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# THE SPOTLIGHT

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## Fire officials say award plan likely

By Susan Graves

Although only one of the five fire districts in Bethlehem has a service award program for volunteers, the other districts may follow suit at some point in the future, fire officials say.

Service award programs were developed as incentives to recruit and retain fire department volunteers and provide monetary benefits to eligible firefighters when they retire.

Service awards and the way they are presented to voters came under fire last month in Selkirk when voters turned down an award program for that district. The district includes three fire companies, Glenmont and South Bethlehem in addition to Selkirk.

In North Bethlehem a defined contribution plan for volunteers will go into effect on Jan. 1, said Philip Schweppenhauser, chairman of the board of fire commissioners. "We had the vote in August, and it passed 30 to 0," he said. Prior to the vote, the district held a public

hearing and published notices in *The Enterprise* and *The Spotlight*. "We also had it on our sign in front of the firehouse," Schweppenhauser said.

Last month Selkirk voters defeated a proposal to establish a service award program in that district partly because of the way the plan was presented, according to several residents. Selkirk had published legal notices in three local papers. A public information hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, and a new vote Nov. 27 have now been set to try again.

At the North Bethlehem hearing on the benefit plan, "We had two people," Schweppenhauser said. He pointed out that hearings on other fire district matters have been well attended. When the new firehouse was being considered, "about 100 to 200 people came out," which indicates, he said, people do read the legal notices.

Selkirk residents have argued that

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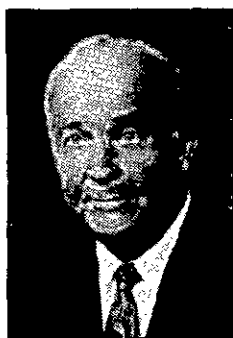
### BETHLEHEM

## Disclosure law shaped as forum for concerns

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Town Board will hear comments on long-awaited ethics legislation next week, with an eye toward enacting the measure before the end of the year.

The proposed ethics and disclosure law is slated for a public hearing at town hall Nov. 14,



Frederick Webster

at 7:30 p.m.

Initiated by former Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick in 1988, most of the work on the law was done by Councilman Frederick C. Webster. He said the law complies as closely as possible with standards recommended for large towns that year by the state Commission on Government Integrity. He said if those regulations are put into effect for towns the size of Bethlehem, "We will be in compliance."

Webster said the law is designed to offer a forum for citizens and officials to address concerns about conflict-of-inter-

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## Teachers: Anything possible

By Susan Wheeler

Richard Mele, Voorheesville Teachers Association president, said "anything is possible" as far as action the union might take in contract negotiations.

He said the VTA, which represents about 100 teachers, had a full membership meeting Monday "to discuss all options," which include going to the press, sending letters to parents, attending board meetings and advertising the

VTA's position in a newspaper ad.

According to Mele, the VTA is "holding the lid on the sensitive issues that were discussed" at the meeting until they meet with the executive council later this week.

At a contract negotiations meeting last week between the association and the Voorheesville Central School District,

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Liz Walsh, 10, (at left) and Andrea Schmit, 7, both of Delmar, with Girl Scout Troop Organizer Colleen LaFalce (foreground) and Cindy Allen-Balfourt of the Red Cross.

Mike Larabee

## Scouts return favor

St. Thomas School Girl Scouts and Brownies pitched in to help make Veterans Day brighter for patients in the Congressman Samuel S. Stratton Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany.

Colleen LaFalce, organizer and Scout leader for three of the Delmar school troops, got the idea after she was asked for help from the Red Cross.

"The Red Cross requested tray favors for the veterans on Veterans Day," she said. But before the Scouts made the favors, they needed a little help understanding just what it means to be a veteran. Some thought veterans were all the people who died in wars, she said. "They were under a misconception all veterans fought and died in a war."

And, "One thought a veteran is a

very good person — not just someone we should think of only on Veterans Day."

After some background from their leaders, the Scouts began tackling the project in earnest.

"I think it was their enthusiasm. They were really into the red, white and blue," LaFalce said.

Liz Walsh, 10, of Troop 563, who delivered the favors to the Red Cross said, "Well, it's someone that helped protect our country. My dad is a veteran. I think he was in the Navy."

She was accompanied by St. Thomas Brownie Andrea Schmit, 7, who said on her favor, "You are a good person. Get well soon."

"They really thought about what they said," LaFalce said.

Susan Graves

# Students say 'yes' to community center

By Susan Graves

Bethlehem will have a new community center thanks to 66 percent of the town's "eligible" voters. And 73 percent gave the 21st Century Environmental Bond Act resounding support.

At least that's the way students at Bethlehem Central High School called it in a mock election last week when they passed the local measure, 134 to 70, and the bond act, 165 to 60.

William Cleveland, social studies teacher, whose participation in government classes helped set up the election at BC, said, "I think they're going to be pretty close (to the registered electorate's decisions)," in many races. Probably not, though, he noted, in the bond act and community center vote, since the students aren't paying taxes yet.

"I'm proud of their participation," Cleveland said, "but surprised by the results in some of the races." One of the contests that puzzled the veteran teacher was the victory of Democrat Pamela Jones over GOP incumbent William Faso for the 102nd Assembly District seat. Cleveland thinks that

upset was because Jones was receptive to the students. "She came to school and dropped off all sorts of things," he said.

The teacher was unable to come up with an analysis on the surrogate court judgeship. Students re-elected Judge Raymond E. Marinelli over Republican challenger Michael E. Stafford in a 299 to 195 vote. Stafford ran a highly visible campaign in Delmar, Cleveland said.

BC students organized and ran the mock election. They contacted the candidates and collected information on them. Then they compiled a four-page information sheet, which included the names of all candidates and their positions on basic issues.

Four voting machines were set up at the high school, and the ballots were exact replicas of those used in yesterday's election.

"The students had to vote on their own time," and most who voted had to take that time out of their lunch periods, Cleveland said.

One of his feelings on Monday was that, "I wouldn't want to place money on the comptroller's race," where Democrat challenger Carol

Bellamy defeated Edward Regan, 221 to 204.

In other races, students elected Gov. Mario Cuomo with 70 percent of the vote, Attorney General Robert Abrams, Judge Anthony Cardona for the Supreme Court, Congressman Michael McNulty, Sen. Howard Nolan, Assemblyman Richard Conners, and Family Court Judge Thomas Breslin.

## Senate report to air

State Senator Howard C. Nolan will air a 15-minute cable television show, titled "Report From the State Senate," on the Bethlehem Channel on Monday Nov. 12 at 8 p.m.

## Kaplowitz re-elected

The Bethlehem Republican Committee re-elected chairman Bernard Kaplowitz at a recent meeting. Kaplowitz, an Elsmere resident, has been chairman for the past 14 years.

Also re-elected were Mary Bardwell of Delmar, vice-chairman; Dickson Welt of Delmar, treasurer; and Dorothy Brown of Elsmere, secretary.

## Tiny dancer



Jessica Schoen, 4, of Delmar, waits her turn on Mr. Bouncety Bounce at the First United Methodist Church Autumn Fair, held Saturday, Nov. 3. Debi Boucher

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# Police plan sweep for DWI offenders

By Mike Larabee

Representatives from four police agencies met in the Bethlehem town courtroom in town hall last week to tip their hand on a DWI sweep.

The Friday, Nov. 16, sweep, or "saturation patrol," is being directed by the Albany County STOP-DWI program and will involve the coordination of a dozen local police agencies, according to Denis Foley, STOP-DWI administrator. On that night, patrolmen from local municipal, county, and state police will be on the road in force searching for drunk drivers in an effort they say is as much about deterrence as arrest.

"It's an excellent method of deterrence," said Foley. "It's a visible sign that police agencies are serious about drunk driving." Foley said the November sweep and another planned for December are timed to coincide with the holidays, when alcohol sales are at their peak and winter driving conditions exacerbate the dangers of drunk driving.

"The holiday seasons starting from mid-November have a higher rate of alcohol-related personal injuries than any other time of the year," Bethlehem Chief Paul Currie and Colonie Chief James Flater said in a joint statement announcing the action.

STOP-DWI — the STOP in which stands for Special Traffic Options Program — was created in early 1980 to funnel DWI conviction fines back to localities and into programs in alcohol and drug law enforcement and alcohol and drug education and treatment, according to Bethlehem Lt. Richard Vanderbilt.

The saturation patrol will be the third coordinated by STOP-DWI since 1989, Foley said. "Previous such patrols showed one out of

every 11 traffic infraction stops resulted in a DWI arrest. (Past) saturation patrols also produced 92 arrests, as well as three drugged driving arrests," he said.

Still, Foley said, the publicity generated before the patrols can be as important as arrest statistics, though he said previously there actually were more arrests during a sweep that was announced than during one that was not. "From now on we have a policy of announcing them at all times," he said.

Foley said half the drivers arrested during an August 1989 sweep that was announced beforehand said they had known the police would be out that night. Vanderbilt said STOP-DWI coordination of sweep efforts was crucial to maximize the size of the area police can cover. "Otherwise we might all be going in six directions," Vanderbilt said. "We don't want to duplicate our efforts, but we want to cover all the major arteries," added Foley.

While county-wide DWI mortalities are down one-third since 1981, Foley said, a lot of work remains to reduce drunk driving in the region. Chances of a motorist getting caught driving while under the influence in Albany County were estimated this year at only one in 2000. And, he said, DWI related accidents remain the leading cause of death for Albany County teenagers.

"And frequently the drunk driver survives and it's the passenger that's killed," said Foley. "We can only urge people to use their safety belts and remember that friends don't let friends drive drunk."

An officer from the Coeymans Police Department, a representative from the state police and the county sheriff's department attended the meeting in Bethlehem.



Area ambulance squads and fire departments staged a simulated casualty inci-

dent at Clayton A. Bouton High School on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Elaine McLain

## Group raises funds for senior van

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem Senior Projects wants to give town senior citizens a Christmas present.

The private not-for-profit corporation, formed in 1989 in an effort to help extend services for senior citizens in Bethlehem, has raised about half the money they need to purchase a new 10 passenger handicapped-accessible van.

"Do you suppose it will fit under the town hall Christmas tree?" said Jane Bloom of Glenmont, co-chair of Bethlehem Senior Project's fundraising committee.

All together, the van and accessories will cost about \$40,000, according to Norman Kurland, project treasurer. The group so far has gathered nearly half that in pledges and donations, ranging from small individual contributions to larger amounts from businesses and civic groups. The group's organizers remain optimistic about a purchase by Dec. 25. "At this point we're still very positive and hopeful that we can make it,"



Jane Bloom

Bloom said. "That's our goal, to give a gift to the seniors."

While the town currently has a three-vehicle senior transportation fleet, only one, a van donated by GE Plastics in Selkirk, can accommodate wheelchairs.

"There is a waiting list all the time for wheelchair accessible transportation," said Bloom. The

new van would have a mechanical lift and room for two chairs.

For Bloom, who has a career background in aging services, the van drive is representative of the wider mission of Bethlehem Senior Projects. Their goal is extending senior programs — in terms of both funding and general commitment — beyond the level of basic town programs.

"It's much more than a funding conduit, because it extends the town's reach not just in terms of funding, but in terms of responsibility. It becomes a shared responsibility then," Bloom said.

"It's a win-win situation," she said, "a real partnership."

Bloom believes that while local governments need to strike a balance between financial limitations and needed services, private citizens need to acknowledge their obligation to contribute as well. "When does the town's responsibility end, and private sector's pick up?" asks Bloom. She said initiatives like the senior project and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited are examples of "win-win situations" where, working closely with government, private programs can address social needs.

Town Supervisor Ken Ringler agrees. "It's an issue the town board wrestles with every day," he said. "You can go on and on forever with social services. But the point is, where do you draw the line?"

He said he envisions government acting often as "a catalyst" for local initiatives, providing encouragement as well as seed money and basic program staff support.

"It's a case of economics. If we can use other resources out there to meet these needs, we should try to do it," Ringler said.

### Correction

In the Oct. 17 edition of *The Spotlight*, the driver of a tractor involved in a two-vehicle accident was misidentified. The driver was Bradley A. Houk, 39, of Old Ravenna Road, Selkirk.

## Bethlehem remembers mideast troops

By Mike Larabee

With an eye toward remembering troops stationed in the Middle East, the Town of Bethlehem has proclaimed next week "Operation Mustard Seed" week and knotted a red, white, and blue ribbon around a maple tree in front of town hall.

The ribbon and proclamation are intended to draw attention to a series of events beginning Nov. 10 with a "free skate" Saturday at Knickerbocker Arena and culminating with an interfaith peace vigil on Nov. 18, at the newly renamed Congressman Samuel S. Stratton Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany.

Coordinated locally by Connie Warden of Delmar, week-long fund-raisers, rallies, and promotions are scheduled around the themes associated with Operation Mustard Seed, a program started by a local parent of a serviceman in an effort to reach out to military personnel stationed in Saudi Arabia.

At a ceremony at town hall last week, Warden said her involvement in the project is related to "an intense sense of patriotism developed growing up during World War II." She views support for the men and women serving in the Middle East as something unrelated to

the politics of the crisis, arguing that whatever people's opinions about the employment of military in the Middle East, they have a responsibility to consider the needs of service personnel.

"During the Vietnam years, while I was anti-war, I was saddened by the way we treated the Vietnam veterans," said Warden. "I came to the conclusion that these are two separate issues. I strongly believe that those are our sons and daughters there and we should support them."

Monica Bell, the Loudonville resident who spearheaded Operation Mustard Seed, said, "The whole goal of the organization is to let our troops over there know that they're not being forgotten." Bell began organizing the program shortly after her son, Marine Infantry Corporal Scott Hommel, was dispatched to the Middle East.

Overall, she said, the program is designed to ensure that service men and women receive a steady stream of support and encouragement, as well as toiletries, non-perishable foods, reading materials, and other useful items. But for Bell also, the fear that the military exercise dubbed "Operation Desert Shield" could degenerate into "another Vietnam" — with troops

alienated from Americans back home — is a motivating factor.

"We want to make sure that doesn't happen," she said.

The name of the project is in reference to the Book of Matthew in the Bible: "If you have faith as tiny as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, move from here to there and it shall move — nothing shall be impossible."

What organizers of the nonprofit program want most is for word to get out, and they are eager to recognize the individuals, community groups, and business interests who have contributed. They point to heating oil distributor Main-Care's mailing of around 13,000 brochures promoting the mustard seed program and a care package drive launched in Price Chopper supermarkets. Locally, they credit Delaware Avenue's Main Square Shoppes for volunteering to act as drop-off point for goods donated in the tri-village area, and the American Legion Blanchard Post for a scheduled Nov. 15 fund-raiser featuring local musician Skip Parsons and his band.

"Volunteers are just coming forth by word of mouth. We really haven't had the time to organize and go out and look for support from anyone specific," said Bell.

"The nice thing about it is that most of the volunteers don't have anyone there. It's a comfort to know that people care even though the situation hasn't touched their life on a personal basis."

Other events during the week, which has also been referred to as "Armed Services Awareness Week," include a Nov. 10 collection of care packages in the Knickerbocker Arena exhibition area, the Nov. 11 grand opening of mustard seed's new "official headquarters" in space donated by Latham Circle Mall, and a Nov. 12 Veterans Day parade in Albany.

To add to the program's list of area residents stationed in Saudi Arabia, or for information on Operation Mustard Seed or upcoming events call Warden, at 439-4246, or Bell, at 449-1391. For a informational brochure, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Operation Mustard Seed; P.O. Box 11550; Albany 12211.

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# Hearing set on subdivision

By Mike Larabee

There will be a public hearing Tuesday, Dec. 4, on a proposed 11-lot Delmar subdivision that would link McMillen and Stratton places and extend them west toward Kenaware Avenue.

McMillen Woods, a subdivision proposed for 4.4 acres owned by Keystone Builders Inc. and M. Sullivan Construction Company, was before the Bethlehem Planning Board at its regular meeting last week. The property is located beyond the end of the two narrow dead-end streets, adjacent to a wet area at the source of the Dower-skill.

While developers have an option to purchase additional lands that would allow the subdivision to tie into Kenaware Avenue and, thus, link Borthwick and Kenaware avenues, they probably will not exercise the option, according to Lindsay Boutelle of Delmar land surveying firm Edward W. Boutelle and Son, representative of the building companies.

"They are not going to be continued until somebody comes in with a lot of money," said Boutelle, referring to the possibility of connecting McMillen and Stratton places to Kenaware Avenue.

Boutelle said wet areas currently make building farther toward Kenaware Avenue cost-prohibitive.

McMillen Woods, residentially zoned property, presents similar problems, though less extreme. According to Boutelle, each house will have to be equipped with a costly "grinder pump" to transport septic wastes into existing gravity sewer lines on Stratton Place.

"It will be very expensive, no doubt, but it will work," said Boutelle.

Another complication is a currently-underway town study of drainage in the McMillen Woods area and areas north.

According to town Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, the location is a natural detention area for run-off water from nearby properties and needs to be examined before it is developed. He said the town has contracted with C.T. Male Associates of Latham to conduct the study.

"It's a very sensitive area that we have to be very careful in," Secor said.

He said he didn't feel the study would delay McMillen Woods, a concern Boutelle expressed to the planning board. In addition, some

on the planning board members said they doubted the subdivision would seriously affect drainage in the area.

"It's hard for me to comprehend that this subdivision will have that much impact," said board member John LaForte.

James Shanley, a member of the board of commissioners of the Delmar Fire District, said he was concerned about fire access into the new development, especially because the existing streets are so narrow.

"We want to make sure that we can get in there safely and get out safely," Shanley said.

The planners said the proposed link between McMillen and Stratton places would improve access to the area.

## QUILT meeting set

Quilters United in Learning Together will meet Friday, Nov. 9, at the United Methodist Church in Delmar from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

"Designing with Fabrics" will be the program presented by Mary K. Ryan, quilt designer, teacher and judge from Vermont.

Guests are welcome. For more information, call 283-4848.

## Spotlight on the Service

Marine Cpl. Douglas B. Zautner, son of George W. Zautner of Delmar, recently returned from deployment in Okinawa, Japan while serving with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Zautner, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, joined the Marine Corps in March 1987.

Maj. James J. Dunn has deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield.

Dunn is the son of James W. Dunn of Clarksville. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and Embry Riddle University, Fla.

Air Force Reserve Airman Timothy E. Eernisse has graduated from the information management specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

Eernisse, a graduate of Bethle-

hem Central High School, is the son of Roger E. and Sharon L. Eernisse of Delmar.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Lawrence P. Shipp, son of Frank F. Shipp of Delmar, recently participated in Operation Sharp Edge while serving with Assault Craft Unit Four, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.

Shipp is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Navy Lt. j.g. Michael A. Rosenblatt, son of Robert M. and Carol E. Rosenblatt of Slingerlands, is currently deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Shield while serving aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Rosenblatt is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Albany.

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## Two teens killed in collision

Two out-of-town teenagers were killed on Saturday, Nov. 3, when the car in which they were passengers crashed into a tree after the driver, 17-year-old Peter Abele, of Loudonville, failed to negotiate a curve. Ahmad Roach, 17, of the Bronx, and Phil Sato, 18, of Falmouth, Mass., were both killed in the collision, which occurred at about 5:45 p.m. Abele and another passenger, Daniel Rosenthal, of 17 Lark St., Albany, were injured and taken to the hospital.

Abele was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. Further charges are pending, according to a report by the Albany County Sheriff's Department, which is investigating the accident.

Assisting at the scene were paramedics from Delmar and Gunderland, ambulances from Voorheesville and Onesquethaw and fire departments from New Salem, Slingerlands and Voorheesville.

## Pedestrian hit on Route 85A

The Albany County Sheriff's Department is investigating a fatal pedestrian accident that occurred on Sunday, Nov. 4, at about 6:05 p.m. on Route 85A in New Scotland.

Gregory Diamond, 81, of Hunter Avenue, Albany, was struck by a car driven by Wyman Osterhout, 86, of Pheasant Run Apartments, Voorheesville. Diamond was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he later died as

a result of his injuries.

The driver did not see the pedestrian until he was struck, according to a Sheriff's Department report. The report said Diamond had been walking alone on the unlighted roadway wearing dark clothing and carrying a pizza. No charges were filed, based on an investigation of the scene. Voorheesville Ambulance and Gunderland Paramedics assisted at the scene.

## Delmar man hurt in one-car crash

Russell A. Preville, 34, of Hadlington Lane, Delmar, was injured early Sunday, Nov. 4, after his car hit a telephone pole on Kenwood Avenue, Bethlehem police said.

According to police, Preville was travelling east on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, when his car

crossed the westbound lane and hit the pole. Preville told police he fell asleep at the wheel, according to a department accident report.

Preville was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he was treated and released, a hospital spokesperson said.

## In the courts

Deborah Martino, 31, of Second Avenue, Albany, arrested by Bethlehem Police Aug. 30 on four felony counts of second degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, one felony count of fourth degree criminal possession of stolen property, and two misdemeanors, pleaded guilty to the charges Sept. 10, in Albany County Court and was sentenced on Oct. 10 to two to six years imprisonment.

Daniel F. Reedy, 19, of Southern Boulevard, Albany, arrested by Bethlehem Police June 6 for third degree attempted burglary and petty larceny, pleaded guilty to third degree attempted burglary in county court Aug. 30, and was sentenced on Sept. 26 to two to four years imprisonment.

Charles K. Gardner, 31, of Carson Road, Delmar, arrested Oct. 6 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated (DWI), reckless endangerment, and reckless driving, pleaded guilty to driving while ability impaired (DWAI), a violation, in Bethlehem Town Court on Oct. 16, and was fined \$250 with a 90-day license suspension in full satisfaction of the additional charges.

Gary G. Phillips, 39, of Hanover Drive, Delmar, arrested May 20, for DWI, pleaded guilty to DWAI in town court on Oct. 2, and was fined \$250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Wendy Trenchard, 22, of Alcov, arrested Oct. 7 for DWI, pleaded guilty to DWAI in town court on Oct. 17, and was fined \$250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Tim Tyoli, 34, of Feura Bush, arrested Aug. 26 for DWI, pleaded guilty to DWAI in town court on Oct. 2, and was fined \$250 with a 90-day license suspension.

## Police make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police arrested two drivers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated last week.

Thomas A. Burnetter, Jr., 38, of Criswood Drive, Albany, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 1, for DWI after reportedly running off the roadway to avoid hitting a deer on Orchard Street near the intersection of Game Farm Road, police said. He is scheduled to appear in

## Clarksville trio holds craft sale

Three Clarksville residents, Audrey Carl, Betty Koban and Tish McKenzie, have been working throughout the year on crafts for their "Country Christmas Sampler." Unique Christmas ornaments and gifts will be on display at the sampler on Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3 Slingerlands Ave. in Clarksville.

Items, which are country, Victorian and primitive in flavor, include patchwork and Victorian kissing balls, muslin babies and handkerchief dolls, handmade jewelry and barrettes, wreaths made of lace and calico and much more.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Our new veterans

With American military forces in the Middle East now numbered in the hundreds of thousands, the approaching Veterans Day observance will have a special meaning for all of us — especially for the families they have left behind.

The election campaigning that we have just experienced is a ritual that couldn't be avoided, untimely as it was in view of the crises that overhang the nation. Congress, having again justified its existence to the voters, might well hustle back to Washington in order to pay attention at least to the jam we're in, in the desert and the gulf.

Perhaps our confrontation with Iraq can end up being another "police action," but

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even so the service personnel there will join the ranks of honored veterans of overseas hazardous duty.

With luck, and particularly with prudent restraint by policy-makers, these newly minted veterans may be able to return home without sustaining the dreadful costs that combat would exact on them and their country.

A timely salute to them necessarily must be included in the Veterans Day tribute to heroes of past wars.

## The Community Center—II

Our editorial last week about the proposed Bethlehem community center, published as it was in the last days before the referendum on it, necessarily had to be tentative about the project and its prospects. In fact, this commentary is written before the votes are counted.

We commented then that "available sentiment appears to suggest that uncertainty has supplanted much of the enthusiasm" that had marked the early stages of thinking and planning for the center. We urged, too, a large voter turnout on the very hot local issue so that residents' true wishes could be unmistakably clear.

And we stated our belief that such a resource, in some appropriate form, is highly desirable in our town: "We trust that either through approval by Bethlehem's voters, or perhaps through a 'revision of the vision' a community center will one day—before long—become a reality."

We believe that those responsible for overseeing the center's planning should now proceed to take whatever logical steps are called for, to assure that such a center will become the community asset most residents would agree it has the potential of becoming.

## The morning after

Well, did you vote to "throw the rascals out"?

That time-honored sentiment, decades older than even "Don't let them take it away" and "You never had it so good," was supposed to prevail in many election contests this week, according to political pulse-takers. In fact, if they were anywhere near right, there ought to be a large number of "outs" becoming "ins" now.

But the seers, as always, provided themselves with a back-door exit from any firm prediction. Americans may hate Congress, we're told, but they love their Congressman. It's a safe guess that the 98 percent reelection rate for these statesmen will have again proved out and that even Barney Frank will be back in Washington.

Here is New York, the stature of Mario Cuomo, combined with the quality of his opponents, made a farce of the governorship election. Mr. Cuomo's popularity presumably was strong enough to carry a

variety of Democrats who otherwise would have been marginal or worse. It might have even provided the basis for approval of the environmental bonds, despite the widespread skepticism about it and all other spending proposals.

Claims and counter-claims, right up to the eve of the voting, left the control of the New York State Senate in doubt, and therefore questionable too, whether a Democratic triple-threat team—Governor, Assembly, and Senate—would be able to have things their own way in legislative redistricting. It appears that some voters will have been motivated to keep the Senate Republican as part of the informal checks and balances that we tend to like quite well.

Locally in Albany County, the Republican Party, ineffectual in so many instances, has performed up to expectations in the 1990 campaign. *The Spotlight* expects to have an updated analysis next week.

## To lead or be led?

Most reasonably objective people, we suggest, would concur in the Bethlehem Board of Appeals decision to go along with the Department of Environmental Conservation as the "lead agency" in reviewing the impact Ref-Fuel's incinerator might have on our quality of life.

Objections are being heard, after the fact, intimating that the state will not be zealous enough on behalf of the town's environmental concerns.

The proposed waste-burning plant, technically in the town though in a remote and inaccessible corner where few residents have ever ventured, has primary regional implications for communities in both Rensselaer and Albany counties, including the city of Albany, and

probably some more distant areas as well.

EnCon's willingness to take adequate note, during the review process, of Bethlehem's interests, is underscored in a letter from an analyst who will be overseeing the review. The letter mentions important participation by the town, and refers to Bethlehem's substantive concerns, particularly with respect to local land-use issues and impacts.

The appeals board's judgment was based in the assumption that the study will be a non-binding resource designed to help agencies, such as the board, reach informed decisions on applications such as American Ref-Fuel's. That assumption appears to be an appropriate one at this stage.

## Fireman award defeat issue stirs Selkirk

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, a lightly publicized occurrence in the Selkirk Fire District seems to have polarized many voters of the community versus the Board of Commissioners for the district.

On Oct. 23, a referendum was held at Selkirk No. 2 firehouse in Glenmont regarding implementation of a "service award program" for active volunteer firemen. This award program is, in actuality, a

by the people) subsequent to the voting.

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### Retirement Plan needs support!

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Oct. 23 at Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2, there was voting for a fireman's retirement plan. This plan was voted down. This is a very successful program and has been accepted in other volunteer fire companies across the state.

I feel that the voters of the Selkirk Fire District were misguided by a few individuals lacking in the knowledge of the plan. These few individuals misleading the public are not eligible for the plan and are giving only a one-sided view.

The volunteer is a special person who puts his life on the line to save others'. They are not paid for the services that they give to the public. What would our taxes be if we had to pay for these services?

Now is the time to plan for the present and future firefighters.

Glenmont Resident  
(Name submitted)

### Vox Pop

retirement entitlement program, the scope of which we all are familiar, what with the federal and state deficits. The referendum was defeated soundly by 168 for 198 against, with 44 voided votes.

The program consists of a point system, whereby when they reach a specified age, active firemen will be rewarded with a retirement benefit of \$20 per month for every year of qualifying service rendered, up to a benefit of \$600 per month.

The issue involved is not that anyone is against the Selkirk Fire Department or any person volunteering time to betterment of the community. The issue is the manner in which voting was handled, coupled with many derogatory remarks by members of the fire service (some of whom are elected

## Traffic on Cherry Ave. held unsafe for kids

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the five years that I have been living on Cherry Avenue in Delmar, I have been concerned about the traffic situation. As a mother of three small children, I feel that my kids should be able to ride their bikes down the street without my constant worry as to whether they might be seriously hurt.

In a community where people are very conscious of their children's needs, this oversight is outrageous. This road is not in any condition to transport such big vehicles as those using it all the time. It is a two-lane road where houses are situated very close to

the road. Cars race down this street at 45 miles an hour. Yet I have only once witnessed a police officer stop a vehicle on this road. Why can't the trucks go through another route? Surely, with the by-pass and other major roads, this problem could be eliminated.

A number of children live on this street, yet there isn't even a "children at play" sign — but I see them on numerous side roads where traffic is minimal.

Why wait until someone is seriously hurt? Stop the problem before it causes serious harm!

Victoria E. Sheehan-Karl  
Delmar

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# Your Opinion Matters

UNCLE DUDLEY

## Where were you when the lights went out?

Where were you just after 5 o'clock on Tuesday evening, November the 9th, 1965?

That may seem like a most unlikely question—but if you're at least thirty something you almost certainly will remember.

That was the night of the "greatest blackout in American history," as Bill Kennedy described it in his Times Union account the next morning.

At 5:25 the lights went out. The timing was slightly different in other population centers as the transmission lines all over the northeastern part of the country suddenly went blank.

While people speculated about what on earth could be going on, the darkness deepened, mitigated only by the good fortune of bright moonlight in a clear sky. Was it an act of sabotage? There was no way for anyone to put the nervous questions, save to a neighbor, and no way for any person in authority to try to provide an answer. In any event, there were no answers. Was an enemy attack impending? Such rumors and guesses floated around—but they couldn't spread very rapidly because no one could spread them.

After three hours and 14 minutes, lights began to reappear in our neck of the woods. In some localities, darkness prevailed for considerably longer. Aftermath re-

ports declared that millions of people had spent the night in discomfort and cold. Everything went wrong: monumental traffic jams, people trapped in elevators, subways, public places. Looting flourished spottily. All air traffic had to be diverted elsewhere. The communications empire radiating from New York City was stilled.

Some predictable aspects were to be found: Each of the seven power companies in New York State said "It wasn't our fault"; doctors were found to have operated on emergency power; four babies were born in our area; a Massachusetts prison experienced a riot; the Public Service Commission said it would find out the problem at all costs; the chairmen of some Congressional committees said they'd have their own investigation—and everyone said it mustn't happen again.

Hy Rosen had a cartoon drawn for the morning edition; it was a blob of black highlighted by a quotation lettered in white: "It is unlikely that all power could be cut off in any area—even under nuclear attack"—(Federal Power Commission report 1964). That same edition had an editorial brilliantly asking a couple of questions: "How could such a vast area go dark?" and "Why a disaster of this scope failed to trigger any emergency response on the part

of Civilian Defense and other responsible State and local officials." The citizenry got a pat on the head in the editorial and in Bill Kennedy's news story for the "remarkable lack of panic."

All this occurred exactly one week after the 1965 off-year elections, which saw Erastus Corning returned to office as mayor of Albany for his seventh term; former Senator Kenneth Keating elected to the New York Court of Appeals (that's a story for another day); and John V. Lindsay elected mayor of New York City.

Yes, everyone was on record that such a widespread blackout must not happen again. But happen it did—though in not quite so widespread an area. It did last much longer—many hours. This was in mid-July 1977, and I recall it somewhat less vividly. I was in New York City at the time, on the nineteenth floor of a mid-Manhattan building. And there we stayed through all the following day, as I remember.

Among the co-tenants was a small dog, and it was all a special problem for him. Neither of us felt capable of the 19 floors, down and up again, in a blackened stairwell.

Again, the predictable: The power companies said they weren't to be blamed, and everyone said that it mustn't be allowed to happen again.

CONSTANT READER

## Are you going to run, Mario?

A revealing and quite captivating interview with Governor Cuomo appears in the November issue of the magazine known as GQ (for Gentlemen's Quarterly). And the interviewer is none other than Albany's William Kennedy.

In a session at the Governor's Capitol desk that was scheduled for a half-hour but ran three times as long, interviewer and interviewee touched on a dozen topics, some of them at great length. (And the article itself is published at great length—perhaps eight thousand words occupying nearly 20 pages). The tone is informal, and the style of presentation is direct Q-and-A dialogue throughout.

The article doesn't even have a traditional title or headline. Instead, the huge introductory type goes like this:

"Q: Are you going to run for President, Mario?"

"A: I'm not running for President, I don't have any plans to make plans."

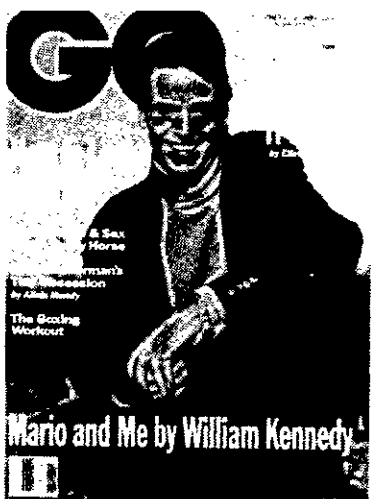
Take it from there. . .

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"They say, 'Make the Sherman statement.' Now, only Sherman made the Sherman statement. No politician ever made the Sherman statement. And Sherman was a general. And Sherman said, what—I won't run, that's it, and if you elect me I won't serve."

You know what would happen if I made the Sherman statement? Two things would happen. First of all, only a dummy would believe

you, because the politician who says, 'I won't run under any circumstances,' could wake up the next morning and say, 'I changed my mind.' What are you going to say to him, 'No, you can't change your mind'? So there is no ironclad. And



in my case, if I did say convincingly that under no circumstances would I ever run, that would be so unreasonable a position that people would say, 'There must be something in his closet.' Now, I wouldn't mind if they said it was a 28-year-old blonde, but they don't say that. They say either 'His uncle is Mafia' or 'If you look at the pictures in the family album, two guys had bent noses? They would say that kind of insidious ethnic thing. And they have. . . So you can't rule it out. If you try, it would invite them to say, 'Even though you have been governor three times, even though other people say you could be president, even though the polls indicate all of this, etc., etc., ah,

then there must be some explanation.' So you can't rule it out."

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"Would I rule out the presidency? I can't rule out the presidency even if I wanted to, and I don't want to. Is it theoretically possible that you could conclude that you should run for president? Yes, it's theoretically possible, but to do that I would have to conclude that I was the best one available. Very hard for me to imagine. . . that there is nobody in the Democratic Party better than me. I know what I can do and I know what I can't do. I'm a good governor. But to say that I should lead the free world and that you don't have anybody better than me, that's a very tough obstacle. . ."

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After the interviewer comments on how much time Governor Cuomo spends in Albany compared with other recent governors since Thomas E. Dewey, Mr. Cuomo agrees that this is so. In response to the inquiry, "How do you find life in Albany?" he explains:

"I love Albany. I've changed my mind about it. . . I was first here in 1956. Now, in those years we had Green Street, and the first week you were here, the Court of Appeals judges would say, 'Well, he must visit Green Street,' and would assign a couple of other clerks to take you down to Green Street, which they did, and I said, 'What's in Green Street?' 'Oh, wonderful restaurants.' Yeah, those were

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## Where our readers have their say!

The writer of the following column is publisher and editor of The Spotlight Newspapers.

By Richard A. Ahlstrom

This two-page spread of commentary became an entity in The Spotlight quite gradually.

### Point of View

For the first several years of my proprietorship as publisher, beginning in 1980, our goal was to improve the paper's coverage of our territory. For much of that time, opinion pages were the farthest thing from our minds—mine and Tom McPheeters, who was our editor throughout all the early years. We had our basic job cut out for us. Eventually, through, as we increased our attention to the nuts and bolts of adequately reporting the straight news, while adding new features and departments and enlarging the "news hole" (made possible by the ever-growing advertising support), the desirability of a section for comment and interpretation seemed to become more feasible.

It was the early fall of 1987 when it began to come together satisfactorily. By coincidence, I was able to locate a local resident, Dan Button, who was well versed in civic and community issues not only of our towns but of the whole area, and he became our first editorial-page editor.

Over the years, The Spotlight had published an occasional editorial—perhaps half a dozen in a typical year—and of course we received and printed some letters from our readers. Neither these nor the editorials had an anchored spot in our pages.

My original concept and modest goal was to establish a prominent position in each issue for perhaps an editorial or two plus a collection of letters-to-the-editor as and when they arrived. As our newly constituted editorial board (the Ahlstroms, Tom McPheeters, and Dan Button) thought it through, however, we concluded that we should regularly provide a place for readers' opinions; that we might reasonably expect a somewhat greater volume of our own editorial contents; and that more space would be required.

**We exercise our responsibility with great care. We consider fully the consequences of using it. We seek to be fair, to motivate citizens.**

Our scarcely hatched editorial page thereby acquired a twin—one known in this trade as "Op Ed" (the page opposite the editorial page). Along with it was born the column you are now reading, "Point of View." And every week, except for a very few written by our editorial board, the views of many people have appeared here, giving voice to the points of view they wanted to express, in their own language and under their own bylines. "Point of View" belongs to The Spotlight's readers. More than 150 have been published to date, representing the ideas of nearly that many individuals (some have written more than once). Prominent citizens, "spokespersons," and less-familiar names have taken their turn, accounting for nearly 100,000 words. As the top of the page always reminds everyone, "Your opinion matters."

More than a hundred years ago, a leading editor of a New York City newspaper observed that "A newspaper that merely inks over a certain amount of white paper may be a good collector of news and successful as a business venture, but it can leave no mark upon its time and have no history without the influence of a strong editorial page." In these past three years, The Spotlight has been broadened in keeping with that mandate.

We are pleased with what our editorial pages have presented in these months past—but of course never satisfied with them. We seek to "do better" every week. We exercise with great care the tremendous responsibility that is ours. We consider fully the consequences of using that responsibility. We seek to be fair, and to offer a home for both (or all) sides. We are ready to try to motivate action by citizens and their governmental or other bodies—but we shun the role of creating that action. On the other hand, in retrospect we can identify a substantial number of items, about which we have commented, that have come to pass.

Because of the unusually high level of education that our community provides, it has been possible for The Spotlight to express these opinions and positions in ways that most newspapers can't employ. But in addition to these thoughtful and thought-provoking words and concepts, we moderate the tone with the informality of the familiar essay, such as that of "Uncle Dudley," which appears regularly on this page.

That column, and all else on these pages, is locally produced and generated. Our comment is our own; there's no syndicated feature or "boilerplate," which only too often is the refuge of publishers and editors. Nor do we merely print the handouts from legislators or government agencies.

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## Readers

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The editorial column accepts the right to state the opinions of the publisher and editorial staff, in contrast to the news columns where impartiality must always prevail. Those opinions represent the collective judgment of the editorial board. Is there ever a deadlock of differing judgments here? No; the publisher assumes the responsibility of making the final decision.

We are grateful, each week, for the leavening that your letters provide us, in at least two ways. They help to inform, broaden, and even inspire or moderate our approach to issues. And they give all our readers the benefit of a breadth of opinion that is certainly one of the more useful functions of a community newspaper.

In just the past year, more than 400 different individuals — like you, *Spotlight* readers — have published letters in these pages. In the year ahead, a comparable number undoubtedly will be larger still, for the volume of correspondence has been growing apace. In closing, then, "keep those cards and letters coming!" It's the readers who have the last word.

## Thanks for support from Delmar firemen

Editor, The Spotlight:

Members of the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank those businesses and residents of the Delmar Fire District who made contributions to the annual "calendar drive."

Residents who were not at home and did not receive a calendar when we went house-to-house on Sunday, Oct. 14 should please contact us at the firehouse on any weekday morning from 9 a.m. to noon and we will gladly provide a calendar.

For those who have not contributed yet, we hope they will do so soon.

Gerald J. Day

Chairman, fund drive.

## Awards

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The problem was not that the public wrongly voted the measure down — it was that the way the vote was handled gave the impression that the fire district was being less than open about the scope, costs, and impact that a program of this type would have on present, as well as future, expenditures by the fire service.

I feel the public has the absolute and irrevocable right to express its opinions; the right to be told about these large expenditures in an open and honest manner; the right to expect that when something is defeated, it will be taken as such, and we won't be bothered with it again. In other words, the public is in charge here — not a select group of individuals.

Even though the referendum was defeated on Oct. 23, I understand that the issue is to be brought up again at the Nov. 14 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and the board intends to hold another public referendum regarding this retirement plan on Tuesday, Nov. 27. The meeting is to be at the Selkirk No. 1 firehouse on Route 396 in Selkirk.

Comments have been made by our elected commissioners that this plan will be brought up repeatedly until it passes. I wonder if it would have been brought up again if it had passed the first time?

Whether the public is in favor of, or against, the proposal is not

the real issue. The public *must* be made entirely aware of what is going on, and how it will affect tax rates over a long, long time. Our fire commissioners should mass-mail an explanatory pamphlet to every resident of the district. They should encourage public input, answer questions about the retirement plan, and hold public meetings to address concerns of voters.

Voters should be aware that a program of this type is forever. Once passed, it will never go away. Its cost is not guaranteed beyond 10 years. If 20 years from now the program is a failure, it cannot be stopped any easier than any other entitlement program, because many, many people will be drawing benefits that they are entitled to. This issue affects not only current taxpayers, but our children and many generations thereafter.

That's why voters must get involved and attend the next commissioners' meeting. These meetings are open to the public, and the Board of Fire Commissioners must answer to the public. If and when another referendum vote is scheduled, voters of the district can make a well-informed decision as to whether or not such a program is necessary or, most of all, practical.

If they ultimately concur and pass the referendum, I will gladly go along and pay my fair share with the absolute confidence that "We, the People" have spoken.

Keith A. Wiggand

Glenmont

## Cuomo

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great restaurants. [Green Street was a principal thoroughfare in the red-light district for which Albany was infamous for decades.] I remember one restaurant where they didn't have any menu. Fortunately, I didn't try to have dinner there. But if you had asked me then, "Would you try to raise a family in Albany?" I would have said no."

Why? asks William Kennedy.

"Well, this was before the Mall and parts of Albany were very sad indeed. There didn't appear... to be a lot of other young families making a commitment to the place. It was old... very ethnic — insular,

some people would say; I happen to like the ethnicity of it. Not future-fixed, too far from New York City and too far from the Adirondacks. All of that is changed now. The Mall did a lot of damage, but the Mall did a lot of good. Cleared up a lot, and brought vitality, cultural opportunities, and now the place is young, vibrant, closer to New York City than ever, closer to the Adirondacks, because of roads. and by comparison to metropolitan New York it's much more reasonable in terms of expense. It's a great place to live... and I've encouraged my children to live here."

At other points in the interview, the subjects cover such wide-ranging items as Italo-Americans, ethnicity, food, excommunication, the Roman Catholic Church, Andrew

Cuomo's marriage, the Kennedy family, his personal finances, the New York Post, the Yankees, and the books he reads (lots of them, very intellectual).

And now the best thing you can do is to go find a copy of GQ (it's \$3) and read it for yourself. To say the least, it's worth the price of admission (half that of a movie, and it'll take you just about as long to take it in).

Oh yes, you'll find it near the back of the book, sandwiched between a heavily illustrated piece on Paris's Crazy Horse saloon (all those nudes) and one entitled, "What to wear when she's wearing next to nothing." It is a gentleman's magazine.

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# Your Opinion Matters

## Trees' replacement urged on developer

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing about the cutting of several mature trees which once lined the play yard of the Bethlehem Preschool, Route 9W, Glenmont, where my one-year-old son, Robert, attends day care.

A very small strip of land (about 10 feet wide) borders Mr. Vincent Riemma's development project of 15 apartment buildings, (Patterson Road) and the Preschool (Route 9W). Until two weeks ago this strip had a group of 30-foot tall oak, maple, and other trees which provided much-needed shade from the hot summer sunshine. The trees made an afternoon outdoors bearable for dozens of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

They also afforded protection from the wind, and all the other numerous wonders of trees: beautifully colored leaves in fall, crystal sculptures in winter ice storms, homes to squirrels and birds, twigs for imaginary magic wands, even the sound of wind through the leaves. Magnificent creations!

When I saw that the trees were cut down, I felt sick, angry that no one considered the tremendous value of the trees to the children!

Surely those people reviewing the zoning plan observed the proximity of the development to the long-established preschool! I cannot believe that the trees obstructed the planning of all the apartment buildings.

Were there no alternatives to cutting down these trees? Was that strip of land so crucial to the placement of the buildings? I believe Mr. Riemma has the authorization from the town to build 15 apartment buildings. More than 15 buildings have been sited, extremely close together.

I simply cannot fathom why these trees were felled.

I can't help but view this tragic event as a contest between a powerful developer and innocent children — with the children losing the battle.

I have written to Mr. Riemma asking for his help to plant new shade trees on his land bordering the school. I am very hopeful that he will consider my suggestion. I have offered to contribute substantially to the purchase price of new trees, but time is running short. If we can act quickly, the trees can be planted this fall, before the ground freezes.

Theresa S. Smith

Delmar

## Volunteers' retirement benefits 'ludicrous'

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a lifelong resident of Bethlehem and the Selkirk Fire District, I would like to bring to the attention of my friends and neighbors the recent referendum that was defeated. The purpose was to have residents of the fire district vote on a proposal called a "service award program" for active volunteer firemen in our district.

This service award is in actuality a retirement entitlement pro-

gram for our volunteer firemen, who upon reaching retirement, will be "rewarded" with a retirement benefit of \$20 per month every year of qualifying service up to a possible maximum benefit of \$600 per month. (Some senior citizens in this town are living on less than that with their Social Security benefits!)

If this program is passed it will raise property taxes for residents of the Selkirk Fire District only.

This letter is in no way a criticism of any of the dedicated volunteer firemen in our district. I know most of them personally as people I grew up with, but they are volunteers. My husband spent 17 years as an active fireman in our district. I have worked as a volunteer at our local environmental center for 11 years, and as a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator for just as long. We all volunteer for betterment of our community. It is nice to be recognized for volunteer service, but to expect a retirement package is ludicrous. We are already an over-taxed state in serious financial debt.

This proposal was defeated soundly by 168 for and 198 against. Our fire commissioners, elected by the people, have decided they do not agree with the vote, so they are bringing the issue up for a second vote on Nov. 27.

In the Oct. 31 Spotlight, Charles Fritts, chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, said the defeated proposal was the result of a "misunderstanding," claiming "We never had a problem before." I don't feel there was a misunderstanding—the proposal was defeated! The people had decided they don't want this proposal and are questioning why the board believes the very same proposal must be brought to a vote again.

Mary Lou Riccardio

Glenmont

### 'I want people to know'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm a seventh-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, and I'm in a group called SADD (Students Against Doing Drugs). I'm in this club because I'm trying to rid our community of illegal drug use.

I hate substance abuse and want people to know that. I want people with problems to realize that drug abuse is not the answer; go to somebody you trust for help — not drugs. I want people to know that drug abuse is not "cool."

Drug abuse has serious consequences for the individual, the family, and the community. We need to stop talking and start doing something about this problem. I'd really like it if our area was drug-free. It's a lot of work, but someday I believe it will happen.

Laura Van Valkenburg

### 'Good, clean kids'

Editor, The Spotlight:

As members of SADD at Middle School, we have discussed teenagers being stereotyped as substance abusers. We're good, clean kids who want to do well and have fun in a safe, healthy way.

We would like to inform others about the harmful side-effects of drugs. Some side-effects are impaired memory; damage to lungs, heart, liver, and reproductive and immune systems; death from overdose; addiction with severe withdrawal symptoms; and sleeplessness.

We feel we are helping our community and school to stay off drugs. We hope to set an example for other students to stay straight and lead a healthy, drug-free life.

Beth Mahony, Karen Recene, Torre Hallenbeck

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# Matters of Opinion

## Good cheer sidelined in cheering contest

Editor, The Spotlight:

My daughter and several of her friends are members of the Bethlehem Pop Warner Midgets cheerleading squad. Since the beginning of August this dedicated group of girls has practiced tirelessly for the high point of their season, the district-wide cheerleading competition. This even was held Oct. 27. I regret that the results of the competition were extremely disappointing and disillusioning. This was not due to the performance of the girls. They were excellent, as were all the competitors. I congratulate them all for their achievement. However, the spirit, the intent, and the outcome of the competition was undermined by the misdirected and malevolent hypercompetitiveness of the group of adults responsible for conduct of the competition.

While our cheerleaders were performing a friend and fan (a well-intended 13-year-old girl) smiled and followed along with their rou-

line. As a result, this group of "adults" disqualified them for sideline coaching. Another group from Saratoga was similarly disqualified when their coach smiled at them. It should be noted that the Saratoga group was judged first and our group third. Because of the penalties, however, neither squad received the awards they had earned on merit. I fully realize there was a prohibition on sideline coaching but this cannot apply to a fan, and the alleged coaching by the Saratoga coach was trivial. Sometimes right and wrong should take preference over vaguely defined and inconsistently applied rules.

The pettiness and vindictiveness of the opposing coaches was incredible. The callousness and insensitivity of the district commissioner, Tom Kelly, was unprecedented. None of the "adults" seemed to consider the emotional load being placed upon the enthusiastic young fan. Interestingly,

none of this negative atmosphere was observed at the high school cheerleading competition held the next day.

There are some fine lessons these girls should have taken from their experiences. They should have learned of the rewards of dedication and hard work, of discipline and comradery. Instead, they will be left with the lesson that sometimes, unfairly and arbitrarily, things that are rightfully theirs will be taken from them and they have no recourse. Sometimes others take these things from them because they are able to and because they want these for themselves.

While this is a lesson that most learn sometime in life, it is not the reason these girls joined Pop Warner or why their parents support it. An organization such as Pop Warner, which depends upon public support and the use of public facilities, should be far more cognizant of respecting their responsibilities to the public. They seem to have forgotten that the program exists for children to have fun.

John E. Kaplan

Selkirk

## Conflict of interest seen in Selkirk voting

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing about a matter affecting residents of the Selkirk Fire District in Bethlehem.

In early October, the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners had an obligatory "Notice of Special Election" published in *The Spotlight*, the *Times Union*, and another area publication, in regard to a vote to be held Oct. 23, as to whether volunteer firefighters should be given a pension upon "retirement" from volunteer duty. They would have it be only an active volunteer for one year to become eligible, and maximum benefit per firefighter eventually could be \$600 per month!

As a taxpayer who would be directly affected, I find this whole idea appalling, especially the way this elected board of fire commissioners has been willing to try and "slip one by" the people they are elected to serve. Though they followed the letter of the law by publishing the notices, morally, I don't know how they sleep at night! The notices were the first word taxpayers in the district had about this

proposal — unless, of course, they are firefighters.

Maybe it is time for taxpayers in the fire district to work toward a town law that commissioners may not serve as active firefighters during their terms. This would certainly help erase the conflict of interest so apparent in their recent move.

I also firmly believe firefighters in the Selkirk Fire District should open a dictionary to the "V" section and read the definition of "volunteer" — "A person who enters into any transaction, or service, of his own free will with no promise of compensation."

I think that says it all! If all volunteers serving in various capacities for the good of their fellowman were to consider they deserve a \$600 per month "retirement" benefit when they cease volunteering, we are all much more worse off than anyone realizes. Is the bottom line today always money, money, and more money?

Glenmont resident  
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# Matters of Opinion

## Explanation asked of pension plan terms

Editor, The Spotlight:

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines "sneaky" as "marked by stealth, furtiveness, or shiftiness." It also defines "underhanded" as marked by secrecy, chicanery, and deception."

Both definitions apply to the attempt of the Selkirk Fire District to slip a "service award program" for volunteer firemen past district voters.

I doubt if one percent of the voters even knew what a "service award program" is. Your Oct. 31 article explains it in simple English: It is a defined benefit pension plan! Why didn't the Board of Fire Commissioners have the decency to explain this to the voters, instead of slipping legal notices into three local newspapers? Probably because they didn't want the voters to know that they were, in reality, setting up a pension plan for active and retired volunteers.

Fortunately, Peggy Barkman and others found out what was up, and put a stop to it. This whole episode once again proves the correctness of that old adage, "... but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

I suggest that the commissioners sit down and put together a detailed, written explanation about what they are proposing and mail it to all district residents.

Richard Silber

Glenmont

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## Words for the week

**Onerous:** Burdensome, laborious; in law, involving a legal obligation that equals or exceeds the benefits.

**Sherman:** William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-91), Union general in the Civil War, who refused proposals he run for President.

**Boilerplate:** Syndicated features or fillers sent to newspapers; also, a glib, hackneyed statement reflecting a generally accepted opinion or belief

## If your plans go awry, not to worry or cry—it's dreams that count

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was an appreciative reader of your editorial in the Oct. 24 Spotlight which ended up quoting Helen Hunt Jackson's letter about October's bright blue weather.

I thought that your readers might also be interested to read the following excerpt from a bulletin I received from Jack Coleman, the proprietor of a hostelry called The Inn at Long Last, situated in the Vermont village of Chester. He writes a seasonal newsy letter of comments, and I was especially struck by his closing thoughts about autumn and related topics.

"Is it because I taught for so many years that this season continues to seem like the beginning, not the ending, of the year? In the quickening of pace and the flaming of color, there is more rebirth than death all around me. Now, if ever, is the time for dreaming."

"So many things that we'll do this fall, winter, and spring, all of them planned on the first nippy days of autumn! What does it matter that few of those plans will be carried out as well as we thought and some of them not at all?"

"Not to worry: Another autumn will come, and still more plans. The time to worry about ourselves is not when our dreams don't come true. It's when we no longer dream."

Mary C. Dennison



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## Fire

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publishing legal notices in newspapers is an insufficient way to notify voters. Selkirk resident Peggy Barkman said, "Who reads those?"

In North Bethlehem, the district firemen opted for a defined contribution plan, instead of the defined benefit plan, which went before Selkirk voters. Schweppenhauser said under the contribution plan, the district pays \$480 per year for each year of credited service, per member at age 65. That money is paid to the members in a lump sum upon retirement, he said.

Both service award plans operate under a point system, which members must fulfill to be eligible for the monetary award.

The plans were enacted by the state to help to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. The Selkirk proposal would have provided for \$20 dollars per month per member for each year of credited service, said Charles Fritts, chairman of the Selkirk board of fire commissioners. With or without the service award, the Selkirk fire district budget for 1991 would be \$525,905, he said. The 1990 budget was \$428,875.

Fritts said that even with the award plan, Selkirk is keeping its costs low. The valuation of property in the district is \$40,788,856, which, according to law, permits a fire district budget as high as \$750,769, Fritts said.

The 1991 budget will be \$525,905 even if the service award program fails to pass this month's vote, he said, because "There's no way to change the budget once it's finalized." The Selkirk commissioners adopted the budget in August. Should voters turn down the proposal again, Fritts said, the money that would have been used for the awards will be put into a reserve fund.

Schweppenhauser does not think the \$480 per year for North Bethlehem volunteers' service will be all that effective in terms of recruiting but said he feels "it's an extra incentive to help them through" years of service.

"We're short manpower right now," Schweppenhauser said. North Bethlehem has 23 members, with "about 15 really active," he said.

North Bethlehem's district budget for 1991 will not reflect an increase as a result of the cost of the plan because of the increased tax base from new growth in the area development, Schweppenhauser said. The district doesn't have to pay into the plan until March 1992, "so it gives us this year and next year to pay off this year's allotment." The district budget for 1990 was \$151,000, he said.

Part of the problem in North Bethlehem is that there has been a lot of new growth. "We got a lot of new development and no new members," he said. North Bethlehem, New Scotland and part of Gunderland make up the Elmwood Park fire district.

Fred Webster, chairman of the board of commissioners in Elsmere, said his district is looking at service award programs, but that nothing definite has been proposed for this year. "I think it has a lot of merit particularly as a recruiting and retention," tool. He thinks an advantage to the award program over other considerations such as a tax exemption is that, "this kind of program can be audited." With tax relief plans, "I can see a multitude of abuses," he said.

Although Elsmere has a healthy department with 73 members, Webster said, "Today it is difficult to get people, so when they come along, we grab them." Elsmere's budget this year was \$241,000, Webster said.

George Lenhardt, chairman of the Slingerlands Board of Fire Commissioners, said his district is looking into service award programs, "but the earliest we could budget it would be 1992." Slingerlands has 38 volunteers with a maximum roster of 75. Lenhardt said when he joined the department in 1965, volunteer numbers were close to the maximum. Slingerlands budget for 1991 is \$129,753, he said.

Gerald Day, commissioner of Delmar Fire District, said at the present time there are no plans to try to establish a service award program. "We picked up quite a few people in a recruiting drive last year. Right now, we're not hurting." He said Delmar has 66 active members. "That's not to say it won't happen in the future," he said.

## Teachers

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Mele said the district gave them "a new, slightly better proposal" on the salary package, but that the "main issue, the money issue, has not yet been solved."

While the two parties met, about 50 teachers picketed outside of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School as "a show of solidarity and determination to the school district," Mele said. He said that the union is "serious about being paid a fair wage" and that they "don't think the district has come up to a fair" salary for the teachers.

"It is hard to say whether the picketing was an aid to the negotiations because the district's negotiators were prepped before the meeting," and went on with their original plans for the meeting, he said.

Superintendent Alan R. McCartney said the picketing "not at all" hindered the negotiations. "People have the right to express themselves and picketing is how the teachers chose to do it."

The teachers, working without a contract since their previous three-year contract expired June 30, "are still being paid on last year's pay scale," according to Mele. He said that the union is negotiating for a salary that is "somewhere in the middle of the Colonial Council's," schools that compete with Voorheesville.

"The district's proposal puts us near the bottom, though not at every level," Mele said.

"If you measure the district in academic achievement, Voorheesville beats out its rivals," Mele said. He said the students' academic performance in the Voorheesville schools "dominates Colonial Council rivals, and competes with those in the Suburban Council."

According to Mele, there is "no justification for the wide discrepancy between the very good achievement of the students' and the very low salary of the teachers."

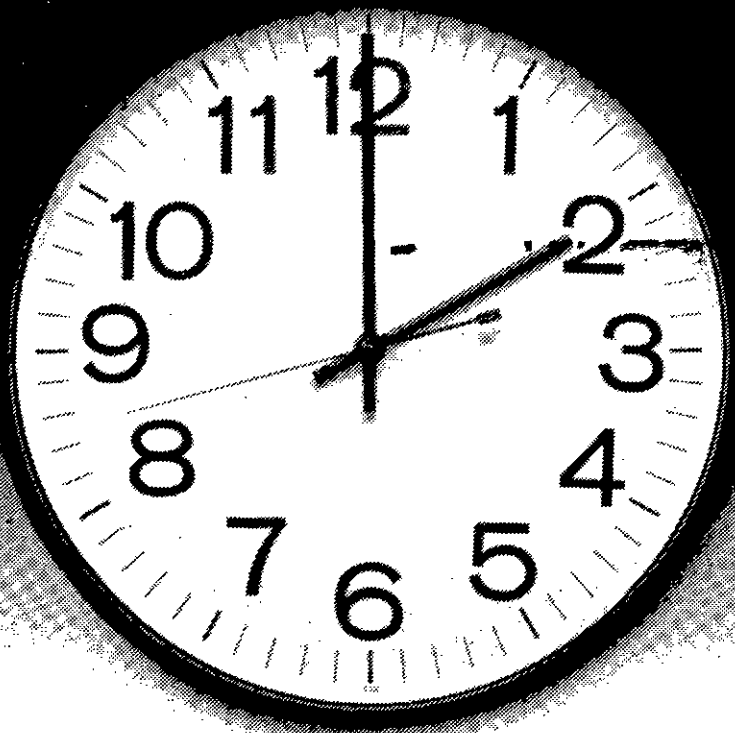
Mele said the association has received "word of mouth support from parents" and their message is that the VTA's "stand is justified."

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# Ethics

(From Page 1)

est in town government.

"I think that the people in the Town of Bethlehem are entitled to know that their elected officials and their employees are living up to a set of standards and that they're consistent," he said.

The town currently has an ethics law, but Webster said the provision "is not very complete." "It doesn't really give our elected people or employees any real standards to go by" or contain requirements for the disclosure of potential conflicts-of-interest, he said.

Under the new law, elected town officials and supervisory employees would need to file a disclosure statement with the town clerk before Jan. 1 of each year. A three-page sample disclosure form included with the proposed law asks individuals to:

- List relationships with any business or organization that does business with the town or has any matter pending before the town or planning boards, or the board of appeals.
- List associations or businesses, whether or not they currently do business with the town, in which they or their spouse is an

officer, employee, or at least five percent owner.

- List any connection to occupations, trades, or professions that do business with the town or is regulated by a town agency or department.

- List all reimbursements for expenditures above \$75 from any non-government sources for any activities related to their official duties. This provision is intended to cover expenses related to speaking engagements, conferences, and fact-finding or similar events.

- List any regular them business contacts by themselves or family members.

In addition, the law would forbid officials and employees from participating in town decisions in which they have an interest, soliciting or accepting private employment that would create a conflict-of-interest, or accepting gifts or gratuities worth more than \$75.

Also, after leaving town employment, they would be barred for two years from appearing before any town board in connection with matters in which they were involved while working for the town. And they would be barred from using confidential information acquired in the course of official duties to further some personal interest.

Webster said the law was intended not so much with to deal with problems of impropriety as with the appearance of impropriety.

"Of course we're concerned with impropriety," Webster said. "People always think there's something wrong in government. We'd like to make this as clear as possible and not have people thinking, well, the way they do sometimes about government employees."

"We want to do away with that thin veil," he said.

Not included in the ethics measure is a requirement for the disclosure of income and assets. During town board discussions last month, Councilman Robert Burns — who assisted Webster with the law — proposed adding questions

about income to the disclosure form, but others on the board argued it would be an unnecessary invasion of privacy.

"I see absolutely no benefit at all," Webster said later. "I didn't want to make the requirements overly burdensome. I didn't want to encourage anybody from entering public service or from seeking employment with us."

The law calls for the creation of a five member ethics board to review disclosures for potential conflicts-of-interest. The board would meet quarterly, and would also hear complaints of unethical practices brought by residents. Members of the board would serve four-year terms.

The ethics board would forward its findings to the town board, which would be empowered to take

action on violations of the law.


Filed disclosure forms would be open to the public.

Webster said he hopes the law will go into effect by Jan. 1. "I'm pleased that it's coming to fruition and I think it's a good addition," he said.

## Library hosts lecture

Professor Vincent O'Leary, former president of the University at Albany and an internationally known scholar and researcher, will give the Bethlehem Public Library's first Theodore C. Wenzl Lecture on Monday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. He will speak about the future role of the public library in a changing society.

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## Boy Scouts seek support for charity

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### Nutritionist to speak

"Your Preteen and Nutrition (Taming the Junk Food Junkie)" will be the topic at the next PIE (Partners in Education) meeting at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School large meeting room on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Jean Bigaouette, registered dietitian, M.S. in nutrition, who has a private practice in Albany. She has also been an instructor at Albany Medical College and has written numerous articles for the Albany Times Union.

Children in the middle and high schools are invited to attend with their parents to hear this informative speaker and learn how to get

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Cheryl Clary 767-2373



on the road to good nutrition.

### Community meeting set

South Bethlehem residents will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church hall. The agenda will include further discussion and information on setting up a residents association. All residents are urged to come and share ideas.

### Elks host '50s night

The Bethlehem Elks will hold a '50s night on Nov. 17. Admission is \$10 per person with prizes for best dressed and best jitterbug. There will be a sandwich buffet, and beer and soda will be served. You must be at least 21 to attend. Tickets are available by calling 767-9850 by Nov. 10.

### Clothing drive continues

The "Share The Warmth" clothing drive to collect usable warm outdoor clothing for Native Americans in northern New York continues this week. Donations of clean clothing in good condition can be brought to the A.W. Becker School this week along with a \$1 donation to help with shipping costs.

### Book fair tonight

Tonight is the A.W. Becker PTA Book Fair. Parents can come, browse and purchase books from thousands of titles great for holiday giving. The hours are 7 to 9 p.m., and toys, games and gifts from Emily's Toybox will also be available for purchase.

### Songster to perform

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, Ruth Pelham, one of the best loved Albany area songsters for children, will be appearing at the Ravena Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. This concert is sponsored by ASAP, Inc. (the After School Activities Program).

Admission is just \$1 per person. The Ravena Elementary School is located on Mountain Road off Route 9W in Ravena.

### History talk set

Darlene Tompkins Bell, secretary of the Normansville Neighborhood Association, will speak at the Bethlehem Historical Association meeting on Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. in the Schoolhouse Museum, Route 144, at Clapper Road in Selkirk (Cedar Hill).

Bell's family has lived in Normansville for five generations, and has facts and photos to share illustrating the role Normansville has played in our local history.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. All residents are invited to attend.

### Hospital offers course

St. Peter's Hospital will hold five child abuse training sessions during November. Professionals such as doctors, nurses and teachers, who are mandated to report child abuse, must present evidence of completion of an approved two-hour course on the identification and treatment of child abuse upon licensure or license renewal. The registration fee is \$40. For more information, call 454-1174.

### Babe Ruth sign-up set

Bethlehem Babe Ruth will hold registration for the 1991 season on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Town Hall on Delaware Avenue. Little League will be holding registration for the 1991 season at the same time.

The officers of the league have received permission to expand and will include a Senior Babe Ruth team (16 to 18 years of age) in 1991. The officers said they felt there were enough quality players in the town to field eight regular Babe Ruth teams for 13 to 15-year-olds, one Senior Babe Ruth and still not interfere with the Mickey Mantle team for 15 to 16-year-olds and the Connie Mack team of 17 to 18-year-olds.

Fees for the regular Babe Ruth season will be \$40. If the player wishes to play the second season which extends through July and August, an additional \$10 will be assessed. Fees for the Senior Babe Ruth season will be \$50.

### Elsmere holds book fair

The Elsmere Elementary School is having its annual book fair in association with The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza from Nov. 13 through 17. The community is welcome to shop for books and gifts for all ages during the week. Hours are: Tues., 7 to 9 p.m., Wed., 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thurs., 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 439-6305.

### Elsmere PTA to meet

The Elsmere Elementary School PTA will meet on Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. Community members are welcome to attend. For information, call 439-6305.

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# Town sponsors free trip to Vermont for senior citizens

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## School closing

There will be no school in the Voorheesville Central School District in observance of Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 12. Classes will resume Tuesday, Nov. 13. Once again there will be early dismissal from the elementary school on Thursday, Nov. 15 and Monday, Nov. 19 at 11:45 a.m. to accommodate parent-teacher conferences to be held at the school.

## Free clinic set

New Scotland Kiwanis will hold a free blood pressure clinic at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Avenue on Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. All people who would like their blood pressure taken will be accommodated.

## Playground meeting

The Creative Playground Committee will meet at the Voorheesville Elementary School on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss future plans. The group still needs a chairperson for the food committee and a co-chair for the child care committee. These committees are now being formed in preparation for the building day in 1991. To volunteer for any of these committees or for information, call Elaine Burns at 765-4898 or Debbie Baron at 765-9371. If you would like to participate, there will be community involvement for everyone.

## Voorheesville News Notes

Susan Casler 765-2144




## Quilting session

In celebration of Children's Book Week (Nov. 11 to 19) Linda O'Connor will lead a quilting session on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. For information or to register, call 765-2791.

## Visit your school

Nov. 11 to 17 is American Education Week, and all parents of children enrolled at Voorheesville Elementary School are invited into their children's classroom. The visiting schedule is: Nov. 13 for first and second grades; Nov. 14 for third, fourth and fifth grades; and Nov. 16 is for kindergarten and sixth grade. Everyone is welcome during the hours of 9 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. A sign-in table will be situated in front of the main office. You are also welcome at the junior-senior high school but are asked to contact the main office first at 765-3314.

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## Library meeting

The board of trustees will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Central School District library.

## Story hours set

Children are welcome to attend story hours held each week on Monday at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Come into the library and enjoy an hour with your child.

## Scouts saving symbols

Boy Scout Troop 73 is collecting UPC symbols from all Price Chopper Brand items. These symbols begin with the digits 41735. Troop 73 would appreciate anyone who is able to save these symbols and to then contact a troop member. For further information call Ray Ginter at 439-5472.

## Second printing due

Village Historian Dennis Sullivan has announced that the second printing of his book, "Voorheesville, New York: A Sketch of the Beginning of a 19th Century Railroad Town," is due out this month. Copies of the first edition sold out, and a limited number of second editions will be available at Voorheesville Public Library, Clapp's Bookstore in Guiderland,

North River Bookstore in Delmar and the Book House at Styvesant Plaza.

## Want to know more?

If you are interested in community involvement, please call about the Junior-Senior High School Advisory Committee. This is a group which meets one hour monthly at 4 p.m. to discuss all issues relating to their secondary school program. If you are curious to find out more, call 765-3314.

## Hats off to team

Thank heavens for our Voorheesville girls. The girls varsity soccer team won the Colonial Council and this is only the third year the team has been in existence. The 18 member team has had a superb season of 12 wins, one tie, and one loss. Jim Hladun, coach, is very proud of this winning team. Congratulations.

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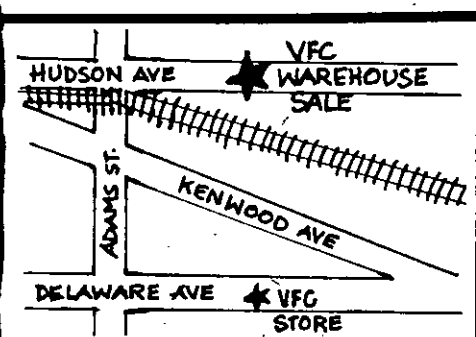
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## Blackbirds down Cobleskill, 2-1, in sectionals

By Bob Hagyard

Who was Voorheesville's outstanding player? Coach Bob Crandall was asked Saturday night after his Blackbird soccer team won the Class CC sectionals, 2-1, over Cobleskill.

Crandall looked uncomfortable. As well he might, given how many

contributed at least one play.

There was Erin Sullivan, the junior goalie who was the second coming of Kevin Davis that night. He had "only" two saves, but he punched out a good dozen through-passes by racing far out of position. He is just now beginning to trust his defensive mates to cover

for him when he overcommits, which happened about three times against Cobleskill. They came through for him.

There was Justin Perry and Kevin Taylor, the wingbacks charged with single-coverage of Mitch Snyder and Manny Essel. Cobleskill reached the finals be-

cause of an 80-goal offense led by Snyder and Essel, who had at nearly half of that total, more than a goal a game apiece. Versus Perry and Taylor, their line of stats read: 0 goals on 0 shots. (Coby's goal was scored by a backup forward with 11:50 left with subs all over the field. Out came the subs, in went the regulars and that was the last shot on goal Cobleskill would ever get.) On Voorheesville's back line there was Bill Stone, who headed out one sure open-net goal in the second half, and Eric Logan, who short-circuited several offensive drives with deft pickpocket moves.

Upfield there was Marc Mirabile, who served up the game-winning scoring play midway in

the first half, a long cross from deep in the right corner to the middle of the Cobleskill box. There, Bjoern Joergensen faked a head shot to freeze the goalkeeper, then feathered the ball to Christian Clark for a wide-open short-side on the other side. Joergensen was the hero of Oct. 30 with three goals, each one a hard smash, in a 3-1 win over Schoharie.

On defense, Clark held Kevin Grossbeck (the hero of Coby's semifinal win over Hoosick Falls) to one shot and pretty much did what he pleased from goalmouth to goalmouth. Just before the halftime siren, he also headed out a sure Cobleskill goal with his goalie down on the ground.

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Todd Rockmore, the playmaker on the scoring play that gave his team the early lead it never gave up. He played a long Joergensen lob to Rich Adams so beautifully, the goalie was transfixed and didn't move a muscle when Adams whistled the ball just past his ear, up the middle from 15 yards.

Adams lines up at striker, but, like Clark, his territory encompasses practically the whole field. It was Adams and Clark who by example led the team out of its mid-season slump. Joergensen, the other striker, you know about. His 21 goals in 21 games leads the team offense.

There were others, too: Joe Race at the wing halfback spot opposite Mirabile, Matt Hladun off the bench to give Mirabile and Race breathing spells through a fast-paced game. Crandall's three "little guys," sophomores Kevin Meade, Brad Rockmore and Greg Sullivan for backup support the Cobleskill bench couldn't begin to match.

The coach may take a bow himself.

Nine years ago he took over a winning tradition long gone to tatters, a varsity whose average season came to about 3-10-1, deep down in the Colonial Council standings. Crandall's predecessor, Dave Cady, had little practical experience in the sport. He took the job because no one else wanted it. As school athletic director, he didn't want to see the sport die at Voorheesville.

Crandall grew up in a Chenango County community with no high school soccer program. He never

tried out for college ball, either, though later on he did fill in for a year as a junior varsity coach at Shenendehowa.

When Cady decided he had enough, he stepped down and in stepped Crandall. There were no other takers.

His first three seasons were business-as-usual for VC: 5-12-1, 5-14-0 and then with an all-senior lineup, 4-11-2.

The next year, 1985, brought a batch of untested kids, the first graduates of the youth soccer program Crandall, Jim Hladun and some parents set up the first year.

That group went 14-6 and boys soccer at Voorheesville has never looked back. In 1986, some more talented players came aboard and the Blackbirds won the Class CC sectionals and advanced to the state quarterfinals.

Since then the record has been mixed. Blackbird teams have never finished worse than third in the league or below .600. The 1988 team won a league championship. But strange things have happened in post-season.

"This is basically the same team," Crandall said, "that went out to Cobleskill and were hurtfully beaten there in the first round last year.

"And when I say 'hurtfully,' I mean their pride was hurt. We were definitely the better team."

Saturday night, the Birds proved it.



The Voorheesville Blackbirds celebrated their victory Saturday night on winning the Class CC sectionals. The Blackbirds will advance to the state North Country Region title game this Saturday. The team

will play either Northeastern Clinton (section 7) or Norwood-Norfolk (section 10). The winner will advance to the state semi-final early next week. *Bob Hagyard*

#### SUNYA president to speak at luncheon

H. Patrick Swygert, 15th president of the University at Albany, State University of New York, will speak at the Nov. 14 Roundtable Luncheon. It will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the floor court room of the

Old Federal Building. Reservations are required by Friday, Nov. 9, and can be made by calling 434-4557. The luncheon is open to the public, at a cost of \$7.

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# Blackbirds to host Averill Park in finale

By Nat Boynton

Chuck Farley's spirited flock of Voorheesville football Blackbirds will make their final appearance this week, hosting Averill Park in a Capital Conference crossover game on Buckley Field. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Last week's outing under the lamps at Chatham was another heartbreaker. Voorheesville lost, 8-7, another defeat by a matter of inches, but gave a good account of themselves.

"We should have won it," said Farley. "We played a good game, but we made mistakes in key situations, as we have all year. Except for the third period, we moved the ball, and the defense was excellent."

A first-quarter drive came to grief with a fumble on the Chatham 20, but in the second period, the Blackbirds were again on the move. Scott Renker got them started with a 12-yard punt return to the Chatham 46. Trampus Talavera, winding up a sparkling career, did most of the haulage, including a 16-yard burst outside tackle that earned a first down on the 30. On third-and-3 from the 23, Farley called for another Talavera

thrust outside right tackle. Dave Washburn ran the crossblock on the Chatham tight end, Chad Hotaling took out the defensive end, Tommy Gianatasio led through to obliterate the corner-back. All these niceties gave our Trampus a clear path to the promised land.

Gianatasio kicked the point, and the 7-0 lead held at intermission, but for a few inches, might have been 9-0.

After the touchdown, Casey Keil kicked the ball into the end zone, where a confused Chatham receiver, unaccustomed to such booming boots on kickoffs, tried to run it out instead of grounding it. He was flattened on the 1-yard-line, and when the hosts tried for some running room, Farley sent both his linebackers, Gianatasio and Mike Galvin in for the stop.

"It appeared from the film that it was a safety, but the officials spotted the ball on the 6-inch line," Farley said after the weekly Sunday morning movie review. Two plays later the half ended.

In the fatal third period, the Blackbirds had the ball for only five plays. Chatham's only score was set up by a pass interference call that produced a first down on the Voorheesville 6. The TD came through the left side on the third play, and a pitchout to the left produced the decisive two-point conversion.

Both teams had a shot in the fourth. Chatham got as close as the Blackbird 15, and with less than two minutes remaining, the Birds unleashed a desperation drive. Greg Roman threw to Jack Brennan for 24 yards and a first at midfield, hit Gianatasio for 7 more, absorbed a sack, and then connected with Renker for a first on the Chatham 37. With the clock ticking down to the final seconds and needing another 12-15 yards for field goal range, Roman overthrew Gianatasio into the arms of a defender.

Talavera had a banner day, running for a net of 105 yards on 15 carries. Hotaling turned in another All-Capital performance on both sides of the ball, springing several good runs with vigorous blocking on offense, and causing major mayhem on defense. Roman was 3-for-8 in the air for 44 with two interceptions, but his teammates picked off two of their own (Keil and Renker).

## BC JV drops first

The Bethlehem Junior Varsity football Eagles lost recently Catholic Central High School, 35-21, for their first loss of the season. Their standing is 7-1.

Outstanding offensive players were Mike Gambelunhe with two touchdowns and Brian Staff with one touchdown and a two-point conversion. Josh Lanni scored one point after touchdown.

Outstanding defensive players were Andrew Black, Mark Herzog, Mike Banks, Dan Willi and Chad Albert.

## Correction

An article in the Oct. 24 edition of *The Spotlight* on the Bethlehem girls field hockey team should have read that Cocksackie goalkeeper Indy Warren had eight saves while Bethlehem goalkeeper Colleen O'Neill had four saves.

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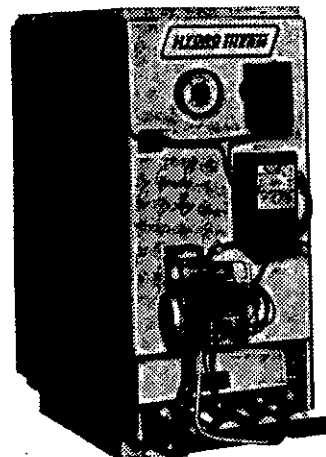
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# Guilderville swimmers 'tapering'

By Nat Boynton

Sectional swimming gets under way Friday in Troy and Guilderville qualifiers are spending this week "tapering" for the climactic meet.

In swimspeak, the taper is a process in which swimmers reduce their lap yardage each day through Thursday. If it works properly, psychologically as well as physically, the athletes should be gung-ho for all-out performances in the championship meet.

Eleven of Larry Dedrick's 20 swimmers have earned berths in the sectional meet, which starts after supper Friday with qualifying heats in the eight-lane RPI pool. Guilderville is the defending Section 2 team champion, but with Angela Washburn and Becky Hilton gone and Jenny Houle still in a cast, no one is counting on a repeat.

But there should be some good

ribbons to add to the trophy case, even if the locals this year lack the depth and numbers to overcome undefeated Shaker and several other regional powers.

In the season's last dual meet, GV polished off Hudson-Ichabod Crane, 55-31, last Wednesday without undue discomfort. The visitors won only two of the 11 events, the fly and the 400 free relay. The splashing went off pretty much according to script.

The only exceptions were Amy Hilton, who won the 200 free in 2:03.93, her best clocking of the season, and two Guilderville youngsters who registered an unexpected 1-2 in the breaststroke. Sari Kaye, a Guilderville freshman in her first year on the varsity, won the event in 1:22.19 with Linda Cheng second in 1:24.60.

The team was scheduled to wind up the dual meet season with a

non-league matchup with Kingston at Voorheesville, but the downstaters cancelled out, reporting last-minute bus problems.

## BC swimmers win

Bethlehem Central's girls swim team defeated Albany High in an Aqua League dual meet in Albany last Wednesday. Results of the individual events were not available, but the athletic office at Albany High gave the score as 110-77.

The Eagles also won a home meet against Hudson, 101-85, on Oct. 23. Results of BC's home meets with Saratoga on Oct. 26 and Johnstown last Friday were not available at the school's athletic office.

## Bodybuilder wins masters competition

Neil Isaacs, a Slingerlands resident, placed first in the masters division of the fourth annual Saratoga Springs Bench Press Championship, held Oct. 20 at the Saratoga Springs YMCA. He remained undefeated in masters competition with a press of 330 pounds.

A frequent competitor over the past few years in both power lifting and bodybuilding events, Isaacs placed second at the Eastern New York State Bodybuilding Classic at Skidmore College in April.

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## Pop Warner Report

The Bethlehem Falcons Pop Warner football team posted their first win of the season with a 6-0 victory over the Troy Patriots. Tim Brosowski' 45-yard interception run for the touchdown provided the margin of victory. The offense was led by Justin Marshall and John Tafilowski, while the defense was spearheaded by Paul Patane.

The Junior Midgets bowed to the East Greenbush Blue Devils, 13-6, despite the hard play of Joey Engle, Mike Follis and Brian Fryer.

Foluke Griffin and Vinnie Liveri played well for the Condors in a 20-0 loss to East Greenbush.

The Eagles lost, 8-6, to Rotterdam in a strong defensive battle. Greg Sack, John Noonan and Mike Ryan played well.

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## Eagles edge Catholic Central, 9-6

By Michael Kagan

With many players participating in their last home and regular season game wearing orange and black, the Bethlehem Central Eagle football team said goodbye for the year, nosing the Catholic Central High School Crusaders, 9-6.

The game, which many Eagle fans and even players seemed to think Bethlehem had little chance of winning, started with CCHS dominating offensively and defensively. Luckily for BC, though, the Crusaders were able to find a way not to cap off drives with scores.

With a fourth and four situation, and about one minute left in the half, Bethlehem tried a field goal. Adam Perry slipped as he kicked

the ball, but managed to get the ball through the uprights. At halftime, the Eagles, who were supposed to be blown out, were winning, 3-0.

After gaining three and five yards running on first and second downs, BC missed tackles on a run through the middle, allowing the Crusaders to get inside the Eagle 20. On fourth and two, CCHS opted to go for it, and ran 15 yards for a touchdown. The Crusaders failed on their two point conversion try, but led nevertheless, 6-3.

With about three minutes left, the Eagles got it together. Starting on their own 35, Bethlehem used five plays, all passes, and a CCHS late hit to produce a third and one situation at the Crusader 11, when

Gilchrist ran it in for a touchdown with a minute and a half left. Perry's kick was no good, but BC was back in the lead, 9-6.

CCHS dominated the line of scrimmage all night, rushing for 240 yards on 38 carries, while BC gained just 60 on 25. In the air, Bethlehem had a 100 to 40 advantage in yards, as Perry was 7 for 19 with no interceptions. BC never turned the ball over, while the Crusaders gave it up four times.

The Eagles (3-3-1, in the metro-land conference, 3-4-1) are now in fourth place in the conference. Their crossover opponent for this week's interconference game will be Albany High School. The game is scheduled for Blecker Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9.

## Birds fall to Raiders

By Matt Hladun

In sports, there is nothing worse than losing. Except of course, losing when you play just as hard as your competition, and never give up.

Ask any player on the Voorheesville girls soccer team and she will be sure to agree, especially because of the 1-0 loss to Mechanicville last week in the semifinals of Class C sectionals. If not for one shot, there was no way to determine who was better.

The two teams had battled three times this season, splitting the series in the league. But Voorheesville came out ahead, taking the Colonial Council crown and the number one seed in the sectionals.

"I knew that they were coming hard at us," said Coach Jim Hladun after the game. "I just hoped we were up for the challenge."

That was never the question. The Birds were ready from the start, as were the Raiders. Neither team was able to gain an advantage, as the play switched back and forth between both squads. The opportunities were there, but all fell short.

The Raiders did an excellent job of shutting the Birds top scorer, Nicole Solomos, by not letting her get a chance to get a strong shot off.

Likewise, Pam Harms stuck to Joell Cavotta, the Raiders' scoring ace. She scored two goals in their first encounter, but was ineffective in the loss to the Birds in their second meeting. But the one time she was able to get the opportunity, she ripped a shot from twenty yards out, that just lofted over the outstretched hands of goalie Donna Zautner and hit the back of the net, with just 19 minutes remaining. It was Cavotta's 28th goal of the year.

"It was a tough loss for the girls to handle," said Hladun. "We played so hard."

The Birds, who finished the season with a 16-2-2 record, lose six seniors this year. The biggest loss will be from the front line, from which Lynn Meade and Laura Pierro take leave.

Meade had her finest varsity season, scoring 14 goals and tallying nine assists. Pierro finished third in scoring with nine goals.

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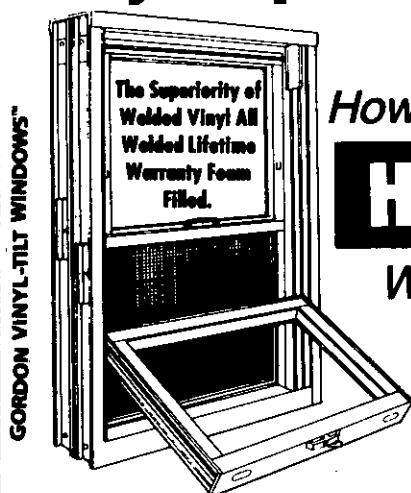
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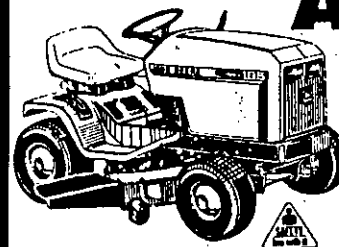
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# New Bouton program helps youth strengthen self-esteem

By Susan Wheeler

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Barbara Blumberg, a guidance counselor at the school, said a PYD program, in conjunction with Project Hope, "has been done for a number of years, at least six or seven." She said that "student and parent reaction has been very positive in the past."

This fall's PYD program, scheduled to begin this week, meets weekly at the school for 10 weeks, and has a capacity of about 10 students. The program runs in both the fall and spring.

Ann Gargano, the assistant director at Project Hope in Guilderland, will work with the students to explore self-image and inner feelings. Gargano, who began at Project Hope two months ago, said she is excited to begin the program.

"This will be new for everyone involved, including me," she said.

"There is a lot to learn from young people. It is a good feeling to see them take care of themselves."

According to Gargano, teachers refer students who seem as though they could benefit from the PYD program.

"These students have a sudden drop in grades, experience underachievement in school, are shy or withdrawn, lack motivation, have a poor self image, frequently refer to family problems, practice acting out behavior in classes and have a problem dealing with authority, parents and peers," she said. "However," she added, "the format of this program is not appropriate for those with severe behavioral problems or chemical dependency."

Blumberg contacts the referred students and asks them if they would like to participate in the program. Those who are interested meet with Gargano and sign a contract of participation. The students' involvement in the program is kept confidential, Gargano said.

Participants complete a "self-concept inventory" at the beginning of the program and again at the end, she explained. The inventory is an evaluation from a personal perspective. The student then gauges how others view him or her. The inventory allows stu-

dents to initially recognize feelings and self-image.

She said that the students will begin by "taking small steps" to develop trust within the group. They will work toward group goals to verbalize and claim feelings, deal with frustrations, learn to relate to adults and to take responsibility for personal actions. Students will "have the chance to speak, and the right to pass" on speaking.

Gargano said the PYD program has "gone very well" other years. After the program, most students have increased self-esteem and the ability to communicate better with adults and peers. If a student needs more attention, she said, the parents and student can contact Project Hope.

Project Hope, a not-for-profit organization with three locations in the surrounding area, works with students and parents on a comprehensive outpatient basis, Gargano said. Project Hope, "an outreach program," has been credited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children, she said.

Interested parents or students can call Project Hope in Guilderland at 861-5175.

# Soviets visit Delmar

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, whose main office is opposite Delaware Plaza, recently played host to four Soviet executives. The visitors were from the giant Moscow public works agency Mosinzhstroj (with over 35,000 employees), which is in charge of rebuilding Moscow's decaying infrastructure. The visit was part of an American-Soviet construction and resource management training program.

The Soviet visitors arrived at JFK Airport on Oct. 14, and began a heavy schedule of seminars, training classes and construction site visits throughout the state, all conducted by the State Dormitory Authority. Topics covered ranged from construction management, scheduling techniques and computer-assisted design to infrastructure and water treatment solutions.

In return, the Dormitory Authority expects to learn from the Soviets about areas where they excel, and how to avoid the infrastructure problems Moscow is now facing. Other potential benefits to the state of New York include Soviet-American contacts which may lead to future joint ventures and the creation of export opportunities and jobs for the state.

The Soviets toured the \$65 million, 250,000 square-foot New Scotland Avenue Lab replacement project in Albany, one of the Dor-

mitory Authority's local construction projects. They learned about the agency's construction scheduling, environmental protection methods, and partial demolition construction techniques that allow new construction while old buildings can still be used. They toured the new Macy's store at Colonie Center, where they were impressed with the sophisticated architecture and the variety of merchandise offered by the stores in the mall. "Getting first-hand exposure to how construction is done here in the U.S. is invaluable to us," said Vladimir Zaitsev, one of the Soviet engineers, speaking through interpreter Irina Lieberman.

They met with Director of State Operations Hank Dullea, Albany Mayor Whalen and other state officials at the Capitol for an official briefing. They had lunch at "My Place" in Delmar, where they ordered hamburgers and seemed to enjoy the atmosphere and the food very much. They were given a tour of the Dormitory Authority facilities on Delaware Avenue, and had a chance to meet staff members and observe them working.

The Soviets then went on to tour several Dormitory Authority project sites in the Buffalo and Syracuse area, among them Pilot Field in Buffalo, where the 1993 World University Games will be held.



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Mr. and Mrs. Todd Argiris

## Kelafant, Argiris wed

Michelle Anne Kelafant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kenneth Kelafant of Feura Bush, and Todd A. Argiris, son of Mrs. Janet Argiris of Voorheesville and Mr. Paul Argiris of Delmar, were married on Sept. 15.

Rev. Terrence O'Neill conducted the service at the McKownville United Methodist Church in Westmere.

Kirsten Mokhiber was maid of honor. Wendy Trenchard and Lisa Seaburg were bridesmaids. Robyn Filkins was flower girl.

Paul Samuel Argiris was best man. Robert Smith and Michael Kelafant were ushers. Gregory Blanchard Jr. was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She is employed by American International Adjustment Co. of Albany.

The groom attended Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and is employed by Aquatic Pools Inc. of Albany.

After a wedding trip to Vermont, the couple resides in Delmar.

## Button Club to meet

The Half Moon Button Club of the Capital District will hold a meeting on Nov. 14, at noon at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar. Election of officers for 1991 will be held.

Marilyn Abraham, of Middle Grove, will be hostess.

This will be the final meeting for 1990. Meetings will resume in April 1991.

## Village library offers story hours

Voorheesville Public Library holds story hours every Wednesday at 4 p.m., Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 765-2791.

## On The Senior Side

### Screenings scheduled

A blood pressure screening will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 20, in the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A hearing screening is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room 106 of Bethlehem Town Hall. Audiologist Joseph Turley will volunteer his time. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling Bethlehem Senior Services at 439-4955.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Scott

## Couple marks 60th year

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Scott, Delmar residents for the past 46 years, will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Nov. 8. They have one son, two granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

## Carey, Piazza wed

Sybil Nickson Carey, daughter of R. Nickson Carey of Delmar and Mrs. Ruth R. Lambert of Albany, and Richard L. Piazza, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dominic Piazza of Glen Head, were married Oct. 13.

Rev. Diane Miller conducted the service in the Habitat Institute for the Environment, Belmont, Mass.

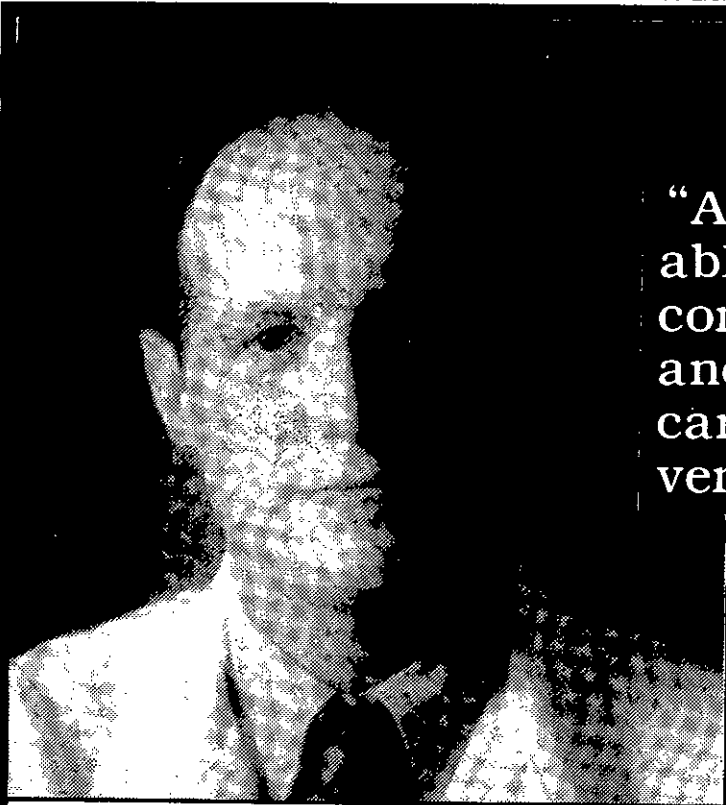
Naomi Lewis was matron of honor. David Goldhirsch and Ted Powers were best men.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Sara Lawrence College and Wheelock

College. She is employed as a researcher in the development office of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

The groom is a graduate of State University at Albany and the University of Maryland. He is a computer scientist in the artificial intelligence center of the MITRE Corp., Bedford, Mass.

After a wedding cruise to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, the couple resides in Arlington, Mass.



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## Births

**Albany Medical Center**  
Boy, Daniel Chapman, to Camille and Charles Shoudy, Voorheesville, Sept. 19.

Girl, Sarah Anne, to Jacqueline and Paul Moylan, Selkirk, Sept. 21.

Girl, Tara Marie, to Tina and Michael Snyder, So. Bethlehem, Sept. 23.

Boy, Ian Alexander, to Deborah and Kenneth Dittmer, Voorheesville, Sept. 27.

Girl, Jannah Ruth Ann Bint, to Warith D. and Islah W. Wumar, Glenmont, Oct. 5.

Boy, Noah James, to Lynette and Roy Pannucci, Delmar, Oct. 6.

Boy, Shane Patrick to Laura Hiller, Voorheesville, Oct. 11.

### Cooperative Extension holds dinner

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will hold its 75th annual social dinner on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the William F. Rice Jr. Extension Center in Voorheesville.

A social hour starts at 6 p.m. and the business meeting at 7 p.m. A hot and cold buffet begins at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment, including a sing-along with Harry Garry, begins at 8:45 p.m.

Dinner costs \$10.50 per person. For more information, call 765-3500.

### RPI dean to speak at library

Jeanne Jenkins, senior associate dean of admissions at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will present a free discussion on the college admissions process at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Betor

### Betor, Chalk wed

Stephanie Ann Chalk, daughter of Samuel J. Chalk Sr. of Chesapeake Va., and the late Sandra L. Chalk, and Robert George Betor, son of Barbara and Michael Betor Sr., of Slingerlands, were married Sept. 8.

Rev. Eggerscheller conducted the service in St. Peter's Church in Albany.

Sharon Matuszek was maid of honor. Patty Chalk, Lisa Richter, Sandra Richter, and Danielle Toffel were bridesmaids.

Michael Betor Jr. was best man. Samuel Chalk Jr., Doug Ehrgood,

Ronald Hamilton, and Aram Margosian were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior-Senior High School and attended Maria College. She is employed by Ames Department Store in Glenmont.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is employed by Bleau's Towing in Delmar.

After a wedding trip to Ceasars Pocono Palace, the couple resides in Delmar.



### Bartles — Smith

Douglas Smith of Wellesley, Mass. and Andrea P. Smith of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their son, Todd Douglas Smith, to Barbara Jean Bartles, daughter of William J. and Judith Bartles of Rhinebeck.

Smith is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. Both he and the bride-to-be are graduates of State University at Oswego.

A wedding date has been set for June 1991.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pagano

### Mitchell, Pagano wed

Melanie Marie Mitchell, daughter of Marilyn and Raymond Mitchell of Schenectady, formerly of Voorheesville, and Douglas Scott Pagano, son of Ann and Peter Pagano of Jacksonville Fla., were married Sept. 15.

Rev. James Rosch conducted the ceremony at St. Madeleine Sophie Church in Guiderland.

Deborah York was maid of honor, with Mary Ellen Shea matron of honor. Colleen Mitchell, Mary Puopolo, Marcy Gropman and Michelle Pagano were bridesmaids. Kelly Ann Mitchell was flower girl.

Richard Pagano was best man. Mark and Greg Mitchell, Alex Pagano, Michael Jones and Timothy Varian were ushers. Nicholas Urda was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Boston University and Boston College Law School.

The groom is a graduate of State University at Albany and Union College. He is MIS applications manager at Regional Health Center, associated with Symmes Hospital in Wilmington.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple resides in Salem, N.H.



## Community Corner

### Church honors volunteers

Join your neighbors this Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Glenmont Community Church, on Chapel Lane in Glenmont, as it honors members of the community who have contributed their time to good causes.

Volunteers from various fire and police departments, senior services and other organizations have been invited to the 11 a.m. ceremony, which is designed to thank the people whose contributions benefit our community.

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## Obituaries

### Everett Parry

Everett Jones Parry, 77, of Ridgefield Drive in Voorheesville and Sarasota, Fla., died Friday, Oct. 26, in Albany Medical Center Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Utica, he moved to Albany in 1936. He was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, where he was president of the student union and a member of Theta Xi fraternity.

Mr. Parry owned and operated the Bryant Lumber Co. on Railroad Avenue in Colonie until he sold the business to Miron Lumber Co. and retired in 1981.

At the time of his death, he was chairman of the board of Inter State Laminates of Poestenkill.

He served as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Albany, where he had been a member since 1939.

He was a member of the Master Lodge 5 F&AM in Albany, and a former member of the Fort Orange Club, the University Club and the Albany Yacht Club. He was a founder of the Albany Curling Club.

Services were in the First Presbyterian Church, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

### William Blanchard Sr.

William J. Blanchard Sr., 67, of Delmar died Saturday, Nov. 3 in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a resident of Delmar since 1953.

Mr. Blanchard was head custodian at Elsmere Elementary School

for 25 years before he retired in 1985.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member and past commander of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040. He was also past commander of the Albany County American Legion.

He was a communicant and usher at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Lilian Sinnamon Blanchard; three sons, William J. Blanchard Jr. and Arthur Blanchard, both of Delmar, and Charles J. Blanchard of Albany; two daughters, Irene C. Blanchard of Delmar and Donna Dunford of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County; a brother, James R. Blanchard of Albany; two sisters, Lois Goldberg of Albany and Nancy Basham of Coos Bay, Oreg.; and six grandchildren.

### Robert G. Clarke

Robert G. Clarke, 65, of Kilmer Court, Delmar, died Friday, Nov. 2, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Clarke was a longtime resident of Albany, where he was born, and was a graduate of the former Milne School in Albany and the Utica Institute of Technology.

He served with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific and China during World War II and the Korean War. He was employed by the Carborundum Co., in Niagara Falls, for 20 years before retiring.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, the Marine Corps League and the Albany Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia B. Clarke; a daughter, Carol

Clarke Doody of Delmar; a son, Peter N. Clarke of Albany; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Foundation for Hospice.

Arrangements were by Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

### Grace B. Rosenblum

Grace Berkowitz Rosenblum, 78, of Blessing Road, Slingerlands, died Sunday, Nov. 4, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Rosenblum was born in Utica, lived in Cohoes for 45 years and resided in the Albany-Slingerlands area for 12 years. She and her late husband, Julius Rosenblum, operated the former Rosenblum Grocery and Meat Market in Cohoes for many years, retiring several years ago.

She was a member of Beth Tephilah Synagogue in Troy, and had been a volunteer with the senior adult group at the Albany Jewish Community Center.

She is survived by two sons, Charles and William Rosenblum, both of Albany; a daughter, Reeva Nowitz, of Troy; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A service was held on Monday in the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany. Burial was in Beth Tephilah Cemetery in Troy.

A period of mourning is being observed this week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosenblum, 78 Lawn Ridge Ave., Albany.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the senior adult group at the Albany Jewish Community Center.



Plans to erect an office building on this site at the intersection of Delaware and Snowden avenues have been questioned by the town planning board. *Michael Larabee*

## Planning board balks at office development

By Mike Larabee

A plan to construct a two-story office building at the intersection of Delaware and Snowden avenues was treated coolly by the Bethlehem Planning Board last week.

At its regular meeting, the board told a representative of Bob Howard Inc. and Blake Realty, owners of the property, to consider downscaling their plan to replace two residences on the 28,000 square foot lot with an 8,500 square foot building.

The planners said the building, which on the developers' original plan would be 15 feet from Delaware Avenue, might interfere with sight distances along the busy state highway, and were dissatisfied with a cramped parking layout they say fails to meet town stall and aisle specifications.

"It still comes back to are you trying to put too much of a building on that lot?" said Chairman Martin Barr.

The discussion was ultimately tabled. Joseph Bianchine of Schenectady-based ABD Engineers & Surveyors, a representative of the development partners, said later that a smaller-scale proposal was under consideration.

Three Snowden Avenue residents, Nancy Bub, Alfred Koehler, and Jack VanNoddall, addressed the board on the proposal. Bub, who lives on a parcel immediately south of the property, said she was concerned about drainage from the site.

"We have water in our cellar just about all the time," she said.

The board and Bianchine both

acknowledged drainage is extremely poor in the area. They said that the drainage impacts of new construction is being considered.

Bub said she was also concerned that the proposal did not include enough green space, and would add traffic and clash with the existing architecture of the Snowden Avenue neighborhood. In addition, she wanted to know if anything would be done about the two existing structures, which from the outside appear to need extensive repairs, if the office project were turned down.

"What's to be done with these dilapidated buildings? Will they be allowed just to collapse in a pile of dust?" Bub said.

Both buildings are currently rented, Bianchine said.

Koehler was concerned about drainage as well — "My backyard is loaded right now. In fact, you could take a rowboat into it," he said — and whether the new building would be well-maintained.

VanNoddall wanted to know if there could be a traffic light installed at the Snowden Avenue intersection when the building is built. He said that currently it's sometimes impossible to make a left turn onto Delaware Avenue for any of a section of interconnected streets from Booth Road to Plymouth Avenue.

"We have no way from all these streets to get out" onto Delaware Avenue, he said.

A traffic light on the state highway would require state Department of Transportation approval.

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## Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

The following departments responded to emergency calls during the week of Oct. 25 through Oct. 31: Delmar Fire Department, two structure fires; Delmar Rescue Squad, six respiratory distresses, six personal injuries, one cardiac related, four standbys, four medical emergencies, two auto accidents; Elsmere Fire Department, three structure fires, one auto accident; Bethlehem Ambulance, two respiratory distresses, one auto accident, two personal injuries, three medical emergencies, five standbys; Selkirk Fire Department, five structure fires, two wire burnings, one auto accident; Voorheesville Ambulance, one unknown illness, three personal injuries, one cardiac related, two respiratory distresses, one auto accident, one transport.

There will be a drill for Bethle-

hem Ambulance personnel, and all emergency personnel in the town who would like to attend, at the Glenmont Firehouse on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. The drill will be with the Slingerlands rescue unit in order to familiarize everyone with the heavy rescue unit that is available in case of an emergency. Following the drill at 8 p.m. will be the regular meeting at Glenmont Firehouse.

Selkirk No. 2 Fire Company in Glenmont will be starting an Essentials of Firemanship course on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

The Town of Bethlehem Safety Services will be offering a Standard First Aid course beginning Dec. 10 at town hall. All interested parties should call 439-4131 to register.

# Family

## Tune in at noon in downtown Albany

By Debi Boucher

Lunchtime needn't be dull—or expensive. If you happen to be in downtown Albany at the noon hour on a weekday, there are alternatives to the typical sandwich-at-a-coffee-shop routine.

On Fridays, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, at the corner of State and Lodge streets, offers free half-hour organ concerts, starting at 12:30. Neil Keen of Delmar, organist for the church since 1980, was recently named a fellow in the American Guild of Organists—no small honor, since only four organists nationwide passed this year's AGO examinations, held in July.

No matter how small the audience might be at the Friday concerts—"Sometimes I get numbers in the double digits," jokes the organist—Keen engages his listeners, introducing each number and adding some personal comments. At a recent noontime concert, attended by about a dozen listeners, several visitors showed up just as Keen was winding up his last song. When he explained he would be playing again next Friday, they begged him to play just one more tune. "We're from out of town, and we won't be able to come back next week," they pleaded. The good-natured Keen consented, and the visitors settled into a dark wood pew.

Set in the still, calming atmosphere of the old church, with light filtering in through the tall, stained glass windows, the concerts are a peaceful interlude from the hustle-bustle of a weekday. There is something uplifting about the sounds that emanate from a pipe organ, and the listener leaves feeling calm and fortified, ready to tackle the rest of a busy day.

Listeners are invited to bring their lunch to the concerts, Keen said, adding, "Paper-rattling is allowed."

For those who'd rather not brown-bag it, there's the Albany Institute of History

and Art on Washington Avenue, where lunch at the Gallery restaurant can be combined with the long-running, "Gallery Express" tours on Fridays. Starting at 12:15, these half-hour programs focus on a different topic each week, sometimes a certain artist, other times a specific exhibit. Sue Downing, public relations assistant, said the number of people

who attend varies from week to week, but generally an audience of five to 10 can be expected. The institute offers the same tours on Sundays at 1:30, generally a busier time.

Having whetted their appetites with culture, tour participants often head next door

to the institute's adjacent building, which houses the Luncheon Gallery. "It's always packed," Downing said of the restaurant, which is wholly run by the volunteer staff of the Institute's Women's Council. The group does all the cooking and serving, and according to Downing, "They really go all out." In addition to soups, salads and sandwiches, the restaurant offers homemade desserts, which are "wonderful," Downing said. "Don't go if you're on a diet," she warned.

Up one block, the Albany Public Library hosts noon book reviews on Tuesdays, courtesy of Friends of the Library. Coffee is provided, and visitors are welcome to bring their own lunch. The programs, held in the library's Harmanus Bleeker Hall, begin at 12:15, but coffee is served at noon. Today's session (Nov. 7), will be on "Burden of Proof," by Scott Turow, reviewed by Albany attorney Louis-Jack Pozner.

Upcoming noon book programs include "Means of Ascent," Volume 2 of "The Years of Lyndon Johnson," by Robert A. Caro, reviewed by Franklin F. Gould, former SUNY professor, Nov. 13; "An Albany Girlhood—Memoirs of Huybertie Pruyn Hamlin," reviewed by Dardis McNamee, publisher of *Capital Magazine*, Nov. 20; and "Bohin Manor," by Tadeusz Konwicki and translated by Richard Lourie, reviewed by James Bertini, an Albany attorney, on Nov. 27.

The library also hosts Vanguard-Albany Symphony Orchestra Previews each month during the season. The next one is on Thursday, Nov. 29 from noon to 1 p.m., featuring a commentary on the upcoming performance by conductor David Effron. Participants are invited to bring a lunch; coffee, tea and cookies are provided by Vanguard.

If you're downtown, but none of these goings-on appeal to you—or you just don't feel like doing anything—take a stroll outside between noon and 12:30 and listen to the bells of the Albany Carillon. If it's warm enough, grab a bench in nearby Academy Park, and let the chimes ring through you. You'll wish lunchtime could last all day.



## Youth Orchestra begins 12th season in Troy

By Debi Boucher

The Empire State Youth Orchestra, opening its 12th season this Saturday at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, is promoting music on several different levels in the Capital District.



Conductor Ming-Feng Hsin

Through its Young People's Concerts, children are exposed to live music, sometimes for their first live concert experience. Frequent performances throughout the area by the ESYO's Jazz and Percussion ensembles showcase the musical talent the group fosters, as do concerts by the Youth Orchestra itself. But most of all, the organization offers an opportunity for talented young musicians to develop their skills in a professional atmosphere.

Founded in 1979, the ESYO has grown to encompass four ensembles: the Youth Orchestra, with 92 members this year; the Jazz and Percussion ensembles, with

25 and 9 members, respectively; and the Repertory Orchestra, considered the "training ground" for the Youth Orchestra, with 75 players.

As repertory members improve their skills, they "graduate" to the Youth Orchestra, according to Kathryn Lake, ESYO's general manager. Each season, after repertory members who can make the grade have been moved up to Youth Orchestra status, the organization holds auditions to fill whatever openings are left in the four ensembles; some 35 members are leaving ESYO this year to go on to college. "About a third of the orchestra graduates on us every year—we just hate it," said Lake. She's only half kidding; by the time they graduate from high school, many of the young musicians have been with the orchestra for years, and have honed their skills to remarkable levels. A fair number of them go on to attend prestigious music schools, such as the Juilliard School or Curtis Institute of Music, Lake said.

The up side of their departure, however, is that it creates openings for other young people to join the orchestra. Audi-

tions are held in June, and placements are done solely on the basis of merit. Participants range in age from 10 to 18, but which ensemble a player winds up in is determined by his or her ability.

There are a total of 250 slots in ESYO's program, including all four ensembles, but they won't all be filled if qualified musicians can't be found. "We maintain a standard of excellence," said Lake, who is concerned about the decreasing number of eligible auditioners the organization is seeing year by year. "We're getting less and less, and that's our worry—and that's why the Young People's Concerts are so important."

Those concerts, performed for students who attend schools throughout the Capital District, often serve to get children interested in music, or to expose those who have already begun playing instruments to the Empire State Youth Orchestra. Lake said the 2,500 seats available in Proctor's Theater, where the Youth Concerts are held, aren't always sold out because schools don't have the funds to bus students to Schenectady.

Area schools have been responsive to



Bridgette Johnson, one of ESYO's graduating musicians.

the Youth Orchestra's programs, Lake said, citing in particular the North Colonie School District, which provides performance space for some concerts at Shaker Jr. High School. An outside orchestra can sometimes be seen as threatening to local school districts, she explained, since they need to keep students in their own programs. "It's real tough," she said, "because you don't want to take them

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### THE RECITAL

Mystery, Riverview Productions, Doane Stuart School, Albany. Nov. 9, 11, dinner Fri. 7 p.m., Sun. 5 p.m. Information, 463-3811.

### FROM RUSSIA TO ISRAEL WITH LOVE

Tribute to Operation Exodus, Temple Israel, Albany. Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5221.

### I'LL BE SEEING YOU... ANDREA

Cabaret show, Boulevard Cafe, Albany. Nov. 12, dinner 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-8069.

### ELECTRA

Greek tragedy, College of Saint Rose, Albany. Nov. 9-10, 15-17, 8 p.m. Information, 454-5221.

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Willow Cabin Theatre to perform, The Empire Center, Albany. Nov. 14-17, Wed., Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 2 and 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Tony Award-winning musical, Siena College, Loudonville. Nov. 9-10, 15-17, 8 p.m., Nov. 11, 18, 2 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

### JURY ROOM

Presented by the Highlight Acting Troupe, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Raymontown. Nov. 9-10, 8 p.m. Nov. 3, dinner show, 6:30. Information, 279-9031.

## MUSIC

### THE JEFF PRESSLAFF QUINTET

Jazz originals, Union College, Schenectady. Nov. 8, 8 p.m.

### BRODSKY QUARTET

English group, Friends of Chamber Music, Troy. Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Information, 273-8135.

## CHICAGO CHAMBER MUSICIANS

Masterclasses, Larry Combs, Gail Williams, Joseph Genualdi, Deborah Sobol, Proctor's Schenectady. Nov. 12-14, 17.

### FOREVER WILD

George Ward, Chris Shaw, Joe Bruchac, homemade songs inspired by the Adirondacks, Old Songs Concerts, Guilderland. Nov. 12, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

### SWINGING WITH THE STARS

Musical memories of bygone days, Proctor's Schenectady. Nov. 11, 7 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

### PETER OSTROUSHKO

And Dean Magraw perform in the folk series, Spencertown Academy. Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

## UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Nathan Gottschalk, conductor, University Performing Arts Center, Albany. Nov. 13, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

### MUSIC FROM MEXICO

Manuel Enriquez, composer-violinist, guest artist and Max Lifchitz, composer-pianist, University Performing Arts Center, Albany. Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

### MUSIC BY CESAR FRANCK

Observing the 100th anniversary of his death, University Performing Arts Center, Albany. Nov. 8, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

### ENSEMBLE A VENT

Wind ensemble, Siena College, Loudonville. Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

## THE COMMODORES

Navy Jazz Ensemble, Columbia, Greene Community College. Nov. 9, 7 p.m. Information, 828-4181.

### OUT OF CONTROL

Rhythm and Blues Band, Billy's, Troy. Nov. 9, 10:30 p.m. The Metro, Saratoga. Nov. 10. Information, 372-5607.

### RUTH BROWN & BAND

1989 Grammy and Tony award winner, The Empire Center, Albany. Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### L'AMICO FRITZ

By Pietro Mascagni, presented by Touring Concert Opera Company, Inc. Sponsored by Greene County Festival of Opera. Now through Nov. 30, Fri. and Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 3 p.m. Information, 851-6778.

## DANCE

### BRAVE NEW DANCES

Premiere works by Maude Baum and Company, EBA Theatre, Albany. Nov. 9-10, 8 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

### I'M SO OPTIMISTIC

ISO Dance Company, madcap, playful and spontaneous, The Empire Center, Albany. Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

## CLASSES

### FAMILY ACTIVITY, LOCAL CRAFTS

Adults and children invited, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Nov. 18, 2 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

### ARTSPLORATION

Designed to encourage children ages 4-7, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Now through Nov. 17, 10:30-noon. Information, 792-1761.

## WORKSHOP

### WRITING THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE

With award-winning author Lyn Lifshin, State Museum, Albany. Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

## LECTURE

### HEALING THE PLANET, HEALING THE PEOPLE

"Not in my backyard: Homelessness in the Capital Area," Siena College, Loudonville. Nov. 8, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

## READINGS

### JOAN MURRAY AND ESPERANZA CINTRON

Visionary Landscapes literary series, by the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy Public Library and Hudson Valley Community College; Troy Public Library. Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

## FILM

### BOESMAN AND LENA

Chilling story of bigotry and displacement in South Africa, Siena College, Loudonville. Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

### THE PRINCESS BRIDE

Enchanting fantasy, The State Museum, Albany. Nov. 10-11, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

### FILM AND VIDEO ARTISTS FESTIVAL

Ralph Arlyck, Mary Ann Lynch, Francisco Allwalas, Diane Gallo, The Rensselaerville Institute. Nov. 18, 2-7:30 p.m. Information, 797-3783.

## SHOW

### ICE CAPADES

Ice show, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany. Nov. 7-11. Information, 487-2000.

### PATRICIA REYNOLDS

New watercolors and oils, Elm Tree Art Gallery. Now through Nov. 30. Information, 785-1441.

### ANIMALS NOBODY LOVES

Bugs to cockatoos, The State Museum, Albany. Nov. 23, 24, 25 at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

## READINGS

### JOAN MURRAY & ESPERANZA CINTRON

Sponsored by the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy Public Library. Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

## AUDITIONS

### THE MIDDLE AGES

Directed by John Mountford, The Schenectady Civic Theatre. Nov. 13 and 15, 7:15 p.m. Information, 783-6295.

## VISUAL ARTS

### 24TH WINTER ART SHOW

By the Delmar Art Group, Roger Smith Decorative Products, Delmar. Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 439-2819.

### CHRISTMAS AT CHESTERWOOD

Special viewings of the Daniel Chester French mansion and studio, Stockbridge, Mass. Nov. 10-12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, (413)298-3579.

### CHANNING LEFEBVRE

Exhibition, Albany Center Galleries. Nov. 9-Dec. 28. Opening reception, Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

### NICARAGUA 1990

Photojournalism tour of Nicaragua, Galeria Grupo Arte Madrid, formerly TOB Galleries, Albany. Now through Nov. 30.

### AUGUST SENA

Exhibition of collages, Albany Center Galleries. Now through Jan. 4, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m.

### FOCUS ON THE HOMELESS

Photo exhibit by Anne Bryan Smolin, Siena College, Loudonville. Now through Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

### A TASTE OF WINDHAM

Fall photo contest, Ski Windham. Now through Nov. 11. Information, 943-3400.

## BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Paintings by Barbara Messina, Spencertown Academy. Now through Nov. 10. Information, 392-3693.

### BOSCABEL

Boscobel winter schedule, except Tues., Thanksgiving and Christmas, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Closed Jan. and Feb. Information, (914)265-3638.

### DOUG MARTIN: LANDSCAPES

Oil landscapes, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Now through Dec. 9. Information, 792-1761.

### EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

Historic documents on view, State Museum, Albany. Nov. 16-18. Information, 474-5877.

### WASHINGTON PARK EXHIBITION

Capital District artists, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy. Now through Nov. 16, Wed.-Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

### CHRIS DUNCAN

Exhibition of new works, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy. Now through Nov. 21, 1-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

### COLOR AND IMAGE: RECENT AMERICAN ENAMELS

Works by 27 artists, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Now through Dec. 2. Information, 792-1761.

### PORTIA MUNSON AND JOAN MONASTERO

Paintings/collages, Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Now through Nov. 10. Information, 943-3400.

### GIORGINI AND KROPIKAK

Ceramic sculptors, Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Now through Nov. 10. Information, 943-3400.

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# AROUND THE AREA

**Wednesday  
November 7**

## ALBANY COUNTY

### ICE CAPADES

Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

### SKI CLUB MEETING

B'nai Shalom, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-5815.

### SQUARE DANCE

sponsored by Single Squares, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Information, 664-2353.

### SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

### APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB

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

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### TODDLER DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Bellevue Hospital, Troy Rd., Schenectady, noon-4 p.m. Information, 346-9400.

### POTOGRAHIC SOCIETY MEETING

First Methodist Church, Lafayette and State St., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 453-1674.

**Thursday  
November 8**

## ALBANY COUNTY

### ICE CAPADES

Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

### SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

### 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.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### LECTURE

by South African writer Tony Eprile, Union College, social science building, South Ln., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

### LIVING WITH AIDS ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

Paul LeClerc, lecturer, Union College, Memorial Chapel, South Ln., Schenectady, 11:30 a.m. Information, 370-6172.

**Friday  
November 9**

## ALBANY COUNTY

### ICE CAPADES

Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

### SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### RECOVERY, INC.

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

**Saturday  
November 10**

### ICE CAPADES

Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, noon and 8 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

**Sunday  
November 11**

## ALBANY COUNTY

### ICE CAPADES

Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

### SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

**Monday  
November 12**

## ALBANY COUNTY

### HOCKEY

Albany Choppers vs. Muskegon Lumberjacks, Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

### SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

### RECOVERY, INC.

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

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith St., Schenectady, 8-10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

### RECOVERY, INC.

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

**Tuesday  
November 13**

## ALBANY COUNTY

### BASKETBALL

Patrons vs. San Jose, Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7:35 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

### SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

### CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB

for people who wish to develop speaking skills, second and fourth Tuesdays, Gaspary's Restaurant, 164 Madison Ave., 5:45 p.m. Information, 851-9859.

### CIVIL AIR PATROL

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

## SCHENECTADY

### 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  
November 14**

## ALBANY COUNTY

### SQUARE DANCE

sponsored by the Single Squares, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Information, 664-2353.

### HOCKEY

Albany Choppers vs. Muskegon Lumberjacks, Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

### OPEN HOUSE

Montessori School of Albany, Rensselaer Community Center,

3rd Ave., Rensselaer, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 455-8964.

### EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY MEETING

First Methodist Church, Lafayette and State St., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 453-1674.

## Festival of Nations planned at Empire State Plaza

The 19th Annual Festival of Nations will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Empire State Plaza, with all events taking place inside.

The purpose of the festival is to foster awareness and appreciation of the cultural heritage of people from diverse national origins, and to promote unity, understanding and fellowship among the many national and ethnic groups residing in the Capital District.

Festivities begin at 12:45 p.m. with a parade of nations featuring representatives of various countries in full ethnic costume.

Spend the entire day sampling food from around the world and enjoying the wide variety of performances.

Tickets will be available at the door; admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children ages 5 to 15.

## Ice Capades comes to the Knick

The 51st edition of the Ice Capades, presented the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, will perform at the Knickerbocker Arena from Nov. 7 to Nov. 11. With an "On Top of the World" theme, the show will feature the Simpsons and Barbie. For ticket information, call 476-1000.

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off whatever food items they can at the office in the Columbia Plaza shopping center on Route 9 and 20. The office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 477-1080.

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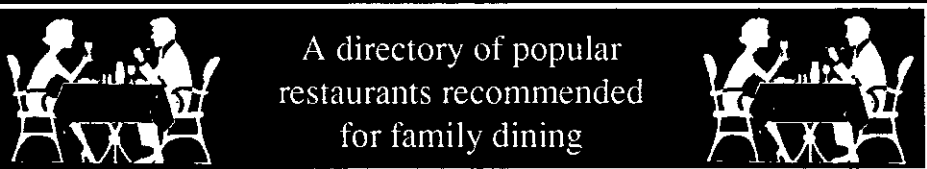


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**Wednesday**  
**November 7**

## BETHLEHEM

### CREATIVE ARTS GROUP MEETING

Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library community room, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

### DRAMA GROUP MEETING

Delmar Progress Club, Strangle Residence, 20 Fairlawn Drive, 7:30 p.m.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

### TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

### NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

### BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

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### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

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

### ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

**Thursday**  
**November 8**

## BETHLEHEM

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary Unit, Post meeting room, Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m.

### RECEPTION FOR EVONNE LUTICUS

Slingerlands Elementary School auditorium, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

### TICKLE YOUR FUNNYBONE

Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, K-2, pre-register. Information, 439-9314.

### COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

the essay, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

### CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER

open house, second Thursday of every month, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

### 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.

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Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

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regular meeting, second Thursdays at firehouse, 8 p.m.

### BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185

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

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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

**CLARKSVILLE TABERNACLE**  
890 Delaware Ave., Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2733.

### NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

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

### FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

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

**Friday**  
**November 9**

## BETHLEHEM

**CHRISTIAN SINGLES DINNER**  
over 25, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 797-3740.

### RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every Friday, 12:30 p.m.

### CHABAD CENTER

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

## NEW SCOTLAND

### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

**Saturday**  
**November 10**

## BETHLEHEM

### BABY-SITTERS CLUB

Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 10:30 a.m. for registered students. Information, 439-9314.

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

Albany Public Library, 2nd floor, 161 Washington Ave., Albany at 1 p.m. Information, 463-4810.

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Slingerlands Methodist Church, 1497 New Scotland Rd., 4:30-7:30 p.m., \$7 adults. Information, 439-1766.

### CHABAD CENTER

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

### FRIENDSHIP TEA

women of the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 1-3 p.m., fellowship hall, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. crafts, baked goods, and used toys will be available.

**Sunday**  
**November 11**

## BETHLEHEM

### THE ARTIST'S PROGRAM

The Monday Musical Club, the College of St. Rose Music Building, room 158, 7:30 p.m.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday worship service, 10:15 a.m.; Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m. Meetings held at the Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 475-9086.

### BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 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

family worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Nursery care available during worship services. Information, 439-4328.

### DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

church school and worship, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship, church school, nursery care 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship 11 a.m.; adult education programs 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays. Information 439-9252.

### 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

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

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

service and Sunday school, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group 6 p.m. Rt. 9W Selkirk. Information, 436-7710.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR

worship, 9:30 a.m. church school, 9:45 a.m., youth and adult classes, 11 a.m., nursery care 9 a.m. to 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 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., 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. Information, 438-7740.

### BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

schoolhouse and Toll House museums open, through August, Rt. 144, Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

## NEW SCOTLAND

### EVENING SERVICE

Clarksville Tabernacle, 7 p.m., Route 443. Information, 768-2733.

### CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

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

## MOUNTAIN VIEW

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Bible hour for children and adults, 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

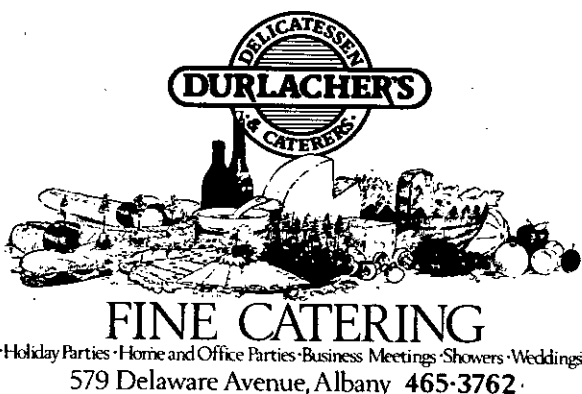
worship, 10 a.m. church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

### UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, children's story hour, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

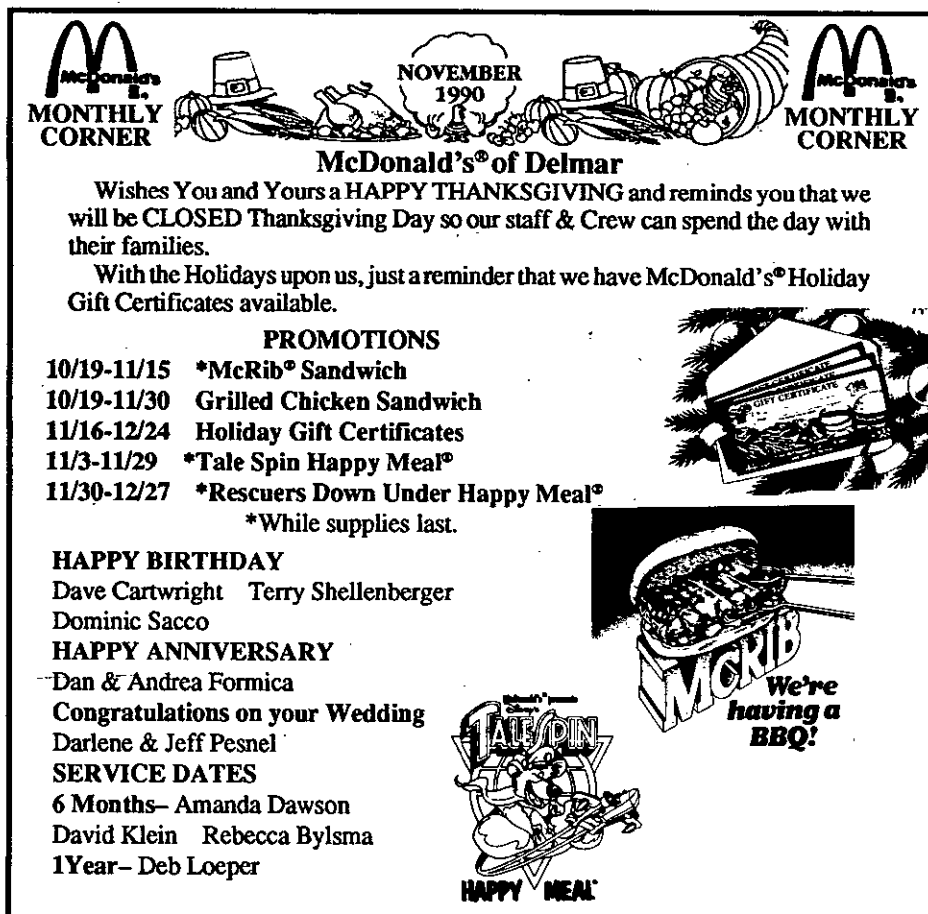
## UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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.



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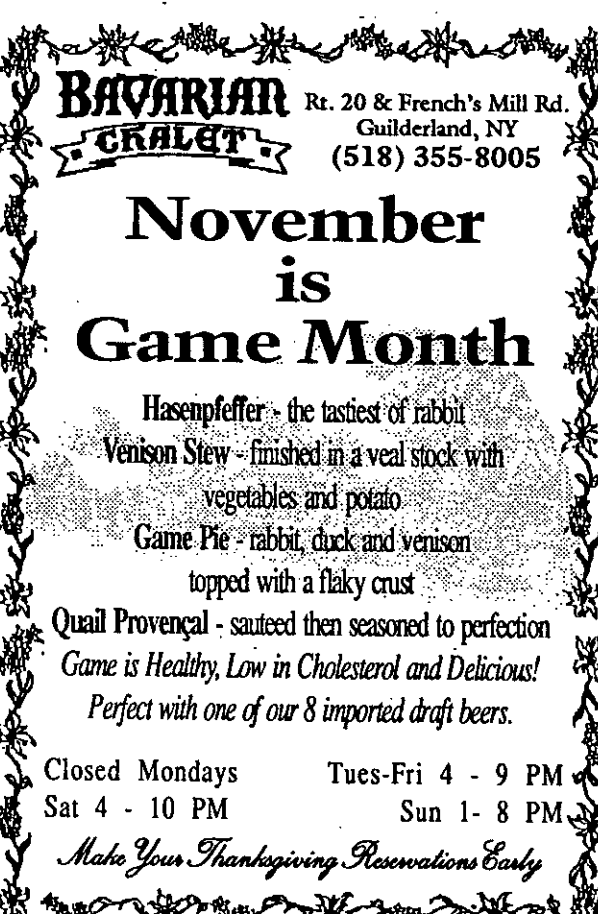


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**BETHLEHEM**

**SCHOOL'S OUT FILM**

Bethlehem Public Library,  
Delmar, 2 p.m., Information,  
439-9314.

**LECTURE**

by Professor Vincent O'Leary,  
Bethlehem Public Library,  
Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information,  
439-9314.

**MOTHER'S TIME OUT**

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

**DELMAR KIWANIS**

meets Mondays at Sidewheeler  
Restaurant, Days Inn, 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**

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

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**NEW SCOTLAND**

**QUARTET REHEARSAL**

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

**VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

meets in the Clayton A. Bouton  
Jr.-Sr. High School library, 7:30  
p.m. Information, 765-3313.

**Tuesday  
November 13**

**BETHLEHEM**

**LITERATURE GROUP MEETING**

Delmar Progress Club,  
Bethlehem Public Library  
community room, 451 Delaware  
Ave., Delmar, 1:30 p.m.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office,  
Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information,  
439-0503.

**DELMAR ROTARY**

meets Tuesday mornings at  
Days Inn, 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  
Firehouse, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday  
November 14**

**BETHLEHEM**

**MUSIC GROUP MEETING**

Delmar Progress Club,  
Bethlehem Public Library  
community room, 7:30 p.m.,  
public invited.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZOAR**  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,  
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**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
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Parks and Recreation Office,  
Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information,  
439-0503.

**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,  
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**RED MEN**

second Wednesdays, St.  
Stephen's Church, Elmsmere, 7:30  
p.m.

**SECOND MILER'S LUNCHEON  
MEETING**

First United Methodist Church,  
Delmar, noon. Information, 439-  
6003.

**DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS**

meet second Wednesdays,  
Delmar Firehouse, Adams  
Place, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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Osterhout Community Center,  
New Salem. Information, 765-  
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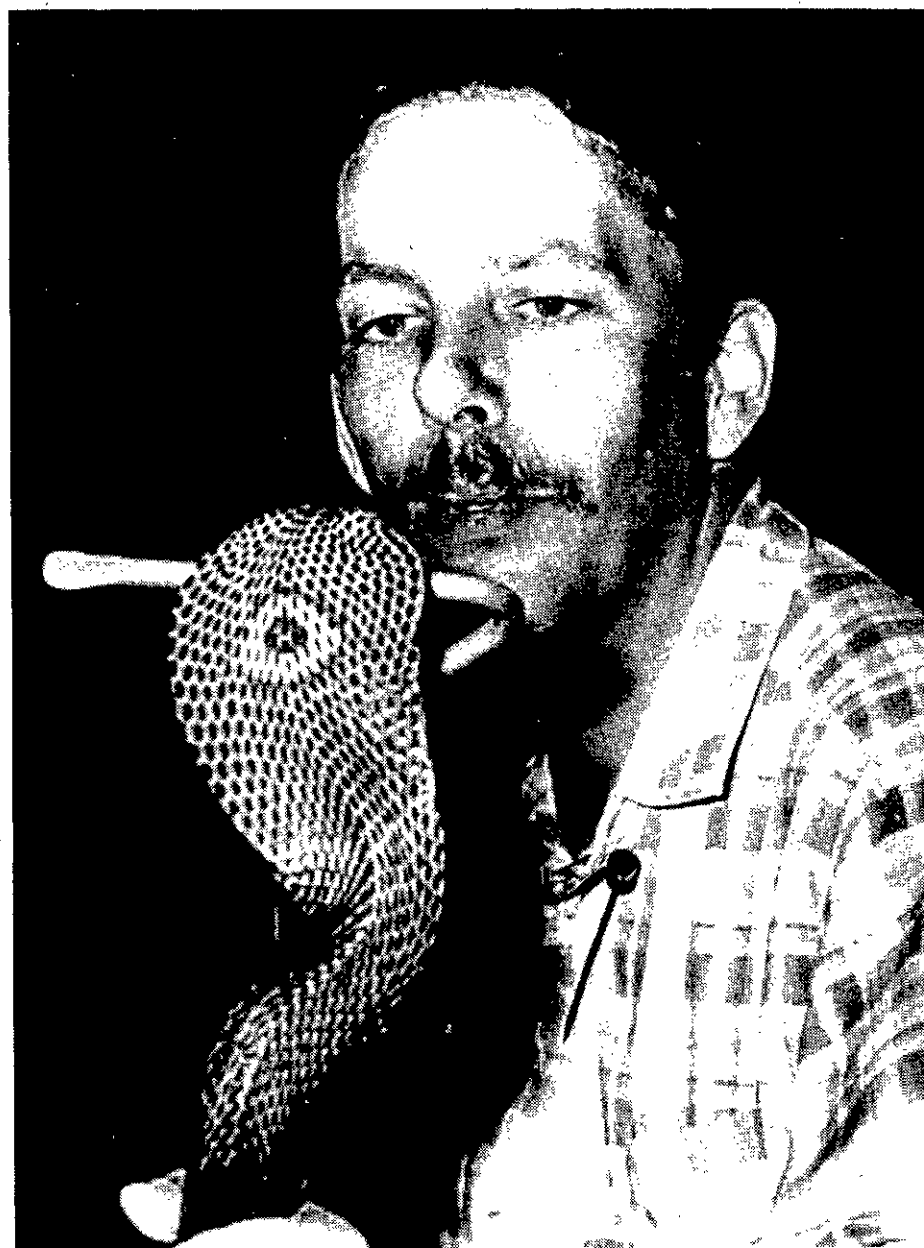
evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible  
study and prayer, Rt. 155,  
Voorheesville. Information, 765-  
3390.

**Saturday  
November 17**

**BETHLEHEM**

**WINTER SPORTS MART**

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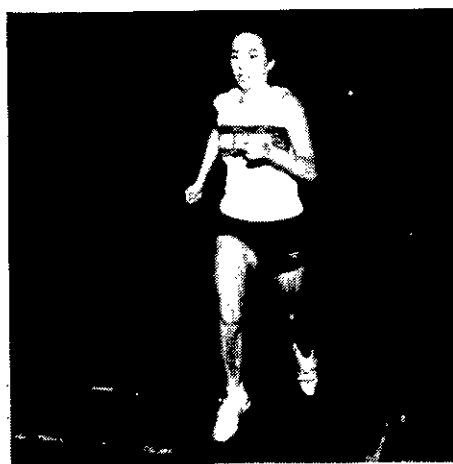
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# Orchestra

(From page 21)

from their school ensembles — they're as important, or more important, because that's where the learning takes place."

But Lake is dismayed by the general drop in funding for school arts programs. "Music is the first thing to go," she commented. "People say you don't need it, but you do — you need it like you need water and bread."

The shortage of music instruction in schools is one of the reasons the organization hopes to someday establish its own school. "It's a long-term goal," she said.

Lake, who plays violin, was one of the Youth Orchestra's founding members, joining the first season as one of a mere 30 players. Now, as general manager, she performs a host of diverse duties, working with administrative assistant Lenda Leonard — ESYO's only other full-time employee — on booking performances for the Jazz and Percussion ensembles, which are much in demand; scheduling regular concerts for the Youth and Repertory orchestras; and working with the orchestras' business managers and conductors.

The Youth Orchestra is now in the midst of a conductor search, according to Leonard, who said the group attracts "rising stars," who often move on to higher career callings after working with ESYO. This Saturday's opening concert will feature guest conductor Ming-Feng Hsin,

who holds a bachelor's from the Curtis Institute, a master's degree in conducting from Rice University, and an advanced certificate in conducting from the Juilliard School.

Working with professional conductors is one of the advantages the organization offers its young members. In addition to performances, each ensemble rehearses once a week during the school year season. That the children manage to make the rehearsals is to their credit, said Lake, pointing out that many of them are honor students and are involved in other extra-curricular activities. "The kids are remarkable in managing their time," she said.

A 25-member board of directors heads up the ESYO — "Their wish is my command," said Lake — and both orchestras have managers: Karen Slaterlee for the Youth Orchestra and Shirley Rappaport for the Repertory Orchestra. James Robinowitz is music director for the Repertory Orchestra; directors for the Percussion and Jazz ensembles are Richard Albagli and Paul Evoskevich, respectively.

Saturday's concert, set for 8 p.m., will feature all four ensembles, which perform separately at most concert dates. ESYO's next special event will be "Melodies of Christmas," at the Palace Theatre in Albany, at noon and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9. The Youth Orchestra has participated for the past nine years in the benefit concert, which last year raised over \$120,000 for children with cancer.

## Strike up the band



Bethlehem Central High School's music department sent 13 students to the New York State Music Association All-State Conference. Students, from left, front row are: Erin Mitchell and Brian Farrell; second row, Jennifer Matuszek, Naomi Kubo, Shannon Woodley, Melissa Warden, Jessica Williams and Nancy Leonard; third row, James Pierce, Andrew McQuidea, Shawn Flynn, Keith Lenden, and Teige Sheehan.



The Ensemble a Vent will perform at Siena College this Friday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. Call 783-2527 for information.

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## THE YOUTH NETWORK

### Videos available for borrowing

The Bethlehem Networks Project now has a collection of over 50 videos for both children and adults on topics related to substance abuse and substance abuse prevention. Many of these videos have discussion guides or additional written material.

An example of videos that we have for younger children is "Sooper Puppy: Drink, Drank, Drunk." In this video, Baxter, a live-action puppet, falls under the influence of a couple of neighborhood "characters" who pressure him into attending a party where "spiked" punch is served.

"Straight at Ya" is geared toward middle school-aged children and uses actor Kirk Cameron to talk about the pressures and situations kids may face as they get older.

A video we just purchased, entitled "Criss Cross," is designed to be watched by parents and teenagers together. Two well-known speakers in the field of chemical dependency role-play four stages of young people's drug/alcohol use and four stages of parental reaction.

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### Institute of History and Art holds family program

The Albany Institute of History and Art, on Washington Avenue in Albany, will hold an educational program, "Communities: Working Together" on Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. This family program will teach children ages pre-K to 10 the importance of their communities.

Children and accompanying adults will work together to explore what makes up a community by going back in time to one of the first communities in Albany. Admission is \$3 per family. For information, call 463-4478.

## SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Juliette Braun

This is the first week of the rest of your life. It is time to improve yourself and your community.

If you like to sing and feel the need to get in touch with your spirituality, the Joyful Noise might be just what you are looking for. The Joyful Noise is a choral group organized to provide youth with an opportunity to grow through contemporary Christian music. The group will appear at Bethlehem Community Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar on Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. If you would like to become involved with the group, call 768-2818 for further information.

Do you have questions about the college admissions process? Jeanne Jenkins, senior dean of admissions at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute may have the answers. Jenkins will present

a free discussion of the college admissions process at Bethlehem Public Library on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. Her talk will center around the essay because this element of the application may cause students the most anxiety.

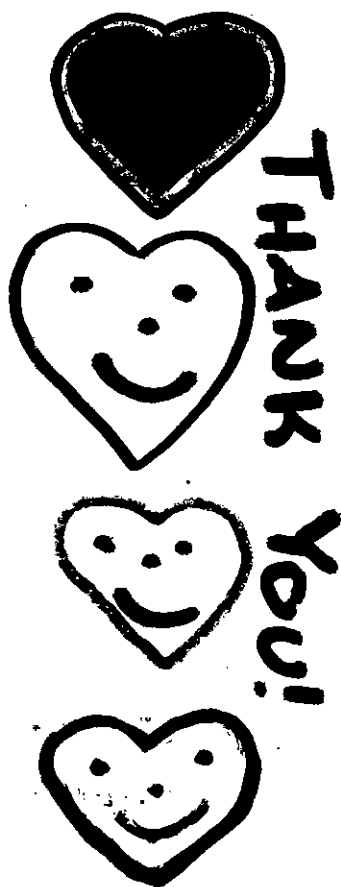
If you've ever asked yourself, "Have I got what it takes to be a successful artist?" attend Portfolio Day at Sage Junior College of Albany, on New Scotland Avenue in Albany, on Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aspiring high school artists will have the opportunity to get their artwork critiqued by representatives of major art colleges and institutes. For information, call 270-2246.

If you have an item exclusively for area teens, send it to TEENSCENE, Spotlight Newspapers, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 12054.

### Chorale open to new members

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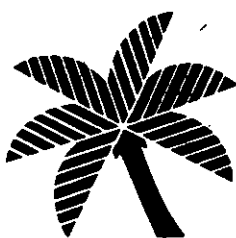
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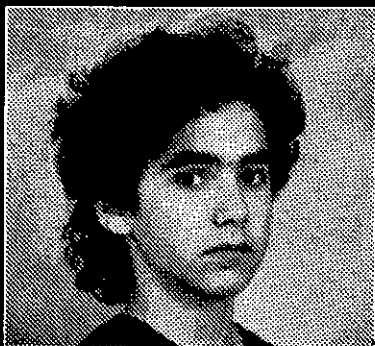
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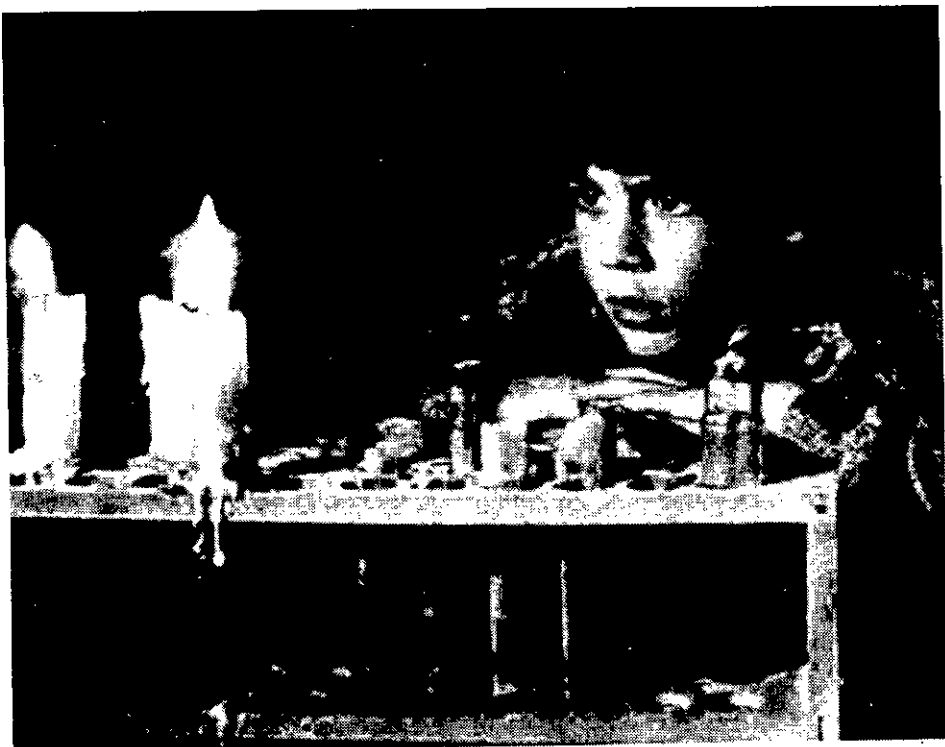
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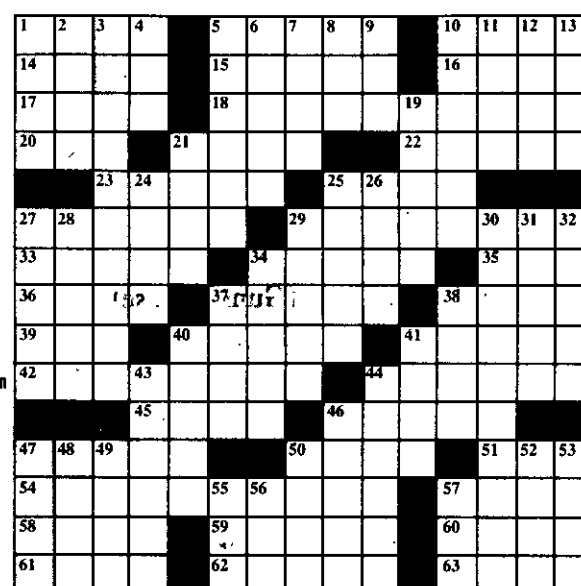
## Weekly Crossword

"VETERANS' SONG"

By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

- 1 Preserve
- 5 Moisten the bird
- 10 Landed
- 14 Newspaper sec.
- 15 Watergate Sam
- 16 Not too hot
- 17 Ms. Horne
- 18 Reevaluated
- 20 BEGINNING OF VETERANS' SONG
- 21 Unit of electrical power
- 22 Ceremonies
- 23 Indignant
- 25 New Mexico resort
- 27 Amusement park attraction
- 29 VETERAN'S SONG CONTINUED
- 33 Radiates
- 34 Rajah's wife
- 35 New: Prefix
- 36 Suffixes with novel or social
- 37 VETERANS' SONG CONTINUED
- 38 Jewish month
- 39 VETERANS' SONG CONTINUED
- 40 Watering holes
- 41 Golfing error
- 42 Jeopardize
- 44 Viewpoints
- 45 For fear that
- 46 Miss America's crown
- 47 Postpone
- 50 VETERANS' SONG CONTINUED
- 51 British Mil. award
- 54 Ralph Waldo's viewpoint
- 57 Faultfinder
- 58 VETERANS' SONG CONTINUED
- 59 Hoosier Dome, eg
- 60 VETERANS' SONG CONTINUED
- 61 Time Zone in Nova Scotia: Plural
- 62 Subway tokens, eg
- 63 VETERANS' SONG CONCLUDED



8 "\_\_\_ the Season"

9 Printers measures

10 St. Francis' town

11 Missing

12 Understanding words

13 British weight units for wool

19 Consume gradually

21 Boodles of money

24 L.A. mascots

25 Hues

26 Pub drinker?

27 Tarry

28 Gummy substance

29 Squirrel?

30 Mexican standoff: 4 words

31 Respond

32 Lesions

34 Adjust

37 Pestors

38 Apple preservative

40 Home runs

41 Kill

43 Warning signals

44 Town in Italy and New York State College

46 English or Scottish aristocrat

47 \_\_\_ vu

48 Flightless birds

49 Beer blast

50 Row

52 \_\_\_ Thompson

53 Follow the rule

55 Birdbrain

56 Rifleman's org.

57 Coll. Football Assoc.

### Solution to "ARTY FACTS"

A	D	A	M	D	I	E	G	O	V	A	S	T
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### DOWN

- 1 First flight alone
- 2 Cain's victim
- 3 Exonerated
- 4 Timetable abbrev.
- 5 Dress down
- 6 Rugged mountain crest
- 7 Spec. Weapons and Tactics



## LEGAL NOTICE

## CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

STATE OF NEW YORK ss.:  
COUNTY OF ALBANY

We, the undersigned being desirous of forming a Limited Partnership, pursuant to the Laws of the New York, and being severally duly sworn, do hereby certify:

1. The name of the firm under which said Partnership is to be conducted is J.F. Limited I.

2. The character of the business intended to be transacted by said Partnership is as follows: to operate, hold, and lease 166 multi-family units upon the real property known as Adams Station, Astor, Baxter and Elkin Courts, Delmar, New York.

3. The location of the principal place of business is to be at 1 Juniper Drive, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany and State of New York.

4. The name and place of residence of each General Partner interested in said Partnership is as follows: Edward R. Feinberg, residing at 26 Oldox Road, Delmar, New York.

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New York 12054, Rex S. Ruthman, residing at 14 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands, New York 12159 and Jerome Rosen, residing at 14 Wedgewood Lane, Voorheesville, New York 12186, doing business as Co-Partners under the name of J.F. Associates, 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, New York 12054.

The name and place of residence of each Limited Partner interested in said Partnership is as follows: Edward R. Feinberg, residing at 26 Oldox Road, Delmar, New York 12054, Rex S. Ruthman, residing at 14 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands, New York 12159 and Jerome Rosen, residing at 14 Wedgewood Lane, Voorheesville, New York 12186.

5. The time at which said partnership is to begin is the date when the Certificate of Limited Partnership is filed and first published. The time at which said Partnership is to end is when the Partnership no longer has a beneficial interest in the property.

6. The amount of cash and a description of and the agreed value of the other property contributed by the Limited Partners is as follows:

Property having an agreed value of \$8,800,000.00.

7. The additional contributions agreed to be made by each Limited Partner and the time at which and the event on the happening of which they shall be made are as follows: Not Applicable.

8. The time agreed upon when the contribution of each Limited Partner is to be returned is upon sale of the Partnership assets.

9. The share of the profits or the other compensation by way of income which each Limited Partner shall receive by reason of his contribution is as follows:

A. Net Cash Flow from Partnership operations, pursuant to Section 6.01 of the limited Partnership Agreement dated August 1, 1990; and

B. Net Cash from sale or refinancing, if any, of the Partnership property pursuant to Section 6.02 of the limited Partnership Agreement dated August 1, 1990.

10. The right of a Limited Partner

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ner to substitute an assignee as contributor in his place, and the terms and conditions of the substitution are as follows:

A. Death, Incompetence, Dissolution, or Withdrawal of a Limited Partner.

1. Upon the death, legal incompetence, bankruptcy, or insolvency of an individual Limited Partner (including a substitute Limited Partner), his legally authorized personal representative shall have all of his Partnership rights for the purpose of settling or managing his estate and shall have such power as the decedent, incompetent, bankrupt, or insolvent possessed to make an assignment of his interest in the Partnership in accordance with the terms hereof.

2. Upon bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution, or other cessation as a legal entity of any Limited Partner that is not an individual, the authorized representative of such entity shall have all of its Partnership rights for the purpose of effecting the orderly winding up and disposition of the business of such entity and such power as such entity possessed to make an assignment of its interest in the Partnership in accordance with the terms hereof.

B. Substitution of Limited Partners.

1. Each of the Limited Partners shall have the right, subject to the provisions of Article 12.03 and compliance with applicable laws, to see or assign any or all of his or its interest in the Partnership to any individual firm, or corporation, whether or not a Partner (except a minor or person adjudged insane or incompetent), provided however, that (1) such assignment shall be by instrument in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Partnership, including an expression by the assignee of his intention to be substituted as a Limited Partner and his acceptance and adoption of all of the terms and provisions of the Partnership Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, and providing for the payment otherwise than by the Partnership of all reasonable expenses incurred by the Partnership in connection with such admission, including, but not

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limited to, the cost of preparing, filing and publishing the necessary amendment or amendments to the Certificate of Limited Partnership, (2) the General Partner shall have given his consent to such assignment, which consent shall be in the absolute discretion of the General Partner, (3) such assignment shall not result in a change of ownership by reason of sales or exchanges of 50 percent or more of the total interest in Profits and capital of the Partnership during the 12-month period ending on the date of such assignment (except as otherwise provided in the Partnership Agreement). Each substituted Limited Partner shall be entitled to the same rights and powers as were possessed by his assignor, including the right to sell or assign his interest in the Partnership in the same manner and subject to the same conditions.

2. Each Partner consents to the execution and recordation on his behalf by the General Partner of any amendment hereto required for the purpose of admitting as a Limited Partner the transferee of any Unit in the Partnership, as provided above, and to the execution and recordation on his behalf of any other instruments required in connection therewith, and the General Partner is hereby granted the right to admit such transferee upon all of the terms set forth above. Each Partner agrees to execute at the request of the General Partner all documents necessary or desirable to effect the transfer of any Unit in the Partnership pursuant to Article 12.

11. There is no right of the Partners to admit additional Limited Partners.

12. The right of one or more of the Limited Partners to priority over other Limited Partners as to contributions or as to compensation by way of income, and the nature of such priority are as follows:

A. No Limited Partner shall have priority over any other Limited Partner either as to contributions to Capital or as to compensation by way of Net Cash Flow.

13. The right of the remaining General Partner or Partners to continue the business on the death,

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retirement or insanity of a General Partner is as follows:

Upon the bankruptcy, death, withdrawal, incapacitation, or disbursement of a General Partner or Partners pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, the Partnership shall be dissolved and terminated, unless the remaining Partners agree to continue the Partnership.

14. The right of a Limited Partner to demand and receive property other than cash in return for his contribution is as follows: A. No Limited Partner shall have the right to demand or receive property other than cash in return for his contribution.

GENERAL PARTNERS  
EDWARD R. FEINBERG  
JEROME ROSEN  
REX S. RUTHMAN  
LIMITED PARTNERS  
EDWARD R. FEINBERG  
JEROME ROSEN  
REX S. RUTHMAN

STATE OF NEW YORK ss.:  
COUNTY OF ALBANY

On this 6th day of August, 1990, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared EDWARD R. FEINBERG, to me personally known and known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the within Agreement, and he acknowledged to me that he executed same.

EILEEN M. WHITTAM  
Notary Public, State of New York

STATE OF NEW YORK ss.:  
COUNTY OF ALBANY

On this 6th day of August, 1990, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared REX S. RUTHMAN, to me personally known and known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the within Agreement, and he acknowledged to me that he executed same.

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On this 6th day of August, 1990, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared JEROME

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ROSEN, to me personally known and known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the within Agreement, and he acknowledged to me that he executed same.

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Notary Public, State of New York  
November 7, 1990

CITATION LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

HON. ROBERT ABRAMS  
Attorney General of the State of New York  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

JOHN DOE AND MARY ROE, being Fictitious names intending to represent the unknown heirs at law and distributees of the decedent herein.

A petition having been duly filed by Edward T. Stack who is domiciled at 112 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the City and County of Albany, at the County Court House in the City of Albany on 27 November 1990, at 10 a.m., why a decree should not be made in the estate of Gladys Pike lately domiciled at 4144 Albany Street, Town of Colonie in the County of Albany, State of New York, awarding letters of administration upon the goods, chattels and credits of said decedent to Edward T. Stack, who has made application for the same.

Dated, Attested and Sealed  
22 October, 1990  
HON. RAYMOND E. MARINELLI, Surrogate  
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At a Surrogate's Court held in and for the County of Albany, at the County Court House, in the City of Albany, on the 22 day of October, A.D. 1990

Present: HON. RAYMOND E. MARINELLI, Surrogate

In the Matter of  
GLADYS PIKE  
Deceased

On reading and filing the petition of Edward T. Stack praying that a decree award Letters of Administration of the Estate of Gladys Pike to said Edward T. Stack.

It is Ordered that a citation issue to all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, Hon. Robert Abrams, Attorney General, and John Doe and Mary Roe, Fictitious names intending to represent unknown heirs and distributees requiring them to show cause before this Court on the 27 day of November, 1990, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made granting Letters of Administration of the Estate of Gladys Pike to Edward T. Stack.

And it is Further Ordered that said citation be served on those residing without the State, or whose residence is unknown, by publishing once in each of four consecutive weeks in the Evangelist and The Spotlight, two newspapers published in the County of Albany, in the State of New York, or at the option of the petitioner, by delivering a copy of the citation without the State to each of the persons so named or described in the petition and citation, who live without the state, but in the United States, in person, at least twenty days before the return day thereof,

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and on those residing without the United States, at least thirty days before the return day thereof.

And it further appearing that John Doe and Mary Roe are person in said petition and citation named or described, whose names and place of residence are unknown and cannot, after a diligent inquiry, be ascertained,

It is Further Ordered, the mailing as aforesaid to said John Doe and Mary Roe be dispensed with.  
/s/ Raymond E. Marinelli,  
Surrogate.

November 7, 1990

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WILLIAM CLEVELAND  
Secretary of the North  
Bethlehem Fire District

November 7, 1990

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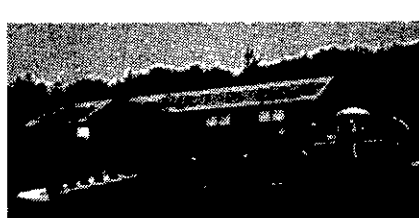
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In fact, many of us can't buy new cars at all. These days, the average "entry-level" small car cost more than \$10,000 and that prices a large number of people right out of the showroom.

So a great many people have never owned anything but used cars and may never own anything but used cars. But purchasing one is often an exercise in anxiety and frustration. There are so many pitfalls in buying a used car it sometimes seems like pitfalls are all there are. What can you do to ensure a fair chance of success?

With the huge number of used cars available, your chances of actually getting a good one are really quite good. You

just have to know where to go and what to look for. There currently are five basic places to buy a used car: auto brokers, new car dealers, used car dealers, rental car companies and private owners. Some might add car auctions to this list.

If you know someone who has experience with car auctions, that might be the way for you to go. But unless you have access to specialized knowledge or lots of luck, you'd be better advised to avoid them. Let's take a detailed look at the other five.

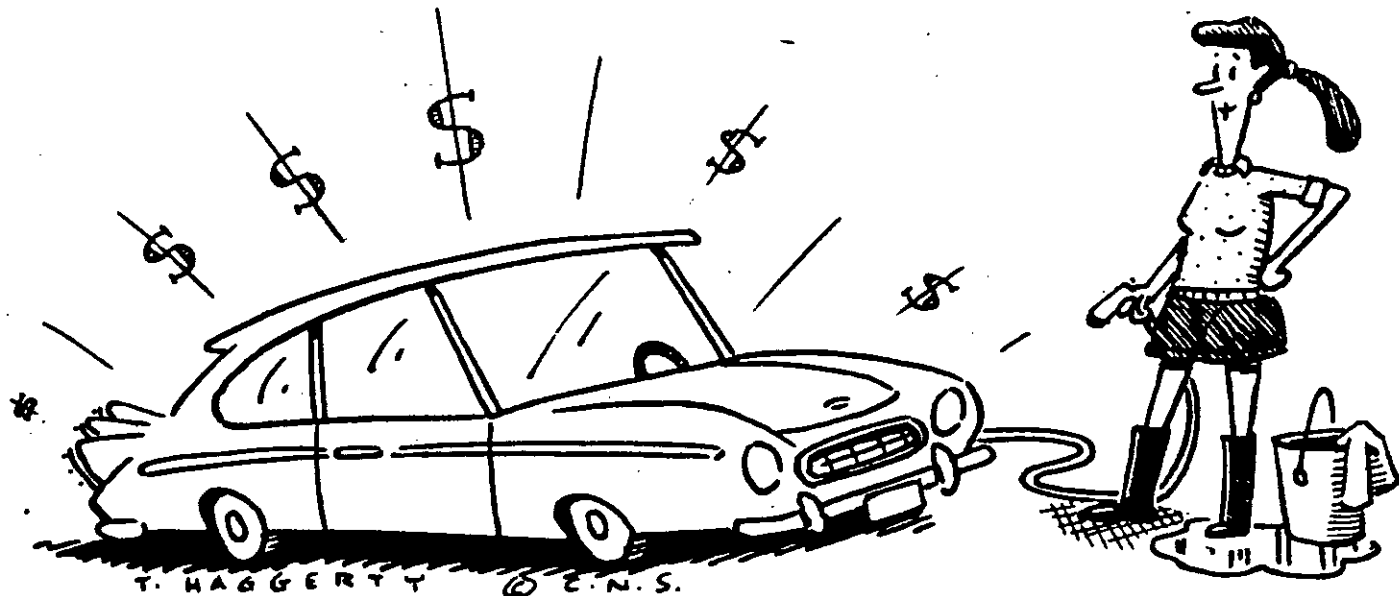
Auto brokers are a relatively new phenomenon, arising from the increased price of "previously owned" cars and the increased number of people looking for them. Basically auto brokers do all the work for you. They are useful if you're looking for a particular kind of car and nothing else will do.

If you're looking for a golden Volkswagen with silver seats, you can hire a broker to find one for you, and he won't come back until he does. Note the

word "hire." They don't do it for their health, and they don't do it cheap. They normally work on the top end of the market.

Some people would never be caught buying a used car at a new car dealership, but there actually are some compelling reasons to do so. Dealership used car lots get their cars from people who trade their old cars in for new ones. Most dealerships sell their "shrapnel" to auto wholesalers, who sometimes do unwholesome things with them. What's left are the nicest trade-ins.

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**Mileage:** It's illegal to turn back an odometer, but that doesn't stop everybody. If a car shows surprisingly low mileage, look on the driver's door edge and in the glove box for maintenance records. They often list the mileage at the time of service. Look on the pedals and carpet to see how badly they're worn. You can't wear through a brake pedal pad in 10,000 miles.

**Drips/Leaks:** The engine and transmission should be clean, but not too clean. If it looks like it has just been steam-cleaned, it has. Why would they go to that expense? Approach with caution.

tive to potential buyers. More important, they usually offer the best warranty you're likely to get on a used car. All of this translates into higher prices, but generally nicer cars.

Used cars from lots that specialize in used cars are another matter. These cars are almost always sold "as-is," which means you must approach them most carefully. Used car lots often buy cast-off cars from the new car dealerships and sometime even worse than that, such as taxis and police cars—cars that don't have much value left in them.

Rental car companies have been very active on the used car market in the past few years. The large ones have all been acquired by auto manufacturers, they turn their fleets over an average of three times a year. This results in a huge supply of used cars that have mostly been maintained by professional service depart-

ments. Contrary to popular belief they've generally not been beaten to death by indifferent customers and actually are in excellent condition.

If you want to try this route, you should probably hurry. The dealerships have been getting upset with the manufacturers over the effect all this is having on their used car volume. If they have their way, this source of generally good-condition used cars will quickly dry up.

Buying a used car from another individual is probably the best way to get a good-quality car for the least money. Since individuals have no overhead, they don't have to charge retail prices. Many are simply trying to clear their old car away to make room for a new one and are not looking for a large profit. Since the cars are privately owned and maintained, it is not unusual to find cars in very good condition.

The problem with this method largely

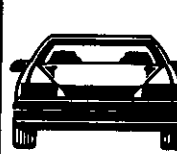
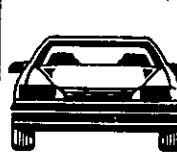
lies in the sheer volume of cars available. There are tens of millions of used cars sold annually in this country, mostly in private sales, and most of them are not bargains. There really is an excellent deal waiting for you out there, but you should understand that it might take weeks of serious effort to find it.

How to keep from getting hurt? Take your time. Enlist a friend to accompany you while looking at cars, preferably one who knows his way around them. Even if you don't have any mechanic friends, don't go alone.

Never let yourself be pressured into a deal that doesn't feel good to you. Always be ready to walk away; remember there's always another car down the street. Drive the cars carefully, and don't let your emotions blind you to potential problems. If you study the market carefully and do these things, you will lessen your chances of going wrong.

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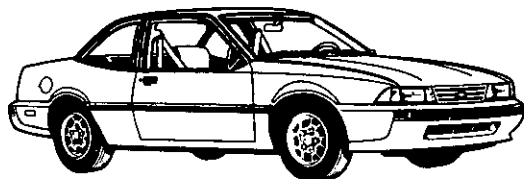


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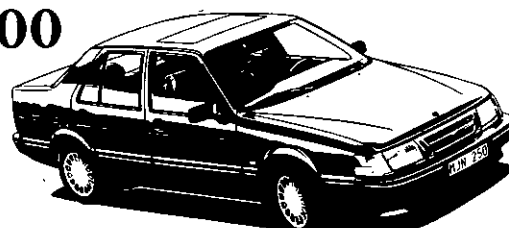
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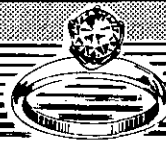
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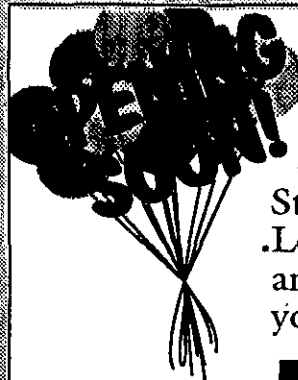
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