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Table scraps back on chopping block

By Mike Larabee

One casualty of Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's proposed 1991-92 state budget could be a service fresh from a last-minute town board reprieve — Bethlehem's "table scraps" garbage pickup.

Supervisor Ken Ringler said Friday the town's 36-year-old food and wet garbage collection service may have to be cut if the governor's budget, which includes large-scale reductions in revenue sharing and other assistance to localities, is passed by the state legislature without modification. Ringler said last week Bethlehem stands to lose \$428,000 under Cuomo's package.

"There are a lot of options that we have to look at. That's one that I think we have

to look at very closely, let's put it that way," said Ringler.

"A nickel here, a nickel there — it all adds up."

Ken Ringler

Last November, the town board balked at a proposal to cut the pickup, opting instead to try to reduce its overall cost and study its scope. While expenses have since been reduced, Ringler said, eliminating the service altogether would still

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NEW SCOTLAND

Town juggles budget cuts

By Debi Boucher

The New Scotland Town Board solved its latest budget crisis last week by approving \$61,365 in cuts proposed by Supervisor Herbert Reilly, but more decreases in state aid are likely to trigger another round of number-crunching this spring.

The cuts were needed to cover a \$61,290 shortfall caused by a combination of cuts in state aid and increased mandated expenditures.

After adopting what Reilly termed a "bare-bones" budget in November, the town board last month saw red ink in the form of a 35 percent increase in tipping fees for Albany's ANSWERS facility —

adding \$36,636 to the town's solid waste expenses — and an unexpected \$13,000 increase in its workers compensation insurance. At the same time, the town was hit with an \$11,648 decrease in state aid, with \$2,000 being pulled in aid to the aging, \$5,348 from aid to youth and \$4,560 from the CHIPS fund, which helps pay for paving.

Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's proposed budget, due for a legislative vote April 1, would mean even more drastic cuts for the town, which stands to lose a total of \$138,250 in state aid if the budget becomes law. Cuomo's plan would eliminate all per capita aid to villages and

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Local man fires first Tomahawks



Dr. Robert Rosenblatt and his wife, Carol stand on the deck of the U.S.S. Wisconsin with their son Lt. Michael Rosenblatt.

By Susan Graves

Lt. Michael Rosenblatt, responsible for launching the first Tomahawk missiles on Jan. 17 from the U.S.S. Wisconsin in the Persian Gulf, got high fives and thumps on the back from his fellow officers and captain for a job well done.

Until the war began, Rosenblatt, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, told his parents he never had expected that the missiles would be used, according to his father, Dr. Robert Rosenblatt of Slingerlands.

"I am responsible for the launch of the Tomahawks. I never thought we would use them, but I am proud to say that they were a great success. All of our targets were destroyed," he wrote. Tomahawks are used for military targets and directed toward targets that are considered too dangerous to risk the use of planes.

Before the launch, there were some very tense moments for the crew. "The captain told me afterward that it was the most pressure he has been under

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McDonald's owner eyes Glenmont site for third store

By Mike Larabee

Daniel Formica, owner of McDonald's in Elsmere and Ravena, is hoping the third time's a charm as plans for his new Glenmont Plaza fast-food restaurant move through Bethlehem's review process.

But the 41-year-old Glenmont resident, whose McDonald's career could be the centerpiece of a company recruitment film, said right now he's worried he'll be held "hostage" in a dispute beyond his control.

Formica's application for Bethlehem Planning Board approval of his proposed 4,241 square foot McDonald's restaurant behind the Mobil gas station at the intersection of Feura Bush Road and Route 9W is moving forward. But during a January board discussion of the plan, the question was raised whether a standing town sanction levied against Glenmont



Daniel Formica

Plaza applies to McDonald's.

Last year, the planning board vowed it would not permit any more tenants to open in the plaza until its general contrac-

tor, Ira S. Salk Construction Corp of Long Island, either drafted plans for a left-turn lane at the facility's main Route 9W entrance or demonstrated it was impossible to do so.

But the board has not said clearly whether or not that prohibition applies to Formica's restaurant, which is not physically attached to the main plaza structure and would have its own parking and, notably, a different builder.

"The board's got to do what they've got to do," Formica said. "But me dealing with the public, I'm tired of hearing 'How come you're not in there? What the hell's the holdup?'"

"To a degree, I feel like I'm being held hostage," Formica said, emphasizing that's his personal view and not McDonald's. "It's frustrating, but I guess I'll have to put my faith in the town and

hopefully they'll do what's right and fair for everybody."

Formica said he hopes to have the new store will open sometime in the summer but, the turn-lane issue notwithstanding, he still needs planning board site approval and will likely need to return to the Board of Appeals to reaffirm a variance for his drive-thru window. While the appeals board already gave Formica the variance, proposed changes to the building's layout will violate a sidewalk requirement stipulated in the approval. Plus, McDonald's restaurants take about 90 days to build, he said.

Planning Board Chairman Martin Barr said last week he doesn't consider McDonald's one of the tenants covered under the board's formal injunction against new stores. But he said the ab-

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Unocal says proposed truck stop would spark development

By Mike Larabee

Union Oil Corporation of California's proposed 22-acre Selkirk truck stop would probably prompt commercial development in the immediate area, representatives of the company told the Bethlehem Planning Board last week.

James Dean, area manager for the firm, which is more commonly known as Unocal, said he thinks the construction of the facility will prompt the business development of large tracts of unzoned properties near Unocal's Route 144 (River Road) site.

"It's going to stimulate light commercial development more than it will stimulate residential development," Dean said.

According to Lynn Sipperly, of Albany engineering firm Smith & Mahoney, project representatives locally, it would not be the truck stop itself that would have an effect on development, but Unocal's proposal to install 1.6 miles of new sewer line south down Route 144 to its site at exit 22 of the Thruway. "The project itself wouldn't have a commercial inducement, but the sewer would," Sipperly said.

He estimated the sewer line would cost Unocal up to \$500,000

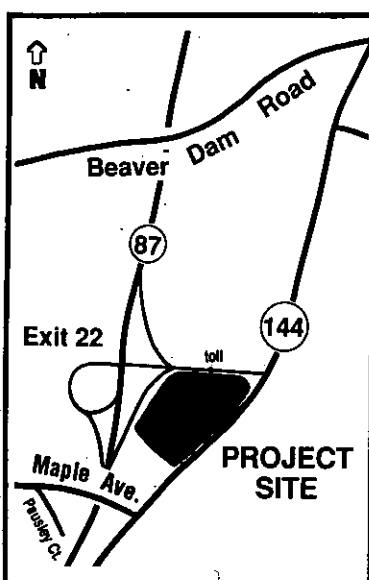
to build, but he said the firm does not yet have a specific figure.

Dean said Unocal recently let an option to purchase another large parcel on the east side of Route 144 lapse and predicted the property would draw interest if sewage service became available.

"Sure if you bring that sewer down, somebody's going to buy that" property, said Dean. "And they're not going to build homes."

Dean and Sipperly's comments were prompted by a question from board Chairman Martin Barr regarding the proposal's potential impact on growth. The truck stop would be slightly less than a mile from both the center of Selkirk and a small Route 144 residential area known as Cedar Hill. "Much of this area is unzoned and open to a variety of possible directions," said Barr. "This proposal, as I think about it, might have considerable impact on which direction the development goes as long as it remains unzoned."

Barr said the planning board has received a number of letters both in favor and against the plan. Some residents have argued that because of its potential effect on development, the project should



be delayed until after the town's master plan is completed.

The Unocal proposal includes a plan for the disposal of sewage on site, which could be employed in lieu of building the new sewer line. However, Unocal's first choice is to install the sewer extension because it would require less maintenance, Sipperly said.

According to Sipperly, the truck stop would include a 200-seat "family-style" restaurant, separate auto and truck fuel islands, a truck-

ers' lounge with shower and toilet facilities, a truck service garage for minor maintenance and repair work, and parking for 171 auto and 205 trucks.

The proposal calls for a 75-foot-tall circular sign advertising Unocal's Union 76 brand gasoline to be placed at the southern end of its property, Sipperly said. The sign would be designed to attract traffic travelling north on the Thruway.

Unocal has presented the board with a project traffic impact study. Chuck Manning, the firm's traffic

consultant, said the truck stop would not draw significant amounts of traffic through Selkirk from Route 9W, a concern that has been voiced by some Selkirk residents.

The meeting, which was the planning board's first review of the project, was attended by a number of Cedar Hill and Selkirk area residents. Unocal is trying to arrange meeting specifically to get feedback from local property owners. Sipperly said Monday the firm hoped the meeting would be sometime in March.

Scraps

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save the town about \$100,000, closing nearly a fourth of the new budget gap.

"As much as there might be a few people that could be hurt, and that's why I was reluctant to eliminate it (before), the governor has forced me to make that recommendation," he said.

The garbage service was set up in 1954 to replace collections by local pig farmers. While roughly 2,000 households use the service weekly, about 70 percent also pay a private hauler to pick up the remainder of their trash, according to the town's Solid Waste Task Force. In October, the task force made the initial recommendation that the collection be cancelled, arguing that it is a wasteful duplication of services.

But the proposal drew vocal opposition from users, something Ringler acknowledges hasn't gone away. "If we eliminate the garbage pickup," he said, "there are going to be some unhappy people. But the reality is we have to do something." When it last tabled the question, the board agreed to hold a public forum before making a final decision.

In addition, Ringler said he is preparing a "laundry list" of other potential money-saving measures, which he hopes to have finished sometime this week. Other than the garbage collection, he men-

tioned new user fees for some Parks and Recreation Department services and cutting back on the town's annual spring cleanup program as other potential sources of savings.

"There's lots of things I can see us doing, but I really have to put it on paper," he said. "A nickel here, a nickel there — it all adds up. That's what we have to look at."

Ringler said the town would continue with November-instituted austerity measures to help absorb the cuts. Those measures include a hiring freeze and a requirement that Ringler or the comptroller's office review many town expenditures.

Ringler has said he regards layoffs as a "last resort."

A controversial aspect of Cuomo's budget proposal is the complete elimination of state revenue-sharing monies for towns and villages, while revenue-sharing for cities would only be reduced 38.5 percent. All told, the governor's \$51.9 billion spending plan slashes revenue-sharing for cities, towns, and villages from \$940 million allocated at the beginning of fiscal 1990 to \$468 million in an effort to meet a projected \$6 billion shortfall.

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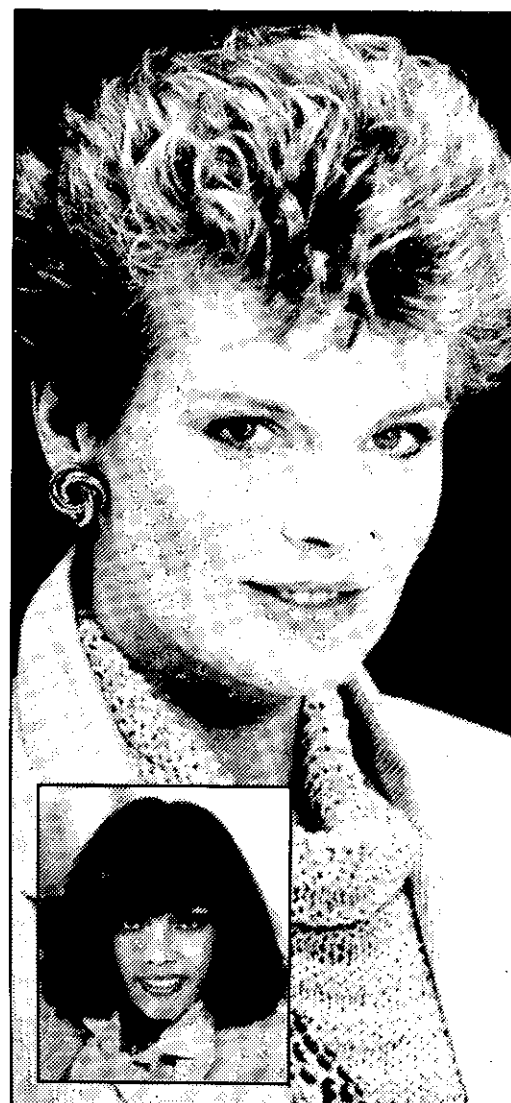
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Unpaid bills cloud Clarksville progress

By Debi Boucher

Although the Clarksville Water District is finally making progress in its uphill struggle toward completion, the Town of New Scotland now faces a potential legal battle from the project's contractor and engineering firm.

Town Attorney Frederick Riester told the town board at its Feb. 6 meeting that Memphis Construction had filed a "notice of claim" in connection with two contracts, totaling more than \$140,000, the town has not yet paid for work done on the water district. The board convened in executive session later that evening to discuss the action, which Riester characterized as "a preliminary step to filing a lawsuit." The board authorized Riester to enter into discussions with Memphis and with LaBerge Engineering, which Riester said is also likely to file a claim for unpaid bills.

Riester said later he would review the contracts to determine if the amounts claimed were legitimate. One of the problems, he said, is that there are different ways to compute charges for the work.

The district, already some \$173,000 over its \$2.2 million budget, will require another \$80,000, give or take, to become operational, according to Kevin Phelan, associate hydrogeologist with Dunn Geoscience Engineering Co., which has been working to solve the nitrate problem discovered last spring at the water district's well field.

Phelan appeared before the town board at its Wednesday night meeting to give a progress report on nitrate testing and present a proposal from Dunn Geoscience to prepare a management plan for the well field, at a cost of \$15,000—which the firm included in its \$80,000 estimate. Preparation of such a management plan was recommended by officials of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and the state and county health

departments at a meeting held with Supervisor Herbert Reilly and other councilmen at town hall Jan. 29.

FmHA, which has been the project's principal source of funding, sent a letter to Reilly following that meeting encouraging the town to work with Phelan, Dunn Geoscience and the health departments in developing a well management plan. In the Feb. 4 letter, officials said they were "impressed" with recent progress toward development of the water district.

As of the 58th day of testing, Phelan reported, the nitrate level stood at 4.0 parts per million, well below the 10 parts per million limit for drinking water. "If all goes well," he said, the district could be operational by "early, mid, late summer, somewhere in that range."

The first two phases of the aquifer management plan would take about two months to complete, according to the four-page draft proposal presented by Phelan. The plan would need approval from the state Department of Health, after which remaining tasks included in the \$15,000 proposal, such as permit applications, preparation of bids and revised cost estimates, would need an additional four to six weeks to complete.

Reilly said the board would vote on the Dunn Geoscience plan at its March 6 meeting, or possibly at its Feb. 26 meeting, depending on when he hears from FmHA. The board authorized Reilly to pass the \$80,000 estimate and the draft proposal on to FmHA, along with a request for the release of \$372,000 in grant money the agency has been holding. The town will need the money, which represents the balance of a \$1.2 million grant awarded the project, to pay a Bond Anticipation Note due in April. FmHA officials assured Reilly at the Jan. 29 meeting that a resolution by the town board would trigger the funds' release, he said.

Locals pitch in with "care" effort



All five Bethlehem fire departments participated in last weekend's collection of goods for "Operation We Care" a town-wide effort in support of local service

people in the Middle East. Above are Bill McGarry and Rose McGarry, event chairs, Slingerlands Fire Chief Bill Eck, and Gayle and Roger Griffiths. Elaine McLain

Ref-Fuel tries another tack

By Mike Larabee

Conceding its plan to build a waste-to-energy incinerator on the Hudson River would be illegal under a key provision of town law, Houston-based American Ref-Fuel has withdrawn its application for a Bethlehem Board of Appeals zoning variance.

But a Ref-Fuel representative said the firm will continue to press ahead with the \$200 million project and believes ultimately it will convince the Bethlehem Town Board to rewrite the statute to permit the facility.

"The project really hasn't changed at all," Kevin Cmunt, project manager for the proposal, said last week. "It's just a kind of paperwork thing, and the reason we did that is really to accommodate the town."

Behind the move is Section 97-11(a) of the code, which prohibits disposal within Bethlehem of waste generated outside town boundaries. Since Ref-Fuel plans to burn refuse from a four-county watershed, some had argued that the appeals board, which began processing the firm's variance request last year, was obligated to dismiss the application because of the provision.

Ref-Fuel had sought a variance because incineration is not a per-

mitted use within the heavy industrial zone that includes the firm's proposed Cabbage Island site.

Cmunt said Ref-Fuel nevertheless will soon apply for a state Department of Environmental Conservation Part 360 permit for the operation of a solid waste disposal facility, and will continue with its already-initiated state Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of the proposal. But he said it will be up to the town whether or not the incinerator, first proposed two years ago, ever goes on line.

"The town always gets the last vote," said Cmunt. "Even if you make it through the SEQR process with a clean bill of health, the town always had the last vote, because they had the zoning application."

Town Supervisor Ken Ringler, who in December sent Ref-Fuel a letter urging it to re-examine its application in light of 97-11(a), said Friday he feels the town has always been in control of the project.

Councilman Robert Burns, who has pushed in the past for a legal mechanism whereby the town board would have permitting authority over waste facilities in general and the Ref-Fuel plant in particular, said he is "elated that (Ref-Fuel) is respecting that portion of our existing law." He has said elected town officials should have final say over the Ref-Fuel

project, which it "appears" they now possess, he said.

Neither Ringler, Burns nor other board members were willing to rule out the possibility of eventually modifying the code to permit the Ref-Fuel plant. "Under the heading of 'never say never,' I'd have to see what they had to offer," said M. Shiela Galvin, but she opposes the plan based on the information she has seen so far.

Complicating matters is pending litigation between Bethlehem and Harlan Metz, a private South Bethlehem landfill operator, hinging on the constitutionality of the waste importation prohibition.

Cmunt said Friday Ref-Fuel does not plan to challenge the importation prohibition in court.

Elizabeth McCoy of Bethlehem Work on Waste (WOW), a local citizens group which had been pushing the town to dismiss the Ref-Fuel application based on the importation ban, now takes WOW's position one step further. She argued that EnCon shouldn't continue with the SEQR review, saying EnCon law does not supersede the town's law.

"We would hope that DEC would not proceed with the SEQR review under the current law," she said. "It makes no sense to us whatsoever to do an environmental impact of a project that cannot legally be built."

VCS super calls for state lobbying

By Susan Wheeler

The Voorheesville Central School District "can't take a 'Chicken Little' attitude" when facing Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's proposed 14 percent-plus reduction in aid, according to Superintendent Alan McCartney.

"We're looking at the governor's budget proposal," he said. "We need to have solid facts before we make a decision."

Cuomo recently proposed an \$891 million cut in school aid in order to lessen the state's projected \$6 billion 1991 budget gap. The impact of the cut on Voorheesville, one of the hardest hit local schools, would be a loss of \$516,920 in aid, McCartney said. "We're looking at a real tough fiscal crisis."

Before the governor's budget is passed, it needs legislative approval. McCartney said the legislature could take the governor's "money formulas and redistribute the money." Cuomo's suggested cuts include the elimination of "save harmless" provisions (which protects a district from losing aid it received the previous year), the equalization of transportation aid, the reduction of supplemental support aid and the elimination of the Excellence in Teaching salary bonus program.

The two proposals with the greatest impact on Voorheesville are the elimination of save harmless and the equalization of transportation aid, McCartney said. The

C. James Coffin, board of education president, said at last week's board meeting it is ironic that in the "Decade of the Child" these cuts, which impact on a child's

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Voorheesville Superintendent Alan McCartney

combined cost of the cuts to the district is about \$545,000, he said.

For Voorheesville to recover from the projected loss in revenues by taxes alone "would require an increase of our current tax rate of 9.5 percent," McCartney wrote in a recent newsletter. "To make up the projected loss through the reduction of staff alone would mean the elimination of approximately 15 positions and the devastation of our program."

"We need to get the community involved," McCartney said. "The district, the teaching and support staff, needs to get together. I encourage the public to write to the legislators."

future, are made. He said if the cuts need to be made, it would be "better over time" so the district has a chance "to cope."

McCartney suggested the budget vote be moved from May to June so board members can "get a handle" on the facts and look at "the total picture." He said there's "no need to rush into a decision" which so greatly will affect the district.

"We're not dealing with a school building, we're dealing with school kids," he said. "We're doing things that impact on their future."

For information on joining the district's budget committee, contact Valerie Ungerer, secretary to McCartney, at 765-3313.

Waste plant ban, "scooper" law on agenda

The Bethlehem Town Board will hold a public hearing tonight (Wednesday) on a proposal to extend the town's present six-month moratorium on new solid waste disposal facilities another six months.

The moratorium was adopted last September to give the town time to study and possibly enact regulations governing the siting and operation of waste disposal facilities — incinerators, landfills, compost plants etc. — within its boundaries.

Additionally, during its regular meeting following the hearing, the board will:

- Consider a "pooper-scooper" law called for by petition of 51 town residents. Town Supervisor Ken Ringler said that while he doesn't like "unnecessary legislation," he feels the town should consider the law. "I've seen it myself when people are walking their dogs and so forth. I do think they have an obligation to pick up after themselves," he said.

- Consider Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor's request that the board annul its previous negative declaration under the state's Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) law for \$3.1 million in planned modifications to the town's Cedar Hill sewage plant. Secor said the review must be conducted because the plant is adjacent to an historic town site — a former Dutch farm known as "The Bethlehem House," Secor said — but that he doesn't anticipate any significant delay or complication as a result.

The board action would cancel its previous approval of the project.

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BC students want district recycling plan

By Michael Kagan

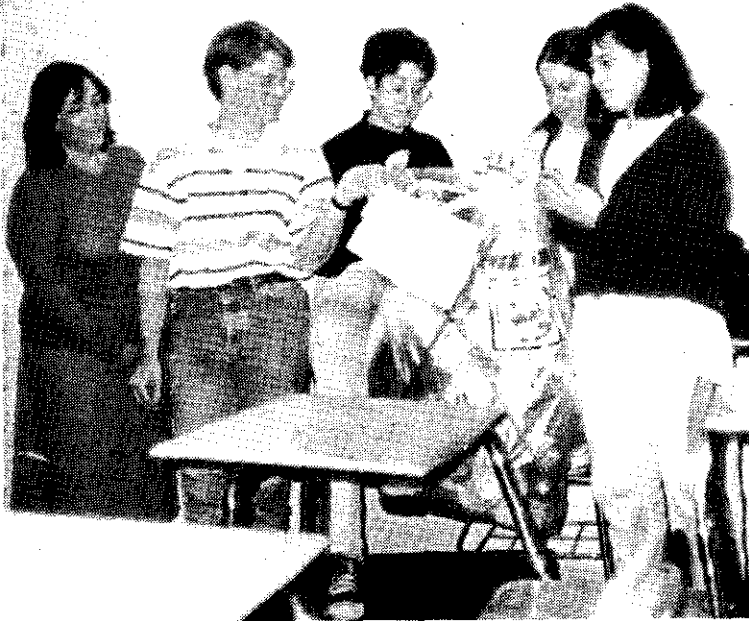
Bethlehem Central students are working on recycling throughout the district, but only one group seems to see the forest for the trees.

Many students are trying to arrange recycling programs in their respective schools, but one group, Steve Brandt, Meg Meixner, Teri Valenti, can see the district for the schools when it comes to recycling.

The high school students, calling their group "Reduce Our Trash" or ROT, are working under the BC science department's mentor program. ROT's mentors are Sharon Fisher, Bethlehem's recycling coordinator, and Betsy Lyons, who works with Bethlehem Work on Waste, a volunteer citizens group concerned about environmental issues.

ROT met for the first time last November, after science supervisor Stephen Swinton sent the word out about the formation of the group. The idea for a recycling group came from Fisher. The students jumped at the opportunity. Meixner said, "I've kind of wanted to do this for a while," but as Brandt added, "Before this group there were no groups working much on this issue."

Eventually, ROT will recommend several recycling plans to the school board, with the hope one will be approved in some form. Fisher would like to have a draft



From left, Bethlehem Recycling Coordinator Sharon Fisher, ROT members Steve Brandt, Meg Meixner and Teri Valenti. Betsy Lyons, second from right, of Bethlehem Work on Waste, helps the group examine a bag of trash that could have been recycled.

Michael Kagan

completed by the middle of March, but she said, "At this point we're mostly still gathering information."

Lyons said, "We want (a recycling program) to go into effect by the end of the school year. Three of our members are seniors and the other's a junior."

In addition to putting together a recycling plan for the district, ROT has set up a display in the high school's student foyer and has

made efforts to make students aware of recycling. Lyons explained that if any system is to work, "We have to educate the students on recycling."

Yesterday (Tuesday), Bethlehem's Solid Waste Task Force met to decide on a deadline to recommend to the town board for commercial recycling, which would include schools. Most likely, a date in early April will be recom-

mended to require schools and businesses to meet the same requirements that homeowners now must follow, meaning that all newspapers, plastics, glass, and aluminum must be recycled, according to Bruce Secor, town commissioner of public works and head of the task force.

Robert Burns, town liaison to the task force, said the board would probably approve a recommendation of an early April date, as long as the committee had worked out all of the logistics of commercial recycling. "I would expect a unanimous vote" in favor of the recommendation, he said.

Secor said that it "should be a very smooth transition" to commercial recycling because the system is already in place to collect the materials that would be recycled. He said, "I suspect they (the board) will go along with (the early April date) because the system is already in place...It's the next step that would be more difficult."

That next step is recycling of office paper, which will probably not be included in the recommendation to the board because there isn't a system in place which could handle the collection and recycling of paper, Secor said. The town board will consider whatever the task force proposes at its Feb. 27 meeting, Fisher said.

Four other high school students, Christian Bordick, Myra Feldman, Seth Gerou, and Bill

Tsitos, have been working with the school administration, the high school student senate, and the high school club Students for Peace and Survival to come up with a paper recycling plan for the high school and will present their ideas at the next school faculty meeting, scheduled for March 4.

Middle school stages basketball game

The Bethlehem Central Middle School PTA is sponsoring a family basketball event on March 8 at 7 p.m., in the Bethlehem Central High School lower gym. The game will be between the BC Middle School faculty and the WNYT-TV 13 weekend news team, led by Randy Solerno. Half time entertainment will be provided by the middle school stage band, under the direction of George Smith. Admission is \$1 per person at the door. Refreshments will be available. For information, call 439-9083.

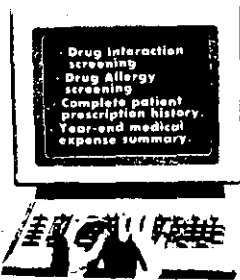
Memorial service set for Nat Boynton

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.

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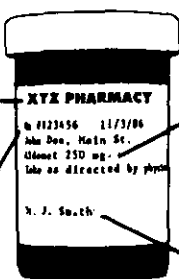
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Proposed zoning reviewed

By Debi Boucher

Proposed rezoning for a 27-acre area in New Scotland underwent the first phase of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) last week, with the town board giving a negative declaration to the proposed Rural Commercial zone, formerly referred to as a Neighborhood Commercial zone.

The negative declaration means the board has determined the rezoning will not have a negative impact on the environment of the affected area, which surrounds the intersection of routes 443 and 85. Stewart's Shops has proposed building a convenience store at the intersection, which is currently zoned Residential Forestry. The planning board recommended moving the new zoning in advance of other zoning changes recommended in the town's new Comprehensive Land Use Plan, completed in draft form by C.T. Male Associates of Latham.

Stewart's, whose option to purchase the 2.6-acre parcel will expire in May, approached the planning board last September to request rezoning. The Route 443 site, just north of Clarksville, is currently occupied by Tamtom Pizza, which closed several months ago.

At a Jan. 23 hearing, local resident and hydrogeologist Paul Rubin objected to the proposed rezoning on the grounds that it would threaten the Mill Pond aquifer encompassed by the area. The porous limestone that dominates the area's geology, he said, makes the aquifer particularly vulnerable to contaminants.

Rubin's concerns were included in the SEQR application, along with the planning board's opinion that they would be mitigated by the individual site review process required of any project proposed for the area.

The proposed zone is designed to allow small service and retail businesses dependent on automobile-borne customers. Permitted uses would include retail stores, professional offices, convenience stores and food markets. Since gasoline and automobile stations

are included under proposed special uses (along with restaurants, religious institutions and private clubs), Stewart's would need a special use permit for the gasoline service portion of its proposed store.

Revisions were made on the proposal following the January hearing, at which residents were joined by Councilman Craig Shufelt in raising concerns about the expense of complying with the proposed regulations. Among the changes were eliminating a requirement for sidewalks, adding illuminated signs to special uses, adjusting the minimum space between buildings from 15 to 20 feet, increasing driveway widths from 18 to 20 feet for two-way traffic and adjusting paving requirements, which will be subject to the opinion of the town highway department.

The board did not vote on the Rural Neighborhood zone, opting to wait until the 30-day comment period with the county planning board is over. If that period passes without comment from the county, the application is automatically approved; if the county board rejects the negative declaration, the town board can still overturn that decision by a two-third vote of its own, Reilly said.

In a related move, the board approved a contract with C.T. Male Associates to prepare a town-wide zoning ordinance, at a cost of \$8,545, and subdivision regulations, at \$5,700, in keeping with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

In other business, the board:

- Tentatively scheduled a 6:30 p.m. executive session on Feb. 26 to meet with David and Mary Carol White regarding the Font Grove Water District. The Whites, who have already paid \$20,000 toward the as yet undeveloped district, are considering legal action against the town if some progress isn't made soon, according to Mary White.

"We're three and a half years into this—more," said White, who feels Town Attorney Frederick Riester has not moved fast enough

in preparing paperwork for the district. Riester said he is still trying to work out figures for a contract that will involve three other property owners.

- Set a public hearing on March 6, at 7:30 p.m., for sliding scale income requirements for property tax reductions for the elderly.

- Set a public hearing on March 6, at 7 p.m., for a proposed recycling ordinance.

- Passed a resolution honoring Clayton A. Bouton Jr.-Sr. High School for being selected as a semi-finalist in the National Secondary School Recognition Program.

- Scheduled a meeting to audit the 1990 account books on Feb. 26, following the town board's joint meeting with the planning board on zoning, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem police arrest motorists for DWI

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

Nathan E. Lewis, 20, of McCormack Road, Slingerlands was arrested for DWI on Friday, Feb. 8, after officers allegedly found him asleep at the wheel at the intersection of Delaware and Elsmere avenues, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Feb. 20.

Henry Knoth, 65, of Weiser Street, Glenmont was arrested for DWI on Thursday, Feb. 7, after officers allegedly found him asleep at the wheel at the end of Adams Place in Delmar, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court Feb. 20.

Betty Bennett, 43, of Bohl Avenue, Albany was arrested for DWI Sunday, Feb. 10, after she was stopped for traffic violations on Delaware Avenue, police said. She is scheduled to appear in town court Feb. 20.

Robert Johnson, 24, of Selkirk was arrested for DWI on Sunday, Feb. 10, after he was stopped for

McDonald's

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presence of the 9W entrance still must be considered during review of the McDonald's because of its implications for traffic safety. Barr said the turn-lane will probably be a topic of discussion at an upcoming meeting.

"Career story"

Formica began working for McDonald's 25 years ago as a 16-year-old crew person at a Middletown, Conn. restaurant, where he felt at home immediately.

"It's a good career story," he said. "This is exactly what I said to my Mom when I came home from work after about a month. I was fascinated, I liked the pace. I said, 'Mom someday I'm going to own one.'"

A Vietnam war veteran, he entered McDonald's management program in the early 1970s. In 1980, he was employed in the

corporation's management hierarchy in New York City when he got the chance to purchase the Ravenna restaurant. Two years later he bought the Elsmere store.

"I like dealing with people be it public or my own employees," Formica said. "I came into something as a teenager, and I was saying then I'm going to own one. Everything I've done has been satisfying that I'm at a point today that that's why I'm happy."

But he said it's getting tougher, because of pressing competition and rising costs, and an slowdown in sales, to make the restaurant's successful. "The challenges are just enormous," he said. "But it's still fun. I get up every day and I say I'm off and here's what I've got to get accomplished."

He said he thinks the Glenmont location will be successful because of projected commercial and residential growth in the area.

traffic violations near the intersection of Route 9W and Jericho Road, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court Feb. 20.

Victor Boyce, 60, of North Pearl Street, Albany was arrested for DWI on Friday, Feb. 8, after he was stopped for traffic violations on Route 144, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court Feb. 20.

Lonnie Tomlin, 40, of Boylston Drive, Delmar was arrested for

DWI on Friday, Feb. 8, after he was stopped for traffic violations near the intersection of Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court Feb. 20.

Larry Cole, 39, of Stove Pipe Road, New Scotland was arrested for DWI on Friday, Feb. 8, after he was stopped for traffic violations on Delaware Avenue, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court Feb. 20.

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Stay cool and read this

February is "Heart Month," and if it were to have no other effect, editorial writers of this nation are placed under extreme pressure (unhealthily, no doubt) to spout off on the assigned subject.

Searching for a few hundred well-chosen words suitable for an editorial, we note that the American Heart Association recently announced new statistics on the effects on the heart of chronic anger. Researchers, we are told, have gathered data suggesting that chronic anger is damaging to the body.

The researchers' findings (which we vow to be careful not to be upset about) tell us that people who scored high on a "hostility scale" were more likely to have elevated cholesterol levels. These same researchers estimate that as much as one

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out of five of us may possess chronic anger symptoms—and they conclude that the results suggest a link between anger and heart disease.

We are told that most, if not all, consistently "angered" citizens should be able to shift the balance of hormones in their favor by training themselves not to let every conflict unsettle them. In fact, a number of relaxation techniques are said to have been proven helpful in reducing stress.

(Confidential to the reader: Now try to keep calm while reading another editorial or two. . .)

To the Legislature: Enough!

If there is injustice to municipalities and school districts in the budgetary slashes recommended by Governor Cuomo, there is also a remedy right at hand. It is access to, and influence on, the local State legislator.

Every community has two special envoys at the Capitol dedicated to working, in large degree, on behalf of their respective legislative districts.

The supervisors, the mayors, the school trustees and superintendents thus have a defense line that ought to be as firmly imbedded as Saddam Hussein's bunkers for a last-ditch stand.

The Governor, who has supervised the State's descent into a fiscal abyss, can propose, but he cannot execute a solution and the necessary appropriations without the legislators' approval. Inasmuch as his spending and taxing practices over the past 97 months obviously have been faulty, Assembly and Senate members hardly can be blamed if they finally cry "Enough!"

Of all the fiscal tricks in the Cuomo bag, bleeding of local taxpayers and their services cannot be disproportionately the answer. Bleeding of the taxpayer's almost inert form, in fact, brings to mind the subject of leeches — but that's quite another topic.

Avoidance of prudence and lack of foresight are responsible for the current kettle of

fish that the State has thrown us all into. The Governor and legislators would be compounding past errors by forcing local governmental bodies — at the far end of the taxing line — to suffer the consequences until every last excess dollar has been wrung out of every last sacred cow in every bureau, down to the last press agent.

'Don't cut local aid'

If residents of the 102nd Assembly District are typical of New York State's population, the citizenry is opposed to cutting aid to school districts by a 4-to-1 margin (80 percent). And against cutting aid to local governments by better than a 6-to-4 ratio (62 percent).

The same 3,500 people voted 4 1/2 to 1 in favor of reducing State funding for the arts (82 percent); 3 1/2 to 1 for cutting back on tourist promotion (78 percent); and about 6 to 4 for limiting funds for state parks (59 percent).

Six of 10 expressed themselves as supporting laying off State employees and instituting a hiring freeze (61 percent).

The poll was conducted by Assemblyman John J. Faso, whose area district includes a portion of Albany County.

Nothing succeeds like success

Many Republicans have been congratulating George P. Scaringe on his new designation as assistant treasurer of the New York State Republican Committee. In that capacity, he will "oversee day-to-day expenditures of the party—and raise funds for its operation." It's a case of talent heaven-sent to fit a need.

The Republican State Committee reported a debt close to \$1 million last month. Mr. Scaringe will be very much at home handling a burden of these dimensions, for the Albany County Committee which he has headed for the past 15 years chronically runs a deficit of its own.

The county committee's finances were thrown for a loop last summer when it was disclosed that its "executive administrator" under Mr. Scaringe's supervision had made off with a sum believed to be about \$40,000. As one consequence, the

committee experienced greater-than-usual difficulties in trying to help its candidates.

At that, local candidates probably fared at least as well as the state ticket with its lackluster and farcical campaign. It gave new punch to the expression "Go for broke." Again, Mr. Scaringe will be on familiar ground in his expanded area of operations.

Only one aspect of Mr. Scaringe's promotion (at the hands of the departing Rensselaer County chairman, William Powers, who's now the state chairman) is troubling. Would a second, bigger responsibility diminish his ability to lead Albany Republicans on to victory? Is it conceivable that his friend, Mr. Powers, actually was abetting some of the local party people who have been suggesting that it's time for a change?

Words for the week

Tenuous: Not substantial, slight, flimsy. Also, slender or fine, as a fiber; and, rare (not dense), as air at high altitudes.

Spate: An unusually heavy outpouring, as of words. Also a flash flood or a sudden, heavy rain.

Slew: A large number, group, or amount; a lot.

Ratepayer: One who remits to a public utility for use charges. Also (British) a person who pays local taxes ("rates.")

Confounding: Making one feel confused, bewildered. Also, mixing up or lumping together indiscriminately.

New York sacrificing education 'excellence'

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is 6 o'clock on a Saturday morning. My three children (who are enrolled in grades 7 and 3 and kindergarten) are sleeping. My 120 eighth-graders probably are sleeping, as well.

But these are only a few among all the children across New York State whose education will suffer because the State finds itself in a budget deficit.

I have been an educator (and taxpayer) for 17 years, and a parent for 12 years. For all these years, I have lived in New York. I have always been proud of the quality of schools in the districts where I've lived and worked. Our state leaders have expressed "excellence in education" as a priority in our schools.

Now I am concerned, very concerned, for the future of our schools and our children. Governor Cuomo seems to believe cutting millions of dollars to school districts will maintain excellence. If he were to attend school board and budget meetings, teacher contract negotiations, or faculty meetings, he would be shocked by the impact of the loss of these much-needed funds.

The taxpayers cannot make up the full reduction in local funds. We cannot sell our homes in order to raise funds for education.

Money cuts in school districts already are having a grave effect on schools and communities that strive for excellence. Field trips to enrich and expand classroom education are being eliminated. Purchases of classroom materials and texts are at a standstill. Salary negotiations now on the table and those in the future will struggle because funds simply won't be there.

These are some of the unfortunate scenarios ahead for New York school districts. The baby boomers' school-age population has caused a swell of enrollments at certain grade levels.

If all children are our future, how can we expect to give them the opportunity to stretch their minds, reach their potential, and attain their goals for the 21st century, on the austerity-type funds the State is giving school districts? Why should the children and their education suffer, along with educators, taxpayers, and boards of education, because of New York State government's errors in money-handling?

Many people in New York risk

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losing their jobs or have already lost them. Yet they and others will continue to pay for government financial errors through unavoidable tax increases to support our schools. In all financial management it is necessary to reassess and occasionally cut back frivolous spending.

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Karen Sievert's family responds to community's outpouring of love

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Jan. 27th, 1991, our daughter and sister, Karen Elizabeth Sievert, died suddenly. We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from our friends and the Bethlehem community. We knew our daughter and sister was special, but it helps up to know that so many people felt her specialness too.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the St. Peter's Hospital emergency room, Albany Medical Center pediatric ICU, Dr. Henry Neilley, Dr. Ray Walsh, Father David Bentley, St. Thomas Church, Hans Funeral Home, Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association, our loving friends and family, and the children of the community who are most special in our hearts.

Donations may still be sent to the Karen E. Sievert—Class of 1996 Scholarship Fund, c/o Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar 12054.

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Uncle Dudley

John Wayne and the ribbon fad

I don't know the current whereabouts of Irwin Levine and Russell Brown, but they are at the root of America's most recent fad craze—yellow ribbons.

Surely you remember Irv and Russ. But here's a hint, just in case: Back in 1973 they wrote a catchy hillbilly song, gave it a clumsy nine-word title, and offered it to Tony Orlando to record. After a bit it went to the top of the charts, and the rollicking tune and sentimental lyric kept it there for a while.

Its theme was "welcome home," though with a significant question mark: the singer-narrator had been a bad boy, and his acceptability back home was in doubt. Ardent display of ribbons "round the ole oak tree" erased the doubt.

Half a dozen years later, the idea of someone freed from incarceration had leapfrogged in the heads of two women to the concept of "let our people go"—namely, American hostages being held in Iran. In 1980, you'll recall, there was a spate of yellow ribbons around lampposts, willow saplings, utility poles, and even, once in a while, an ole oak tree.

Its connection with the Irv-Russ-Tony song was tenuous. It required a leap of faith, in effect, from a penitentiary prisoner to a hostage held in a hostile country. I guess the hostage presumably was sending a like message: Show a ribbon if you want me to come back.

But it seems that everyone's forgetting about an earlier, and

Constant Reader

'The brains behind our strategy'

All the news magazines, and many others, have been allocating unprecedented pages, week after week, to coverage of the war. And looming large in their accounts has been ample attention to the person of the Allied commander, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, "the brains behind Allied strategy," according to the cover lines in Time's Feb. 4 issue.

Time gave three pages to profiling the general in both text and photos and in one of the numerous "exclusive" interviews. These sessions alone, it would seem, must occupy a great deal of his time.

Among some of the points that emerge in Time's Q-and-A interview: "One of the biggest errors a commander can make is to assume away the capabilities of his adversaries. I'm not going to make that mistake."

"If Saddam Hussein were to start lofting these missiles (Scuds with chemical capability) into the populated areas of Saudi Arabia or Israel, that would be an undesirable development."

"We are doing everything we can to avoid killing innocent people, and that has given him a shield behind which he can hide. We're willing to do that to demonstrate to the world that this is not a war against the Iraqi people."

"Saddam Hussein is literally destroying his own nation right now."

But it is the U.S. News and World Report issue of Feb. 11 that gains most points in its war reports. Some 23 pages focus on basic aspects, and of course other information is in the same issue, such as David

more remote, antecedent—the 1949 four-star movie directed by John Ford, "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon." This was one of John Wayne's earlier and best films. He played a cavalry officer who was scheduled to retire, but was unwilling to walk out on his troops just before an impending war with Native Americans (previously known as Indians). Audiences

Yellow has become newly associated with heroism . . .

were treated to a whole series of climaxes. Joanne Dru was the lady with the yellow ribbon, which did have a genuine significance in the story. If you saw it then or maybe recently on TV, you also saw such veteran Indian-fighters as Victor McLaglen, George O'Brien, Harry Carey, Jr., and Ben Johnson.

If the 1980 use of the yellow-ribbon symbolism was partially effective, the 1991 display is stupendous, at least in terms of numbers of lapels, trees, doorknockers, poles and posts. The New York Times officially has called them ubiquitous, a 50-cent word meaning that they're everywhere. What's quite interesting, though, and a little confounding, is that use of the ribbons.

Do they mean: I am wholly in support of U.S. presence in the Persian Gulf area, and the policy behind it?

Or do they mean: I am emotionally behind the troops and wish them well?

Or, perhaps: I am emotionally involved with a member of the armed forces and wish him (her) safely through this perilous time?

Or, more like 1980: Just get him (them) back here, fast?

Or: I'm not sure about this war, but: My country, right or wrong?

Or, in some cases apparently: I hate war, distrust the United States policy, and want it to end immediately, regardless?

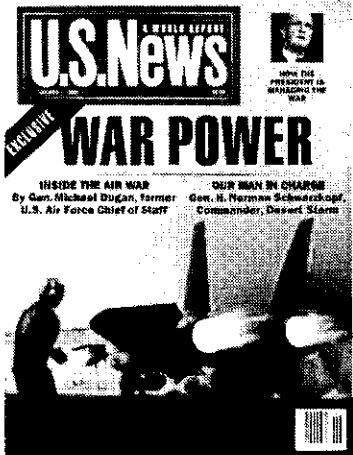
Or even: I don't know what I think, but wearing or waving a ribbon seems to be the thing to do?

I suspect that here in 1991 Americans are of many minds, with our customary patriotism distilled slightly by an uncertainty about the credibility of the nation's purpose and an uneasiness about dreadful weaponry that can inflict such monstrous casualties. But what a swell time John Wayne would be having right now!

Readers of this column will know—for what it's worth—that Uncle Dudley considers that our purpose—survival of civilization—is being well served by the staunch Schwarzkopf forces and that they deserve our wholehearted support.

One more query: How did yellow (often signifying cowardly or craven) gain this kind of symbolism?

Gergen's editorial observation that America's "new heroes" are to be found in the country's military. He quotes a poet to the effect that "We have lost our heroes since the 1960s, and we need to regain them so that in admiring their best virtues, each of us growing up can eventually become an 'inner warrior,' able to stand up for what is



right in a decent, peaceful society. Surely, today's men and women in the gulf are helping America regain its footing."

In addition to an incisive rundown on General Schwarzkopf, U.S. News more briefly profiles six several other commanders—three-star generals Boomer (Marines), Yeosock (ground forces), and Horner (Air Force); three-star admiral Arthur (Navy); and two-star generals Johnston (chief of staff) and Pagonis (logistics). Each profile is revealing, penetrating, and reassuring.

An interesting phrase about the commanding general refers to "the romantic who lives inside Norm Schwarzkopf's heart."

He is said to be "anything but an ordinary man—one who is regarded as hot-tempered and demanding by some of his peers... a product of his times, turbulent and troubled, and a throwback to a more innocent era when the words *duty, honor, country*—not career—were engraved on the hearts of graduates of West Point."

He is described as "a general who knows soldiers and loves them, who knows war and hates it."

"Yes, I am antiwar," he told U.S. News. "A professional soldier understands that war means killing people, war means maiming people, war means families left without fathers and mothers. . . People who watch Rambo movies, people who watch war on TV, these great military analysts that we run into in our nation's capital who write columns advocating war, they don't know what the hell they're talking about."

All you have to do is hold your first soldier who is dying in your arms, and have that terribly futile feeling that I can't do anything about it; that the life is literally flowing out of this young man and I can't do anything about it. Then you understand the horror of war. Any soldier worth his salt should be antiwar.

"And still there are things worth fighting for."

Some interesting data from U.S. News: Patriot missiles cost \$1.11 million each; cruise missiles, \$1.35 million each. Daily cost to supply the troops with food, \$4.5 million; medicine, \$2.4 million; clothing \$4.2 million.

We don't need a fourth watchdog on utilities

The contributor of this Point of View represents Rensselaer County in the New York State Senate. He is chairman of the Legislative Commission on Public-Private Cooperation.

By Senator Joseph L. Bruno

Governor Cuomo's creation of a citizens' utility board (CUB) to represent ratepayers in utility cases may appear to be a motherhood-and-apple pie idea, but it is not.

Point of View

The Governor's proposal is faulty in several ways. It will compound the duplication that already plagues the state's utility rate-setting process. It will add to a projected \$6 billion deficit by launching a new initiative. It violates the State's Constitution. It could set a worrisome precedent for state mailings for private fundraising. And, finally, as currently written, it would allow distribution of false and misleading information to ratepayers. I offer the following specific reasons why the executive order should be repealed:



First, executive branch agencies—such as the Consumer Protection Board, the Public Service Commission, and the Attorney General's Office—already exist to ensure that the views of citizens are heard on utility rate cases. If the Governor feels that these executive agencies are not doing their jobs properly, then the top people in these agencies should be removed or alternatively, the agencies should be reformed. What the Cuomo administration should not do is respond to a perceived weakness in existing programs by creating a new program rather than properly administering the existing agencies.

Second, if the Governor feels that only a CUB could provide the help that utility customers supposedly need, then he should propose legislation to link the creation of a CUB with plans to eliminate or reduce the budgets for agencies such as the Consumer Protection Board and the Public Service Commission. It makes no sense to create a CUB but still allow these overlapping agencies to continue in their current funding levels or form.

It makes no sense to create a CUB but continue overlapping agencies

Third, the State already faces a projected shortfall of up to \$6 billion. Even though the CUB is supposed to be an independent group, taxpayers will end up paying the tab for CUB mailings, through higher staff costs or through fewer services if current staff time is diverted to handle the extra inserts. The Governor's executive order only requires the CUB to pay for extra postage, not for the cost of using staff time.

Fourth, Governor Cuomo's executive order violates the State Constitution. The 1987 New York State Court of Appeals decision *Boreali v. Axelrod*, which concerned administratively imposed smoking restrictions, made clear that the Governor cannot administratively implement proposals that the Legislature has rejected.

The CUB legislation introduced in 1989 by the Governor has not been passed by either house of the Legislature. The Governor does not have the authority now to turn around and issue an executive order to circumvent the legislative process.

Fifth, even if a CUB is deemed necessary, it should not be conferred the special privileges it would receive under Governor Cuomo's executive order.

Under the order, the new CUB would be able to have State agencies include CUB literature in their mailings. My concern is that the Governor's proposal will open a Pandora's box by inviting a whole slew of charitable and political groups to seek similar mailing privileges for their causes. The list could include charitable organizations, homeless advocates, tenant organizations, and environmental groups. What possible reason could the Governor give these groups for granting taxpayer-subsidized mailing privileges only to his CUB, but not to them?

Sixth, precautions must be taken to ensure that the CUB mailings are not false or misleading. The Governor's order does not require that State agencies certify the accuracy of CUB mailings.

Finally, Governor Cuomo's order does not provide that the CUB's membership list be made available to the public. This list should be available to other consumer groups that seek to represent the needs of utility customers—not just the group that will have the state's blessing.

Out of respect for the State's fiscal troubles, the State Constitution, and the many other troubling issues that have been raised, Governor Cuomo should repeal this executive order at once.

Matters of Opinion

Hamagrael will welcome pupils from Glenmont school

Editor, The Spotlight

Surely the irony that "Name Submitted" would not publicly sign his or her name to the letter to *The Spotlight*, in which the Board of Education was accused of being "spineless" and "lacking in courage," was not lost on your readers.

I am puzzled by such accusations: Within two weeks of having moved into our home in Delmar five years ago, my husband and I were invited by neighbors to a coffee in order to meet Professor Bernard Harvith, who was running for a seat on the Board of Education. I distinctly remember a parent asking Mr. Harvith about overcrowding of the Glenmont school and the possibility of redistricting children. His response indicated that it seemed highly likely that such would be the case. Two years ago, when the first wave of kindergarteners was redistricted, the issue of permanent reassignment of elementary school students arose at board meetings.

When the bond issue surfaced, Dr. Loomis was asked directly by parents if the additional space resulting from its passage would preclude a need for redistricting. The response was a definitive "No."

I believe many of us who have followed closely action of the board over the past five years have been cognizant of the intention to redistrict elementary students in our town, and to avoid any future stop-gap approaches to handling the large school population. I have not found the board to be "spineless"

by any stretch of the imagination — in fact, I believe quite the opposite to have been the case in its handling of redistricting.

It is not my intention to be confrontational in this letter, since I realize a number of parents are sorely disappointed that their children have been redistricted.

For my part, I have spoken to my son, a first-grader at Hamagrael, about the new children who will be coming to Hamagrael next fall, and reminded him that a number of his friends from Glenmont who attended Elsmere kindergarten with him will be joining him in second grade.

I have stressed with him the importance of making people feel welcomed in a new situation and to help them make new friends and to settle into a new "routine." I firmly believe such lessons are just as important to a child's overall education as what goes on inside the formal classroom.

I know many of the newly redistricted parents feel they contributed a tremendous amount to their current school and to its having been nationally recognized. I look forward to these families sharing such talents and enthusiasm with Hamagrael: New blood brought to any situation is always a productive process.

A number of redistricted families have commented on the diversity of their current school's makeup and (by implication) lack of same in Hamagrael. I was surprised by such observations, as my husband and I purposely chose the

area of Delmar in which we live precisely because of its diversity. (See adjoining box.)

What we have in common is a fierce interest in our children's education and determination to make their formalized schooling a positive experience.

A final observation: Several parents mentioned during the board deliberations on redistricting, and in letters to *The Spotlight* that real estate agents encouraged them to buy homes in their current elementary school zone because of supposed superiority of that school over others in the district. I believe agents make a grave error in selling homes based on imagined benefits of one school over another in the same district.

When my husband and I were searching for a home in Bethlehem six or seven years ago, we saw many ads that mentioned Hamagrael elementary school. Understandably, then, we were somewhat disappointed when our kindergartener was sent to Elsmere elementary school. In no time at all, we discovered how foolish our concerns were: we loved Elsmere and had great respect for the principal and our son's teacher. We enjoyed the delightful family events throughout the year and even now return wistfully to the nature trail designed and executed by Elsmere parents.

In this way, we learned firsthand of the excellence of all the Bethlehem schools — and of the foolishness of falling for real estate people's claims that set up arti-

A heterogeneous neighborhood

A survey (completely unscientific and informal) of my street reveals that my neighbors include a bookkeeper, software designer, x-ray technician, corrections officer, music teacher, elementary school teacher, secretary, legislative analyst, newspaper publisher, nurse, planner, and the requisite smattering of lawyers. We include vegetarians, conservative Republicans, girl- and Boy-scout leaders, Democrats, peace activists, environmentalists, and feminists. By descent, we are Irish, Guatemalan, Italian, Russian, black, German, and English. My neighbors represent the spectrum of organized religions from fundamentalist Christians to Unitarians with a few agnostics thrown into the equation.

My conclusion is that we are homogeneous only to the extent the rest of the Town of Bethlehem is such.

— Gay Petri

cial and divisive boundaries among the town's inhabitants.

In my totally unofficial capacity as a parent of a Hamagrael student (with two coming up shortly), I'd like to assure Glenmont parents that we look forward to you and your children joining us next year.

We will do everything in our Delmar

Gay Petri

Local group deplors China court verdict

Editor, The Spotlight:

To protest the verdict by a Chinese court to sentence a number of human rights activists and dissidents to prison terms, the steering committee of Capital District Chapter, United States-China Peoples Friendship Association, approved a resolution criticizing the verdict and called upon Chinese government representatives in the United States to explain reasons behind these punitive measures. The committee was especially upset by the heavy sentence handed out to Ren Wandeng, a long-time spokesman for human

rights. The other sentences and the manner in which the trials were carried out also raise serious questions about the fairness of the trials. The resolution stated that: "We are profoundly shocked and dismayed at the sentences meted out to Chinese human rights activists and dissidents in recent trials."

The steering committee voted to send this resolution to the Chinese Consulate in New York City and to the Embassy in Washington.

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The best decay prevention is to reduce your consumption of sugar combined with two or three daily brushings and flossing before bed to keep plaque from organizing.

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Your Opinion Matters

Traffic, drainage issues rebutted by engineer

Editor, The Spotlight

I have practiced my profession of civil engineer/surveyor in this town for over 40 years and am completely discouraged by the absolute disregard for facts presented to the people who are in opposition to the proposed subdivision "Colonial Woodlands."

For all these many years, I have never responded to articles in local papers, but I am compelled at this point to do so. The letters by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Berry in *The Spotlight* are absolutely contrary to the facts presented and accepted

Wood smoke concerns N.Y. Lung Association

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently the American Lung Association of New York State received an unsigned letter containing a newspaper article about wood smoke pollution. The writer indicated he or she will no longer contribute to the Lung Association because we "are not acting to solve the problem."

For the record, the Lung Association is a leader in the fight against air pollution of all kinds. We have a special concern about wood smoke pollution because of its adverse impact in New York State, especially Adirondack Mountain communities which DEC identifies as at special risk because of topography and weather patterns. There, we developed and distributed a "Wood stove Survival Kit" which addressed the topic in an entertaining as well as educational fashion.

We offer free brochures that explain how to use wood stoves and fireplaces to minimize pollution. We are working in both Washington and Albany for legislation to protect all of us from airborne pollutants.

Steven Tomasik
Environmental and
Occupational Health Specialist

by the apparent majority of the Planning Board.

The board has accepted that "cut through" traffic will not be a problem on Poplar Drive. The board has completely agreed that there are no problems with drainage. In fact, all consultants involved in the project have stated that the proposal will improve drainage problems in that area.

The facts presented to the board, as well as its acceptance of them, do not agree with allegations presented in the letters written by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Berry.

It is time for us as taxpayers, and as representatives of those people who are serious in their desire to develop our community responsibly, to no longer be affected by hysterical rhetoric presented by a minority of our population who would preserve what they believe is protection of their community structure but with disregard for us all.

Lindsay M. Boutelle

Delmar

1,100 acclaim 'Huck' a hit

Editor, The Spotlight:

I can't thank you enough for the wonderful advance coverage *The Spotlight* gave the Bethlehem Middle School's production of "Huck Finn." Thanks in part to your articles, the school set record attendance with over 1,100 people attending the two performances. The students were thrilled by such an exciting audience.

It is very gratifying that *The Spotlight* gave such attention to this school event that so many worked so hard on. From all the citizens of Bethlehem and specifically the pupils who performed so well, our sincere thanks.

Dennis Frank

Delmar

Education

(From Page 6)

The Governor has gone too far in expecting educators, community taxpaying residents, and school boards to budget for our schools on less than a shoestring. He is asking unreasonable tasks of school boards and district budget-makers when he withdraws large amounts from our operating expenses. "Excellence in education" will risk becoming a tongue-in-cheek statement if the funds promised and needed for our children are not quickly restored.

My 12-year-old has five and a half years of public school education before he graduates from high school. My third-grader has nine and a half more years, my kindergarten has more than twelve years. And the eighth-graders that I teach have four and a half more years of public school education.

What educational future lies ahead for these children? Will excellence in education become an obsolete word mentioned only in New York history lessons? Will the taxpayers become "tax-broke," will teachers lose district-operated staff development opportunities and salaries worthy of those who have dedicated themselves to excellence in education for all children? Will school boards be forced to make unwanted decisions to correct State government spending inadequacies? School districts already are suffering the repercussions of decreased educational funds this current school year.

Governor Cuomo should attend local school board meetings to learn why "excellence in education" may be a vocabulary term of the past instead of the future.

All New York school children are now children "at risk." Does the Governor really want this to be the standard of our educational system? There is an urgent need

for him to reevaluate the great sums he is taking from our children, the educators, and the taxpayers.

Our local school boards statewide work on behalf of the children, educators, and taxpayers. Each is vital to the other. Now school boards are having to answer and plan for decisions beyond their control. "Excellence in education" must remain in the vocabulary of all New Yorkers.

Karen J. Cole

Voorheesville

Editor's note: The writer is a teacher in the eighth grade at BC's Middle School.

Vox Pop is *The Spotlight's* public forum. All letters from readers on matters of local interest will be considered. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible, and letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness and accuracy, as well as for length.

Women's center offers program

A free program on the meaning of menopause will be presented by the Delmar Women's Healthcare Associates, M.D.P.C., 785 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on March 6 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. To register, call 439-9363.

Church begins Lenten celebration

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, the Glenmont Church will begin its Lenten Celebration with an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

Rev. Lynn T. Joosten will lead the service of hymns, prayers and a message entitled "Seize the Moment."

Beginning on Feb. 20, a family night covered dish supper will be held at 6 p.m. followed by a program and devotional service. The Feb. 20 guest speaker will be the Rev. Pamela Ennis, director of the Samaritan Counseling Center in Albany.

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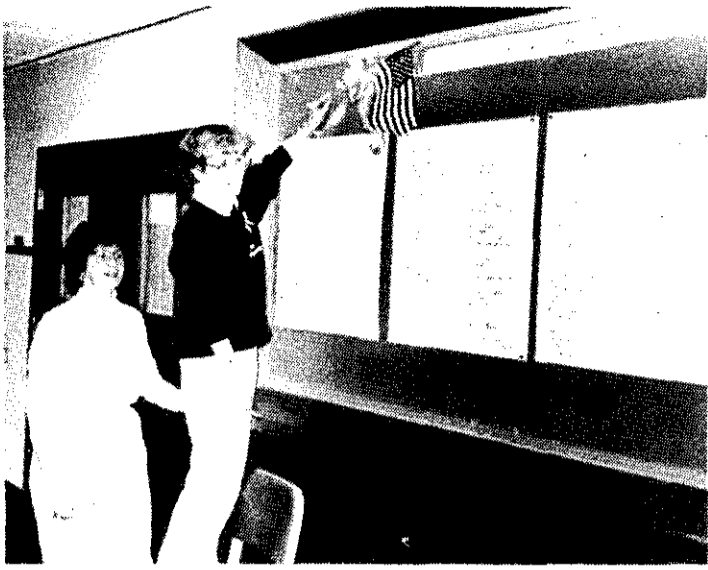
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Local troops in gulf listed



Pat Carazza (right) adjusts the flag and yellow ribbon that decorate the list of 53 current and former Bethlehem residents serving in Operation Desert Storm. Maureen Wright, mother of Lt. Debora Blodgett, a supply officer with the First Cavalry Division, and the designer and calligrapher for the sign at town hall, looks on.

Dev Tobin

Good citizen is No. 1 donor to youth clubs, activities

By Susan Graves

Bruce Svare shouldn't have time to be Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the year.

The Delmar resident, who will be honored as an outstanding community member by the chamber next month, is a full professor in the psychology department at the University of Albany, a recipient of two grants, which allow him to work on research on anabolic steroid abuse, president of the Bethlehem Basketball Club, and member of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

Svare has also published numerous scientific articles and presented papers throughout the U.S. and abroad.

One of the research grants he is currently working on is of particular interest to him since it combines his professional expertise with his lifelong love of athletics. The \$110,000 National Institute of Drug Abuse grant may lead Svare and others to answers to questions about the growing use of steroids



Bruce Svare

by athletes and particularly by adolescents. "Especially young adolescents," he said, "six percent of middle school and high school adolescent males," are abusing steroids.

Though there are legitimate uses for steroids, most are not prescribed. He said about 50 to 60 percent of the legally produced steroids end up on the black market. In addition illegal steroids come into the country from Mexico and other countries. Some abuse arises because of the "Win at all costs attitude," he said. Testing in the National Football League, Svare said, "is a joke." According to current statistics, 70 percent of defensive lineman use steroids.

Many youth abuse steroids because they think they look better. "It (the use of steroids) filters down for appearance reasons," he said.

Svare, who was born in Montana and raised in New England, moved to Delmar 12 years ago. The decision to move here was

"based on the community...It really had what we liked... especially great schools," he said. Svare and his wife Maryalice have two sons, John, 11 and Mark, 13.

In addition to his involvement in the BBC, Svare has worked with Pop Warner, Bethlehem Soccer Club, Tri-Village Little League and Babe Ruth baseball.

"Once you get involved, you realize you want to give something back...Athletics that's the road I chose," he said. One reason for his interest in sports, he said, is that it teaches that, "You can't always be a winner."

"Sportmanship has important lessons for kids and adults," he said.

Svare and Mike Friello, who owns and operates Hudson Valley Tae Kwon Do Center in Delmar, will be honored by the chamber on Saturday, March 9, at Normanside Country Club beginning with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m.

For information or tickets, call Marty Cornelius, chamber president at 439-0512.

Historical society to meet

"Theorem Painting, a 19th Century Art" will be addressed by Doris Fry at the Bethlehem Historical Association meeting on Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 at Clapper Road, Selkirk. Fry, certified teacher and member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, will show slides and display theorem samples. The public is welcome.

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Delmar businessman gets big kick out of his job

By Susan Graves

Mike Friello practices what he preaches.

The winner of this year's Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year" owns and operates the Hudson Valley Tae Kwon Do Center in Delmar, and through his business is able to live out his personal philosophy.

But it wasn't always that way. Friello began his career in the corporate world after graduating from the University at Albany with a degree in business administration. After working for General Electric for several years, he decided to leave and return to Tae Kwon Do, a Korean martial art.

He began on a small scale, renting space at the YMCA in Troy, and opened the business at 3 Normanskill Boulevard in Delmar four years ago.

Friello initially ran a part-time club out of the former Delmar Athletic Club. "The first three years were brutal," he said. Friello weathered the problems of starting up a small business and now enjoys teaching others.

Tae Kwon Do embodies a philosophy of courtesy, integrity, perseverance and self-control which is emphasized as just as important as the physical techniques involved in the art.

When his business began to flourish, he decided he wanted to put something back into the community that had supported him. "I wanted to do something big in the community," he said, and something that would complement the philosophy of Tae Kwon Do. He chose the Bethlehem police DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program because it "fit so closely with what we do."

Last year, the martial arts tournament Friello organized raised more than \$10,000 for Bethlehem's DARE. Rather than charge entrance fees for the tournament, participants solicit sponsors to compete, he said. "One student raised over \$1,200. The income potential is unlimited," he said.



Mike Friello

DARE, like Tae Kwon Do, deals with raising self-confidence and self-esteem. Friello believes children who have a low self-image are more susceptible to drug abuse.

"The reasons children get involved is because of a lack of self-confidence," which makes them more prone to give in to peer pressure, he said.

Tae Kwon Do promotes a "Yes, I can, attitude," and helps the child realize he can "accomplish anything as long as you work for it," Friello said.

Friello and his instructors also conduct after-school and special programs in Bethlehem elementary schools. He said Tae Kwon Do has grown more popular, but that, "the real value of the martial art is not recognized yet."

Friello said the overall aim of the training is "to improve the character of the participants." At the beginning of each class he conducts, the tenets of Tae Kwon Do are discussed to remind students of why they are there.

Friello, 41, began training in 1968 but stopped when he went to college. He went back to Tae Kwon Do in 1972 and started running a club at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. From there, the club evolved into an evening division course, he said. He is scheduled to test for his fifth degree black belt this year.

Friello, a Schenectady native, is married and has two children.

He was nominated for the chamber award by Victoria Tomsons, branch manager of the Albany Savings Bank in Delaware Plaza. "He's golden," she said. "He's such a genuine and sincere person."

He will be honored by the chamber at the annual dinner on March 9 at Normanside Country Club.

For information or tickets, contact Marty Cornelius, chamber president at 439-0512.

MS group to meet

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Albany County will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar, at 2 p.m.

The group provides an opportunity for education, sharing and socialization for those with MS, their families and friends. For more information, call the MS Chapter Office at 452-1631, or Katy DePorte at 439-2146.

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A sneak preview



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Elaine McLain

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Missiles

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in a long time. I believe that was in reference to when he was in Vietnam running pilot boats. I have never felt anything like that pressure," said Rosenblatt.

Lt. Rosenblatt was assigned to the Wisconsin when it was recommissioned in 1988. He began his Navy service as an ensign, after graduating from the state University at Albany. "He worked his way up," his father said. "He's ahead of his rank."

In a public affairs media pool report by two civilian reporters on the Wisconsin, Rosenblatt, 25, is portrayed as an in-control officer, who tells his men before the strike: "Let's do the mission right, the way we've been trained to do."

The area of the ship Rosenblatt works in is restricted and can only be entered with a cipher (secret code) lock. About 20 Navy personnel, including the ship's Captain David S. Bill III, crowded the room during the early morning launch.

Later, the captain told Rosenblatt he had done an outstanding job and that he hadn't gotten involved because he knew Rosenblatt and his men could handle it.

Rosenblatt likened his feelings after the launch to the way he felt after the Giants beat the Chicago Bears. "He's crazy about the

Giants," said his father, who has sent videos of all the Giants' games.

Robert and Carol Rosenblatt visited their son when the Wisconsin was recommissioned. The Wisconsin was built during World War II. After the Korean War, it was put into mothballs. The battleship, the biggest in the world, is equipped with all the latest state of the art computer equipment. Lt. Rosenblatt did a lot of the initial design programs, which are now used by the Navy in all its battleships. "He's just flourished under this," his father said.

He said his son will probably not stay in the Navy when his four years of service are completed. "We expect he'll be out by the end of May," he said.

Lt. Rosenblatt assured his parents he is "fine and safe. Saddam does not have anything that can hit us out here."

The only complaint Rosenblatt has is that mail is being held up because of backlogging in Bahrain and in Norfolk. "Hopefully, we will get mail soon."

Square dance set

The Altamont Station Squares will hold a Valentine's Day dance, on Feb. 8 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the Guilderland Elementary School. Caller is Ed Joynér, and Cuer, Dolores Randall.

For information, call 438-7387.

Budget

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towns, and further slash CHIPS funding, Reilly said. How the town would deal with such a blow remains to be seen, but Reilly said the board would probably call a special meeting in mid-March, by which time it should have "a sense of which way the wind is blowing."

Meanwhile, the town's recent cutbacks will hit the highway department hardest, taking \$1,000 from its sign budget, \$23,000 for an unfilled position, and \$16,000 earmarked for a new truck. The department will purchase only one new truck this year instead of the two it had planned.

In addition to the \$40,000 total being cut from the highway department, the town will slice \$3,565 from its contingency fund, \$2,000 from its senior citizens program and \$3,300 that would have funded the recreation department's swim program, which has not been operational for the past two years because of repairs on the pool. In addition, the parks department will have to forego spending \$10,000 on a new truck.

Another \$2,500 will come out of legal fees for the zoning board of appeals, which Reilly said could be made up in fines and fees owed the town from a recent suit.

Highway Superintendent Michael Hotaling said his department could "get by" without buying the second pickup truck this year. "It will just set everything back," he said, referring to a five-year plan he developed for replacing equipment on a rotating schedule. The unfilled position that fell victim to the budget shortfall was one of two the board approved last fall, Hotaling said. The first position was filled, and the second was to open the first of the year. Also denied was a temporary position to fill in for a worker out on extended disability leave, he said.

The department is left with a 10-man crew, plus a mechanic and foreman. "Right now, we're at the bare minimum for a snowstorm," said Hotaling, who has himself been out plowing with his crew this year. In a typical snowstorm, Hotaling sends five trucks out to plow, each with two men, plus a mechanic to load sand and salt, he said. As things stand, the department could ill afford to have any of its crew out sick, Hotaling noted, adding that he is fortunate in having a dependable crew.

The highway department sign budget was already slashed in the fall; the latest cut brings it down to about half of its original \$6,000, Hotaling said. In addition to posting its own roads, the town is responsible for the purchase and installation of signs for county routes within its borders, he said. And each time a request to reduce speed limits in a given area is approved, that means reposting. Hotaling noted a number of such instances in recent months. "I just ordered 10 new speed limit signs for two roads I have to post, and that's just the beginning of this year," he said.

Councilman Craig Shufelt objected to the highway department cuts, although he said later he agreed with other aspects of the budget modification package. He brought a list of his own recom-

mended cuts to the Feb. 6 meeting, but they were not considered since Reilly had asked for proposals in advance in order to have all the figures tallied. Shufelt said later that his idea was to use \$60,000 set aside for a town-wide property revaluation to cover the shortfall, and to borrow later to pay for the revaluation, which is required of the town by the state's board of Equalization and Assessment.

He also criticized Reilly's proposal for a new in-house computer system, for which partial funding was approved by the board last year. "I can't see cutting all that money out and then turning around and spending \$8,000, \$10,000, \$11,000 on a computer," he said.

Reilly contended that the computer was needed to correct flaws in the town's accounting system which were pointed out by an audit of the town's finances conducted in relation to the Clarksville Water District. Under the present system, Reilly said, there is no way to edit figures once they have been entered, and no way to monitor account balances day to day.

The new system, which cost \$11,084 includes consulting fees and training, will be operational in about two weeks, according to Reilly. He said the computer was approved by the board in December, and \$3,000 in funding, which would have gone to the outside firm that previously handled computing for the town, had been set aside. The remaining \$8,000 will come out of the town's contingency fund, he said.

Village library hosts special story hour

There will be a Valentine's Day Bedtime Story Hour tonight, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library. The entire family is welcome to come hear stories of "Hearts and Darts and Loves and Doves."

Families will also enjoy a special vacation week program next Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. when the Carte Blanche Mime Theater

performs at the library.


At 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, two short travel films will be shown at the library. On this week's program are films on Jackson Hole, Wyo. and New England. The public is welcome to the free showing.

The library will remain open during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 18.

Tree seedlings available

Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering tree seedlings and transplants for the 1991 planting season. All orders will be taken through the

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Cleaning can be a big job, especially in the Spring and Fall when most of us do thorough cleaning chores. Cleaners could pose a health threat if they are carelessly used or tossed in the trash. Follow these simple rules.

First, use up the product by following its directions. If you do not need it anymore, give it to neighbor or set up a "cleaner swap day" with a community organization.

Second, if the container is empty and recyclable, rinse it three times, pouring the rinse water down the drain, then place it in the recycling bin. If the container is not recyclable, seal it and dispose of it with the rest of the trash.

Thirdly, when store-bought cleaners are gone, try a few non-hazardous alternatives.

A general all purpose cleaner is two teaspoons of borax and one teaspoon soap in one quart water that can be stored in a spray bottle. White vinegar and lemon juice diluted in water also makes a good cleaner. White vinegar used full strength will clean and remove smells of pet and baby "accidents" as well as milk spills.

A paste of baking soda and water substitutes for scouring powder. It

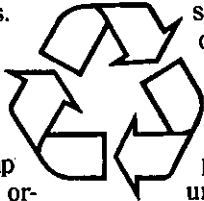
can be safely used on counter tops, woodwork, ovens, and other delicate surfaces. For general cleaning of bathtubs and sinks, this works also, but if the stains are extraordinary, mix three tablespoons cream of tartar with one tablespoon hydrogen peroxide, scrub and rise.

Windows will sparkle if you rub them with newspaper. If that sounds too unconventional, try two tablespoons vinegar and one quart water mixed in a spray bottle.

To keep drains clean, pour boiling water down the drain weekly. If the drain gets clogged, first try a plunger, then 1/2 cup of baking soda and 1/2 cup vinegar down the drain, flushing with boiling water 15 minutes later.

A simple wood polisher is a mixture of two tablespoons olive oil, one tablespoon white vinegar and one quart water. Dry cornstarch sprinkled on the rug, allowed to set then vacuumed up will help clean grease spots and other dirt on the carpet.

There are many safe alternatives to everything we do. Sometimes they're less costly because we use items found daily in a normal household.



Lenten study program begins next week

The 1991 Area Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study begins February 20.

The Wednesday morning series on the theme "God's Promises are Real" will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave. Following 9:30 a.m. registration and coffee, the Rev. Jeffrey A. Matthews of Slingerlands will speak on the topic "You Can Expect Answers to Prayers." All are invited.

There will be a free-will offering to cover expenses, with money donated to a battered women's shelter.

Parking will be on the Tebbutt's side of the church or in the town parking lot. For information, 439-9976.

Orchestra plays free concert

On Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m., the Delmar Community Orchestra, conducted by Mildred Stahl, will give a free concert at the Bethlehem Public Library.

The program of pops and light classics will include music from "The Merry Wives of Windsor," "Kiss Me Kate" and "The Merry Widow," with guest vocalist Marie Franke.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Honor students offer tutoring

Students having difficulty with any subject can get help from the National Honor Society at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. Tutoring will be available once a week during a study hall or after school. For information, contact Amy Riddell, guidance counselor, at 765-5529.

Still time to register

Register for the spring Continuing Education Program at the high school until Feb. 22. Contact James Hladun at 765-3314 for information.

Travel films slated

The Voorheesville Public Library will present a film on Jackson Hole, Wyo. and New England on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in its film series on travel. All films are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the library will present Carte Blanche Mime Theater at 7 p.m. It is funded by a grant from the New York State Council on Art Decentralization Program.

The library will be open as usual on Monday, Feb. 18, Washington's Birthday (observed).

Voorheesville News Notes

Susan Casler 765-2144



Tax help offered to seniors

Free tax help is available to senior citizens, 60 years or older, at the Voorheesville Public Library on March 6, 13, 20 and April 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers been trained to deal with questions regarding taxes or tax forms will be at the sessions. For information, call 765-2791.

School budget review set

The Voorheesville Central School District board of education will begin its budget review for the 1991-92 school year.

Since it will be a difficult time for the board of education, community participation in the unfolding of a new budget is requested. If anyone would like to join the budget committee, call Valerie Ungerer, secretary to Superintendent Alan McCartney, at 765-3313.

BC group plans education forums

The Bethlehem Central Community Organization (BCCO) and Bethlehem Central High School administration have developed a new program to provide adults in the community with the opportunity to meet and discuss educational issues with school administrators. The program, "Educational Forums," will meet Feb. 26, March 27 and May 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in

the Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria.

Coffee will be provided at the forums, and guests are asked to bring a dessert to pass.

Individuals interested in suggesting a topic for discussion may contact BCCO President Liz Burrell, 439-0852; Phyllis Hillinger, 439-2585; Carolyn Wenger, 439-6600; or Jan Horowitz, 439-6422.

Library hosts traditional musicians

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the musicians of Fiddler's Tour will drop in for a session at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Fiddler's Tour is a composite of area musicians dedicated to the preservation of traditional tunes of Ireland, the British Isles, and the United States. The group will be playing jigs and reels and airs, and, perhaps, singing a song or two.

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Director: Many can afford Beverwyck

By Susan Graves

Craig Duncan, executive director of The Eddy and project director for Beverwyck, a planned senior retirement community, thinks there is some confusion about who can afford to live in Beverwyck.

Beverwyck, recently granted approval from the Bethlehem Town Board, will be sited on 32 acres between Krumkill Road and the Slingerlands Bypass.

"This is not a model that's for the affluent," he said. Beverwyck residents would pay an entrance fee of about \$124,000 and need about \$20,000 a year in income to live in one of the 180 independent and assisted-living units.

That means, for example, that a retired fireman or civil service worker could afford Beverwyck, Duncan said. A working person who sells his house most likely would receive more than \$100,000 and could therefore afford to live in Beverwyck, he said.

Beverwyck is co-sponsored by The Eddy in Troy and the Guardian Society in Albany. The philosophy behind the Eddy, Duncan said, is "providing services to people rather than bricks."

Duncan is excited about the Beverwyck project: "This is the first time we've had the opportu-



Craig Duncan

nity to design and build to our liking."

Projects similar to Beverwyck and life care facilities overall have had a hard time in New York, he said. Life care is a combination of health and housing services, which are pre-paid. "Everything that might go wrong, did go wrong," in terms of senior citizen housing and life care in New York. And as a result of state regulations, codes and rules, "many life care facilities went bankrupt," he said. Consequently, many developers went elsewhere with life care building proposals. "What we're doing here

is commonplace throughout the U.S.," he said.

"We (in New York) have created a monster," he said, in regard to living and health care facilities for senior citizens.

As far as Beverwyck goes, he said his message is, "We have a population who have demanded this..." It's something we need to do." According to Duncan, there is a need for 1,600 housing units for senior citizens in this region. There is a three-year waiting list for people who want to move into The Eddy in Troy, and Bethlehem has only one facility for the elderly, the Good Samaritan Home on Rockefeller Road.

Duncan will speak about perspectives on lifestyles for senior citizens at the Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 28.

Cattle caught in jam

A tractor-trailer carrying live cattle became stuck under the Conrail railroad underpass on Route 85A in Voorheesville on Sunday, Feb. 10 when the driver apparently misjudged the height of his vehicle, according to an Albany County Sheriff's Department report. The incident, which occurred at about 9:15 a.m., caused extensive damage to the trailer, and several cows were trapped. The road was blocked off for about four hours while the cattle, belonging to Hill Top Farms of Clarksville, were transferred by their owner into another truck, with the aid of the Voorheesville Fire Department. One cow was injured.

The driver, Dale Quick, 47, of Addison, was charged with failure to keep right and failure to obey a traffic device.

Delaware Plaza merchants name new officers for 1991

Victoria Tomsons, branch manager of Albany Savings Bank in Delaware Plaza, is the new president of the plaza merchants association.

Tomsons started as a management trainee with the bank six years ago. She has been at the Delmar branch since 1987.

She served as treasurer for the Delaware Plaza Merchants Association for the past two years.

In her new position, she said she will be responsible for coordinating marketing efforts and "big functions" such as the upcoming indoor sidewalk sale.

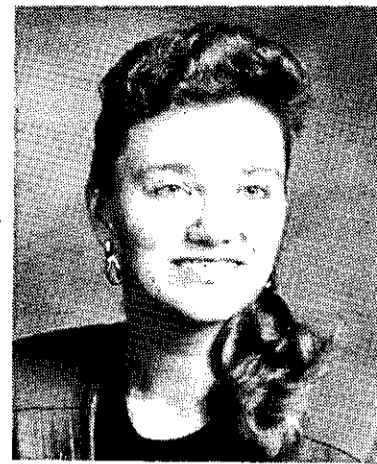
Tomsons, an Albany resident, said business at the plaza is in good shape. "There are no vacancies in the 33 stores," she said.

"I'm glad they gave me the opportunity to be president. I'll be soliciting ideas from members," she said.

Tomsons is also a member of

Train strikes auto at village crossing

The Albany County Sheriff's Department is investigating an incident in which an unoccupied vehicle was struck by a Conrail tank train at the Main Street railroad crossing in Voorheesville. Sheriff's deputies were called to the scene on Sunday, Feb. 10 at



Victoria Tomsons

the board of directors of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Clint Hegeman of Laura Taylor is this year's association vice president. Nancy Shelhamer of the Village Shop is secretary, and Barbara Czech of Key Bank, treasurer.

Susan Graves

12:45 a.m. The driver of the car, Anita Miller, 36, of Latham, apparently left the vehicle to seek help when she could not get it back on the road, according to the Sheriff's Department report. The car was extensively damaged, but no injuries were reported.

Five Rivers leads winter walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, on Game Farm Road in Delmar, is offering an outdoor winter walk on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. "Ice and Snow and How Things Fare" will focus on how the amount of snow and ice affects animal and plant survival. Center naturalists will lead the group on an outdoor exploration of the grounds looking for signs of winter wildlife and plant life.

The program is free and open to the public. For information, call 475-0291.

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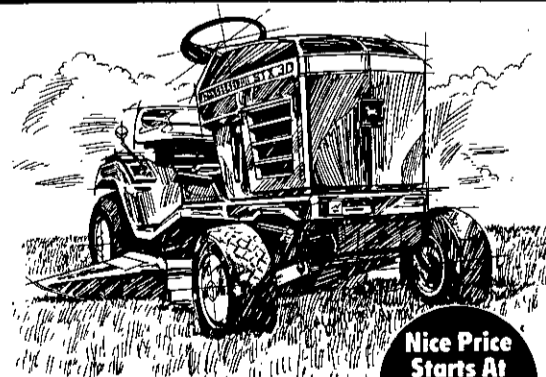
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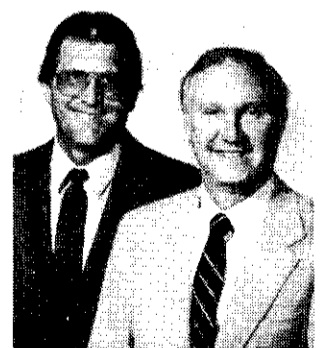
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THE SPOTLIGHT Sports

Lady Eagles nearing Gold Division title

By Jason Wilkie

The Bethlehem Central girls basketball team's winning streak was broken last week, but partially compensated for by a 93-36 win against Scotia, which sealed their Suburban Council Gold Division championship title.

The Lady Eagles' 69-51 loss to Shenendehowa was disappointing, but not entirely unexpected, as they had lost to the Plainswomen in a non-league game at the start of the season. Shen controlled the boards throughout the game. It was all Lynn Doody could do to score the first basket for BC. She finished the day tied with Kassie Jeram as BC's second-highest scorer with a total of seven points.

Anita Kaplan contributed 25 points. Lisa Domermuth put three balls in the hoop, while Kelly Ryan scored four points. Andrea Cor-

BC wrestlers place 10th

By Matt Kratz

The parking was packed last weekend at Bethlehem Central High School when 13 wrestling teams went to Class A sectionals.

Bethlehem placed 10th with 66 and a half points. Donny Thomas, Anthony Genovese and Zack Hampton placed forth in the section.

Thomas had an exciting match that went into overtime, but eventually lost 8-3. Genovese lost 8-3 and Hampton lost by technical fall. Ethan Beyer placed fifth, as did Mike Braga and Shane Cunningham.

Birds out of league race

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

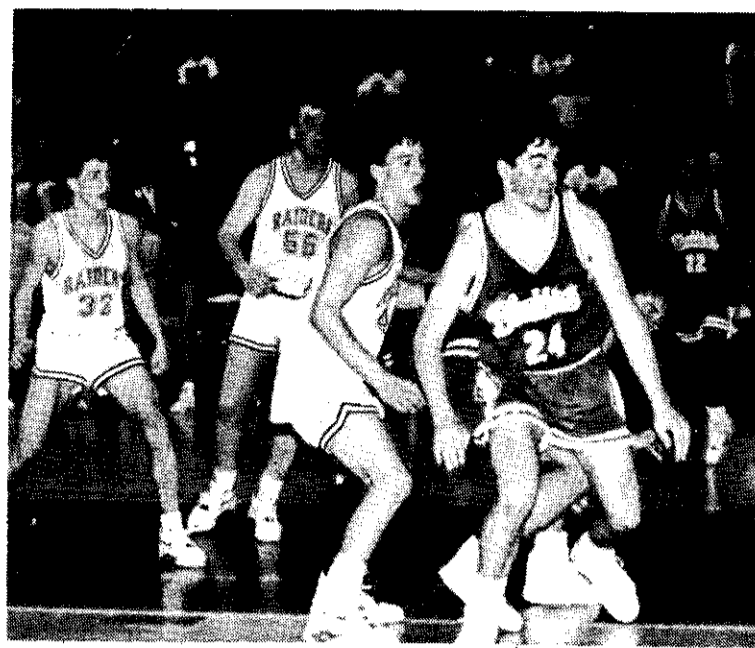
Traveling to the home court of the Mechanicville Red Raiders last week, the Voorheesville boys basketball team was upset 61-51, knocking them from the run for a league championship.

"We have had some games where everything clicked, this was not one of them," said coach Skip Carrk. "It was an important game that we didn't respond well to." In addition to being outbounded by Mechanicville, the Birds did not shoot their foul shots well and their overall shooting percentage was poor.

Carrk said he puts the majority of the blame on himself for the loss. "There is an old pitfall in sports," he said, "when a squad looks past a mediocre team to a better team. This is what happened to us. We looked too far ahead to the Watervliet game. I did not prepare the team for the tough play that Mechanicville showed us, and that cost us."

While the loss wiped out any chance for the Blackbirds to win the league championship, it did not ruin their season, according to Carrk. "They have a lot to be proud of, the championship would have been the final touch on a spectacular season."

The Birds are now in the midst of a week of three difficult games. They were scheduled to play Wa-



The Blackbirds' Erin Sullivan eyes a loose ball against Mechanicville last week. Birds' coach Skip Carrk is hoping for a big crowd when the team squares off against undefeated Watervliet at home Friday. Erin E. Sullivan

tervliet on Monday and Lansingburgh yesterday, both without the contributions of their center Steve Lapinski. Watervliet, now second in the state, is moving in quickly on the number one spot. Lansingburgh was a tough match the first time, and that was with Lapinski.

Friday the Birds play Watervliet in the last game of the season and support from their fans would be greatly appreciated. Carrk said he's

seen "a lot of empty bleachers" this season, played by "one of the best teams that Voorheesville has had in eight years."

Church holds supper

A ham supper will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.50 adults and \$3.25 for children 12 and under. The public is invited.

nell made a basket to assist the Eagles.

Bethlehem came back with a vengeance against Scotia over the weekend. Jeram played her best game of the season, scoring 19 points. Doody also scored 19, while Kaplan added 32 points to the score. Seniors Ryan and Mary Beth Breslin each scored two points and Jessica Wilson added four. Cornell and Domermuth scored five points each.

This victory brought the Lady Eagles' record to a total of 15 wins (12 of these in league games) and three losses (only one of which was a league game). This brings them to at least a tie for the Gold Division title.

BC grad studies abroad

Cynthia J. Riegel of Delmar is participating in the St. Lawrence University's International Study program this year. Riegel is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

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Ladybirds await sectional word

By Matt Hladun

Judgment day comes tomorrow for the Voorheesville girls basketball team as the seedings for the Class CC sectionals are announced. While their record stands at 8-10 overall, and 5-9 in the league, it is no indication of how they have played all season.

The Ladybirds lost to league-leading Lansingburgh on a last second shot, and nearly handed Holy Names their first loss of the year. In their last four games, they have gone 2-2. They held a lead through three-quarters against Holy Names before losing in the fourth. They then defeated Ravena for the second time this season. They fell to Cohoes in another close game, and most recently knocked off fourth place Mechanicville, 44-38. These four games

should help give the Blackbirds a spot in next week's sectional play.

"We'll just wait and see," said coach Nadine Bassler. "There are 16 Class CC teams, and 12 are selected. We've just got to be better than four of them. I think that if they look at the competition we've played and the league we are in, then maybe we'll have a shot."

The Birds proved that they deserve a spot in their win over Mechanicville. After jumping out to a 9-6 first-quarter lead, the Ladybirds never fell behind. Bassler said the offensive patience and rebounding were the key to the game. Leading Voorheesville on the board were Kelly Donahue, with eight rebounds and Courtney Langford with 12. "Courtney did a great job of controlling the boards,"

Bassler said. "She also got the ball when we needed it."

Patience was also a key to the victory. Langford and Donna Zautner mastered the right side of the court. They played monkey in the middle with opposing defenders, continuously moving the ball inside and out between the two. Many times the quick passing led to layups by Zautner.

On the other side, Donahue was on fire from the outside, nailing three three-pointers. Her biggest one came in the fourth quarter when she sunk a three-pointer after the Raiders had closed to within two points. She finished the game with 17 points.

This week the Ladybirds close out the regular season.

Eagle swimmers fall

By Michael Kagan

The area swimming world witnessed something Saturday that has rarely happened over the last two decades — the Bethlehem Central boys swim team lost a meet. But it was on the road against New Hartford, a section III team, so it barely shook the Eagle dynasty.

The score wasn't even all that close, as New Hartford triumphed easily, 110-76. New Hartford, in fact, has beaten BC three years in a row now. Coach Ken Neff pointed out that in swimming section III is stronger than section II, and explained, "They're just a notch better than us right now ... We did good though ... It was a good meet for us."

Bethlehem won only two races, Pat Fish's 100 fly (54.58) and the 200 free relay of Josh Pierce, Ryan Beck, Jim Davis, and Jeremy Goldman (1:33.92).

The Eagles also won two meets last week, winning in Burnt Hills Tuesday, 106-66, and at home against Guilderville Thursday, 120-63.

BC drops high-scoring game to Scotia, 97-88

By Michael Kagan

Saying that the Bethlehem Central boys basketball team is struggling wouldn't quite cover it. The Eagles extended their losing streak to six last weekend, losing 97-88 on the road to the Scotia Tartans, who gained their first win of the season.

The current losing streak comes after BC had evened up its record at 6-6 by winning four of five games. Bethlehem's record now stands at 4-9 in the Suburban Council Gold Division and 6-12 overall. Scotia is 1-17 overall.

Bethlehem fell behind 19-16 at the end of the opening quarter, after which both teams seemed to forget how to play defense. The Tartans expanded the lead to 12 with a 12-3 run early in the second period, but the Eagles answered back immediately, putting together a 20-4 run and gaining a 44-40 halftime lead.

The third quarter became an NBA-like scoring fest, with 55 points being put on the board by both teams. BC came out of it with a five point lead, having won the quarter 28-27.

Considering the weakness of the opponent, the Eagles probably played their worst basketball of the season in the fourth quarter, when Scotia outscored them 30-16. With almost six minutes to go, the Tartans took a 74-73 lead on a three pointer, but Eric McCaughin's two free throws with five minutes and 40 seconds on the clock gained the lead back for Bethlehem.

The teams traded the lead back and forth until there was approximately three and a half minutes left and, with the score 78-78, a Scotia foul shot took the lead away from BC for good.

Matt Quatraro led the Eagles with 27 points, despite missing the final quarter after getting poked in the eye. Mike Aylward followed with 22, while McCaughin had 19, Scot Fish 18 and Chris Black two.

BC will conclude its regular season Friday in Burnt Hills.

The Eagles Monday night lost its seventh straight game to the Columbia Blue Devils, losing 74-53 at the Knickerbocker Arena.

In a preliminary game for the Albany Patroons, used as a fundraiser, the Eagles never came back after Columbia made a 12-4 run in the third quarter, according to coach Jack Moser. Scott Fish and Eric McCaughin each scored 14.

Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Feb. 3 at Del Lanes in Delmar go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Jim Compson 244, 786 (4 game series); Al Richardson 222, 511 triple, John Buzo 511 triple.

Sr. Cit. Women — Phyllis Smith 176, 494 triple, Dot Langer 158, 437 triple.

Men — Larry Boomhower 299, Jim Quinn 730 triple, Jim Turner 1002 (4 game series).

Women — Amy Seney 230, Tami Tice 567 triple.

Major Girls — Gretchen Seaburg 196, 524 triple, Heather Selig 222, 623 triple.

Jr. Boys — Mike Stefanik 234, 582 triple, Marcus White 204, 538 triple.

Jr. Girls — Mandy Watt 172, 499 triple, Melinda Person 173, 492 triple.

Prep Boys — Mike O'Brien 492 triple, Rich Petri 172, 457 triple.

Prep Girls — Doryan Bubeck 176, 491 triple.

Bantam Boys — Chris Sifka 103, 299 triple.

Bantam Girls — Kim Brown 123, 297 triple.

Junior Classic League

Major Boys — Lee Aiezza 267, 875 (4 game series), Jason Bardin 227, 862 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Lisa Green 201, 629 (4 game series).

Jr. Boys — Don Robbins 256, 887 (4 game series), Joe Mazuryk 223, 830 (4 game series).

Spurs hold onto first in BBC

Behind the defensive play of Tom Birdsey and the scoring punch of Ross Borzykowski and Andy Kinney (11 points each), the Spurs stayed on top of the the All-Star Division by edging the Bucks 44-43. Willie Sanchez of the Bucks scored 27 points.

Point guards John Frattura and Nate Kosoc combined for 13 points to push the Mavericks over the Sixers 34-32. A fourth quarter spurt led by Matt Winterhoff and Scott Geis helped the Hawks to defeat a spunky Rockets squad 43-34.

In the Pro Division, the steady point-guard play of Dave Martin helped the Bulls to edge a determined Nuggets squad 38-36. The defensive play of Andy O'Brien and David Blabey led the Celtics to a

51-39 victory over the Knicks. In spite of the ball-hawking efforts of Mike O'Connell and Liam Walmsley, the Pistons fell to a fired-up Laker squad 37-18.

The scoring of Corey Czajka (14 points) and the defensive play of Kate Lillis helped Syracuse to a 43-15 victory over Seton Hall. The eight point performance of Eric Walsh was not enough as Providence fell to a streaking St. Johns club 37-29. Sean Bradley and Reid Putnam contributed numerous assists for St. Johns.

Georgetown remained in first place in the College Division with a 40-30 victory over Villanova. Robert Reinfurt helped his team to victory with clutch rebounding and defensive play.

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Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Kelly

Kelly, Johansmeyer wed

Shawn T. Kelly, son of Thomas and Patricia Kelly of Delmar, and Allison M. Johansmeyer, daughter of Albert and Kathryn Johansmeyer of New City, were married November 17.

Father Michael Palazzo conducted the service in the Holy Eucharist Chapel in Thiells.

Evelyn Atchison was maid of honor. Laura Sullivan, Ann Heim, Donna Habegger Rose, and Jennifer Johansmeyer were bridesmaids.

Albert Johansmeyer was best

man. Tom Fahey, Noel Nixon, Ernie Brand, and Athony Evangelista were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Manhattan College. He is employed by GPI Consulting Engineers in Babylon.

The bride is a graduate of Manhattan College. She is employed by Any-Time Home Care in Tarrytown.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple reside in Nyack.



Mr. and Mrs. David Gorman

Gorman, Angus wed

Robin Angus, daughter of Gary and Katherine Angus of Owego, and David J. Gorman, son of Richard and Sheila Gorman of Delmar, were married Nov. 3.

The Rev. William Darling conducted the ceremony in St. Patrick's Church in Owego.

Linda Myers was maid of honor. Megan Gorman and Helen Valenti were bridesmaids.

Richard Gorman was best man. Gary Angus and Francis Nemazie

were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, State University at Oswego and Adelphi University. He is employed by Grumman Aerospace Corp. in Bethpage.

The bride is a graduate of State University at Oswego. She is employed by Innovative Technologies in Deer Park.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple reside in West Babylon.

Births

Albany Medical Center Hospital

Boys, Andrew Ross and Scott Ross, to Drs. Susan Ross and Allen Carl, Slingerlands, Nov. 10.

Girl, Heather Kathryn, to Laura and Mark Fiato, Voorheesville, Nov. 13.

Girl, Catherine Ann, to Mary Frances and Donald Ford, Delmar, Nov. 13.

Boy, Joseph Ross Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Meyers, Slingerlands, Jan. 15.

Boy, Adam Joshua, to Karen and Seth Kohl, Delmar, Dec. 6.

Girl, Kelly Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Slingerland, Selkirk, Dec. 7.

Girl, Bridget Agan, to Pam Agan and Greg Smith, Delmar, Dec. 15.

Boy, Travis William, to Kim and Ron Hughes, Clarksville, Dec. 18.

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Peter Crowley Jr., to Diane and Peter Crowley, Sr., Delmar, Jan. 8.

Boy, Michael Joseph, to Michelle and Thomas Marino, Delmar, Jan. 9.

Girl, Rebecca Elizabeth, to Antoinette and Carman T. Seaburg Jr., Voorheesville, Jan. 9.

Boy, Alex Grierson, to Susan Adams and Peter Eagle Nye, Feura Bush, Jan. 10.

Boy, Raymond Michael, to Rebecca Kaye Schacht, Selkirk and Paul Andrew Newman, Ravena, Jan. 13.

Fire board to meet

The board of Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, at Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Selkirk.



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Kleinke, Kitchen wed

Deborah Marie Kleinke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Kleinke of Glenmont, and Jeffery Scott Kitchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Kitchen Sr. of Long Lake, were married January 5.

The Rev. Winterhoff conducted the ceremony in Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Terri A. Kleinke was maid of

honor, and Barbara A. Sheldermine was bridesmaid.

Charles R. Kitchen Jr. was best man, and Jeffrey E. Hartle was usher.

The bride is a customer service representative for Chemical Bank.

The groom is a carpenter for Keystone Builders, Inc.

The couple reside in Glenmont.



Community Corner

DAR holds annual antique show and sale

The Tawasentha chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its annual antique show and sale Feb. 16 and 17 at Bethlehem Central High School, on Delaware Avenue. The sale opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

A donation of \$2.50 per person, or \$2 with a discount coupon, is requested. The proceeds from the show are used to benefit a number of educational projects and awards to local students.

Individuals interested in membership in the DAR or in the Teunis Slingerland Society, Children of the American Revolution, should look for the membership table, where they may obtain information and assistance in genealogical research.

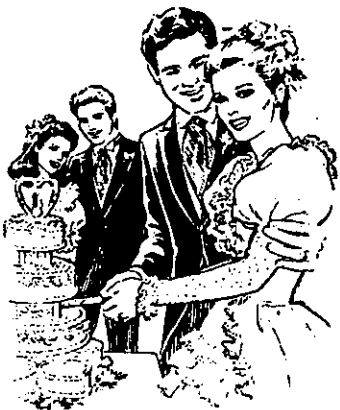
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Obituaries

Joseph Robillard

Joseph R. Robillard, 57, of Pleasant Street in Voorheesville died Wednesday, Feb. 6, after being stricken in New York City while on a business trip.

Born in Carthage, Jefferson County, Mr. Robillard had lived in Voorheesville for 17 years.

He was a general counsel to the Farm Family Insurance Co. in Glenmont, where he worked for 20 years.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and a member of the New York State and American Bar associations.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis M. Robillard; three sons, Joseph A. Robillard of Princeton, N.J., Mark R. Robillard of Sewell, N.J. and Kevin M. Robillard of Boca Raton, Fla.; a daughter, Lucette Robillard of Clifton Park; two brothers; five sisters; and three grandchildren.

Services were private from Reilly and Son Funeral Home on Voorheesville Avenue.

Contributions may be made to the Heart Fund or the Albany City Mission.

Thomas Perrault

Thomas F. Perrault, 41, of Meilak Trailer Court died Saturday, Feb. 9, at Albany Medical Center Hospital after being stricken at home.

Born in Albany, he was a life-long Capital District resident.

Mr. Perrault was a roofer for Joyce and Kramer Roofers in Albany and a member of Local 241 of the Roofers and Waterproofers Union.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Teeling of Clifton Park; two sons, Thomas F. Perrault and Kenneth Perrault, both of Clifton Park; two brothers, Alphonse Perrault of Rensselaer and David Perrault of Fort Plain, Montgomery County; and his stepfather, Stephen Lisnik of Rensselaer.

Services were from the Rockefeller Funeral Home on Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Greenbush.

Contributions may be made to the Tuberculosis Association in Colonie.

Norma Busch

Norma J. Lehman Busch, 65, of Maple Avenue in Selkirk, died Friday, Feb. 8, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a long-time Selkirk resident. She owned and operated Ed's Variety Store for 17 years, retiring in 1985.

She was past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Selkirk No. 1 Fire Co. and the No. 3 company, a 25-year member of the Freehold Co. Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of the Eastern Star Albany Chapter 12, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, and secretary of the Elks Mixed Bowling League.

She was a member of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Survivors include her husband, Alfred R. Busch Sr.; two sons, Alfred "Ray" Busch of Coeymans Hollow and Steven J. Busch of Ravena; a daughter, Pamela J. Ostrander of Selkirk; a brother, Albert J. Lehmann of Florida; and eight grandchildren.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Elsa Butman

Elsa Butman, 85, of Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 8, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Wappingers Falls, she was a secretary for the New York State Department of Conservation retiring in 1970. She was widow of George J. Butman. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Blanchard Post 1040 in Delmar.

Survivors include her nieces Nancy Lomanto of Gloversville and Mary Jane Joyce of Cleveland, Ohio; and a nephew, Thomas Butman of Albany.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service in Selkirk.

Harris Elmendorf

Harris J. Elmendorf, 73, of Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 8, at the Samuel S. Stratton Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in Albany.

Born in New Scotland, he was a route salesman for Killip Laundry for 35 years. He retired 11 years ago.

Mr. Elmendorf was a World War II veteran who served in the European Theater. He was a member of the 106th Cavalry Association and an active outdoorsman. He was a past president of the New Scotland Cemetery Association.

Survivors include his wife, Helen E. Noonan Elmendorf; two daughters, Cheryl Treager of Feura Bush and Kenna Elmendorf Burns of Altamont; a son, Robert L. Elmendorf of Glenmont; a sister, Merle Evangelisti of Altamont; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial will be in the spring in New Scotland Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, 7 Millbrook Rd., Wilton, N.H. 03086-0921.

Lois Hotchin

Lois Mary Hotchin, 59, of Delmar died Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the Hospice Inn of St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Hotchin was born in Hudson and lived all her early life in Chatham.

She was valedictorian of the class of 1948 at Chatham High School where she developed an interest in science and biology.

She was a fluent pianist and later flautist, and sang in the Chatham choir and later the choir at Delmar Reformed Church. She also enjoyed sports, especially skiing, and was an accomplished artist. Recently, she was a member of the Tri-Village Squares.

After attending Skidmore College for one year she transferred to Albany Pharmacy College, graduating from there in 1952, when she joined the staff of Memorial Hospital as a medical technician for two years, then became a junior bacteriologist in the virology department of the State Health Department, division of laboratories and research on New Scotland Avenue, eventually being promoted to senior bacteriologist. In 1964 she went to Baylor University school of Medicine where she did research on several human virus diseases. She earned a master's degree based on research results which she published.

She and her husband, Dr. John Hotchin, a research physician in charge of the Albany Laboratories for Virology, coauthored many research publications in scientific journals.

Mrs. Hotchin is survived by her husband, two adopted daughters from India, Shama Jane, a senior at Hudson Valley Community College and Tania Katherine, a freshman at Bethlehem Central High School; a step-daughter Jennifer LaFontaine of Saranac; and a sister, Sylvia Kunitz of Pine Plains.

Services were from Delmar Reformed Church. Arrangements were by Tebutt Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Inn, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany 12208.

BC Honor Society inducts students

Bethlehem Central High School's Gladys E. Newell Chapter of the National Honor Society has inducted the following students:

From the senior class, Jessica Baker, Aaron Colman, Alissa Furman, Justin Hilson, Vivek Kaul, Christina Mann, Margaret Meixner and Ethan Sprisslers.

Junior class inductees include Joyce Aycok, Lisa Ballou, Hillary Boyce, Joshua Bloom, Hillary Bratt, Shane Cunningham, Carly Cushman, Cheryl Davies, Matthew Davis, Kira Deys, John Dianni, Jennifer DiDomenico, Benjamin Dimaggio, Matthew Dugan, Benjamin Faulkner, Perry Fraiman, Sean Hawley, Eric Horowitz, Julie Hwang, Jesse Jack, Kelly Jenkins, Malden Kadish, Karen Kerness, Matthew Kinney, Debra Koretz, Matthew Kratz, Jonathan Lackman, Benjamin Lazurus, Rebecca Leonard, Michael Leyden, Brian McGrath, Melissa McGrath, Jennifer Matuszek, Erin Mitchell, Lori Murphy, Brian Phillips, James Pierce, Adam Price, Kristi Roger, Hannah Rogers, Joshua Rosen, Janis Schoonover, Danielle Schroeder, Kira Stokes, Todd Turner, Kenneth Watson, Carrie Whitaker and Steven Wolfe.

Demoly honored

Marc Demoly, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Demoly, of Delmar, recently received the Ronald Dodge Memorial Scholarship Award and the Scholarship Incentive Award from the National Technical Institute for Deaf, a college of Rochester Institute of Technology.

Demoly was one of nearly 60 individuals presented with a scholarship by Dr. James DeCaro, dean of NTID, during a December ceremony held in the students' honor.

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Feb. 28 through May 9 (no meeting on April 25), from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Schools District Offices, 90 Adams Place, Delmar.

Program facilitators are Lynda Ozgur, Bethlehem Central High School guidance counselor, and Elizabeth Iseman, coordinator of Bethlehem Networks Project.

The fee is \$15, to cover the cost of the book and refreshments; couples may opt to buy only one book and pay \$18.

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Kids get inside scoop at museums

By Susan Wheeler

Turn a learning experience into fun for the kids. Take them on a stroll through an Iroquois long house, complete with artifacts, or give them the opportunity to get the inside scoop on the making of museum exhibits.

Local museums, including the Rensselaer County Junior Museum in Troy and Albany's New York State Museum, offer hands-on programs for parents and children, or just the kids. The New York



State Museum features a "Saturday Morning Live" series for nine through 12-year olds and kids' flicks on the weekends, while the Junior Museum houses a planetarium, an Iroquois Indian exhibit and a Discovery Room.

"Saturday Morning Live" is a "pilot series" this year, according to David Scott Allen, program director for the New York State Museum Associates. Each "in depth, hour long" program, which costs \$6 per child (\$5 for museum members), is lim-

ited to the first 15 children who sign up on the morning of the program at the Museum Shop. Its runs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the museum, which is located in Albany's Cultural Education Center in the Empire State Plaza, he said. The series began with "Adirondack Animals," which was a hit with the participants, he said. "The kids had a great time."

Upcoming programs include "Museum Made" on Feb. 16 and "We're All New Yorkers" on Feb. 23. "Museum Made" takes children behind the scenes of museum exhibits by demonstrating how exhibits are created. They'll learn how exhibit people are made, and can hold a freeze-dried bat by the foot. This program "will broaden kids' ability to know the museum," Allen said. "We make the programs as enticing as possible."

Beth Weinstein, a museum instructor at the Museum Education Office who's worked on similar programs as "Museum Made," said, "This kind of program is received very well." She said the children enjoy learning what goes on behind the scenes. "There's a lot of excitement."

The Junior Museum, open Saturdays through Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., encourages children to participate in its programs, according to Mary Ryan, office coordinator. Many school groups take advantage of such programs, she said, and if there's a number of interested visitors on the weekends, the museum offers "less structured" programs. "The kids are very interested," she said.

The Iroquois exhibit, "Balanced on the Back of a Turtle: Iroquois Tales and Traditions," runs through early 1992, Ryan said. The first floor of the museum, an old fire house located at 282 Fifth Ave. in Troy, hosts the Iroquois exhibit. A section of a long house, a small replica of an Iroquois Indian dwelling, reaches to the ceiling and is about eight feet wide, Ryan said. The Iroquois' houses were much larger in order to accommodate several families, she said. "Iroquois history, culture and

way of life revolves around it (the long house)," she said. The houses had great height for storage compartments that held fur, feathers and other belongings.

Families can walk through the long house at the Junior Museum and examine different artifacts, such as a sleeping platform, inside it, Ryan said.



Hands-on learning programs, sponsored by local museums, give children the opportunity to enjoy an educational experience.

Books are displayed throughout the exhibit, as well as authentic Iroquois possessions, like a wampum belt and a crow-scaring stand. She said the Iroquois used the stand near their corn fields to frighten away crows.

"The Iroquois exhibit's been fun," said Margo Bloom Olson, education coordinator at the Junior Museum. "It's part of the New York State curriculum. Some of the kids act as tour guides for their parents."

The Junior Museum offers an activity for children every weekend, Olson said. On the weekend of Feb. 16, a free program on animal tracks is scheduled. An Iroquois Winter Weekend, underwritten by Union National Bank, will be held the weekend of Feb. 23, she said. A \$3 per person donation (\$2 for museum members) is requested for the event in which Iroquois craft-makers will demonstrate and sell their work. Participants will not only learn how to make corn-husk dolls and pottery, but will also have the chance to make their own. "We'll be stringing

porcupine quills" she said.

A narration on Iroquois star legends, both traditional and modern, is scheduled, Ryan said. "We'll incorporate the planetarium into the program."

Olson said the children who visit the Iroquois exhibit think its "cool." It's a "wonderful introduction"

for children who haven't yet studied about the Iroquois, she said.

The Discovery Room, on the second floor of the Junior Museum, is a hands-on exhibit room for children, Ryan said. They can touch a beaver house, make their own cartoon and watch the live animals. There are two marine tanks, a red-tailed hawk and several snakes. Some of the museum's programs are about the animals. She said the children will learn about an animal and then have the opportunity to touch or hold it. "We use the snakes, turtles and starfish the most," she said. "Some children are excited and others are scared."

If the kids frighten easily, relax with them at the movies. The New York State Museum hosts a kids' flick every Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Allen said. "The Land Before Time" is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 16 and "Bambi" for the weekend of Feb. 23. The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

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Feel over-par: Indoor golf could be for you

By Dev Tobin

February is the cruelest month for area golfers. Midway through the northern winter, outdoor play is severely limited.

But now, through the miracle of computer technology, golfers can now play famous courses like Pebble Beach and Pinehurst in the dead of winter.

At the Scoreboard, behind the OTB Teletheater at 711 Central Ave. in Albany, five Par T golf machines await those, like me and two of my golfing buddies, who can't wait for April. All five machines were in use in mid-afternoon last week, and the steady "thwap" of ball striking screen reverberated through the golf area at the back of the building.

I'm a pretty hardcore golfer, playing straight through December this year thanks to the lack of snow. But January was a very long and snow-covered month, so the opportunity to play Pebble Beach in February was irresistible.

Par T Golf involves using real clubs and real balls (provided by the Scoreboard). First-time players at the Scoreboard can expect the first couple of holes to be a bit rough, as they get the hang of

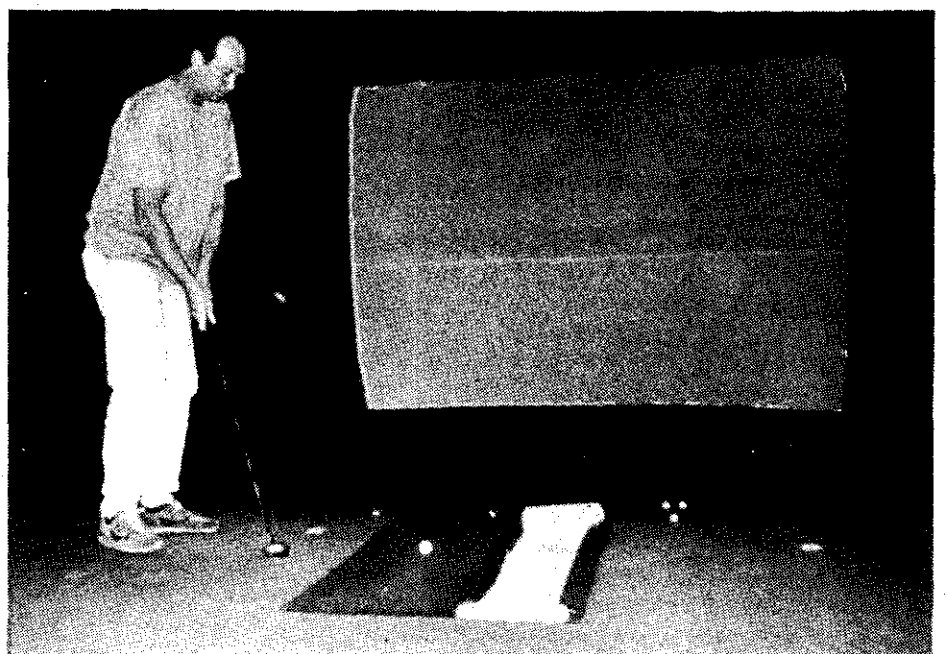
the indoor game. Aside from your swing being a bit rusty, there are some tricks to the indoor game, so every new player gets a short orientation from Dave Freedman, Scott Blanchard or another Scoreboard staffer.

"The short game is the toughest to figure out," Blanchard said, explaining that the picture on the screen, showing traps or trees, is basically irrelevant around the green.

"Be sure to keep it straight, and judge your shot based on the yardage — for 10 yards, just roll a chip to the screen and for 30 yards, hit the screen softly about halfway up," Blanchard said.

The distance and direction of every shot are measured by radar guns under and above a tee area from which all shots except putts are taken. When all players are on the green, they then putt from a designated spot to a cup that is up near the screen.

One bit of advice from Blanchard, "Keep it low," paid off for me. Freedman noted that the machine apparently does not allow for the natural friction of the ground, and my low, straight tee shots kept me out of trouble on the way to a 78



George Luft of Riders Mills keeps his eye on the ball as he drives on the Pebble Beach's 18th hole at the Scoreboard on Central Avenue. Dev Tobin

(quite a bit better than I would expect to shoot on the real Pebble Beach).

My friends, who, like me, normally

shoot in the mid-80s to mid-90s, had a good deal more trouble. mostly from the

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

THE TEMPEST
RPI Players, RPI Playhouse, Troy. Feb. 15-16, 21-23, 8 p.m. Information, 276-6503.

ROMANCE ROMANCE
two one-act musicals, Cohoes Music Hall. Now through 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. Now through Feb. 16, 8:15 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

MUSIC

OLD SONGS CONCERT SERIES
Cephas and Wiggins performing, St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland. Feb. 18, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

OUT OF CONTROL
Rhythm and Blues Band, Pauly's Hotel, Albany. Feb. 14, 10-2 p.m. Information, 372-5607.

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA
Annual Orchestra, Crossgates Mall, Albany. Feb. 16, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 382-7581.

THE AFRO-EURASIAN CONNECTION
Music at Noon Concert, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Feb. 20, noon. Information, 273-0038.

SINGING VALENTINES
The River Valley Chorus of Harmony International, Feb. 13, 5-10 p.m.; Feb. 14, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Information, 355-0789.

CAUCUS '91
saxophonist Jackie McLean; singer Abbey Lincoln; The Garth Fagan Dance company, Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany. Feb. 15-16, Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

THE BLACK COMPOSER SPEAKS
L'Ensemble, chamber music group, Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Albany. Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Information, 436-5321.

GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA
sponsored by The Black and Latin Student Alliance, Russell Sage College, Troy. Feb. 16, 2 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

THE BIG BAND JAMBOREE
featuring the 16-piece Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady. Feb. 17, 7 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

JOHN GORKA
acoustic musician, songwriter, The Eighth Step, Albany. Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

LYDIA ADAMS DAVIS
vocals complement her stories, guitar, piano and songs, The Eighth Step, Albany. Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

INXS
rock concert, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany. Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

NEW CENTURY ENSEMBLE
performing Mozart's Grand Partita for Winds and works by Dvorak and Strauss, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady. Feb. 17, 3 p.m. Information, 885-8727.

DANCE

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE
Caller, Paul Rosenberg, Guilderland Elementary School. Feb. 16, 8-11:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

VALENTINE'S BALL
The Spectrum Orchestra performing, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Feb. 14, 8-10 p.m. Information, 474-5987.

SHOW

MAGICAL STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD
by Jewish, African and other ancient cultures, State Museum, Albany. Feb. 18, 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED?
fantastical tales from the jungles of Africa to the Adirondacks, State Museum, Albany. Feb. 19, 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

AFRICA FIRE!
Vinie Burrows retells traditional African myth, folktales and legends, Performing Arts Center, Albany. Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

IVY VINE PLAYERS
puppets, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, Albany. Feb. 18, 1:10 and 3:10 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

MOSCOW CIRCUS
world-renowned circus stars, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany. Feb. 13-17. Information, 487-2000.

CLASSES

CHILDREN'S HOUR
Saturday Morning Live, series, State Museum, Albany. Feb. 16, 23, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Information, 474-5877.

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.

READINGS

MARY MURPHY AND DAVID GREENBERGER
Co-sponsored by Hudson Valley Writers Guild and Boulevard Bookstore, Boulevard Bookstore, Albany. Feb. 17, 3 p.m. Information, 449-8069.

FILM

PART OF THE FAMILY
a portrait of families who have lost loved ones, Albany Institute of History and Art. Feb. 17, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
interview of artists, Albany Institute of History and Art. Feb. 14, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

THE LAND BEFORE TIME
dinosaur story, State Museum, Albany. Feb. 16, 1, 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

AUDITIONS

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM
RPI Players, Troy. Feb. 18-19, 7:30 p.m. Information, 276-6503.

STAGE DOOR

1930 comedy, Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga. Feb. 13, 7-10 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

ENTRIES

CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE AT CHESTERWOOD
entries accepted for sculpture exhibition to be held from July 7-Oct. 13, Chesterwood, Stockbridge. Information, (413)298-3579.

VISUAL ARTS

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS
exhibit works by students from across the state in grades 7-12, State Museum, Albany. Now through March 3. Information, 474-5877.

EXPRESS TOURS
of Empire State Plaza art collection, starting in front of the Grand Concourse Cafeteria. Every Tuesday during Feb., 12:15 p.m. Information, 473-7521.

MOVEMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY
exhibit on anti-slavery movements through the civil rights movement, State University, Albany. Now through Feb. 28. Information, 442-3552.

A GIGGLING BESTIARY
Watercolors by Carol Schlageter, Bethlehem Public Library. Now through Feb. 28, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

ALYCE ASHE
water colors, Elm Tree Art Gallery, Latham. Now through Feb. 28, Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 785-1441.

ELEANOR BOLDUC
oil paintings, William K. Sanford Library, Colonie. Now through Feb. 28. Information, 458-9274.

THE NATIVE AMERICAN IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
mini-exhibit of books, University Art Gallery, Albany. Now through March 17. Information, 442-3544.

VOTES FOR ALL
A History of Suffrage in America, State Museum, Albany. Feb. 13. Information, 474-5877.

MARGARET COGSWELL
sculpture, Rathbone Gallery, Albany. Now through March 1, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 6-8 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

SPIRIT OF THE ADIRONDACK LANDSCAPE
paintings by Anne M. Miller, Visions Gallery, Albany. Now through 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. Now through 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 KeyCarp Plaza lobby, Albany. Now through March 1, daily 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

GALLERY EXPRESS TOURS
highlighting current exhibitions, Albany Institute of History and Art. 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
decorative arts of the 1980s crafted in America, Albany Institute of History and Art. Now through March 30, Information, 463-4478.

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AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday 13
February

Thursday 14
February

Friday 15
February

Sunday 17
February

Tuesday 19
February

SCHENECTADY

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

ASTRONOMERS MEET
Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 374-8744.

WARREN COUNTY

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL
children's art workshops. The Hyde Collection, Warren St., Glens Falls, 1 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

Wednesday 20
February

ALBANY COUNTY

DRUG IN WORKPLACE
lecture, SUNY Albany Downtown Campus, Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 442-5700.

PARENTING WORKSHOP
sponsored by Woman's HealthCare Plus, Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

BREAKFAST SUCCESS SEMINAR
Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Western Ave., Guilderland, 7:30 a.m. Information, 456-6611.

SELF PROTECTION WORKSHOP
Albany YWCA, Colvin Ave., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

COPING WITH ABUSE
Diocesan Pastoral Center, No. Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

CHORUS REHEARSAL
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodward St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

ALBANY COUNTY

WOMEN'S CAUCUS MEETING
the Women's Building, Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 945-2866.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON
Old Federal Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-4557.

CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION
workshop, St. Peter's Hospital, So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 9 p.m. Information, 454-1174.

HEALTH THROUGH BEAUTY
Woman's HealthCare Plus, Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

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

TODDLER TIME
Woman's HealthCare Plus, Western Ave., Guilderland, 10 a.m. Information, 452-3455.

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

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

CHORUS REHEARSAL
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodward St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

ALBANY

LECTURE ON LUPUS
sponsored by the Northeastern New York Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, Albany Medical College, Medical Education Building, Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 465-3603.

SENIOR BOOK GROUP
Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1:15 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

CHOCOLATE COOKING CLASS
sponsored by the American Heart Association, New Karner Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 869-1961.

WOMEN'S COPING SKILLS
lecture, Woman's HealthCare Plus, Western Ave., Guilderland, 1 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

HEALTHFUL LIVING LECTURE
Diocesan Pastoral Center, No. Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

PROPERTY OWNERS' MEETING
Quality Inn, Everett Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-3165.

CUSTOMER SERVICE TECHNIQUES
class, Bryant and Stratton Business School, Central Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 437-1802.

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

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE
meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

ALBANY COUNTY

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR'S WORKSHOP
SUNY Albany Downtown Campus, Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 442-5700.

SENIORS LUNCHES
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., 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.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
for Russell Sage Colleges, First St., Troy, 10:45 a.m. Information, 270-2246.

Saturday 16
February

ALBANY COUNTY

THE LAND BEFORE TIME
children's film, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

BABYSITTING COURSE
North Chatham United Methodist Church, Rt. 203, North Chatham, noon. Information, 462-7461.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
for Unity House, Monroe St., Troy, 9 a.m. Information, 272-2370.

Weekly Crossword

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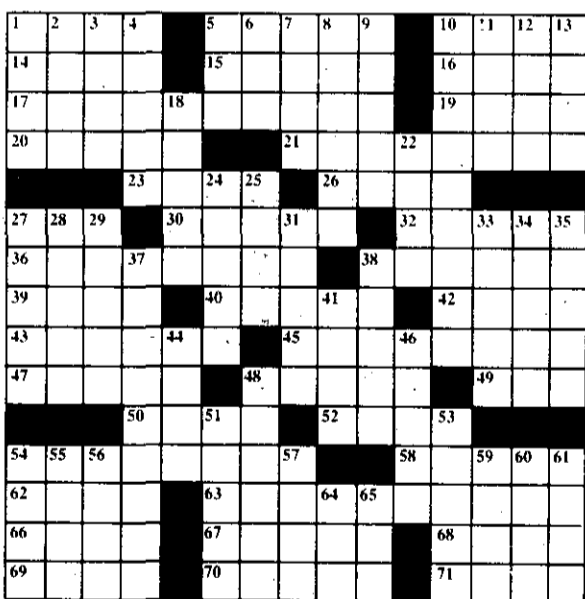
By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 PUTTING GAME
- 5 Protective ground covering
- 10 Charles: Abbrev.
- 14 Hymn, eg
- 15 Mr. Zola
- 16 Hallowed
- 17 BOARD GAME
- 19 Enthusiasm
- 20 Pilot
- 21 WORD GAME
- 23 Columbia and Mississippi, eg: Abbreviation
- 26 Young ones
- 27 Ms. Magazine buyer
- 30 Greek cheeses
- 32 Residues
- 36 JUMPING GAME
- 38 Cling
- 39 Forearm bone
- 40 Overflowing with water
- 42 Biblical "you"
- 43 RACKET GAME
- 45 M
- 47 Muse of love poetry
- 48 Equals
- 49 Selective Service Sys.
- 50 Unique person
- 52 Ruminant
- 54 Fragrant
- 58 Prosecute again
- 62 La Boheme's heroine
- 63 PITCHING GAME
- 66 Article
- 67 Regions
- 68 Laugh-in's Johnson
- 69 Lucid
- 70 Your brother-in-laws' daughter
- 71 Malt and hops drink

DOWN

- 1 Chews the fat
- 2 Precedes "OR": Public speaker
- 3 Parasitic insects
- 4 Bunko artist
- 5 Master of Engineering Admin.
- 6 Hesitating word
- 7 Bean or City
- 8 Cuckoo and alarm



- 9 French Hank
- 10 GAME PARAPHERNALIA: 2 wds
- 11 City in Michigan
- 12 Soviet mountain range
- 13 Altogether
- 18 TV Merv's nickname
- 22 Harem member: Abbrev.
- 24 Norm Peterson's wife and others
- 25 Pack
- 27 Galway's instrument
- 28 Lamprey catcher
- 29 Exodus food
- 31 A marble
- 33 Laugh track sounds
- 34 Odds partner
- 35 Sows
- 37 SILENT GAME
- 38 Daily work
- 41 Lose hair
- 44 College in New Rochelle, NY
- 46 Pushers' customers
- 48 A _____. Not based on prior study
- 51 Messrs. Frome or Allen
- 53 Make useable again
- 54 Kingsley _____. English novelist
- 55 Ms. Moreno
- 56 Warning for the future
- 57 North American Indian
- 59 Ripped
- 60 Blood Vessel network
- 61 River to the North Sea
- 64 Strategic Air Comm.
- 65 Compass pt.: Florida from Missouri

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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.



LEGAL NOTICE

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 20, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Joseph A. Tannatta, 405A School House Road, Albany (North Bethlehem), New York, for variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to build an addition to existing building to serve as the Director's quarters with staff lounge, connected by permanent walkway at premises Kinder Lane Day Care Center, Inc., 405A School House Road, Albany, New York 12203.
Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 5, 1991, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of Carriage Hill Development Corporation, Albany, NY, for approval by said Planning Board of a twenty-five (25) lot subdivision to be located off Jericho Rd., as shown on map entitled, "CARRIAGE HILL, Property of Carriage Hill Development Corporation, SECTION 1, Town: Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York", dated January 25, 1991, and made by Edward W. Boutelle & Son, Delmar, NY, on file with the Planning Board. A Final Environmental Impact Statement relative to this project is on file with the Town Planning Board and Bethlehem Public Library.
Martin L. Barr
Chairman, Planning Board

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Wednesday
February 13

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED
Bethlehem Town Hall, 3:30 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-1212.

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

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED
open meeting, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

SECOND MILER'S LUNCHEON MEETING
First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
meet second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Place, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

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Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

Thursday
February 14

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-1575.

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

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

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

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

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meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB
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Friday
February 15

BETHLEHEM

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NEW SCOTLAND

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

Saturday
February 16

BETHLEHEM

ANTIQUA SHOW AND SALE
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$2.50 per person, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

WINTER SNOWSHOE HIKE
Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

Sunday
February 17

BETHLEHEM

SUMMER CAMP IN WINTER
Bethlehem Public Library, 2-3 p.m., story hour. Information, Children's Room, 439-9314.

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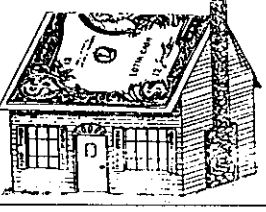

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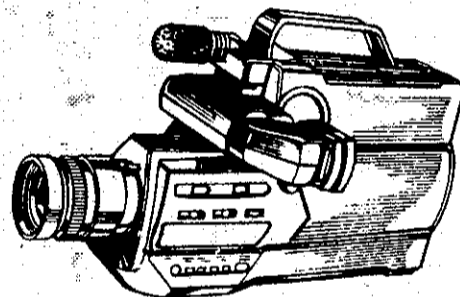
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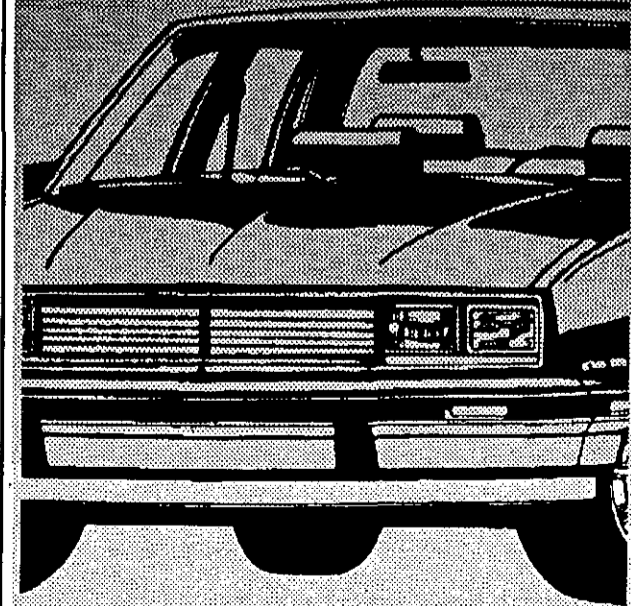
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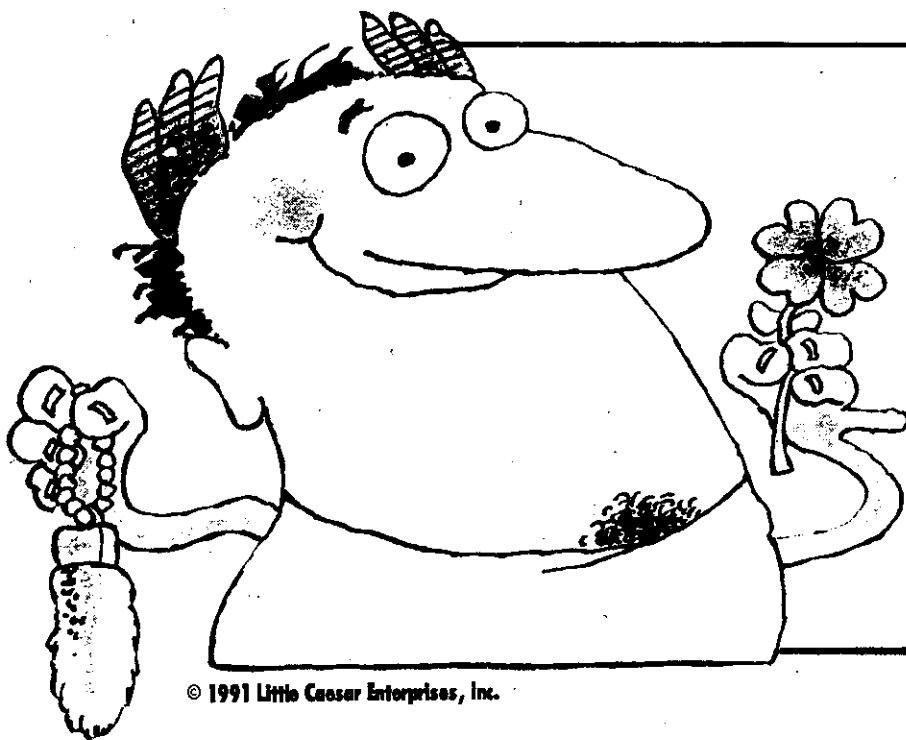
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