graduate of Saratoga High School and LaSalle (Newton, Mass.) Junior College, Mrs. O'Malley was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include her husband, Robert J. O'Malley; two daughters, Elizabeth A. Andrews and Mary Jane Puccio, both of Delmar; four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Katherine Graul of Saratoga Springs.

Services were Saturday from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Burial was Monday in St. Peter's Cemetery, Saratoga Springs, under arrangements by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, Adams Street, Delmar 12054 or the American Lung Association, 8 Mountain View Ave., Colonie 12205.

Maurice Crowel

Maurice A. Crowel, 82, of Lasher Road, Selkirk, died Saturday in the Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital in Albany after a long illness.

Born in Bradford, Ohio, he resided in Selkirk for 20 years. Mr. Crowel was in charge of supplies for the Farm Family Insurance Co. headquarters in Glenmont from 1970 to 1977. Earlier, he worked in the transportation department of the YMCA in Albany for 45 years until 1969.

He served as executive directors of YMCAs in Mechanicville, Albany (Railroad YMCA), Concord (N.H.), Williamson (W. Va.), Portsmouth (N.H.), Hoboken (N.J.), Jamaica (L.I.) and Grand Central Station (New York City). He was assistant director of the YMCA in Selkirk.

He wrote a column, "Mac or Moe," for the *Ravena News Herald*.

He was past president of the Mechanicville Rotary Club, the Ravena Rotary and the Williamson Rotary; served on the steering committee of the Mechanicville Public Library and was past president and a member of its board of directors. He served on the Mechanicville Zoning Board of Appeals and was a past president of the Mechanicville Council of Churches.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Pauly Crowel; two sisters, Magdalene Winkly of Pablo, Mont., and Margaret Getters of Johnstown, Ohio.; and a brother, Robert Crowel of Pinehurst, N.C.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Zwack and Sons Funeral Home, Albany.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Seniors Van, Adams Street, Delmar 12054 or the Bethlehem Ambulance Service, Selkirk 12158.

Elisabeth Mullenneaux

Elisabeth Daly Mullenneaux, 61, of Albany and Slingerlands died Friday at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany, after a long illness.

Born in Buffalo, she was a longtime Slingerlands resident and a member of the First Unitarian Church of Albany.

Survivors include two daughters, Leslie Cook of Slingerlands and Christine Cook of San Diego; a son, Stephen Cook of Brooklyn; a sister Patricia Wilhelm of Cleveland; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday at the First Unitarian Church with the Rev. Joan Kaltn-Schneider officiating. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Ella Mae Van Wie

Ella Mae Joslyn Van Wie, 88, died Wednesday, Jan. 31 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a brief illness.

Born in the Schoharie County hamlet of Breakabeen, she taught for a time at the former one-room schoolhouse in Clarksville. She was co-owner of Meadowland Dairies immediately west of Clarksville for many years and was a member of Clarksville Community Reformed Church.

She is widow of Charles F. Van Wie, Sr.

Survivors include two sons, Charles F. Van Wie Jr. and Robert W. Van Wie, both of Clarksville; a sister, Frances Bauers of Middleburgh; 15 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday from Clarksville Community Reformed Church under arrangements by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Spring burial will be in Onesquethaw Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Clarksville Community Reformed Church, Clarksville 12041.

Caroline Szembrot

Caroline V. Szembrot, 96, a former Elsmere resident, died Thursday at the Albany County Nursing Home, Colonie.

Born in Russia, she emigrated to the U.S. in 1918. She was employed for more than 10 years as a seamstress with Cluett-Peabody in Troy, retiring during the late 1930s.

A member of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Church, Albany, she was widow of Carl Szembrot and mother of the late Helen DeMarco.

Survivors include four daughters, Jennie DeMarco of Hampton Manor, Pauline Gries of Scotia and Wanda McLaughlin of Albany; five sons, Watson C. Szembrot of Colonie, William Szembrot of East Greenbush, Albert Szembrot of Rochester, Robert Szembrot of Delmar and Carl Szembrot Jr. of Colonie; 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services were held under arrangements by Tebbutt Funeral Home, Delmar.

Joan Mikkelsen

Joan Rasmussen Mikkelsen, 48, died Thursday at her residence on Cass Hill Road, Clarksville, after a long illness.

Born in Tampa, Fla., she was a Town of New Scotland resident since 1969 and a member of First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Mikkelsen; two sons, Glen Mikkelsen of Colonie and Douglas Mikkelsen of Clarksville; her parents, Wesley and Muriel Rasmussen of Winter Haven, Fla.; a brother, Carlos Rasmussen of Buffalo Grove, Ill.; her grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Holley of Sesner, Fla.; and a grandson.

Funeral services were held Sunday from First United Methodist Church. Burial arrangements were under the direction of Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Albany County Unit, 433 New Karner Road, Albany 12205 or to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Sage to sponsor workshop for women

The Russell Sage College Career Development Center and the Center for Women's Education will sponsor a three-part workshop designed to help women who are thinking about new directions in their careers or education. The workshop, "Considering a Change," will be held on four consecutive Thursdays, beginning Feb. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Each session will be held on the second floor of Cowee Hall, First Street, at the Russell Sage Troy Campus.

Call 270-2319 for information.



Patty Davenport (seated) and Scott Womer of Feura Bush (sitting) will perform in Christian Music Ministries' musical comedy, *Portrait of a Family*, Saturday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11 at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at the CMM Ministries Center, Copeland Hill Road off Rt. 32.

Bloodmobile set Committee sponsoring youth dance

The Albany American Red Cross will hold a bloodmobile on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Regional Blood Center on Clara Barton Drive, in Albany, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Donors with O-negative, O-positive, B-negative, and B-positive types are especially needed.

For information, call 462-7461.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Town of New Scotland Recreation Committee will hold a youth dance, at the Clarksville Firehouse, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The dance is open to students in grades 7 through 12. There is a \$2 admission.

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Karen Augstein and Stephen Lamb

Augstein-Lamb

Sandra Swann of Feura Bush and Robert Augstein of Greenville have announced the engagement of their daughter Karen L. Augstein to Stephen Mark Lamb, son of Shirley and George Lamb of Rotterdam.

Augstein is a graduate of Greenville Jr. Sr. High School. She is a Glenmont woman appointed to office

Blackman DeStefano Real Estate is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Battles to the Delmar office located at 231 Delaware Ave.

Battles is a graduate of Lake-

employed by Kelly Services at GE Plastics in Selkirk.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Galway Central High School and Siena College. He is employed by Currier McCabe Associates at GE in Schenectady.

A March 16 wedding is planned.

shore Technical Institute in Wisconsin and is a member of the Albany County Board of Realtors.

Battles is a resident of Glenmont.

Roche-Nowak

Robert and Susan Roche of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Clark Roche to Stephen Edward Nowak, son of Edward and Carol Nowak of Glenmont.

Roche is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, University of Scranton, and Johns Hopkins University. She is employed by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Chicago.

Nowak is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Union College and University of Chicago. He is employed by General Electric Capital Corp. in Chicago.

An Aug. 25 wedding is planned.

Lanahan-Rohan

Joan and James Edward Lanahan of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter Lori Lynn Lanahan, to Brian Patrick Rohan, son of Janet and John E. Rohan of Clifton Park.

Lanahan is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, State University at Geneseo, and State University at Albany. She is a special education teacher for Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School District.

Rohan is a graduate of Shenendehowa High School, and State University at Plattsburgh. He is currently a student at Union College, and Albany Law School.

An Aug. 18 wedding is planned.

Camp registration now under way

Registration has begun for Camp Chingachook, the regional YMCA camp on Lake George. Two-week sessions begin on July 1 and run through Aug. 25. Cost is \$525 for Y-members, and \$540 for non-members. Scholarships for campers who need financial assistance are available.

For information, call 374-9136.



Tiffany Lewis and Scott Gravlee

Lewis-Gravlee

Diane and George Gravlee Jr. of Delmar have announced the engagement of their son G. Scott Gravlee to Tiffany A. Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lewis Jr. of Redmond, Wash.

Gravlee is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Univer-

sity of Washington, and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in philosophy at Stanford University.

His fiancée is a graduate of University of Washington. She is an architect with Douglas Mulvanny Architects in Bellevue, Wash.

A summer wedding is planned.

Futia-Van Wie

Madeleine and Joseph Futia Jr. of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Ruth Futia, to David Wayne Van Wie, son of Betty Niedzwiecki of Reno, Nev. and Robert Van Wie of Clarksville.

Futia is a graduate of Bethle-

hem Central High School. She is employed by the 1st American Bank in Albany.

Van Wie is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is employed by the Meadow Brook Farms Dairy in Clarksville.

A Sept. 20 wedding is planned.

Volkwein-Platsis

Dr. J. Fredericks and Vasiliki A. Volkwein of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their son, James Fredericks Volkwein Jr. to Christina Mary Elena Platsis, daughter of George J. and Barbara J. Platsis of Okemos, Mich.

Volkwein is a graduate of Clay-

ton A. Bouton Jr. Sr. High School and Harvard University. He is an investment banker at Merrill Lynch in New York City.

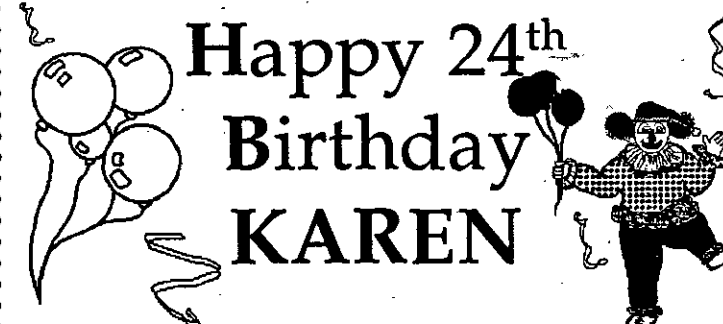
Platsis is a graduate of Okemos High School, and currently a senior at Harvard University.

An April 1991 wedding is planned.

Auxiliary to meet

The monthly meeting of the Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1493, Department of New York, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the post meeting room on Voorheesville Ave.

President Lucy Roche will conduct the business meeting. For information, call 765-4306.



Happy 24th Birthday KAREN

Community Corner

Return to those good old days

If you've ever wanted to return to the Golden Age of Hollywood, the Village Stage, Inc. is offering a "Golden Age of Hollywood" costume ball, on Friday, Feb. 9, at the Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road in Delmar.

The ball, which will begin at 8:30 p.m., will feature music from the 20s, 30s and 40s, dance contests, and games. Tickets are \$15 per person. To make reservations, call 439-0508.



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By Joy Healy

Tucked away in the former Harmanus Bleeker Library at 19 Dove Street in Albany is one of the best-kept museum secrets in the country. It is the fascinating, if little known, Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, one of the world's finest and most unique collections of the ornamented tinware, papier mache and wood found in America before 1840. The collection also includes outstanding examples of the decorated furniture and household accessories of the period.

The museum owes its existence to the devotion of the late Esther Stevens Brazer, the artistic force behind the revival of early American decoration as an art form.

With the publication of her treatise, *Early American Decoration*, Brazer etched into the American consciousness what would otherwise have become a set of lost techniques. Colorful methods such as Pontypool painting and other integral parts of Early American art and history were saved.

Stevens died in 1945, and a year later, a group of her students founded the Esther Stevens Guild in her memory. In 1952, the New York State Board of Regents offered a permanent charter to the organization, and the Historical Society of Early American Decoration was organized to carry on the work and honor the memory of Brazer.

The Society's charter calls for it to perpetuate early American decoration as an art, promote continued research in the field, record and preserve examples of Early American decoration and its history, and to "further the appreciation of such art and the elevation of the standards of its reproduction and utilization."

Delmar resident Doris Fry has served both as director of the Society and curator of the museum. She became interested in Early American decoration while taking

History by design



lessons from Lucille Graff, a former student of Brazer and an original charter member of the Society. "I like history, especially 18th and 19th century. There is always something to learn," Fry said.

A tour through the museum will find an array of delightful artifacts ornamented with designs and scenes of daily life. The so-called "genre scenes" are a unique window into the way people lived during the 1800's.

"There are scenes of a seaport with ships and bystanders... a man plowing a field while cows browse nearby and geese fly overhead; a peaceful village scene with Federal homes and elaborate

churches; a coastal town with ships, people, and impressive-looking commercial buildings," wrote Margaret Coffin in a recent article for *The Decorator*, the Society's twice-yearly magazine.

All of the current members of the Society are artisans and have submitted two pieces of work, had them juried, and declared fine quality. Coffin, the museum's current director, is a Society member and expert on country tinware and early wall-paper decoration.

Her special interest in tinware started when she was a bride. "I wanted to fancy things up around the house, and it seemed like fun to paint trays. But I discovered

there was a right and a wrong way to do it from a teacher in Glens Falls who was a member of this Society," she said.

Janet Smith of Delmar is a museum assistant and contemporary painter. "My subject matter is neo-expressionism or abstract," Smith said. However, she incorporates the symbolism found in Early American decoration in her art. "When you work in a museum with the decorative arts, you are tuned into color and technique," she added.

Referring to the museum's artifacts, Smith said they talk of the past and the people who made them. After 1840, she noted, America began the Industrial Revolution, and things were not hand-crafted as they were in the years from 1770 to 1840. The museum's pieces reflect the artistry of that pre-industrial time.

The Society presently has close to 2,000 pieces in its collection, with choice artifacts on display in the museum. Each piece is chosen because it demonstrates a particular technique of Early American decoration. These include country painting, bronze powder stencilling, reverse painting, metal leaf decoration, freehand bronze and pontypool painting.

According to Smith, country painting is the foundation of Early American decoration. "It is a simplified form of painting, with basic brush strokes done with a straight-edged quill, or brush, as opposed to a rounded, pointed or slanted brush," she said.

Bronze powder stencilling is done on wood or tin furniture, or trays and boxes. The object is coated with varnish, and while the varnish is still tacky, a pre-cut stencil is applied. The artist wraps velvet around one finger, which she dips in the bronze powder and applies to the stencil. The powder sticks to the varnish, leaving

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Alive at Five Rivers

By Michael McLaughlin

While winter seems to be a time when most wild animal life disappears, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center shows that the woods and wetlands are still very much alive. Now is an excellent time for anyone, especially families with young children, to visit the center. With snow on the ground, many different animal footprints including those of muskrats, mink, otters and an occasional beaver are visible. This shows how a seemingly sleeping environment is actually a very busy place.

Five Rivers staff member Susan Wolfe recently led a group of about 30 adults and children through the facility. The tour included a slide show and lecture about how animals deal with winter: some hibernate, others stay awake but operate at a slower pace. Showing a slide of the center's large pond frozen over and covered with snow, Wolfe said the purpose of the tour was "to show that wetland in winter isn't as desolate as it looks from the top."

As fall moves closer to winter and the daily temperature drops, she said the water on the surface of the pond gets heavier. The surface water sinks to the bottom of the pond, bringing with it the life that lives on the surface, including insects, frogs and turtles. The metabolism of all the living creatures in the pond get slower as the water becomes colder. The amphibians and insects sleep in the mud at the bottom of the pond. The fish do not hibernate, but swim about at a slower rate. As the pond's surface freezes, the animals below become sealed into an isolated biosphere. There will be no

food or oxygen for them until the next thaw, and they must make do with what they have.

Down at the frozen surface of the pond, Wolfe and volunteers from the group drilled a hole in the ice. Children from the group, using nets, scooped samples of mud and plants from the bottom of the pond to bring back to the center to study.

The center has a lab equipped with microscope and other instruments to study how the animal species recovered. This part of the tour was a success for the kids, who found all kinds of bugs alive and jumping. Parents and children were amazed at all the living things that could be found in such a small sample of pond muck.

On outdoor tours, parents with young children should use backpack-style child carriers. The trails are rough and steep in places, and even in the best weather, it isn't a good place for strollers or carriages.

Operated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the center is a 260-acre preserve located off Game Farm Road in Delmar. It has several programs designed to educate the public about animal behavior and the way they adapt to the seasonal changes.

There are a variety of workshops and tours planned for February, including Birds of the Cocksackie Flats on Feb. 7 and 9 at noon, an outdoor study not at the center (call for details; pre-registration is required); Animal Tracks and Traces on Feb. 10 and 12 at 2 p.m., an outdoor snowshoe trek (snowshoe rental fee is \$1.50

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Catching a snooze. Five Rivers Environmental Center educator Susan Wolfe fishes up some sleepy winter wetland inhabitants for examination by her tour group on a recent Saturday.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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SAID THE SPIDER TO THE SPY
Roustabout Players present Fred Carmichael's laugh wrenching farce, First United Presbyterian Church, Troy, Feb. 9-10, 16-17. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Information, 271-5079.

BETTER DAYS

New play by Richard Dresser, Studio Theater at the Egg, Albany. Now through Feb. 10, Sun. 2 p.m., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8 p.m. Information, 443-5111.

THE HOT L BALTIMORE

Wacky, passionate and dramatic, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Feb. 9-10, 16-17, 8:15 p.m. Feb. 11, 2 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

CROSSING DELANCEY

Hit play and movie by Susan Sandler, Capital Rep., Albany. Now through March 4, Sat. 9 p.m., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 9 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

THE AMOROUS FLEA

Based on Moliere's School for Wives, Historic Cohoes Music Hall, Feb. 14-March 11, Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

MUSIC

MEL TORME AND HELEN REDDY
Spectacular, swinging night with two entertainment legends, Proctor's, Schenectady, Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Information 382-1083.

WHITESNAKE

Performing at the Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-1236.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Led by Kate Tamarkin, Feb. 9, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Feb. 10, Palace Theater in Albany. Both at 8 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

AN EVENING OF JAZZ WITH THE ANN HARRIS ENSEMBLE

Pianist/composer Harris with her Ensemble, Social Club, Albany, Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Information, 462-9696.

PLAYATHON

Empire State Youth Orchestra, Repertory Orchestra, Percussion and Jazz Ensembles, 7-hour fund-raising, Crossgates Mall, Albany, Feb. 10, 1-8 p.m. Information, 438-8868.

SKIP PARSONS' RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND

Appearing at the Fountain, Albany, Feb. 9-10, 10 p.m. Information, 482-9898.

OUT OF CONTROL

Rhythm and Blues Band, Albany Savings Bank lobby as part of Wintertainment '90, Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m. Information, 372-5607.

JOE BRUCHAC AND ROY HURD

Stories and songs of their native Adirondack Mountains, Old Songs, Inc., St. Mark's Community Center, Guilfordland, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

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Energetic stage show of country music, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

PEE WEE RUSSELL MEMORIAL STOMP

Sponsored by the Jersey Jazz Society, bus trip to the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Feb. 11. Information, 439-2310.

ORGAN MASTERWORKS SERIES

To be presented by Union College, 12:30-1:15 p.m., Weds., through March 14. College Memorial Chapel, Information, 370-6172.

DANCE

WAKE-UP, STAND, SIT AND RISE:

Family Dance/Movement Programs, State Museum, Albany, Feb. 17, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

FOOTWORKS

Annual student dance concert by the Student Dance Council, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Feb. 8-10, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3996.

DAY ON EARTH

Limon Dance Company, Emma Willard School, Troy, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Information, 272-1557.

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STUYVESANT INVITATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Ninth annual festival, June 9-10. Applications at Stuyvesant Plaza Administration office. Deadline for applications, April 10.

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A four-part workshop for children 9-12, through Feb. 10, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., The New York State Museum, Information, 474-5801.

PIANO FOR OLDER BEGINNERS

10 weekly one-hour sessions: Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Now through March 27; Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., through March 28; Fridays, 11 a.m., Jan. 26-March 30, the Music Studio, 1237 Central Ave. Information, 459-7799.

FILM

ETHNIC NOTIONS

Award-winning documentary tracing black stereotypes which perpetuate racist oppression, Albany Institute of History and Art, Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

MURRAY AVENUE

Invites viewers into a Jewish neighborhood full of history and vitality, Albany Institute of History and Art, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

WILD STRAWBERRIES

Story of an aged doctor's journey to receive an honorary degree, University at Albany, Page Hall, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

VISUAL ARTS

199TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Highlighting the current exhibition, Albany Institute of History and Art, Feb. 11, noon-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Featuring Richard Bokland from Bokland Custom Color Lab., First Methodist Church, Schenectady, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

MORRIS MISSEL

Exhibit of watercolors by 85-year-old artist, The Half Moon Cafe, Albany. Opening reception Feb. 9, 7-11 p.m.

A SHOWCASE OF STONE LITHOGRAPHY

Exhibit features the works of 19 artists whose prints were produced through artist-in-residence program at the Art Center in Maitland, Fla., Sage Junior College of Albany. Now through March 2. Gallery hours, Mon. through Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-8 p.m. Opening reception, Feb. 5, 4-6 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

FACING THE GODS:

Ritual Masks of the Himalayas, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Now through March 11.

BEVERLY MASTRIANNI

1989 Artist of the Mohawk-Hudson Regional exhibition, The Albany Center Galleries. Now through Feb. 16. Gallery hours, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

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Present photographs, The Albany Center Galleries. Now through Feb. 16. Gallery hours, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

ASPECTS OF REALISM

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

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY FINE ARTS FACULTY EXHIBITION

at The University at Albany, State University of New York, the University Art Gallery, 1400 Washington Ave, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., Now through Feb. 25. Information, 442-4035.

k.d. lang to perform

k.d. lang and her five-piece band the reclines bring their energetic stage show praised by critics across the U.S. and Canada to Proctor's Theater in Schenectady on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. The soulful crooning of a torch song, *the angry edge of pink*, and the sheer fun of a Texas two-step, often in the same song has the heart felt twang of a country ballad.

Program for interns

A voluntary one-semester intern program for New York's college and graduate students in the Department of State's 14 regional ombudsman offices has been announced for the upcoming semester by Secretary of State Gail S. Shaffer.

Interns may earn possible credits for helping Secretary Shaffer's regional representatives administer Governor Cuomo's Ombudsman Program across the state.

For more information, call 473-7290.

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.

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.

GREENHUT GALLERIES

New works by Boulanger, Delacroix and works from the estate of Kaiko Moti, Greenhut Galleries, Albany. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. noon-5 p.m.

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.

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.

RECLAIMING PARADISE:

AMERICAN WOMEN PHOTOGRAPH THE LAND
Work from Berenice Abbott, Linda Connor, Imogen Cunningham, Judy Dater, Marlon Faller, Laura Gilpin, Betty Hahn, Dorothea Lange, Gail Skoff, Joan Myers, Marion Post Wolfcott among others, University Art Gallery, University at Albany.

WALTER LAUNT PALMER

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

RCCA TO HOST LOCAL ARTISTS WORK

Exhibition of paintings, painted sculpture, and sculpture, RCCA, 189 Second St., now through Feb. 11, Wednesday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

ERASTUS DOW PALMER EXHIBITION

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

AIGA COVERS

Cover art comprising a broad area of graphic design, now through Feb. 28, Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m., College of Saint Rose gallery. Information, 454-5185.

Manuscripts returned

The Fort Orange Minutes dating back to 1652 were returned to Albany County Clerk Thomas G. Clingan at the Hall of Records by Charles T. Gehring, Director of the New Netherland Project at the State Library. The manuscripts have been on loan to the project for translation from the original Dutch into English.

The translation, which will be published by Syracuse University Press this spring, will make these important administrative proceedings available to the public. The original Dutch volumes are stored in the Hall of Records' climate-controlled vault. A microfilmed copy remained at the Hall of Records for public use while Gehring was working on the translation.

The search room is available to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff will assist researchers in locating historical information within the collection. For more information, call Mary Vines at 447-4500.

Museum sponsoring family math program

The New York State Museum in Albany will sponsor a family math program entitled, "Family Open House: Rediscover Mathematics," on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Children and their parents will be involved in hands-on activities. Teachers from the Museum's math workshop series will be on hand to engage participants in a variety of puzzles that emphasize trial and error exploration, logical reasoning and spatial visualization skills.

Admission is \$1 at the door. For information, call 474-5801.

DINE OUT

A directory of popular restaurants recommended for family dining



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AROUND THE AREA

**Wednesday
February 7**

ALBANY COUNTY

SINGLE SQUARES

square dance, with caller Ken Down, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Ave., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-5653.

HISTORIC CHERRY HILL

reopens for hourly guided tours, Albany. Information, 434-4791.

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION INFORMATION

meeting, Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2600.

MOSCOW CIRCUS

through Feb. 11, Knickerbocker Arena, 42 South Pearl St., Albany. Ticket information, 434-1236.

"EYES ON THE PRIZE"

video discussions, College of St. Rose Campus Center, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

EXPECTANT PARENT PROGRAM

Wellness Center, St. Peter Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 454-1550.

"BREAST-FEEDING YOUR BABY"

Wellness Center, St. Peter Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 454-1550.

FAMILY DINNER

sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center, Jewish War Veterans Room, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

APPLE COMPUTER USERS CLUB

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

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP

on wallpapering, instructed by John Kohler, Albany Public Library, Delaware Branch, 517 Delaware Ave., Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

**Thursday
February 8**

ALBANY COUNTY

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP

on oil and gas burner preventive maintenance, with instructor John Kohler, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

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.

SHARE MEETING

support group for parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, or the death of a newborn, Large Board Room, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

HUNGER ORGANIZING PROJECT

morning "Open-Office" session, Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 426-7176.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

sponsored by the Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

"CONSIDERING A CHANGE"

part one of a three-part workshop for women considering a change in careers or education, Cowee Hall, First St., Russell Sage Troy Campus, 6-9 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

**Friday
February 9**

ALBANY COUNTY

PREPARING LUNCH FOR THE 8,000 LB GUEST

meet Nellie the elephant, Burger King, 1480 Western Ave., Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 1-800-248-4738.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

deadline for written exam for those interested in becoming licensed volunteer wildlife rehabilitators, designated regional Department of Environmental Conservation offices, to be held on March 9 from 10 a.m.-noon. Registration, 457-0689.

"CREATING A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE"

workshop, sponsored by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Albany Catholic Family and Community Services, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

"CYCLE OF LIFE"

sponsored by the Senior Adult Department of the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 482-6107.

SCHENECTADY

LECTURE

Harlem Boys Choir Director Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, "Making a Difference," College Center auditorium, Union College, Schenectady, 4:30 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

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
February 10**

ALBANY COUNTY

CAMP GOOD DAYS CELEBRATION

Campers with cancer, their brothers and sisters, volunteers, and counselors will hold a Valentine's Day celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. at Camp Good Days Office, 1084 Madison Ave., Albany. Information, 438-6515.

DOANE STUART SCHOOL

entrance examinations for prospective students in grades 5-11, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 9 a.m. Information, 465-5222.

"WRITING RIGHT"

workshop, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 439-2545.

PET EXPO

New Scotland Ave. Armory, adults \$3.50, kids \$1.75, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Albany. Information, 1-800-248-4738.

"REDISCOVER MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP"

for families, State Museum, Albany, \$1 per person, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 474-5801.

COMIC BOOK AND COLLECTIBLES CONVENTION

featuring Val Semeliks, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, \$3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 788-6845.

RE-MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

program for engaged couples planning to re-marry, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 453-6625.

SIBLING PREPARATION CLASS

"Baby and Me," Wellness Center, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, \$5 per child, \$10 per family, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 454-1388.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

sponsored by the Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

WINTER SERIES RACE

4, 10 and 20 miles, sponsored by the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, State University at Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 477-9422.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI-A-THON

"Ski for Preemies," to benefit specialized intensive care facilities for newborns, Children's Hospital, Albany Medical Center, Albany Municipal Golf Course, 10 a.m. Information, 445-3421.

LAKE GEORGE

"WINTER BOTANY"

conducted by Ruth Schottman, Adirondack Mountain Club headquarters, off Exit 21 of the Adirondack Northway, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 668-4447.

**Sunday
February 11**

ALBANY COUNTY

PET EXPO

New Scotland Ave. Armory, adults \$3.50, kids \$1.75, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Albany. Information, 1-800-248-4738.

BLOOD MOBILE

O-negative, O-positive, B-negative, B-positive needed, American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

**Monday
February 12**

ALBANY COUNTY

BOOK READING

author Tobias Wolff will read from his work, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

PET EXPO

New Scotland Ave. Armory, adults \$3.50, kids \$1.75, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Albany. Information, 1-800-248-4738.

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.

"SURVIVING WITH CANCER"

support groups for adults who are surviving cancer, through May 16, Pinnacle Place, McKown Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 445-3421.

SCHENECTADY

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.

**Tuesday
February 13**

ALBANY COUNTY

ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB

meeting, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, off Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 472-8365.

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 Tuesday of every month, Gaspary's Restaurant, 164 Madison Ave., 5:45 p.m. Information, 1-851-9859.

FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

of Capital Region, meeting with Dora Biggs, Albany County Bldg., 112 State St., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 767-3090.

SCHENECTADY

CHINESE FILM

In the Wild Mountains at Union College Center 406 at 7 p.m. Discussion by Mao Chen, visiting instructor, following the free film. Information, 370-6172.

REFRESHER DAY

From 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dominican Retreat House, 1945 Union St. Offering requested. Free babysitting. Rev. Bob Roos will give a slide presentation. Reservations, 393-4169.

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP

group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Ave. and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

**Wednesday
February 14**

ALBANY COUNTY

VALENTINE'S DAY FASHION SHOW

Office of General Services presents a free fashion show at 12:15 p.m. on the South Concourse of Empire State Plaza. Information, 474-0460.

SINGLE SQUARES

square dance, with caller Cliff Bradeur, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Ave., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-5653.

ROUND TABLE LUNCHEON

featuring Assemblyman Mel Miller, third floor court room, Old Federal Building, State University of New York Plaza, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-4557.

"CONFECTIONS IN CHOCOLATE"

to benefit the Epilepsy Association, cash bar, live entertainment, Albany County Courthouse Atrium, \$35 per person, 7-10 p.m. Information, 456-7501.

"EYES ON THE PRIZE"

video/discussions, College of St. Rose campus center, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

To list an item of community interest send all pertinent information - who, what, where, why, when and how to
The Spotlight
125 Adams Street
Delmar, NY 12054



Meet the giraffe, zebra and capybara, and yak with the yaks this Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the New Scotland Avenue Armory as the Commerford & Sons Pet Expo comes to town.

Mountain club to hold meeting

The Albany Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m., in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, off Hackett Blvd. in Albany.

Featured will be a slide show that deals with a recent climbing trip to France and Switzerland, presented by Steve Sopko.

Admission is free, and the public is invited. For information, call 237-0404.

Snowshoe hike planned at Five Rivers

A nature snowshoe hike will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., in Delmar on Saturday, Feb. 10, and on Monday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m.

Led by Center naturalists, the outdoor exploration on snowshoes will be in search of tracks and traces of animals.

For more information and to register, call 453-1806.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of the Board of Education, that a Special Meeting of and for the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York (the "District") will be held on the 7th day of March, 1990 at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Building for the Voorheesville Central School District from 2:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:30 o'clock p.m. or as much longer as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the qualified voters then present to cast their votes on the following propositions:

PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District (hereinafter the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase various passenger vehicles for the transport purposes of the District at the estimated maximum cost of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$230,000.00) including original equipment, machinery, apparatus and other ancillary costs required for the purposes for which such vehicles are to be used, and to expend therefore amounts not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$230,000.00); and that a tax is hereby voted therefore in an amount of not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$230,000.00) to finance the cost of said vehicles, such tax as shall be necessary to

LEGAL NOTICE

be levied by and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$230,000.00), and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable

PROPOSITION #2

RESOLVED: That a resolution passed by the Board of Education on July 18, 1988 to purchase one 59 passenger bus at a cost of \$41,955.00 purchased with general fund balance in the 1987-88 school year budget is hereby approved and ratified.

Steven Schreiber
School District Clerk
By Order of the Board of Education
Dated: January 8, 1990
(February 7, 1990)

NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWTONVILLE, NEW YORK

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

February 13, 1990, for:
Miscellaneous Groceries & Meats - 10:30 A.M.
Expendable Paper & Plastics - 10:45 A.M.

for use in the North Colonie Central School District. Bids will be received at the Administration

LEGAL NOTICE

Building in Newtonville, New York, at which times and places 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
(February 7, 1990)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, on February 1, 1990 Local Law No. 3 of 1990 regarding a partial real property tax exemption to persons who turn age 65 between March 1 and December 31 of a calendar year and amending Chapter III Taxation - Article I Section III-I of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid Local Law No. 3 of 1990 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. on the 22nd day of February, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. at which time all interested parties will be heard.

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK
Dated: February 1, 1990
(February 7, 1990)

**Wednesday
February 7**

BETHLEHEM

BUDGET MEETING

to discuss the fundamental operating budget and additions for Bethlehem Central schools, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

THEATRE SUPPORT GROUP

membership meeting, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:45 p.m. Information, 439-1623.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB of Bethlehem, meeting featuring Warren Stoker, Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m. Information, 439-9303.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

on application of Athens Associates, Realty Assets, Inc., and A.T. Zautner and Son, Inc., Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BIRD TRIP TO COSACKIE

begins at 9 a.m. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Registration, 453-1806.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

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

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOURS

all Wednesday story hours begin at 4 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT

by Ray Decker, through February, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd. Information, 765-2791.

**Thursday
February 8**

BETHLEHEM

BRIDGE LUNCHEON sponsored by the Women's Organization of the Normansville Country Club, Delmar, noon. Reservations, 439-5362.

BETHLEHEM WORK ON WASTE meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 449-5568.

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

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

meeting every Thursday, 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.

DELMAR FIRE DEPT. LADIES AUXILIARY

regular meeting, second Thursdays of every month except August, at fire house, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL V.F.W. POST 3185

meets second Thursdays, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY

second Thursdays, firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

BOWLING

sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group, for parents of handicapped students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

Auxiliary Unit, #1493, Department of New York, Post meeting room, Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-4306.

PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION TRAINING AND EXAM

sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cooperative Extension Building, William Rice Extension Center, Marlin Road and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 1-4 p.m. Information, 765-3512.

NEW SCOTLAND KWANIS 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
February 9**

BETHLEHEM

VALENTINE MAKING WORKSHOP

for preschoolers age 2-5, 10:30 a.m.; school age children, 4 p.m. Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

COSTUME BALL

sponsored by the Village Stage, Inc., Normansville Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar, \$15 per person, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-0508.

QUILTERS UNITED IN LEARNING TOGETHER

"Getting Ready for Machine Quilting," by Mary Devane, United Methodist Church, 426 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 283-4848.

WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

Cabin Fever. Pot Luck Supper, Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Information and Reservations, 439-9165.

CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

of the Capital District, "The Summer of 1862: New Perspectives," presented by author John Hennessey, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 861-5211.



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THE YOUTH NETWORK

Elementary youth network group

Sponsored by the Bethlehem Networks Project and the Bethlehem Central School District, the Elementary Youth Network Group is comprised of student representatives from each of the fourth and fifth grade classes in the district, including St. Thomas and Becker Elementary. The group meets once a month and are taught a lesson aimed at substance abuse prevention by the staff of the Bethlehem Networks Project. The student representatives are aware of their networking role and are asked to report back to their classmates about what they learn at the monthly session. The lesson plan for each session is sent back with the student to his/her teacher so that the teacher can have the option of repeating the lesson with the entire class while using the student representative as a co-facilitator. The teachers are also provided with two follow-up activities they can do during the month to reinforce the concepts learned.

At the first meeting, students were given general information on what is substance abuse prevention, what is a drug, how people misuse drugs (taken in the wrong amount, at the wrong time, by the wrong person, or for the wrong reason) and what influences people to misuse/abuse drugs. When asked what they think influences people to use drugs this group listed peer pressure as a strong influence along with seeing friends or siblings using alcohol or other drugs; wanting to get attention, show off, be cool or "fit in"; seeing or hearing about famous people using alcohol or other drugs; wanting to act like an adult; wanting to make problems or stress go away; thinking that the bad effects of alcohol and other drugs can't happen to you; trying alcohol and drugs simply because your not supposed to; and the influence of advertising. With further discussion they were able to see the influence availability, cost and legal consequences have on whether or not people choose to use alcohol and other drugs.

The group has also had a lesson on peer pressure where they learned that not all peer pressure is bad and that they can exert positive peer pressure to help prevent their peers from getting involved in alcohol and other drugs.

The influence of advertising is being looked at this month with future lessons to focus on the development of life skills necessary to help young people choose healthy lifestyles such as problem solving, decision making, coping skills, communication, and positive self-image.



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Weekly Crossword

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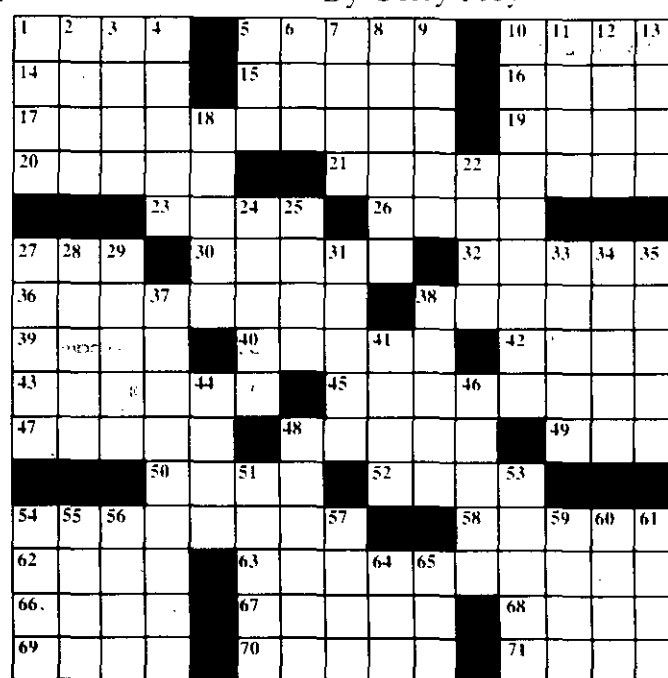
By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 _____ Scotia: Canadian Province
- 5 Fishing grounds with Grand
- 10 Sleeveless sweater
- 14 Munich mule
- 15 Snob
- 16 Follows "POPS": Ice on a stick
- 17 Capital of Yukon Territory
- 19 Precedes "ICE": Cup
- 20 More level headed
- 21 Winnipeg's Province
- 23 Reckless
- 26 "____ Cop": movie
- 27 Broadway sign
- 30 Child's directions
- 32 Price solos
- 36 Nefarious
- 38 _____ Edward Island
- 39 Celebes ox
- 40 Donkeys
- 42 Follows legion and million
- 43 Got some rays
- 45 Truck driver
- 47 Child's Doctor
- 48 Airline
- 49 Draft board org.
- 50 Gawk
- 52 Concordes
- 54 _____ Islands
- 58 Combining form meaning healer
- 62 TV's Mr. Griffin
- 63 Canadian mountain range
- 66 Sea Eagle
- 67 Vicinities
- 68 Memo term: 2 wds
- 69 Hunk in Quebec City
- 70 Slender graceful woman
- 71 Negatives in Nova Scotia

DOWN

- 1 Directional acronym
- 2 Fed. safety agency
- 3 Blood vessel
- 4 Amend
- 5 Bushel: Abbreviation?
- 6 Combining form meaning up
- 7 Cheer's patron
- 8 Cleveland's Bernie and family
- 9 Pool member
- 10 City and University in British Columbia
- 11 Narcissus piner
- 12 Piece of marble
- 13 Seaport in Honduras
- 18 Obliterate
- 22 Steel beam
- 24 Expensive violin: Informal
- 25 Snake sound
- 27 Petty quarrels
- 28 Sleep over
- 29 Maine town
- 31 Remnant in Quebec City
- 33 JFK, FDR, LBJ, eg
- 34 Land measures
- 35 Prophets
- 37 City in British Columbia
- 38 Prel. college entrance exams
- 41 Morays
- 44 Heart exams
- 46 Morning in Quebec City
- 48 Tenfold
- 51 Song refrains
- 53 Glossy fabric



8 Cleveland's Bernie and family

54 Dept. of Treasury investigators

55 Champion

56 Precedes "THOLOGY": Bird lore

57 Hamilton-Burr conflict

59 Ms. Turner

60 "And what is so _____ as a day in June": James Russell Lowell

61 Single bills

64 Have a chat

65 Follows "THR": Separate the grain

Solution to "The Great White Way"



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

NEW SCOTLAND

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drop off valentines for residents of area nursing homes, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville. Information, 439-2791.

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

Saturday February 10

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION
monthly meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-2955.

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

NATURE HIKE
on snowshoes, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

PORTRAIT OF A FAMILY
musical comedy presented by Christian Music Ministries of Feura Bush, Copeland Hill off Rt. 32, 8 p.m. Information, 768-2818.

PIRATES OF PENZANCE
musical, presented by the Bethlehem Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delaware, 8 p.m. Information, 439-1623.

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION IN ACTION
presented by Denis Zifer, New York Audubon, Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary, Rarick Rd., 10 a.m. Information, 767-9051.

FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOP
with instructor Rosalie Beck, sponsored by the Bethlehem Art Association, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-2955.

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH DANCE
for grades 7-12, sponsored by the Town of New Scotland Recreation Committee, Clarksville Firehouse, \$2 admission, 7-10 p.m.

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sponsored by the Town of New Scotland Recreation Committee and the Albany County Sheriffs Department, St. Matthews Church, Voorheesville, noon-2 p.m.

PANCAKE SUPPER
sponsored by the Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73, Voorheesville Legion Hall, \$3.50 per adult, \$2.50 per child, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

VALENTINE SOCIAL
sponsored by the Social group of the New Salem Reformed Church, 6 p.m. Reservations, 439-6179.

Sunday February 11

BETHLEHEM

K'TON-TON CLUB
group for the Jewish preschooler, led by Clara Simon, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-8280.

FIRE AND ICE
outdoor party for Bethlehem Middle School students, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar, 4-7 p.m. Information, 439-4131.

PORTRAIT OF A FAMILY
musical comedy presented by Christian Music Ministries of Feura Bush, Copeland Hill, off Rt. 32, 3:30 and 7 p.m. Information, 768-2818.

DESSERT TASTING
recipes from the new cookbook published by the women of the Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, after 10 a.m. service. Information, 349-1766.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided from 8 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.; worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Family Communion Service, first Sundays. Information, 439-9252.

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

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

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 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.

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

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

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

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

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday School and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE FILM
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 11 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

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

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service, 7 p.m., nursery care provided for Sunday services, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
adult Bible study class and Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH
worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
Worship, 10 a.m. Church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNIONVILLE CHURCH
adult coffee-break Bible Study, 9:45 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided, Children's Story Hour, 11 a.m. 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 February 12

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
open for President's Day observance, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

NATURE HIKE
on snowshoes, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

MOTHERS TIME OUT MEETING
with Marcia Barnes, Delmar Reformed Church, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 434-2047.

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
meeting, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3313.

RED, WHITE AND PINK
Valentine craft and film program, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

4-H CLASS
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 3:15 p.m. Information, 765-2895.

NURSERY SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 11 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

February 13

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
review of *The Cats Eye*, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR ROTARY
meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn (formerly Albany Motor Inn, Sidewheeler Restaurant), Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE PTSA
monthly meeting, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
on application of Christina Spaulding, Wormer Rd., New Scotland Town Hall, Rt. 85, 7:15 p.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 11 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 11 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

Wednesday February 14

BETHLEHEM

BUDGET MEETING
on operations and maintenance, transportation, fringe benefits, insurance, and debt service for Bethlehem Central schools, Education Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

BETHLEHEM OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED
open meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
open house, Main Square Office, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4-7 p.m. Information, 439-0512.

PTO MEETING
Ravena Elementary School, 7 p.m.

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

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

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



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per person and pre-registration is required); Project W.I.L.D. Educator Workshop on Feb. 15 from 5-8 p.m. for classroom teachers and other educators (\$2.50 refreshment fee for those participants who like pizza; pre-registration is necessary).

Bringing Back the Bluebird on Feb. 17 and 19 at 2 p.m., an indoor presentation showing the positive and negative sides of human intervention in another animal's environment; and Snowshoeing at Partridge Run on Feb. 24 at 10 a.m., an outdoor trek at the state-owned, EnCon run wildlife management area in the Helderbergs. Partridge Run is a 5,478 acre preserve with over 25 ponds and more than 40 miles of trails through hardwood and coniferous forests. Snowshoes can be rented for \$1.50 per pair. The group will meet in the parking lot of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo schools complex in Berne. At 10 a.m. a car pool will leave for Partridge Run. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call the center at 453-1805. To get to the center, take Route 443 south from Albany. The sign for Five Rivers is on the right side of Delaware Avenue about two and a half miles south of the Four Corners intersection. The signs will lead you to Game Farm Road, and the center.

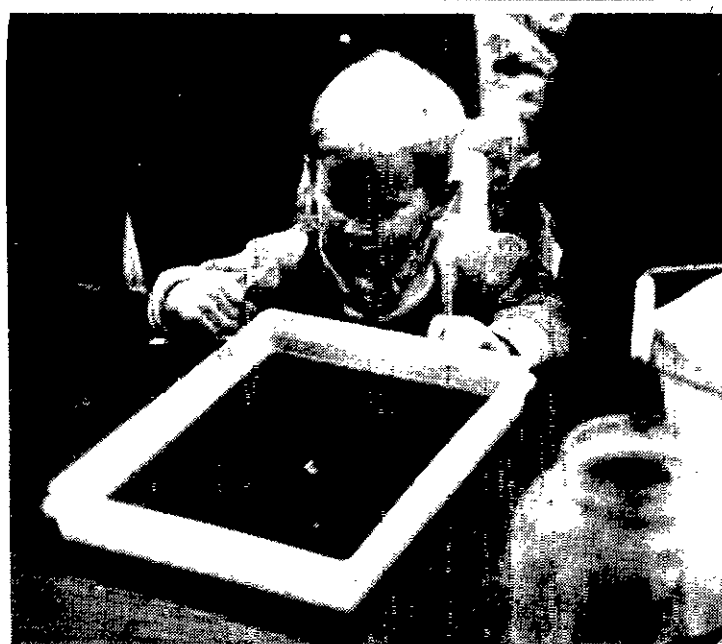
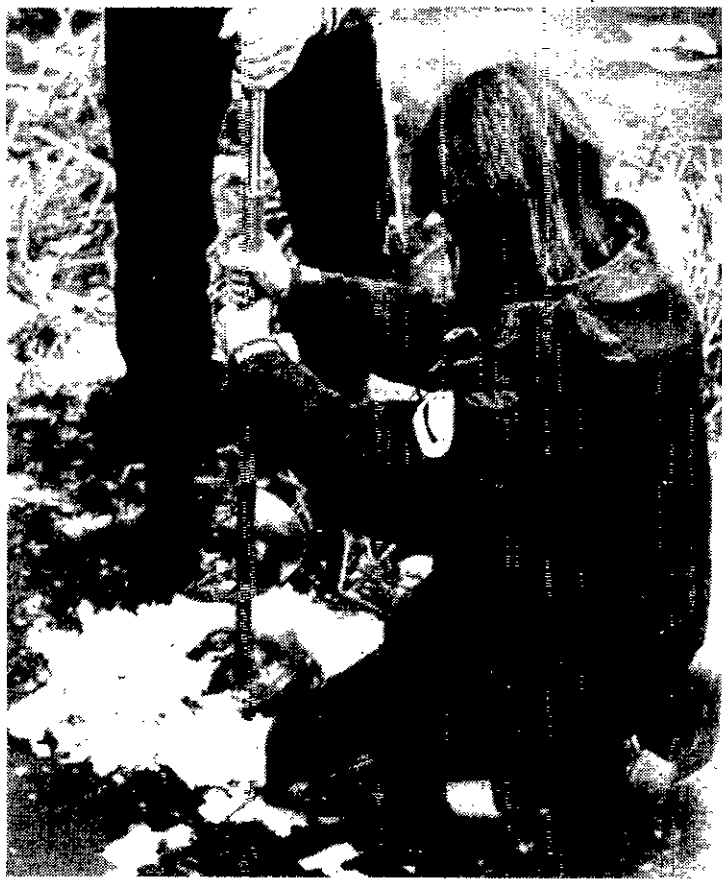
Institute announces spring schedule

The State Writers Institute of the State University of New York announces its spring 1990 schedule of visiting writers. Events will be on the University at Albany's uptown campus; all events are free and open to the public.

Feb. 12 — Tobias Wolff, novelist and short story writer, winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award for *The Barracks Thief*, reads from his work at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center.

Feb. 28 — Bill Kovach, journalist and editor, curator of the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, discusses his work at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre, Performing Arts Center.

For more information, call 442-5620.



Above: While her class watches, Five Rivers Instructor Susan Wolfe uses a hand-powered drill to reach the sleeping inhabitants below the ice. Below left: in the

laboratory later, Patrick Shaffer examines a water sample, while right, Heidi Roberts gets a closer look at a winter pond inhabitant.

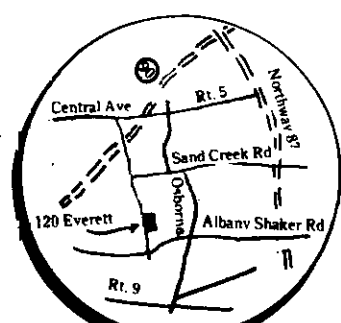
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Museum

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a pattern. The process may also be done without a stencil, in which case the velvet application is termed free-hand bronze painting.

Reverse painting is done on the back of a glass or mirror piece, and is so-called because everything is painted in reverse order from painting on canvas. In traditional painting, the background is painted first, and the details later. In reverse painting, all details are completed before the final background is applied.

Metal leaf decoration is perhaps the most ornate of the Early American decorative arts. A design is painted on wood or metal with black varnish. Tissue of gold or metal leaf is placed on the object, and etched into a design. The tissue is peeled off, leaving an intricate and almost three-dimensional leaf design.

Pontypool painting is one of the styles the colonists brought from the other side of the ocean.

Named for the city of Pontypool, Wales, where it originated, Pontypool painting is decoration done on sheet metal with an oil paint and wax mixture. This provides a filmy, dimensional look, with a texture not found in other decorative media. The pierced diamond patterns along the object's borders are a unique and recognizable part of the decoration of the time.

The mother of pearl inlays of Victorian flower painting are also represented in the museum's collection.

Many of the techniques are offered in ongoing classes at the museum, and beginners as well as experienced craftspeople are encouraged to try their hand at the old ways.

"We also offer programs for school groups, especially for elementary children," Coffin explained. One program demonstrates the responsibilities of 19th century children in home industry.

"We picked a young boy from Saratoga Springs who was an apprentice for his father during the early 1800's. He learned how to become a chair maker in his father's shop. And a couple of girls in the Catskills learned how to paint tin from their father who was a tinsmith," she said.

On March 1, the Society's new course brochure will be available, and will include primitive folk art, wall stenciling, fabric painting, theorems, country tin painting, calligraphy, floor cloths and deception painting.

Fry is one of the Society's teachers, as well as offering classes in her Delmar home once a week. Her current classes have students applying gold leaf to bellows and completing projects such as bride's boxes — oval Shaker-style boxes

young brides took to their new homes.

Fry stresses that just about anybody can learn the painting techniques. "If you can knit or do cross stitch, you can learn to do this," she said. Generally, Fry would start people in Country Painting because they will learn the brush strokes basic to many decorative arts. "People learn to mix paints, and they learn the brush strokes, including the 's', eyebrow, exclamation point and thin and thick line styles," she said.

Jo Provost of Loudonville is a dedicated and long-standing volunteer at the museum.

"I like that type of decoration and the period it is from, and when I saw an ad in the paper for a stenciling class, I registered and discovered the museum," she said.

As a volunteer, Provost has learned many things, including how to handle art work and how to open and close the museum. She witnessed one man's joy over being accepted into the Society after his fifth attempt.

Mardi Leather of Delmar has been a member for 12 years, as well as a volunteer. Her initial interest was mainly through her friends.

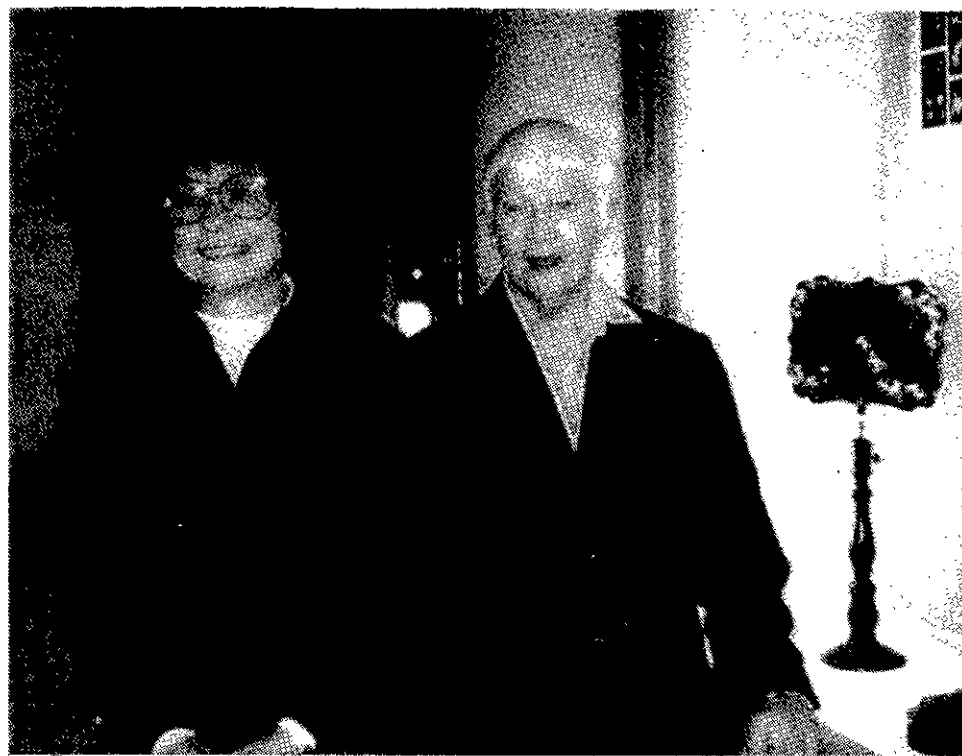
"I have always had an interest in art," said Leather, who holds a degree in ceramic design from Alfred University. She now gives lessons at the museum in the Pennsylvania Dutch method of paper cutting called "scherenschnitte."

Leather remembers the important part former Albany Mayor Erastus Corning played in obtaining the present museum site.

The Society was anxious to move the collection from its Cooperstown home, where it was not under climate control and the pieces were deteriorating. In 1981, after a three-year search for a new home, the Harmanus Bleeker site was proposed. The artifacts are now carefully catalogued, and kept under temperature control.

Leather helps decorate the museum every year at Christmastime. Each year one of the 16 Society Chapters around the country that help support the museum takes its turn submitting the decorations for a Christmas tree, which becomes part of the Festival of Trees at the Albany Institute of History and Art. At the festival's conclusion, the tree is moved to the Society, where the ornaments are sold. "I love it, and we all give as much time as we all can. It is a great Society," Leather concluded.

While the Society's members and the chapters help to support the museum and its many programs, Coffin said that the all-important grants given by the New York State Council on the Arts are becoming scarce.



Above: Janet Smith and Margaret Coffin at the museum. Below: a "coffin lid" tray example of bronze powder stencilling from the collection.

For this reason, Coffin is inviting any interested individuals to discover the museum and Society by becoming a "Friend of the Museum." The contributions will help financially to meet expenses for daily operations and educational programs. For information on membership or upcoming programs, call the museum at 462-1676.

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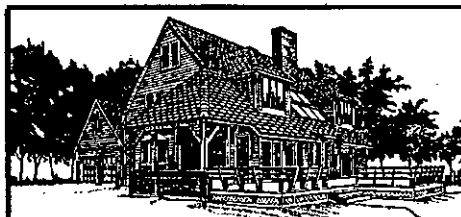
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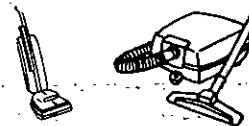
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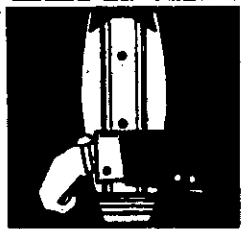
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