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Close call



"Not too many people walk away from train-car accidents," commented Bethlehem Lt. Frederick Holligan. Janet Metzger, 28, of Loudonville did Monday after her car was hit by a two-car train at the Adams Street Delaware & Hudson rail crossing. Metzger was treated and released from Albany Medical Center, and was ticketed for driving through crossing warning lights. Above is her 1986 Chevrolet. *Elaine McLain*

NEW SCOTLAND

State cuts put budget back on chopping block

By Debi Boucher

Perhaps New Scotland should have bought a lottery ticket.

After spending weeks hashing out its 1991 budget last fall, the town is now faced with a \$61,290 shortfall caused by cuts in state aid and rising mandated expenditures. Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly has asked fellow councilmen to prepare a list of suggested cuts for consideration at the board's next meeting, scheduled for Feb. 6 at 8 p.m.

The biggest blow on the expenditure side is a 35 percent increase in tipping fees at ANSWERS, Albany's waste-to-energy incinerator. Since New Scotland, unlike most surrounding towns that use the facility, provides its residents with trash pickup service, the money will have to come from somewhere in the town budget.

Another major hit was a recently announced \$13,006 rise in the town's workers compensation insurance.

In addition to those increased expenditures, totaling \$49,642, the town is los-

ing \$11,648 in revenues, including a \$2,000 cut by the state Office for the Aging, \$2,820 from state aid for youth and \$4,560 from the state funded CHIPS program, which provides money for paving. Highway Superintendent Michael Hotaling said if the town cuts back on its paving, it will receive still less from the CHIPS program — "if there even is a CHIPS program in the next couple of years."

Reilly echoed that ominous note, predicting that more state programs will be cut in the future. "Talking with people who have knowledge of the state budget," he said, "it's only the tip of the iceberg."

Deputy Supervisor Peter Luczak said the state is aiming to cut some \$6 billion from its budget, and has so far cut only \$1 billion. "The state budget battle has just begun to take shape," he said. "This is probably just round one."

The only good news in New Scotland's budget picture concerns its share of county sales tax revenue, which came to

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Operation We Care lends helping hand

By Mike Larabee

The letters that come back tell a part of the story.

"I was glad to hear from you people for reasons that all the stuff good-natured Americans are sending doesn't make it past the ports," wrote Lance Cpl. David Watson on Jan. 8. "There's some forklift operator up to his eyeballs in fruitcake somewhere."

"I've been here twenty-five days and still haven't received mail, let alone fruitcake (yuk)," he said.

"We appreciate the concern given to us. Our mail system is all messed up," said Randals Forreider, who didn't list his rank. "If I was back in the states, I would be concerned also. If you only knew the real feelings we have about this place."

Those are excerpts from the first batch of letters in reply to "Operation We Care," a local initiative intended to remind America's Persian Gulf service people they have not been forgotten. Started in December by William and Rose McGarry of the Slingerlands Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary (whose Marine son William III is stationed in Saudi Arabia), the fire department-sponsored program has grown into a town-wide effort.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, from noon to 6 p.m., items to be sent to local service people involved in the U.S. military's "Operation Desert Storm" will be collected at all the firehouses in town. They

are asking for personal items (soap, batteries, tissue, razors, toothbrushes), non-perishable foods (beef jerky, breakfast bars, crackers, peanuts), and entertainment materials (art supplies, baseballs, mitts, playing cards).

A long roster of donation suggestions can be obtained from the Slingerlands Fire Department or town hall.

The names and addresses of all Bethlehem residents involved in the military action are being placed on a computerized list for inclusion in the program, but names from the Albany County area are welcome too. While the program targets specific individuals — as opposed to the "Any soldier USA" tack of other mailings — early care packages have tended to be distributed throughout the local soldiers' units, said Lynn Corrigan, Bethlehem public information specialist. Watson and Forreider are examples of that.

"The local fire department protects the community and residents, and we appreciate a vote of thanks once in a while," Slingerlands Fire Chief Walter Eck Jr. said at a program photo promotion with the McGarrys and Town Supervisor Ken Ringler. "So we want them to know that we appreciate the fact that they're protecting this country and its citizens."

One complaint in many of the letters is that mail isn't getting through. Other soldiers talked about the boredom of

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Bethlehem police staffing poses ongoing challenge

By Susan Graves

Full staffing is an ongoing challenge for the Bethlehem Police Department made even more difficult by the war in the Persian Gulf.

Chief Paul Currie said, "That problem (staffing) is universal, but we can adjust," even in the worst case scenario. Currently the department is in good shape, he said. One man, Officer Jeff Vunck, is in Saudi Arabia serving as a military policeman, and his job will be held for him until he returns. "His job is protected," he said.

Only one other officer, Scott Ansom, is in the active reserves and has not heard whether he will be called up.



Officer Vunck

Two other officers are currently out on disability, and one of those who will retire will be replaced, the chief said. It is uncertain whether the other officer will retire on disability, so until this is determined nothing will be done about his job.

With the new officer, the existing force will be at 33, only one less than the 34 authorized strength positions, Chief Currie said.

Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, an officer in the reserves, said his unit, the 210th Armored of the National Guard, "is still the same as it was for the last 20 years — inactive," but he is still in close contact should the situation change. Officer Robert Hillgrass is also in the inactive reserves.

The department would have to try to juggle schedules if two more men left, to continue to provide adequate coverage.

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State schedules meetings on coyotes

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has set a series of public meetings about coyotes in northern New York. At the meetings, coyote experts will offer information about coyotes and provide citizens with an opportunity to express their opinions and concerns regarding this animal in New York's northern zone.

On Feb. 7, a meeting will be held in Ballston Spa at the Saratoga County Cooperative Extension Center at 7:30 p.m. Other meetings will be held in Watertown, Saranac Lake and Herkimer.

For information about coyotes or the public meetings, call 891-1370.

Memorial service set for Nat Boynton

A memorial service will be held for Nat Boynton, former *Spotlight* publisher, at 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, State Street, Albany. The writer and author died Jan. 13 at age 73.

Delmar entrepreneur wins award

Gail Leonardo Sundling, owner of Delmar Bootery stores at Delmar Four Corners and Stuyvesant Plaza, recently was named the first "Enterprising Woman of the Capital Region."

Sundling was selected from a field of 10 local business women nominated by chambers of commerce and other local business

organizations. The enterprise award is sponsored on a national basis by Avon Products Inc. and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Sundling, a Guilderland resident, was nominated for the competition by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. By winning the local award, she is automatically nominated for the contest's national award.

Sewage plant rehab plan approved

The Bethlehem Town Board last week unanimously approved a \$3.1 million plan to upgrade and repair its Cedar Hill sewage treatment plant.

The town has estimated that the project will add 30 to 50 cents to sewer tax rates, which are currently \$5.55 per \$1,000 assessment in the Delmar-Elsmere sewer district and \$7.66 per \$1,000 assessment in the town's sewer district extensions.

Moratorium extension hearing scheduled

The Bethlehem Town Board has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, Feb. 13, on a plan to extend the town's solid waste facility moratorium another six months.

The board did not discuss the issue when it appeared as an agenda item at its regular meeting last week, voting 5-0 to set the hearing.

The moratorium was passed last September to give Bethlehem time to draft and, if it chooses, enact new regulations for the siting and operation of disposal facilities. Several such facilities—including two of regional scope—have been proposed for sites inside town boundaries.

Delmar man named legislative assistant

Assemblyman John J. Faso recently announced that Daniel B. Fuller has joined his Albany office staff as a legislative assistant.

Fuller, a Delmar resident, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the state University of New York at Plattsburgh.

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Town agrees to pay tipping increase

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem has decided to "bite the bullet," as Town Supervisor Ken Ringler put it, and pay a \$16.55 per ton Albany ANSWERS tipping fee increase, despite the fact that there's still a year left on its current two-year contract.

But the town board's 5-0 vote last week consenting to the hike was marked by Councilwoman M. Sheila Galvin's sharp criticism of city ANSWERS bookkeeping. "My vote in voting in favor of this was very reluctant," she said later.

In December, the city announced it would raise its Albany New York Solid Waste to Energy Recovery System (ANSWERS) tipping fees on Jan. 1, from \$47.50 to \$64.05. Albany later agreed to delay the hike for a month while Bethlehem reviewed documentation on ANSWERS costs and revenues in a search for what Ringler termed "creative alternatives" to a straight \$16.55 per ton increase.

Specifically, Ringler early on had proposed spreading the increase over two years to cushion its effect.

But he said Wednesday he now believes there's no guarantee the tipping fee won't go up again next year. There is speculation that fees might be reduced next year because costs associated with extending the life of Albany's Rapp Road landfill, felt in 1990 and 91, won't have to be budgeted in 1992.

"The problem is the city is not willing to go out and make a projection that the fee will go down," he said. "I strongly doubt that that's going to happen."

"If we don't pay now, we're going to pay later, and we may pay more later," he said. Consequently, he

recommended agreeing to the increase as proposed by Albany.

Galvin said she was "not pleased" with being compelled to accept a price increase under an existing contract. But she said the town is "backed into a corner" and has no choice but to agree because the city can defer the increase until Bethlehem negotiates a new contract next year. As Ringler put it, the town would in effect be "running up a tab" if it doesn't accept the new rate.

According to Town Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, who analyzed ANSWERS figures at the board's request, the primary reasons for the abrupt increase were higher-than-expected expenses for enlarging the Rapp Road landfill and an accounting error whereby 1988 operating costs, without allowing for inflation, were used in projections for 1990 and 91.

"The charges for those costs were considerably more than they had been estimated back in 1989," Secor said later.

Galvin said she wants assurances the same thing won't happen again in the future. She wants the city to provide "detailed figures that have been through a full audit" when the town's contract runs out next year, so Bethlehem can be more informed before entering negotiations for a new contract.

"Before I vote on anything else I want to see how the numbers are arrived at so that we are not put in the embarrassing position of next December or next January being told, 'Whoops, we made a mistake. You pay,'" She said after the meeting. "Or more precisely, your taxpayers pay."

Bethlehem police chief recognized

By Susan Graves

Bethlehem Police Chief Paul E. Currie has been elected as an outstanding law enforcement professional by the International Police Management Association based in Corsicana, Texas.

"I was surprised when this (a plaque) came," the 38-year veteran in police work and a chief since 1970 said. Chief Currie said he's not even sure who nominated him last March. Several months ago he said he received a questionnaire from the association asking for clarification on his length of service as a chief. "I filled it out and forgot about it," he said.

Part of the award includes recognizing Chief Currie in the Directory of Outstanding Law Enforcement Professionals of America. Membership in the association is determined on the basis of merit, excellence, and nomination.

Chief Currie, 61, came to Bethlehem in 1984 from Mohawk, where he also served as police chief.

He said the first year he was in Bethlehem, police records were computerized, and the department was able to acquire about \$150,000 in state funds for a new mobile radio dispatch system.

The chief is particularly proud of the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) program, which is taught in the schools.

"We established the DARE



Chief Paul Currie

program. I'm thrilled about that," he said.

Under his leadership, the department's canine program was also started. During his tenure here, he said, the force has been expanded by four officers.

The Bethlehem Police Department is no stranger to awards, having recently received accreditation from the state for its professional standards.

Chief Currie said police work has always been in his blood. He said he became a policeman, "as soon as I was old enough."

"I like being a policeman — dealing with and working with people," he said.

And despite the fact he has been in police work nearly 40 years, the chief said, "it seems like it was only a few years ago."

He believes today's officers have a tough job because of the more complex nature of police work. Unlike 40 years ago, it's "brains," more than brawn that counts. A good policeman, he said, should be intelligent and aggressive, but compassionate as well. "You've got to have understanding."

Chief Currie and his wife, Eleanor, live in Slingerlands. They have two grown children.

Bethlehem taxes due

The due date for payment of the 1991 property tax for Bethlehem property owners is Thursday, Jan. 31. Payments can be made in person at the Bethlehem Town Hall until 5 p.m. or mailed on Jan. 31. Kenneth P. Hahn, receiver of taxes, said that all mail received Friday morning will be honored without a late charge.

Those who defer payment until after Jan. 31 will incur a 1 percent late charge. Taxes paid in March carry a late charge of 2 percent.

All bills must be paid by April 1, after which time an additional 5.5 percent late charge is invoked, and unpaid bills are transferred to Albany County for collection.

Daring in Voorheesville



Voorheesville Grade School fifth-graders at a recent Albany County Sheriff's Department Drug Abuse Resistance

Education (DARE) graduation ceremony. Village Mayor Edward Clark looks on. Elaine McLain

More BC parents speak out in favor of boundary moves

By Susan Wheeler

More parents spoke out in favor of proposed changes for elementary school boundaries at the most recent Bethlehem Central Board of Education meeting. The changes are scheduled to be voted on tonight (Wednesday)

In past meetings, parents opposing the plan had been more vocal about their objections.

The boundary modifications, to take effect in September 1991, are necessary to accommodate varying rates of population growth in areas of the district and to utilize the new additions to the Glenmont, Hamagrael and Slingerlands schools, according to Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

During the most recent meeting at the Educational Services Center in Delmar, some parents

spoke in favor of the proposed changes, while others continued to present arguments against them.

Some parents who have had children change schools in the past and who face future moves said they support the changes because of the threat of overcrowded schools. Glenmont resident Pat Bush said the board needs to be commended for having moved as few children as possible with the boundary changes. "We don't need overcrowded classrooms."

A total of 125 pupils will be involved in a school change, Loomis said.

The district's "primary need is to balance enrollments in the buildings because of pupils currently at the school, rather than based on pupils derived from future developments," he said.

Some parents have petitioned the board to consider changing the proposed boundaries before tonight's voting, and to postpone the date of the vote, which will take place after a public input session. Others asked to have the grandfather option, the choice offered to fifth-graders to remain in their present school, extended to third and fourth-graders.

Delmar resident Linda Benton said that although she's "not questioning" the district's need for the changes, she wonders why a "phased-in plan" has not been

considered. She said that if the transfers were phased-in over a few years, her third-grade son would not face a change next fall. She said that unless the grandfather option is extended, her control over her child's emotional, social and educational development is "taken away" from her.

"My children's neighborhood is Glenmont school," Delmar resident Jonathan Maskin said. He asked that the grandfather clause cover the children "currently in school." He said the boundary changes were "thrust" upon the parents and that "parents should have more of an input" in the decision-making on the boundary changes.

Glenmont resident Lynn Corrigan said public input is necessary, but "not too early" because everyone has an opinion on the matter, and "objectivity needs to be kept in mind." She said she would not like to see decisions made to satisfy individual families because overcrowding is a concern. "We need to bite the bullet and make the changes now."

While Glenmont resident Alec Courtney said that this is "an emotional issue that's getting messy" because families are being "stepped on," Delmar resident and Hamagrael parent Susan Caplan said that if children have adult support they can cope with changes.

Subdivision hearing set

The Bethlehem Planning Board last week scheduled a March 5 public hearing for the first phase of Carriage Hill, a 128-lot residential development proposed for central Bethlehem.

The hearing is for an initial 25-lot development section between Jericho Road and the Dowerskill. The section is 13.3 acres of the overall 54-acre parcel, which stretches westward from Jericho Road to Elm Avenue.

The property is owned by Carriage Hill Development Company of Albany, whose principals are Cosimo Lirica and Louis Cicero of Albany, according to the develop-

ment representative Lyndsay Boutelle, a Delmar land surveyor.

The development, first proposed in 1986, according to Boutelle, has undergone an extensive state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) study. SEQRA findings on the project are available at Town Hall and the Bethlehem Public Library.

Children living in the development would attend Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools.

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Criticism snags New Scotland zoning change

By Debi Boucher

Faced with criticism from the public as well as members of its own rank, the New Scotland Town Board last week tabled a decision on proposed rezoning for a 28-acre area surrounding the intersection of routes 443 and 85.

The Neighborhood Commercial zone, approved by the town planning board last month, was pushed ahead of other anticipated zoning proposals in order to accommodate Stewart's Shops, which has an option to purchase a 2.6-acre parcel on Route 443 where it is met by Route 85. Most residents who attended the Jan. 23 hearing were in favor of Stewart's, but questioned the larger scope of the zone.

"I frankly don't see the need for it," said Tom Engel, noting that there is "no definable neighborhood" in the area for the zone to serve. He questioned why the town should "rezone 28 acres just to allow something that'll take two acres." He also cited concerns about possible contamination of the nearby Onesquethaw Creek.

Those concerns were echoed by Paul Rubin, a Clarksville resident and hydrogeologist who voiced strong objections to the proposed rezoning. Rubin, who has done extensive studies on the flow of water within the Mill Pond aquifer, which the new zone would

partially encompass, said the aquifer was extremely sensitive to contamination. Detailing the path taken by the water on its way to Mill Pond, he explained that the porous nature of the limestone predominant in the area means water sinks into the aquifer very quickly, and once there, travels rapidly. Any contaminant that reaches it, therefore, would be almost impossible to clean up.

He said he had "nothing against Stewart's" and wouldn't mind seeing a Stewart's Shop on the proposed site. "There's nothing wrong with Stewart's," he said. "Maybe one place like that is fine — it's the combined effect of the Neighborhood Commercial district."

Pointing out that there is a need for commercial development in the town, Councilman John Sgarlata asked, "Do environmental concerns override economic concerns, or do economic concerns override economic concerns?"

But economic concerns were raised as well, by several residents who felt the regulations for the proposed zone would make it too expensive for small businesses. Said Paul Jeffers, "The average individual in town could not afford to open a place of business in this district. You're limiting everything to the Stewart's," he said. "The town of New Scotland business district should encourage resi-

dents of the town to go into business also."

Councilman Craig Shufelt agreed. "There's a lot of things in this proposal that I'm not sure should be there, or maybe should be revised to make it more usable for the average New Scotland citizen." As a case in point, he questioned the required sidewalks: "If no houses are there and you drive in and drive out, what do you need sidewalks for?"

Former planning board chair Robert Hampston said "Those are standards. . . there are good reasons for those, but they may not be what the people want to see." Noting it was a decision for the town board, he cautioned, "Weaken those standards and you'll end up with a lesser product."

The zone was recommended in the town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, completed in draft form last fall by C.T. Male Associates of Latham. Responding to environmental concerns, John Montagne of C.T. Male said business districts were easier to regulate than residential. "It's not that a commercial operation is any better or worse," he said, "but potentially, in a commercial area you can require more mitigation measures."

Engel disagreed. "How do you even propose to monitor a commercial system?" he asked. "That's absurd."

Foster grandparents needed for program

The Foster Grandparent Program is seeking energetic individuals who are 60 years of age or older. Individuals would act as friendly helpers to children who are in need of love and attention. Foster grandparents work 20 hours per week and receive a \$44 stipend per week. This stipend is non-taxable and in no way reduces benefits such as Medicaid, Social Security, or food stamps. In addition, Foster Grandparents receive a paid vacation, paid sick leave, paid holidays, meals at most sites and transportation reimbursement.

For more information, call Susan Aluck at 272-6052.

Mothers to discuss playground

Lauren Finkel will present a video and discussion on the proposed new community playground for the Elm Ave Town Park at Mothers Time Out on Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. Preschool moms are invited. Nursery care is provided. For information, call 439-9929.

Historical Society hosts speaker

"The Van Bael Patent: a Century Long Thorn in the Side of Patroonship" will be the topic of historian Dennis Sullivan's talk at the Feb. 5 meeting of the New Scotland Historical Society. The meeting convenes at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. Refreshments will be served following Sullivan's talk. The public is invited to attend. For information, call 765-2071.

Montagne said test wells could be placed near commercial septic systems, or, "The other thing is to monitor the water in the Mill Pond."

"By that time, it's too late, isn't it?" replied Engel.

Planning board Chairman Raymond MacKay said the kind of testing that Rubin said should be done — Rubin suggested a full environmental impact study — "is totally outside the scope of master planning, which is the phase we're in now. That would come into play in site review" of individual applications, he said.

Montagne said the area could be classified a critical environmental area under State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) meaning most applications would require an environmental impact statement.

Shufelt suggested allowing Stewart's to build its store "and then come back and look at the rest." But Hampston said the only way Stewart's could build at the site under the present Residential Forestry zoning would be through a variance, which could not be granted in this case. "Impossible," he termed it.

The board will take the issue up again at its Feb. 6 meeting, at New Scotland Town Hall on Route 85, at 8 p.m.

School collects labels

The A.W. Becker School in Selkirk is still collecting labels, proof of purchase seals or UPC panels from Campbell's, Prego, Franco etc. If you have any of these items please send them to the school by the end of February. These labels will be used to obtain audio visual equipment.

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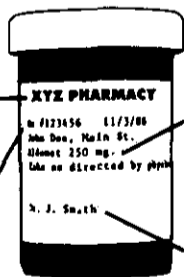
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Recently Ibuprofen, (motrin, Advil, Nuprin, etc.) has become readily available over the counter. There are many times this could be used to alleviate those more tenacious aches and pains. As always, consult with your dentist or pharmacist for the proper dosages.

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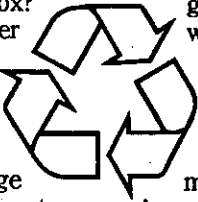
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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Have you ever contributed to a favorite charity and soon found solicitations from organizations that have never been heard of before cluttering the mailbox? Of course, who would ever remember to request that they not release your name and address?

Most large charities include a first class, postage paid envelope in which to return the contribution. Instead of a check, stuff the entire contents of the letter sent to you into that return envelope. A message could be included such as "please remove my address from your list" or "No more mail, please." They sent you an envelope to use, why waste it! Those charities that do not include postage-paid envelopes will need a stamp. You'll have to decide if the price of the stamp is worth the results.



Do not lose sight of the fact that some organizations truly need volunteers and contributions. If you have doubts about the legality of any charity, check with the Department of State, Office of Charities Registry, at 474-3720.

In case you missed the address needed to rid your mailbox of junk mail, here it is again: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 11 West 42nd St., P.O. Box 3861, New York, N.Y. 10163-3861.

There is also a phone number which will connect you to the Direct Marketing Association. It is (212) 689-4977.

Many catalogs and organizations have an 800 phone number. Using it may get rid of other unwanted mailings.

Artists' guild offers workshops

The Hilltowns Artisans Guild, with the assistance of a grant from the Capital District Centralization of the Arts Program, will offer arts and crafts workshops starting Feb. 13.

The classes will run for four weeks at a time, and will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Martin Road, Voorheesville. Weaving, woodcarv-

ing, decorative arts, basketry, quilting and Victorian Crafts will be among the workshops featured. Advance registration and a fee of \$20.00 plus materials is required. For information, contact Ruth at 765-3117 or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Hilltowns Artisans Guild, Box 283, Clarksville 12041.

Vacation Bible school registration open

February Sunshine, a three-day vacation Bible school, will be held during the mid-winter school break, Feb. 19, 20, and 21 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Avenue, Delmar. All children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to spend three afternoons from 1 to

3:15 p.m. The program consists of Bible stories, crafts, singing and games.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis as enrollment is limited to 15 per class. For information, call 767-9441.

CPR a lifesaver in critical moments

By Mike Larabee

Four minutes.

That's how long, according to CPR instructor Dave Pratt, a victim of cardiac arrest has before brain damage occurs. Six minutes and the damage can be irreversible, he said.

For Pratt, coordinator of an upcoming Town of Bethlehem program called "CPR Alert," the four hours it takes to become certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a small price to pay for knowledge that can be applied during those crucial four minutes.

"In order to make CPR work, you've got to start it in the first four minutes," Pratt said. "Your chances of having somebody from the ambulance crew on the scene in the first four minutes is kind of low."

Pratt, a Selkirk resident, hopes to get as many as 400 Bethlehem residents newly certified in CPR this year and will begin that task with Saturday morning and afternoon sessions at Town Hall on Feb. 2 and 9.

Reservations for the program can be made by calling the town Parks and Recreation Department, under whose auspices "CPR Alert" is being conducted, at 439-4131.

"The more people that are qualified, the better chance everybody has of saving somebody they care



Dave Pratt

about or having somebody else save them," he said.

An emergency medical technician with the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Pratt began teaching CPR as a form of therapy after a death in his family three years ago. Pratt said he found his father-in-law, who had been home alone, lying on the floor in full arrest but couldn't save him.

He said he teaches CPR so others might not have to face that kind of "helpless" feeling. "There's nothing worse than standing there and not being able to do anything because you're not sure what to do and watch as somebody you care about goes," he said.

Learning CPR is easy, according to Pratt. The only overriding

qualifications are that the student not have a heart condition and that they be big enough to manage the chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation needed to perform CPR on an adult — an 80 or 90 pound person can generally do it, Pratt said. Pratt's 13-year-old daughter Tracy is qualified, and he tells a story about someone being saved because a girl younger than that knew CPR.

"She was with her parents when somebody went into full arrest and she couldn't do CPR because of her size, but she instructed somebody else how to do it and saved the person," he said.

CPR is as simple as ABC — checking that a victim's airway is unobstructed, checking for breathing, and checking for circulation. If there's no pulse rate — no vital signs of any kind — the individual is in full arrest. "That's when you'd begin CPR," Pratt said.

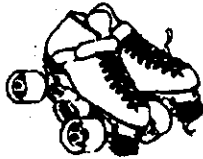
Participants in the four-hour course will be certified for one year to administer CPR to adults. Pratt also teaches an eight-hour course that includes CPR for children and infants, and a professional CPR course for emergency personnel.

There is no fee for the course, but participants have the option of purchasing a \$9.50 Adult CPR instruction manual. Manuals can be acquired beforehand at American Red Cross offices on Holland Avenue in Albany.

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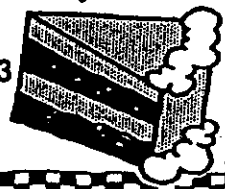
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BC's puzzle and solution

The complex and perplexing problem of properly providing for Bethlehem Central's 1,900 children in the first six grades has been tackled by the board and administration with appropriate care and concern.

The result, which in part calls for transferring 61 pupils from the Elsmere school to Slingerlands and 59 from Glenmont to Hamagrael, will not be pleasing to everyone, and unquestionably is proving to be distressing to some parents. The upset is compounded by certain misinterpretations.

Analysis of the data shows that the scheduled changes in the areas served by the five elementary schools, are necessitated by current enrollments plus the very large first-grade class entering next September. The shifts were not planned primarily to accommodate children who may arrive later as residents of housing developments yet unbuilt.

For at least the past four years, it has been evident and generally understood that adjustments would be obligatory. The aim is to preclude having any very large schools (especially true in the case of Glenmont), while assuring that all the schools would be

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equipped with the type of facilities that every elementary school should have. Because of currently bulging enrollments, this latter has been impossible to offer everywhere in recent years.

Completion of the construction now underway to provide additional classroom and auxiliary space will ease the crowding, but cannot solve it fully. Thus, the shifts of some pupils were worked out after much planning.

One of its goals was to avoid, as much as possible, the reassignments. Where these did prove to be necessary, changes were restricted to children living in areas contiguous to the new districts.

Such changes may indeed be difficult for some small children to understand and accept. Coordination between parents and teachers can reasonably be expected to minimize the impact of dislocation.

War and the home front

Every American who will listen or read has unprecedented access to news and views about developments in the battle area given the shorthand name of Persian Gulf. To say that we have been inundated, around the clock, with reports is no overstatement.

But though masses of information are at our fingertips, an understanding of our nation's cause still eludes too many of us. Thus, it's a rare home-front newscast that doesn't incorporate speeches, rallies, parades, confrontations instigated by people who can be granted "good intentions" but whose behavior is not in the interests of their own nation.

This nation is at war for definable and perceptible reasons. Dissent at the policy-making level was suspended when the ultimate decision was made to end a dictator's threat—not to oil supply or an emirate's wealth but to global security. Dissent of the kind that we have been seeing on the TV screen should have ceased as well.

Don't dump on town hall

It's a businesslike approach that has resulted in the increase in Bethlehem's fees for residents' use of the Rupert Road "transfer station."

Some have taken issue with the recent raise to \$5 per carload of household trash brought to the station, from where it goes to the ANSWERS plant in Albany for burning. In a letter published in *The Spotlight* last week, Colonie and Guilderland were cited for substantially lower fees.

The distinction is that Bethlehem is choosing to impose its higher operating costs more directly on the users, rather than adding them to the general tax bill (shared by residents who use and pay for private haulers). A study on the volume of use of the transfer

Those participating in "anti-war" demonstrations or "peace" rallies are, at best, showing extremely bad judgment. The role of the media (print and electronic) in seeming to foster such events is likewise subject to review and question. "Peace now" shouts in the earliest days of this conflict are in no way comparable to the nation's disillusion in 1969, five years after our engagement in Vietnam began. But we don't necessarily agree with the Albany man who was asked for his opinion about his daughter's role in demonstrations. "She should be locked up!" he declared, in a colorful sound bite as the TV camera rolled.

A syndicated columnist wrote the other day that the "peace" contingent has "seen Saddam Hussein and decided that the enemy is us." Actually, she wrote, "The United States has returned to its older, nobler traditions: a moral foreign policy, if we deem human life and freedom and dignity as 'moral.'"

station preceded the fee schedule overhaul, and a justifiable decision was made to improve the balance between users and other residents, thus making the current system virtually self-sufficient and less of a drain on taxpayers.

Similarly, a new fee structure has been established at the town's landfill for dumping of construction and demolition wastes. A charge of \$60 a ton was established, replacing a per-cubic-yard charge on which the town was losing money. Even so, a higher tonnage fee is possible in the future, to be comparable to other towns'.

Most residents, we anticipate, will accept the revised fee schedules in the interest of fairness and prudence.

Button up your overcoat

Despite the recent cold snap, one of those traditional "January thaws" kept this month slightly warmer than normal. Between the 15th and 20th, our weather was considerably better than usual — then the mercury promptly plunged to 4 below zero.

But "warm" is relative, and 1991 was frigid in comparison with our recollections of January 1990, which averaged some 10 degrees above normal (after the coldest December on record, you'll remember).

And on Saturday, Punxsutawney Phil will lead other groundhogs in making their annual forecast for the balance of this winter. Our guess is for six weeks of weather and climate. Meanwhile, we were pleased by some advice from Nimo on keeping warm: Among several means of avoiding "cold stress" was this — wear a stocking cap to bed. By the way, the power company will send you a booklet, "Stay Warm in the Cold" if you call them at (800) 642-4272 (extension 107). Stay well!

It cost this clerk a lot to park in the wrong lot

Editor, The Spotlight:

I believe that some of your readers will be interested in an unhappy experience I had last week at Delaware Plaza.

I am an employee of one of the stores there. Employees are not allowed to park in the front lot until after 8 p.m. On Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, when the temperature went well below zero, I moved my vehicle around to that lot at 7:15. (I work until midnight.) Because of the cold, three-quarters of the lot was empty then.

During the night a security guard came into the store and spoke not with me but with another employee, handing that person a telephone number that I would have to call to find out where my car had been towed. That was the first I knew about it.

I had received a few notes on my windshield in the past about parking, but in this case because of the terrible weather and the condition of the lot I felt that no one would be concerned.

Vox Pop

When I called that number, the person who answered told me that someone would call me back. When he called, he asked if I knew the location of the Joy department store in East Greenbush, and said that I should meet him there. And, said he, it would cost me \$80.25 to get my car back!

When I went to the Joy parking lot, a man in a tow truck instructed me to follow him a short distance down a street to where my car was parked.

He then told me that he would charge me only \$70—"that's fair, isn't it?" I was then told to sign a paper, which I did in the only light available, the headlights of the truck and the car that had brought me there. (When I finally got to read what it was that I signed, it was a release stating that my car

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BC board commended on redistricting plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

As parents of a Glenmont student, we would like to commend our school board for its efforts with the new redistricting plan. We feel the board has been extremely successful and more than fair with this complex and emotional issue by affecting as few children as possible. Although some might object to this plan, we should try to remember a few items.

First, we should keep in mind the conditions all of our students and teachers were forced to contend with at the elementary schools the last few years. The reasons for the school "teams" tremendous help in getting the most recent bond issue passed were many — eliminating the busing of our kindergartners, get our children back into reasonable-sized classes and out of the hallways and backrooms, and provide the art rooms, music rooms, and gymnasiums they and the staff deserve. But even with the additions and renovations to our buildings, the schools are still overcrowded. In fact we are concerned that not enough children are being re-

cated out of Glenmont (based on the published projections for the next few years).

Second, we should keep in mind the real reason for everything taking place now — our children and how they will be affected. They adapt so much more easily than we give them credit for. If Glenmont can survive the conditions of the last few years and still become one of the nation's top schools, why do the parents think their children cannot survive the change to another good school less than a mile away in the opposite direction? They take with them the spirit, pride, and knowledge they developed at Glenmont, which can only help all our schools become "schools of excellence."

Again we support the school board for making as few changes as possible with the redistricting plan.

Getting our classrooms back to a reasonable number of students should be the objective of each of us, and can only be a benefit to us all.

Bill and Pat Bush

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Uncle Dudley

'For those in peril...'

Not much will be said about it but, as this issue of *The Spotlight* is dated, today is the birthday of Franklin D. Roosevelt. He would have been 109 years old. During the 12 years of his presidency, Jan. 30 was almost a national holiday, in the minds of hearts of many people. The date was used by the March of Dimes as the culmination of its annual fund drive.

Almost exactly 50 years ago this month, FDR told us that he was abandoning his role as "Doctor New Deal" and was putting on the hat of "Doctor Win-the-War." President Bush is no Roosevelt in dramatizing himself, but he is doing his best to ensure that America and her allies can win this war, as we must with all the decisiveness and expeditiousness that can be mustered in the cause.

Only one of FDR's five children is still living — James, who has taken on the leadership of a rather dubious (to my mind) outfit in California that's after some Social Security changes. Elliott, who turned out to be something of a blackguard in the style of his maternal grandfather; Anna, who remarried and settled in Syracuse; and John and Frank, who had returned to their Hudson Valley roots — all are gone. But, you know, that lilting 1937 song from an ILGWU musical, "Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones," still remains for me one of the most thrilling tunes of a certain inspirational — yes, patriotic — style. It ranks with "Happy Days Are Here Again" for me. And maybe lot of other people.

Perhaps you saw the TV news coverage of the Sunday service in the Methodist church where the first American identified as a vic-

tim of the war had been an active member. The congregation sang one of my favorites, the Navy Hymn, with its final line, appealing for mercy "for those in peril on the sea." It was a most touching scene,

Can four stars and a desert command remove presumed curse of 'Norman'?

all too briefly televised, but one that sadly will be replicated over and over. For those who cry for peace today, there are plenty of constructive and merciful acts at hand until it is achieved.

Speaking of the Middle East war, I believe that the time is past for presumably well-intentioned "peace demonstrations." Our nation has committed itself to a certain line of action that has very grave significance. Individuals who feel they cannot support it at this initial stage are not well advised to undercut our effort to throttle a most perilous threat to the world from a terrorist.

Support for the effort, for the armed forces, for the individual men and women in service, and for their families at home is commended to all of us. You read or hear about numerous such supportive acts. One that struck me was the policy adopted by the city of Albany, to continue to pay any employees who are called to active duty. Another is the public-spirited step taken by an Albany law firm (Roemer and Featherstonhaugh) to provide legal advice free of charge to families of reservists in our region who have been activated. Some of the areas that may well be of concern to families could

relate to employment, contractual agreements, and power of attorney. Randall Ezick, a lawyer with the firm, has been detailed to handle inquires. Perhaps you know of someone who could make good use of such assistance.

Unless you're like my friend Tom, who won't allow radio or TV in his house, you haven't been able to avoid that commercial that ends with an ultimatum by a swaggering football player: "Don't you ever call me 'Norman!'"

Admittedly, relatively few Normans are being named in this age of Kyles and Tylers and Michaels and Jasons, but I have to assume that the authors of that commercial are implying that "Norman" doesn't convey enough muscle to be worthy of the breakfast food they're promoting.

But stay tuned, and you'll find your screen filled with the muscle of a man named H. Norman Schwarzkopf. He wears four stars, commands our troops in the Middle East, and conveys more than enough strength and determination to warrant an instant return of the name to good standing in the eyes of young mothers and fathers.

Faithful readers of this column may recall that General Schwarzkopf was mentioned here during the fall as the son of a noted law officer of the same name. He was born in 1934, when Norman was in perfectly good repute. (I have to concede having a personal fixation on the name, because a Norman was a neighbor kid with whom I competed for mastery of a "kiddie car." Do they have kiddie cars now? I have the impression that more hi-tech models have taken over, long since.)

Helping region regain 'will to explore'

The contributor of this *Point of View* is a community development consultant at the Center for Economic Growth, Inc. He is a member of the Schenectady City Council and a former member of the Schenectady County Board of Representatives, and served five years on the Schenectady Board of Zoning Appeals.

By James J. Conroy

The Capital Region is in the process of strangling its economic future through bureaucratic red tape,

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"not in my back yard" (NIMBY) opposition to development, and the inability of local governments to improve our deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure. Unless these trends are reversed, we will see a continued increase in local property taxes and the loss of jobs and young people to more economically progressive and aggressive regions of the country.

The 1990 edition of the DRI/McGraw-Hill Metro Insights identifies the Capital Region as the 59th largest metropolitan area. The report points out that the Region is within easy access to major population markets (within 500 miles of 32 percent of the metropolitan markets of the nation and within 250 miles of 22 percent of the nation's urban centers). This proximity makes this a highly desirable location for business.



The report also credits us for a stable employment base and a relatively affluent and educated, albeit older, population. One would think these attributes, along with the Capital Region's attractive quality of life and productive workforce, would ensure considerable growth in the years ahead.

Unfortunately, that is not the conclusion reached by the DRI/McGraw-Hill report. In fact, Metro Insights anticipates this region will be the fifth slowest-growing region of the top 100 metro areas if the country. If this projection is accurate, the Capital Region will extend a decade growth rate that can only be described as "flat."

Loss of over 15,400 manufacturing jobs in the past 10 years, combined with uncertainty over the state's fiscal problems, the fact our housing costs jumped to 16th highest in the nation, and a population growth rate of less than 2 percent during the decade, means that the Capital District is losing position to other areas with which we compete on a day-to-day basis for new industry and jobs.

During the '80s, places like Austin and Sacramento, (two capital communities with which we compete for new tech jobs and companies) have grown by 40 percent and 24 percent respectively. Even such other capitals as Providence (5.1%), Hartford (5.3%), and Columbus, (7.1%), three comparable state capitals, outpaced the Albany area in population growth during the '80s.

If this region is to be effective in the highly competitive field of job creation and economic development, we are going to have to take a hard look at the way we deal with growth and plan for it.

Some decisions will be difficult and potentially unpopular. Others are going to be expensive. But, more importantly, we must make the conscious decision whether this region is capable and willing to participate in such a competition.

If that decision is yes, then we need to adopt an attitude that is open to change. We need to be enthusiastic about solving problems, rather than finding the most political means to run away from them. We need to look for ways to encourage new growth, not stifle it. We also need to counteract the tendencies of local governments to view individual land-use decisions as if each was a self-contained and self-reliant duchy, immune from the problems of the larger community and detached from the responsibility to improve the quality of life of the entire network of communities we call the Capital Region.

One prominent economic developer from this region, frustrated with the difficulty of moving projects through the politically charged local review process, declared that the decade of the '80s was won by the NIMBY's, self-righteous proponents of those not-in-my-back-yard causes. There isn't a subdivision, shopping center, community residence, or industrial project brought before a town board, planning board, or board of zoning appeals that does not have its share of NIMBY opponents. These "knights of no-growth" abandon reasonable arguments or rational solutions to developmental impacts. They see new development causing traffic congestion, loss of property values, or worse.

The truth is that many of the problems attributed to new development are not generated solely by the new development at all. Often the proposed new development—usually an easy target for political opposition because no voters live there yet—serves as a focal point for people's dissatisfaction with existing services

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Constant Reader

Airlines must improve safety checks

With the benefit of plenty of information about the threats of terrorism that presumably could strike anywhere in the civilized world, people are understandably cautious about air travel, especially on international flights. A major investigative article in the February issue of the magazine "Condé Nast Traveler" presents additional facts about the potential dangers.

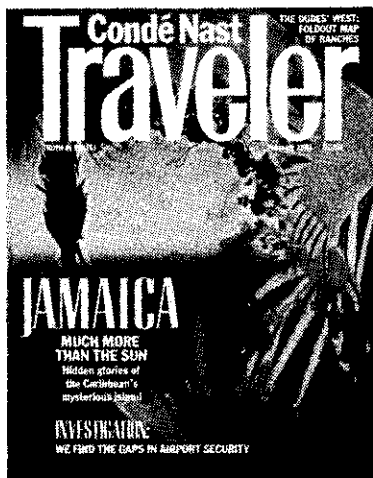
The dangers—uncovered by on-the-spot investigators headed by a magazine editor, Gary Stoller—are magnified by carelessness in carrying out of procedures designed to protect against sneak attack. As the principal article in this issue states in its opening paragraph:

"Security at major U.S. airports is dangerously lax; security at European airports is better, but not much better. Two years after Lockerbie, and in the middle of the Persian Gulf crisis, our investigators found that much security is cosmetic; uniformed staffs are ill-trained and often derelict in carrying out the basic checks designed to detect and deter terrorism.

"Our simple tests, carried out in six countries, at airports operating under heightened alert, in no way approach the sophistication of the terrorist operation that brought down Pan Am flight 103.

"Yet for benign amateurs, our investigators had striking success

in finding weak links in the security chain. And a professional security consultant, retracing the



route of a test he conducted for us in Europe two years ago, brought back a picture of recidivism: Airports previously hit by terrorists are still all too vulnerable to attack."

For example: "Only once in 55 tests of passenger checkpoints at five major U.S. airports do security guards follow the correct procedures outlined in the airlines' training programs."

"Lax security we detected in the U.S. seems the product of a dangerous complacency—the belief that airport terrorism is something that happens "over there."

Did you know that a new law, "The Aviation Security Improvement Act of 1990," was passed by Congress in October, with a chief intent of creating standardized procedures to gather and coordinate terrorist-related intelligence information and to make aviation security a higher priority in the federal government.

Plenty of detail is provided in this extensive article to support the thesis that much more remains to be done. You may want to read it before you travel very far.

Among the other contents of this issue is a long article (24 pages) on Jamaica, written narratively and very informally by a writer named Amy Wilentz, who previously had spent two years in Haiti (and had written a book about it) after being lured there by an old Graham Greene novel, "The Comedians."

And you may find diversion and benefit in a piece by Mimi Sheraton on what you should expect in a room-service breakfast, and where.

"Condé Nast Traveler" has gained a reputation for being honest about places and the means to get there that you will find in its pages. (The single-copy price is \$2.50, but the annual subscription cost is half-price at \$15. The address is P.O. Box 52469 at Boulder, Colorado 80321.)

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or circumstances. Whether this dissatisfaction is the result of neglect or inaction on the part of former or current town taxmakers and taxpayers, it is much easier to criticize imagined threats from new development than it is to correct an existing problem.

How many times have you heard an adjacent property owner or neighborhood watchdog tell a public hearing that: "The traffic is bad now — imagine what it will be like with this new development"? Depending on the community, you could easily substitute or add the words "water" or "sewers" or "schools" as the subject of the same sentence. The reality is that these problems — be they water, sewer, roads, or schools — are the result of either poor planning or poor implementation of programs to accommodate growth.

Some towns in the Capital Region still do not have zoning and few towns have capital improvement programs or comprehensive plans for accommodating new growth. The attitude prevailing at town board, planning board, and zoning board meetings throughout the region is to fight growth, stop change, avoid public works improvements, and placate the NIMBY's who oppose any intrusion on the status quo.

A common motivation for the NIMBY's is the selfish fear they have for the perceived impact a development will have on their immediate surroundings or property values. These emotional

and very localized concerns are often the most irrational and least justifiable arguments given in objection to a project. However, they are also the most difficult to argue with facts. When people have made up their minds that the project will threaten them, they don't let facts get in the way. All too often the public body reviewing the proposal, especially elected officials, seldom see the issue beyond the relative number of votes to be gained by the decision.

What has happened to our willingness and ability to solve problems? Have we lost our will to explore and expand? Have our criteria become so self-centered as to make impossible the objective evaluation of development impacts (that is, "changes")?

Town governments make the same type of irrational decision when they implement programs like restrictive or lower-density zoning of one or two acres, building moratoriums, phased-growth policies, or excessive impact fees or costly delays in review of development proposals. All these techniques attempt to place the burden of proof for solving existing problems (congestion and the like) on the last developer through the door. They beg the question of the years of neglect, and poor planning which contributed to the existing deficiencies. Town governments, like the NIMBY's, often establish these policies and practices based on an emotional (that is, "political") perception rather than factual deliberations.

One such example is in the Town of Guilderland, where the Town Board established a citizens' committee to "... consider

Town governments sometimes make irrational decisions

increasing minimum lot sizes as a means of controlling residential growth in the town." Despite an average increase of only 164 new units per year during the past four years and a 36.4 percent reduction in housing permits from last year, the town has stubbornly held that its infrastructure, especially highway, water, and sewer systems, is incapable of accommodating new residential developments. As a result, and to the surprise of no one, the committee recommended that the town rezone most undeveloped property east of the Conrail tracts to a density half of what is allowed now. Such density will make new housing in Guilderland unaffordable for all but the very rich.

Whether in Guilderland, Bethlehem, Waterford, Clifton Park, East Greenbush, or Colonie, restrictive land-use regulations drive up the cost of housing, infrastructure improvements, and taxes for our existing populations. Such policies fail to address existing deficiencies and play to the selfish and exclusionary tendencies of the "me decade."

Furthermore, these policies send a conflicting message to the outside world about this region's willingness to move forward or to establish the kind of aggressive attitude toward job development and economic development needed to compete in the arena within which we find ourselves today.

'From the bottom of my heart,' thanks for emergency help!

Editor, The Spotlight:

When I moved to Delmar in 1985, I was hoping to find a safe, friendly, and warm town that would welcome me and my daughter into its community. On Friday evening, Jan. 4, I discovered how well I had chosen.

I was involved in a two-car accident on Delaware Avenue during rush hour. Everyone was trying to go home to be with their own families and start their weekends; however, countless people — firemen, EMTs, paramedics, police, and just regular people — stopped to see if they could help in what was an obviously serious collision.

Paramedic Al McNamara was superb in handling the situation as fire crews used the "Jaws of Life" to cut me out of my car. The EMT who held my head still for what seemed like an eon; two EMTs who rode to the hospital in the ambulance; and fireman Peter Merrill, who managed to safely get my daughter from her after-school program, deserve special thanks. A woman, whose name I do not know but who had been directly in back of me in the road and managed not to hit me as I was spinning out of control, lent me her coat, and also tried to help my daughter. She was marvelous.

When a very frightened and injured woman needed help most, many people gave that help freely. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. It is most comforting to know just how good the citizens of the Town of Bethlehem, and its rescue people and procedures, are.

Ruthanne Mills Brod

Delmar

Park

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was not damaged in the towing; at the time I signed I could not know if this was true.)

I consider that the whole thing was handled very unprofessionally. I understand that our State Senator, Mr. Nolan, is a proprietor of Delaware Plaza. I wonder if he knows that these are the kinds of people he has hired.

Anna Latter

Selkirk

Editor's note: Joanne Bucci, center manager at Delaware Plaza, confirmed that the towing had taken place in keeping with a policy that prohibits store employees from parking in the main lot until after 8 p.m. Parking for them is provided at the rear and side of the property. The practice is to give three warnings in the nature of reminders, and the third includes a note to the effect that towing is a possibility. Ordinarily, said Ms. Bucci, towing takes place "twice a year or less often, but occasionally someone doesn't comply." The stores' leases include the parking prohibition, and plaza management "works with the stores and employees as much as we can."

Drivers should heed people at crosswalks

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thanks to Susan Graves and *The Spotlight* for the Jan. 16 article concerning the crosswalk in front of the Delmar post office.

It appears that most motorists are not aware that in New York a pedestrian in an un signaled, marked crosswalk has "the right of way." This means, for example, that when I step out into the crosswalk in front of the post office, all motorists must come to a halt so I may cross. Further, no motorist should be parking in the crosswalk — that also is illegal. I have seen many cars parked in the crosswalk.

But more than that, I have seen people, including myself, trying to cross Delaware Avenue utilizing the legal walkway, but being ignored by motorist after motorist. This also occurs at signaled intersections where turning vehicles disregard pedestrians in the crosswalk who are using the green signal.

We have a law like this for a very good reason — protection for the vulnerable pedestrians, especially the elderly, handicapped, and children.

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Marybee Longabaugh

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Your Opinion

Colonial Acres children want Glenmont school

Editor, The Spotlight:

In 1986 a Realtor showed us homes in the Bethlehem area. She was a local resident and described in detail the differences between the various Bethlehem elementary schools. Based on our belief that Glenmont School, would allow a child to experience a wide variety of classmates as it is an economically diverse community, we bought a home in Bicentennial Woods.

Yes, we are unaffected by the redistricting. But I am still disturbed.

If Bicentennial Woods was suddenly uprooted and redistricted to another school, I would be in a state of disbelief. After all, residents of Bicentennial Woods have been going to Glenmont School for over 10 years and we have a Glenmont mailing address.

Colonial Acres residents have been going to Glenmont School for some 30 years, and have a Glenmont mailing address.

At a recent school board meeting, Cheryl Cook, a former president of the Delmar Welcome Wagon, reminded parents from the five schools that they are a single community. While this is a wonderful sentiment, the issue at dispute is a far different one. Students with Glenmont addresses, living

Support armed forces by flying the flag

Editor, The Spotlight:

Everyone, in his or her own way, is showing support for those fighting overseas. But one extremely symbolic gesture would be for each household to fly the American Flag. Since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait began Aug. 2, many thousands of people have been writing letters to servicemen and women overseas and displaying yellow ribbons.

As countries band together to stop Saddam Hussein from further aggression, it is important we band together to show our support. Flying the flag is one of the best and most eloquent ways of expressing our support for our commander-in-chief and for the troops.

This is a difficult time for all involved, for those in the military, their families, and also for their country. We all hope all our troops come home safely and quickly. The flag can be another daily reminder of the sacrifices made for us by members of our armed forces.

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1.2 miles from Glenmont School, are being redistricted to Hamagrael School, while other neighborhoods with Delmar and Selkirk addresses, and farther away, will still attend Glenmont School. These are neighborhoods that didn't even exist when Colonial Acres students started attending Glenmont School.

I agree that redistricting may be necessary. I do not agree that the children in Colonial Acres, a stable no-growth neighborhood, should be moved from their home school.

I strongly urge the school board to review this boundary line. It does not appear to be as rational as the rest of the redistricting plan.

Susan D. Benke

Glenmont

Your support asked for students' dramas

Editor, The Spotlight:

We look forward to the support of the public for the Middle School production of "Huckleberry Finn," Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2, and the High School production of "Anything Goes" on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16.

Tickets are available at the schools. Senior citizens are invited to free performances on the Thursdays before the shows—Jan. 31 and Feb. 14.

Please come and enjoy the talents of students in our school district.

Phoebe F. Kerness
President, Bethlehem Theatre
Support Group

Senior complex OK'd

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Town Board last week issued a final OK on Beverwyck's proposed \$20 million Krumkill Road senior citizens housing complex, clearing the way for what developers hope will be a summer groundbreaking.

"It's been a long process, but I think it's been a good process," Town Supervisor Ken Ringler told Beverwyck representatives at the board's Wednesday, Jan. 23, meeting. "I think it's great project and when are you going to start building?"

It depends, according to Craig Duncan, Beverwyck project director and executive director of The Eddy Foundation of Troy. While he's "optimistic" they can "start moving dirt" this summer and finish building by the end of 1992, a lot hinges on Beverwyck's ability to get lease commitments from prospective tenants in order to finance construction.

"With the financial market, obviously lenders are concerned that you pre-lease at levels that are significant," he said. "So we are looking at reaching that level mid-summer and being in the ground this year."

Duncan said a "significant" leasing level means commitments for roughly two-thirds of the complex's 15 cottages and 180 independent and what are referred to as "assisted living" apartments. He said so far they are about halfway to that goal. Beverwyck sponsors hope to finance the project through tax-exempt bonds from the state Dormitory Authority.

But regardless of future financial arrangements, Duncan said Friday that acquiring final town approval feels "wonderful."

"It's been a long professional process, and we're delighted to

have it done," he said. "Now we can jump off and get things moving." He said he expects a "vast majority" of tenants to come from within six miles of the site.

"There has been a great deal of interest from throughout the Capital Region," Duncan said. "This is a resource that isn't available in the region, so today if you want this you have to move out of the area."

"Obviously, people... want to stay in the community. They are very interested in this resource," he said.

Beverwyck is a joint venture of The Eddy Foundation and the Albany Guardian Society, two not-for-profit groups specializing in health care for the elderly. It was approved for a 33-acre tract located between Krumkill Road and the Slingerlands Bypass.

Before approving the proposal 5-0, the town board also voted 5-0 for a negative declaration on the state's Environmental Quality Review Act, meaning the board felt Beverwyck did not merit an environmental impact study. The board made its determination after Edward Kleinke, a town planning consultant, recommended a negative declaration.

The project was endorsed by the Bethlehem Planning Board last November.

Driving course offered

Bethlehem Senior Services will be accepting reservations for the February 55 Alive Safe Driving course starting Feb. 1 at Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. This course is sponsored by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons. For information, call 439-4955.

Support group formed for families, friends

A support group is being formed for parents, siblings, spouses and friends of military personnel stationed in the Persian Gulf. The group's first meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the VFW building, 585 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Organizer Diana Barry, of Delmar, said the group will not be limited; all are welcome. "I think there is a need," said Barry, who has a son stationed in the gulf. She said the group will meet weekly.

For information, call Barry at 439-8766.

Fair raises funds

St. Peter's Hospital's second annual employees craft fair took place recently at the hospital, and more than \$1,600 was raised.

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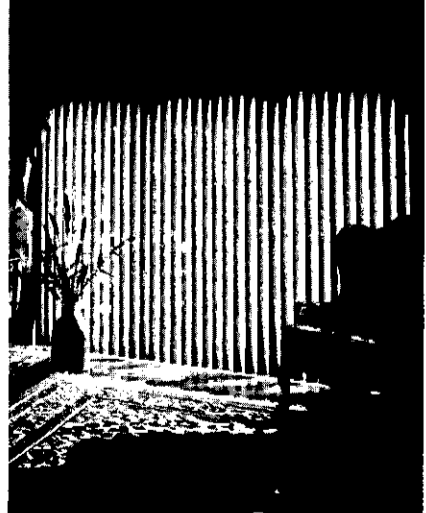
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Middle schoolers put final touches on Huck Finn production

By Susan Graves

Bethlehem middle schoolers, in true Tom Sawyer fashion, have taken the brush to the picket fence under the guidance of Joanne Hihn.

The cast of 41 pupils, with help from parent committees and a number of school clubs, have gone all out preparing for the Feb. 1 and 2 musical production of "Huckleberry Finn" at the school in Delmar.

The middle school mural-makers painted a stage backdrop of the banks of the Mississippi, which gives authenticity to Huck's and Tom's adventures on their raft. The raft, complete with teepee, and built by retired BC teacher Bill Morrison, also lends a realistic touch to the boys' journey. And eighth-grader Carrie Boomhower designed a poster advertising the show.

"There are so many people who work on this. It's wonderful," said Hihn, BC teacher and music director of the production.

In addition to the cast, 10 pupils from the audio visual club work on the tech crew, she said. Teacher Tsehaya Smith-Broadus is stage director and choreographer.

Parents, under the direction of Phoebe Kerness, who chairs the volunteer committees, handle everything from ticket sales to costumes. "I've got parents for everything," Hihn said.

She said "Huckleberry Finn's" cast has been wonderful. "They're wonderful — very committed to production," she said.

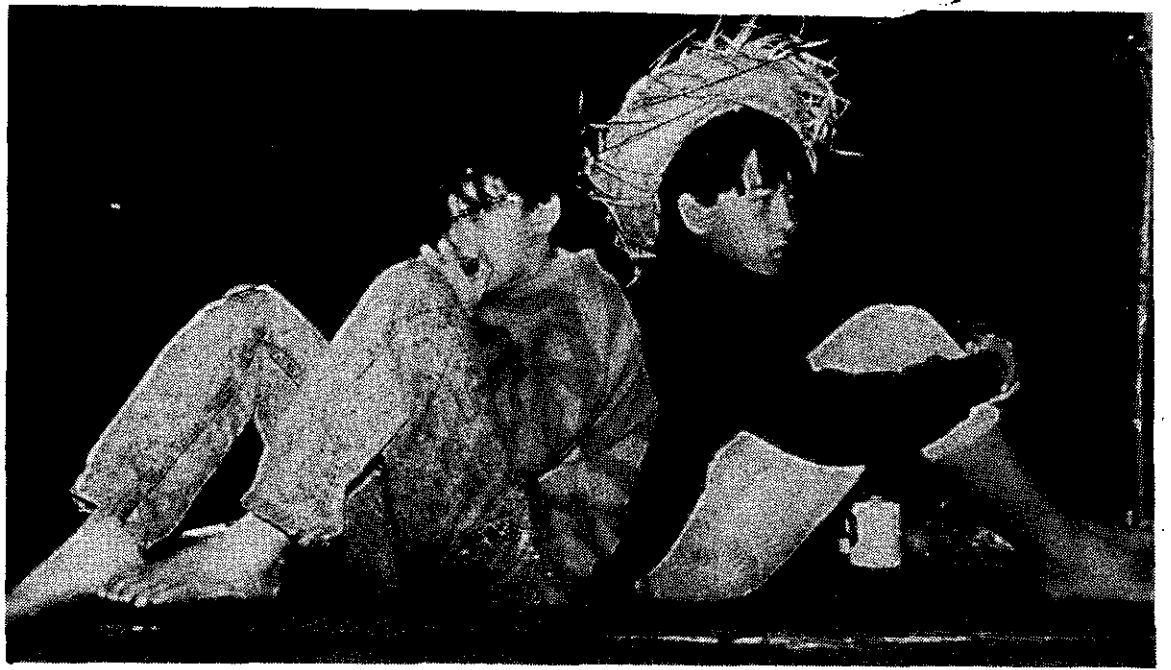
Doug Rice, 13, a seventh-grader, plays Huck, and Dan Aycock, 13, in the eighth grade, portrays Tom Sawyer.

"I didn't really think I'd get the part," Rice said. During tryouts in October, he went for the part of Tom. "The year before, I'd been in the chorus," he said, and never expected to get one of the lead parts this year.

Aycock, too, was surprised at the part he landed. He had tried out for Huck's role.

But both boys are happy with the parts they were assigned. "It's going to be fun, and I think it's going to be good," Rice said.

The young actors said they used their winter vacation time to learn their lines. "My dad's an actor," and has helped with the lines, Rice said.



Seventh-grader Doug Rice and eighth-grader Dan Aycock, both 13, rehearse last week for Feb. 1 and 2 performances of

"Huckleberry Finn" at Bethlehem Middle School. Rice plays Huck and Aycock appears as Tom Sawyer. Susan Graves

The boys' work has paid off as evidenced during a recent rehearsal. They sing "Floating Down the River," with gusto and will likely capture the hearts of the audience as they croon "No one to tell me to

wash behind my ears."

Hihn said the middle school production was originally envisioned as a music department event. "It has expanded into many other areas."

Senior citizens will have an opportunity to watch the show for free on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. Performances on Feb. 1 and 2 start at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at the school office.

Bethlehem library hosts slide show

David Diligent will show slides of his trip to Australia at the Bethlehem Public Library on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Two years ago, Diligent spent six weeks traveling throughout Australia. His travels took him from the cities of Mel-

bourne, Sydney and Cairns on the East Coast to scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef and walking the rain forests of Queensland. The program is free and open to the public. For information, call 439-3914.

Voorheesville resident receives award

Jim Bryden of Voorheesville received the D. Grant Mickle Award from the Transportation Research Board at its annual meeting this week.

The award cited Bryden for his paper on "Crash Tests of Work Zone Traffic Control Devices." The

TRB, a component of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences, presents the award each year for the best transportation paper submitted in the area of operations safety and maintenance.

Quilters to meet

Quilters United in Learning Together will meet on Feb. 8 at the United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Mini workshops will be held in the morning and mid workshops in the afternoon. Participants will learn quilting tips and techniques. For information, call 283-4848.

ASO names candidates

The Albany Symphony Orchestra announced recently the four finalists in its search for a music director. Serving as guest conductors for the 1991-92 season will be Tsung Yeh, also named as principal guest conductor, Paavo Jarvi, David Alan Miller and Joel Revzen. Each candidate will conduct one of the first four concerts and then the new music director will be selected after the January concert. As principal guest conductor, Tsung Yeh will conduct an additional three concerts.

Senior Citizens



Safe driving course open

Bethlehem Senior Services will be accepting reservations for the Feb. 55 Alive Safe Driving Course starting Feb. 1. This course is sponsored by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons.

The course will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 27 and 28, from noon to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106. The course is open to any person 50 years or age and older. There is a course fee of \$10. Those completing the course will be entitled to a 10 percent discount on their automobile liability and collision insurance.

Early registration is encouraged due to a limited class size. To register, call 439-4955 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Energy assistance available

The Home Energy Assistance Program was developed to help those on fixed or low incomes. Eligibility guidelines for the program are based on gross income figures for the month the HEAP application is made. If you received assistance last year you will automatically receive an application for this year's program. Applications are mailed by Albany County Department for Aging and Handicapped at various intervals.

A volunteer is available to provide assistance in filling out applications this year for town residents 60 years and over. Please contact 439-4955, and your name will be added to an interest list. A volunteer will return your call and answer questions concerning the HEAP Program.

RCS honors students

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School's students of the month for December 1990 are Frank Rotello, of Ravena, and Dena Marshall, of Selkirk.

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Care

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waiting, and tension building as the days crept toward the United Nations' Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. One soldier said he'd "be lying" to say he liked the Marines or being stationed in Saudi Arabia and sketched a peace symbol at the bottom of his letter. All said they appreciated being remembered. "It brought me warmth in my heart in the cold night and up-spirited me in soul," was how Marine Pedro J. Gutierrez put it.

When asked why he had started "Operation We Care," William McGarry replied simply, "Who knows?"

"You hear there are things the kids don't have," he said. "I had a little spare time. We thought it would be a nice community effort to see what we could do to ease things over there."

Arrangements are currently being made for an interfaith candle light prayer service for the evening of Feb. 9 as part of "Operation We Care."



Slingerlands Fire Chief Walter Eck Jr., Town Supervisor Ken Ringler, and Rose and William McGarry pose with a giant yellow ribbon to promote "Operation We Care."

Mike Larabee

Anyone unable to bring items to the firehouses can call the Slingerlands Fire Department at 439-4734 and arrangements will be made to pick them up. In addition, articles can be placed in a collection box located in the town hall foyer.

Cash donations are also being accepted, and will be applied toward the cost of purchasing items as well as shipping costs. Checks should be made out to the Slingerlands Fire Department with a notation that they are for "Operation We Care."

Police

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for the town, police and town officials agree.

"There's no question we'd feel it," said Town Supervisor Ken Ringler. The department is currently below authorized staff levels because of the absence of Vunck and the two officers out on disability.

Ringler said he has been working closely with Chief Currie in the event of a further reduced force as a result of the war.

"We're looking at alternatives" which could involve hiring temporary officers to fill the vacancies in the interim, Ringler said. Having to try to hire interim officers would be part of the worst-case scenario, Chief Currie said. Because of the law, he said, police cannot be hired on a substitution basis. And he added that calling back retired officers would also be problematic because of laws governing how much a retiree can make.

Lt. Frederick Holligan said that in the past when there were per-

sonnel shortages, officers have been very cooperative to keep patrols fully manned. In that kind of a situation, he said, officers often have to work schedules to accommodate the needs of the force.

He said losing more men would definitely "impact our patrols." Losing just one officer creates 10 short shifts in a week, he said. He added those shifts would have to be filled by changing officers' schedules or through overtime, which the department tries to limit. "We would be able to cover through switching officers around and a minimum of overtime," he added.

The chief said that the problem of keeping adequate manpower is something he is used to. "Contingency plans are formed almost weekly," he said. He said last year the people on the force were "very cooperative" about having to readjust their schedules when there were shortages. "A lot of thanks goes to them," he said.

One of Chief Currie's major concerns, he explained, is holding the line on overtime to avoid going over budget.

Tax form assistance offered to seniors

Bethlehem Senior Services will be offering free income tax form assistance at Bethlehem Town Hall Tuesdays from Feb. 5 to April 9, 1991.

IRS-trained American Association of Retired Persons volunteers will be available to assist senior citizens, age 60 and older, with basic Federal Income Tax, New York State Income Tax and Real Property Tax Credit for the Elderly forms. Persons who are self-employed, have rental property, are in a partnership or have foreign investments will have more complex returns and are advised by the town to seek professional assistance.

Cuts

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\$843,000 in 1990, about \$23,000 above what the town had budgeted. Fourth-quarter revenue, just announced this month, was a healthy \$206,357 for New Scotland.

Still, the shortfall remains. Reilly is recommending the cuts come from the town's contractual and equipment budgets, but said he wanted to see what ideas the other councilmen might come up with.

At the Jan. 23 meeting, called for the purpose of emergency budget modification considerations, Councilman John Sgarlata brought up the possibility of restructuring some of the town's debt. Town Attorney Frederick Riester said that approach wasn't always feasible; for instance, a loan for equipment with a five-year life span couldn't be stretched out over time. In addition, restructuring costs money in fees from bond writers. The only two items that would be eligible, he said, would be the community center and the recently-constructed salt shed.

Reilly said the community center loan would be reduced to about \$150,000 by the end of this year. The center was built two years ago at a cost of \$280,000, bonded over five years. The \$118,000 salt shed is also bonded over five years.

Councilman Craig Shufelt asked if the town could borrow money to cover the deficit. Reilly said it was possible to get a Tax Anticipation Note, or TAN, "but that's not the way to go." He said later that unless a town is forced to do so due to a costly lawsuit or other misfortune, pursuing a TAN was a bad idea. He likened it to "using your Master card to go buy groceries."

Another possibility would be for the town to drop its trash pickup service, which accounts for about a quarter million dollars in its annual budget. Richard Decker, who attended the meeting, noted, "A lot of towns don't pick up." But

he noted that stopping the service might mean an increased risk of illegal dumping.

In other business the board:

- Approved water rates of \$3 per 1,000 gallons, up from \$2.55/1,000 gal. in 1990.

- Accepted a \$2,555.55 bid for a used dump truck.

- Authorized the supervisor to write the Volunteer Service Corp. of Albany (VESCA) concerning a review of town employee job titles and descriptions. Decker, a member of VESCA, said the minimum charge for such a study would be \$300. Councilman Sgarlata argued that the county civil service department would perform the same service free of charge. Reilly said the town would look into both possibilities.

- Approved a contract with Williams, Matt & Rutnik for a \$13,000 audit of the Clarksville Water District and \$3,200 for book-keeping. The water district audit is required under regulations for federal grant money, and will be paid for out of the water district funds.

- Approved the sale of a 1,500 used water tank from the Swift Road Water District to Domermuth Environmental Services for \$900.

- Tabled an offer from LaBerge Engineering to apply for more federal funding from the Farmers Home Administration for the Clarksville Water District. Reilly said he would meet soon with FmHA officials, and would discuss the LaBerge offer with them.

LaBerge also urged the town to apply for Member Item funds from the state Senate; Reilly said this had been done.

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RCS wants more data on school building plan

By Bill Cote

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board has sent an architectural and engineering study slated for Ravena Elementary School back to the drawing board.

Local and state education requirements for the plan were not clearly defined or understood, they said at last week's meeting.

Barry Jones, board member and spokesman for the building and grounds committee, said that deficiencies in the roof, facade, grounds and utility systems necessitated the study.

He presented a video-taped narrative assessment of the structure at the meeting.

Three bids were submitted on the project, the two lowest bidders, calling \$7,600 and \$7,700 will be asked to attend the next building and grounds committee meeting to discuss the content of each bid and how each will satisfy new requirements put in place by the board and committee.

"I hope we can get to the bottom of this and come up with an equitable solution," Jones said.

Findings will be presented at the next board meeting on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

In other school board news, concerns about the \$156,000 state were discussed. Superintendent

William Schwartz said that RCS is trimming from this year's operating budget as a result of the cuts.

The board took \$113,000 from the general (discretionary) fund, which allowed for an extra teacher's salary, now unwarranted by the expected level of kindergarten enrollment. Roughly \$5,000 from the board of education development activities (conferences), and \$7,000 in equipment and repairs were pared as well. The largest portion, \$51,000 will be taken from the maintenance budget. There will be no school census this year.

Schwartz said that they wanted to target non-instructional areas first, as long as the health and safety of students is not impacted.

Still, \$44,000 more in cuts is needed. "Be prepared to recommend what you can do without" was Schwartz's advice to the (building leadership) teams. It will mean that some programs will be impacted, he said. And he said, "There are difficult times ahead for all of us."

Other items being considered in the cuts are teachers' conferences, field trips and publication of "The Chalkboard" newsletter.

Deadline for reply from the building leadership teams is Feb. 15.

Schools go all out for yellow tapes

Ravena and Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary schools have been breaking the limit lately. They've shattered every goal they've set in the Grand Union register tapes for school computers program.

The schools have gotten computers and disk drives, and are working to acquire software before the Feb. 9 deadline. According to Michelle Wagner, program coordinator, the computers would not have been available through the district with the state budget cuts. Wagner encourages people to circle the totals on each yellow tape and place them, unfastened in an envelope. Drop boxes are in the lobby of each school.

Contest set

Black History Month will be celebrated by the Ravena Library with an essay and poster contest. Contestants should depict an event or an individual's contributions to black history in the U.S. There are four levels of competition, and posters will be accepted in all groups. Essay length for grades three to five is 100 words, for grades six to eight is 200 words and for high-school students is 300 words.

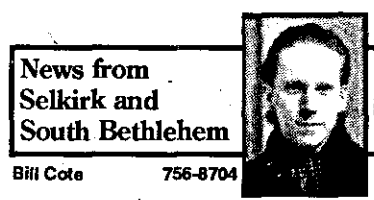
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School district begins budget talks

By Susan Wheeler

The Voorheesville Central School District's budget for 1991-92 should be built to "maintain the current level of program," according to Superintendent Alan McCartney.

The board of education, administrators, teachers and community members attended a special budget committee meeting held on Monday night in the high school cafeteria to discuss what makes up a budget and the proposed budget calendar for the 1991-92 school year. C. James Coffin, board president, said that making a school budget "in the best of times is difficult," and this year it will be "exceptionally difficult" in light of the state aid cuts, increase in salary expenses and increase in energy costs the district faces. "We're going to have to work hard to



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Bill Cote 756-8704

Cash, ribbons and display space will be awarded to the winners of each group.

Work must be submitted by Feb. 15. Call the library at 756-2053.

Seniors needed as companions

Senior Companions is holding an informational meeting Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center, 25 Main St., Ravena. Qualified seniors in Albany and Greene County who can work 20 hours weekly are paid for their services and provided with a benefits package. In-service training is part of the program. Call Peggy Persico at 756-8593 for information.

Center assists seniors

Meals on wheels is offered by the Senior Services Project of Ravena weekdays, with weekend meals delivered by special request. Peggy Persico, director of the

project, said that about 50 meals are delivered daily by the special mini-van driver. The 25 Main St. center also serves about 200 meals each week at its dining hall.

Assistance with seniors' heating fuel prices is available through the center. Single New York residents with an income of \$863 per month or less and households of two with an income of \$1157 or less are eligible. Assistance is also available to households of three or more. Registration ends in March. For information, call 756-8593.

Lecture scheduled

Concerns of aging will be the topic of a Feb. 6 informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend this discussion led by Joan Kerker, caseworker and intake supervisor of the Scotia Baptist Retirement Center. She'll talk about new health care legislation which will affect seniors and their families. A short talk entitled "Aging with Grace and Humor" will immediately follow.

Congratulations, Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Selkirk's Ken Layman for his recent achievement of the Eagle Scout Award.

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Open house helps ambulance squad Cable dig knocks out phones

Voorheesville Area Ambulance Squad would like to thank everyone who attended its open house on Jan. 20, and the neighbors, friends and community for their donations. These donations made it possible for the purchase of new equipment for the ambulance. We are thankful for all the service this squad performs.

Library holds poetry reading

On Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. the Voorheesville Public Library will host a poetry reading by local writers. Voorheesville historian and author Dennis Sullivan will be one of the special guests for the event. Everyone is invited to attend this enlightening evening. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information, call the library at 765-2791.

Library hosts Friday night at the movies

There will be another Friday night movie on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. The 1949 British film "The Third Man," by Graham Greene, will be shown in the Community Room. Our library is source of entertainment for everyone.

Library trustees to meet

The Voorheesville Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Have the heart to send a card

Everyone enjoys receiving mail especially on holidays. Anyone in your family who would like to leave Valentine cards or Valentine drawings for the "Valentine Heartline" may do so before Feb. 9. These Valentine wishes will then be distributed to residents an area nursing home. I know they will enjoy receiving the cards.

Nursery school holds information session

Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church will have an informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall of the church. Rosemary Pakenas, a teacher, will be on hand to answer any questions

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Susan Casler 765-2144



about enrolling four-year-old children for the 1991-92 school year. Applications are available and must be returned by Feb. 25. This is an important meeting because limited space is available. For more information, contact Sue Herzog at 765-2639.

Teen dance scheduled

The Town of New Scotland Parks and Recreation will sponsor a teen dance at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on Feb. 8 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for \$2. The dance is open to all students in grades seven through 10. If you're not dancing to the music of disc jockey Tom Genovese, then try the pizza and soda that will be on sale.

Jazz up with exercise

Get your exercise at the jazzercise class at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center. Classes run from Feb. 7 through April 11. The Town of New Scotland Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring this class, open to all, for \$40. Tammy Earl will be instructing the class, incorporating both high and low-impact aerobics. For more information, contact Pat Geurtze at 765-2681 or 439-1223.

Baseball registration begins

Start thinking spring because baseball registration is about to begin. The New Scotland Kiwanis will offer registration at the Voorheesville Elementary school for children in grades kindergarten through six on the following dates: Saturday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 4 through Friday Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baseball is a great sport to bring out the best in your child. The coaches are very understanding and patient with the children. For further information contact Pete Douglas at 765-3108.

High school offers information to parents

Parents of eighth-grade students at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School are encouraged to attend a meeting to explain the high school program and courses available to children in the ninth grade on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the instruction room of the music wing. Guidance director Robert Quackenbush and guidance counselors Barbara Blumberg and Amy Riddell will describe course offerings, graduation requirements and the difference between a high school and Regents diploma. Call 765-5529 for more information.

Historian to speak

The New Scotland Historical Society will host a discussion by Voorheesville author and historian Dennis Sullivan on "The Van Bael Patent: A Century Thorn in the Side of the Patroonship" at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. The public is invited and refreshments will be served after the discussion.

C.E. course registration set

Registration for the spring Continuing Education Program will be held in the main foyer of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School on Monday, Feb. 4 and Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. For information, call 765-3314.

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New York Telephone repairmen worked through the night after a phone cable was cut by a Niagara Mohawk crew doing excavation work in South Bethlehem last Thursday, according to Clifford Lee, a phone company spokesman.

About 700 to 1,000 customers lost service for roughly 24 hours after the 10 a.m. Thursday accident, Lee said. He said Niagara Mohawk had checked with New York Telephone before digging to see if there were cables near the work site, and that the power company was not at fault for the line cut.

"Apparently indications were that we did not have a cable there," he said. "It turns out we did."

Lee said customers with a 767 exchange in South Bethlehem and Selkirk were affected. "Not everyone was knocked out but a good chunk of them were," he said. In addition, a number of Ravena customers lost partial service and could not make calls to Albany, he said.

The phone company set up temporary mobile telephones for emergency use at a number of area sites, including Selkirk's Route 396 fire station, Conrail's Selkirkyards, and the state police station on Route 9W, while phone service was interrupted, according to Lee. Repair work was completed around 10 a.m. Friday, he said.

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Hotaling pin seals victory in Ravena-Voorheesville clash

By Kevin Taylor

Every wrestling team in the Colonial Council has taken a back seat to Ravena for the past 37 matches, even Voorheesville. But the Blackbirds brought that streak to a halt by gaining a convincing 38-27 victory over the Indians.

Voorheesville jumped out to an early 18-3 lead. After Jerry Parmenter lost 6-2 at 91, Darren Ascone, Eric Dommermuth and John Cook all recorded pins. After Greg Reeth was pinned at 119, Josh Vink dominated his match at 126, giving the Birds a 22-9 lead.

Senior Tim Reeth recorded a 10-0 decision victory at 145 to push his record to 18-1 and upping the Voorheesville lead to 26-18. After Scott Harms was pinned in the first period, cutting the lead to 32-24, Buddy Deschenes wrestled at 177, losing 5-2. The score was 32-27.

The match came down to Chad Hotaling against Jason Knox.

Hotaling notched a pin one minute and 20 seconds into the match to start the celebration for Voorheesville.

Although it was going to be tough to accomplish a repeat performance, the Birds wrestled just as well against Guilderland, pulling out a 40-15 win. Cook had a strong outing at 112, gaining a decision victory, 10-2. Josh Vink continued his successful comeback from a mid-season dry spell with a third period pin to up the Birds' lead to 19-3.

Mike Gaudio won a match over Terry Hubbard. After no points in the first period, Gaudio started on the bottom for period two. While maintaining control for most of the period, Hubbard was penalized for an illegal leg scissor as Gaudio tried a reversal move late in the period, giving Gaudio a 1-0 lead. Gaudio controlled Hubbard most of the fourth period and held on for the 1-0 win.

The Blackbirds conclude their league schedule tomorrow, Thursday, at Lansingburgh with the Colonial Council Tournament set for Saturday at Albany Academy.

37-match streak ends

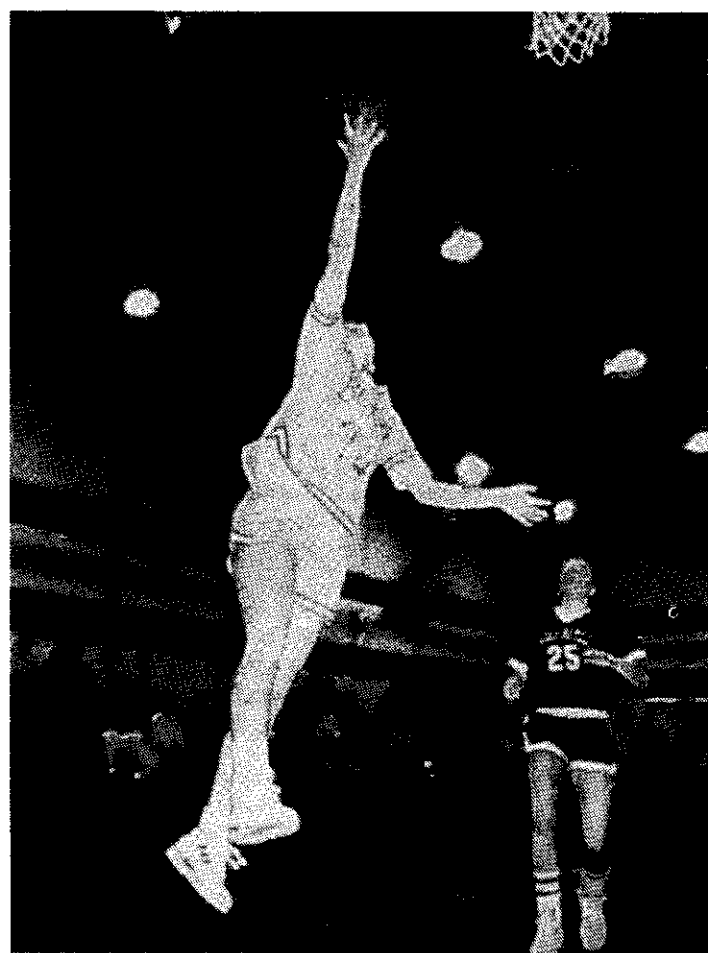
By Kevin Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians traveled to Voorheesville to wrestle their toughest league match of the year. They ended their 37-match winning streak with a 38-27 loss.

Adam Smith picked up a win by decision to put the Indians ahead 3-0. With three losses, RCS was down 18-3. With a key pin by Brian Irving, they picked up six points. Freddy Pechette and captain Chris King picked up wins. Jason Demerest and David Baranska each won to pull the score within three. Jason Knox wrestled well, but lost to end the 37-match winning streak.

The Indians wrestle at Schalmont tomorrow for first place in the Colonial Council. They are tied with the Sabres for first place.

Ladybirds score two



Voorheesville's Courtney Langford makes a basket in last weekend's game against Holy Names, who edged the Birds 36-33.

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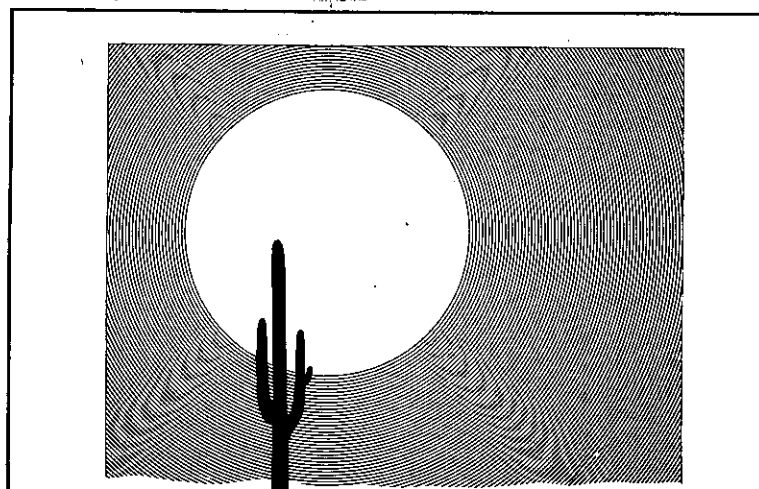
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Lansingburgh beats Lady Indians, 41-32

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls varsity basketball team lost 41-32 to Lansingburgh at home.

Lansingburgh, who had a 7-1 record, fell behind early, losing the first quarter 9-6. They picked up their pace and went on to a 17-8 lead in the second quarter, leading at half 23-17.

Coach Dean Bissell said his team played well. The Lady Indians were led by a balanced scoring attack, with Tina Van Kempen leading with 12, followed by Joan Marie Nunziato with nine.

The Lady Indians dominated Schalmont 57-52 at home. They were once again led by the scoring of Van Kempen, who had 22. Nunziato had 16 with 10 assists. Allison Stooks came off the bench to add 12 to the total score.

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Dolphins take two firsts

The Delmar Dolphin Swim Club recently participated in a developmental meet in Canajoharie and in the Schenectady Swim Club's 23rd annual mid-winter meet at Burnt Hills.

In the Schenectady meet, two Dolphins scored first place victories, each with national "AA" times. Among 11 and 12-year-old boys, BC's Billy Leary was first in the 100-yard breaststroke. He placed third in the 100 freestyle and 200 individual medley, and fourth in the 100 back.

In the 10 and under girls division, Arianne Cohen was a first medalist in the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 39.94, her personal best and an "AA" time. Among 10 and under boys, Andrew Loomis took a fourth place medal in the 50 butterfly. In the eight and under boys group, Brian Dowling took four medals, with a second place finish in the 50 fly, third in the 100 IM and 50 back and a fifth in the 50 breaststroke.

At the Canajoharie meet, where swimmers achieving a national "B" time receive certificates but are not ranked with ribbon winners, two Dolphins took home five "B" time awards. Scott Strickler and

Loomis, both 10, had "B" times in the 50 backstroke and 100 free, with Strickler swimming a "B" time in the 50 breast and taking a fifth place ribbon in the 50 fly. Loomis was a first place finisher in the 50 breast. Steve Corson, swimming his first meet in the 11 and 12-year-old division, was second in the 50 breaststroke. Among 13 and 14-year-old girls, Claire Dunne took third in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Lucy Dunne, Katie Prescott and Brian Strickler improved their times at the Canajoharie.

Eating disorder support groups open

The Capital Region Association for Eating Disorders is pleased to announce there are four locations for support groups in the Capital District area.

Helpful information and personal experiences are shared in supportive group settings: one group for anorexics and bulimics, another for compulsive eaters and a third group devoted to the concerns of parents and significant others.

Widened Metroland play could be tough on BC

By Dev Tobin

The newly expanded Metroland football conference will not benefit Bethlehem Central's program, according to football coach John Sodergren.

The new alignment, announced last week, will incorporate the eight teams from the Foothills Council into the 16-team Metroland Conference, creating four divisions based on the size of the school and the relative strength of its football program.

Bethlehem will play in Division II, along with Troy, Bishop

Maginn, CBA, Catholic Central and Amsterdam.

"This is great for the Foothills teams, who were having trouble filling their schedules," Sodergren said. "For us, our schedule will be tougher than before."

Under the new line-up, schools will play outside their division for the first three weeks of the season, then play each of their division rivals, and then teams in Divisions I and II will play a "crossover" game for their ninth contest.

The first place team in Division I will play the second place team in

Division II, and the winner of Division II will play the Division I runner-up. The winners of those two games will meet in the Class A Championship Super Bowl.

All the other teams in Divisions I and II will play "crossover" games according to their record — third place playing third place, fourth playing fourth, etc. Division III and IV teams will use the ninth week for their traditional rivalry games.

"This means that we will be playing three Division I schools, which are much larger than we are. Shenendehowa, for instance, is more than twice our size," Sodergren said.

BC's 1991 schedule will feature Schenectady, Shenendehowa and Niskayuna in the first three weeks.

Home show features local decorator

Amy Scoons, a Decorating Den franchise owner in Delmar, will be teaching a series of decorating workshops at the Great Northwest Home Show '91, taking place Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at the Knickerbocker Arena and the Empire Plaza Convention Center. Show hours will be from 5 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 8; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 9; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 10.

Softball league needs women's teams

Claws, a non-profit Women's Softball League is looking for new teams. Teams must consist of women only, 18 years and older. For information, call 439-3409 before Jan. 31.

RCS tops Cohoes, falls to Schalmont

By Michael Nock

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys varsity basketball team last week went one and one, with a 66-56 loss to Schalmont and a 60 to 52 win over Cohoes.

Coach Jim Gorham said RCS played a good first half but didn't play as well as they should have in the third quarter. It was a six-point game all the way. Steve Bullock was the high-scorer with 23 points. Joe Salin played well when Chris Hagen got into foul trouble.

RCS out-rebounded Cohoes and played well defensively. Eddie Nieves played well against Cohoes' man-to-man defense. Bullock scored 16, Nieves had 11 in the fourth quarter and Reggie Skipper had 10.

Museum given grant

Historic Cherry Hill has received a \$336 grant from the Travelers Companies Foundation and a \$1,000 grant from Norstar Trust Company as trustee of the Frederick McDonald Trust.

The two grants will enable the Albany historic house museum to develop an on-site program for seventh and eighth grade pupils on early 19th century social history.

The program will be offered to schools beginning in the 1991-1992 school year. It will complement the museum's new classroom teaching unit, which investigates a murder which occurred at Cherry Hill in 1827.

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Eagles fall to Burnt Hills, Guilderland Bulls, Georgetown victors in Super Sunday BBC games

By Michael Kagan

Home-cooking has not always been edible for the Bethlehem Central boys basketball team this season, but dining out has by far been worse. Unfortunately, the Eagles aren't going to be able to play at home anymore this season.

Bethlehem finished a 3-2 home stand with a loss to Burnt Hills, 58-57, late last week before going on the road over the weekend to lose to Guilderland, 66-55.

The Eagles led Burnt Hills by one until there was just 18 seconds left, when Burnt Hills converted on two free throws to take the lead. Bethlehem got a shot off and three follow-ups, but couldn't get the ball to fall.

As in numerous Eagle games, one quarter was key to the whole game. Burnt Hills outscored BC

22-7 in the third quarter after being behind by six at halftime, 28-22.

Scot Fish led the team with 20 points and four three pointers. Matt Quatraro scored 15, including two from beyond the three point arc, while Eric McCaughin had 13, Mike Aylward five and Bill Karins four.

Guilderland was clearly the dominant team in Saturday's game, winning every quarter except the last, which the Eagles won by one point, 16-15. Guilderland took a four point lead after one quarter and expanded that to a 33-22 halftime lead with a big second quarter.

McCaughin led the Eagles with 15, while Aylward followed with 14, including his first varsity three pointer. Fish made a three pointer while scoring his 11 points and

Quatraro added seven. Also for BC, Matt Dugan added five points, Ben Olsen two and Bill Spinner one.

The Eagles are 4-4 at home with all five remaining regular season games away. This last homestand was particularly intriguing, as BC started it off with three straight victories and appeared to be coming together as a team, having won four of the last five games. The Eagles suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss to Mohonasen Jan. 18, which started the current three-game losing streak.

Bethlehem (4-6 in the league, 6-9 overall) will have to try to get back on track before sectionals start Feb. 19 away from home, where the Eagles have compiled just a 2-5 record, both wins coming in tournaments. They travel to Niskayuna on Friday.

Super efforts were turned in on Super Sunday in the Bethlehem Basketball Club. In the Pro Division, the Bulls outlasted the Knicks 45-41 as Chris Wenger led with 24 points.

The Lakers edged a determined squad 17-15. Mike Ryan paced the Lakers with four points. Led by the rebounding of Mike Bohlen, the Celtics got by the Pistons 47-41.

In a key College Division game, Georgetown defeated Syracuse 37-23. Mark Svare led the Georgetown scoring with 17 points and Matt Shannon made numerous assists.

St. Johns put on a second-half surge to defeat Villanova 40-38. The strong rebounding of Mike Geis inspired Villanova while Ryan

Walker led St. Johns with seven points and numerous assists.

The defense of Andy Loux and the 15 point scoring performance of Kevin Russell led Providence to a 32-26 win over Seton Hall.

In All-Star Division play, Mike D'Aleo led the Spurs to a 39-38 win over the Hawks. D'Aleo sank two 15-foot jump shots down the stretch to lead his team to victory. Chris Seavey's nine points and the strong defensive play of Victor Hwang were not enough as the Sixers edged the Rockets 28-26. Dave LaValle led the Sixers with eight points. The Bucks dumped the Mavericks 71-48. Willie Sanchez and Jason Gutman scored 28 and 26 points respectively for the Bucks.

Lapinski sparks Blackbird boys past Academy

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

Lit by center Steve Lapinski, the Voorheesville boys basketball team blazed past Albany Academy last weekend 56-46.

Lapinski had a triple-double night for the Birds, emerging from the game with 17 points, 11 blocked shots and 10 rebounds. Coach Skip Carrk said he was pleased. "While Lapinski had his worst shooting night of the season, he still managed to score 17 points." Carrk said he was content with Lapinski's "excellent defensive work."

The Blackbirds started slowly, trailing 19-6 at the end of the first quarter. By the end of the first half, VC was only down 27-21. They came out in the third quarter play-

ing "phenomenal defense," outscoring Academy 15-13.

In the final eight minutes of play, the Birds performed up to their potential, turning a four point deficit into a 10 point win, and outscoring Academy 20-6. They pestered their opponents, forcing them to five turnovers in the last three minutes of the game. Steals were another function the Blackbirds' defense. The quickness of Rich Adams left him with eight steals, while Todd Rockmore contributed four. The Birds were able to hold Academy's high-scorer, Bill Knauf to 16 points. Knauf is used to figures in the 20s.

Rockmore, tacking 17 points on to the final VC score, proved to Carrk that when needed he could

"play big in a big game."

Erin Sullivan came off the bench adding a positive touch and nine points to the Birds' efforts. He and Bill Stone rebounded strongly opposite Lapinski.

Tom Giantasio played aggressively on the boards, out-rebounding players as much as six inches taller. He and Stone sunk two baskets each in heavy traffic. "They muscled their way in and threw the shots up strong," Carrk said.

This win solidified a second place tie between Voorheesville and Schalmont, leaving them two games behind undefeated Watervliet. The Birds face Cohoes on Friday and Mechanicville next Tuesday, both on the road.

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Bowling honors for the week of Jan 20, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

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Women — Kathy Follett 255, Dawna Dolen 623 triple.

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214, 512 triple; Traci Layman 218, 475 triple.

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Brian Keith Johanson and Lisa Suzanne Clark

Clark, Johanson to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry A. Clark of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Suzanne, to Brian Keith Johanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Johanson of Loudonville.

Clark is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and State University at Potsdam. She is a research scientist in immunotoxi-

cology at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Syracuse.

Johanson is a graduate of Shaker High School and Clarkson University. He is employed as an electrical engineer with IITRI in Rome.

A September wedding is planned.



Susan Schwarz

Schwarz, Sano to wed

Roy Schwarz of Delmar has announced the engagement of his daughter, Susan Schwarz, to Charles Sano Jr., son of Charles and Barbara Sano of Albany.

The bride elect, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Ithaca College and the College of Saint Rose, is a part-time teacher with the Bethlehem Central School District. She is the daughter of the late Noella Schwarz.

Sano is a graduate of CBA and Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed by the A.B. Sano and Son Contracting.

An August wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Leonard Blodgett

Jones and Blodgett wed

Jennifer Ann Jones, daughter of Leslie and Jean Jones of Delmar, and Jeffrey Leonard Blodgett, son of William and Maureen Wright Jr. of Delmar, were married Dec. 29.

The wedding was performed at the bride's parents home.

Both are graduates of Bethle-

hem Central High School. The bride is employed by Blue Cross in Albany. The groom is employed by the Army Reserve, National Guard, in Latham.

The couple will reside in Delmar.

Station promotes Delmar resident

Tony McManus of Delmar has been named local sales manager at WNYT-TV-13. McManus was an account executive for the station for six and a half years, servicing such accounts as Price Chopper, Key Bank, CDPHP, Macy's and WGRQ-FM radio in Buffalo. He is a graduate of the State University of New York at Brockport.

Births



St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Molly Stafford, to Lisa M. Stafford and Steven D. Kalter, Selkirk, Dec. 19.

Boy, Tyler John, to Elizabeth and Steven M. Edic, Clarksville, Dec. 21.

Boy, Joseph Michael, to Shirley A. and Gary P. Albright, Selkirk, Dec. 29.

Boy, Sean Patrick, to Diane G. and Daniel J. Kennelly, Voorheesville, Jan. 1.

Girl, Emily Anne, to Leigh Ann and Jay Arthur Bottemiller, Delmar, Jan. 2.

Boy, Michael James, to Teresa and Gary Fish, Selkirk, Jan. 3.

Boy, Jonathan Trotta, to Christine and Jim Terry, Delmar, Jan. 7.

Boy, Justin Michael, to Barbara and Donald McMullen, Selkirk, Jan. 7.

Girl, Ashley Nicole, to Angie and John Frye, Selkirk, Jan. 8.

Residents appointed to boards

Commissioner of Education Thomas Sobol announced today the appointment of Norman S. Cohen of Delmar as acting executive secretary to the state Boards for Social Work and Chiropractic,

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The Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold an informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. for parents interested in enrolling four-year-old children for the 1991-92 school year.

All applications must be returned by Feb. 25 to be eligible for the lottery to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall on the 25th.

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Obituaries

Karen Sievert

Karen Elizabeth Sievert, 12, died suddenly on Sunday, Jan. 27. Miss Sievert was born in Schenectady on March 27, 1978.

She is survived by her parents, Ronald E. and Margaret C. McCullen Sievert of Delmar; a sister, Rebecca Anne Sievert; paternal grandparents, Rudolph and Josephine Alteri Sievert of Delmar; and her maternal grandmother, Margaret Vonk McCullen of Delmar.

Miss Sievert was a 7th grade student at the Bethlehem Central Middle School.

The funeral will be Wednesday (today) at 9:15 a.m. from the Hans Funeral Home, 1088 Western Ave., Albany; and from Church of St. Thomas Church the Apostle in Delmar at 10 a.m.

Contributions can be made to the Karen E. Sievert Class of 1996 Scholarship Fund., c/o Bethlehem Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054.

John F. Smith

John F. Smith, 79, of Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville, died Monday, Jan. 21, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born and raised in Albany, he was a lifelong Capital District resident. He was a sheet metal worker for many years. He also owned and operated Smith's Apple Orchard, in Voorheesville.

He was a horse enthusiast and carpenter.

Mr. Smith was a member of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Northeastern New York.

Survivors include two sons, Nicholas Smith of Voorheesville and William Smith of Delanson; a daughter, Ellen Boyer of Altamont; two brothers, Nicholas Smith of Albany and Joseph Smith of Voorheesville; 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society Capital District Chapter.

Church welcomes new members

As the new addition to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Avenue receives its finishing touches, the Rev. Warren Winterhoff and his congregation welcomed 25 new members at a recent worship service.

Rev. Winterhoff will begin a new member class on "What the Lutheran Church Teaches and Believes" on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday school hour). For information, call the church office at 439-4328.

Five Rivers hosts evening walk

An evening walk has been planned for Feb. 1 at 7 p.m., at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar. Center naturalists will lead the group on an outdoor hike to experience the beauty of the winter

night, discovering traces of wildlife activity, constellations, and other nighttime wonders. The program is open to the public and free of charge. For information, call 475-0291.

Delaware Ave. Ponderosa goes Italian

By Mike Larabee

Traditional American steak and potatoes fare have made way for Italian food as Ponderosa Steakhouse at 55 Delaware Avenue has reopened as Servedio's.

And according to Dan Mitchell, the Saratoga resident who owns the restaurant along with brothers John and Edward Hodgkinson of Clifton Park, the changeover so far has been well-received.

"The weekend it was unbelievably super compared to what we had anticipated," Mitchell said, referring to the restaurant's first three days of business starting Jan. 18. "Friday and Saturday night were just tremendous. The comments were fantastic."

The name Servedio's is Mitchell's grandmother's, a lifetime South Albany resident who currently resides "just down the street" from the restaurant, he said. "We were brainstorming one day trying to come up with a name that really sounded Italian and there we had one in the family, so we just grabbed it," said Mitchell. "She's very excited to see her name in lights for the first time in 84 years."

Mitchell said Ponderosa patrons will see slight changes in the eatery's exterior — the steakhouse's tan and red awning has been replaced with solid blue — and substantial changes inside. The full name of the restaurant is "Servedio's Italian Garden," a reference to the large number of flowers, shrubbery, and plants that have been brought in by the owners.

As far as food goes, Italian with an emphasis on seafood was chosen after careful consideration, according to Mitchell. "Although I think seafood customers are good loyal customers, so we thought we'd have the best of both worlds



The former Ponderosa Steakhouse on Delaware Avenue recently reopened as Servedio's. Above are Debbie Nelson, restaurant manager, and Chef Pete Boffa. Elaine McLain

by going with Italian, which is probably the most popular concept to eat out, and make sure we had fish for people who wanted fish," he said.

"The concept is quality food that you would find in a small mom and pop Italian restaurant," with "efficient fast friendly service at family prices," he said.

The owners had considered a conversion of the restaurant from the moment it opened 18 months ago, Mitchell said, and designed the building so it would easily accommodate a changeover. He said they felt Ponderosa in the end didn't "fit the community." "We tried to make Ponderosa work here, and we had a lot of customers," but the restaurant wasn't working out financially, he said.

But they "kept a couple of things we thought were really good about Ponderosa," Mitchell said, like free beverage refills, and free trips to a salad bar that has been enlarged to come under the new header "anti-pasto bar."

He said he's not worried about difficulties that might stem from opening a new restaurant in a soft economy.

"We're trying to be value oriented," he said. "I think in this economy you're going to find a lot of people that are looking for value. If anything, you will have a lot of people trading down from fine dining into the casual mid-price segment."

"That's what we're trying to be," Mitchell said.

Civil War group meets

The Capital District Civil War Round Table will meet on Friday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The program will feature "Civil War Music of the Common Soldier," performed by vocalist/instrumentalist Kevin Hagen. The public is invited, and new members are always welcome to "enlist."

Art guild awards prize

Henry Pasquin of Albany has won a handcrafted life size cat from the Hilltown Artisans Guild. The cat is an original design of Nancy Sheridan, a member of the guild who specializes in wooden folk animals.

Take a break, recreate!

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will be certifying as many community members as possible in Adult CPR through a new program called CPR Alert. Sessions will be held in the morning or the afternoon on Saturday, Feb. 2 or Feb. 9.

Pre-registration is required by calling 439-4131 or visiting the park office Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no class limit so find a friend, call us to register, and learn to save a life in just half a day!

THE YOUTH NETWORK

School launches CORE team project

Beginning second semester 1991, Bethlehem Central High School will begin the operation of its CORE Team. This is a group of about 20 faculty, staff, administration and community members who have been trained by an outside agency (Al-Care) in CORE Team setup and operation, substance abuse patterns in adolescents and families, and intervention techniques with young people who may have chemical abuse problems.

The CORE Team process provides an opportunity for the school to identify a student in trouble with alcohol and other drugs at an earlier stage, and therefore provide a greater chance of successful "intervention." A student of concern is identified by a BCHS staff member or student through a referral to the CORE Team. Then, in a highly confidential process, observations are gathered from all the staff the student comes in contact with at school. These observations are collated

and reviewed at a CORE Team meeting. A decision is then made to either refer the student to an in-school educational program or service, do nothing, or arrange for a student/parent meeting to present the information gathered and the concern felt about the student.

It should be noted that only BCHS faculty and staff will have access to student information, and that the community members will only serve in a consultant role regarding CORE Team structure and function, etc.

When the school staff, students, and parents know that a clear, non-punitive procedure is in place to deal with those students that are having difficulty due to alcohol and drug use, problems are identified earlier, help is more easily accepted, and the school can be seen by the community as taking positive action and not simply reacting to problems.

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Inns, B&Bs make great getaways

By Susan Wheeler

Sink into a warm Jacuzzi, snuggle up by a crackling fire or ice skate with the kids on a nearby pond. The choices are plenty when visiting a bed and breakfast or a quiet country inn.

While staying at a bed and breakfast when traveling has become popular, getting away for a night or two at a homey B&B or inn has become more popular. Families and couples can find any number of accommodations to fit their particular needs in the Capital District area.

"Local escapees" can flee to the Appel Inn on Route 146 in Altamont with a bottle of wine, a good book or the kids, according to Laurie Beckmann, who owns and hosts the B&B with her husband Gerd. She said they cater to a variety of tastes, from the romantic couple to the family to business travelers during the week. The three-floor house, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and built in 1765 by Hendrick Apple, whose mother's name was Appel, offers four bedrooms, two with a fireplace and private porch.

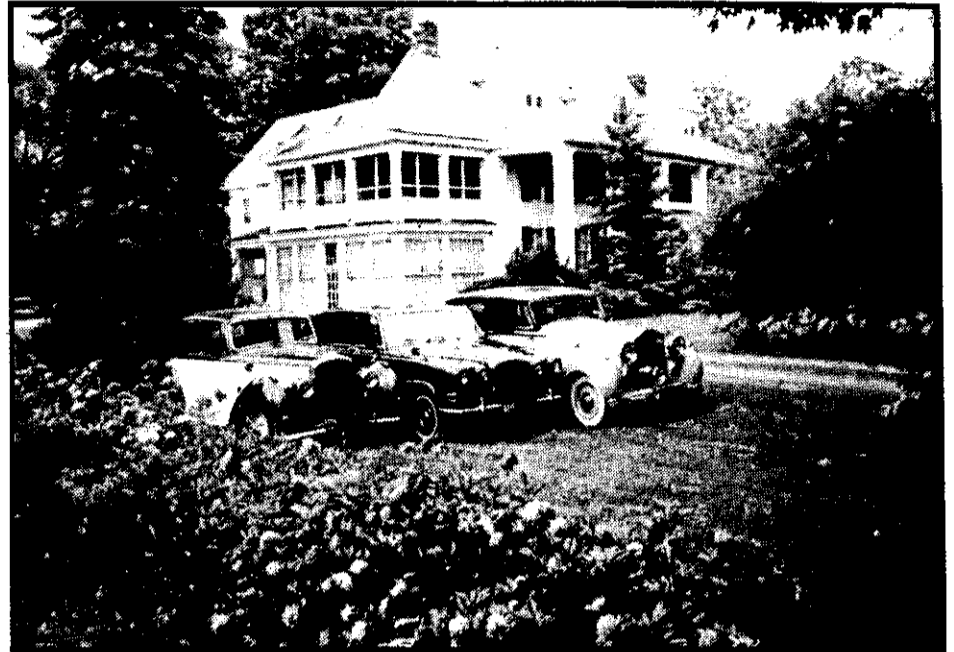
For the romantics, Laurie Beckmann said she helps arrange a candle-lit dinner in the couple's room. A full homemade breakfast, muffins, french toast, omelets or fruit, is served to the couple in bed if they wish. For families or guests who are traveling together, breakfast is enjoyed in a sun-lit room which overlooks the yard. "I

really cannot imagine not having four to eight people at breakfast," Gerd Beckmann said.

Days at an inn or B&B can be spent relaxing, or participating in winter sports or touring a new area. When the weather permits, cross-country skiing enthusiasts can bring their equipment and take off from the door of some inns, like the East Country Berry Farm just over the Massachusetts state line in Lenox. Owner Rita Fribush Miller said cross-country skiing is available on the property of her 200-year-old historic farmhouse or on nearby trails. A short drive will take alpine skiers to Brodie Mountain or Jiminy Peak. Guests can wander over to Berry Farm's barn to visit the horses, and local stables offer horseback riding.

Some travelers may choose a B&B or an inn for its proximity to areas of interest. The Mirror Lake Inn, located in Lake Placid, is close to ski areas, the 1980 Olympic site and Lake Placid village, sales manager Deborah Potter said. There's a well-lit rink for ice-skaters who like to skate at night, and dog-sled rides in season. A local babysitting service in town sends sitters to the inn's rooms if parents want a quiet dinner for two at a nearby restaurant.

Some inns or B&Bs create special packages with families or couples in mind, said Beverly Walsh, owner of Schenectady's American Collection of Bed and Breakfast, a reservation service for bed and breakfast homes and country inns in northeast New York, Vermont and



The Appel Inn, a bed and breakfast in Altamont, sports three vintage limousines and spacious grounds for visitors' comfort and enjoyment.

western Massachusetts. Walsh, who said she visits the B&Bs and inns before representing them to ensure they're comfortable and clean, said B&Bs that are great for families are ones located on farms. She said the children enjoy the space and the animals. A package tailored to a family's need is important, since not all inns and B&Bs allow children.

One package that's "ideal for families" and that's been "very popular" the last three years during all seasons is the Howe Caverns package, Walsh said. The caverns maintain a temperature around 55 degrees so it's a great getaway during the winter, she said. If weather permits, cross-country skiing is available. The package

includes two nights at a B&B suited to the family's tastes, she said.

Comfort is key when looking for an inn or a B&B. The Trout House Village Resort, in Hague on Lake George, offers a "homey atmosphere" because it is a family business, manager Alice Patchett said. It's a great place for families, she noted, because they offer activities, and also for couples because each cabin has a fireplace. "We've found that people want fireplaces," she said.

Inns and B&Bs vary in restrictions and offerings, so it's best to look through a guide in the local library or make reservations with an inn representative.

'Slow Dance' director aims to affirm life

By Dev Tobin

The next play for the NYST Theatre Institute (NYSTI) this year, "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground," will present a timely and educational exploration of attitudes toward prejudice and racism, according to its director, Ed Lange.

"It's a terrific play, that happens to have a lot of educational values in it," he said. "It deals with issues like prejudice, racism and social responsibility, that are absolutely relevant to young people today."

Currently the acting artistic director of

NYSTI, Lange is a Delmar native who now lives on Euclid Avenue in Elsmere with his wife, Linda, and daughter, Katie. He first caught the drama bug in sixth grade at Clarksville Elementary School.

"Our teacher, Al Restifo, had us write and then perform a play about the Middle Ages as a way of learning about the Middle Ages," he recalled. "I saw how it could work as a sixth grader, and now my work at NYSTI is very similar to that, combining theater with teaching."

Lange also credited Sid Turner at

Bethlehem Central High School for really turning him on to drama. "He was a pretty doggone inspirational guy, for me and for others at BC," he said.

Lange has wanted to do "Slow Dance" for a long time, but securing the rights was difficult.

"We were denied at first, and had to make a special application before the playwright, William Hanley, would allow us to do it," he explained.

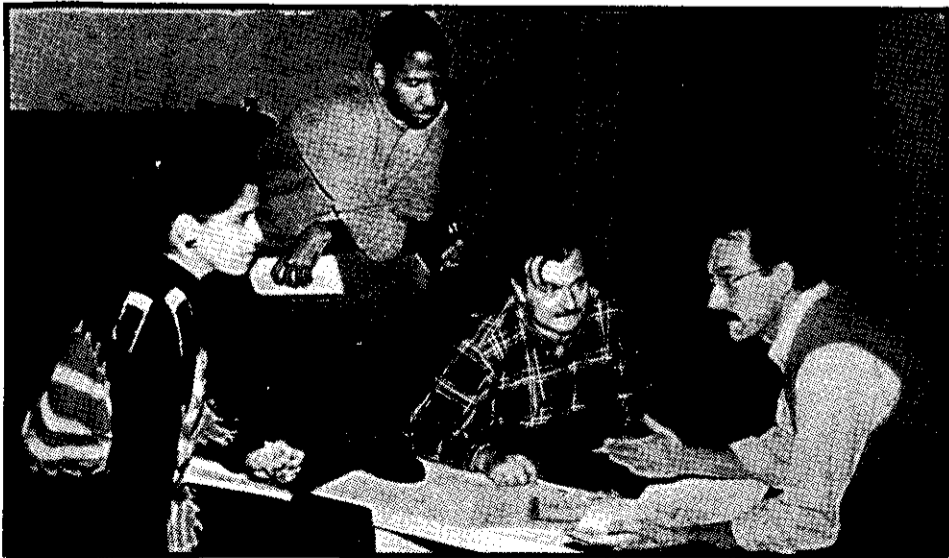
The play, written in 1964, takes place in a candy store in Brooklyn, where the proprietor, a stoic refugee from Nazi Germany named Glas, has to deal with two young people who come into his store on a dark night — Randall, a black man who seems to be running from something, and Rosie, a Jewish woman who stops in to ask directions.

"Through their interaction, preconceptions are blown out of the water," Lange said. "Each character is hiding a secret, and in their revelations to each other and themselves, they discover the value of life. What I want to come across in the play is that you shouldn't hide from life, you should live it to the fullest."

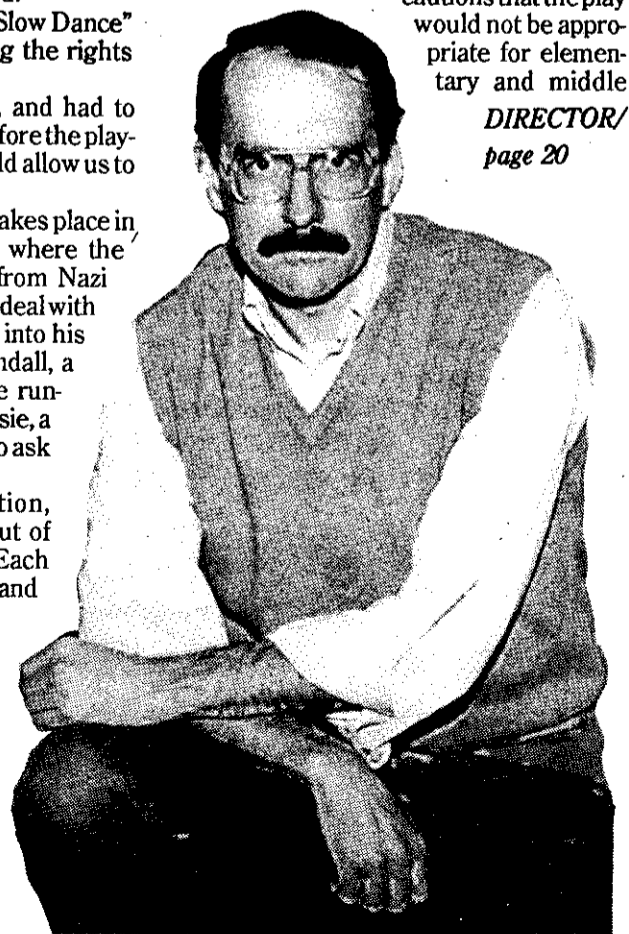
As part of the State University of New York at Albany, a major mission of NYSTI is to provide an

educational theatrical experience for schoolchildren. Given the maturity of the themes discussed in "Slow Dance," Lange cautions that the play would not be appropriate for elementary and middle

DIRECTOR/
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Director Ed Lange works with the cast members of "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground," from left, Etta Caren Fink, Harlin Kearsley and Joel Aroeste. The play opens Friday for a 10-day run at the Egg in Albany.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

PLEASE DON'T DRINK THE WATER

Comic/farce, Roustabout Players, First United Presbyterian Church, Troy. Feb. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, dinner 6:30 p.m. show 8 p.m. Information, 271-5079.

ROMANCE ROMANCE

Two one-act musicals, Cohoes Music Hall, Jan. 23-Feb. 17, Sun. 2 and 7 p.m.; Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

Wacky drama with delightfully comic moments, Home Made Theater, Saratoga. Feb. 1-16, 8:15 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

CHAPTER TWO

Neil Simon's most sensitive comedy, Riverview Productions, Doane Stuart Dinner Theater, Albany. Feb. 2-3, 9-10, Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 5 a.m. Information, 463-3811.

SLOW DANCE ON THE KILLING GROUND

William Hanley's drama, NYS Theatre Institute, Albany. Feb. 1-9, Sun. 2 p.m.; Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.; Fri.-Sat. 8 p.m. Information, 442-5373.

THE MIDDLE AGES

Comedy, Schenectady Civic Players, Jan. 30-31, Feb. 1-3; Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Information, 382-2081.

MUSIC

STUDENT UNDERGROUND

Music by area youth, The Eighth Step, Albany. Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

ALIEN FOLKLE

Joan Cosby and Paul Mercer, The Eighth Step, Albany. Feb. 2, 8 p.m. Information, 399-4242.

MUSIC OF AMERICAN COMPOSERS

With Rand Reeves, tenor, and Jeffrey Stein, State University, Department of Theatre, Feb. 3, 3 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

ZZ TOP

With Black Crowes, concert, The Knickerbocker Arena, Albany. Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

A VOICE FOR THE 20TH CENTURY

A tribute to Hungary's Bela Bartok, St. Cecilia Orchestra, Jan. 31, Feb. 2-3, Thurs., Canfield Casino, Saratoga, 8 p.m.; Sat., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 8 p.m.; Sun., Union College, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-7996.

MICHAEL HEDGES

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

SHOW

STEVE AND JUDY HANSEN

Puppeteers, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, Albany. Feb. 1-3, Fri. 7:10 p.m.; Sat. 1:10 and 7:10 p.m.; Sun. 1:10 and 4:10 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

MOSCOW CIRCUS

World-renowned circus stars, The Knickerbocker Arena, Albany. Feb. 13-17. Information, 487-2000.

STARS ON ICE

Ice show, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany. Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

DANCE

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

Contras, squares, circles, Guelderland Elementary School, Feb. 2, 8-11:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

FESTIVALS

SCHENECTADY COUNTY WINTER FESTIVAL

Multi-site, multi-event entertainment program, Feb. 1-4, 9-10. Information, 372-5656.

CLASSES

CDPC MENTAL HEALTH PLAYERS

Training session for new members, CDPC, Albany. Feb. 1-2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 447-9611.

RCCA SPRING CLASSES

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

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.

FILM

DANCES WITH WOLVES

Classic film series, State University, Page Hall, Feb. 1. Information, 442-5620.

LECTURE

FAKES AND REPRODUCTIONS

Discussion by Jeanott Barr, The Print Club, Tom Sawyer Inn, Albany. Feb. 5, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting. Information, 489-3109.

FORM/FUNCTION; CONVERSATIONS WITH CONTEMPORARY CRAFTSPEOPLE

Panel discussion program of the exhibition, "Art That Works," Albany Institute of History and Art, Feb. 2, 1-4 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

VISUAL ARTS

SPIRIT OF THE ADIRONDACK LANDSCAPE

Paintings by Anne M. Miller, Visions Gallery, Albany. Feb. 3-March 23, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

SECOND THOUGHTS

Creative re-use of materials, Russell Sage College Gallery, Troy. Feb. 4-March 10, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sun. noon-4 p.m.

METAMORPHOSIS

Work by Bob Epstein, Harold Lohner and Bill Wilson, One KeyCorp Plaza lobby, Albany. Feb. 4-March 1, daily 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

GALLERY EXPRESS TOURS

Highlighting current exhibitions, Albany Institute of History and Art. Focus: Proteges of Erasmus Dow Palmer, Feb. 1, 3; Art That Works, Feb. 8, 10; Focus: The Hart Brothers, Feb. 15, 17; English Porcelains in the Hanrahan Collection, Feb. 22, 24, Fri. 12:15 p.m., Sun. 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ART THAT WORKS

The decorative arts of the 1980s crafted in America, Albany Institute of History and Art, Feb. 2-March 30. Information, 463-4478.

OUR LAND/OURSELVES

American Indian Contemporary Artists, University Art Gallery, Albany. Feb. 2-March 17, Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Symposium, Feb. 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 442-4035.

GRUPO ARTE

Group show by Spanish, French, and national/regional artists. Now through 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. Now through Feb. 17, Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 432-6960.

LORI MCALLISTER AND ROBERT MOYLAN

Interrelated paintings of places and photographs of painters, Dietel 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.

TERRENCE TIERNAN

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

Director

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school audiences.

"Slow Dance" is the first play that Lange has directed in this season. Last year, his "Better Days," which also dealt with mature themes, was critically acclaimed.

"Slow Dance" will have a relatively short one-week run at NYSTI because it is limited to high school students, Lange explained. "Shows for younger audiences like Sherlock Holmes or 'The Pied Piper' can run longer."

The schedule of NYSTI encourages school groups to attend, with performances at 10 a.m. during the school week, and during the evening on weekends. In addition, student tickets, when purchased in a group, are only \$5.

"For teachers who want to bring their

classes to NYSTI, we also provide a study guide that helps them explain the play to their students," Lange said.

Lange, who earned his bachelor's in theater at SUNYA and his master's in fine arts in directing at Penn State University, came to NYSTI in 1981 after teaching at the college level for several years.

Previews for "Slow Dance" will be on Friday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Performances will be on Saturday, Feb. 2, Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, Feb. 5 to 8, at 10 a.m.; and Sundays, Feb. 3 and 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students, and \$6 for student rush. Call the box office at 442-5373 for information and reservations.

Lecture walk planned on historic Pine Bush path

Save the Pine Bush Inc. is sponsoring a lecture walk at 10 a.m. Feb. 2 through the Pine Bush, on a stretch of still unpaved and unspoiled Maquas Padt, the most historic road in all of New York State.

The path dates from before 1660 and brought the first Dutch settlers to

Schenectady. The unspoiled part has been officially designated a national historic trail under the name of the Kings Highway by the United States Department of the Interior.

Participants should meet at the south west corner of Rt. 155 and Old State Road. For information, call 465-8930.

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AROUND THE AREA

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 STORYTIME
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.

Thursday
January 31

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

FORMER CANDIDATE TO SPEAK
Herbert London speaks on the Future of the New York State Republican Party, Union College Auditorium, South Ln., Schenectady, 11:30 a.m. Information, 370-6508.

Friday
February 1

ALBANY COUNTY

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

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Saturday
February 2

ALBANY COUNTY

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 472-9485.

BENEFIT GALA
for St. Anne Institute, Desmond Americana, Albany Shaker Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 489-7411.

KARTING ASSOCIATION MEETING
Ground Round Restaurant, Clifton Country Mall, Exit 9, Northway, 6 p.m. Information, 789-9779.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
four guides at Historic Cherry Hill, South Pearl St., Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 434-4791.

ADIRONDACK ANIMALS
children's program, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 474-5801.

BASKETBALL TRIP
sponsored by Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, departs from center 8 a.m. Information, 438-6651.

Sunday
February 3

ALBANY COUNTY

COIN AND STAMP SHOW
Polish Community Center, Washington Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 346-2584.

OPEN HOUSE
sponsored by Ronald McDonald House, South Lake Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 438-2655.

ACADEMY INFORMATION
for prospective students, sponsored by the Albany Academy, Academy Rd., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 465-1461.

MUSICAL CLUB CONCERT
First Presbyterian Church, State St., Albany, 2:30 p.m. Information, 482-6717.

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

Monday
February 4

ALBANY COUNTY

WELLNESS IN THE WORKPLACE
St. Peter's Hospital, So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 454-1174.

SENIOR TAX ASSISTANCE
begins by appointment, Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 438-6651.

ENTREPRENEURS' BENEFIT
for Early Childhood Dept., Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT
Woman's HealthCare Plus, Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

OPTIFAST ORIENTATION
weight loss program, St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, Hackett Boulevard, Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 449-2212.

JEWISH CUSTOMS EXPERT
speaks to Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 489-4706.

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

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

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

Tuesday
February 5

ALBANY COUNTY

REAL ESTATE COURSE
College of St. Rose, Western Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

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

ORIENTAL CARPET WORKSHOP
series begins, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany 7 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Juliette Braun

There is something for everyone to do this week in the Capital District. No matter what your hobby or interest, you can find some fun and exciting activities. These are just a few ideas.

Get poetic! The Voorheesville Public Library will host an evening poetry reading on Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. The event is being coordinated by youth from the afternoon poetry club and will feature local writers reading selections from their own works. The club urges community members of high school age and up to attend. For information, call 765-2791.

Basketball fans will not want to miss a trip planned by the Albany Jewish Community Center to attend the Boston Celtics vs. Washington Bullets game at Boston Garden in Boston. The trip will leave the center at 8 a.m. on Feb. 2. For information, call 438-6651.

Master your SAT's. That spring SAT date is just around the corner; now is the best time to begin your review. The

William K. Sanford Town Library on Albany Shaker Road, in Latham is offering a program designed to increase your test-taking confidence. The program will take place on Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call 458-9274.

Is comic book collecting your hobby? If so, attend Comic Book Art and Collecting, a program designed for middle and high school students by the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue, in Delmar on Feb. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Local comic book artist John Hebert will sketch for you and bring some samples of original comic book art. He will discuss and display comic strips, books and graphic novels with an eye toward collecting. Teens in grades 6 and up should call 439-9314 for information.

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

Weekly Crossword

"QUICK WORDS"

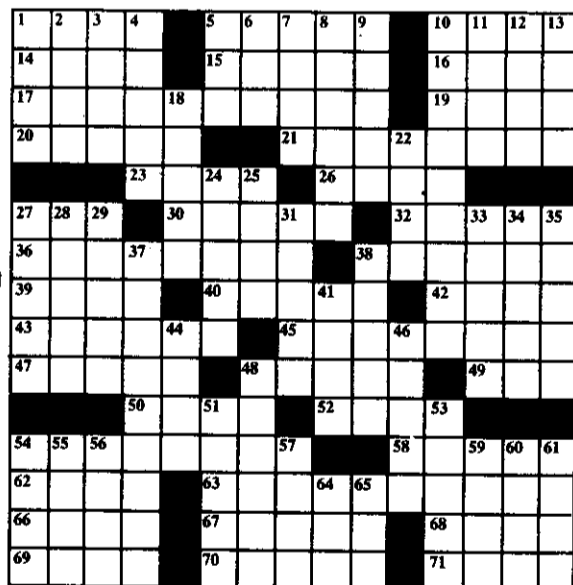
By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- Former monarch in Iran
- Slow moving mammal
- Mr. Domino and Mr. Waller
- Phone or vision precoder
- Copy cats words
- "There oughta be ___!"
- (QUICK ?) STATEMENT
- Island in the Netherland Antilles
- Bricklayer
- (QUICK ?) TIME PERIOD
- Oil additive: Plural
- "Either out ___"
- "Either" in Naples
- Perch
- RPM instruments
- (QUICK?) FUGITIVE'S M.O.: 3 WDS
- Jacob's wife
- Ashta ____, Ohio
- Cease-fire
- __ call: Cancer research cell
- Good night girls of song (QUICK ?) LINGO
- Carnival people
- Subsequent to
- Raven's author
- Aleutian Island
- Child's direction
- Enjoyment
- City of lights
- Prevaricator
- (QUICK ?) DRIVERS' DESIRE: 3 WDS
- Approximating words
- Emulate Patrick Henry
- He was: Latin
- High schooler
- Coarse files
- Formal applications: Abbrev.

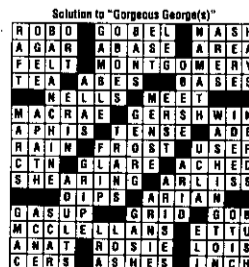
DOWN

- Plant part
- A combining form meaning six
- European mountains



- Large sandwiches
- Synchronous Meteorological Satellite
- Miserables
- The up and down man
- "Your wit's ____, it speeds too fast...": Shakespeare
- Wedding vow word
- (QUICK ?) GERMAN PRE-LENTEN TREAT
- Wing shaped
- Forbidden
- Ugly duckling
- __ noun: Between us
- Mr. Hayworth
- Red wines
- Whiskey ____
- Edna Ferber title
- Accustom
- Clement ____: former Prime Minister of G.B.
- Put out a candle
- Cheesy
- Greeting word
- Quench
- Home run king

- Adjust the clock
- Broadway hit
- Time zones
- Worthless rubbish
- __ Borealis: Northern lights
- Private teacher
- (QUICK ?) RUNNER
- Enjoyment
- Italian monies
- Facilitate
- Time periods
- Unusual
- Kuwait's conqueror
- (QUICK ?) AIRPLANES Abbrev.
- Follows "FRAN": Girls name



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THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Wednesday
January 30

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

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

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.

Friday
January 1

BETHEHEM 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.

BETHEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday
January 31

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB
Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

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

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

BETHEHEM 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.

Saturday
January 2

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 BETHEHEM
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.

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

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

CLASS LEVEL DANCE
Tri-Village Squares, from 8-11 at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, Information, 768-2882.

Sunday
January 3

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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**Saturday,
February 9
10:00-12:00**

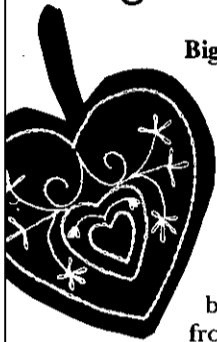


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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Town of Bethlehem Transportation Services for the Elderly - 1990

The Senior Van & Senior Bus are staffed by Community Volunteers

RESERVATIONS: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm weekdays 439-5770.

HOURS IN SERVICE: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm weekdays.

INFORMATION/ SCHEDULING: Van Information Sheets available in office or by mail. Transports independently living residents of Bethlehem over the age of 60 within a 20 mile radius of the Town Hall.

PRIORITY:

- chemotherapy/radiation • hospital visits with family • hospital/doctor appts./therapy
- persons in wheelchairs going to medical appointments • clinic appointments: legal, blood pressure, tax, fuel

WEEKLY GROCERY SHOPPING

MONDAYS: Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza.

THURSDAYS: Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem go to Town Squire Plaza.

CANCELLATION POLICY: When the school district is closed due to inclement weather, vehicles will not operate.



Doane Stuart School

Route 9W • Albany, NY 12202

OPEN HOUSE

PRE-K — GRADE 4

Monday, February 4, 1991 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
(Child care available)

Doane Stuart students will conduct tours and teachers will be in their classrooms to answer questions.

Program Presentation 6:15 p.m.

Pre-K to 4 - Cross-aged program allows individual academic advancement; conversational foreign language; strong Language Arts and math concentration. Hands on learning projects designed to make learning meaningful, more exciting and fun.

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Medical Professionals

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Grand old partiers

The Bethlehem Republican Committee held its annual dinner recently at the Century House in Latham. Guests were treated to a murder mystery performed by actors from the The Village Stage.



Bethlehem Republican Committee Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz with Town Supervisor Ken Ringler.



Albany County Legislator James C. Ross of Delmar, Margaret Ross and Albany County Legislator Robert W. Hoffmeister of Slingerlands.

Photos by Elaire McLain



Assemblyman John Faso and Mary Frances Faso.



Albany County Republican Committee Chairman George Scaringe and his wife, Joanne.



Jeannie Stramzle and William Grey of The Village Stage, posing as Angela and Paul Delmer, the mysterious couple who played a part in the "Murder Before Dessert."

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

Riverview Productions presents Neil Simon's Comedy "Chapter Two" with Richard Walsh, Denise Pipkin, Mary Keane and Jim Troyan 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

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- ★ tuition: \$300, covers all materials

For Further Information Contact: **David Pascone**

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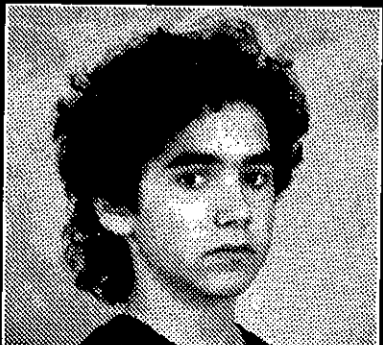
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Sample Messages

To Grandma & Grandpa you're top with us!
Love: your grandchildren
Laurie & Ryan

♥

To all our friends in Desert Storm
Our thoughts are with you this Valentine's Day
From Spotlight staff

You may phone in your message and charge it to your Visa or MasterCard at 439-4949 or submit in person or mail with check or money order to:
The Spotlight
Box 100, Delmar, New York 12054

Send your message by 5 P.M. Thursday Feb. 7th, 1991

Cost \$10.00 Pre Paid

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Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
ALBANY COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, Local Law No. 1 of 1991 Amending Local Law No. 5 of 1990 Imposing a Solid Waste Facility Moratorium Law for an addition six month period of time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid Local Law no. 1 of 1991 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. on the 13th day of February, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. at which time all interested persons will be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 23, 1991
January 30, 1991

LEGAL NOTICE

be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 23, 1991
January 30, 1991

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY held on the 23rd day of January, 1991 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y.

PRESENT: Mr. Ringler, Mr. Webster, Mr. Burns, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Gunner.
ABSENT: none.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968 and last amended on the 14th day of November, 1990 as follows:

I. Amend ARTICLE I, STOP INTERSECTIONS by adding three new paragraphs cccc, dddd, and eee to read as follows:

(cccc) The intersection of Longwood Drive and Village Drive is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with a Stop Sign to be erected on Longwood Drive.

(dddd) The intersection of Mosher January 30, 1991

LEGAL NOTICE

Road and Tierney Drive is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with a Stop Sign to be erected on Mosher Road.

(eeee) The intersection of Wexford Road and Tierney Drive is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with a Stop Sign to be erected on Wexford Road.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance will take effect ten days after publication.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was presented for adoption by Mr. Webster and was duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Ringler, Mr. Webster, Mr. Burns, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Gunner.
Noes: None.

Dated: January 23, 1991
January 30, 1991

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 6, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Paul Seiden, 237 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-11 and Article IX, Accessory Uses, Section 128-36, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for the construction of an additional three (3) car garage storage barn with hobby space above at premises 237 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
January 30, 1991

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RESPONSIBLE PERSON for childcare needed. Flexible, own transportation, references. Elm Estates 475-0064.

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HAIRDRESSING

BOOTH RENTAL, available immediately, 767-2898.

HELP WANTED

FREE classified ad service for job hunters looking for employment with a weekly newspaper in New York State. Send your ad to NYPA Newsletter. Executive Park Tower, Albany, NY 12203.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER needed, all hours, daycare experience preferred, Bethlehem Pre-School, Rte 9W, Glenmont. 463-8091.

LPN's and RN's for part-time staff relief in Albany and Troy area. Call Northeast Nursing at 475-9506.

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FILE CLERK; doctors office: Part-time, 4 days per week, flexible hours. Send reply to Doctors box - PO Box 8915, Albany NY 12208.

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

CRIB: Bassett Early American with mattress. \$80. RCA Video Camera - CLC020 portable. Best offer. 439-8808.

CLASSIFIEDS

Minimum \$8.00 for 10 words, 30 cents for each additional word, payable in advance before 4 p.m. Friday for publication in Wednesday's newspaper. Box Reply \$3.00. Billing charge for business accounts \$2.50. Submit in person or by mail with check or money order to Spotlight Newspapers, 125 Adams Street, Delmar, New York 12054. Phone in and charge to your Mastercard or Visa.

439-4949

AUCTION

SELL YOUR PROPERTY on our televised real estate auction. Minimum cost; maximum exposure. 800-666-2243. The Real Estate Auction Center.

Automotive Classifieds on Page 31

BABYSITTING SERVICES

OCCASIONAL BABY SITTING: Young Grandmother, \$4.50 per/hr. 482-3610.

DELMAR: Experienced teacher and mom. Part-time, ages 2 and up. 475-9674. References avail.

DAYCARE my Voorheesville home, loving mom, Ft/Pt, references. Cecelia 765-2871.

BABYSITTING HELP WANTED

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13	\$9.20	14	\$9.50	15
\$8.00	16	\$10.10	17	\$10.40
18	\$10.70	19	\$11.00	20
\$11.30	21	\$11.60	22	\$11.90
23	\$12.20	24	\$12.50	25
\$12.80	26	\$13.10	27	\$13.40
28	\$13.70	29	\$14.00	30
\$14.30	31	\$14.60	32	\$14.90
33	\$15.20	34	\$15.50	35
\$15.80	36	\$16.10	37	\$16.40
38	\$16.70	39	\$17.00	40


Classified ads may be phoned in and charged to your MasterCard or VISA at 439-4949

or submit in person or mail with check or money order to:

Spotlight Newspapers
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Delmar, NY 12054

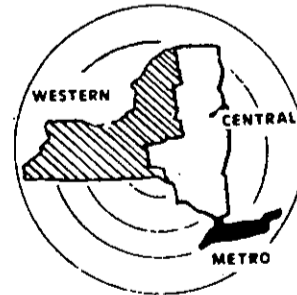
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I enclose \$ _____ for _____ words
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ALBANY \$136,500 Lots of charm in this excellently maintained 3 BR Colonial w/many extras. Quiet street in desirable neighborhood. Agent: Grace Thompson

SLINGERLANDS \$133,900 4 BR, 2 Bath 2 story home in desirable neighborhood. Stone FP in LR, hardwood floors throughout, CA, many updates. Agent: Joanne DelVecchio

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by blake
439-4943
205 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY

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Owner Relocating
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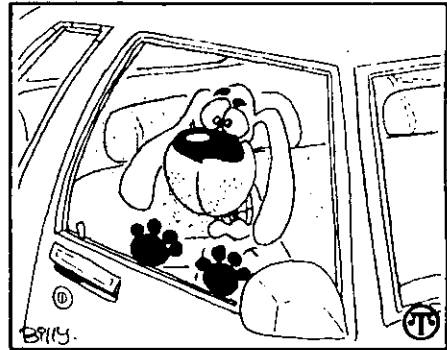
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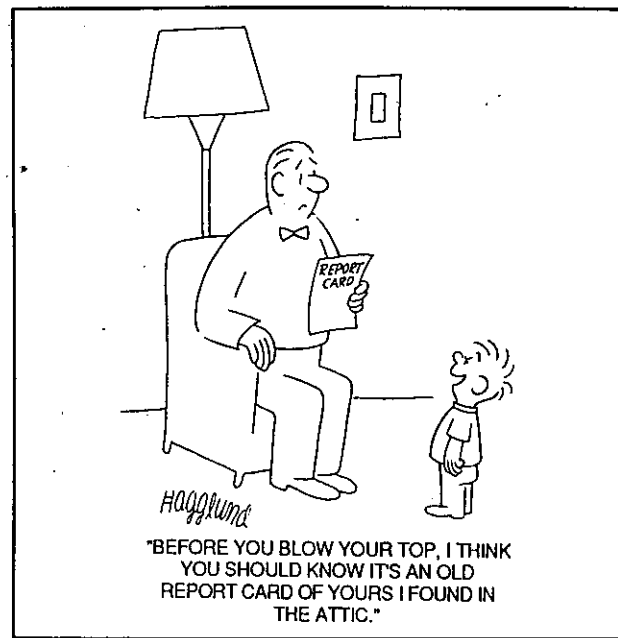
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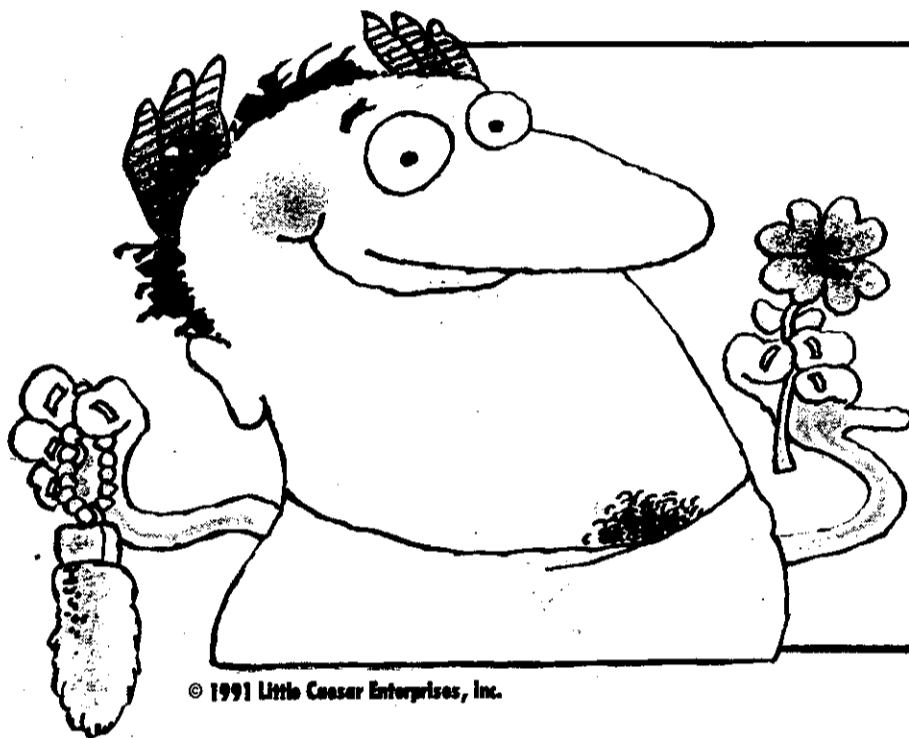
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