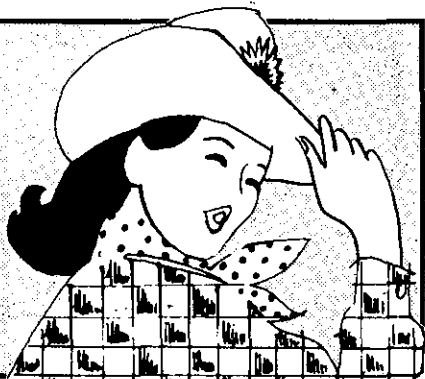


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Nat Boynton dies

Colleagues will miss former Spotlight owner

By Susan Graves

Nathaniel A. Boynton, award-winning writer and author, avid minor league baseball fan, and former publisher and owner of the *Spotlight*, died Sunday, Jan. 13, after he was stricken at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany.



Nat Boynton

Boynton, 73, a resident of Clipp Road in New Scotland, began his career in journalism at the *Watertown Times* after graduating from Princeton in 1939. His lifelong love of the profession continued even after he retired as a result of ill health. Last year he won a first place award from the New York Press Association for his column on the Albany-Colonie Yankees.

"Nat was a delight....It was refreshing to have him come here (Heritage Park),"

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Caring qualities marked newsman's life, work

By Tom McPheeters

Nat Boynton got more excitement and fun out of life than anybody I ever knew. He cared about everything he did, a passionate no-holds-barred kind of caring that made even the simplest projects important to him and to everybody around him. More than that, he cared equally about people and about principles, and that made him a rare journalist.

I got to know Nat in 1980 when he was forced, for health reasons, to retire as editor of *The Spotlight*, and I came in as his replacement (he had also been publisher, a superhuman endeavor in itself). It was at first an uneasy relationship, because neither of us was certain of our new status. But it quickly became clear that what Nat wanted was for *The Spotlight* to prosper and to be the kind of paper he had set out to make it—one that was part of the community, and as good as the community deserved. He had a real fear of being my "mother-in-law", as he put it, but that didn't stop him from

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Church holds vigil for Mideast peace

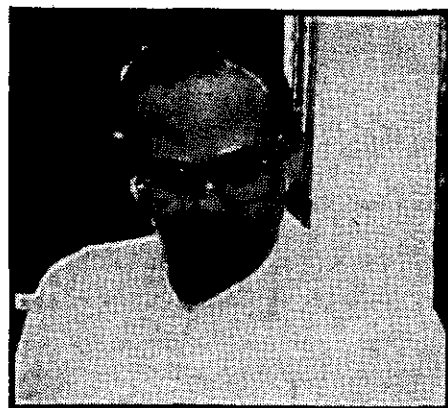
By Mike Larabee

On Monday night, as the world appeared to be sliding inexorably toward war in the Persian Gulf, about 100 people took a quiet stand for peace at the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

The people, mostly residents of Bethlehem, gathered from various town churches and the community at large for a hastily arranged ecumenical service less than 48 hours before the United Nations' Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. They were there, they said, both for the comfort of community prayer during a period of anxiety and to publicly register their objection to the use of force in the crisis.

"I think as the gulf deadline approaches people feel anxiety and are drawn to prayer and want to be with people who feel the same way," said Ellen Kelly-Lind, a member of the Presbyterian congregation. When things seem bleak, she said, it is important for the church community to come together and testify to their faith.

Rev. Larry A. Deyss, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Kelly-Lind, and her husband, Church Elder Gary Lind noted that the Presbyterian Church's judicary has come out opposed to a military intervention in Kuwait. Lind said he believes



Rev. Larry A. Deyss

its the responsibility "of the individual and of the church to bear witness to its faith" and, by implication, to speak out on matters of public policy.

"That's not done behind closed doors on Sunday morning but in every part of our lives," Lind said. As Maureen Moran of St. Thomas Catholic Church put it, they believe "Peace-making is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith."

"The message of the gospel is that there are other ways, there are other alternatives," said Deyss. "I think we

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There's usually plenty of room on CDTA's Elm Avenue Express.

'Ghostbusters' foil Elm Ave. Express

By Mike Larabee

On any given work day, four times each morning a big white bus pulls ghostlike into a wide parking lot on Elm Avenue in Bethlehem, then pulls out again a few minutes later. In contrast to a standard, bitter cold winter dawn, the inside of the vehicle is warm, comfortable and, most of all, quiet.

Since opening just before Thanksgiving last year, the Capital District Transit Authority's (CDTA's) Elm Avenue Park and Ride express bus run

has made a continuous back-and-forth commute between Albany and Delmar carrying little more than empty seats.

"Ridership to date has been relatively light. We'd hoped for a few more folks," said Carm Basile, CDTA's public information director. "We've had our rough days. We've never had nobody, but we've had some rough days."

According to Basile, the route has averaged just 20 riders a day total for its nine daily loops — figures that have

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VTA members, board clash at meeting

By Susan Wheeler

After a tense Voorheesville Board of Education meeting, the district is "back at the table" to reach a settlement in the ongoing teacher contract negotiations, according to Superintendent Alan McCartney.

McCartney said on Tuesday that an executive session at the close of the meeting had resulted in increased flexibility for the district in its negotiations with the teachers.

Emotions ran high at the Monday night

meeting, with teachers booing board president C/ James Coffin's statement that the "board unanimously concluded it couldn't endorse the board's report." Coffin said the board "set aside" the report as "too costly."

Kevin Flanagan, a fact finder from the Public Employee Relations Board assigned to review the contract negotiations last month, submitted his non-binding report to the district in late December. He recommended the district add

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Hamagrael students learn to give gift of life

By Susan Wheeler

Fifteen Hamagrael Elementary School students demonstrated their ability to "slow down the process of death" on two full cardiac arrest patients under the guidance of Ray Linstruth, Bethlehem police officer and CPR instructor.

Recently, each student practiced CPR on the patients, "resuscitating Annes," until the Delmar Fire Rescue Squad arrived.

The fourth and fifth-graders have spent one hour a week for the past month and a half in a cardio pulmonary resuscitation training course. After an exam this week, they'll receive a certificate for adult CPR from the Red Cross, Linstruth said. The students have learned rescue breathing techniques, how to clear air passages and CPR on the life-like dummies, he said.

"I'd be a little nervous if it was a real person," said fifth-grader Lauren Rice. She said that saving a choking victim was a "little gross but worth it" since she'd be saving someone's life.

Rice and her classmates were prepped by Linstruth before they approached the victims, who were lying on the floor in the school's main lobby. He told them what they'd find and to react quickly, including calling the Delmar police. Fifth-grader Brian Wovine placed the call to the police and waited near the front entrance for the ambulance to arrive. "I was

pretty scared to call," Wovine said. "I had to tell them it was a simulated drill, with two patients on the ground, not breathing. And we started CPR."

While Wovine made the call, the other students began CPR. Rice and fifth-grader Geoff Linstruth checked the patients' pulse, tilted their heads back and cleared their airways. Geoff Linstruth called out, "She's not breathing, help."

He said his father taught him to check the patient, call for help and notify the police. He said he might work in the emergency paramedic field in the future, because "it's exciting."

Each student practiced the CPR techniques on the Annes, completing two cycles of pumping the patients' chests and administering breathing, while waiting for the ambulance. Once the paramedics arrived, the students volunteered to help with holding the IV and trying to get the patients to breath. Jim Reagan, a volunteer paramedic with the Delmar Ambulance Squad, worked on one patient. He announced that the patient was breathing. "These kids are really well trained," he said. This drill "gives them an idea of what it's all about."

Linstruth said he wanted to train the students in CPR techniques because they seemed interested in learning it after taking a first aid course he taught last semester. He



Volunteer paramedic Jim Reagan instructs Hamagrael fifth-grader Brian Wovine to clear their "patient's" air passage while student Sara Hughes watches. Elaine McLain

said the paramedics helped "pull it all together" for him by coming to the school and demonstrating equipment and explaining what their responsibilities are during an

emergency.

Joseph Schaefer, Hamagrael's principal, said this was the first time the students have been offered "the valuable set of skills" of in-depth training in CPR. He said the students have taken their training seriously, and have been "really interested in it." He said the training "builds confidence, self-esteem and citizenship" in the students. "The program's a good idea."

Elsmere Elementary gets three computers

The "Apples for the Students" campaign by Grand Union Supermarkets will be providing three computers to Elsmere Elementary School due to what the school's PTA president, Barbara Cavanaugh, called "the tremendous support from the community."

The Apple II GS computers will be presented to an assembly at the school at 247 Delaware Ave. on Friday at 2:30 p.m. "We would like to invite the public to the presentation," Cavanaugh said.

Elsmere was one of the top schools in the region in the contest, which has been running since the beginning of the current school year. The PTA collected yellow grocery receipts totalling more than \$525,000 to qualify for the three computers.

"The contest continues until Feb. 9, and any additional tapes we collect will go towards software," Cavanaugh explained.

Dev Tobin

Five Rivers offers teacher workshop

An Aquatic Project WILD teacher workshop will be held at Five Rivers-Environmental Education Center in Delmar on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, will introduce this environmental education program which emphasizes water and creatures that inhabit it. Participants will learn some hands-on activities to take to the classroom, and will receive free the 250-page Aquatic WILD activities guide.

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Driver gets signals crossed on new markings

By Susan Graves

The new crosswalk markers in front of the Post Office on Delaware Avenue have stopped walkers right in their tracks, according to at least one Delmar resident.

Marybee Longabaugh said there are two problems with the crosswalk, which was put in by the state Department of Transportation last fall when a turning lane and arrow on the light at the Four Corners were installed. One problem she said is that drivers park on the crosswalk markers to make short trips into the post office. The other is that drivers ignore pedestrians in the crosswalk. "I saw 12 cars go by while one woman was trying to get across," Longabaugh said. "Maybe what it needs is a sign to at least allow people trying to do the right thing to do the right thing."

Bethlehem police officials, who have been issuing warning tickets

to drivers who park in front of the Post Office, said they think it will simply take time for people to get used to the new markers and the new rules. "We're monitoring this regarding traffic," said Chief Paul Currie, "Police are alerted to it."

Last Friday, Lt. Frederick Holligan said tickets were being issued. "They've parked there for years and years," he said, and the problem lately has been compounded by the snow which covers the markings, he said.

Supervisor Ken Ringler has also had complaints about the situation. Responding to one resident, he said in a letter "marked crosswalks can be placed at locations other than intersections and DOT does place warning signs indicating when a crosswalk is not at an intersection." In the letter to Alexander J. Woehrl, Ringler also said the situation was being monitored and that violators would continue to receive citations.



A car parked illegally in front of the post office Delaware Avenue.

Elaine McLain

Parents speak out on BC boundaries

By Susan Wheeler

Accepting the modified elementary attendance boundaries will be "harder on the parents than the children," according to Leslie Loomis, Bethlehem Central School District superintendent.

Loomis and Roger Creighton, from Roger Creighton Associates, Inc. (RCAD), transportation and regional planning consultants hired by the district to produce a proposed set of enrollment boundaries, presented the report on the modified school attendance boundaries to the board and a crowd of nearly 200 at last week's board meeting.

The changes, to take effect in September 1991, were necessary to accommodate varying rates of population growth in different parts of the district and to utilize the new additions to the Glenmont, Hamagrael and Slingerlands schools, Loomis said. He said the changes would affect the fewest number of students possible. A total of 125 students will be involved in a school change, he said, including 61 from Elsmere to Slingerlands, 59 from Glenmont to Hamagrael and five from Slingerlands to Clarksville.

Children entering grade five next September will have the option to remain in their home school or go to the new school, Loomis said. The grandfather option, for one year only, is made available to the students who would have spent just one year in a new school.

Loomis said deciding factors in the Creighton study were made with the intent to assign students to the closest school when possible, to maintain a balanced number of students in each classroom depending upon the available classroom size, to keep neighborhoods intact and to maintain efficient transportation routes.

The board will vote on the proposed changes on Jan. 30, after two public input sessions on Jan. 16 and Jan. 23. "They'll entertain changes in the superintendent's recommendations," Loomis said. He said he is not able to "predict the position the board of education will take."

The chief proposed boundary changes are:

- Clarksville's boundaries have been expanded eastward, nearly

along Van Dyke Road. A tract of largely vacant land on both sides of Fisher Boulevard, north of Orchard Street, was transferred to Clarksville.

- Elsmere's area was reduced by shifting the area around North Street and Hudson Avenue (west of North Street) to Slingerlands. The area along Kenwood, west of Adams Street, was transferred to Slingerlands.

- Glenmont's enrollment area was reduced by moving its northern boundary to the south side of Feura Bush Road. An area on both sides of Elm Avenue, north of Route 32, was reassigned to Hamagrael.

- Hamagrael's area was expanded to include the transferred Glenmont tracts.

- Slingerland's boundaries were expanded to include the transferred Elsmere tracts and shifted to assign the tract along Fisher Boulevard to Clarksville.

Loomis said he would like to see the proposed boundaries, shown on a large map for public viewing in the Educational Services Center on Adams Place, "hold as far into the future as possible." Copies of the map and the recommendations, in the handout from last week's meeting, are available through the Bethlehem Public Library or by calling Loomis' office at 439-7098, he said.

Glenmont resident Jim Schwab said he was disappointed to hear of the proposed redistricting plans because his child will be affected. He said his son attended kindergarten at Elsmere Elementary, is now in his home school of Glenmont and will be transferred to Hamagrael next fall if the modifications are made as proposed.

Students making the transition to a new school in the fall will be assisted through an orientation plan developed by the elementary school principals, PTA presidents and the district, Loomis said.

He will send a letter in early February to the parents of the students affected by the boundary modifications informing them of the change, Loomis said. In late February the parents will receive a letter of welcome from the new principal and PTA president, followed by an orientation for parents in March, and one for students in June.

Man pleads guilty in dog abuse case

Donald K. Kulzer, 63, will be sentenced Feb. 5 to three years probation stemming from his arrest in November for the mistreatment of 18 golden retrievers on a Selkirk farm, Bethlehem Town Justice Peter Wenger said Monday.

Kulzer has pleaded guilty to one count of cruelty to animals pursuant to section 363 of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and will be permitted to keep two dogs under a plea bargain agreement arranged by Kulzer's lawyer

and the Albany County District Attorney's office, Wenger said.

But Wenger said proper care of the dogs will be a condition of Kulzer's probation. "We're going to try to incorporate conditions about the dogs in his probation," Wenger said.

Kulzer was arrested and charged originally for allegedly keeping many of the dogs locked inside two vans, the floors of which were said to be covered with more than six inches of feces.

Aside from the two to be returned to Kulzer, the remaining 16 dogs have been made available for adoption by the Mohawk-Hudson River Humane Society, which has cared for all but one of the animals since they were taken into custody. A.L. Wildzumas, manager of Mohawk-Hudson, said that so far seven of the dogs have been adopted and that he expects them all to be gone by next weekend.

Wildzumas said all the animals would be spayed or neutered before being put up for adoption.

Mike Larabee

Clarksville man upset by report

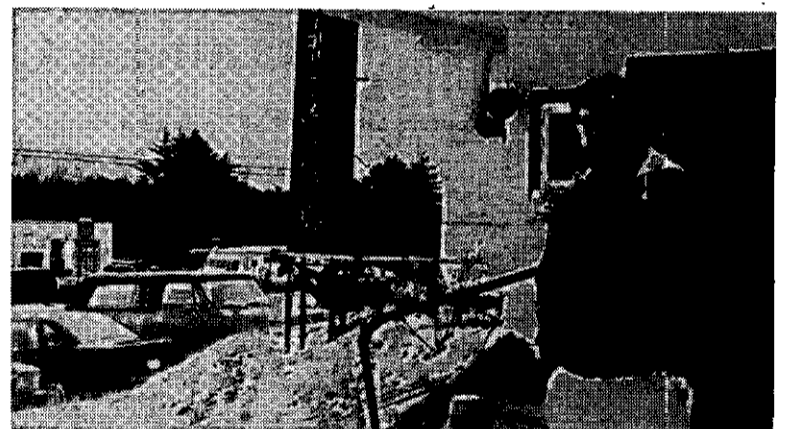
By Debi Boucher

The owner of the property where Stewart's Shops is planning to build its Clarksville store is less than happy with a local hydrogeologist's opposition to the Neighborhood Commercial zone that would make the store possible.

Thomas Lamoree, who with his former wife, Tammy, operated Tamtom Pizza on the 2.6-acre site at the intersection of routes 443 and 85, disputed hydrogeologist Paul Rubin's assertion that there is thin soil cover in the area. The restaurant, which constituted a non-conforming usage under the area's current zoning, had new septic tanks installed last year, Lamoree said, "and we dug down 10 feet." The two 1,000-gallon, concrete tanks were approved by the Albany County Health Department, which has since checked the system with dye tests, Lamoree said.

Rubin's letter, addressed to the New Scotland Planning Board, Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly, and several neighborhood organizations, opposed the town's plan to rezone the area from Residential Forestry to Neighborhood Commercial on the grounds that the area, encompassing the Mill Pond aquifer, is ecologically sensitive. Rubin took issue with the zoning being put on "a fast forward track," and suggested a site-specific environmental impact report be prepared instead of the standard general environmental impact statement.

The zone is being pushed ahead of other zoning changes the planning board intends to recommend; the isolated zoning change was moved up largely to accommodate Stewart's, which has an option to buy the property and approached



Thomas Lamoree at Stewart's proposed Clarksville site.

the planning board early last fall to request the change. Stewart's option will expire May 31, according to Lamoree, who added that there was an additional one-month grace period.

The proposed zone was recommended by the planning board in keeping with the town's new Comprehensive Land Use Plan, recently completed in draft form by C.T. Males Associates under the planning board's direction. The Neighborhood Commercial zone, unique among the 15 other classifications proposed in the draft, is designed to provide for small service and retail businesses dependent on automobile-borne customers.

Rubin said Monday that he had no objection to the Stewart's proposal in particular, and had not "singled out" Lamoree's property in the report on the Mill Pond aquifer he submitted to the town in November. In that report, he warned of thin soil cover in the area, and of the preponderance of limestone beneath it. Since this

type of limestone is very porous, any contaminants that reach it would travel swiftly through the aquifer, leaving no time for remediation. Rubin is particularly worried about the presence of a junkyard across the street from Lamoree's property.

It's not the Stewart's proposal, but the scope of the Neighborhood Commercial zoning that bothers Rubin: "If it was only Stewart's, I probably never would have spoken out," he said.

Lamoree said he intends to move out of the area once he has sold the property. Stewart's, he said, first approached him two years ago, at which time he declined to sell. Negotiations for the current agreement have been going on since last spring, said Lamoree, who called Stewart's "a good, clean operation." Tamtom Pizza has been closed for four or five months, he said.

The public hearing for the new zone is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in New Scotland Town Hall.

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\$3.1 M sewage plant tab Residents request compromise to go before town board on 29-lot Elsmere development

By Mike Larabee

No residents spoke last week at a Bethlehem Town Board public hearing on a proposed \$3.1 million in maintenance and repair for the town's Cedar Hill sewer plant.

Bethlehem Town Supervisor Ken Ringler and Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said later they felt the absence signified the public's recognition that the project was unavoidable but would have little effect on town sewer district taxes.

"It's not like we were pulling a rabbit out of a hat," Secor said.

Ringler said he thinks people understood that "The fact of the matter is these are improvements that are required to maintain services that we have maintained in the past."

"I wouldn't expect that people would oppose that," he said.

The hearing concerned an assemblage of costly projects recommended in a report by Consulting Engineers J. Kenneth Fraser Associates of Rensselaer. James K. Fraser P.E., president of the firm, and Secor presented the recommendations to the board and a small hearing audience at town hall.

Secor said the impact of the plan on the town's sewer tax rate will be between 3 and 5 percent

and would leave sewer district taxes at a level still below what they were until eight years ago. "We're still significantly less than we were back in the late 70s and early 80s," he said.

He projected a 1991 sewer tax rate of \$7.74 per \$1,000 tax assessment. In 1983 that rate was \$7.89 and in 1977 it was \$9.62, according to figures provided by Secor. He said that rates have dropped because the number of users has increased as the town has grown while the cost of operating the system has remained level.

Ringler emphasized that tax increases associated with the project would only affect residents linked to the town's sewer system.

Fraser said federal grant money for sewer projects, central to the original construction of the treatment plant and overall town sewer system, has "disappeared completely." Secor said the town applied for low-interest federal loan monies but was placed "so far down on the list" of applicants that it is "unlikely" it will win any money.

Secor said the project would neither require the town to add staff nor reduce plant staff.

Ringler said the proposal would be on the town board's Wednesday, Feb. 23, agenda.

By Mike Larabee

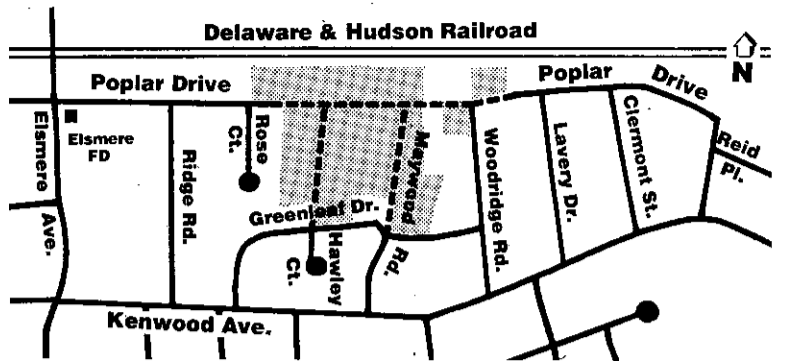
The proposed connection of Poplar Drive in Elsmere and two other streets planned as part of the proposed 29-lot Colonial Woodlands subdivision has many nearby residents up in arms.

During a lengthy public hearing last week, Bethlehem Planning Board members heard the Elsmere development's would-be neighbors — including Albany County Legislator James C. Ross — call for "compromise" modifications to the plan.

Residents said they fear the road layout proposed by developers Carl Paulson and Swift Development Corp. will introduce dangerous levels of traffic on residential streets.

Colonial Woodlands is planned for an 11-acre parcel on the south side of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, east of Rose Court and north of Greenleaf Drive, in a Residential "A" zoning district. The proposed street layout for the subdivision includes the Poplar Drive connection as well as the construction of two new streets joining Greenleaf Drive to Poplar.

"Is traffic safety to be sacrificed for fire safety?" asked Ross, who lives on Plymouth Avenue in Elsmere, in response to Elsmere District Fire Chief George



Shaded area above is the proposed location of Colonial Woodlands, a 29-lot Elsmere subdivision that went to public hearing before the planning board Jan. 8. Dotted lines show streets planned by developers.

Kaufman's argument that the Poplar Drive link be made because it would cut emergency response time to homes on the eastern side of the proposed subdivision.

While Kaufman said the seconds saved by such a connection might mean the difference between life and death in an emergency, others countered that traffic brought in by making Poplar a through street would, in turn, generate more emergencies.

The developers' proposal to connect Poplar Drive would form, along with Adams Place, an almost two-mile street parallel to Delaware Avenue between Marlboro Road in Delmar and Reid Place in Elsmere. The eastern end of Adams Place runs directly into the western end of Poplar Drive.

But Larry Levine, an independent traffic consultant hired by the developers at the board's request, said he did not foresee a traffic "cut-through problem" as a result of the new connections.

"I can understand the perception that there would be one because you're connecting streets," Levine said. But he feels it "would be almost inconvenient to cut through unless you had a reason."

Overall, Ross and others said they are not fundamentally against development of the property, but want "reasonable and practical compromises," as Ross put it, to the plan currently proposed.

"We cannot compromise the safety of our children," said James Fitzpatrick of Woodridge Road. "I think that the developers must also make some compromises."

Mary Berry of Rose Court asked that the Poplar connection be rejected, to "prevent Poplar from becoming an alternative to Kenwood as a main connector road. Couldn't the road patterns be designed in a creative forward-thinking way to lessen the impact on the neighborhood?"

Paulson, who sat next to Ross during the hearing, said if he and co-developer Swift Development Corp. had to revise the proposal, they "would gladly do so." But in response to objections regarding street layout, he argued the new roads would fit into the interconnected patterns already in place in Elsmere. "I can't see why we can't have a development in there," he said.

Other concerns raised at the hearing included drainage, tree preservation, and the impact of construction equipment.

Chairman Martin Barr granted a 20-day period during which individuals could respond formally to Levine's traffic study, which was completed and distributed shortly before the hearing.

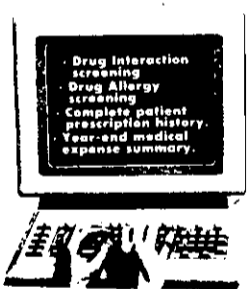
Girl Scouts deliver cookies

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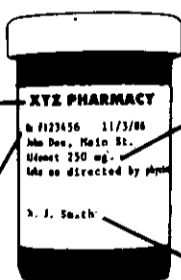


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Views On Dental Health

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In contrast to other types of gum disease which develop over a long period of time, in trench mouth, the gums become swollen, tender and sore suddenly. While the bacteria of trench mouth are always present in the mouth, infection takes place only

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Knick finishing touches Clash up to county lawmakers

By Debi Boucher

With lease options on hold for the moment, the county-owned Knickerbocker Arena is faced with the more immediate problem of tying up loose ends — and making some choices.

In a report to the county legislature's Civic Center Committee last week, project manager Michael Polovina said the \$1.5 million remaining in the Knick's budget is not enough to cover all the improvements on his list.

Among the projects being considered are partially enclosing the front entrance, installing a marquee to advertise events, upgrading the air conditioning system and investing in partitioning curtains for theater events.

Polovina said some of the improvements represented original plans that were scaled back to keep costs down. "We are very close to closing out all the construction-related contracts," he explained, so now is the time to decide on what additional work should be pursued. He said he hopes to meet with the committee before the end of the month.

Partial enclosure of the entrance on South Pearl Street, to protect the elevator and, to some extent, the two staircases on either side of the entrance, would cost about \$250,000; full enclosure, which original plans had called for, would cost a great deal more, Polovina said.

Another proposal, construction of a "super-box" akin to the corporate suites already leased, would run between \$300,000 to \$350,000, he estimated. The box would provide about 125 seats, sold individually rather than in blocks, as are corporate suite seats, and would have its own rest rooms, bar and restaurant. Such facilities are "a significant income generator" in other arenas, according to Polovina.

Patrick Lynch, general manager of the new civic center, said he liked the idea of an outdoor marquee, and favored the partitioning curtains, as well. "After that, I'd probably pick air conditioning," he said, noting that summertime events draw 12,000 to 15,000 people; the present air conditioning system can handle 8,000 or 9,000 people.

Polovina said earlier projections had been for 6,000 to 7,000 atten-

dees for typical arena events, and that heavy summertime use had not been anticipated.

Lynch said the Knick had done well in its first year of business. "Our income is fantastic compared to a lot of other arenas," he said.

County Executive James Coyne echoed that optimism. "Contrary to what some people are saying," he asserted, "it's actually making money." Confirming that earlier plans to lease the Knick are "in a holding pattern," he said, "That was not a major priority," but was seen as "a bonus."

Talks with Privatization International, which approached Coyne last fall about a possible lease deal, "haven't broken off," Coyne said. But the Washington, DC-based firm early last month backed away from negotiations because of a lack of investors.

Sales tax revenue from the arena, Coyne said, was estimated at \$1 million since its opening a year ago. "The more that arena is successful, the more it's going to benefit cities and towns," he said, referring to the 40 percent municipalities get out of the county's share — three percent, Coyne said — of state sales tax.

Coyne said the county's cost for the Knick was \$51.5 million; Polovina's report put the figure at around \$63 million, excluding the cost of a pedestrian walkway linking the arena to the Empire State Plaza. The walkway, being covered by state and federal monies, is estimated at \$4.8 million.

Coyne said his figure left out the \$5 million cost of the state land the Knick was built on, since that won't have to be paid for until the facility begins to show a profit; he also excluded a \$6.5 million state loan.

nine percent to the 1989-90 teacher salary schedule with \$65,000 to the schedule at specified steps for the 1990-91 school year. Coffin said the district remained firm in offering a 7.8 percent increase for each year of the proposed three-year contract, while the teachers union had asked for a 12 percent increase the first year, and 10 percent the next two years.

Teachers have been working without a contract since June 30, when their previous contract expired. They have been working to the letter of their former contract since early November, and have picketed daily in the mornings before classes, according to Richard Mele, Voorheesville Teachers Association president. Nearly 60 teachers and supporters picketed outside the high school before the meeting.

Coffin was the only board member who responded to questions brought up at the meeting, attended by nearly 100 teachers and community members. Fifth-grade teacher Peter Douglas termed the board's offer "chicken feed" and said it haven't "moved one iota" from its original offer. "Why are you doing this?" he asked the board. "We're so far behind other schools" in salary.

Both teachers and residents noted that the contract negotiations issue has escalated, and is having an effect on students. Voorheesville resident Janet Beeze reminded the board that the high school has recently been named a school of excellence, but if the teachers are tired and underpaid, "the students will suffer."

Some spoke of the teachers' decreasing morale and the increasing chasm between the district and the teachers. Arthur Willis, social studies department head, said he "can't imagine keeping up this morale" because negotiations have

been lengthy and unsatisfactory for the teachers. He said he'd rather think of the board's actions as "irrational than obdurate."

Linda Wolkenbreit, a high school teacher with administrative duties, said she sees the gap between the community and the district widening. "If this goes on (the contract negotiations), the wounds will not be able to heal."

Voorheesville resident Eric Foster suggested the board take the issue to the community for a vote. Coffin responded that they couldn't and that although "the board is locked into a very difficult situation, they must take into consideration" future cuts in aid to the school district and tax increases.

The tax increase difference between the board's proposal and

the fact finder's report is \$23 for a resident with a house assessed for \$5,200, McCartney said.

Eric L. Sullivan, junior at the high school, said that it's possible to see the direct results of school tax money being used, and in Voorheesville there are "some damn good results." "Is \$23 too much to ask?"

McCartney said the district is using the fact finder's report as a "guide" to reach a settlement. He said the board has given him the okay to "move off 7.8 to improve their position" to get the settlement done.

"No matter what the settlement is," McCartney said, "putting it all back together" is going to be the toughest part. "We've got to get through the settlement."

Vigil

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believe that when you meet evil with evil you simply beget more evil."

During the more than hour-long service, Deys led the worshippers through song and prayer. Both the Linds and Moran and Daniel Moriarty, also of St. Thomas Catholic Church read church position statements on violence and war.

Then they lit candles. Deys told the congregation that anyone who wished to pray out loud could do so as prompted by "the spirit moving within you."

A man sitting in the front pews said something low. A woman said simply, "God, help us to have peace and not war." Another said, "Lord, for all those people who perpetuate violence, help them have a change of heart and not fight evil with evil. Let us pray diligently for peace."

Then a woman said, "Lord, we ask your blessing on our children, and your blessing on the children of Iraq and the Middle East. ...We ask comfort for their mothers and fathers who must be afraid for their safety."

Following a number of others, a man said, "We pray for a miracle in our Town of Bethlehem remembering the miracle that occurred in the other town of Bethlehem so long ago."

Deys and the Linds said they were pleased with the turnout for the service, which they described as a "spontaneous" event organized in about a week and publicized only through a single newspaper ad, word of mouth, and announcements from area pulpits Sunday. "This shows that a lot of people are really concerned and are really looking for the chance to come together and pray," said Deys.



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Nat — an appreciation

The Spotlight stands as Nat Boynton's monument. And all of us associated with it not only mourn his passing but recognize with warm but respectful gratitude his indelible imprint on it.

Ten years have passed since Nat was its vigorous and tireless editor and publisher. He filled those roles, with a born newsman's discerning eye but his own inimitable touch, for five years. When he took it over in 1975 *The Spotlight* had dwindled to very little more than an advertising flyer. Nat Boynton made it into a newspaper, covering its community with determined thoroughness. His uncompromising standards and outspoken positions gave it influential voice. Even more important, he worked to preserve its identity and to build solidly on its strengths. That there is a *Spotlight* today is a result of Nat Boynton's skills and his character.

In the past decade, he contributed frequently to its columns, but never more significantly than in two activities closest to his heart: Recruiting, training, and encouraging new reporters, in addition to literally hundreds of young people who have helped with school sports coverage and in related ways; and his own devoted attention to athletics. Most recently, this last love flourished in his

Cheryl Clary: a tribute

History is what's in large books about people named Columbus, Napoleon, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Eisenhower, and about events that shook or changed the world.

But history is also made in everyday events and people in communities across America — communities such as Selkirk and South Bethlehem. For the past five years, that history was faithfully and effectively written by a young woman in her 30s, Cheryl Wycoff Clary. She was close to her neighbors, her school, her church, and all her area's activities. Her recounting of them in *The Spotlight* has come to an end with her untimely death this month. But the history she wrote lives

Bethlehem's royal flush

"Just like many people, when I flush the toilet I think that's the end of it—when in fact that's the beginning of it," was the graphic observation of Town Councilman Charles Gunner when Bethlehem's sewer network and treatment plant came up for the board discussion.

That probably should be, for the most part, the end of it, as Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor subsequently pointed out. Sewerage service without complications is one of the municipal functions that residents support without quibble. And judging from last week's extremely quiet public hearing on \$3.1 million worth of maintenance for Cedar Hill's town sewage treatment works, residents do seem to have abundant faith in the wisdom of experts who are telling us how that large sum of money should be spent.

But there's a time for thinking about almost everything, even sewage sludge—and now is it. After 17 years of reliable service—

Editorials

interpretive articles about the local Yankees and about minor-league baseball in general. In turn, this interest turned into a book manuscript, which he had been working feverishly to complete.

As excitingly related in an earlier book, "Media Rare," which is essentially an autobiography, Nat described his years with small-city daily newspapers, with The Associated Press bureau in Albany, and with the General Electric Company in public relations. Those more than thirty years of reporting and writing equipped him to undertake successfully the rewarding challenge in editing a community's paper. He gave himself to it unstintingly, as he had to the great profession he chose for his life's work.

Elsewhere in this editorial column is a tribute to another of our *Spotlight* colleagues, Cheryl Clary. Much of that commentary was contributed by Nat, and many of the observations apply equally to himself — most especially, perhaps, about *The Spotlight* being a better place to work just by his having been here.

on, in the newspaper's records, but more especially in the appreciative memories of all those she wrote about.

Here at *The Spotlight* we will miss the special aura that she brought to the office every week when she delivered her column of news and notes. When she walked in, her effervescent cheeriness lit up everyone, and we automatically felt better for having caught even this brisk of a truly happy person. Her quick wit and spirit were infectious; she made this a better place to work just by having been there. Somehow, it seems tragically unfair to have this exuberant personality taken from us so soon.

during which it has always met the effluent standards in its operating permit—the Cedar Hill plant needs major maintenance. "Things do wear out," as Commissioner Secor rightly notes.

On the list for improvement is a variety of costly repairs for exotically named equipment: \$704,000 for work at the plant headworks; \$477,000 for a new circular clarifying tank; and \$445,000 to refurbish the plant's indoor sludge thickener unit.

So if no one else will say it, we will: We endorse the town's proposal to repair and upgrade its treatment plant as being thorough, prudent, and farsighted. In addition, we take pleasure in recognizing plant manager Dennis Dragon and his crew for the prideful efficiency of their ongoing supervision. And for their success in carrying on their work unsung, out of sight and out of mind, save for emerging locust-like every 17 years.

Words of the week

Chary: Not taking chances; careful, cautious. Also, sparing, not giving freely.

Continuum: A thing whose parts cannot be separated or separately discerned. A continuous whole, quantity, or series.

Cede: To give up one's rights in; surrender formally. Also, to transfer the title or ownership of something.

Materiel: Materials and tools necessary to any work, enterprise, etc.; specifically, weapons, equipment, supplies, etc., of armed forces.

Panacea: A supposed remedy, cure, or medicine for all diseases or ills; cure-all.

Virulent: Extremely poisonous or injurious; deadly. Also, bitterly antagonistic or spiteful; full of hate and enmity; venomous, rancorous.

Truck stop protested on traffic, pollution

Editor, The Spotlight:

We have sent the following letter to Martin Barr, chairman of the Bethlehem planning board.

"We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed UN-OCAL Truck Stop project planned for Route 144 in Selkirk.

We purchased the property we live on six years ago because it was just what we wanted — quiet and rural in nature, but close to our jobs, social life, and family. We knew at the time a few trucks would be passing through the intersection of Routes 144 and 396. This volume has increased over the years.

Our opposition to the truck stop does not just include the increase in traffic. We are concerned about the forms of pollution that this project would bring to the area.

Large trucks are designed to run efficiently at cruising speeds in order to meet EPA standards, not standing still with engine idling. This will cause the trucks to emit pollutants into the air. Also, large tractor-trailers have cabs large enough to have their own sleeping quarters. In order to maintain heat or air conditioning the trucks will be left running for long periods of time.

Reconsider decision on dogs, court urged

Editor, The Spotlight:

Words are not strong enough to describe my feelings! I was mortified to discover, in a newspaper account, that Town Justice Peter Wenger is allowing Donald Kulzer to keep two of the 18 Golden Retriever dogs that were confiscated from his Selkirk property recently.

These dogs had been found crammed inside two vans, some in crates, and under deplorable conditions. It's beyond my wildest dreams that a court could expect a homeless person to own and properly care for one animal, much less two.

I urge the judge to please reconsider this decision, and to allow the two remaining Golden Retrievers to be adopted by loving families.

Ruth M. Levin

Delmar

Vox Pop

The ground run-off from oil and fuel will affect the people who have wells in the area and also seep into the drainage systems which feed into creeks and the river.

The increased volume of trucks will increase the noise pollution through idling, stopping, and taking off. "Jake brakes" on trucks are not quiet.

The bright lights and large sign will detract from the aesthetics and ambience of this tranquil area.

An important consideration is the potential for an increase in drug trafficking and prostitution that such an area will bring. This would cause an increased need for a larger police department, which would mean more taxes.

More importantly, with the numerous truck stops already in the area, why do we need one more?

Please consider these concerns in your decision-making process and know that there are community members who are completely against this project."

Einie and Bill Stine

Selkirk

How about regionalized trash pick-ups in town?

Editor, The Spotlight:

A new view on trash pick-up for 1991?

Being a resident who is tired of hearing unneeded trucks running up and down the street (spewing exhaust smoke into the air) to pick up trash, at least three mornings each week, I have a proposal:

Let the town organize a system, contracting with private companies to pick up the trash. Instead of three or four company trucks driving down my street, to stop at occasional houses along the way, let one company handle one section of the town, picking up all the trash within the area.

Prevent pollution, eliminate traffic, decrease noise, save time, let neighbors put trash out the same day.

George Tilroe

Delmar

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Uncle Dudley

Now is the time for all good . . .

. . . Americans to come to the aid of their country.

I am writing this before the deadline established by those fateful letters etched in the sand. By the time you read these words, much may have changed. Blows may have been struck, or the hairbreadth decisions advanced closer to finality.

Or, on the other hand, the President's rigid posture in the countdown weeks may have paid off. Back in the days when John F. Kennedy and Dean Rusk were calling our shots, the graphic expression was "eyeball to eyeball" — and the other fellow just blinked. The other fellow at the time, you'll recall, was Nikita Krushchev.

Will Saddam Hussein blink? No one could predict. But whether — at zero crucial hour — he would turn away was governed, in large degree, by his judgment of the will of the President of the United States. And the President's resolve would be measured by the steadfastness of the American people.

Our presence in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf area is an unhappy fact. This nation would have been content to peacefully make the most of the "post-Cold War" period that had been opening up.

President Bush's unrelenting firmness has (up to this moment) cost him heavily in pure political terms. The doubters, the partisan critics, the faint of heart, the summer soldiers all have taken their turns at disparaging the President and his strategy.

Constant Reader

Just saying 'No' is very complex

We need to educate our organizations so they don't see resistance as "bad news" and attempt to slay the messenger. This is one of the messages that I received from a challenging article, "No: a valuable resource," published in a periodical that I imagine most folks don't ordinarily see. Its title: *Employee Assistance*, and it's edited for the benefit of professional people who work in the relatively new specialty of assisting companies' and organizations' employees to solve personal problems.

The writer of this article, James Francek, continues: "Critical feedback can be good news that will enable the organization to clarify its positions, goals, and direction in order to make wise decisions.

"Resistance," he argues, "makes good, practical sense once we realize that some situations are akin to having an elephant in the living room.

"Each person viewing the elephant sees a very different part. No two parts seem alike and from each person's limited perspective, they may in fact appear to be completely unrelated or even contradictory. Yet each person's view of his (her) small part of the animal is valid.

"The point is that no one person can see the whole elephant by himself or herself. We need all those involved to contribute their unique perspective on the situation in order to understand the complete picture."

And, concludes Mr. Francek,

But I think we must ask ourselves what would most likely have been the world's situation today — politically, militarily, economically — if the UN, at Mr. Bush's urgent behest, had not stood up against Hussein last summer. Demonstrably cowed by his aggression, we

In Hussein's eyes, American skeptics sap Bush's will

would have been hard put to find an effective place to take a stand later. A stand, that is, against a hungry despot armed with nuclear weapons (as well as chemical and biological weaponry).

Television attention to events of the past five months has been extreme. This, I believe, is a mixed blessing. The premise of keeping the nation informed on the status there and on developments is laudable one. TV concentration on the so-called "human interest" stories with their personal pangs and heartthrobs has overemphasized "the kids," the "boys and girls" stationed in the desert or thereabout.

That's a professional army (navy, etc.) that represents us over there. No one of them was drafted against his will to put on a uniform and undergo preparation for exactly what "Desert Shield" is endeavoring to accomplish.

There's a parallel in the material that our armed forces are supplied with over there. What

have the American people thought was the ultimate purpose of Pentagon multi-billion contracts if not to defend our chosen positions? We were not producing toys or stockpiling arms that never would be "fired in anger."

We can hope and pray that casualties do not increase beyond the regrettable number that already have occurred through misadventure. I can join you in weeping now and later for every single individual — soldier or civilian, of whatever nation — who may suffer an untimely and inhumane death.

The toll that war may inflict is a haunting specter. Ours is a cruel world. Humanity's rush toward ever-more technological perfection seems to heighten the prospects of disaster.

You can hear the figure "50,000" repeated over and over as a fearful estimate of possible American casualties in a war against Iraq. By coincidence, that is also an approximation of the number of American citizens we allow to be slain by automobiles every year (and we do very little about it).

Within weeks just past, four different people have mentioned large orders for "body bags" being rushed by the Pentagon. My thoughts go back to 1941, when I recall reading in a column by one of the nation's most virulent isolationists, Westbrook Pegler, about all the coffins that FDR was ordering. We should be chary about playing a Peglerian isolationist role today.

"The lone voice with a vision, objection, or concern may wind up being our most valuable source of information, and even the critical determinant in our plans.

It may very well be the single most misunderstood word

"We all need to pay heed to the 'no's' that come our way, but without judging ourselves. And we need to teach our organizations to do likewise."

He carries his idea of individual dissent to the most elementary level:

"Listen to any toddler who's just learning to talk and you'll quickly discover there's one word that's more powerful than any other in the language.

"It's a word that commands attention, one that even the child's parents listen to, and a word that can stop people in their tracks. That word is 'no.'

"'No' derives its authority, power, and commanding tone not from the speaker, but from its affect on the listener. It's a power that the listener often unthinkingly cedes to the speaker. However, even when faced with a resounding 'no' from an individual, group, or organization, the listener still has many choices of ways in which to react to that 'no.' In many ways, 'no' is not an end; it's often just the beginning."

Mr. Francek then proceeds to discuss the elements of "denial," and notes that in many cases a "no" is a denial — a way of protecting oneself when a picture of the self or a loved one is difficult to accept.

Dissenters, he points out "may find ourselves in the uncomfortable position of presenting a picture of the organization that the organization wants neither to acknowledge nor consider. Rather than using sarcasm or ridicule to deny the problem, the organization may simply choose to ignore it altogether.

"This is exactly what happened to the NASA engineers who found fault with the space shuttle's O-rings. When they presented these objections to their supervisors, they were ignored. The Challenger explosion and the deaths of those on board taught NASA and all organizations a hard lesson: don't ignore the dissenter. . . .

"It's extremely important that we learn how to deal with 'no' so that it doesn't leave us feeling ignored, valueless, ineffective, or demoralized. 'No' may very well be the single most misunderstood word in the language. While the speaker's intent is usually clear and unambiguous, the affect on the listener can be a tangle of self-incrimination, loss of face, frustration, and diminished self-worth. We need to avoid interpreting 'no' in this way — as failure, rejection, a judgment on our personal worth or an affront to our ideas."

Justice Souter's way: the Harlan clues

The contributor of this column is a lawyer practicing in Albany. He is a Glenmont resident.

By Richard J. Silber

Thanks to C-Span and my VCR, I was able to see all of the Senate Judiciary

Point of View

Committee hearings last summer on the confirmation of Judge David Souter to the United States Supreme Court.

After watching Judge Souter testify for three days, one thing stood out above all others: his references to the late Justice John Marshall Harlan as his "role model" of a Supreme Court justice. The members of the committee did not pursue this; regrettably so, because it was highly significant in viewing Judge (now Justice) Souter's judicial philosophy.



Justice Harlan holds a distinguished place in the history of the court (as does his grandfather, the first Justice Harlan). During his service on the court (1955-71), he was an "enlightened conservative," according to *The New York Times*, which editorially endorsed Judge Souter's nomination. This is in stark contrast to what I view as the dogmatic conservatism of Robert Bork, who was rejected by the Senate as a Supreme Court justice.

After the retirement of Felix Frankfurter, Justice Harlan was the leader of the conservative wing of the court during the "Warren Court" years. A brilliant, scholarly but cautious man, he had an impact on the court that has been described as follows:

"He exercised a restraining influence on the recent general trend of the interpretation of the law by the court. Harlan was noted for his technical proficiency in legal matters. He was well known for clarifying fine legal points and for explaining the reasoning that prompted his decisions."

No one knows how the new member will vote, but Harlan's cautious respect for precedent provides a hint.

Justice Harlan's philosophy is shown in these quotations from two of his dissenting opinions:

"The Constitution does not confer on the court blanket authority to step into every situation where the political branch may be thought to fall short. The stability of this institution ultimately depends not only upon its being alert to keep the other branches of government within constitutional bounds, but equally upon recognition of the limitations of the court's functions in the constitutional system." Also:

"The Constitution is not a panacea for every blot upon the public welfare, nor should this court, ordained as a judicial body, be thought of as a general haven for reform movements."

Justice Harlan was frequently joined in this viewpoint by the late Justice Potter Stewart who, in more than two decades on the court (1958-81), was one of its most practical members. Like Justice Harlan, he was an appointee of President Eisenhower.

Over the years, as the Warren Court's activism began to wane, the moderate, cautious approach and respect for precedent that Justices Harlan and Stewart personified, evolved in the 1970s. The recently retired Justice Lewis Powell also typified this moderate point of view.

With the decision in *Roe v. Wade* having permeated the entire confirmation process, I reread it for the first time in seventeen years. Several things stood out in the decision. Justice Powell voted with the majority. Justice Stewart (who was a very close friend of George Bush), wrote a concurring opinion.

In it, he found that the concept of "liberty" as used in the Constitution, encompassed a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy. Justice Stewart said:

"The Constitution nowhere mentions a specific right of personal choice in matters of marriage and family life, but the 'liberty' protected by the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment covers more than those freedoms explicitly named in the Bill of Rights." He also wrote as follows:

"Several decisions of this court make clear that freedom of personal choice in matters of marriage and family life is one of the liberties protected by the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment." And:

"As recently as last term. . . we recognized the right of the individual, married or single, to be free from unwarranted governmental intrusion into matters so fundamentally affecting a person as the decision whether to bear or beget a child. That right necessarily includes the right of a woman to decide whether or not to terminate her pregnancy.

"Clearly, therefore, the court today is correct in holding that

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□ Souter

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the right asserted by Jane Roe is embraced within the personal liberty protected by the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment."

Of particular significance to me is the fact that, in reaching this conclusion, Justice Stewart relied on this statement by Justice Harlan in the case of *Poe v. Ullman*:

"The full scope of the liberty guaranteed by the Due Process Clause cannot be found in or limited by the precise terms of the specific guarantees elsewhere provided in the Constitution. This 'liberty' is not a series of isolated points pricked out in terms of the taking of property; the freedom of speech, press, and religion; the right to keep and bear arms; the freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures; and so on.

"It is a rational continuum which, broadly speaking, includes a freedom from all substantial arbitrary impositions and purposeless restraints. . . and which also recognizes, what a reasonable and sensitive judgment must, that certain interests require particularly careful scrutiny of the state needs asserted to justify their abridgment."

Today, with Justice Souter now a sitting member of the court, no one knows how he will vote if and when the court reconsiders *Roe v. Wade*. But, given his repeated references to Justice Harlan, one should consider how Justice Harlan would have viewed the matter. Looking at how Justices Stewart and Powell voted in *Roe* may provide the answer to that question.

Incinerator issues should be ventilated

Editor, The Spotlight:

Many environmental, public health, and economic issues must be addressed before American Ref-Fuel incinerator is a fait accompli.

A 1,500-ton-per-day incinerator would have a capacity to handle refuse from 750,000 persons. This is the population of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Greene, and Columbia counties. The refuse would be transported to a site located in the northeastern corner of Bethlehem.

Even though the incinerator design may be "state of the art," the projected atmospheric release of all pollutants amounts to hundreds of tons per year with a large fraction of the pollutants falling back to earth on the public water supply watersheds, crops, and dairy herd pastureland. Scouring of the atmosphere from rain and snow would hasten the rate of deposit on the landscape.

Generally, health risk assessments for an atmospheric release assume inhalation as the primary route of exposure. The potential risk from fallout on land surfaces and resultant contamination of public water supplies or locally produced food and milk may represent a more significant risk. The company quotes a health risk from cancer as one in 30 million. What is the basis for such a statement? Has the potential for contamination of milk, food, and water been considered?

Have acceptable levels of ground contamination been developed for public water supply watersheds, crops, and pastureland?

Although the State has publicized the hazards of the Love Canal and a few other toxic waste dump sites, the existing Bethlehem landfill presents no such present or future hazard. Would it not be

better to continue the Bethlehem landfill in lieu of incineration and to undertake, at the State and local levels, more effective policies for reducing and controlling the solid waste problem?

To date, there is no incentive to reduce household solid waste. Within another month or two, the household cost for trash removal in Bethlehem will increase by over 30 percent. A one-person household producing one-half a bag of waste a week pays the same as a family of eight producing four bags per week. Is this equitable? What's the incentive to reduce waste?

Historically, refuse collection and/or disposal has been a responsibility of local government. We now have private corporations planning to operate a trash collection and disposal system with promises of millions of dollars to be returned to local government in the form of taxes. Who will finally pay for all this plus a hefty profit to the private entrepreneur?

New York State's policy to resolve overnight a solid-waste problem that has been developing over the decades is putting the squeeze on local governments. Shouldn't Bethlehem ask the State to justify why we must abandon the present landfill and accept an incinerator that will contaminate our environment to a much greater extent than our landfill?

Is it possible that there is a conflict of interest with the Department of Environmental Conservation promoting incineration of solid waste as a substitute for landfills and then being in a position of having the responsibility for the permitting of the incinerator?

Sherwood Davies
Delmar

Questions enumerated about the burn plant

Editor, The Spotlight:

A recent news story concerning American Ref-Fuel's search for a destination for the ash from its proposed incinerator should be a clear warning to residents of Bethlehem and surrounding areas that this project, which is being forced on the area, is not far from becoming a frightening reality. Now we all have to stand up and get involved.

- Do you know: American Ref-Fuel's track record with other plants they've built, and the effect on the local communities?

- What amount of pollutants will be sent into the local atmosphere?

- That for every 10 tons of trash incinerated three tons of ash will be created and require disposal?

- What effect this will have on our ecology?

- That air pollutants will settle out, and wind up in our lungs, fields, gardens, etc., and can only have a detrimental effect on the quality of life in our beautiful town?

- What effect will this plant have on property values in our town?

Only by a strong, united, consistent, and sustained show of opposition to this incinerator project will our town officials be forced to heed the wishes of the majority of its citizens. Mandatory recycling is the solution — not American Ref-Fuel and more pollution.

Christine P. Lombardi

Delmar

'Truly moving' column applauded by a reader

Editor, The Spotlight:

Mary Ahlstrom's "Point of View" column about her mother — "we were good friends" — and all the circumstances that enabled her and her husband to be at home with the children and their grandmother was so timely at the Christmas season, and truly moving.

I want to thank her for sharing it with the rest of us. It was most generous of her.

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'Parking lights' enough for visibility in rain

Editor, The Spotlight:

You are right to commend editorially a law requiring that vehicles turn on lights in wet weather, day or night, so that they may be visible to the drivers of other vehicles and to pedestrians. Taillights are especially important, and some lighting at the front of the vehicle is desirable.

But the new law specifies the lighting of headlights, though parking lights would seem adequate for the purpose. Headlights ordinarily serve, at night, not only to make the vehicle on which they are mounted visible, but to light the roadway and objects on and about it, at least for the driver behind the headlights.

In the daytime fog, rain, sleet, or snow, headlights are more likely to be a danger. Most of their light is refracted or reflected from the precipitation, more often than not reducing the driver's vision of the road, but hardly ever improving it.

The chief danger is from the

Country sampler sends thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

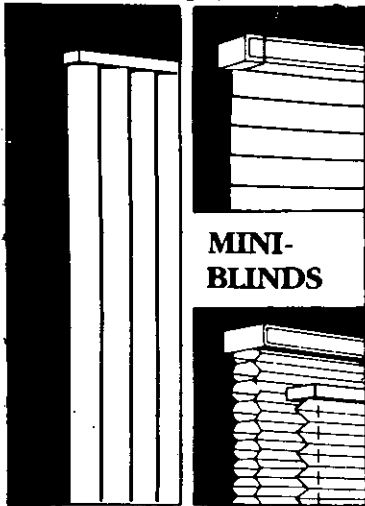
We'd like to thank all those who came to our "Country Christmas Sampler" on Nov. 10 and for their help in making it the success it was.

We'd also like to thank Lynn and Norman Warrell of "Crafts and Fabrics" for their expertise and support. In addition, we want to say thanks to Judy Tucker of "Stitchery Plus," Marlene Brookins of "The Little Country Store," the Hilltowns Artisans Guild in Clarksville, and Noreen Adriance of "The Blue Churn" in South Westerlo for all their efforts on our behalf.

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'We want road sign': Mickey Mantle team

Editor, The Spotlight:

For the past four years, Bethlehem has had a Mickey Mantle Baseball team for 16-year-old boys. This past season, the team had its best season yet. We won the Eastern New York League Championship, the Upper New York Eastern New York League Championship, the Upper New York State Championship, and the North Atlantic Regional Championship, as well as being representatives in the Mickey Mantle World Series held in Waterbury, Conn.

Recently we were told that the town supervisor refuses to recognize our accomplishments with a road sign at the town limits. As players on the team, we are proud of how hard we worked to earn these honors and we feel we deserve this small recognition. Other towns, such as Voorheesville and Latham, have taken pride in their teams' accomplishments and provided the recognition for their teams. The supervisor cites economic reasons for his decision. He also claims that by doing this he may set an unwanted precedent for future teams with outstanding accomplishments.

So often we read in the papers and hear from our elders that kids in our town are doing the wrong things. It seems that kids are readily put down for the bad things, but rarely praised for their accomplishments. We feel it is time to begin recognizing our efforts. As members of the 1990 Mickey Mantle Team, we are outraged by the supervisor's decision.

Mark Houston, Frank Daley, Matt Quatraro, Chris Black, John DiAnni, Jim Dundon, Matt Shortell, Mike Aylward, David Miles, Josh Lanni, Mike Gambelunghe, Bill Karins, Andre Cadieux

headlights of approaching cars. That danger is one with which we are all familiar in night driving, when it is unavoidable. Rather, the only way to avoid it is not to drive at night, a recourse followed by many elderly drivers, whose eyes are more sensitive to bright, oncoming lights than are younger ones.

I believe the law should be amended to require the showing of lights, both at the front and at the rear of every vehicle, but without specifying headlights. If, under particular conditions, a driver believes he can see better with his headlights on he certainly should not be prohibited from lighting them, but neither should a driver be required by law to light his (or her) vehicle in a way that may endanger both oneself and others when the purpose of making the vehicle visible is at least as well served by turning on the parking lights.

Thomson H. Littlefield

Albany

Yule be glad to know how tree sales help

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Bethlehem Central Football Boosters I would like to thank those people in our community who purchased their Christmas trees from the Football Boosters. With the help of the community participating in our fund-raiser we will be able to continue to provide our children with a healthy alternative.

It is important to realize that the money raised in this way will help in such areas as summer football camp tuitions, senior scholarship awards, and purchase of a new scoreboard.

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Fire commissioner 'will serve full term'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank all the people who turned out to vote in the recent election for fire commissioner in the Selkirk Fire District.

I also would like to correct misinformation circulated throughout the district before and since the election. I was elected for a five-year term, which I intend to serve in full. My decision to run for reelection was totally my own and at no time did anyone talk me into running. I circulated my petition to run for commissioner before I knew anyone else was running, and not because someone else was running.

Thank you for your continued support of the volunteer firemen in your community.

Donald D. Gager

South Bethlehem

signs for every group who should be considered for such an honor. Recently the Glenmont school suggested that we place signs at the entrance to the town honoring them in recognition of their recent national award. Although, as you know, I personally am truly proud of your team efforts, it would be very difficult to honor one achievement without honoring all and that would be totally impractical. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me. Very truly yours, Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr.

When asked to comment on the letter from the Mickey Mantle League team, Supervisor Ken Ringler made public the following letters between himself and the team's coach:

"Dear Ken: Thanks again for your generous personal contribution to our team. I also wanted to let you know that we were able to secure the additional funds we needed from private sources to pay for players awards and an end-of-season party. The players and I do have one additional request which hopefully will be of minimum expense. We were wondering if the town could put up a road sign on a main road such as Delaware Avenue or 9W stating that the 1990 Bethlehem Mickey Mantle Baseball team was the North Atlantic Regional champions. There is such a sign in Latham on Route 9 concerning Latham Connie Mack. We feel such a sign would be lasting recognition for the team and develop a sense of pride in our baseball program and our town. Sincerely, Jesse Braverman."

"Dear Jesse: Thank you for your letter of Sept. 18. I have been giving your request to place a sign at the entrance to town a great deal of consideration. Unfortunately, I do not think this is workable. We have received other requests over the last few months for similar signs and it is just impossible to place

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Matters of Opinion

School redistricting stirs Glenmont concern

Editor, The Spotlight:

The proposed changing of elementary school boundaries causes us great concern. On Jan. 9, Superintendent Leslie Loomis presented proposed changes in conjunction with a study by Roger Creighton Associates, Inc. The study was conducted by a process of statistical analysis of address data creating "cells" or neighborhoods, identifying the elementary population and projected population in new approved housing. Unfortunately, the study did not account for relationships of neighborhoods to their current school and geographic areas of the town.

Our family relocated to the Capital District approximately three years ago. Schools were a primary concern in our move and the choice to buy a house in Colonial Acres was aided by the presence of a "neighborhood" school. Colonial Acres, built in the 1960s, is one of Glenmont's oldest neighborhoods. The neighborhood encompasses a finite area as a result of geographic boundaries, and is located in the area com-

monly identified as Glenmont, with a Glenmont postal address. Many of our neighbors also chose Colonial Acres for its stable environment and the Glenmont school. One resident has returned to the neighborhood to raise her family, so that they too may share in her feeling of community here and the Glenmont school.

Three children who reside in Colonial Acres attended kindergarten at Elsmere, are presently attending first grade at Glenmont, and will, if the present proposal is adopted, attend Hamagrael for second grade. We feel that it is unfair to require children to adapt to so many new situations.

This proposed action appears inconsistent for a school district which has a reputation for providing a caring and positive education. We are confident that the needs of the children will take precedence over numbers in a study.

James and Jane O'Neill
Glenmont

Editor, The Spotlight

One of the finest aspects of the Bethlehem Central school system has been the strong bonds between the neighborhoods and the schools. For nearly 30 years there has been just such a bond as residents of Colonial Acres have actively participated in the educational enterprise of the Glenmont elementary school. Most parents of elementary age children from this neighborhood have donated their time and energy assisting teachers, providing educational enrichment, and in countless other ways. Many residents of Colonial Acres have served on the board of the PTA, and two of the past five Glenmont PTA presidents have been from Colonial Acres. Glenmont teachers have lived in Colonial Acres. Simply put, Colonial Acres (Colonial Glenmont Incorporated is our official title) is an active and concerned neighborhood that has worked together well with the Glenmont school.

The task of redistricting is neither pleasant nor easy. We appreciate the effort and concern shown

by Dr. Loomis and the members of the school board on this matter. At the same time, we feel it is extremely important to point out the strong historical and geographical bonds between Colonial Acres and the Glenmont school. The redistricting plan presented on Jan. 9 is not the only way to achieve the goals stated by Dr. Loomis.

We pledge to work together with him and the school board to develop an alternative plan. As residents of Colonial Acres, we would be greatly saddened to see our mature, fruitful, and happy association with the Glenmont school severed by a stroke of the pen (or click of the computer key).

We feel strongly that the cutting of this strong and productive historical bond is unwise for the school district, the school, and the neighborhood.

Jim Schwab
Glenmont

BC club questions ruling on meeting

Editor, The Spotlight:

A current issue at Bethlehem Central High School should be of concern to us all. The club of which I am a member, Students for Peace and Survival (S.P.S.), had organized a Gay Awareness Week that was designed, not to condone homosexuality, but to inform students about it. The planned events were as follows: On Monday, there were to be speakers on AIDS; on Tuesday, two homosexual high school students and one homosexual adult were to speak on homosexuality; and on Wednesday, the film, "Torch Song Trilogy," a description of a gay man's lifestyle, was to be shown. All these were originally denied by the principal, Dr. Hunter. During a meeting with him, he explained his reason: that the proposed Gay Awareness Week did not provide a "balanced perspective" and that, in order for it to be held, we would have to show both sides of the issue. In the end, Dr. Hunter agreed to the event on Tuesday, provided we had a guidance counselor present to inform students who had questions about heterosexuality.

One issue brought up in the meeting with Dr. Hunter, but to

Appreciation voiced on school realigning

Editor, The Spotlight:

As concerned parents, we'd like to express our appreciation to Dr. Loomis, our school board, and Roger Creighton Associates for their sensitivity and professionalism in forming the realignment proposal.

Realignment is an emotional issue, but it is important to remember that we are very fortunate to live in a community with five excellent elementary schools. The current proposal will ensure that these schools can function at the capacity for which they have been designed while allowing for future growth. That this task has been completed while affecting only 4 percent of our students is a mark of a job well done.

We fully support Dr. Loomis and the school board in this proposal

Larry and Cheryl Cook
Delmar

which he never replied, was that the Supreme Court has recently acknowledged the right of clubs to have a viewpoint. Therefore, because S.P.S. is a club, it should not be required to offer a "balanced perspective." Even the school itself, in the majority of its activities (which are composed of captive audiences), does not offer the aforementioned "balanced perspective."

Because the group had the support of the faculty, we decided to attend the Board of Education meeting on Nov. 28. The president of S.P.S., Eric Sims, stated the S.P.S. case and asked the board to investigate. Superintendent Loomis replied that he would talk with Dr. Hunter and Mr. Fritz

The point of Gay Awareness Week was to provide information on that lifestyle which people are often prejudiced against simply because they are uninformed. One event was allowed but the other two events should have been included because, in my opinion, the more people are informed, the greater will be their understanding. I do thank Dr. Hunter for his cooperation on the speakers. I just feel that the other events should have been allowed.

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Soviets see Voorheesville

By Susan Wheeler

Students and teachers visiting from Leningrad School #80 in Russia got a taste of Voorheesville last week. A school bus tour through the village began at Indian Ladder Farms for sampling warm doughnuts and apple cider.

"I immensely enjoyed the doughnut," said Alla Belobokova, an English teacher at the Leningrad school.

Peter Ten Eyck, owner of the apple farm, gave the group a crash course about apples. He taught them about apple varieties, and the difference between apple juice and cider. "I learned how to make apple cider today," said 15-year-old Katyukhina Inna, a Leningrad resident.

The two-hour tour, narrated by Voorheesville resident Ken George, introduced the visitors to the Voorheesville school district and its history. George, who began in the district in 1951 as a math teacher and coach of six-man football, showed the guests the old one-room schoolhouse on the tip of North Main Street. "It is very nice," said Belobokova. "I wish I were a resident of that small house," she said of the now privately owned building.

The tour was designed to give the students and teachers an overview of the district's size and the areas the school bus travels daily to pick up and drop off students, said George, who also was a guidance counselor and guidance director at the high school until he retired in 1984.

Bus driver Joan Decker guided the bus on the curving, hilly roads. She reminded her passengers that the trip is often made in the winter when there's ice on the ground. The Russian students rely on public transportation, usually trains or buses, to get to school, Belobokova said. "We have well developed public transportation."

"I had a very good ride in the bus," said Denis Tokmakov, an exchange student, "but the roads were bumpy."



Alla Belobokova, an English teacher at Leningrad School #80, sips cider while munching a doughnut during a recent field trip to Indian Ladder Farms. Susan Wheeler

The 15 students and four teachers from Leningrad school arrived in late December and are staying until the middle of this month, said Robert Streifer, coordinator of the international studies program. In exchange, about 30 Voorheesville high school students and six faculty members will visit Leningrad for three weeks in April, he said.

Helen Trofimenko, an English teacher from the Leningrad school, said the teachers from the school chose the students for the exchange. She said they brought the brightest students, 13 girls and two boys.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what Americans study," Inna said.

But before classes resumed last week, the students celebrated New Year's Eve with their American families. Inna and her host family, the Parmenters, went to First Night in Albany. She said the custom in Russia for New Years is to bring a fir tree into the house and exchange gifts. "It is just like Christmas," she said.

Streifer, who also heads the foreign language department, had the bus tour taped. It was videotaped by Roberto Lopez, an exchange student from Mexico in

Voorheesville for the year. He said Streifer asked him to tape the trip, even though he had no prior experience with video-cameras. He reviewed the tape shortly after he taped it. "It looks good," he said. "I'm having fun."

Man arrested for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested Daniel P. O'Connor, 30, of South Allen Street, Albany, on Sunday, Jan. 13, for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated after he was stopped for traffic violations on Route 85. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Jan. 29.

Library maintains regular hours

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue will be open for regular hours on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 21.

The library's regular hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Drivers hurt in two-car crash

Two people were hurt Friday, Jan. 4, in a two-car Delaware Avenue collision that tied up rush-hour traffic for roughly 40 minutes and forced emergency personnel to use the Jaws of Life to free one of the victims.

According to Bethlehem police, Brenda C. Papandrea, 34, of Dover Drive, Delmar, and Ruthanne M. Brod, 43, of Burhans Place, Delmar, both were taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital after their cars collided around 5 p.m.

According to Lt. Frederick Holligan, Papandrea said her vehicle ended up on Delaware Avenue as a result of a mechanical

failure as she was backing out of a Roxy Cleaners parking space. Police impounded the vehicle and are investigating her claim, according to Holligan. No tickets have been issued in the accident.

Rescuers used the Jaws of Life, a tool used to pry open wrecked vehicles, to free Brod from her car.

Both Papandrea and Brod were treated and released, according to a hospital spokesperson. Lisa Papandrea and Anne Marie Papandrea, both 4, were also taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital, but did not require treatment, the spokesperson said.

Police investigating BCMS VCR theft

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a video cassette recorder from a Bethlehem Central Middle School science classroom.

According to police, construction work was under way on the room at the time of the theft. Police

believe the VCR, which is valued at \$320, was taken sometime between Dec. 11 and Jan. 2.

The VCR's remote control operating device, without which the machine will not work, was not stolen, police said.

Woman injured in Route 32 collision

Lisa A. Gerbracht, 27, of Wigand Drive, Glenmont, was injured last week in a two-car collision at the entrance to Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park, according to town police.

Gerbracht was hurt when her car, entering the intersection of Route 32 and Elm Avenue, collided with that of Scott C. Cameron, 23, of Poughkeepsie, on Thursday, Jan. 10, police said. Cameron was

travelling southbound on Route 32.

Police said Gerbracht was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where a hospital spokesperson said she was not admitted. No tickets were issued.

Fire group to meet

The Board of Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District will hold a meeting on Jan. 21 at the Selkirk Firehouse at 7:30 p.m.



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Profile

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having opinions — strong opinions — about everything that went into the paper.

That was fine with me. Especially since Nat was willing to pitch in with the work. Even in his 10 years of "retirement", Nat's participation in *The Spotlight* was always considerable. Much of that contribution is detailed elsewhere — sports, his involvement with students, and so on — but for me the most important thing that Nat gave the paper over those 10 years was continuity.

Part of that was as an instigator for stories, and frequently a contributor of stories himself. But it was much more than that. When he noticed too many typos and errors, Nat diplomatically volunteered to proofread, and every Tuesday morning for several years he was there, hunched over the finished flats with a blue pen and his "comma eraser" (an Exacto knife), despite failing eyesight. When he felt one of his student reporters was being treated unfairly, he stepped in himself and took on the assignment, providing a textbook example of how to "get the story" when a source won't cooperate. When an important or difficult obit had to be written, Nat would reluctantly take on the job. Nat was someone anyone on the staff could go to for advice, or background, or encouragement, and the delicacy with which he handled that role still amazes me.

Nat cared about what happened in the community, and in *The Spotlight* he had a forum for express-

ing his views. His early years as editor of the paper (as recounted in his book, *Media Rare*) are replete with stories of conflict — angry teachers, feuds with an opposing editor, David-vs-Goliath battles against the "predatory" dailies, hassles with public officials. To Nat, that was part of the fun of journalism. He was never shy about his opinions, either in person or in print, and that sometimes left him open to criticism from those used to a blander, more "balanced" type of journalism. My respect for him was not diminished by those battles, but rather compounded, because I saw that Nat always gave the other side its say. (Sometimes, it seemed, that was all he had to do.)

Nat and I disagreed at times, and some of those disagreements saw print. Once or twice I believe he felt I took advantage of my position as editor to get the last word, but he never let those disagreements keep him away from these offices. And when he became an activist, as leader of a group trying to bring change to the Bethlehem Central School District and then as a candidate for that group, he did his best to keep his advocacy separate from *The Spotlight*. His school board campaign did not prevail, but few would doubt that he had an impact.

That was an exception, one of the few times Nat strayed from the written word. He loved to write. Here's Nat in *Media Rare* on his first job in upstate New York:

"First day on the first job, one of life's major milestones. Across the North Country overnight people had died peacefully or accidentally, a barn had burned, town boards

had resolved local issues or tried to, mishaps on a farm or roadways had sent several people to hospitals, word had come of the promotion of a local serviceman, and bids had been received for a new highway bridge. . . In the elevated slot that anchored the copydesk crescent Gordon Bryant, city editor, was already halfway through his first White Owl cigar of the day."

Media Rare was Nat's only completed book (he was working on a book on minor league baseball when he died). He wrote it on a spare *Spotlight* computer, prevailed on friends to critique and edit as he went along, got his daughter and her husband to design it and get it printed, and published it himself. The birth of his book was a drama the whole office shared — not a burden, but an adventure in true Boynton style. And when word of mouth pronounced the work a success, Nat was modestly pleased, but not overwhelmed — he'd already had his fun.

Nat told me recently that nearly three years after publication he had just about sold all of his copies of *Media Rare*. I think it is one of the best portraits of life on small-town newspapers ever written, and I hope it doesn't stay out of print long.

Newspapering was, of course, only part of this remarkable life. "I don't have friends — only contacts," Nat use to boast in the manner of the hard-bitten, cynical reporter. He was in fact anything but; his knack for making friends wherever he went is proof of that. Nat was passionate about many things. Loyal and very active Princeton alum, model train enthusiast, lover and evangelist of minor league baseball, playing tennis, defender of the language and scourge of verbal pomposities, outdoorsman, music lover, devoted husband and father, mentor of countless students — that was the very human Nat Boynton.

"I hope," he said in his introduction to *Media Rare*, "you've had as much fun in your life as I have had in mine."

Tom McPheeters was editor of *The Spotlight* from 1980 to 1990.

Boynton

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said Rip Rowan, vice president of public relations for the team.

"He was a stickler for detail, a throwback to the guys (newspapermen) of years ago. The whole AC organization mourns his passing," Rowan said, "He's going to be missed here this spring." At the time of his death, Boynton was in the process of writing a book about minor league baseball.

Boynton was still a regular contributor to the *Spotlight*, which he sold to Richard Ahlstrom in 1980. The paper, Ahlstrom said, was "the pride of his life."

Boynton bought the *Spotlight* in 1975 after having worked as a public relations representative with General Electric for 18 years. He joined GE after having worked for the Associated Press in Albany as a legislative correspondent.

"Writing news releases for Schenectady GE's Community Relations unit was a far cry from my previous literary efforts," Boynton said in his book "Media Rare," which is an autobiographical account of his career in journalism and his love for baseball. "I luxuriated in his 'Media Rare' because so many of his yarns represented experiences I'd shared," said Dan Button, editorial page editor of the *Spotlight*.

When Boynton took over the *Spotlight*, "He added news coverage to the paper using his AP experience," said Ahlstrom. "One of the great things is Nat's and my friendship, which doesn't always occur when a person sells a business."

Ahlstrom credits Boynton for the development of the editorial staff, including a sportswriting

program for high school students. "Hundreds got an introduction to the newspaper business through his tutelage," Ahlstrom said.

Pete Fisch, one of those former students from Voorheesville, began his writing career with the *Spotlight*. "When I was in tenth grade, he gave me the opportunity to cover high school sports," he said.

Fisch, now the director of stadium concessions for the Carolina Mudcats, said, "He was a great help. Rather than tell you what to do, he would lead you to the point where you'd do it yourself."

"Not only was he a great man, he was a great boss and a great friend too," Fisch added. "He gave everybody a chance. He helped you to tap all of your potential."

Button remembers Boynton as a newspaperman's newspaperman. "Perhaps a better way of saying it is, he was a professional at his trade; he exuded the quality himself, he expected it in others and he respected it where he found it."

An Army veteran of World War II, Boynton was an avid bridge player, and model railroad enthusiast. He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He also conducted interviews of area youth who applied to Princeton.

Boynton, a native of New Jersey, is survived by his wife, Barbara Lathrop Boynton; a son, Lawrence A. Boynton of Foxpoint, Wis.; two daughters, Cornelia Ochsenbein of Maynard, Mass. and Elizabeth Killorin of Middlebury, Vt.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in February.

Contributions may be made to Princeton University, Class of 1939.

CDTA

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prompted authority officials to begin planning renewed promotional activities for the program.

"We're not at all disappointed, we're not at all discouraged," Basile said. "We thought that in this process would be a long one in that we realize that you don't build ridership in a new market immediately."

What customers there are appear more than pleased with the service. "I'm spoiled now. I won't take any other bus," said Nancy Rissacher, one of two passengers who rode the 8:30 a.m. run Friday, its last daily and, according to Basile, its most lightly used.

"It's a great convenience," said the other passenger. "In good weather, I do drive. In bad weather, I leave it to the bus driver."

The bus was comfortable and well-heated on the icy morning of last weekend's snow storm. Both women said they "loved" CDTA driver John Miskewics, who admitted it's easy to remember regular passengers' names because there's so few of them.

Basile is long on arguments for riding, and believes that, given time, the service would become more popular all by itself. But he said CDTA doesn't intend to sit around and wait, and will soon begin "aggressive" promotion of the route. In addition, Basile said, CDTA is surveying people who ride the bus to find out why and people who used it before but no longer do to find out why not.

"Cars cost a lot of money, and they're expensive to maintain," he said. "Keep your mileage down, ride the bus. Keep your costs down, ride the bus. Keep your headaches

down, ride the bus."

"Read a book, do your office work, read the *Delmar Spotlight*," he said. "These are things you cannot do when you're operating a vehicle."

Basile also mentioned the benefits mass transit has for the environment, both in terms of a reduction of auto exhaust and a reduction of roadway congestion. And he stressed the most basic argument for park and ride — accurate and expensive parking downtown.

"That is relatively expensive (parking in Albany)," Basile said. "We think that the price of bus service for a month is less expensive than parking your car for a month." But he concedes that the \$1.50 each way fare for the express route could be one reason the service hasn't had more customers.

Basile said that while CDTA is considering reducing the fee, it is also looking into incentive programs that would reward frequent users with savings. "We'd like to give those a shot before we start tampering with the fares," he said.

"That is a fare that is a little bit higher than your local route because the route operates much differently," he said. "It is non-stop, very efficient service."

In the morning, buses leave the park and ride lot, which is located at the intersection of Elm Avenue and Route 32, at 7, 7:30, 8, and 8:30 a.m. and go downtown to marked CDTA stops on Madison Avenue, Swan Street, Washington Avenue, State Street, and Broadway. In the afternoon, buses leave Albany at 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, and 5:40.

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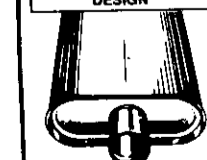
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The financial aid program at Clayton A. Bouton High School has been re-scheduled to Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. All seniors and their parents are invited to attend this special course, being held in the instruction room in the music wing.

Caryn Kaplan, from Union College, will be available to answer questions on financial aid. The 1991-92 College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Form (FAF) and the ACT Family Financial Statement (FFS), both required for financial aid and student loans, will be available at the meeting. For information, call the guidance office at 765-5529.

Library to show Chaplin classic

A Friday night movie will be shown at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Voorheesville Public Library. The adult classic, "Modern Times," features Charlie Chaplin as the Little Tramp, who struggles for survival.

Have breakfast with friends

If you haven't had breakfast at the Voorheesville American Legion, you are certainly missing a treat. Breakfast will be served at the Legion Post 1493 from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Jan. 20. The cost is \$3.50 per adult and \$2 per child.

Village ambulance squad hosts open house

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance Squad will hold an open house at its building on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, Jan. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Members will be available to answer any questions you may have on the

Program to focus on winter wildlife

A program on wildlife in winter will be offered by Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, in Delmar, on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m., and will be repeated on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. Starting with an indoor presentation, center naturalists will discuss some of the strategies animals use to get through the cold and snowy winter months. The group will then be led outdoors on a short walk to look for tracks and traces of winter-active wildlife.

These programs are open to the public free of charge. Partici-

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Susan Casler 765-2144



new ambulance, new equipment or how you can become a member of the ambulance squad. The entire squad would like to thank everybody in Voorheesville for their generous donations which made the purchase of the new ambulance and equipment possible. Refreshments will be served at the open house.

Schools close for holiday

The Voorheesville District Schools will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 21. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Team wins tournament

The St. Matthew's of Voorheesville grades five and six girls basketball team won the Holy Cross double elimination Christmas Tournament. The team won three consecutive games on its way to the championship. Team members are Michelle Cavaleri, Cindy Tate, Katie Basal Eva Sbardella, Melissa Martin, Erica Jackstandt, Cynthia Reed, Lauryn Lloyd, Regan Burns, Jane Meade, Kristin Person, Becky Dawson and Christine Robertson.

Basal and Meade were named to the All Tournament Team and Person was named most valuable player. A special thanks goes to coach George Person and coach Gail Dawson for all their encouragement and patience.

pants should dress for the outdoors and bring binoculars if available.

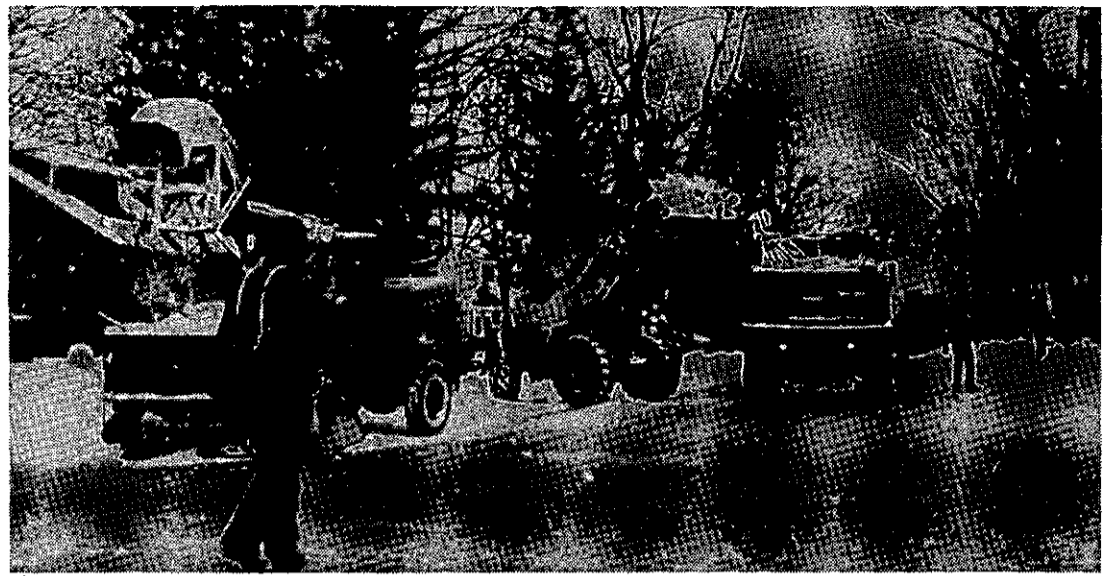
For information, call 475-0291.

Antique study group schedules meeting

The Delmar Progress Club has announced an Antique Study Group to be held Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Bethlehem Historical Museum. "Grandma's Linen Closet," will be presented by speaker Debra Trupin, of the state Bureau of Historic Sites. Members may bring an item to discuss.

For information, call 439-3916.

Snow, snow, go away



Town highway workers remove snow piles from the side of Adams Place in Delmar -- the final act in the fight against last weekend's storm. Elaine McLain

Bethlehem library sets schedule

Programs for preschoolers at the Bethlehem Public Library for January and February include: "Dress Me Up, Dress Me Down" on Jan. 25 and 26. Register for one half-hour session, 10 or 11 a.m. on Friday; 10:30 on Saturday. Films "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and "Madeline" will be shown on Feb. 1 and 2. This half-hour program for 2 to 5-year-olds is offered at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Friday; and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

"Cupids, Cut Outs and Cards" for ages 3 to 5 will be on Feb. 8 and 9. Sign up for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, or Saturday.

All programs are free. For more information, call 439-9314.

Library hosts concert

Students and friends of Patrice Malatestinic will give a concert at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. The program features horn music of Mazart, Handel, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Glazunov, and Tchaikowski. This concert is free and open to the public.

Glenmont PTA hosts winter carnival

The Glenmont PTA warmly extends an invitation to all area pre-school and elementary school students and parents, to the annual Glenmont Elementary Winter Snowflake Carnival.

This year the Carnival will be held at the Bethlehem Middle School due to construction at the Glenmont school. It will be held on Jan. 26 from noon to 4 p.m.

There will be games, prizes, the moon walk, a cake walk, face painting and a raffle. Due to location

changes, there will be no lunch foods served, but there will be refreshments, including cotton candy and popcorn.

The prizes for the raffle are being donated by area businesses.

Art display at library

Primitive paintings by Judith McCurdy Garman will be on display at the Voorheesville Public Library, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through January.

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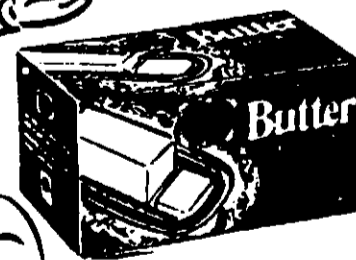
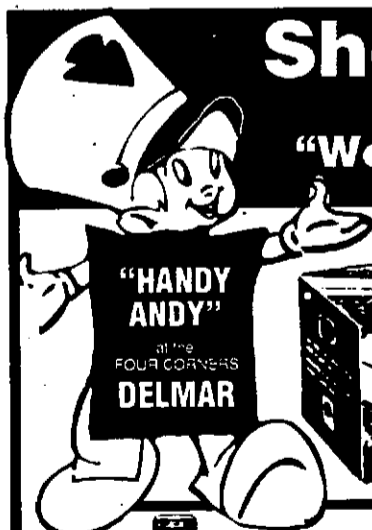
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THE Spotlight Sports

Ladybirds foiled on last second Knight basket

By Matt Hladun

The Voorheesville girls basketball team outthusted the Lansingburgh Knights throughout their recent game, but fell 40-39 on a last second shot.

The Knights were 4-1 in the league, and Voorheesville coach Nadine Bassler didn't know if her girls would be able to shut the Knights down. They're led by center Kerri Davis. Bassler had her squad play a 2-3 zone to col-

lapse on Davis in the middle and to force the Knights to shoot from the outside.

The strategy worked throughout the first half and the Birds went into halftime with a four point lead. The game remained close in the second half and the game was tied at 35 with just 35 seconds left.

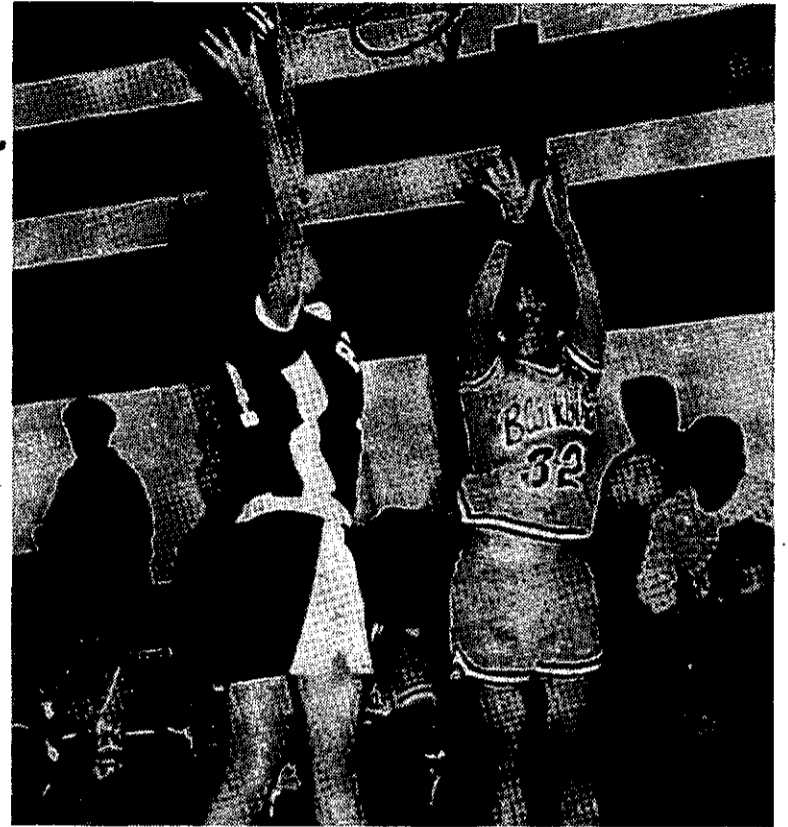
The Birds were playing without Kelly Donahue, who fouled out with three minutes to go after scoring 14 points. They had the

ball going into the final seconds, and Bassler told her team to hold the ball for one shot so the Knights wouldn't get the chance to shoot. Laura Pierro shot the ball at the buzzer, it rimmed out and the game headed into overtime.

In overtime, the Ladybirds held a one point lead with 15 seconds. The Knights missed two foul shots. Courtney Langford passed the ball to Kristen Foley, who was fouled. Foley missed the front end of the one and one and the Knights had one more chance to steal the win. Shelly Nickles, who had just entered the game, was covered by three Bird defenders and still managed to get a shot into the basket. The Knights went away with their one-point victory.

"Although I would have liked to win the game, I'm thrilled with the way we played," Bassler said. "I think we really surprised them (Lansingburgh) with our play."

Donahue led the Birds with 14 points while Donna Zautner added 12, Langford 11. The loss dropped the Blackbirds to 2-4 in the league, 5-5 overall.



Voorheesville's Kelly Donahue launches a three pointer in action against Lansingburgh last week. Casey Keil

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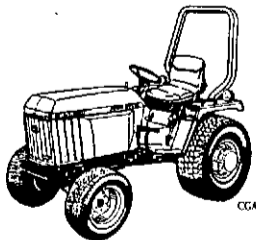
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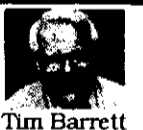
By Matt Kratz

It was better late than never for the Bethlehem wrestling team last week after their 46-25 win against Mohonasen. In the first eight matches the Eagles managed to win three and were behind 25-16.

In the ninth match, BC came back strong. Mike Braga, Darryn Fiske and Donny Thomas pinned their opponents. Thomas scored his pin in 25 seconds, and Braga in 57 seconds. Nick Morrison, Jim Mattis and Ethan Beyer scored decisions.

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Bethlehem wins nail-biter, 67-65

By Michael Kagan

At last Bethlehem Central basketball fans can know what to expect from the BC boys. After nearly half a season of extreme inconsistency, Coach Jack Moser's Eagles may be settling down to play solid basketball every game, rather than randomly. It looked that way last week when BC won a nail-biter, 67-65, at home against the Shaker Bison.

The win marks the first time this season that Bethlehem won two consecutive games, the earlier win against Scotia. The Eagles have won three of their last four games.

Bethlehem dominated Shaker the first quarter, 20-11, and expanded the lead to 10 by halftime, 37-27.

Scott Fish led BC in scoring, with 24 points. McCaughin fol-

lowed with 22 and Quatraro had 13. Mike Aylward contributed six points, while Chris Black had two. Mike Rinella led Shaker's comeback with 23 points, 18 of which were scored in the second half and 11 in the fourth quarter.

"We are starting to play more consistently," Moser said. "If you look at our quarter scores over the last few games, we're not having that one quarter where we fall apart like we used to."

Bethlehem (5-6) will be home this week against Colonie on Tuesday (yesterday) and Mohonasen Friday. Both teams defeated the Eagles early in the season, BC losing by six to Colonie. "Playing Colonie is a lot like looking in the mirror," Moser said, "they're an up and down team."

RCS wrestlers roll past Mechanicville

By Kevin Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians traveled to Mechanicville for a league wrestling match early last week, winning 48-14.

Adam Smith, at 91, won 15-10. Todd Stanton, Dave Baranska and Jason Knox all received forfeit wins at their respective weight classes. Joe Michanew, making his varsity debut this year, pinned his opponent in one minute and 26 seconds. Freddy Pechette pinned his

opponent in nearly three minutes. Chris Stanton won 9-8. Freshman John Mantynen had the quickest pin of the night as he finished off his opponent in 24 seconds. Jason Demerest won by default as his opponent suffered an injury.

RCS defeated Lansingburgh, 42-30, in a Colonial Council match last week at home.

The Indians wrestle Albany Academy on Thursday.

Kaplan scores 2000th point in Eagle romp

By Jason Wilkie

Bethlehem Central High School Senior center Anita Kaplan became the fourth player in section II history to secure more than 2,000 points for her career in a recent game against Scotia.

In the 73-29 victory over Scotia, Kaplan finished with 21 rebounds, three blocked shots, two assists

BC gymnasts place in Shen match

The Bethlehem Central girls gymnastics team recently scored 100.1 against visiting Shenendehowa.

Newcomer Amanda Smith-Scaric took first place in vaulting

and 2,024 points. BC is 5-0 in the league.

Lynn Doody and Kassie Jeram each scored 12 points. Doody, a guard, contributed seven assists. Mary Beth Breslin gave the Lady Eagles eight points while Andrea Cornell and Tory McKenna each put a ball in the hoop.

with a score of 8.5 followed by Amy Shafer's 8.3.

On the balance beam, Kira Stokes took third place with a score of 7.0. Shafer scored a 7.1 for fourth place in the floor exercise.

Close games mark BBC play

Close games were the norm in Bethlehem Basketball Club action last week. The Knicks tasted defeat for the first time this year as they fell to a fired up Laker squad 38-32. The dominating play of Chris Bannigan (12 points and 16 rebounds) and the deft passing of Dan Dimaggio spearheaded the Laker win.

The Bulls held off a last quarter Celtic rally to win, 25-24. Chris Wenger's 12 points and Brian Berry's defensive play sparked the Bulls to victory.

In the All-Star Division, the Spurs subdued the Rockets 42-33. For the Spurs, John Svare scored 15 points and Jared Beck contributed several steals. The Bucks downed the Sixers 58-35. Willie Sanchez's 21 points and Jason Gutman's 16 led the Bucks' attack.

In College Division play, Georgetown got by Providence 49-37. Mark Svare led with 26 points and Kelly Krueger contributed a 10-foot set shoot in the second period. Seton Hall and St. Johns settled for a 26-26 tie.

Syracuse got past Villanova, 37 to 33. Point guard J.J. Kasarjian of Villanova led all scorers with 18 points.

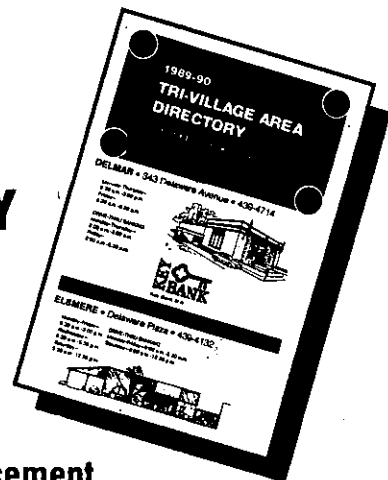
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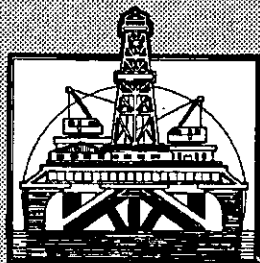


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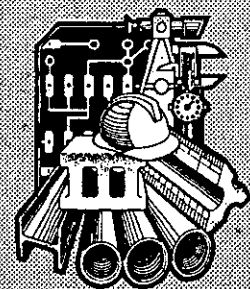
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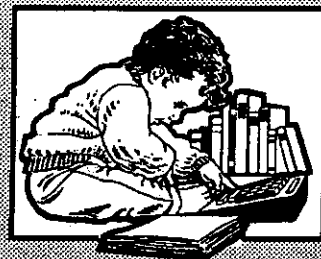
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HOME



Club team wins indoor tourney

The Bethlehem Soccer Club under 16 girls team recently placed first in a Clifton Park indoor tournament, defeating Clifton Park 5-3.

Goals were scored by Casey Cannistraci, Kristen Vanduzer, Carrie Bulluck, Britta McCumber, Suzanne Rice, Allison Wenger and Jenny Martin.

Sarah Donaruma, Debbie Stewart, Rice and Wenger played outstanding defense. Goalie Melissa Mann registered shut-outs in four of the games.

The team will be seeing further action in the Bethlehem Soccer Tournament, scheduled to begin on Feb. 3, and run for six consecutive Sundays at the Bethlehem Central High School. Ninety-six teams are expected to participate.

Voorheesville tops 'Burgh, goes to 8-3

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

The Blackbird boys basketball team pulled a 63-59 victory over Lansingburgh last week.

Playing on Lansingburgh's smaller court, VC expected an aggressive showing from the Knights. Burgh came out powerful and practically neutralized the Birds' height factor, Steve Lapinski, with forceful defense. The Birds did not answer their opponents' physical play and ended the first half trailing 30-27.

Coach Skip Carrk reminded his team to "meet the challenge" during halftime. In the third quarter, the Birds responded by cutting down on the number of turnovers and making some key steals. They

outscored Lansingburgh 19-12. Both teams played evenly in the fourth.

Throughout the game, Burgh's defense "mugged" Lapinski while trying to shut him down. With four minutes left in the game, Carrk was charged with a technical. "I wanted to make the referees aware of the continual fouls on Lapinski," Carrk said, "and they didn't like the way I did it."

The Knights hit the shots and picked up the momentum to make a conversion that threatened the Blackbirds' lead. Voorheesville hung on and improved their record to 5-2 and 8-3 overall.

Erin Sullivan played another

outstanding game off the bench with nine points, six rebounds and two steals. Carrk said he was pleased with Lapinski's strong performance in a tough situation. Despite his being a Knight target, he came through with 14 points. Todd Rockmore led the Birds with 20 points, hitting eight of 10 free throws, and displaying team leadership.

The Voorheesville game against the 7-0, 11-0 Watervliet Cannoneers last Friday was postponed. The Birds will take on Schalmont at home on Friday.

"So far so good," Carrk said of his team. "Lansingburgh is a tough team to play on the road and it was a big win for us."

Blackbird's title chances dim with 39-34 loss to Cannoneers

By Kevin Taylor

Sickness and injury caught up with the Voorheesville wrestling team last week as they suffered a 39-34 loss to Watervliet, dimming their chances of winning the Colonial Council title.

The Blackbirds and coach Dick Leach dealt with illness to Eric Dommermuth, Buddy Deschenes, Lucas Weston and a rib injury to Christian Clark. Darren Ascone replaced Dommermuth at 105, and accepted a forfeit.

Jerry Parmenter returned to action at 91, picking up a 15-3 win

over Jason Ray. John Cook replaced Weston at 112 and was pinned by Mark Royce. Greg Reeth, pinned at 119, gave the Cannoneers an 18-11 lead.

The Birds fell behind 24-11 after giving up a forfeit at 126. Josh Vink, at 132, lost by decision. At 145, Tim Reeth got a forfeit. Andy Symula wrestled at 155, and gained a 13-1 victory. Scott Harms accepted a forfeit at 167 and the Birds were back in the hunt, 33-28. At 177, Chris Dommermuth, who'd been sick for three weeks, took on Ray Slingerland. Slingerland pinned him halfway through the

second period, closing the door on the Blackbird comeback effort. Chad Hotaling finished off the match with a pin.

"We had a little mental letdown, coming off that big tournament win at Ravena," Leach said. He said the team was fortunate to gain its victory earlier in the week against Cobleskill, 27-24.

The loss to Watervliet dropped the Blackbirds to 2-2 in the league and 7-2 overall. The Blackbirds wrestled Albany Academy Tuesday (yesterday) and will take on Waterford away Thursday.

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Waterford 70, RCS 40

By Michael Nock

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys varsity basketball team suffered a 70-40 loss to Waterford last week.

RCS got off to a bad start, finishing the first quarter, 15-2. In the second quarter Tom Holsapple narrowed the gap with nine points.

The postponed Schalmont game will be played on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

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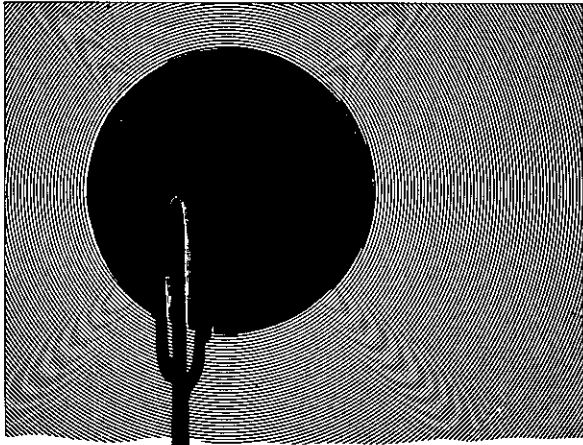
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Ford, Geortner wed

Barbara Jeanne Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Ford of Glenmont, and John M. Geortner Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Geortner Sr. of Brielle, N.J., were married recently in Christ Church, Alexandria, Va.

The bride, a graduate of St. Lawrence University is regional sales manager for Continental

Airlines in Chicago.

The groom, also a graduate of St. Lawrence University, completed graduate studies at New York University. He is executive vice president of Frye Reglet Corporation, Alhambra, Calif.

After a wedding trip to England, the couple will reside in Long Beach, Calif.

SUNYA to hold management seminar

The Office of Executive Development Programs of the School of Business, State University of New York at Albany will present a three day seminar on Project Management: Planning, Scheduling and Control on Jan. 16 through Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Curran, Maercklein to wed

Jackie Ryan Curran, of South Bend, Ind., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Dr. Margaret Mary Curran, to Eric Jerome Maercklein, son of Leslie A. and Mary Jo Z. Maercklein of Delmar.

Curran is a graduate of the University of San Francisco and the University of California. She is

an emergency room physician in Santa Clara, Cal.

Curran is the daughter of the late John Francis Curran.

Maercklein is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Notre Dame. He is a nuclear engineer for Wisconsin Energy Corp., Milwaukee.

An April wedding is planned.

Maercklein, Vincelette to wed

Leslie A. and Mary Jo Z. Maercklein of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Leslie Maercklein, to Daniel Gerard Vincelette, son of Neil and Shirley Vincelette of North Babylon.

Maercklein is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

and Fairfield University. She is employed by Citicorp, N.A., in Harrison.

Vincelette is a graduate of Fordham University. He is sports editor for *Greenwich Time* in Greenwich, Conn.

An August wedding is planned.



Wendy Michelle Hobb

Hobb, Ward to wed

Phillip and Starr Hobb of Ravena have announced the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Michelle Hobb, to Kris Allen Ward, son of Kevin and Donna Ward of Delmar.

Hobb is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. She is a medical secretary for Albany Medical College, Department of Physiology and Cell Biology.

Ward is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Maria College. He is employed by Wheels Discount Auto, in Albany.

A February wedding is planned.

Spotlight on the Service

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Edward J. Downes is currently deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Shield while serving with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 115, Atsugi, Japan, currently embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway.

Downes is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He joined the Navy in Feb. 1980.

MacMillen, a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School, joined the Navy in Sept. 1990.

Pvt. Eric M. Davis has completed training at the Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Davis is the son of Glenna C. Standfield of Delmar.

Navy Recruit David E. MacMillen, son of Earl F. and Bev MacMillen of Voorheesville, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Members are requested to bring a place setting, including a soup bowl, and salad, dessert or appetizer to the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m. Homemade soup and bread will be furnished by the club. A \$1 will be used to defray expenses and make a contribution to an area soup kitchen.

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Obituaries

Rev. Frank Rhoad

The Rev. Dr. Frank Tilghman Rhoad, 103, a former Delmar resident, died Friday, Jan. 11 in Camargo Manor in Cincinnati.

Born in Bath, Pa., he was pastor emeritus of the Second Presbyterian Church in Amsterdam, a pastorate he served for 36 years.

After his retirement from the church in 1956, he served as interim minister in many area Albany churches.

Rev. Rhoad began his religious career at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago with the goal of becoming a missionary in Africa. For 12 years, he served as pastor to several churches in Wisconsin. He graduated from Beloit College with a degree in philosophy. He did post-graduate work at Yale School of Religion. At Yale, he was pastor of Mystic Bridge Congregational Church in Mystic, Conn.

In college, he was elected to Delta Sigma Rho fraternity and was a member of Masonic Acacia fraternity.

In 1943, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Marietta College in Ohio.

During World War II, Rev. Rhoad was camp pastor at Barksdale Field in Shreveport, La. When he returned to Amsterdam, he was appointed chairman of the Veterans Housing Commission.

In 1948, he helped to establish the first Alcoholics Anonymous group in Amsterdam.

For six years, he was chairman of the Committee on Education and University Work of the Synod of New York. He also served twice as moderator of the Albany Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church.

He was a life member of the Artisan Lodge 84 F&AM; a member of the Amsterdam Kiwanis for 59 years, serving as president and lieutenant governor of the Albany district. He was also a member of the Delmar Kiwanis.

He was husband of the late Marie L. McConn Rhoad. Survivors include a grandson and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday from the Second Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Amsterdam.

Calling hours will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Baldwin Chapel of the church.

Arrangements are by Boice Funeral Home in Amsterdam.

Contributions may be made to the Endowment Fund of the Second Presbyterian Church or to the Delmar or Amsterdam Kiwanis.

Clarence Klahn

Clarence L. Klahn, 89, of Route 9W in Glenmont, died Friday, Jan. 9 at his home.

Mr. Klahn was born in Crestline Ohio. He was employed by the YMCA, and retired in 1967 as an executive secretary with Albany Selkirk Railroad YMCA in Selkirk. He started with the organization in 1923 in Crestline and was transferred to Glenmont in 1945.

After his retirement, he was a messenger for the Farm Family Insurance Co. in Glenmont. He attended Capital University in Columbus Ohio, and the International Business College in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Klahn was a past master of the International Order of Odd Fellows 1237 of Crestline and past president of the Kiwanis Club there. He was also a past master of the Ancient City Masonic Lodge in

Albany and the Bethlehem Grange 137 in Selkirk. He kept bees as a hobby.

He was a former member of the Crestline Lutheran Church and a member of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Albany, past president of St. Peter's-St. Mark's Holy Spirit Lutheran Council, past superintendent of the church Sunday school and a church deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Stevens Klahn; a daughter Martha Shangraw of Glens Falls; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were by Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Delaware Avenue, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Holy Spirit Church Memorial Fund or to St. Peter's Hospice.

Joyce Lower

Joyce O'Pray Lower, 77, of New Scotland Road, New Scotland died Thursday, Jan. 8 in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Stillwater, she had lived in New Scotland since 1948.

Mrs. Lower was a business manager for the family owned Lower Novelty Co. in Schenectady for 35 years, retiring in 1972.

She was widow of Andrew Mohan and Clyde W. Lower Sr. Survivors include a daughter, Andrea Gleason of Voorheesville; two sons, James M. Mohan of Easton Conn., and Clyde W. Lower of Lake George; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville Avenue, Voorheesville. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery in Stillwater.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the Voorheesville Area Ambulance.

Delmar CHP offers assertiveness training

The Delmar Community Health Plan Center will be offering a six-week assertiveness training program beginning on Jan. 23 at the Delmar Health Center, on Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

Assertiveness training will

Walton Van Wormer

Walton Van Wormer, 78, of Pleasant Street, Voorheesville, died Monday, Dec. 24.

Mr. Van Wormer was a dispatcher for the state Department of Transportation and was a Pinkerton guard for 15 years; he retired from both jobs in 1980. He had also been employed by Duffy Mott in Voorheesville.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie Powers Van Wormer; a daughter, Carol Joyce Van Wormer of East Greenbush; a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie. Arrangements were by Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Marguerite Greene

Marguerite Palmer Greene, 91, of Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, died Sunday, Jan. 6.

She was wife of the late Howard J. Greene. She is survived by two daughters, Betty Beck of Westerlo, and Ruth Albright of Delmar; two grandsons and two great-grandsons.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, Trinity Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow or the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Company.

Jerome Allen

Jerome Newton Allen, 93, of Golder Street, Albany, died Thursday, Dec. 27.

Born in Knox, he lived in Bethlehem for more than 40 years. He owned and operated the Auto Repair Shop in Albany from 1928 to 1967.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Berne.

Elsmere school holds family night

Elsmere Elementary School, on Delaware Avenue, Delmar will hold its annual Family Night on Jan. 25. The community is invited. Brooks Chicken Barbecue will serve in the cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost of a dinner is \$6. Take-out is available.

Elsmere's fifth graders will hold a bake sale in the cafeteria from 5 to 7:30 p.m. to raise money for their outdoor education program at Lawson's Lake.

The school's first annual read-in will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Participants are urged to dress warmly and bring blankets and pillows. For information, call 439-6305.

Library schedules story hours

The spring session of preschool and toddler story hours at Bethlehem Public Library will run from Tuesday, Feb. 5 through Thursday, April 11. Registration for the free 10-week program begins in person at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 28. Registrations will be accepted by phone beginning Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. Call 429-9314 for information.

Sessions offered include Toddler (ages 22 months to third birthday) and attending adult; Tuesdays 10:15 a.m., Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.

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Ages 5 to 6 (no adults), Tuesdays 11 a.m., Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.

Ages 3 to 6 and family on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.

Comic book artist appears at library

Local comic book artist John Herbert, who just received his first major Marvel Comics assignment, will sketch at the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Ave in Delmar on Feb. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. He will discuss and display comic strips, books and graphic novels with an eye toward collecting. Teens in grades six and up as well as interested adults may register. For information, call 439-9314.



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New improvisational group to address issues

The Bethlehem Networks Project has hired James Yeara to direct an improvisational theater group for high school age students. The idea came from a group developed through CAPTAIN in Shenendehowa calling themselves "The Northway Construction Company." Like "The Northway Construction Company," this new group will study various

improvisational techniques and skills, and will also develop their own plays. The plays will address such topics as drug and alcohol abuse, peer pressure, self-esteem, and other health and prevention-related topics. We are in the process of setting up two or three performances for April or May 1991.



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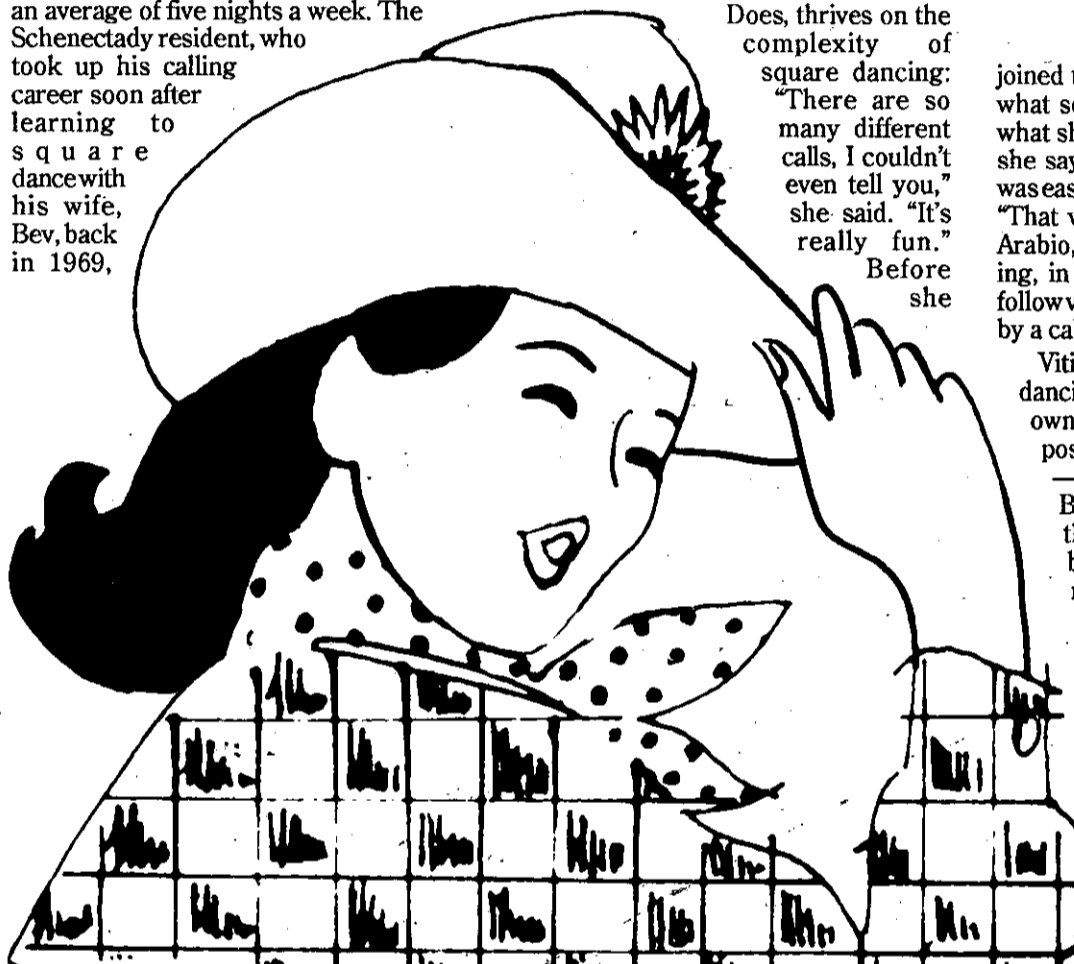


Dancers master skills of 'steps' ladder

By Debi Boucher

When it comes to dancing, it's hip to be square — or round — in the Capital District, judging from the number of groups who kick up their collective heels each week. With over 30 member organizations, the Capital District Square and Round Dance Association, or Cadsarda, as its members dub it, lists dances nearly every night of the month, throughout the year.

Tom Vitow, club caller for the Tri-Village Squares, based in Delmar, said although many groups take a break during the summer months, some continue year-round. In addition to his regular post as caller for the Delmar group, Vitow calls for other area groups and works on an average of five nights a week. The Schenectady resident, who took up his calling career soon after learning to square dance with his wife, Bev, back in 1969,



travels as far as Burlington, Vt. to call dances, and is already booking dates in 1993.

"The caller's job firstmost is to entertain the dancers," the 21-year veteran caller explains, "and to challenge the dancers in their knowledge — and to let them win."

That delicate balance can only be achieved by gauging the skills of each group of dancers the caller encounters. "You don't want to make it too easy, so they get bored," Vitow said, "but you've got to let them win." If dancers don't do well on the floor on a given night, he feels, they leave thinking somewhat less of the caller who dictated their steps that night.

Dottie Arabio, an eight-year member of the Colonie Elks and Does, thrives on the complexity of square dancing: "There are so many different calls, I couldn't even tell you," she said. "It's really fun." Before she



The Tri-Village Squares kick up their heels at a recent gathering.

joined the group, she thought she knew what square dancing was all about, but what she had been exposed to, and what she says most students learn in school, was eastern, or traditional square dancing. "That would be very boring now," says Arabio, now a pro at western square dancing, in which couples work together to follow varying patterns of steps, prompted by a caller.

Vitow explains that western style dancing, which "really came into its own around 1947, 1948," was made possible by standardization of steps — of which there are about 75 at the Basic level. Once dancers across the country were using the same basics, they could be mixed in any number of sequences, with a caller to keep the dancers on their toes. Traditional dancing, by contrast, followed repetitive patterns, so dancers had to know any given dance in its entirety. With western dancing, as long as they know the basic steps, dancers can follow the calls and take it from there.

Most groups practice Mainstream, a higher level than Basic involving about 150 steps, said Marion Buskirk,

now presiding over the Elks and Does with her husband, Bill. Beyond Mainstream, there's the Plus level, with even more calls to learn. The Elks and Does are a Mainstream group, but offer "several Plus tips a night," Buskirk said.

Because it's no simple matter to learn the steps involved in a good square dance, the Tri-Village Squares, the Elks and Does and most other area clubs offer lessons each fall.

There are lessons for round dancing, as well, for as any veteran dancer will tell you, a square dancer doesn't necessarily fit in a round set. Paul and Brenda Winne, the current presidents of the Tri-Village Squares, have been square dancing for nearly a decade, and are now taking round dance lessons. "Personally, I like the square," said Winne, "but my wife likes round." Round dancing, he said, is a bit like ballroom dancing and is more difficult than square.

Vitow explained that round dancing, performed in a circle, is more exacting. "You have to be right on the money," he said, whereas square dancing "is a little looser." Round dancing, on the other hand, provides endless variety in terms of music as well as steps. Round dance cues —

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BC students to keynote Sage family affair

By Susan Wheeler

Working real life pain out on stage is one advantage of acting, according to Jim Yeara, Bethlehem Central High School English teacher. This weekend, 11 BC improv students, under Yeara's direction, will tap their experiences to help them on the stage, said the director and adviser of BC's Vincent J. Crummles Acting Troupe.

Pat Spetaro, coordinator for the Sage Colleges' "A Family Affair," invited the acting troupe to give the keynote address at the program after seeing them perform a Shakespearean play, Yeara said. The family celebration/parent education day will be on Saturday, Jan. 19.

The improv group, selected from the cast of last fall's "The Tempest" and directed by Yeara and student director Rachel Nurick, decided to do improvisations about family types, said Nurick, a 17-year-old senior. "Sage said there'd be four family types," she said, "that's all we had to work with."

Nurick, who's been involved with the drama program at BC since her freshman year, said she and Yeara didn't want to write a script for the actors because they thought working from a script about family relationships, something everyone has experience with, would lessen the effect

of the improvisations. "The actors are talented enough to improv their way through something," she said. "We work through them (the scenarios) in rehearsals. We planned the endings to be effective."

Yeara said the improvisations looked good, including a recently added scene on divorce. He said the improvisation, not one of the original four family types, is about a "tug of war" over a child during a divorce. Because the students are familiar with the issue of divorce, he said they "demanded it be added" to the other nine improvisations. "The drama program is very student-directed."

"A Tale of Four Families" will be performed at Sage's free learning and fun program at The Sage Colleges, Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave. The program, designed to educate the community on what the Capital District offers families in the way of recreation, education, child care and support services, runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be performances, crafts and other activities available throughout the day.

Nurick said preparing for the Sage performance has been "fun." Each improv member had a different interpretation of how families are run, but after discussion and trying various ideas, the group agreed



Members of BC's acting troupe in a recent production of "The Tempest."

on how to type the four families, she said. There's the activity-oriented parent, the traditional parent, the career-oriented parent and the "Dr. Spock" parent who continually needs expert advice on child-rearing.

Each improvisation deals with a conflict in the family, said Yeara, who's been

involved with theater for 10 years. The activity-oriented parent's conflict is that he or she has time for clubs and sports for the child, but no time to spend alone with the child. The other situations deal with other familiar family problems.

The group and its directors are excited
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AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday January 16

ALBANY COUNTY

REAL ESTATE COURSE
Hudson Valley Community College, Vanderburgh Ave., Troy, 9 a.m. Information, 270-7338.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

Albany Public Library, Delaware Ave. branch, 10 a.m. Information, 463-0254.

MANAGEMENT SKILLS SEMINAR

begins, School of Business, The University at Albany, Washington Ave., 9 a.m. Information, 442-3932.

WOMEN'S MEETING

sponsored by the Albany Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women, 6:30 p.m. Information, 472-9120.

TODDLER STORY TIME

Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

EVENING MOVIE

Albany Public Library, Western Ave. branch, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 482-7911.

AFTERNOON STORY TIME

Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 1:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

THE CURSE OF THE PINK PANTHER

film, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Albany Public Library, New Scotland Ave. branch, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 482-6661.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

TOUGHLOVE SELF HELP
Niskayuna Community Center, Dexter Ave., Niskayuna, 8 p.m. Information, 348-7090.

Thursday January 17

ALBANY COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

WATER CONTAMINATION LECTURE

Union College Center Auditorium, South Ln., Schenectady, 11:30 a.m. Information, 370-6172.

Friday January 18

ALBANY COUNTY

MOTHER'S CENTER DROP IN

First Congregational Church basement, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 434-2800.

INDIAN DANCE

Altamont Reformed Church, Lincoln Ave., Altamont, 7 p.m. Information, 861-8076.

TAI CHI COURSE

Kripalu Yoga Center, Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 869-7990.

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

Sunday January 20

ALBANY COUNTY

SCOTTISH DANCING

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

LUPUS SUPPORT MEETING

McKownville United Methodist Church, Western Ave., Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 465-3603.

GRAPHIC ARTS EXHIBITION

College of St. Rose Graduate School, Picotte Hall, State St., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 432-6960.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

TALENT AWARDS

Proctor Theater, Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 723-2900.

Monday January 21

ALBANY COUNTY

BASKETBALL

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

SENIORS LUNCHES

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 January 22

ALBANY COUNTY

WINTER IN NEW YORK

lecture, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, Information, 449-3380.

SENIORS LUNCHES

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

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB

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

SCHENECTADY

MISSION LECTURE SERIES

Calvary Methodist Church, Balltown, and River Rd., Niskayuna, 9:30 a.m. Information, 399-7224.

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.

GREENE COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Christ Episcopal Church, Union Street, Hudson, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

Wednesday January 23

SENIORS TOURS

of Friehofer Bakery, sponsored by Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 438-6651.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

BASKETBALL

Knickerbocker Arena, So. Pearl St., Albany, 3:35 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

Dancing

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some callers, like Vititow, are capable of cuing round, but most use a cuer — employ "just about any type of music you can think of," from Elvis to R & B, for dances such as the rumba and the cha-cha.

Most groups meet about twice monthly for dances, but their membership badges allow them to visit other groups, as well. The Buskirks belong to the Latham Circle Squares as well as the Elks and Does, and get out for a dance about once a week. The Elks and Does meet at the Elks lodge in Colonie on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Members of various groups periodically stage "banner runs," Buskirk said, in which a group of eight — one square — takes part in a series of another group's dances, thus earning badges to place on their banners. Members of the Elks and Does have traveled as far as Pittsfield to attend dances, she said.

The Tri-Village Squares recently made a "banner run" to Coxsackie to dance with the Circle 8 club, said Winne, adding that the group also planned to dance with members of Pistols and Pettycoats, a relatively new group from Ravena. The Tri-Village Squares was chartered in February 1983, according to the Winnes, and holds dances the first and third Saturdays of the month at the Delmar Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue. The group has a large membership, with some 55 couples participating.

"It's a really friendly, outgoing activity," said Winne. "It's a lot of fun, and you meet some great people."

Other area groups include the Altamont Station Squares, meeting at Guilderland Elementary School; the B & M Squares and the Evergreens, which both meet at Calvary Methodist Church, Latham; St. Paul's Dancing Angels, Pinegrove United Methodist Church, Colonie; and the Single Squares, at St. Michael's Community Center in Cohoes.

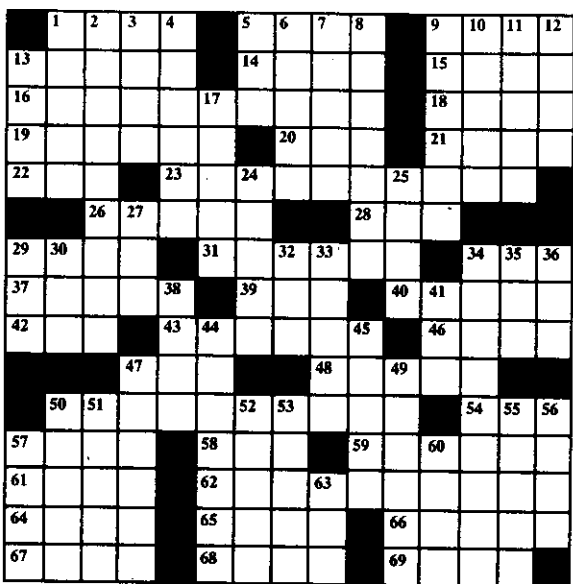
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"A NOVEL IDEA"

By Gerry Frey

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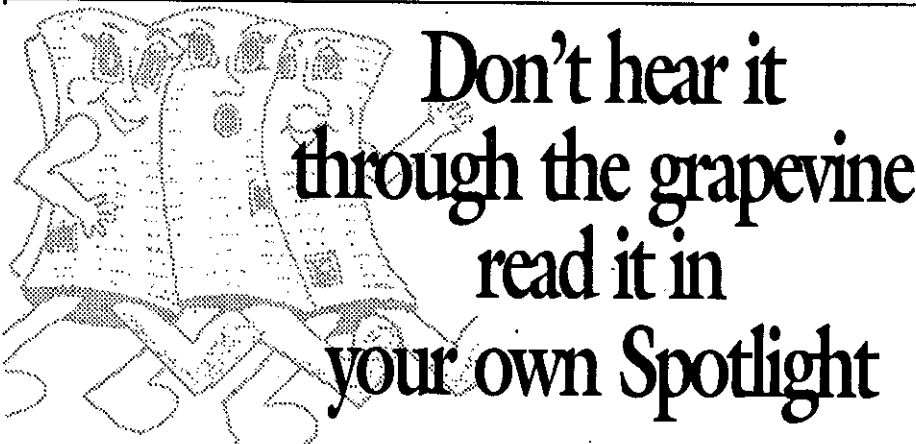
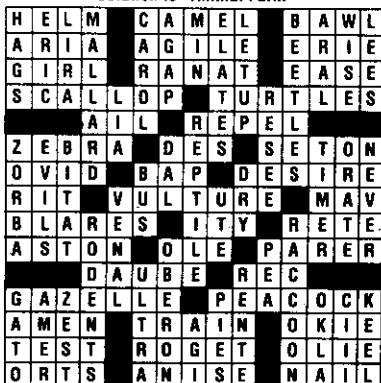
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- 5 Painter Salvador
- 9 Word with bag or bar
- 13 Target shooter
- 14 Scandinavian war god
- 15 The city of seven hills
- 16 "KIDNAPPED" AUTHOR AND FAMILY
- 18 Characters in "Gorillas of the Mist"
- 19 Show up
- 29 Washington VIP
- 21 Confined
- 22 I.M. _____ Architect
- 23 Food processors
- 26 Precedes "GRAM" or "GRAPHY"
- 28 Thing in Latin
- 29 Word with shot or stick
- 31 Pythons and Cobras, eg
- 34 Coll. students' concern
- 37 Pavarotti eg.
- 39 Native suffix
- 40 Veracity
- 42 Classified items
- 43 "PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY" AUTHOR & OTHERS
- 46 "_____ poor Yorick..."
- 47 Sault _____ Marie
- 48 Insurgent
- 50 "ULYSSES" AUTHOR
- 54 Precedes "IAH": Hebrew prophet
- 57 Soft drink
- 58 CPA eg.
- 59 Journey
- 61 Unique person
- 62 NOVEL BY SINCLAIR LEWIS
- 64 Filippant
- 65 "DEF" and "OFF" follower
- 66 "ACT ONE" AUTHOR AND FAMILY
- 67 Estimates: Abbrev.
- 68 Satisfy
- 69 In addition



- 5 Computer software acronym
- 6 Worship
- 7 Queen Elizabeth or Queen Mary, eg
- 8 Stir to action
- 9 "_____ OF WRATH" BY STEINBECK
- 10 Polster Elmo
- 11 Prayer endings
- 12 Pick of the litter
- 13 Quick inflats
- 17 Robins houses.
- 24 Gin mix
- 25 Gusto
- 27 Saudi address
- 29 R.R. depot
- 30 _____ Zepplin
- 32 Assoc. Tech. Aide
- 33 County in Ireland
- 34 "_____ TRAVELS" BY JONATHAN SWIFT
- 35 Parents org.
- 36 Signs of relief
- 38 Learn by repetition
- 41 Norma or Charlotte
- 44 Roll seeds
- 45 Religious groups
- 47 Stings
- 49 Big _____: WWI German cannon

- 50 "FROM HERE TO ETERNITY" AUTHOR JAMES _____
- 51 Call to action
- 52 _____ Diaz: City in Puerto Rico
- 53 Lyric poet
- 55 Take care of: 2 wds
- 56 Pilot's instrument rdngs.
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- 60 _____ Sea: USSR
- 63 Born

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

SOUTH BETHLEHEM AREA ASSOCIATION
officer elections and meeting with Town Supervisor Ken Ringler and Planner Jeff Lipnicky, South Bethlehem Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2870.

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, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

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.

ANTIQUARY STUDY GROUP
Bethlehem Historical Museum, Rt. 144, Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

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

Thursday
January 17

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
meeting, "Button Collecting, Old and New," Schoolhouse Museum, Clapper Road, Selkirk, 2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOOD STAMP FORM AID
third Thursday of odd numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

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.

Friday
January 18

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.

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

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

MODERN TIMES
film, starring Charlie Chaplin, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2719.

Saturday
January 19

BETHLEHEM

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

SQUARE DANCE
First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 768-2882.

Sunday
January 20

BETHLEHEM

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday worship service, 10 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 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, 9-11 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.-noon. Information 439-9976.

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

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

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m., Eucharist, 9 a.m., Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 9:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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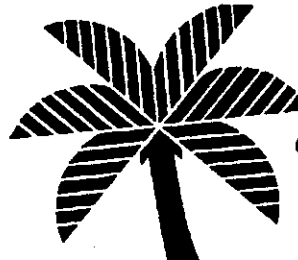
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 Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

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NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

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 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.

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 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.

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 worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday school.

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

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 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.

Monday January 21

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DELMAR KIWANIS
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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.

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

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 meets first and third Mondays, home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

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

Tuesday January 22

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY
 meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

CHARITY LUNCHEON
 to benefit soup kitchens, Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-4725.

Wednesday January 23

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TOPIARY DESIGNS PROGRAM
 Delmar Library Community Room, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING
 first of six-part program on behavior, CHP Delmar Health Center, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Register by Jan. 17. Information, 783-1864 ext. 4444.

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, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING
 on application of Clifford and Shirley Lloyd, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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 on application of Estelle and Robert Hawkins, Town Offices, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:45 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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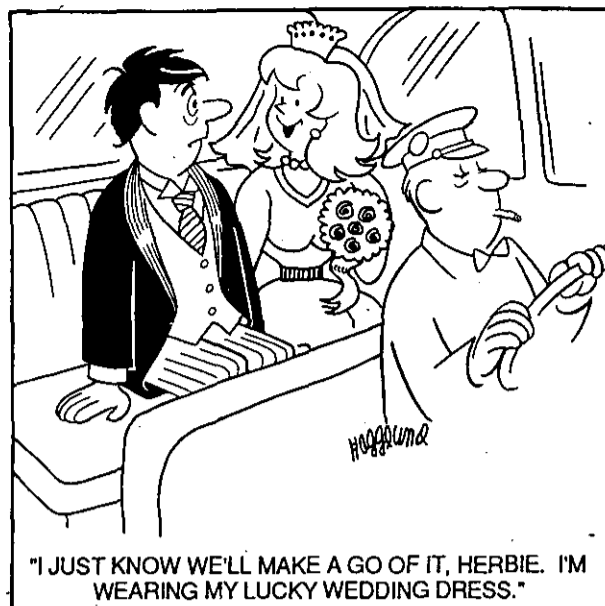
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