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Local families wonder, worry and hope

By Susan Wheeler

Sometimes they cry, or worry or pray. They say that not knowing where their loved ones are, but knowing that they're somewhere in the Middle East is one of the hardest things. They watch the news on TV, looking for the familiar face they miss. The families who have a husband, mother or daughter in the gulf are ready for the war to end now.

"I keep praying and hoping that he'll be home soon and that it'll be over," said 23-year-old Sandra Banas, Delmar native and wife of HM 3 David R. Banas, a Navy medic with a Marine combat tank unit stationed near the Saudi-Kuwait border. "I want to get back to our lives that we put on hold."

Selkirk resident Cindy Conti, the wife of Bob Conti, commander of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post in Elsmere and a 45-year-old Vietnam veteran, said she didn't expect her husband to be called up from the reserves at this point, especially after having gone through Vietnam. "We're no spring chickens."

Conti had been assigned to join a Navy fleet as a chief petty officer to build a 500-bed fleet hospital because of his experience as a specialist in heavy equipment operation with the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion. Cindy Conti said he left for California on Jan. 18, and that he called her later and said his orders had been changed. She said his "destination sounds like it's worse." Because he couldn't tell her where he was going, she said she watches the news and thinks, "Oh, God, is he there?"

One Delmar family was lucky enough to hear from their daughter. Maureen Wright, mother of Debora Blodgett, a

member of the Army's 27th Main Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division who's stationed north of Riyadh, said Debora called her on Jan. 21. She told her mother not to worry and that that was "the last time we'll hear from her till it's over," Maureen said. "We've been very worried. It bothers us tremendously."

Chris Rivers, the son of Carol Rivers, a Coast Guard reservist who is stationed near Bahran, said his mother called last week and said she was "homesick, had enough and would like to come home." Chris, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, said he and his sister Nicole aren't "scared for her health or her life" because she is not in a danger zone. "It's very odd with her gone," Chris added.

Chris said his father Bob Rivers is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve. "He's nervous because of the possibility of him being called up," he said.

The families said the feeling the troops in the Persian Gulf have is that there isn't any support here for them. Sandra Banas said she reassured her husband that there is support, while Maureen Wright said she and her husband attended a rally in support of the troops. Cindy Conti said she'd like to join a support group for family members with loved ones in the gulf.

The families left behind try to keep themselves occupied, sometimes they watch the news, read the paper or try to carry on normally. Sandra said it's hard to do, but that David asked her to "be strong." She said she has her good days and her bad days, and that when she's alone is when she'll "break down."

"I put up a strong front to deal with it," she said. "A lot of nights I cry. I just want him home."

Sandra and David Banas were married Aug. 11. By the end of November David had been called to active duty, said Sandra, who's living in Delmar with her parents. By Christmas he was in Saudi Arabia. Sandra said last fall was tough enough because she and David were able to see each other on weekends only. She was finishing her degree at Springfield College.

Last fall she told him that the "hardest thing was to visit him just on the weekends." She said David told her that it "could be worse," that he could be called to service in the gulf. She said that although the distance now is hard, that they've grown closer. "I've learned that it's easy to take someone for granted," she

said. "This has made us love each other more and grow closer."

The couple exchanges micro-cassettes instead of letters. Sandra said David's cousins spent time in Vietnam and gave him the idea to use the tapes, as they had with their wives. "The tapes really help," she said. "It helps to hear his voice, not just read words on paper."

Maureen Wright said that "prayers and support" are all that can help the troops. Debora, whose birthday is Feb. 3, told her mother that the troops were upset by seeing the prisoners of war, "She told me they were set back emotionally," she said. Wright said that the family will be fine "as long as we hear from her and as long as she comes home okay."

Bethlehem may extend waste site moratorium

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem's six month solid waste facility moratorium, adopted last September to temporarily freeze several private proposals before the town, may soon be extended to a year.

Bruce Secor, town public works commissioner and head of the town's Solid Waste Task Force, will ask for the extension at the town board's regular meeting tonight (Wednesday). The task force is the town body charged with the job of developing technical standards for solid waste disposal facilities — landfills, incinerators, compost plants — on which a new permitting process might be based.

The moratorium was called so Bethlehem would have time to investigate and, if it wishes, enact regulations for the sit-

ing and operation of waste facilities within its boundaries.

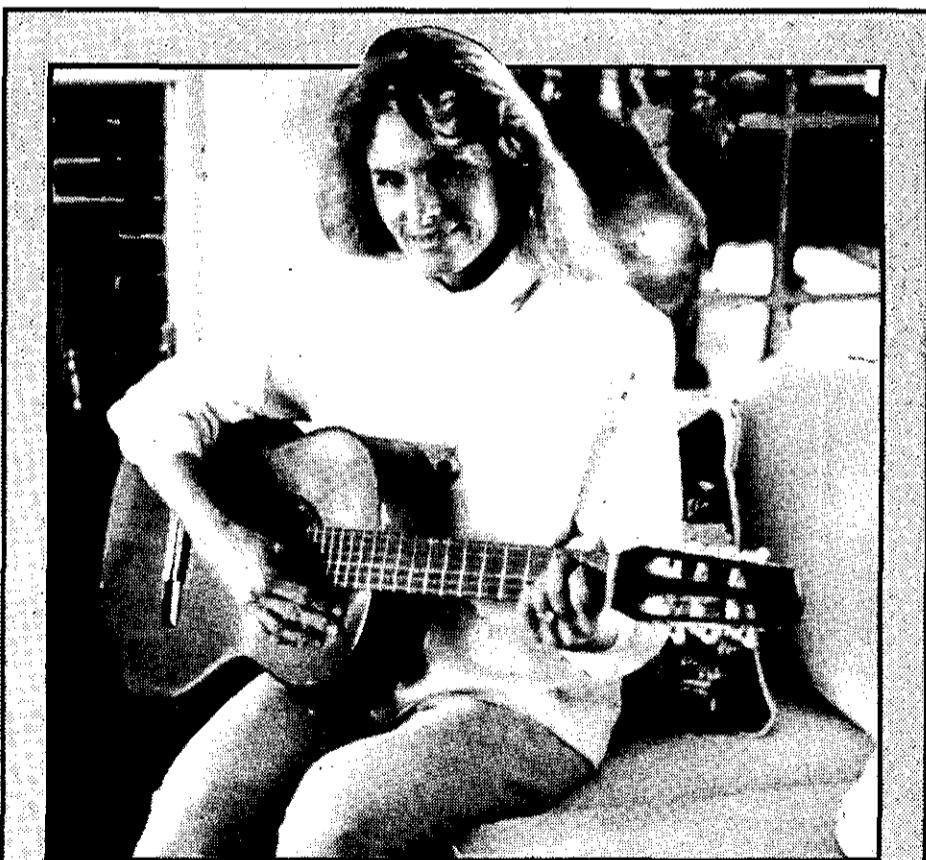
Secor said the extension, permissible under the provisions of the original moratorium, could not have been anticipated when the six month freeze was adopted.

"We weren't sure (if the work could be finished in six months)," he said. "At that point we really hadn't gotten that deeply into trying to develop the criteria and standards."

"It was not thought that it was going to be easy to get it done in six months, and it's obvious now that we're just not going to be able to make it," he said.

Several proposals for new disposal

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Evelyn Elliott at her home in Slingerlands.

Mother sings gift of love

By Debi Boucher

A song that began as a gift of love has captured the hearts of listeners across the Capital District, and propelled the Slingerlands woman who wrote and performed it to local celebrity status. "USS Okinawa" has gotten increased airplay on radio station WGNA-FM 107.7 since its release last week, which coincided with the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf.

Evelyn Elliott wrote and recorded the song as a wedding/Christmas gift to her son, Capt. Russell A. Paulsen, and his bride, Cheryl. The couple was married by proxy the day before Christmas, as the Marine entered his seventh month on duty in the gulf. Paulsen, 27, is a Cobra pilot stationed on the aircraft carrier USS Okinawa — from which, of course, Elliott's song derives its name.

The couple, who reside in California, had planned a March wedding, but decided to push it up when war seemed imminent, and it looked as if Paulsen

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Glazier workers seek apprentices

The Glaziers and Glassworkers, Sign and Pictorial Artists Joint Apprenticeship Committee, Local 1272, will open recruitment on Jan. 28 for five apprentices.

Applications will be available at the Glaziers Union Hall, Third Street, Albany from Jan. 28 through Feb. 8, 8 a.m. to noon.

Applicants must be 18 years old, have a 10th grade education with one year of basic math, have lived within the local's geographic jurisdiction for at least six months prior to recruitment, have a New York State driver's license, and sign a statement attesting that they are physically capable of the work.

For information, call 457-5519.

Pediatric lecture held

Steve Jones, clinical nurse specialist at the Albany Medical Center, will be speaking at Mothers Time Out, on Jan. 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. The focus of the talk will be toilet training and pediatric care. Nursery care will be provided. For more information, call 439-9929.

In the courts



Richard K. Glionna, 18, of Amsterdam, arrested Oct. 6, 1990 on a felony count of driving while intoxicated (DWI), pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of misdemeanor DWI in Bethlehem Town

Court on Dec. 18 and was fined \$350 with a license revocation.

Sean Casey, 17, of Second Avenue, Rensselaer, arrested Dec. 8, 1990, for misdemeanor DWI, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired (DWAI), a violation, in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 18 and was fined \$250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Curtis Hanlon, 26, of Hannacroix, N.Y., arrested Nov. 11, 1990, for misdemeanor DWI, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 18 and was fined \$250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Dawn Markus, 31, of Maple Avenue, Selkirk, arrested Nov. 29, 1990, for misdemeanor DWI, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 18 and was fined \$250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Daniel E. Miles, age not available, of Gardner Terrace, Delmar, arrested July 21, 1990, for misdemeanor DWI, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 18 and was fined \$250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Financial program offered

Michael O'Higgins, the owner of Michael B. O'Higgins and Co., an SEC registered investment adviser, nationally known money manager, author and Capital District resident, will begin his Wealth Watcher program on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, in Albany.

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BC parents challenge school redistricting plan

By Susan Wheeler

A moment of silence observed for the troops in the Persian Gulf at the start of last week's Bethlehem Board of Education meeting was the only quiet time in a meeting dominated by outspoken parents.

About 50 parents, most of whom expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed elementary school boundary change, attended Thursday night's meeting, which was rescheduled from Wednesday night, when board president Sheila Fuller canceled the meeting because of the gulf war.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis answered questions raised during the previous meeting, at which he had presented the proposed changes. He said the boundary modifications, to take effect in September 1991, are necessary to

accommodate varying rates of population growth in certain areas of the district and to utilize the new additions to the Glenmont, Hamagrael and Slingerlands schools.

A total of 125 students, about seven percent of the total elementary school population, will be involved in a school change, with 27 third graders being the highest number of students from one grade level affected, he said. Five students will move from Slingerlands to Clarksville, 61 from Elsmere to Slingerlands and 59 from Glenmont to Hamagrael. There are currently 1,746 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade five in the district.

Most parents petitioned the board to consider changing the proposed boundaries before voting, and to delay the vote, which is now set for Jan. 30. There will be a

public input session that night and one tonight, Jan. 23.

Bill Matuszeck, an Orchard Street, Delmar resident, asked the board to reconsider the changes that could transfer his two daughters from Slingerlands to Clarksville. "I'm the only resident affected in my neighborhood," he said. "I only have one neighborhood. All our friends are in Slingerlands."

Glenmont resident Mike Kornstein, president of the Colonial Homeowners Association and father of a student who has attended two different schools for kindergarten and first-grade, and will attend a third school if the proposed changes are made, said Colonial Acres is a defined community that has grown up with the Glenmont school.

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Legal experts: Use caution on limits

By Don Haskins

Two Albany Law School experts in international law agree that the United States has "great legitimacy" — the explicit backing of the U.N. Security Council — in its attack last week on Iraq.

But they cautioned that this nation must not exceed the bounds of the U.N. mandate as the conflict proceeds or winds down. Indiscriminate bombing or other actions beyond what is necessary to force Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait would jeopardize that legitimacy, they warned.

At a press conference at the school, Edward Gordon and Patricia J. Youngblood, both professors of law there and specialists in international law, explored the legalities, and potential illegalities, of the current international scene as it involves the U.S.

The attack on Iraq was legally justified, Youngblood said, through the U.N. resolution authorizing the use of force to get Hussein out of Kuwait after he illegally attacked and occupied that country.

Should our actions, however, deteriorate into indiscriminate use of force, for instance causing undue civilian casualties and suffering, the Security Council "would withdraw authorization," according to Youngblood.

The danger of such a development, she believes, lies in a scenario in which, following intensive bombing strikes, Hussein continues to refuse to withdraw and a prolonged ground war results, with the probability or actuality of many casualties.

In such a situation, there could be a "dangerous" resort to excess which would destroy not only the legal "legitimacy" under which we now operate, but also endanger the moral support of most of the world for what is happening.

Town seeks names of locals in gulf

The Town of Bethlehem is compiling a list of all area residents who are serving in the Persian Gulf. If you know someone who should be on the list, call Supervisor Ken Ringler at 439-4955.

Ringler said many town and service groups are planning events to show their concern for the men and women in the military.

"Explicit backing" of the Security Council, Gordon said, "is very important in marshalling world public opinion. The backing of the U.N. and the symbol of the U.N. is far more important than we realize."

For the first time, the speakers agreed, in late 1990 the United Nations unified behind the principle that aggression in the world must be halted. "Bush deserves credit" for operating under the U.N. banner. "This is a historically important time" for U.N. prestige, said Gordon, and neither the Soviets nor the U.S., who have traditionally cast vetoes over any attempts at cooperative action, can now "step down."

The speakers drew a sharp contrast between the situation in Iraq and earlier ventures by the U.S. into Grenada and Panama.

In the latter cases, Gordon said, only flimsy reasons existed for armed intervention under regional agreements. But he pointed out that international law is not always in accord with the military, ethical,

power or moral values in a given situation, that a morally correct action might not fit the other classifications. He noted that in Panama, while other nations, including especially some in Central America, were highly critical, they also "breathed a sigh of relief" at the outcome, deposing Noriega.

"We cannot act with indifference any more," Gordon warned. The nation's leaders in this age of instant communication appear on an international stage, before a much larger audience than ever in history. "The world becomes more interdependent, and we no longer can stand strong, silent and tough."

It is crucial that we support, and act within the mandates of the United Nations, both speakers agreed, and one of the major reasons is that the entire emerging Third World looks for help and support from that world agency. Its concept that countries may use force, but individuals cannot, must be strengthened to discourage unilateral use of force.

Bag alarms airport security

By Debi Boucher

What turned out to be a false alarm happened to involve a real alarm clock when the Albany County Airport was shaken Thursday by an incident that reflected heightened security awareness among airline personnel.

A partial evacuation took place during the afternoon of Jan. 17 when a vibrating duffel bag aroused the suspicions of USAir employees. The bag was found to contain nothing more dangerous than an alarm clock, according to USAir spokesperson Susan Young.

She said the bag was being transferred to another airline for delivery to its owner in Saranac Lake, since it had been misplaced in Philadelphia, and it is the airline's policy to make sure mishandled bags are returned to their owners' homes.

USAir employees noticed that the bag seemed to be vibrating, and alerted authorities. "They did exactly as they should have done," said Young. "We're very pleased our personnel are so astute."

An X-ray of the bag revealed the presence of the alarm clock, which apparently was bumped or jarred enough to cause the vibrating, Young said. Noting Federal Avia-

tion Administration policies that put airports and airlines around the country in a heightened state of alert following the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf, she said, "Obviously, everyone is being very vigilant."

Airport Director John Masko said the airport was in "Level 4 of the airport security contingency plans — the highest level of alert under FAA regulations — as of Thursday morning. That meant the implementation of increased precautions by both airline and airport security," Masko said. Tighter security measures include forbidding unticketed passengers past the checkpoints to the gates, Young said.

"We're not affected as much as the international airports, but we are affected," Masko said. In addition to airport personnel, he said, Albany County sheriff's deputies patrol the airport.

"We have increased our security at the Albany County Airport," said Sheriff James Campbell. "We're looking at it, and we have some contingency plans should any individuals cause problems" at the airport, he said. Because of "security reasons," Campbell would not divulge the number of deputies assigned to the airport.

Marching for peace



Delmar resident Ellen Kelly Lind and her children Anne, 6, and Brian, 9, joined roughly 1,000 others in Albany for a march last Thursday protesting war in the Persian Gulf.

Mike Larabee

Beverwyck, ANSWERS top Bethlehem board agenda

The Bethlehem Town Board may make a final ruling tonight (Wednesday) on Beverwyck Retirement Community, a large-scale Krumkill Road senior citizens housing project.

Discussion of the project, which was endorsed by the planning board last November, tops the agenda for the board's regular meeting.

Beverwyck is proposed as 180 independent and assisted-living units, 15 cottages, and a 7,000 square foot community center for a flat 33-acre parcel between Krumkill Road and Slingerlands Bypass. Plan designs call for the eventual construction of a nursing home on the property.

Town Supervisor Ken Ringler said Friday he continues to support the proposal. He would not speculate how other town board members would vote, but said, "My sense is that generally speaking most people in the community are supportive of the project."

The Beverwyck property was made a Planned Residence District (PRD), Bethlehem's zoning designation for high-density building, by the town board March 28, 1990. As a PRD project, Beverwyck must be approved by the town board.

Ringler said he feels the project fits into the Bethlehem's efforts to provide housing options for senior citizens that allow them to continue living in town as they age. But he said the project "would probably only meet the needs of middle to upper income seniors."

Beverwyck's monthly fees, which cover rent plus major living costs, will average about \$1,000, Mary Scanlon, project spokesperson said. In addition, Beverwyck residents will pay an "entrance fee" averaging \$124,000 to an escrow account when moving into Beverwyck. But 75 percent of the fee is refunded to the individual no matter how long he lives in the development or the individual's estate, Scanlon said.

Ringler also cited what he termed the "outstanding track record" of the plan's developers as another reason for his support. The venture is co-sponsored by the Eddy Foundation in Troy and the Albany Guardian Society, two not-for-profit groups specializing in health care for the elderly.

The board needs to make a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) determination before it can vote on the proposal, a question the planning board did not address when it endorsed Beverwyck. Ringler has said he doesn't feel the project merits an environmental impact study under SEQRA.

Also on the agenda for the board's 7:30, town hall meeting is:

- A discussion of hikes in City of Albany ANSWERS tipping fees. The city recently notified users it would be raising its per-ton rate from \$47.50 to \$64.05. The town has been looking into ways to cushion the increase, including spreading the higher costs over two years.

- A public hearing on plans to add stop signs at Longwood Drive and Village Drive, Mosher Road and Tierney Drive, and Wexford Road and Tierney Drive.

- A discussion of \$3.1 million in proposed repair and maintenance to the town's Cedar Hill wastewater treatment plant. The proposal was subject of a Jan. 9 public hearing.

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Delmar Bootery owner nominated for business award

By Mike Larabee

Gail Leonardo Sundling says, insisting no pun is intended, that one reason for the growth of her business is her continued willingness to put herself "in her customers' shoes."

"A lot of it was thinking how would I want it to be," she said. "If I were to walk into that store, what is it that I want to find? How is it that I want to be treated?"

Sundling, 39, owner of Delmar Bootery at Delmar Four Corners and Stuyvesant Plaza, is one of 10 area business women nominated for recognition at the first Entertaining Women of the Capital Region Awards Luncheon, slated for Friday, Jan. 25, at the Albany Marriott Hotel. At the luncheon, which is being sponsored by Avon Products, Inc., The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Bellevue Hospital, Woman's HealthCare Plus, and the ALERT Conference Management Group of Albany, one of the women will be selected as regional winner and nominated to compete in Avon/SBA's June national award program.

Sundling was nominated for the competition by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. A Guilder-



Gail Sundling works a machine in the back of her Stuyvesant Plaza store. Sundling is one of ten area businesswomen to be recognized at the first Entertaining Women of the Capital Region luncheon Friday. *Mike Larabee*

land resident, she took over her family's now 52-year-old shoe repair shop from her mother, Jessie Leonardo, in 1976, who herself had taken it over in 1970 after the death of her husband and the shop's founder, Jack Leonardo. Since then, Sundling planned and presided over The Delmar Bootery's 1988 expansion into Stuyvesant Plaza — a space more than triple the size of the Delmar operation — and tried to shape it to match her personal approach to business.

"I was really thrown into the school of hard knocks," she said, recounting how she had always expected her older brother to eventually run the business. But when her mother was involved in an automobile accident in 1976 and she and her three siblings gathered for a family meeting, that's not the way things worked out.

"Everybody looked at me and said, 'You're not doing anything, you go into the store,'" Sundling said. "I said, 'I'm not doing anything!' I was in real estate at the time, I was building a house and I was pregnant with my second child, but I wasn't busy.

"That Tuesday, on May 3, I walked into the store and have been there ever since."

From there she struggled to learn shoe and leather repair, absorbing as much knowledge as her mother could pass on and doing her best to squeeze information from older craftsman. She said they often didn't take her seriously because she was a woman.

"I never thought it would be hard because that's not how I was raised," said Sundling. But, she said, most of the craftsmen "kind of pooh-poohed" her. "They said, 'What do you want to get your hands dirty for? What do you want to be in that store for? Instead, of saying, 'I'm really proud you're taking an interest in my trade and I'd like to show you a few things.'"

After years of practice and apprenticeship with shoemakers who would help her, she felt confident "she could do everything and do it well." In 1986 she began planning the Stuyvesant Plaza store, her

early vision for which became real when the store ultimately opened on Sept. 19, 1988. She said, "When the doors opened and it was finished, I thought 'This was what I had in my head four years ago.'"

In her head, she said, was a vision for a modern shoe repair "retail service" without the clutter and other idiosyncrasies traditionally associated with a cobbler's shop. "It dawned on me, why couldn't shoe repair be elegant like any other business? Why does it have to have to have this image that we all can picture, the little cobbler behind the cluttered counter with the filthy apron but pleasant smile?"

Instead, she has tried to project the business as a modern "retail service" — which for her means that if she can't do something she'll find someone who can — and she feels it has paid off in terms of building a base of loyal customers.

"The buzzword now is 'customer service,' which everybody knows. I think my Mom and Dad had a corner on that market 50 years ago. I remember watching my Dad and how he always took time with the customers, always had time to talk with them and find out how the family was," Sundling said.

"So what we're trying to do is take what we already do well and make it superior," she added.

The awards luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carmella Liberto, President of R.J. Liberto, Inc. of Pittsburgh, will be keynote speaker. She was national winner of the 1990 Avon/SBA Women of Enterprise Award.

For reservations or information on the luncheon, call 465-5579.

Delmar woman promoted

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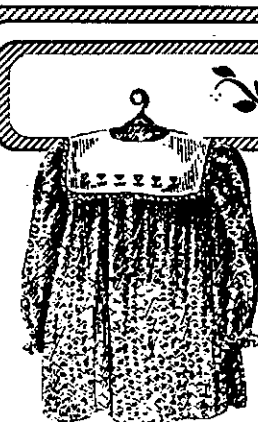
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Lines

Loomis said the district's study, done by Roger Creighton Associates, Inc., transportation and regional planning consultants, contains accurate enrollment projections. "Glenmont, like Elsmere, is badly overfilled now," he said. "I'm sorry it (the boundary modifications) has to affect students, but the need is there."

Fuller said the board's "number one concern is the students." She repeated that the vote will be taken on Jan. 30 so that students and their parents will have the information on who is geographically affected "in a timely fashion."

A few parents challenged Creighton's credentials and his methodology. Kornstein asked why Creighton submitted one proposal, with no other options. "We need to take a look at the alternatives."

Glenmont resident John Coulson said parents need more time "to check the reliability of the data" presented by Creighton. He said they need to "determine if the report is a reasonable report" and on what criteria Creighton weighed his final decisions.

Bill Cunningham, of Olde Coach Road, Glenmont, said the study gives developers the advantage of telling future residents what school their children will attend, while current residents did not have the option. "Give us consideration, like you're giving the developers," he demanded. He questioned Creighton's projections for Glenmont, and called the numbers in the report "lies, damn lies and statistics."

Fuller said it was not appropriate to "get into Creighton's credentials in a public meeting" at which he was not present.

Less than a handful of parents spoke in support of the proposed boundary modifications. Gay Petri, an Adams Street, Delmar resident, said she was "happy with the plan." Her son went to Elsmere for kindergarten, and began first grade at Hamagrael. She said he'll be able to remain at Hamagrael with the proposed plan. "I have confidence in the plan that it was based on real numbers, and the board's been out front about the need to redistrict," she said. "I have faith that kids are adaptable and that

the new teachers and principals will go out of their way to make them feel comfortable."

Loomis told the parents that if they wish, they can tour their new school now if they make an appointment with the principal. He said they would be provided with a "personal reception."

Cheryl Cook, a Ridge Road, Elsmere resident, reminded the parents from the five schools that they are a single community. "All the schools are so good," she said. "You should believe in all of the schools for your children."

Loomis said that it is "a relief the district has finally faced up to the imbalance" in the schools. He said any change that involves a child is sure to cause initial concern to the parents, but that once the child spends time in the new school, they'll be able to see the "change hasn't been negative for the child."

New postmaster named in Selkirk

Albany Division General Manager/Postmaster J. T. Weeker has announced recently the appointment of Dale S. Finch as the new postmaster of Selkirk.

Finch entered the Postal Service in 1983 as a casual clerk/cARRIER at Saugerties. He has served as a superintendent of postal operations and in several career development assignments. He formerly was postmaster of Jewett, and most recently, postmaster of Westerlo.

Deputies arrest man on DWI charge

Albany County Sheriff's deputies arrested Marc Chappell, 35, of Charlton, for driving while intoxicated after he was involved in a car accident on Route 157 in New Scotland.

Responding to the call at about 3 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, deputies

were unable to locate Chappell, who was not in the car. After further checking, he was found in a Berne residence, and was taken to an area hospital by Berne Ambulance. He is due in New Scotland Town Court on Feb. 7.

Police make DWI arrests

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

Daniel D. Lorello, 37, of Van Leuven Drive South, North Greenbush, was arrested for DWI on Sunday, Jan. 20, after he allegedly crossed the Delaware Avenue median and forced a police cruiser travelling in the opposite direction from the roadway near

Borthwick Avenue, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Feb. 5.

Michael C. Carlson, 20, of Dover Drive, Delmar was arrested for DWI on Sunday, Jan. 20, after he was stopped for traffic violations at the intersection of Elsmere Avenue and Route 32, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Feb. 5.

Delmar man named to committee

Aaron Sher, of Delmar, associate medical director of the Capital Region Sleep Wake Disorders Center in Albany has recently been named to the Cardio Pulmonary Subcommittee of the National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research. Formed in March 1990 by the United States Congress, the commission will examine the current research planning and use of national resources for sleep disorders medicine. Sher will be responsible for submitting a report to Congress dealing with his major research interest, obstructive sleep apnea syndrome.



Eagle eye
Ken Fisher of Glenmont spotted this bald eagle in the trees at Van Wies Point in Bethlehem two weeks ago. The photograph was taken by Fisher's son David.

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Lifeguard needed

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Tracking down an Executive

Our County Executive stalls about declaring for a fifth four-year term. He is said to be uncertain, perhaps apprehensive, about an IRS finding on his tax status.

Our State Senator, whose interest in the job was presumed for many months, now backs off, demurring that it would involve too heavy a work week.

One of the county's five Assemblymen is being pushed for the nomination by one of his party's factions. As a former mayor of Cohoes, he's little known in most of the county. The legislative district he has represented for the past two years takes in a substantial part of Rensselaer County,

Illogic in representation

People in seven other counties are choosing most of Albany County's representation in the State Assembly.

Altogether, Albany County voters cast only some 38,000 votes for Assemblymen — while voters in the other counties gave them 54,000.

As mentioned in the preceding editorial, voters in Rensselaer County cast 45 percent of Assemblyman Ronald Canestrari's winning votes in the 106th District in November. That's only part of the story.

Three other Assembly districts lie partly in this county and partly in one or more other counties. For example, in the 102d District, Assemblyman John Faso received 7,344 votes in the towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans, but 13,848 in Columbia and Greene counties. Assemblyman Paul Tonko received fewer than 3,000 votes in Albany County's Hill Towns, but more than 22,000 in three neighboring counties' portions of the 105th District. Assemblyman Arnold Proskin's 16,653 votes in Colonie were augmented by nearly 9,000 in Saratoga.

(Our county's fifth Assemblyman, Dick Conners, represents a district wholly within the county — New Scotland and Guelderland and part of the city.)

Each Assembly district is supposed to contain a 150,000 population, and the lines are drawn with that stipulation up front.

Legislative districts always have been subject to the whim and muscle of the party in power in the Legislature at census time.

Us and the bus

Since it began in November, CDTA's Elm Avenue park-and-ride express to downtown Albany has been sorely wanting for passengers. The reasons are many — ranging from the continuing travails of mass transit in this automobile-bewitched society to CDTA's controversial \$1.50 each-way rate — but not because the idea is anything but good. It is reassuring to learn that the authority remains committed to the route.

Park and ride, as a notion, has everything going for it, especially as the United States fights a war in which control of oil resources is a central issue. On top of that are the obvious benefits to the local environment and infrastructure in reducing the number of cars making the Albany commute. Still-unsold motorists should consider the reduction of daily vehicular wear and tear, added time for reflection or conversation, a respite from treacherous navigation and pricey parking downtown.

"Ridership" — CDTA's word for its penultimate jewel — could develop with time, but probably won't happen on its own, no matter how good the park-and-ride concept. CDTA's move to "repromote," as it put it, the Elm Avenue Express, is smart,

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where 45 percent of his vote was cast last year.

Oddly, their party seems intent on overlooking a person highly qualified by a variety of political and governmental experience, the assistant County Executive, Jack McEneny.

That's the Democratic side. Albany County Republicans, whose seemingly never have learned that you can't beat somebody with nobody, nonetheless probably will put forward a nobody.

But the peculiarity of each district's composition grew much more rigorous after the Supreme Court's notorious "one man, one vote" decision of the 1960s.

That ruling made it necessary to ignore natural areas of common economic, social, geographical, and political interest. It became common to divide counties (or even larger spheres), cities, and towns that always had enjoyed important natural bonds. Thus, for instance, the Hill Towns are thrown into a district based in three other counties, though Albany County residents are only about one-eighth of the total. Bethlehem and Coeymans are torn off from their own county and tagged onto two rural counties whose relative population makes them dominant. New Scotland, despite its obvious linkage to Bethlehem, is tossed in with much of Albany city.

One inevitable result is the diminution of political and civic participation at levels where it should flourish. Voters who feel alienated from the source of their representation tend to fall into the historic "taxation without representation" state of mind.

It's probably asking too much for the Legislature this winter to give added thought to finding ways to remedying at least some of the worst instances of illogical district lines. But it would be nice if enough statecraft emerged to make that possible. And even nicer if the federal courts were to demonstrate a decent bit of flexibility in applying their idealistic regulation.

Some questions

It is time, we believe, for raising some serious questions about what is going on at the airport. Albany County and regional residents who make up the bulk of its clients can well ask:

- Why the original bidders, who in good faith and at considerable cost and effort submitted proposals, and then amended proposals, to take over and manage airport operations because the county said that would be the best way to go, are now being shunted aside — after their proposals were accepted and approved by the federal government — in favor of a plan announced after their bids were in.

- Why county officials repeatedly have stressed the need to act quickly on an airport plan while they also repeatedly have stalled plans that appear, at least on the surface, of benefit to the county and its taxpayers.

- Why, if it was of such benefit to the county some months ago to get out of the business of operating and maintaining an airport, the airport has suddenly become something the county wants to hang on to, apparently at all cost.

Commentary

Time to close ranks, support our troops

By Sal Prividera Jr.

This is the time for those of us in the safety of the homefront to consider what we can do for the American service men and women as they come under hostile fire.

We can take our cue from people like Monica Bell, who has worked tirelessly to support her son, 21-year-old Marine Cpl. Scott Hommel, and American troops she does not know. Her group of concerned individuals, some with relatives at the front and some not, has sent hundreds of letters and packages to the troops. She has become a leader and source of strength for those dealing with frayed nerves as battle was joined in the Persian Gulf.

Her message is as basic as it is important: Be strong for your loved ones in Saudi Arabia; pray for their safety; keep your faith; and support our troops.

Monica and members of her group spent much of their time praying for a peaceful resolution to the gulf crisis and encouraging politicians to give sanctions more of a chance. But now that President George Bush has deemed war necessary, the priority is support for our troops.

Vietnam veteran Joe Pollicino gives us another cue when he says he does not want these American troops to be treated the way he was when he returned from that unpopular war. He has declared

he will greet troops when they come home, whether anyone else does or not.

He should not be there alone.

Debate and difference of opinion are vital to what makes the United States the democratic country it is. Everyone has the right to express their opinion on a particular subject. That's as it should be and these very pages are an example of that.

However, the debate for peace is moot. Our nation is at war. Clearly, everyone wants a quick resolution with minimal loss of life, but now is the time to follow the cue of the Senate and the House.

It is time to put politics, no matter how sincerely motivated, aside. The time for internal debate is past and we must put ourselves in a position of support for our troops. Protestors are sending the wrong message — one of no support — despite their occasional claim that they are not against the American troops.

Vietnam era servicemen received that message while overseas and to a greater extent when they returned home from war. They, correctly, do not want that particular disgraceful piece of history repeated in 1991.

Our servicemen and women did not chose to go to war and should not have to face hostile shots from home in addition to those of Iraq.

Higher dumping fees 'unfair to residents'

Editor, The Spotlight:

It's hard to understand what the Town Board had in mind when it raised rates for residents who take their household trash to the Rupert Road transfer station, from \$3 to \$5 per car with a surcharge of \$1 for each bag over six. Maybe the board members just didn't get the full story.

Town officials claim "our facility is far cheaper than others nearby," when in fact Guelderland is planning to raise its fee from \$1 to \$2 per car, and Colonie charges \$2. It's been often said that you pay more for living in Delmar, but 250 percent premium is obscene.

The unwitting result is to co-

Vox Pop

erce all residents into hiring a private hauler. Bear in mind that a typical hauler's fee for curbside pickup is about \$18 per month. If a resident carries his own trash to Rupert Road, it costs him \$20 to \$25 a month. If he stretches to biweekly trips to cut costs, the town gets him with a surcharge on the extra bags. If he opts for the stretch-out, he'll put his garbage out for collection rather than having it ripen in the garage. But the Solid Waste Trash Force says the town

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Uncle Dudley

One more spring

Many years ago I read an article to the effect that early March often proves to be the final straw for many folks who've seen the winter through its roughest days, and finally just give up hope of once again seeing spring. I believe the same theme can be found in Robert Nathan's tender book, "One More Spring."

This idea may well hold a grain of truth but, for some of us, other seasonal pitfalls lie in wait. You will find support for that concept in today's Point of View column by Nat Boynton, written not many hours before he died ten days ago. Nat was impatiently waiting for his personal spring—the opening of the major leagues' training camps next month. The column is his first Point of View essay. He contributed it underneath a note that modestly said "Point of View for 1/23 (?)." His question-mark was removed—but otherwise his column is exactly as he wrote it (save for three words that were added to complete an unfinished sentence—one that he plainly intended to return to).

Nat sat down to write the column shortly after he and I were discussing what used to be known as "the Hot Stove League." That's a term that goes way, way back to days when baseball fans, impatient for the training-camp reports from Florida to begin, were presumed to gather around overheated cast-iron stoves in kitchens or general stores to swap views the same way that Connie Mack or Harry Frazee might swap players with Colonels Jacob Ruppert and Tillinghast L'Hommedieu Huston. I would commend to you Nat's thoughts on the long hiatus from October to February, but I am sure that you need no such commendation.

The Point of View column would

Constant Reader

Another look at the enemy

In contemplating the kind of reading matter that might be instructive in these first days of "Operation Desert Storm," my thoughts went back to a Constant Reader column that was published in late August, during the early days of "Desert Shield."

Titled here "Assessing Saddam up close," the column featured an article that had been published in the August issue of *World Monitor* magazine.

Written by John Simpson, foreign affairs editor of BBC television news, the article was largely anecdotal, based on a trip the writer had made to Baghdad. Following are some of the items he reported.

Noting Saddam's mania for having his likeness reproduced, Mr. Simpson wrote that he found that artwork on everything from watches to walls. The latter is true "even in the town of Halabja, in the Kurdish northeast of the country, whose population Saddam Hussein's air force wiped out with cyanide gas, nerve gas, and mustard gas in 1988 after it surrendered to Iran." In fact, the town has been rebuilt and named for him.

The Iraqi government, "culled from time to time when his ministers have shown signs of questioning leadership, is a tough and brutal one."

For all the extraordinary em-

phasis on his personality, Saddam is not a crazed dictator whom the rest of the world can afford to ignore (as we ignore North Korea's Kim Il Sung or Libya's Colonel Qaddafi.)

Mr. Simpson's hotel room in Baghdad was bugged through the telephone. He reports that in Iraq "no one is entirely safe."

"By cunning and the careful exercise of diplomacy, Saddam Hussein has become the strongest and most effective of Arab leaders. The more the West attacks him or interferes with his supply of exotic weapons. . . the more support he manages to build for himself in the Arab world."

Having been on hand to cover a conference of Arab politicians and journalists, the author states that

but I dismiss the avarice and grasping nature. The curmudgeons I have known, (including the fellow in the mirror I shave every morning) are polite people of gentle nature. They're just opinionated, that's all, and sometimes they voice their dismay—and especially disapproval—at the way things are going.

The malady comes out in many different ways, some political, some social, some economic. Many are trivial, but all involve what is seen by the beholder as stupidity, bad taste, ineptness, ignorance, laziness, or wilful aggression. A few samples:

Bad taste—The recent passion for using treated wood for adding porches, steps, etc., to houses makes owners reluctant to paint the new lumber to match the dwelling. You don't have to go far to see attractive white houses defaced by an unpainted porch extension of blond wood totally out of context. Where's the beauty gone?

(Not to mention the new Speedy Photo building in Delmar, perhaps the most tasteless architectural monstrosity yet devised on this stretch of Delaware Ave.)

Ineptness—Mario Cuomo, a charismatic politico notorious for his inability to exercise administrative leadership, could close the budget gap for this year and several ensuing years with two snaps of his gubernatorial fingers. A picayune \$500 raise in State University tuition for the system's 685,000 students would net a third of a billion dollars. Ending the blatant discriminatory practice of giving public pensioners a tax-exempt free ride would net another billion or more.

Ignorance—State DPW engineers installing red-green traffic signals. . .

the conference participants were convinced that there was a campaign in the West against Iraq. "All agreed on the basic concept: The West wanted to keep the Arab world weak and was trying to undercut any Arab leader who showed signs of independence."

Saddam's past policies "had brought him little sympathy among his fellow Arabs, but now, at last, he had touched a chord." (This, of course, was "before Kuwait.")

Saddam Hussein "is increasingly spoken of (among Arabs) as the Nasser, the man who will unite the Arab nations in a final, apocalyptic assault that will destroy Israel once and for all."

Mr. Simpson's other observations include these:

"No one can be quite certain that Saddam will turn aside in a confrontation."

"Iraq lost a quarter of a million men against Iran. Surely it can be in no shape to consider another war now? So I was disposed to imagine."

"It seemed to me that those Iraqis we spoke to were genuine in their insistence that it was their duty to fight Israel."

"Saddam Hussein has managed to tap into a deep well of nationalism, perhaps even of racialism, as well as religious feelings."

Waiting out the year's second season

By Nat Boynton

No matter how bad the weather gets this week or next, there is one cheery thought: only one more month before pitchers and catchers report to spring training camps.

It's been a long time since the World Series, no longer than usual, perhaps, but still a lengthy wait for those of us who believe the year has only two seasons, the baseball season and the off-season.

We pass some of the time watching football and basketball, but it's hard to sustain interest now that those sports have become so mechanized. In my younger days, I used to be a gung-ho football fan, but now, unless there is a special interest in one team (like the Giants or Bills), 10 or 15 minutes at the tube is about all I can take. Run or pass, run or pass, five replays, yellow flag, field goal. Boring. Same goes for the big-time colleges, now that they have become a farm system for the NFL with big-time recruiting. It's been 10 years since I've been able to watch more than 10 minutes of a bowl game.

I don't know anyone anymore who watches or follows the NBA, but I do know that Jim Lenden is a diehard fan of the Patroons, and there obviously are others. Ed Poole, one of my tennis partners, loves to watch college hoop. I did, too, in the days before there were 65 free throws. That was when everybody set up plays, working for an opening instead of personifying racehorses en route to another jam, slam dunk. No thanks. Two hundred point a game is tedious.

'The long wait is almost over': within a few weeks the spring training camps will become centers of action again.

Over the same years, there have been some changes in baseball, too, but they are hardly noticeable in the play of the game. Artificial turf has been a step backward, and the unpardonable DH leaves the National League as the last place you can see managers match strategies in those fascinating late-inning chessboard moves. Giving .240 hitters and mediocre pitchers (who would not make a Triple-A team in 1960) long-term multi-million-dollar contracts is stupid and distracting, but on the field it's still the absorbing game it has been since Cobb, Hornsby, and Wagner, where individual skills are on display and where every instant of every play is openly visible.

No jumble of linemen in a pileup of unidentifiable hulks, no patterned kaleidoscope of receivers and defenders unfolding on a stage too wide to screen. Roger Angell, not one of my favorites but a widely recognized baseball writer, has been quoted as saying that baseball "is perhaps the most perfectly visible sport ever devised."

It is similarly true that baseball demands more diversified athletic skill from an individual than any other sport yet devised. There is no other way to explain why college superstars drafted by NFL and NBA teams in the early rounds can step right into active rosters and often into starting lineups, while the cream of the baseball draft requires four, five, and often six years of painstaking development in the minors before making a major league team.

Now you know why people go to high school football and basketball games, but at a school baseball game, players may outnumber spectators by 2 to 1.

Baseball is also mentally demanding, both on the player and the spectator. A popular complaint is that the game is slow, without enough action, boring. The truth is that it is boring only to the uneducated; the constant duel of pitcher trying to set up a batter with strategic pitch selections and the batter trying to get ahead in the count to wait for "his pitch" demands rapt attention, especially with men on base. Fielders change position by a step or two, forward, backward, laterally or both, depending on whether the pitch will be inside, outside, low, or off-speed. Is there anything on the ballet stage more graceful than a 4-6-3 double play (or even a 3-6-2), a stolen base or a running catch?

It's a game of anticipation; so many things can happen on a given pitch, so many logistic options, so many variables. As George Will points out in his recent book: "The pace of the action is relentless: there is barely enough time between pitches for all the thinking that is required. . ."

And it's the baseball fan, more than any other form of citizenry, who has the most passionate love affair with the past. Immortal players and legendary feats are worshipped. The Merkle Play in 1908 and the Miracle Braves of 1914 will live forever, as will Hubbell striking out, in order five of the greatest hitters who ever lived; and Mickey Owen dropping the third strike at Ebbetts Field. And people remember where they were in 1951 when Bobby

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Thomson struck the Shot Heard Round the World, almost the same way they remember when President Kennedy was assassinated.

Football has its incredible Bronk, Grange, Thorpe, Rockne, Graham, Blanda, et al, and hoop has Coussey, Wilt and a few others, but the comparison greatly favors baseball.

We in the Capital District are fortunate to have convenient access to good-quality minor league baseball in the Eastern League at Heritage Park and the New York-Penn an hour away. One has third- and fourth-year players only a year or two from the big leagues, the other has early-round "bonus babies" from the latest draft of the nation's most prized college stars.

Here is where baseball is purest, several levels removed from the hassle of the bucks, sellout crowds, TV hype, and millionaire prima donnas. Here is the best family entertainment of a warm evening at the ball park, sitting close to the white lines, with hot dogs and peanuts in hand and live action on the field.

Regulars in the stands get to

know these players well, the home favorites and well-publicized visitors. They haven't yet become famous for performances a la Bob Gibson, Willie Mays, or Joe D., or for classic witticisms of the ilk of Dizz (who allegedly said a 1-0 game was closer than the score indicated), Casey, or Yogi (who said a lot of wondrous things)—but some of them will be heard from in the seasons ahead.

The long wait is almost over. The camps in Florida and Arizona will be opening in another five weeks, the first Grapefruit and Cactus League games will be on March 7, and the A-C Yankees will be in town April 12.

Who will own up to trickledown?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The definition of "trickledown" in the Jan. 9 "Words of the Week" feature is inadequate and misleading. No one ever propounded a "trickledown theory" of economics.

The term is actually a pejorative used to denigrate an opponent's policies. Try and find anyone who describes his own policy as "trickledown."

Leonard E. King, M.D.

Delmar

Town behind Ref-Fuel, project manager says

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Spotlight has done a fine job covering the spot news and complex issues involved in American Ref-Fuel's proposal to site a waste-to-energy plant on Cabbage Island. Mike Larabee is to be commended for his balanced, factual articles on the solid waste problem in general.

But having noted the overall fine effort, I take exception to the editorial, "Inland, not island?" (Jan. 9), that stated that the American Ref-Fuel project is "about as welcome as Saddam Hussein." This statement isn't even an exaggeration; it's just plain wrong.

In the past few months, The Spotlight has printed letters that support the proposed facility. I haven't seen any letters supporting Hussein. Moreover, American Ref-Fuel has twice surveyed the Bethlehem community. Each time our surveys showed strong support for waste-to-energy as a disposal method within town borders. For the past two summers, American Ref-Fuel has canvassed the community door-to-door. On both occasions we found no reason to

believe that the community as a whole opposes our project.

Considering the facts—environmental safety, \$3 million annually in taxes, an industrial location, no added traffic, no impact to the river—we're not surprised that many people in the community support this project. Waste to energy, in conjunction with our best recycling efforts, can solve the region's chronic solid waste

disposal problem. A regional approach, like the ANSWERS system that now serves Bethlehem, continues to make the most sense.

Most important, unlike Kuwait, Bethlehem has the freedom to choose. Whether American Ref-Fuel can move ahead with its project is entirely up to the community as a whole. It is not up to a few individuals and it is an open decision-making process. The company stands ready to all times to answer any questions and to address community concerns.

Kevin Cmun

Project Development Manager

Is Ref-Fuel welcome? Very, says supporter

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was appalled by your editorial comment on Jan. 9 regarding Albany Mayor Whalen's opposition to the location of the proposed American Ref-Fuel waste-to-energy plant on Cabbage Island. To say that American Ref-Fuel is "currently about as welcome as Saddam Hussein" demonstrates just how out of touch you are with the true feelings of Bethlehem residents.

How such a statement could be made is beyond me. In my conversations with local residents, an overwhelming majority support American Ref-Fuel. Three basic themes are repeated over and over again by those I speak with.

First, we must do something now to solve our solid waste dilemma. Second, all of our solid waste cannot be recycled; there-

fore a needs exists to landfill or incinerate whatever remains. Third, waste-to-energy plants' remaining ash requires a fraction of the landfill space necessary if that same amount of solid waste were landfilled.

The debate on how our area can best solve our solid waste dilemma can go on and on. However, in the future, I suggest The Spotlight take the time to evaluate the feelings of many different people and interests within the town before making such a statement.

Bethlehem Work on Waste, the group formed to oppose American Ref-Fuel, seems to have your ear. Please don't feel as though this very vocal minority speaks for the majority of residents. They absolutely do not.

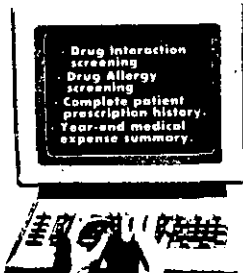
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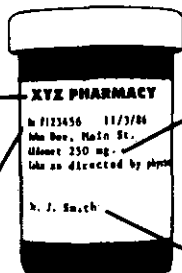
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Dr. Thomas H. Abele, D.M.D.

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School change is bad and unfair to this lad

Editor, The Spotlight:

Our family moved to Colonial Acres in Glenmont in 1987. We planned this move to become established in a community while our children were young so that they could make new friends and feel secure in their neighborhood; and by moving at that time we believed we were protecting them from the stress of changing from one school to another. Our hope was to build a solid base to begin the education process.

Our oldest child is in first grade. Because his "home" school, Glenmont, had insufficient space, he attended kindergarten at Elsmere. He is now back at Glenmont for first grade. Since September he has watched his school grow in physical size. He has participated in an impressive national awards ceremony and celebration which took place on a spectacular day in November. He sings a song written for first graders by an enthusiastic Glenmont teacher, "... I'm glad I'm in a school with caring people... At the Glenmont School we're working together. Come and see the light. Everything's allright when we care about ourselves and each other."

But everything is not all right — our neighborhood has been eliminated from the Glenmont School boundary as part of the recently proposed re-districting recommendations.

Glenmont is a special school, a school my child is part of and a place where he is proud to be. This feeling and sense of pride must not be taken away. It is unconscionable for a highly regarded school system like Bethlehem's to ask a child who has lived in the same house to attend three different

elementary schools for grades K through 2. He cannot be displaced for yet undeveloped tracts of land. His education must not be compromised in the name of projected future growth, the "stress forecast," or because he lives in a certain "cell."

I urge Dr. Loomis and the school board to turn the RCAI report face-down for a moment and to instead read the confusion on the face of a little child who is disappointed and frightened by the changes he has been consistently forced to make. I am certain he is not nearly as flexible as he is made out to be!

Margaret T. Kornstein

Glenmont

Telephone harassing was wrong, stupid

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading the Dec. 26 news article about the Selkirk woman who was harassed by telephone calls, I have a comment. Why was this done to her? It was wrong. If firemen did, as is alleged, make the calls, why couldn't they have met her face to face and talk about her not wanting the fire district to have a pension plan? It was a stupid thing to do.

I understand that she was against the pension plan. I for one am for it. The firemen have to undergo training; they risk their lives to save lives and belongings. How would those in opposition like to pay higher taxes for having a paid fire company? Anyone is subject to someday needing firemen's help.

"All for the pension fund"
(name submitted)

Selkirk

'Real' kids' needs exceed hypothetical

Editor, The Spotlight:

The following letter has been sent to Superintendent Loomis:

Last February, we bought a house in Colonial Acres and moved there from Delmar. We moved for only one reason — my desire to live in the community in which I was raised. Not only that, but my children would be living in the same house and attending the same school that I had as a child! I thought we would be creating family traditions and restoring the idea of community, of roots that we so often talk about wistfully in this mobile age.

The news of a proposal to move the district lines, so that my children will have to travel farther and attend another school is very troublesome indeed. I looked forward to the continuity that return to this community and this school would mean for my family. If the school board approves the plan, part of the continuity and tradition that we sought will be lost.

Can you or any member of the board tell this one mother why my children should be shunted away to make room for "projected" children, coming from "assumed" subdivisions, at some time in the future? Why can't your highly paid, professional planners work on their computer models to affect those future students and leave the real kids alone? Aren't there other alternatives that make more sense financially and logistically? Doesn't it make sense that those of us who live and pay taxes here year after year should get more consideration than projections based on data

that may be totally inaccurate due to the continuing recession?

Our taxes have supported the school system and the cost of the bonding meant to improve the schools. It seems to me, now that my children are coming of school age, we should be treated with more respect and consideration. Based on my reading of the proposed plan, more consideration is given to those who hold building permits than to the homeowners and taxpayers who have been supporting the school system.

Can you, or any member of the board, see it any other way? I hope you understand how strongly I feel, and why. I hope you will decide that today's children have more worth than some permits and future promises of construction. Finally, I hope you will reject the plan as proposed and seek a better, fairer way that balances my children's rights and the projections of possible future needs of the district.

Colleen Keating Cunningham
Glenmont

□ Dumping

(From Page 6)

should cancel the service. Bethlehem Work on Waste said you can pitch it out in your back yard as compost.

Government exists to serve the people. We'll cooperate with reasonable, logical, and consistent regulations. The attitude toward the do-it-yourself trash hauler is not in that spirit. It's taking a punitive mindset which frustrates the pursuit of creative solutions. We already see more trash along the roads, and you can bet strident voices will be raised to increase the fines and lengthen the jail sentences for illegal dumping.

One way to get off that no-solution merry-go-round is to leave the fee at \$3 per car. That's still 50 percent more than Guilderland and Colonie residents pay, and it's a little less than a private hauler charges for curbside pickup.

Then, let's look for ways to simplify the complex system of trash disposal in a way that serves the people.

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Matters of Opinion

State workers' pay defended

Editor, The Spotlight:

The New York State Business Council, an association of private business firms, and its research arm, The Public Policy Institute, has recommended state employees accept a two-year salary freeze to save \$800 million. Their report is based on inaccurate assumptions and some half-presented facts.

The council says a salary freeze is only fair because the cumulative increase in state worker salaries during the 1980s allegedly surpassed inflation rates.

The council neglected to include in that analysis the far more dramatic and permanent decline of state workers' salaries during the preceding decade, the 1970s — a decrease which has not been recovered.

The council says state workers' salaries are aid by private sector employees. State employees also pay state and federal income tax, local real property tax, and state and local sales taxes. State employees pay toward their own salaries, those of other government

employees, and contribute with private and other government employees to all government services. State employees also pay for programs which serve the unemployed, underemployed and underpaid private sector employees!

State employees pay a considerable portion of their remaining after-tax income buying the goods and services sold by businesses, thereby supporting the profits, salaries, and wages of the private sector — all reflected in the increases in price indices.

The council compares the average of state employee salaries to the salary average of all private sector employees in New York State. The council's analysis, however, doesn't reflect the same proportionate mix of occupations and professionals for the private sector as is reflected in the state employee population. Thousands of low-wage jobs drive down the average.

The council also fails to adjust both corrected averages to reflect the non-salary benefits available

to private sector employees: stock ownership options, bonuses, commissions, etc.

The council compares state employee salaries to those of their counterparts in other states. The council doesn't include in its comparison the balance of compensation other state employees receive which affect their disposable after-tax incomes.

State employees are willing to do their fair share of sacrificing for the benefit of *state services* and *jobs*. State employees do not want to line up for pink slips before: (1) all identifiable *waste* in state government is abolished; (2) payment for private sector (*external consultant contract*) services are stopped; (3) the state bureaucracy is reorganized to eliminate wasteful *redundancy*; and (4) the *misuse* of the state payroll and other state resources for political and patronage purposes is stopped.

Jeffrey J. Satz

Editor's note: Mr. Satz is regional coordinator for the Public Employees Federation (PEF) of the AFL-CIO.

Self-help group aids those with hearing loss

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, while standing in line at the local supermarket I overheard the checker ask the woman in front of me several questions. From the woman's expression and lack of response, I concluded that she was unable to hear.

This small incident reminded me of a short article in the Dec. 26 *Spotlight*. An area food chain has trained staff and introduced procedures to expedite shopping for persons with hearing impairment.

"Access 2000," an offshoot of Delmar

HEAR, an area self-help group for persons with hearing loss, is helping businesses, theaters, and other institutions serving the public adapt to this growing segment of our population. Some estimates say as many as 20 million Americans have hearing difficulties that merit medical intervention!

"Access 2000" can be reached through the Albany Medical Center Hearing Rehabilitation Center: 445-4535.

Elizabeth M. Mattox

Words of the week

Hiatus: Any gap or interruption, as in continuity or time. Also, a break where a part is missing or lost, as in a manuscript.

Gibe: Jeer, taunt, or scoff.

Generic: Referring to a whole class, kind, or group; inclusive or general. Also, without a trademark or brand name.

Avaricious: Greedy for riches, full of avarice (too great a desire to have wealth).

Apocalyptic: Symbolic of the ultimate destruction of evil and triumph of good. Also, a disclosure regarded as good; prophetic; revelation.

Painstaking: Very careful, diligent, characterized by care; the act of taking pains. Not always obvious, but of the two words forming this one, the first is "pains," not "pain."

Diminution: Lessening, decrease, a diminishing. Note that the emphasized u (oo) is in the third syllable, not the second.

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Song

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wouldn't be able to return in time, explained Elliott, who has been busy fielding questions from the press since her song was first aired. With the *USS Okinawa* due to dock in Singapore around New Year's, they tried to plan a marriage ceremony there but learned the ship would have to be docked 30 days in order to allow that. So they were married by proxy, with Cheryl's father standing in for the groom at a Los Angeles ceremony.

But the bride was able to spend the first five days of the new year with her husband in Singapore, where the ship was then docked. She brought with her the tape Elliott had recorded at Side Street Productions in East Greenbush. Paulsen was so pleased with the song he arranged to have it played over the ship's public address system. "So it was really for everybody, as it turns out," said Elliott.

"It's just one way I think a mother can do something for her son," said Elliott, who lives in Slingerlands with her husband, Raymond, a plastic surgeon. "It's real special and it was real easy for me to write it because I really felt it."

The song has a really haunting melody replete with sound effects reminiscent of missiles and fighter jets taking off. Its message "really could be from a mother, a wife or a girlfriend," said Elliott. Therefrain, "Oh, Okinawa, bring my baby home/Oh, Okinawa, I'm so all alone," speaks for countless military wives and mothers, husbands and fathers worried about the safety of their loved ones serving in the Persian Gulf.

Elliott, who said she comes from a musically-inclined family, has "always done a lot of singing and guitar playing." In recording the song, she played guitar and sang

Middle school presents musical

Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue will present the musical "Huckleberry Finn" at 8 p.m. on Feb. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. "Huckleberry Finn" is based upon the stories of Mark Twain and include many of the same characters. Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the school's main office or at the door. For information, call 439-7460.



Elliott's son, Capt. Russell A. Paulsen, and his wife, Cheryl.

harmony as well as lead vocals, mixing all components in the studio for a professional, polished sound. She was interviewed on WGNA's morning show last week, and also appeared on Channel 6 News.

All the attention doesn't seem to have gone to her head; soft-spoken and modest, Elliott says, "I'm just so happy it could be played

so I could share it with other people."

Her son's marriage was one of two happy events for Elliott's family. Her daughter, Kary, was married Dec. 29 in Phoenix, Ariz. Elliott, who traveled west for both events in a combined trip, said her son's wedding was "really a crazy and neat Christmas gift for all of us."

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Moratorium

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facilities are pending before the town, including two of regional scale: American Ref-Fuel's \$200 million Cabbage Island refuse incinerator and C & D Recycling Partnership's Wemple Road construction and demolition debris landfill. Town Supervisor Ken Ringler said Friday he didn't feel an extra six months "would hold up" any of the applicants.

Without an extension, the moratorium will expire March 18. Under the provisions of the law, the town cannot process or approve any application for a permit, license or variance with regard to a solid waste disposal operation.

So far, the task force has been working to narrow the field of

technical consultants the town could hire to draft standards and legislation. He said the task force was proposing sending Requests for Proposal letters to four firms: The Center for the Biology of Natural Systems in Flushing, Clark Engineering of Rochester, O'Brien and Gere Engineers of Syracuse and Sterns/Wheeler of Cazenovia.

Secor said the town hopes to select and hire a company by the end of March. Candidates, he said, are being told to be prepared to submit a draft of their proposals to the task force within three months after being hired. The task force would then work toward a final draft, which would be presented to the town board and be brought to a public hearing.

Library plans art exhibition

"A Giggling Bestiary," an exhibition of watercolors by Carol Schlageter, will open Feb. 1 at the Bethlehem Public Library. Schlageter uses the bright colors and strong graphics of the folk art tradition. She is a member of the Be-

thlehem Art Association and the Colonie Art League. Her work is carried at Birdsey on the Cape Gallery in Osterville, Cape Cod. The library show will run through the end of the month. For information, call 439-1810.

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Library hosts musician

The Voorheesville Public Library will present Anna Epstein-Kravis in concert at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26. The entire family will enjoy her concert, featuring songs of the garden, sea and animal kingdom. Epstein-Kravis plays the banjo, guitar, kazoo and electric keyboard. In the event of snow, the concert will take place on Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

Bedtime story hour set at library

The library will have a bedtime story hour on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. Have your children wear

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Susan Casler 765-2144



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Library offers bin of videos

The library now has over 200 videos available. They are in a video bin which provides easy access. If you are in good standing with the library, then you can obtain any video for two days. Fines for overdue videos are \$1 per day. Videos must be returned to the circulation desk and not left in the book drop. The library is always obtaining new additions, so come in early and check the bins.

Travel films set at library

Travel without leaving Voorheesville. The library will have a series of travel films on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. Films last about an hour.

Fire department sells emergency lights

In order to provide quick access to your home in an emergency, the Voorheesville Fire Department is selling emergency lights. These lights, which sell for \$10 and can be easily installed, help firefighters and ambulance drivers find your home in an emergency. Contact any firefighter or call Chief Dick Berger at 765-2674.

Car wash marks first year, supports playground

Advanced Car Wash owners Tim Baldauf and Kerby Zimmerman will celebrate a first year anniversary on Feb. 21. They are still supporting the creative playground; for each car washed during the month of January at their Voorheesville Avenue car wash they will donate 25 cents to the playground committee. Thanks are due these businessmen for their generosity.

Workshop to focus on small business

"Small Business Start-Up and Survival", a workshop for prospective small business owners and those who have been in business three months or less, will be held at the Ramada Inn on Western Avenue in Guilderland on Wednesday, Jan. 23. The day-long program will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check-in registration and coffee

will be available from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Speakers from various governmental agencies and private businesses will address the following topics: small business assistance, financial factors, legal factors, tax considerations, marketing, business records, permits and regulations, and personal factors.

For information, call 765-9000.

AJCC lineup features financial classes

You can never be too rich or too thin! Those are the top two items on almost everyone's list at this time of year. So whether it's Wealth Watcher\$ or Weightwatchers, juggling or tax counseling, health prevention or CPR, the Albany Jewish Community Center has a host of classes and offerings aimed at making 1991 the best year yet for those of all faiths and races.

Wealth Watcher\$ Inc. a self-help program designed to help you increase your income, gain control over your spending, begin a program of regular saving and invest wisely.

Everyone is invited to a complimentary introduction to Wealth Watcher\$ on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. at the AJCC.

For information, or reservation, call 438-6651.

Workshop plans winter activities

The Heldeberg Workshop will run a day of free winter activities on Picard Road in Voorheesville on Jan. 27. Free cross country skiing on the workshop's wilderness trails will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Free instruction for novice skiers will be offered from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A nature walk is planned for 1 p.m. Snowshoeing is also scheduled to take place all day. Refreshments will be available. For information, call 765-2777.

Support group to meet

The Reach to Recovery support group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Woman's HealthCare Plus in Guilderland. Reach to Recovery is a volunteer program of the American Cancer Society which provides support for women who have had treatment for some form of breast cancer.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

How much paint is stashed in garages and basements? An average American has four gallons in stock—and most of us don't know what to do with it!

We can't toss it in the garbage because it will pollute groundwater and soil. Three hundred toxic substances, including lead and mercury, have been found in oil-based and latex paints. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has designated paint a hazardous waste.

The only safe alternatives for unused paint are: give it to someone who can use it, recycle it, or dispose of it properly.

The first thing to do is take inventory. Separate the oil-based from the latex paint and the interior from the exterior. If the paint is completely dried out, leave the lid off and dispose of the can and lid in the regular trash. Small amounts of unleaded paint (less than half a can) can be allowed to dry out and harden. This should be done outdoors or in an area with very good ventilation, and away from children, animals, and heat. This process may be quickened by stirring the paint frequently or painting old pieces of wood or other waste materials. Hardened paint can then be dis-

posed of with other household trash.

Oil-based, lead, artist, and aerosol paints should be saved for a household hazardous waste collection program only after exhausting efforts to locate someone else who could use them.

Different colors of paint may be combined for use or easier storage, provided that the paints are of the same type (latex or oil-based.) Make sure that the label on the can clearly states the type of paint inside. No matter what shades are mixed together, the paint comes out beige or grey in color. It will then have a one-year shelf life and could be used as a base coat or may even be the color that you were searching for.

In Seattle, Washington, about 45 percent of the latex paint collected can be mixed and reused. The color is nicknamed "Seattle Beige" and much of it goes to schools and hospitals.

One good habit to get into is to label paint according to the room it was used in. As long as the lid is kept on securely, it can be used for touchups. If you move, the new owners will know exactly where the paint colors match.

Youth arrested on weapons charge

A 14-year-old Bethlehem middle school student was arrested on a misdemeanor weapons possession charge after Bethlehem police broke up a gathering of students at Bethlehem Cemetery last week.

According to police, the students had gathered at the cemetery, which is adjacent to the school, for a planned "confrontation" with students from Albany after school on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The 14-year-old was arrested for having a knife and a length of metal chain, according to Lt. Frederick Holligan. Holligan said a baseball bat and second knife were also recovered from the scene.

The charged student was part of a larger group made up of mostly middle school students and at least one high school student, Holligan said.

According to police, there was no sign of any students from Albany schools near the cemetery Wednesday. Police are still investi-

gating the cause of the initial "disagreement," they said.

Bethlehem Superintendent Leslie Loomis said school officials regarded the incident as a "very serious matter," and that the students involved faced a hearing before him. He said the students faced possible punishment ranging from no action to suspension or expulsion.

Holligan said Friday it was "rumored that since the confrontation didn't take place last Wednesday afternoon, that something would take place this weekend."

Holligan said Monday there were no incidents over the weekend.

Mike Larabee

WAMC opens office

WAMC Public Radio, 90.3 FM in Albany, recently announced the opening of a new sales office serving Berkshire County in Massachusetts and northwestern Connecticut.

Ravena church hosts talk on war

Matthew Elbow, professor emeritus of history at The University at Albany, will discuss the nature of the Mid-East conflict in historical context on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in Ravena. The talk will be held at the old school hall in St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St. The one and a half hour discussion and slide show will be followed by a question and answer period. The presentation is free and open to the public. For information, call Cathleen Conway at 756-3145.

Self-esteem topic of talk

Partners in Education will sponsor a presentation, "Mirror, mirror on the wall... Developing and maintaining self-esteem in children," on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at RCS Middle School. Teacher, consultant and mother of three Margie Wood will discuss finding the balance of discipline and self-esteem in elementary-school-age children. A Skidmore and Marywood College graduate with 18 years of interactive teaching skills, Wood brings humor and a sense of context to her presentation, which promises to be a delightful learning experience. For more information, call Debbie Moon at 767-9222.

Soccer sign-ups open

RCS Youth and Travel final soccer registration session will be held Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at the junior high. Newcomers are encouraged to register. An emphasis is placed on recreation for the learners who must be six years old by Jan. 1, 1992. A travel league is booting up for the more competitive kickers.

Youth teams will play at the junior high Saturday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30, beginning the first week in May for six weekends. Travel teams will play Sunday and some weekday evenings. Additional sponsorship is sought. Lend your company name to a team of winners this spring. Contact Cheri Jones at 756-8840 for Youth League information and Roger Kelly at 756-9745 for the Travel League.

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Bill Cote 756-8704



Recycling saves landfill space

By recycling newspapers we're not only using them again, but also keeping them out of the landfill, according to Peter Faronda, Town of Coeymans recycling chief.

Faronda said that about four tons of newsprint are hauled from the landfill paper shed each month. That amounts to a savings of over 35 yards for the dump. Since his goal is to double that amount, he's encouraging residents to take the extra step for their community and separate newsprint from other waste. Local haulers pick up separated newsprint at no additional charge, he said. Faronda's plans

include recycling glass, but he'll need town support to foot the price of the storage and transfer bin. Let's all make an effort to address this problem. Recycle today!

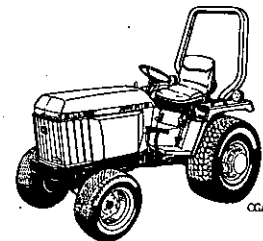
Selkirk gets new postmaster

Selkirk welcomed a new postmaster this month. Dale Finch, formerly a postmaster of Westerlo and Slingerland, rose from part-time flexible clerk/carryer to his present post in eight years. He reminds the community that the postal service is available to help with postal needs.

Mothers' tea scheduled

Moms in Touch, a support group for mothers, will meet for tea on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar. The new group plans to be a positive support for the schools. For more information about the tea, which is free and open to the public, call 439-4328, mornings.

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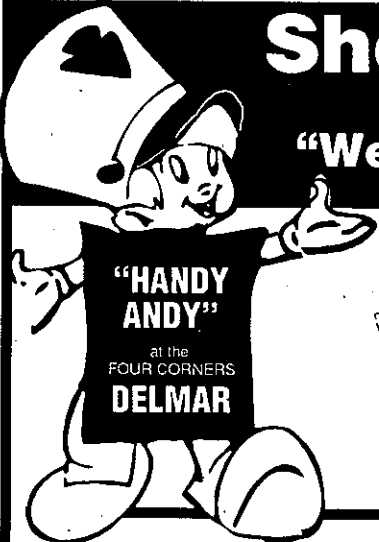
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Shenendehowa grapplers top Eagles

By Matt Kratz

The Bethlehem Central wrestling team lost to Shenendehowa last week 44-21.

The Eagles started out well with a decision for Scott Cunningham

and a tie for Anthony Genovese. BC lost the next four matches, two by decision and two by forfeit. Mike Roney tied 6-6. In the final matches BC scored three decisions and a pin, however not enough for a win.

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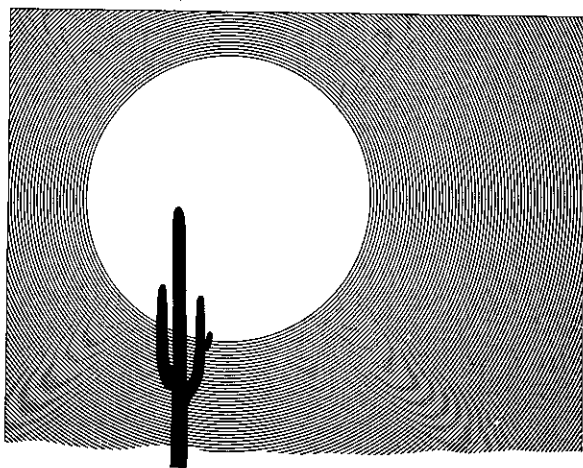
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Mohonasen beats BC in overtime

By Michael Kagan

Saying that the Eagles don't go down easily wouldn't quite do them justice. The Mohonasen Warriors would agree with that, having led Bethlehem Central boys basketball team by 14 points with less than three minutes to play in last weekend's game, and then seeing it go into overtime. However,

Mohonasen pulled off the victory, 80-73.

Following the national anthem, which was dedicated to the U.S. troops in the Middle East and after the crowd cheered the addition of the new, unofficial BC mascot, or BCHS student Chris Hansen dressed in an Eagle head, Bethlehem football jersey, jeans and what

were apparently Eagle feet, the Eagle team opened up a 16-12 lead after the first quarter.

By the halftime break, the Warriors were on top, 36-18, and would extend that lead to 60-50 by the conclusion of the third quarter.

With four and a half minutes to go in the fourth, the Mohonasen lead had been expanded to 14. The margin changed from 14 to 12 four times before BC mounted possibly the greatest comeback in the area this season.

With two minutes and 35 seconds left, Matt Quatraro hit a three pointer to cut the lead to 11. Immediately following a Warrior time out, Bill Karins hit the basket and the subsequent foul shot to complete a three point play, Bethlehem's third of the day, and cut the lead to eight. After a successful Eagle defensive stand, guard Scott Fish scored two points on the BC possession. Bethlehem scored again with one minute and 23 seconds left to reduce the deficit to four. Almost instantly, Bethlehem got the ball back on a Mohonasen violation. Quatraro responded by sinking a three pointer to bring the Eagles within one.

Mohonasen, clearly flustered by the BC press, practically handed the ball to Bethlehem, bringing the Eagle bench to its feet. Fish drew a foul, and with just over one minute to go, went to the line to try and put his team on top with two free throws. He was able to tie the score at 72, making the first, but not the second shot. BC got the rebound on his miss, and Quatraro was able to draw another foul, and went to the line to shoot a one and one. The Eagles did not take advantage of an opportunity to take the lead, as they missed the initial shot and Mohonasen gained possession in the ensuing scramble for the ball. Playing for the last shot, the Warriors couldn't take the lead either. Having scored 14 consecutive points to end the fourth quarter, BC was at least able to force overtime, despite missing opportunities to win it.

Mohonasen won the tip at the start of the three minute overtime, but could not put the ball in the hoop. Neither team scored in overtime until there were just 45 seconds left. The Warriors made two shots from the charity line after Mike Alyward was called for a foul fighting rebound. Mohonasen was six for six from the free throw line in overtime. BC's one point in overtime came from Quatraro's foul shot.

Eric McCaughin scored 32 points for BC (6-7), while Fish added 16. Karins had 11, Quatraro 10 and Aylward four. David Dagoistino led Mohonasen with 27.



BC's Matt Quatraro drives against a Mohonasen defender.
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Blackbird grapplers pin Academy, Waterford

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville wrestling team rebounded last week from a league loss to Watervliet by beating Albany Academy 42-21, and by crushing Waterford 55-18.

The Blackbirds jumped out to a 12-0 lead as Jerry Parmenter and Darren Ascone recorded pins in a combined time of one minute and 46 seconds. Ascone got his ninth pin of the season, just 31 seconds into his match. After a Cadet forfeit at 105, Jeremy Barlow pinned John Cook. Greg Reeth got a pin to give the Birds an 18-12 lead. Josh Vink showed his old form in scratching out a 6-3 victory. Vink said he hopes this was the turnaround win that will start a second season for him. He had lost five in a row. Mike Gaudio replaced Chris Clark at 138 and held on for a 7-4 win.

Tim Reeth ran his record to an impressive 17-1 with an 8-1 decision at 145. Andy Symula survived a scare late in his match to gain a 10-4 win.

Scott Harms took on Ken Westervelt at 167. After a few exchanges that ended up out of bounds, Harms took advantage of a restart and got inside with double underhooks and threw Westervelt to the mat. Six seconds later Harms recorded the pin and the home crowd congratulated him. "After the takedown, I thought at first he was going to get a quick reversal, but then I realized I had him," Harms said.

Voorheesville demolished Waterford with only one Blackbird

loss. They gave away 12 points in forfeits. They recorded pins in five matches, one each by Vink, Gaudio, Reeth, Harms and Chad Hotaling. Parmenter, Cook and Ascone accepted forfeits, Ascone's making him 15-0. Symula and Greg Reeth gained decision victories, 12-4 and 9-3 respectively. Symula has won five in a row.

The win moved the Birds to 4-2 in the league and 9-2 overall. This week, they host Ravena on Thursday. Ravena has an over 30 match winning streak in the Colonial Council. On Friday, the Birds travel to Guiderland for a non-league contest.

RCS wrestlers better Catskill for non-league win

By Kevin Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestlers hosted the Catskill Cats last week for a non-league 31-25 win.

Adam Smith wrestled for a 7-3 win. The Indians gave the only forfeit loss of the night at 119 pounds. Freddy Pechette came up with a key win 14-6. John Mantynen pinned his opponent in just under two minutes. Chris King and David Baranska each pinned their opponents for a total combined time of almost six and a half minutes. Jason Demerest won a 5-0 match. Coming into the last match, Jason Knox came up with a 4-2 win to secure the victory.

The Indians traveled to Albany Academy for another win. RCS began with a 12-0 lead, which turned out to be short as the next

three guys RCS placed on the mat lost along with a forfeit at 119 pounds.

Pechette tied to make the score 26-14. Rooney and Baranska each picked up key pins to put the Indi-

ans up by three points. Coming into Knox's match, RCS was down 32-29. He came up with a pin for the win.

RCS wrestles Voorheesville on Thursday.

Two science programs planned at museum

Children ages 9 to 12 can explore the earth's energy sources and investigate the principles of physical science in two special programs at the State Museum on Saturdays, Jan. 26, and Feb. 2 from 10:30 to noon.

Youngsters can join Joanne Gallagher, recipient of the Presidential Award for Outstanding Science Teacher, for a look at the

earth's energy sources, using hands-on activities and demonstrations on Saturday, Jan. 26.

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Defense is key to Birds' victories

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

Armed with a new defense, the Blackbird boys basketball team slipped by Waterford in a 44-43 victory last week.

Coach Skip Carrk said he envisioned a defense inclusive of a strong center. The maturing of Steve Lapinski as a defensive player recently opened this option for the Birds.

It's called the "match-up zone," a zone defense with man-to-man characteristics. One flaw with this set-up is that a good offensive player could beat this form of defense. This is where Lapinski's role of shot-blocker comes in. After making his way into the key, the opponent runs into VC's big man.

Carrk said he felt the Blackbirds played the new defense well, and the 4-2 Voorheesville lead at the end of the first quarter was evidence of this. "It is a disguised type of defense and does a good job of frustrating the other team."

Voorheesville's showing at Waterford solidifies Carrk's philosophy that defense is essential to a win. "Defense is something to consistently work on," he said.

"Unlike offense you don't have a hot or cold defensive night."

Although the Birds' offense was off, they continued to stay ahead of the game, beating Waterford's man-to-man to squeeze out a one point victory.

Playing to a full house last weekend at home, the Birds emerged with a 50-40 victory over Schalmont.

Carrk again made use of his new-found defense. Earlier in the year, the Birds couldn't stop Schalmont's three point shooting, but this time they closed off the openings for these shots. Lapinski frustrated the opponent's tall, left-handed post player and Rich Adams and Bill Stone did a good job of double teaming him.

Erin Sullivan played a tremendous game for the Birds, scoring 16 points, with five rebounds and making foul shots when needed.

Carrk credited Eric Logan's shooting and Stone and Tom Gianasio for excellent rebounding when the Birds were forced to play without Lapinski in the third quarter because of foul trouble.

The Schalmont win resulted in

a three-way tie between Voorheesville, Schalmont and Albany Academy behind league-leading Watervliet. The Birds (7-2 and 10-3) will play at Academy this Friday.

The recently postponed game against Watervliet has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 11, at Watervliet.

Swimmers donate to McDonald House

By Zack Kendall

The Guilderville boys swim team had a marathon Christmas, literally. The 18 swimmers and coach Kevin Merges met on Dec. 26 at the Voorheesville pool and swam, one by one, for 12 consecutive hours to benefit the Albany Ronald McDonald House.

The team collected more than \$500 for the Ronald McDonald House.

BC gymnasts win

Bethlehem Central girls gymnastics team, coached by Mary Powell and Sandy Collins, won last week's meet over visiting Taconic Hills 99.2 to 73.2.

Leslie MacDowell won the all around competition with a score of 29.4. She also took first place ribbons in the floor exercise, balance beam and the uneven parallel bars. She placed second in the vaulting competition with a score of 7.9.

Amanda Smith-Socaris captured first place in vaulting, second place on the beam, in floor exercise and the all around, while placing third on the uneven bars.

Kira Stokes was awarded second place on the uneven bars with a score of 5.6. She placed fifth on the balance beam.

Co-captain Jen Googins received third place ribbons in the floor exercise and on the balance beam.

Zautner's 29 sparks Ladybirds

By Matt Hladun

With the season just halfway over, Coach Nadine Bassler said she's feeling good about her girls basketball team. Although Voorheesville is just 3-5 in the league, the girls are playing their best ball in two years, and have played strongly in their last three games. Last week, the Ladybirds scored a 51-46 victory over Schalmont and lost a tough one at the hands of Watervliet, 63-54.

Donna Zautner scored a career high 29 points against Schalmont leading the Birds to the win. She took the game over in the second and third quarters, scoring 14 of the team's 20 points in the second, and 15 of the team's 17 in the third. She was able to score many of her points off of steals and turnovers that were caused by a strong Blackbird press.

The next day, the girls played Watervliet in a make-up game. The Ladybirds were faced with the challenge of shutting down 6-1 Crystal Carroll and the outside shooting of the Cannoneer guards.

The Birds didn't appear intimidated in the opening quarter, as the game was tied 15-15. The second quarter remained close, but 'Vliet started to take a slight advantage, as Carroll went over the top of the Bird defense.

Things got rough in the second half. A technical foul was given to a Watervliet player for kicking Kelly Donahue when she was on the floor. "Things really got out of hand, and I just tried to tell my girls to settle down and keep playing ball," Bassler said.

Courtney Langford led the Birds, sixth in the league, with 19 points, Donahue added 14 and Zautner finished with 12. "I'm real happy with the way we are playing," Bassler said. "We're staying in games, and keeping them close to the end."

Star Bowlers



Bowling honors for the week of Jan. 13, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Harold Eck 276, 964 (4 game series); John Erickson 216, 554 triple; Bud Kubisch 211, 566 triple.

Sr. Cit. Women — Ann Choppa 193, 456 triple; Ada Whitbeck 166, 456 triple.

Men — Kevin Matuszek 300; Jim Quinn 757 triple; John Bickel 1017 (4 game series).

Women — Julianne Van Praag 226; Kimberly Crankshaw 568; Hellen Bellanger 766 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Gretchen

Seaburg 212, 501 triple; Heidi Cornell 199, 480 triple.

Jr. Boys — John Dougherty 235, 587 triple; Steve Wieland 198, 487 triple.

Jr. Girls — Angie Ansler 187, 425 triple.

Prep Boys — Gary Meyers 258, 534 triple; Jeremy Dievendorf 186, 467 triple.

Prep Girls — Nicole Stagg 147, 403 triple.

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Major Boys — Lee Aiezza 269, 958 (4 game series); Matt Reed 255, 908 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Beth Matthews 207, 710 (4 game series); Jennifer Matuszek 189, 674 (4 game series).

Jr. Boys — Don Robbins 246, 808 (4 game series); Al Crewell 221, 806 (4 game series).

Health center offers assertiveness class

CHP Delmar Health Center will be offering a six-week Assertiveness Training program beginning Jan. 23 at the Delmar Health Center, on Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

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Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Joseph McCutcheon

Daley, McCutcheon wed

Kristen Leigh Daley, daughter of Cynthia E. Daley of Selkirk, and Patrick Joseph McCutcheon, son of James and Margaret McCutcheon of Hurley, were married Oct. 7.

Rev. Joseph Ingraham, Deacon Robert Winrow and Rev. Alan Rhodes conducted the ceremony in the Grace United Methodist Church in Ravena.

Kimberly A. Daley was maid of honor. Christine Jackson, Mitzi Livemore, Linda Rose, and Dana Tomlinson were bridesmaids.

Peter McCutcheon was best man. Steven Fischer, David

Hyams, Michael Halstead and Scott Daley were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and State University at Binghamton, and is currently enrolled in an MBA program at Long Island University. She is a financial analyst with Winokur and Associates.

The groom is a graduate of State University at Binghamton. He is a senior production operator with IBM.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii and San Francisco, the couple resides in West Redding, Conn.



Raymond Denney III and Anne Marie Carey

Carey, Denney to wed

Joseph and Mary Carey of Glenmont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Marie Carey, to Raymond F. Denney III, son of Raymond F. and Charlene M. Denney Jr. of Selkirk.

Carey is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the

College of Saint Rose. She is employed by Albany Savings Bank in Albany.

Denney is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and the University of Buffalo.

An August wedding is planned.

Art exhibit extended at Vietnam Memorial

The gallery is located in the Justice Building at the Empire State Plaza, just inside the State Street entrance. The gallery is open from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information, call 473-5527.

"The Painter's Song," a 13-piece exhibit by William Crapser, will be extended through Jan. 30 at the Vietnam Memorial in Albany. The exhibit includes paintings in acrylics and charcoal that were created specifically for display at the Vietnam Memorial Gallery.

Native American to lecture

Tom Porter, Bear Clan chief of the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs at Akwesasne, will present a lecture on "Traditionalism and Spirituality on a Twentieth Century Reservation" at 8 p.m. on Jan. 29 at the College of St. Rose. Presented by the Hudson Mohawk

Institute of the College of St. Rose with a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, the lecture is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Campus Center main lounge, Western Ave., Albany. For information call, 454-5253.

Rowe, Lew to wed

Richard W. and Mary Jane Rowe of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl L. Rowe, to Donald Stephan Lew, son of Helen Lew of Albany and the late Abe Lew.

Rowe is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She is employed by the State Employees Federal Credit Union.

Lew is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed by York Stone Pub.

A May wedding is planned.

Class of '90



University of Maryland — Melissa Martley, B.A., Glenmont.

Dean's List



University of Rhode Island — Paul J. Evangelista, Selkirk; Stephanie L. Reh, Voorheesville; and Mikko K. Von Ronne, Delmar.

Workshop aids retired

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will host a workshop on Pre-Retirement Planning on Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the William F. Rice Jr. Extension Center in Voorheesville.

The program will address six important issues involved in preparing for retirement, including the amount of retirement income available, investment choices, tax savings, personal illness and financial resources, life insurance, and family illness. For information, call 765-3500.

Nursery school holds open house

The Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School will host an open house on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. The school is located in the Community Methodist Church at 1499 New Scotland Road. Applications for registration in classes for 3 and 4-year-olds will be accepted during the open house. The school is non-denominational and open to all nursery-school age children. For information, call the registrar at 475-1395.

Red Cross cites Clark

Veronica Clark of Albany has been chosen as the December 1990 Volunteer of the Month at the Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. She has served as a volunteer since July 1988.

She is a member of the Disaster Action Team and has filled in as the team's captain.

Registration open for RCCA classes

Registration is now open for spring classes in a wide range of arts and crafts mediums at the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts on 189 Second Street in Troy.

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For a catalogue and registration materials, call 273-0552.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Barror

Wagner, Barror wed

Alisa O. Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Wagner of Selkirk, and Lance Cpl. Christopher Barror, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barror of Ravena, were married Dec. 22.

The Rev. Frances A. O'Connor conducted the ceremony in St. Patrick's Church in Albany.

Amy Wagner was maid of honor, and Airman James Garrow was best man. Valerie and Allison

Bonesteel were flower girls. Paul Wells was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, and attends State University at Binghamton.

The groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. He is in the Marine Corps, stationed in San Diego, Calif.

The couple will live in San Diego, Calif.



Community Corner

Village library stages concert

The Voorheesville Public Library will be the scene of an afternoon concert on Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. The family concert will feature songs of the garden, sea and animal kingdom. Incorporating banjo, guitar, kazoo and electric keyboard, the show will include puppets and lots of audience participation. In the event of snow, the concert will take place on Feb. 9 at the same time.

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Obituaries

Henry J. West

Henry J. West, 82, of Beacon Road in Glenmont, died Thursday, Jan. 17 in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in East Jewett, Greene County, he had lived in the Capital District for the past 60 years.

Mr. West worked as a greenskeeper for Colonial Acres Golf Course in Glenmont retiring in 1973.

He was a member of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Glenmont.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Holdridge West; a daughter, Judith Ostrander of Coeymans Hollow; three sons, Roger West of Glenmont, Donald West of Coxsackie, and Lester West of Albany; and 12 grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, Delmar.

Mary Roche

Mary J. Geoco Roche, 86, of Delmar died Wednesday, Jan. 9 in Guilderland Center Nursing Home, in Guilderland. Mrs. Roche was a native of Sicily, and a com-

municant of St. Thomas Church in Delmar.

She was widow of Leo P. Roche. She is survived by four daughters, Theresa Hooper, Bella McCarrroll, and Ann Malone of Delmar; Catherine Beigel of Nashua, N.H.; a son, Peter Roche of Larkspur, Calif.; two sisters, Rose Pazienza of Colonie, and Mrs. Frances O'Meara of Delmar; 29 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

Michael Losee

Michael Losee, 19, of Selkirk died Saturday, Jan. 12 in Bethlehem as a result of a snowmobile accident.

Born in Selkirk, Mr. Losee was a lifelong resident of the Selkirk area. He was a 1990 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, where he was a captain of the varsity football team. Since June, he had worked as a laborer at the Fort Orange Paper Co. in Castleton. He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Ravena.

He was engaged to Jennifer Stevens.

Survivors include his parents, Donald and Catherine Losavio

Losee of Selkirk; two sisters, Catherine Chapman of Patterson, Putnam County, and Frances Losee of Selkirk; and two brothers, Donald Losee Jr. and Arcangelo Losee, both of Selkirk.

Arrangements were by the Chicorelli Funeral Home, Delaware Avenue in Albany. Services were from St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Ravena Rescue Squad.

Genevieve Laut

Genevieve G. Laut, 77, of Murray Avenue in Delmar died Saturday, Jan. 12 in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born and educated in Albany, she had lived in Delmar for many years.

In the late 1930s, Mrs. Laut was employed for five years by the Normanskill Farm Dairy. She was also an active volunteer working in the Hackensack and Bergen Pines hospitals, both in New Jersey; the Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill.; Child's Hospital, Albany; and the Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, Delmar.

She was a member and financial secretary of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, and was a member of its social services committee. She was also a member of the Salvation Army, Albany; the Capital District Card Club, Albany and the Normanside Country Club, Delmar.

Survivors include her husband, Walter C. Laut; a son, W. Christopher Laut Jr. of Okinawa, Japan; a daughter, Susan Borkowicz of Roselle Ill.; a sister, Elizabeth Mosher of Albany; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were by Tebbutt Funeral Home, Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. Services were from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Marcia B. Clarke

Marcia B. Clarke, 66 of Kilmer Court, Delmar, died Saturday, Jan. 12, in St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born and raised in Albany, she was a graduate of Milne School and lived in Delmar for more than 30 years.

Many years ago, she worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and for the Western Electric Co. and had also been a model for I.J. Fox, and Lilly D'Ashay of New York City. Most recently she was a bookkeeper for Warner's Pharmacy, formerly in Delmar.

Mrs. Clarke was active in volunteer work and was a board member of the Albany County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the Elsmere School PTA. She was a past co-chairwoman of the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, a leader in the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and vice president of the Albany Yacht Club Auxiliary. She was an honorary life member of the yacht club and a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Albany.

Widow of Robert G. Clarke, she is survived by a son, Peter N. Clarke of Albany; a daughter Carole Clarke Doody of Delmar; a sister, Elaine Enos of Palm Coast, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Tebbutt Funeral Home, Central Avenue in Albany.

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

Ruth Dobbs

Ruth B. Hileman Dobbs of East Fernbank Avenue in Delmar died Saturday, Jan. 12 in the Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

She was born in Loda, Ill. and had lived in Delmar since 1943. Before moving to Delmar, she had lived in New York City.

She was employed for 21 years by the state Department of Taxation and Finance in Albany before retiring in 1965.

Mrs. Dobbs was a graduate of Illinois State University.

She was widow of Thomas W. Dobbs. Survivors include a son, Wiley Dobbs of Delmar; a daughter, Marjorie Dobbs of Albany; a brother, Wells Hileman of East

Moline, Ill.; a grandson and a great-grandson. Burial will be in Glen Cemetery in Paxton, Ill.

Arrangements were by Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Fathers' Rights Association in Albany.

Raymond Keim

Raymond G. Keim, 84, of Selkirk died Monday, Jan. 14, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a long-time resident of the Bethlehem area.

He retired in 1970 as a personnel manager at the Huyck Felt Co. in Rensselaer, where he worked for 43 years.

Mr. Keim was a member of the Great Consistory of the First Reformed Church in Bethlehem, a 52 year charter member of the Selkirk Fire Company and a past member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance service.

Survivors include his wife, Edna L. Wisenburn Keim; two daughters, Dorothy Tisdell of Texas, and Carol Neri of Selkirk; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Babcock Funeral Home. Services were held in the First Reformed Church on Route 9W, in Bethlehem. Burial was in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery, New Baltimore, Greene County.

Contributions may be made to the First Reformed Church, the Selkirk Fire Co. or the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Card of Thanks

Matthew, Erin, and I thank everyone for their kindness to us during Cheryl's illness and after her death. We shall never forget your generosity, love and prayers. Thank you for helping to ease our pain.

Brian, Matthew, and Erin Clary

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Booklet helps parents discuss AIDS

The New York State Department of Health has produced a booklet entitled "What Parents Need to Tell Children about AIDS." A free copy can be requested by calling the state AIDS hotline at 1-800-541-AIDS, or by writing the state Health Department at Box 2000, Albany N.Y. 12220. (They also have a larger free booklet entitled "Aids: 100 Questions and Answers".)

The booklet is designed to help parents talk to their teen and pre-teen children (10 years and older) about AIDS. It answers questions

such as "What is AIDS?," "How Don't You Get AIDS?," "How Do You Get AIDS?," "How Do You Know If Someone Is Infected?" and "How Can Young People Stay Safe From AIDS?," among others.

Parents may choose to read the booklet and then share the information with their children in their own words. Others may choose to read the booklet with their children. As with any difficult topic, parents should try to answer all questions honestly, and, if asked a question they can't answer, say so and make every attempt to find the answer.

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It's a bird, it's a plane, it's... Superman!

By Dev Tobin

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a museum exhibit about that legendary Man of Steel, Superman, touching down at the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls this weekend.

"Superman — Many Lives, Many Worlds" contains more than 100 original artifacts and memorabilia about America's original costumed superhero. The exhibit is sponsored by the National Museum of American History, DC Comics and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Superman's 1938 debut in Action Comics #1. The show has been traveling around the country since 1988, and the Hyde will be its next-to-last stop before returning to Washington.

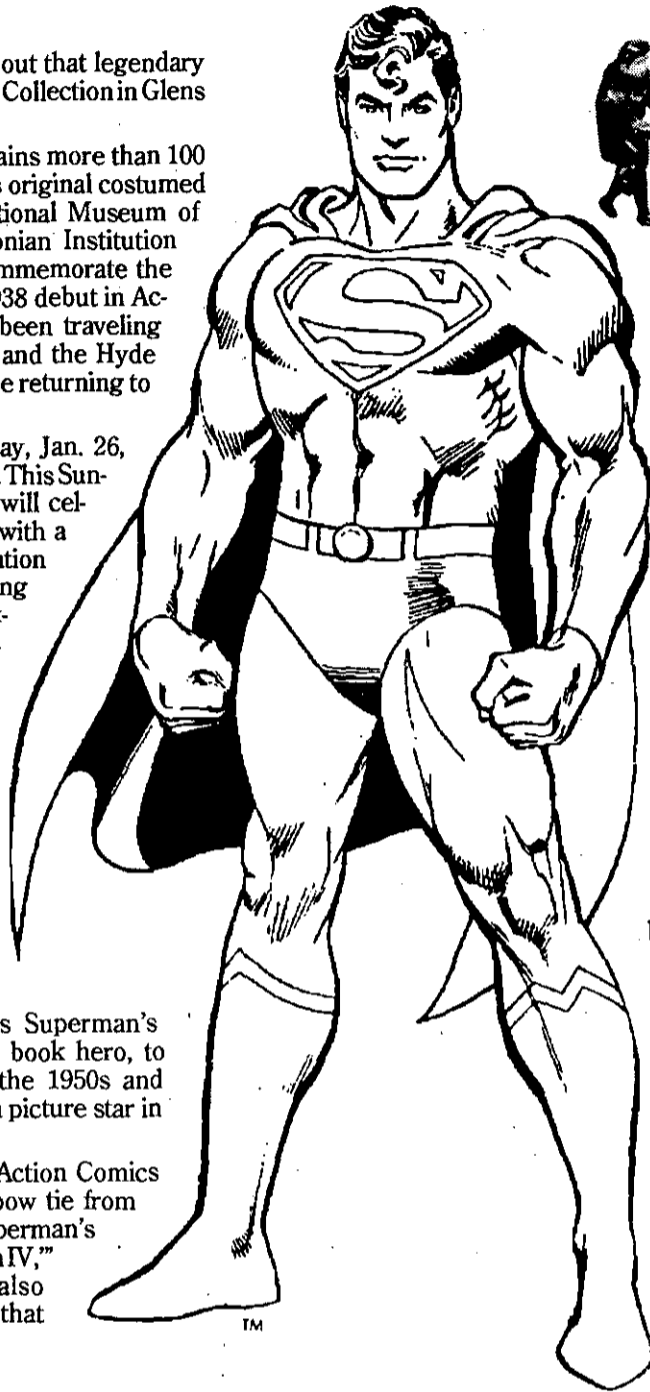
The exhibit opens Saturday, Jan. 26, and runs through March 10. This Sunday, Jan. 27, the museum will celebrate the exhibit's arrival with a Superheroes Sunday Celebration from noon to 4 p.m., featuring free admission, an art workshop and showings of the 1978 release, "Superman: The Movie." Children and adults are encouraged to

dress as their favorite superhero for the celebration, which will also include Supercake and punch and a life-size Superman cut-out that people can have their pictures taken with.

"Superman is an American mythological hero who both parents and their kids can relate to," said Linda Dickie, manager of public relations at the Hyde.

The exhibit traces Superman's progress from comic book hero, to television favorite in the 1950s and 1960s, to major motion picture star in the 1970s and 1980s.

"The exhibit has Action Comics #1, Jimmy Olsen's bow tie from the TV show, and Superman's cape from 'Superman IV,'" Dickie said. "We also have lots of products that



Superman promoted — toys, cereal, even a pogo-stick."

Dickie pointed out that Superman has also been extensively used for public service advertising, including

UNICEF, U.S. Savings Bonds, the American Library Association and the Superman Junior Defense League of America during World War II.

The Superman exhibit is a bit of a departure for the Hyde, which features Old Masters (Rembrandt, da Vinci, Rubens, Cezanne, etc.) and American painters (e.g., Eakins, Homer and Whistler) in its permanent collection. The Superman show will be in the museum's new Charles R. Wood Gallery.

"We can do different types of exhibitions in our new wing," Dickie explained. "Last year, for example, we had an exhibit of Himalayan ritual masks."

Dickie said that the Superman show will help the museum reach a wider audience.

"Some people either are not into the Old Masters, or just don't know that we're here," she said. "We hope to get a lot of families into the museum with a show that parents and their children can relate to. Then, they may look at the Old Masters and decide to come back."

The museum plans two additional special programs around the Superman exhibit. On Sunday, Feb. 3, there will be a film chronicling the history of animation at 2 p.m. On Sunday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., the museum will present a cartooning workshop for children and adults, in which they will create a cartoon. Pre-registration for these free special programs is required, and can be made by calling the Hyde education department at 1-792-1761.

The museum shop, which carries postcards, books and other items related to the collection, will be carrying Superman T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and comic books during the exhibit.

The Hyde Collection is at 161 Warren St. in Glens Falls, and is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Old MacDonald's farm was never like this

By Susan Wheeler

Old MacDonald had a farm, but he never dreamed of owning a giraffe. Because MacDonald liked noisy animals, mooing cows and baaing sheep, he never had a giraffe, who's an almost entirely voiceless animal. Just ask Dickie the giraffe, who's coming to Albany with the Pet Expo. Chances are he won't say anything.

Dickie and his friends, Sydney the kangaroo, Eroy the zebra and Arthur the camel are traveling to the New Scotland Avenue Armory in early February with the R.W. Commerford and Sons' petting zoo.

Commerford began his petting zoo in 1964, and expanded it to the Pet Expo in 1968, his wife Barbara Commerford said. "My husband raised ponies," she said. "The petting zoo began with 25 ponies."

The Pet Expo will be at the Armory Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Cameras, as well as baby strollers, are allowed.

Commerford's farm in Goshen, Conn., now is home to 350 animals who eat almost 1,000 bales of hay and a ton of grain weekly. The Commerfords raise

goats, sheep and miniature horses. They acquire other animals through exotic zoo auctions, from zoos who have a surplus of animals or by purchasing new bloodlines, Commerford said. "It's a full-time job."

The Pet Expo visits cities nearly year-round at both indoor and outdoor areas. According to Commerford, the petting zoo has been to the Albany area "many times," including stays at the Armory and the Altamont Fair. The "very good reception" it receives encourages its return, she said.

About 70 animals will journey in their trailers for the weekend in Albany. They're accustomed to being touched and fed by the pet zoo-goers, Commerford said. All the animals are friendly although they haven't been trained, she said, except for the camels, elephants and ponies. Because they give rides, these are the only animals that require special training.

"Some of the animals are more friendly," she said. "They're all different in their own way."

Each animal has its own name, according to Commerford. Either she and her husband choose a name for the animal, or retain the name with which it comes to



Feed Dickie the giraffe at the New Scotland Avenue Armory in Albany when he and the Pet Expo come for a stay in early February.

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Solo concert, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

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Concert to benefit the 1991 Old Songs Festival, Guildland, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMADEUS
Capital Chamber Artists celebrate Mozart's birth, Jan. 24-26, 8 p.m. Thurs., The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls; Fri., St. Paul's Church, Albany; Sat., The Empire Center, Albany. Information, 473-1845.

OUT OF CONTROL
Rhythm and Blues Band, Pauly's, Albany. Jan. 25, Metro, Saratoga, Jan. 26. Information, 372-5607.

DANCE

DANCECOMPASS
With Nicholas Rodriguez, The Empire Center, Albany, Jan. 25, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

OLDSONGS SPRING CLASS SERIES
Beginning harmonica, beginning clogging, mountain dulcimer for advanced beginners, clawhammer banjo II, beginning fingerpicking guitar II. Classes start March 5. Information, 765-2815.

CLASSES

RCCA SPRING CLASSES
Arts and crafts mediums at the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy. Information, 273-0552.

LECTURE

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SERIES
Book discussions, Schenectady Public Library, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. Information, 432-6598.

THE NEW SOCIAL HISTORY:
Putting Ordinary People Back at the Center of the Story, Albany Institute of History and Art, Jan. 20, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

A TOUR OF EASTERN EUROPE:
Lectures by Erastus Corning III, State Museum, Albany, Jan. 22, 7 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

EXPLORING THE EXPLORATION:
New and Old Methods of Art Research, by Linda Weintraub, Albany Institute of History and Art, Jan. 27, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

VISUAL ARTS

GRUPO ARTE
Group show by Spanish, French, and national/regional artists. Jan. 28-March 30, Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 1-6 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS
America's leading graphic designers, The College of Saint Rose, Albany. Jan. 20-Feb. 17, Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 432-6960.

THE PAINTER'S SONG
Thirteen piece exhibit by William Crapser, Vietnam Memorial Gallery, Albany. Now through Jan. 30, Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 473-5527.

KYPRIAKES IKONES
photos coinciding with ongoing exhibit of abstract acrylics by Alkis Voulotis, Grupo Arte, Albany. Jan. 25, 7-10 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

LORI MCALLISTER AND ROBERT MOYLAN
Interrelated paintings of places and photographs of painters, Diel Gallery, Troy. Now through Feb. 10, daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 274-4440.

PAINTING TOWARDS THE 21ST CENTURY
Featured at the Rice Gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art. Now through Feb. 23. Information, 463-4478.

ELM TREE ART GALLERY
Recent works by Alyce Ashe, Elaine Berkun, Patricia Clifford, Patricia Reynolds, Lilia Singer, and Kristin Woodward, Newton Plaza, Latham. Now through Jan. 21, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 785-1441.

BRUCE STIGLICH
Paintings and constructions, The Albany Center Galleries. Now through March 1, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

JOSEPH LEVY, OSVALDO LUGO, JANE MILLER
Featured artists, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy. Now through March 15, Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

JUDITH MCCURDY GARMAN
Primitive paintings, Voorheesville Public Library. Through Jan., Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

MEMORY CONSTRUCTED
Three person show by Katharine Kriesher, James Walsh and Fawn Potash, Greene County Council on the Arts. Now through Feb. 23, Mon.-Fri. 9-5, Sat., Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

ANNUAL LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION
Landscape paintings, photographs and prints, Greene County Council on the Arts. Now through March 7, Wed.-Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

THE SETTING OF GOVERNMENT:
Images of the State Capitol and the Empire State Plaza, exhibit of photos, The Empire Center, Albany. Now through Feb. 28. Information, 473-8037.

JENNESS CORTEZ
Also on exhibit, Elizabeth Mowry, Thom O'Connor, Bob Moylan, and Frank Vurraro, Greenhut Galleries, Albany. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

GALERIA GRUPO ARTE
Works by the Antibes, France-based Greek artist Alkis Voulotis, Galeria Grupo Arte, Albany. Now through Jan. 30, Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-6 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

AMERICAN ART POSTERS
Of the 1890s, from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, State Museum, Albany. Now through Feb. 10. Information, 474-5877.

BLOCK PRINT SHOW
Featuring five artists from the national and international community, Visions Gallery, Albany. Now through Jan. 30, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

ALWAYS OVER LABOR DAY
Celebration of 150 years of Columbia County Fair and 60 years of Spencertown's Tower Club, Spencertown Academy. Now through January. Information, 392-3693.

EZRA AMES AND CHARLES LORING ELLIOTT
19th Century paintings, Albany Institute of History & Art. Now through Jan. 20. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY: CAPITAL CITY CROSSROADS
Exhibit and video on history of Albany, Albany Urban Cultural Park Visitors Center, Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weekends by appointment. Information, 434-6311.

TERRENCE TIERNAN
Paintings, Rathbone Gallery, Albany. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-8 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

THORNTON UTZ
Portraitist and painter, The Gallery Unlimited, Socha Plaza, Scotia. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. to 8 p.m. Information, 384-0193.

THE GALLERY AT THE OLD MILL
Featuring well-known Adirondack artists, Elizabethtown, Wed.-Sat. 1-4 p.m. Information, 873-6843.

DOLDRUMS
Showcases the work of arts faculty, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany. Wed.-Fri., noon-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; Sat., noon-3 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

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

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN
Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Albany. Tues.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-1676.

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AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday
January 23

ALBANY COUNTY

PSYCHOLOGY LECTURE
College of St. Rose, Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

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.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

GULF DISCUSSION
Union College, College Center, Caret Room, South Ln., Schenectady, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday
January 24

ALBANY COUNTY

RELAXATION SEMINAR
St. Peter's Hospital, South Manning Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 454-1174.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS DISCUSSION
Sheehy Palmer VFW Post 6776, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 474-6114.

SARATOGA COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP
Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

BASEBALL CARD CONVENTION
La Salle Institute, Williams Rd., Troy, 5 p.m. Information, 283-2500.

Friday
January 25

ALBANY COUNTY

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

REGISTRATION
for fall programs, Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 8:30 a.m. Information, 438-6651.

COVERED DISH SUPPER
sponsored by the Albany County Council Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, VFW Post 8444, Central Ave., Albany, 6 p.m.

MOTHER'S CENTER SUPPORT
First Congregational Church, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 p.m. Information, 482-4508.

SINGLES OUTREACH ANNIVERSARY
Dance, Polish Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension, 9 p.m. Information, 785-9438.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

FREUD LECTURE
Union College, Humanities Bldg., South Ln., Schenectady, 3:45 p.m. Information, 370-6376.

Saturday
January 26

ALBANY COUNTY

LECTURE ON SHAKERS
New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 474-5877.

OPEN FORUM
sponsored by the National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, St. Peter's Hospital, South Manning Blvd., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 439-0252.

Sunday
January 27

ALBANY COUNTY

CLASSES BEGIN
Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, Information, 438-6651.

MOZART CONCERT
Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, 1 p.m.

SILK PAINTING WORKSHOP
Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

WEALTH WATCHERS
financial help group, Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

Monday
January 28

ALBANY COUNTY

COMPUTER LEARNING
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

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

PUBLIC MEETING
on public lands, Colonie Community Center, Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 382-0680.

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

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

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

Tuesday
January 29

ALBANY COUNTY

TODDLER STORY TIME
Albany Public Library, Western Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m. Information, 482-7911.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Albany Public Library, Western Ave., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 482-7911.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Albany Public Library, Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 482-6661.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN STORIES
John A. Howe Branch Library, Schuyler and Broad St., Albany, 11:30 p.m. Information, 472-9485.

POST SCHOOL MOVIES
John A. Howe Branch Library, Schuyler and Broad St., Albany, 3:30 p.m. Information, 472-9485.

TODDLER STORY TIME
Albany Public Library, Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 463-0254.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Albany Public Library, Delaware Ave., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 463-0254.

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

POLAR CLUB LECTURE
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

SWING TIME
film, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

LASAGNA DINNER
First Unitarian Church of Albany, Washington Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 434-1954.

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

Singles network celebrates sixth anniversary Friday

The Singles Outreach Services Network will celebrate its sixth anniversary on Friday, Jan. 25. There will be a dance at the Polish Community Center on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany beginning at 9 p.m. with music by Cap Capello. A special pre-dance hour features ballroom dance music. At 11 p.m., a raffle will be held to benefit SOS volleyball.

To receive the organization's newsletter and calendar of daily activities, call 785-9438.

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

Riverview Productions presents Neil Simon's Comedy "Chapter Two" with Richard Walsh, Denise Pipkin, Mary Keane and Michael Ryan Feb. 2, 3, 9 and 10 Saturdays & Sundays Dinner 7 pm Sat., & 5pm Sun. Baked Chicken Breast Dinner/Show.....\$18 (Group Rates Available) Doane Stuart Dinner Theater (rte. 9 1/4 mi. so. of Thruway Exit 23, Albany) Reservations.....463-3811

Wednesday
January 30

ALBANY COUNTY

AFTERSCHOOL MOVIE
Albany Public Library, Delaware Ave., Albany, 3:30 p.m. Information, 463-0254.

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

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

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

TO CATCH A THIEF
film, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

MAGIC SHOW
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

NATIVE AMERICAN LECTURES
College of St. Rose, Western Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 785-6419.

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

Historians to discuss Shakers' impact

A discussion of the Shakers at the State Museum will be held on Jan. 26 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Kenneth L. Ames, state historian and chief of the historical survey for the museum, questions our adulation of the Shakers, while June Sprigg, curator of collections for the Hancock Shaker Village, takes a more traditional view.

For information, call 474-5877.



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The Spotlight CALENDAR

Wednesday
January 23

BETHLEHEM

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

ASSERTIVNESS 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.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings. Information, 439-6391.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

BEDTIME STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, School Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

DARE GRADUATION
Drug Awareness Resistance Education Prevention Program graduation, Voorheesville Elementary School 1:50 p.m. Information, 427-9019.

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.

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

BEDTIME STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, School Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Thursday
January 24

BETHLEHEM

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.

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.

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 25

BETHLEHEM

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.

FAMILY NIGHT
Elsmere Elementary School, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 5 p.m. Information, 439-6305.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

Saturday
January 26

BETHLEHEM

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

NEW SCOTLAND

CHILDREN'S CONCERT
Voorheesville Public Library, School Rd., Voorheesville, 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Sunday
January 27

BETHLEHEM

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday worship service, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m. Meetings held at the Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 475-9086.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., 3-year-olds through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6 p.m. Information 439-3135.

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

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

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

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

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 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
worship service, church school, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour and adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

FREE WINTER ACTIVITIES
Heldeberg Workshop, Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 12:30 p.m. Information, 765-2777.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m. Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Monday
January 28

BETHLEHEM

YUGOSLAVIA LECTURE
Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

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

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings. Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

Tuesday
January 29

BETHLEHEM

BREAST CANCER SCREENING
Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30. Information, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND

RETIREMENT PLANNING
William F. Rice Jr. Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

Thursday
January 31

BETHLEHEM

FIRE PREVENTION WORKSHOP
sponsored by the Delmar Progress Club, Community Room, Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-5716.

Saturday
January 2

BETHLEHEM

HUCKLEBERRY FINN
Musical, Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7460.

Sunday
January 3

BETHLEHEM

OPEN HOUSE
Slingerlands Cooperative Nursing School, Community Methodist Church of Slingerlands, New Scotland Rd., 2-4 p.m. Information, 475-1395.


Monday
January 4

BETHLEHEM


POST MEETING
Nathaniel Adams American Legion Post 1040, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4417.

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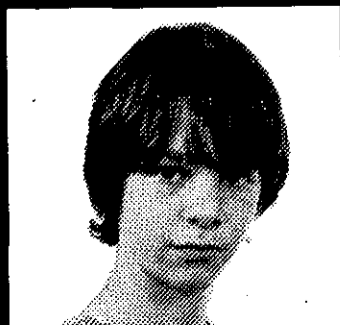
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At a Commerford pet expo, a boy finds out that goats eat just about everything. The pet expo will be returning to the New Scotland Avenue Armory on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10.

Pet expo

(From page 19)

them. "We keep the name even if we don't like it because it is the animal's name."

Commerford said they didn't like the camel's name, Arthur. "It would be nicer if he had an Arabian name," she said. "It doesn't sound Middle Eastern."

Other animals joining Dickie, Arthur and Sydney in Albany are Zebu, the gray humped Indian cow; Watusi, the African cow, and miniature horses, along with more than 50 barnyard animals, includ-

ing rabbits, ducks, goats, donkeys, sheep and chicks. Other exotic animals that are part of the expo are monkeys, emus (cousins to the ostrich) and llamas.

Dickie the giraffe, who's 10 years old, is the "star of the show," Commerford admitted. "He has a super personality. He loves people."

Dickie is an attention-getter when he washes his eyebrows with his long tongue, Commerford said. She said she enjoys "just watching the kids' reaction" to Dickie and the other animals. "Giving the animals good care, keeping everybody happy, and having it all going well is the best we can hope for."

Library sponsors news writing contest

The Albany Public Library is sponsoring a news writing contest for students in grades one through eight. The story must be an original account of a real or imaginary event, and is limited to 250 words.

Entry forms are available at all Albany Public Library locations. The deadline for entries is Monday, March 4.

For information, call 449-3380.

Art exhibit extended at Vietnam Memorial

"The Painter's Song," a 13-piece exhibit by William Crapser, will be extended through Jan. 30 at the Vietnam Memorial in Albany. The exhibit includes paintings in acrylics and charcoal that were created specifically for display at the Vietnam Memorial Gallery.

The gallery is located in the Justice Building at the Empire State Plaza, just inside the State Street entrance. The gallery is open from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information, call 473-5527.

Geology workshop set at museum

Senior scientists from The State Museum's Geological Survey make geology come alive in a four-part workshop at the museum Tuesday, Feb. 5 through 26 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Fees are \$50 per person for the entire series, \$40 for museum members. Preregistration is required by Jan. 28.

For information, call 474-5801.

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Juliette Braun

Social awareness seems to be in the air with the dramatic turn in world events. Now is the time to take action against injustice, to find yourself in a world of turmoil.

Get involved! Become a part of your community, learn more about your school. Attend the next meeting of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School Parents Association. The meetings are open to the public and this week's meeting, scheduled for Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m., will discuss a new program directly concerning you. The Natural Helpers Program is a new peer counseling program designed to help high school students deal with teen concerns.

I'll see you at the movies! "The Legend of Billie Jean," an action adventure comedy for teens dealing with self-discovery and starring Helen Slater and

Keith Gordon will be shown at the William K. Sanford Town Library, on Albany-Shaker Rd., in Latham on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

AIDS is a serious problem confronting our world, a problem that does not ignore the young. The Albany Medical Center AIDS Treatment Center, North Colonie AIDS Advisory Council and Albany Diocese Task Force, in conjunction with Sister Diane Tucker, will confront the issue in a parent and high school student program entitled "Spread of AIDS, a Time Bomb for Teens." The program is scheduled to begin at 7:15 on Jan. 28 at Our Lady of Assumption Church, in Latham.

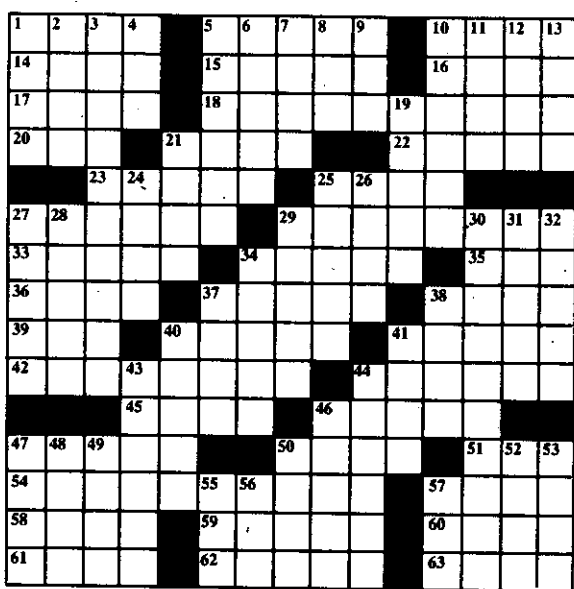
If you have an item exclusively for area teens, send it to TEENSCENE, Spotlight Newspapers, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 12054.

Weekly Crossword

"GORGEOUS GEORGE(S)!"

By Gerry Frey

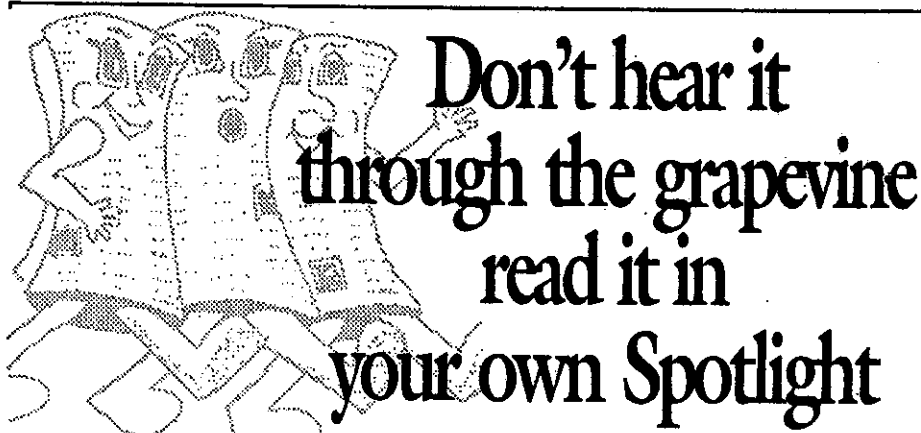
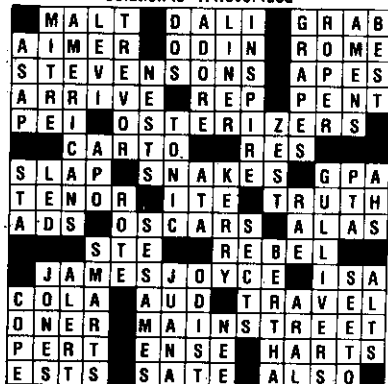
- ACROSS**
- Cop II: 90's Movie
 - COMEDIAN GEORGE
 - John _____: Actor
 - Degrade
 - Length X width
 - Fedora material
 - ACTOR GEORGE
 - British custom
 - Mr. Lincoln and others
 - Baseball essentials
 - Ms. Carter and others
 - Track event
 - Gordon _____: Singer
 - COMPOSER GEORGE
 - Bed bug
 - Up tight
 - PLAYWRIGHT GEORGE
 - Weather word
 - Weather word
 - Drug concern
 - Carton: Abv.
 - Angry stare
 - Pined
 - PIANIST GEORGE
 - ACTOR GEORGE
 - Pickpockets: Slang
 - People of Nordic origin
 - Top off the tank
 - Map network of lines
 - Sailor: Slang
 - CIVIL WAR GENERAL GEORGE & FAMILY
 - Brute
 - Med. school course
 - Ms. O'Grady
 - Ms. Lane
 - Follows "DAN": Hoofers
 - Residues
 - Type of worm



- Limb
- Broadway Joe _____
- Son of Zeus
- Withered
- Dried grasses
- Vastly overweight
- "Woe is me"
- Emerald Isle
- Bring honor to: British
- _____ while: Former
- Shakespeare's Antony & others
- "...will beat _____ to his door"
- GERMAN GEORGE
- PRESIDENTIAL GEORGE
- Notions in Dijon
- Not "in" people
- Prefix meaning across
- Comedian Wilson
- Calif. college
- Complain bitterly
- Very dry
- Grown-ups
- Responds to the clock radio
- L.A. Laws Becker
- Car financing org.
- Teenage nemesis

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Unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Albany County Director of Finance on April 1, 1991.

Kenneth P. Hahn
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LEGAL NOTICE

January 1, 1991

January 16, 1991

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The problem actually results from improvements in car technology. While newer fuel-injected engines found in most cars produced after 1985 deliver big gains in overall performance, their refined design demands more precision and care from the gas tank. Without proper care and attention at the gas pump, the result

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The symptoms of this malaise soon emerge. Sputtering, loss of acceleration and even stalling can leave many a car owner angry and confused.

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- Accelerate slowly and smoothly. Avoid jackrabbit starts and plan your driving so as to keep stop-and-go driving to a minimum.

- Do not rest your foot on the clutch or brake pedal. What appears harmless can actually cause needless wear and tear, overheating and poor fuel economy.

- Keep the front wheels in proper alignment. Avoid hitting curbs and be sure to slow down on rough roads. Poor alignment not only wears down your tires but can reduce fuel economy.

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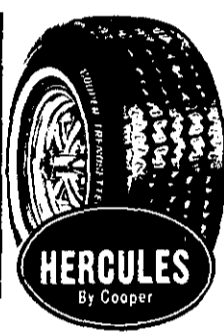
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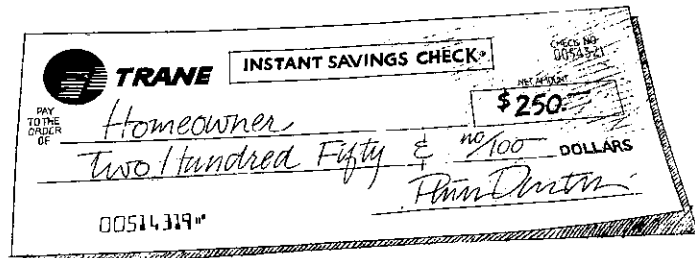
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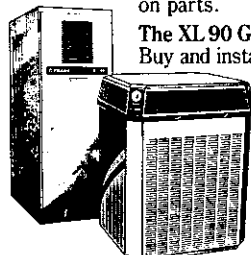
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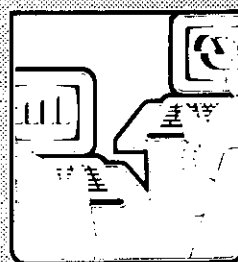
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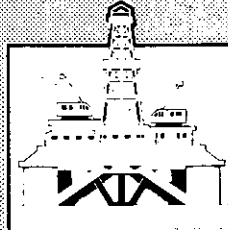
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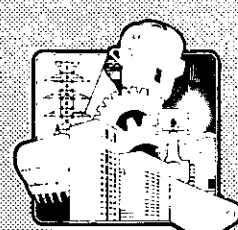
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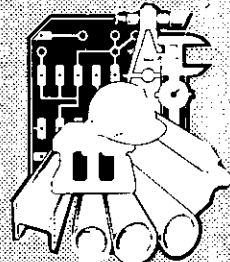
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Planning the key to a successful wedding day

By Susan Graves

The writer of "I'm Getting Married in the Morning," might not make it to the church at all in the '90s unless he and his bride-to-be do some careful advance planning.

Professionals who deal in the wedding business say at least a year is needed to plan a successful event. And if the adage "Time is Money" holds true, the couple would need at least several thousand dollars to pay for the gown, the tux, the reception, photos, a limo, the flowers and numerous other wedding accoutrements.

Bill Finnen, club manager of Normanside Country Club in Delmar, said the price for a prime rib dinner with hors d'oeuvres and a one-hour open bar runs about \$30 per person. With tax and tip, the cost comes to about \$40 per person, he said.

Normanside can accommodate up to 125 people, Finnen said. He recommends making reception plans about a year ahead of the wedding.

Many couples arrange to have a DJ, band or a one-man band at the reception, and this cost ranges from \$250 to \$350 for a DJ, and from about \$350 to \$450 for a band, he said.

Because of Normanside's size, weddings there tend to have an "intimate, homey" quality to them, Finnen said.

For larger wedding parties, couples might consider Donovan's in Clifton Park, which can hold a reception for up to 210 people.

Banquet Manager Susan Schnurr said packages begin at \$22.75 per person. "We're getting calls for 1992," she said. For \$50 per person, more open bar time is included as well as butler service and more appetizers, along with



All the components of a carefully planned wedding come together on the big day.

special coffees and pastries and desserts. "It's challenging to have to put people at ease," she said, "You've got to make yourself 100 percent available."

But before the happy couple arrive at the reception, there are countless details to be considered.

One of the initial considerations is the bridal gown. According to Judy Alber, store manager for Loretta Lane in Latham, the average price for a bride's dress is from \$700 to \$800. A headpiece costs about \$140, shoes \$35, crinoline \$40, and bra \$18.

Those are average prices before alterations; the picture can get much bigger. Some brides choose dresses that cost from \$2,000 to \$2,500, she said.

Others look for bargains. "I had someone call and ask if we rented them," Alber said.

The financial picture for the

groom is a little brighter since many rent tuxedos. At Tuxego in Stuyvesant Plaza in Albany, the groom can rent an appropriate tux for from \$50 to \$100. But Jody Rinaldi, director of operations at Tuxego, said there are always specials, which can reduce that amount. With wedding parties of seven or more men, for example, the groom's tux is free.

But even the groom has to make early plans. Rinaldi said both the bride and the groom should come in three to six months before the wedding for a consultation. "Black is the big hitter," this year and double breasted tuxes are in, she said.

Extras for men include the cost of a tie and shoe rental. "Plan early; it's one thing on the list that's taken care of," she said.

It is also recommended to make photography arrangements early. Pattye Grossman of Ramark-Varden Studios in Albany said a

year is not too far ahead when it comes to choosing photo packages. "We like brides to come in for an album consultation," she said.

Once the couple decides on a package, the bride must schedule a time to go to the studio for a sitting in her formal gown.

Basic album packages begin with an album for the bride and groom with 16 eight by 10 color photos and two parent albums with 12 prints in each. These photos include a variety of poses which begin at the bride's home. The basic package begins at \$399.95, she said.

It's also a good idea to plan for entertainment about a year ahead, according to Beverly Allen of Top Cat Talent Co. in New Baltimore. She said the cost for a DJ is about \$300 and from \$600 to \$800 for a band. And she said costs tend to be higher during holiday times.

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Music makers tailor tunes for best reception

By Susan Wheeler

Don't venture into a game of name that tune with disc jockeys or bands that play at a wedding reception. Variety is key for these music-makers since there's no limit to musical tastes. Most offer a vast selection of music, from the swinging sounds of the 1940s to the dance and rock favorites of today.

"We have a variety of music, from the '30s to the present," says Danny Marcil, owner and manager of Total Entertainment, a disc jockey service. "We play any music the couple wants. They can put together a song list."

Dyanne Marlowe, a vocalist in her band Marlowe and Company, notes that they know at least 2,500 songs. "We keep up to date."

Bands and DJs like to please everyone at the wedding reception. Most keep the music low during dinner, and cater to everyone's tastes. The age range at the reception is important, according to Marcil, and music is usually played for the older crowd first, since the younger guests tend to stay later.

"I feel out the crowd," says DJ Drew Jacobs, from A Bridal Specialist. "You can't prejudge a crowd. I go with a list the couple gives me. I play a little something for everyone, balancing what the couple likes with what the guests like."

A couple's special request for ethnic music should be taken into consideration by the band or DJ, Marlowe recommends. Disc jockeys' music selections should include sundry ethnic songs, as well as most bands'. "People's traditions

and nationalities should be accommodated."

"We try to please everyone," says vocalist Stephanie Starer from Rhythm Club, a combination band and DJ service. According to Starer, the band is capable of singing a polka in Polish, and songs in Italian, Spanish and Hebrew.

No matter what kind of music bands or DJs play, all agree that they do what they do for fun and a sense of satisfaction. "Actual playing is great," Starer says. "I feel like we're a part of the wedding. I like to see the couple happy, later."

Starer says she and the other band members hold day jobs during the week. She refers to her involvement in Rhythm Club as "my sanity for my insanity during the week."

Marcil says he and the other four DJs from Total Entertainment do whatever they can to make a "dignified, but fun" wedding reception. "I really like my job," he says, "it's fun. It's great to see a sea of people dancing and laughing."

What songs encourage guests at a wedding reception to get up and dance, and even laugh? There's the chicken dance song, where dancers follow a routine to portray a chicken, the "Hawaii Five-O" theme song that gets dancers, including the bridal party, onto floor rowing an imaginary boat and there's "Shout," a favorite at any dance. Marcil says he witnessed a "fun, new dance" last year, the electric slide. "Loosely, it's a cross between the gator and the Bartman."

New dances aren't all that the



Marlowe and Company play many wedding receptions in the Capital District. Seated (left to right): Jimmy Vincent, Dyanne Marlowe, Nancy Wade and Jim Corligliano. Standing (left to right): Chuck D'Aloia, John Hines and Gene Garone.

music-makers at wedding receptions witness. "Weird things happen all the time," Starer says. "It keeps you on your toes. There's a story behind every wedding we play."

Because people behave in all sorts of manners at weddings,

some of the band members and DJs recount bizarre incidents. Marlowe remembers the time the groom never showed at the altar, but the bride held the reception regardless. Marcil, who says that his job is "always different," retells the story of the entire wedding

party, "all doctors and lawyers," wearing "crazy" sunglasses and chicken-fighting on the dance floor during "Shout." Starer recalls the bride who scheduled her wedding day well in advance. When Rhythm Club showed up at the reception hall, everything was as planned, except for the groom. The bride had chosen a new future-husband.

Although the bands and DJs like their work, often it's hard work. Lugging equipment into the reception hall, sometimes up three flights of stairs, gets tiring. They miss dinner hours with their families and if necessary, attend back-to-back receptions from morning until late night hours. "It's hard when you have a family," Marlowe admits, "but I love it with a passion."

Starer says the mark of good music at a reception is that the crowd "works off what they just put on" and that there's "a little corner of the world where people are happy."

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It helps to open love's eyes

By Dev Tobin

Love may be blind, but therapists believe pre-marital counseling helps strengthen marriages and prevent the disillusionment of divorce.

With all the other things to take care of in preparation for a wedding (see other articles in this section), couples often place counseling low on the priority list.

"Young people will often say, 'We get along great — we never fight.' That may be so, but they will certainly need to know how to air their inevitable disagreements if they are going to have a successful marriage," said the Rev. Janel Miller-Evans of the Samaritan Counseling Center in Latham.

The list of topics that needs to be covered in pre-marital counseling includes, but is not limited to, finances, children, prior family histories and where to spend the holidays.

"The first year of marriage can be very stressful, as people have a lot of insecurities over finances," Rev. Miller-Evans noted. "Newlyweds have to communicate to work out problems as a couple, and pre-marital counseling helps them

develop their communication skills."

"Keeping the lines of communication open can solve any problem," agreed Sister Anne Bryan Smollin, director of Counseling for Laity in the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese. "People need to be able to talk about issues in their relationship before they get married."

The Catholic Church requires that all engaged couples contact the priest who will marry them at least six months prior to the wedding. According to Sister Smollin, it is also strongly suggested that the couple take part in an all-day Pre-Cana workshop with other couples.

"Marriage is often based on infatuation and unrealistic expectations. The program looks at communication, finances and setting goals, among other things," she said. "We are trying to help people create permanent relationships."

Sister Smollin pointed out that pre-marital counseling sometimes recommends against marriage. "For instance, pregnancy does not assure a successful marriage. We

see a lot of divorces when people marry because they 'had to,'" she said.

Second marriages cause even more stress than first marriages, according to the therapists.

"There are more issues to deal with in a second marriage — past relationships, healing the hurts and disappointments of the first marriage, stepchildren and in-laws," Sister Smollin explained, adding that the church offers a two-weekend remarriage program as part of their pre-marital counseling.

Rev. Miller-Evans agreed that people considering second marriages are in particular need of counseling.

"Divorce can be very traumatic and confusing. And, aside from the legal divorce, there has to be an emotional divorce, or the same problems may recur," she said. "Counseling is very beneficial because it's important to get help to sort out feelings before remarriage."

With the divorce rate approaching 50 percent, therapists agree that pre-marital counseling may be the ounce of prevention many couples need.

Book advises couples to talk about what makes them happy

Getting what you want from marriage may be easier than you think! A sense of being important to your partner and feeling appreciated are the two best indicators of marital happiness. Author Charlie Michaels claims it's easy to ensure this.

Most of us would do anything for our mate if we were sure it were the "right thing." Unfortunately, it's easy to slip into a self-defeating cycle. You knock yourself out doing what you think will please your spouse. You're off target so you don't get the big smile and hug you expected. You try another approach and get another lukewarm reception. You get discouraged. You stop trying.

"Couples create the biggest obstacle to their happiness by expecting their spouse to intuitively know what they need, but we want different things at different times. Sometimes when I'm upset, I want to be held, occasionally I want to talk and other times I want to be left alone. How can my husband know what I need if I don't tell him?" says Michaels.

In their book, "Avoiding Wedding Aftershock or I Like You Even Better Now That I Know You," Michaels and husband Mike Brown help you identify the keys to your happiness and show you how to share them with your part-

ner. Once you know how to make each other happy, you're on your way to creating a joyful, loving marriage.

"Often it's not that people don't talk, it's that they don't communicate on a level that can be put into action. Mike and I like to be pampered when we're sick. But what's pampering? Left to Mike's interpretations, he would bring me vestiges of his childhood: tea and toast. He means this lovingly, but I don't care for tea and toast. To me, pampering is diet soda and raspberry sherbet."

Picky? Unreasonable? Michaels insists you're cheating yourself and your partner when you settle for less than what you want. "Your spouse wants to please you. Who wants to knock themselves out and then feel, 'Well, it's the thought that counts?' It's *much* more fun to do what's wanted! Why cook an elaborate meal if your mate's morale would get a bigger boost from a hug and a back rub?"

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Honeymoon helps relieve wedding stress

By Debi Boucher

After months of often harrowing wedding preparations, most couples view their honeymoons as well-deserved — and much-needed — vacations. And while there are plenty of travel options available to couples, most choose getaways that promise maximum enjoyment and minimum hassle.

Diane Schneider, owner of Ports of Call Cruises in Colonie, says her firm, which books cruises exclusively, does its share of honeymoon business. One advantage of opting for a cruise, she said, is that almost everything is included in one basic price, with the exception of alcohol and spending money. Another is that everything is taken care of, eliminating countless small decisions. "You don't have to worry about where you'll go for dinner," Schneider said. And after facing the myriad decisions involved in planning a wedding, she pointed out, newlyweds are ready to just relax.

"I always tell people, don't skimp on your honeymoon," she said. "It's very important to be happy with the choices you've made." If money is an object, as it is for most, better to scale down elaborate wedding plans than cut corners on honeymoon planning, Schneider advises. "If they don't do the honeymoon right, they're starting out on the wrong foot."

Couples tend to heed such advice, since their wedding trip means a lot. "It's what people look forward to most," said Schneider, who observes the stress and fatigue in those temporarily immersed in the mire of wedding

preparations. After months of planning the big event, "They can't wait until the wedding is all over, so they can get on with their lives — and go on their honeymoon."

Glen Pence, owner of Delmar Travel Bureau at Delaware Plaza, said many couples see their honeymoon as an opportunity to go someplace they wouldn't ordinarily

allow themselves to go — perhaps one last extravagance before settling down to save for a house or raise a family. "They'll go to an area that may cost three or four thousand dollars," he said, "but it might be 25 years before they'll get to go again."

Honeymoon destinations vary according to individual taste, Pence said. "It's always surprising, what people want to do." Of three wedding trips he was booking last week, he said, one was to Hawaii, another to the Northwest, and the third to the Caribbean.

The Caribbean Islands and Hawaii are both popular honeymoon destinations, Pence said, and "all-inclusive" resorts in Jamaica are also doing well. Choosing an all-inclusive, he noted, means no surprise expenses for couples who may be on a limited budget, since everything is paid for in advance.

Occasionally, Pence said, couples will seek out small, out-of-the-way islands, such as Antigua or Anguilla, but "not that many people do that — most people are a little afraid of that."

All-inclusive, couples-only resorts in Jamaica are becoming "very popular" as honeymoon spots, said Claire Fleming of Liberty Travel in Crossgates Mall. Along the same lines, there has been "a resurgence" in cruise packages, where nearly everything is paid for in advance. The all-inclusives, she noted, are even more comprehensive than cruise packages, covering tips, taxes, even cigarettes and alcohol in some cases.

Shelli Crogan, who works with Schneider at Ports of Call Cruises, said a week-long cruise to the Caribbean can be had for as low as \$1,145 per person, in season, including air fare, transfers between airport and ship, meals, entertainment and bonuses like health spas, with which most modern ships are equipped. In addition, she said, many cruise lines offer honeymoon packages that include such amenities as champagne and on-ship portraits.

It's not such a bad risk, according to Karen DeAngelis of Travelhost in Main Square, Delmar, who said cruise lines generally reroute their itineraries to avoid islands being hit with bad weather. Cruises in October and November, just before the "peak" season begins and rates rise, are actually "a good idea," she said.

For summer honeymoons, Bermuda is a good destination, DeAngelis said: "You'll have perfect weather." Winter honeymooners who don't go the Caribbean route often choose Hawaii, she said, in keeping with the general trend toward warm-weather spots. Of course, there are always exceptions, and DeAngelis has booked a couple of ski honeymoons this

season. "If you're a true skier," she mused, "you go skiing on your honeymoon."

Changing traditions mean shared expenses

It's traditional in the U.S. for the parents of the bride to cover the entire cost of a couple's wedding. But according to *Bride's* magazine, this situation is changing.

For the first time, there's a definite trend toward the sharing of wedding expenses, says *Bride's*. The groom's family, as well as the bride and groom themselves, are taking on a chunk of the financial responsibility. One reason for this may be changing attitudes toward the nature of marriage.

"I always tell people, don't skimp on your honeymoon," said Diane Schneider of Ports of Call Cruises.

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People waiting until later in life to tie the knot

By Mike Larabee

The whys and whens of wedding, it seems, aren't exactly what they used to be. Across the country, people are getting married later in life, continue to divorce often, and, in general, seem to be approaching the institution of wedlock with caution.

Obviously, "people continue to get married and people continue to get divorced," said Betsy Osborn, a Loudonville family therapist who specializes in work with stepfamilies.

The Town of Colonie clerk's office issued 384 marriage licenses in 1990 while Bethlehem registered 128. But each figure is down from a year ago, from 446 and 137 respectively. For both of those growing towns, the number of licenses issued in 1990 was the lowest seen in five years.

And according to the March,

1990, issue of "Monthly Labor Review," the median age of Americans at first marriage has risen steadily. From a 20th century low in the late 1950s of 20.1 years for women and 22.5 for men, those figures now are roughly 23.6 years for women and almost 26 for men.

The reasons for the increase are complex, according to local marriage and family counselors.

"I think people want to reach a certain point in their life before they make a decision to settle down," said Miriam Adler, director of counseling services for the Albany-based Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York.

"I think it's a lot of factors," she said. "I think it has to do with commitments; I think it has to do with financial insecurities; I think it has to do with people coming out of generations where they saw marital disfunction."

In Adler's view, there are both positive and negative sides to young adults' wary approach to marriage. On the one hand, she said, it's healthy for individuals to examine their lives and resolve personal problems before they commit to marriage. But on the other, she said a general unwillingness to accept responsibility for themselves and their relationships can be seen as symptomatic of a stage of "prolonged adolescence" pervasive in society today.

"We generally see... difficulty in people making a commitment, and that's a very basic thing," she said. "Somehow couples will live together — that's quite prevalent — but they don't see it as the same commitment as a marriage."

"We don't see things as long-lasting as we used to, particularly marriage," Adler said.

Beyond that, Adler and others say, is the simple fact that women have more options today than ever before. As Osborn put it, "It's not just the old thing anymore where 'Gee, I get married to get out of the house.' There's other things to do."

Elizabeth Reid, a family therapist with a private practice in Slingerlands, said feminism has had implications beyond simply opening options for women. More important, she said, it has played a part in changing fundamentally the politics of interaction between men and women.

"I think what wedding and marriage is about is really the politics between men and women," Reid said. If there's any trend she's seeing in her practice, she added, "it's a trend of women bringing their husbands in and requesting men to be more nurturing than

they have been historically, and men struggling courageously with that."

She said men and women today are taking time to work on sharing power, economically, emotionally, and at all levels of their lives together.

"I see that as really a good trend," she said.

But it's a stressful trend, the psychologists say, and one that has more and more people turning for support to therapy or self-help programs.

"It's stressful because you have to make it up as you go along," said Dr. Susan Oringel, a clinical psychologist with Bethlehem Counseling Associates in Delmar. "I think the whole definition of family is certainly changed."

Oringel said that while she thinks it's a "human need to live with other people," she sees changes in the different ways in which people today are co-habiting. Osborn agreed, citing the wide range of alternatives now found under the general heading "family," and pointed for example to her work with stepfamilies and second and third marriages.

"It's a different animal," she said. "It's not just a blending of families. You can't just throw together people with past hurts and losses and expect that just because the parents love each other it's going to work out."

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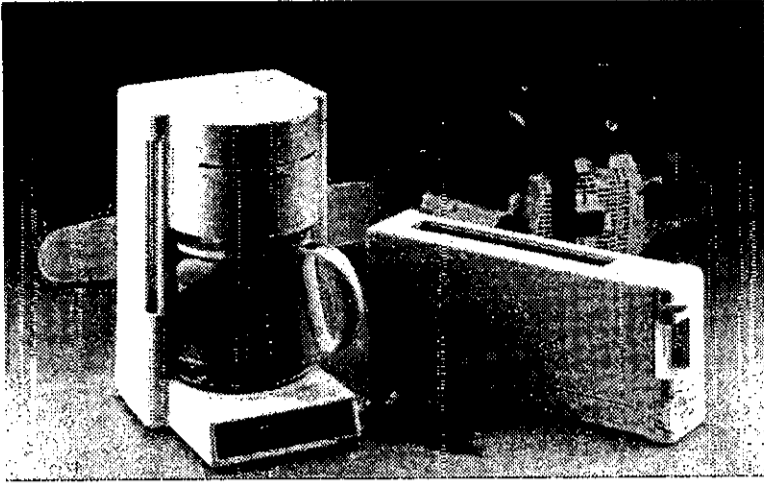
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Unusual gifts such as chain saws are appearing on bridal registry lists, but traditional appliances are still favorites.

Chain saws join toasters on bridal registry lists

Looking for an original gift for the bride and groom? How about a 21-year-old maid, his and hers BMWs, or winning lottery tickets? These are just a few of the unusual items brides have registered for, according to a survey of department store bridal registries by Proctor-Silex.

Other unique bridal requests include shrubs, a toilet seat, a trip to Alaska, a chain saw and a canoe.

Don't cross traditional favorites off your list, however; the survey found that most registry items are much more practical. For instance, two-thirds of brides register for appliances.

Coffeemakers are the most-requested appliance, with mixers running a close second. Toasters and irons tie as the third most popular choice.

Bridal registrars said most brides rate the appliance's style above durability and affordability. In fact, two-thirds of respondents indicated the bride "never" considers price as a factor. Color, however, was ranked as very important.

Special features like automatic timing devices are also welcome, according to the survey.

Whether you're registering yourself or shopping for a bride-to-be, here are some tips to consider when choosing appliances:

- **Ease of use:** Select appliances that are easy to operate and have conveniently located controls.

- **Ease of cleaning:** Pick easy-to-clean finishes like baked enamel over fingerprint-catchers like chrome.

- **Space-savers:** Consider compact appliances that take up less counter space.

- **Favorite features:** Select features that will make brides' favorite appliances even more useful. Some examples:

Automatic Drip Coffeemakers — Look for auto pause/serve, popular with busy young couples. It temporarily stops coffee flow during brewing to allow pouring of a quick first cup of coffee.

Mixers — Choose a compact, rechargeable cordless mixer to make quick work of mixing fruit juices and milkshakes, egg whites, whipping cream, sauces and light batters.

Living happily ever after takes effort

You're just back from the honeymoon, ready to settle into a cozy life as husband and wife. Now comes the "happily ever after" part, right? Well, it's not always that simple. Even couples who live together before saying their vows are likely to find "playing house" for keeps quite different than they expected, according to *Bride's* magazine. According to their research, the following tips might make the transition to married life smoother.

- Check with your partner before making big decisions or social plans. He may dislike the paisley coach you bought for the living room; you might get angry be-

cause he's invited his boss to dinner the night you'd planned a long evening in a bubble bath. Making sure something is okay with your mate first can head off headaches (and arguments) later.

- Be flexible. People come to marriage with different ideas about everything from religion to who should walk the dog. Compromise is key; if you're not thrilled that he expects you to make him breakfast every morning (like his mom faithfully did for his dad), offer to whip up a terrific morning meal for the two of you on the week-ends. During the week, he should share in the work.

- Watch your "fighting styles." When a heated discussion begins, do you burst into tears, while he withdraws? Learning to disagree effectively is essential to marital success, as is swallowing your pride once in a while. All couples hurt or disappoint each other now and then; it's only human.

- Don't be afraid of change. It takes some work (not to mention patience and a sense of humor) to create a lifestyle which makes both partners happy. But the reward — a marriage that's able to grow in the face of both prosperity and adversity — is well worth the effort.

Helpful wedding hints for the older bride

Anyone who believes that all brides are young and blushing should consider these facts: Today, one fifth of all women getting married for the first time are over 25. Of these, one third are in their thirties, forties or older.

Whatever their reasons for delaying marriage — whether to pursue a profession or simply to live independently for a while — once they do decide to wed, these older brides generally have this question: "What kind of wedding is right at my age?"

Bride's magazine gives the following advice for this group of brides:

- Many older brides prefer small ceremonies with only family and close friends attending, but it's perfectly okay to choose any size ceremony you like. If you're like most older brides, you'll have only a maid or matron of honor, rather than a whole procession of bridesmaids, but again this is up to you. In either case, don't overlook the possibility of asking young relatives to be flower girls or ring bearers.

- What about the question of

being "given away"? This ritual can easily be omitted if it makes you feel uncomfortable. But if you would like to be given away and your father is not alive or able to do so, feel free to ask any male relative or usher to perform the role.

- Wear a long, lacy white wedding dress if this is what you've always imagined you'd do as a bride. If this isn't you, consider off-

white, ivory, cream, or the palest pastels such as lavender or sea-green. A sleek style, such as a gently flaring or softly-gathered skirt with a simple bodice and matching jacket, is most attractive. Your dress can be long or short, but for a small wedding, you might feel more comfortable in a length that's just-below-the-knee or mid-calf (very popular right now).

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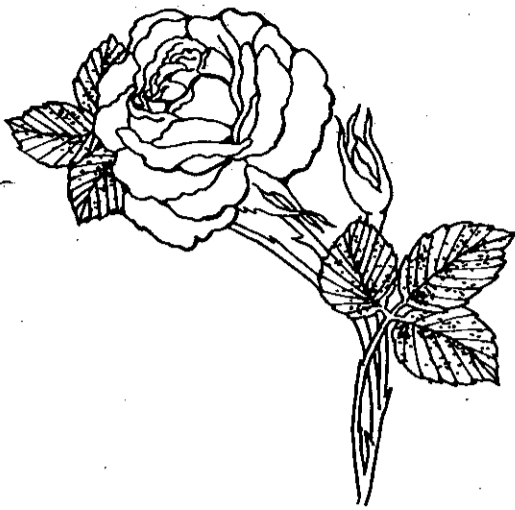
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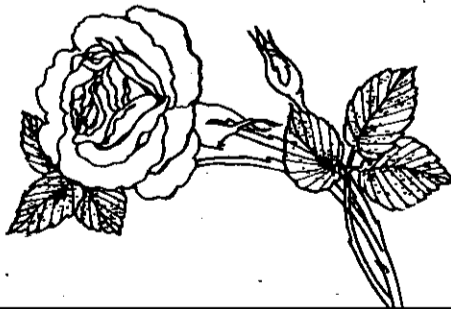
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