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## Town takes steps toward scooper law

By Mike Larabee

In what Supervisor Ken Ringler speculated could become "the hottest issue in town," the Bethlehem Town Board last week took up a proposal to enact a "pooper-scooper" law.

The issue could eventually go to hearing for public comment — "to get the poop," as Town Attorney Bernard Kappowitz put it — after the board reviews at a future meeting how the law has been applied in other municipalities.

Pooper-scooper laws mandate that dog owners collect and dispose of the feces left by their pets on other people's or public property.

The Bethlehem proposal began when Felice Freeman, a Dunbarton Drive, Delmar resident, circulated a petition and gathered the signatures of 50 others in support the law. The proposal was made public when Ringler released his agenda

for last Wednesday's regular town board meeting.

Phyllis Hillanger, a Devon Road, Elsmere resident who said she assisted Freeman with the petition, said the signatures were collected without difficulty "over the course of a couple of weeks." "Who among us would stand up and say I'm not going to do this?" she said.

Ringler said he has already received many comments on the proposal. While a "vast majority" were from people in favor of the law, he said, a few individuals are "adamantly" opposed as well. "I have a feeling it may be the hottest issue in town if we have a public hearing on it," he said.

Ringler said critics of the proposal feel "It's an infringement on their rights." "The dog people who objected to this said there would have to be equal treatment for cats," he said.

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## Boundary question kicked to town board

By Debi Boucher

Bethlehem Soccer Club officials have stumbled on an unusual snag in their plans to purchase a 17-and-a-half acre parcel on Waldenmaier Road for a new playing facility. The problem is, they don't know which town the land falls in — Bethlehem or New Scotland — and no one else seems to know either.

Jeffrey Cohen, who appeared before the New Scotland Planning Board at its regular meeting last week along with two other soccer club organizers, said the group had first believed that two or three acres of the parcel fell within New Scotland, and the rest in Bethlehem. Then they got word that as much as half the land might lie over the border. Finally, a

survey conducted in November "suggested that it all falls within the Town of New Scotland," Cohen said.

The boundary question is a critical one for the 11-year-old soccer club: Under current Bethlehem zoning, development of the "soccerplex," with eight playing fields, a parking lot and one building, would be allowed, Cohen said, but under the New Scotland Industrial zone encompassing the area, the project would be out of bounds.

Said Planning Board Attorney John Bailey, "If any part of this is in New Scotland, they'd need a variance — and there just is no realistic chance they'd get a variance."

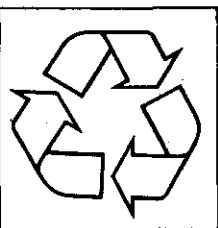
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## Business recycling to begin

By Mike Larabee

The Town of Bethlehem will begin large-scale commercial recycling on a voluntary basis on April 1. The program will be made mandatory one month later, it was decided at a task force meeting last week.

The task force chose to put off mandating participation until May 1 to give local



haulers more time to acquire equipment and prepare for the program, according to Sharon Fisher, Bethlehem's recycling coordinator.

While it extended the scope of the commercial program only as far as the items already covered under mandatory recycling for residents — newspapers, plastic containers, glass bottles and jars, and metal cans — the group balked at a plan to mandate collection of cardboard and office paper because the town's Route

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## All bundled up



Jamie Tice of Altamont enjoyed the experience of a winter snowshoe hike at Five Rivers in New Scotland Saturday afternoon.

Elaine McClain

## Police could face \$1M suit

By Mike Larabee

Charges that a Massachusetts man tried to kill two Bethlehem police officers in 1989 were thrown out of court last week after Albany County Judge Thomas W. Keegan ruled police withheld records from the defense.

James J. Gauthier, 27, of North Adams was freed following 18 months in Albany County Jail Friday when Keegan ended his jury trial after defense lawyer Robert Ricken produced a police report that hadn't been submitted as evidence. Ricken would not disclose the specific contents of the police report, saying only that it "differed substantially" from other reports and had been signed by Bethlehem Officer Wayne LaChappelle.

Ricken, a Kingstown attorney, said his firm has initiated state Supreme Court

legal proceedings against the Bethlehem department, claiming more than \$1 million in damages on Gauthier's behalf. He alleged the missing document was part of a case based on "trumped-up" charges designed to hide an incidence of police brutality.

"Obviously, there had been some really dishonest stuff that had gone on," Ricken said.

Bethlehem Lt. Frederick Holligan said the department would comment following a Tuesday morning meeting with Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg. "We're still trying to find out what happened," Holligan said. "To come out with a formal comment now would be premature."

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# Students asked to keep dishes out of trash

By Michael Kagan

Despite the Dec. 19 district budget freeze, Bethlehem Central was able to slip in at least one last expenditure to try to save money in the future and help the environment.

The district eliminated all disposable dishes and utensils in school cafeterias in December, and now uses no paper or plastic in its cafeteria program.

BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis said reusable silverware and dishes "were bought with the hope we will save money by using disposables." The purchase of the new utensils and dishes was made as part of the normal cafeteria program before the district was forced to freeze the budget.

But the program does not have a great history of success. In September, before the elimination of disposables, Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business, said, "We would love to stop using disposables, but we have to have more student support. We used to use metal silverware, but students would throw it away. It was costing us a lot of money in extra silverware."

According to Loomis, the district has had some trouble with students throwing away reusable dishes and utensils. There is a sign in the high school cafeteria above a set of trash cans pleading with students not to throw away soup bowls because, of the 16 dozen bowls that were originally purchased, 13 dozen have been lost.

Because of these types of difficulties, Loomis considered the use of reusable dishes only a partial success: "These were bought to save money, but also to do our part in helping the environment," he said, "I would consider it a success in that we're keeping in step with the environmental issue, but I also want it to save money...I would expect students to be more responsible and not throw away any silverware or dishes."

In addition to the cafeteria program, the district has been working on environmentally helpful programs in many areas, particularly in paper recycling.

Already, most types of paper are being recycled at the elementary level, according to Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Bruce Houghton. He added that currently, the paper does not have

to be separated by the school and is collected at no cost to the school district, although that may soon change. He was not sure if the program would continue at that time, although he thought the cost to the district would be the same for recycling as it would be for landfilling. He was concerned that if paper had to be separated in the school, younger students may not be able to separate the different types of paper correctly. Plans are also being worked out to collect computer paper, copy paper, and newspapers in the middle and high schools. This would also require in-school separation.

The recent mandatory commercial recycling deadline of May 1 imposed last Tuesday by Bethlehem's Solid Waste Task Force should pose no new cost to the district if they do not require materials to be separated by the schools, according to Houghton. Cafeteria programs do not use the affected products (plastics, glass, aluminum, and newspapers) except at the high school where there are juice machines. Other than that, any materials that would need to be recycled would be brought by students in individual lunches, so Houghton hoped collections

would only be needed at the high and middle schools where there are higher volumes. However, he was not sure how glass, aluminum, or plastic products would be collected at the elementary schools if students brought large amounts of them in their lunches. "If it's only two or three bottles per week, it makes more sense for us to

landfill it. . . I'm all in favor of recycling," he added, "However, if it's costing us a lot of labor or money in order to satisfy a small collection of goods—I just can't see it." He said students would be encouraged to bring "soft products" such as juice boxes instead, but those are regarded by environmental groups as bad to landfill.

## Police continue search for New Scotland youth

By Debi Boucher

Authorities at State University of New York Geneseo are checking on leads they have received in the course of a week-long search for Kyle Relyea, missing since Feb. 9.

The 18-year-old college freshman, son of Kenneth and Diane Relyea of New Scotland, was last seen at a party on Friday, Feb. 8, according to Doug Lippincott, director of communication at the state college where Relyea was named to the dean's list last semester. His roommate reported him missing at around 6 p.m. the following day, when Relyea still had not returned home.

Lippincott said "a very extensive search" of the area was concluded last Wednesday, Feb. 13. The search, which combed the campus and surrounding area for more than three days, incorporated helicopters and search dogs, and involved a number of different agencies, including the school's Public Safety Department, State Police, Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Village of Geneseo Police Department and the state Department of Environmental Conservation Forestry Unit.

Lippincott said many students also volunteered to help in the search, and had flyers made up about the missing student. Although tracking dogs picked up scent in the lower portion of the campus, across Route 63, he said, a thorough search of the area revealed nothing.

But after news reports of the

search appeared on cable television, Lippincott said, several people called to say they had seen the youth, described as weighing 250 to 270 pounds, 6'4" tall with dark, collar-length hair. He was last seen wearing a black and blue windbreaker, jeans and black sneakers with white stripes, Lippincott said.

While most of the callers said they had spotted someone matching Relyea's description in the Livingston County area, Lippincott said, one call was from Ottawa, Canada. The school is working with Ottawa Police to follow up on that lead, he said, but as of Monday there was nothing to report.

School officials are still questioning Relyea's friends but so far have no clue as to why he might have disappeared, Lippincott said. A freshman majoring in management science, Relyea had a 3.66 grade point average his first semester.

Relyea's father, who traveled to Geneseo, made a statement on television directed to his son, Lippincott said.

Although officials aren't ruling out foul play, it's not suspected, Lippincott said, noting that the campus, in a rural area about 30 miles south of Rochester and 20 miles east of Buffalo, is perceived as safe, and the surrounding community enjoys a low crime rate. "We've never had a student vanish like this," he said.

Anyone who has information on Kyle Relyea's whereabouts should call the Albany County Sheriff's Department at 765-2351.

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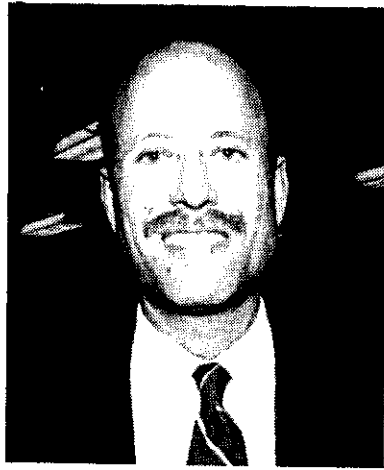
# BC budget plan calls for 10.6 percent increase

By Susan Wheeler

The Bethlehem Central School District will begin budget deliberations with a fundamental operating budget that is higher than the district would like, according to Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

At last week's board of education meeting, Loomis presented the nearly \$30.5 million operating budget, the budget necessary to carry forward programming at its current level, for the 1991-92 school year. He said the budget increases spending \$2.9 million, or 10.6 percent, over this year's \$27.5 million budget. "This is not happy news I bring to you," he said.

"We need to develop a budget which is as lean as possible and yet maintains the quality of education for which the district is noted,"



Leslie Loomis

Loomis said later. "In order to do that, we recognize that a substantial reduction on expenditures is necessary."

The district "must consider cost cutting options and staff reductions," Loomis said. Proposed reductions in the expense area of the operating budget include cuts in operations and maintenance, transportation, equipment, special education and curriculum and instruction. The proposed staffing reductions would be cut in a way which would minimize the effect on the basic educational program, he said.

The size of the operating budget is caused by increasing enrollment, a debt service increase on the bond issue for the district's ongoing building renovations and an increase in areas of fixed expense, according to Loomis. There will be approximately 87 more pupils in kindergarten through grade five and 148 more in kindergarten

through grade 12. "This 3.7 percent increase in student population represents a very substantial increase," according to Loomis.

The nearly \$1.3 million increase of the debt service on the bond issue accounts for 4.6 percent of the total 10.6 percent fundamental operating budget increase. The debt service will be offset by a 48 percent reimbursement in building aid from the state, according to Loomis.

Areas of fixed expense are areas over which the district has little control, such as energy costs, salaries (teachers and administrators will enter the third year of a three-year contract) and special education services costs. Loomis said these expenses total nearly \$2.1 million.

Loomis said the district is requesting a "short list of additions for staffing." The additions, which total approximately \$300,000, are

necessary because of increasing enrollment and mandates, he said.

Although Bethlehem is slated for an approximately \$124,000 increase in state aid, it "doesn't begin to match what we'd get in a normal year," according to Loomis. Transportation and supplemental support aid were reduced, as well as building aid. According to Loomis, the revenue sources available to hold down the local tax rate increase are lower than usual. The local tax base has not increased because of the recession and declining interest rates on the district's investments.

"We'll do all we can possible to keep the tax rate reasonable for the community," Loomis said.

Community members are encouraged to attend the meetings during which the board will discuss and develop the 1991-92 budget. The next meeting is set for Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place.

## Cub Scouts send messages to Middle East



Cub Scouts of Pack 23, Den 8 show letters they mailed at the Delmar Post Office Friday to servicemen and women stationed in Saudia Arabia. Included with each letter was a pack of gum donated by CVS Pharmacy. Left to right are Eli Levenston, Michael Banner, Kevin Richman, Jed Rosenkrantz and Justin Kalajian. Missing from photo is Alan Lewis, Jonathan Albert, and Adam Schoen.

Elaine McLain

## Moratorium takes back seat to Ref-Fuel concerns

By Mike Larabee

Comments at last week's hearing on a proposed extension of Bethlehem's six-month solid waste facility moratorium concerned mostly — as they did six-months ago — American Ref-Fuel's proposed Cabbage Island garbage incinerator and not the merits of the moratorium itself.

Supporters of the moratorium, which included several members of Bethlehem Work on Waste (WOW), a citizens' group formed in opposition to the Ref-Fuel facility, outnumbered critics by five to one margin. But Glenmont resident John Thomas, speaking after numerous extension advocates and Ref-Fuel opponents, said he feels his position represents that of the town's "silent majority."

"To be honest with you, I don't think you get an accurate impression of what people think from this bunch here," he said, referring to those in the board's crowded town hall meeting room who had spoken out against Ref-Fuel. Thomas said the board should "recognize that modern technology is here" with Ref-Fuel's plan, arguing the plant would be safe and stressing the town and school taxes it would generate.

Thomas ended his comments by calling for a November town-wide referendum on the incinerator. "The people of the town should have an opportunity to decide," he

said. But Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said the board cannot legally hold a referendum on the question.

While two others echoed Thomas, 15 went on record in support of the extension. Of those who elaborated on their support, nearly all made reference to the Ref-Fuel proposal.

Martha Brown, a woman whose Retreat House Road residence would be about one-half mile from the Ref-Fuel incinerator, said she's worried about existing pollution in the area and is afraid the facility will aggravate the problem. She said she'd extend the moratorium "a lot longer than six-months." "I'm very concerned, not so much for my husband and me — take a look at us, we're not going to be around — but for the young people moving into the Glenmont area."

WOW came out strongly in favor of the extension, urging the board to amend town law so it would have explicit authority to review new solid waste facilities, to develop facility operating standards that would safeguard Bethlehem, and to enact a "bad actor" law prohibiting companies with criminal records from operating disposal facilities in town.

WOW member Terry Rodrigues noted that a previous concern with regard to the "bad actor" proposal was that it might appear to be directed toward a

particular company — American Ref-Fuel parent company Brown-Ferris Industries has acknowledged numerous past environmental and anti-trust violations nationwide — with a pending application before the town.

"That application has now been withdrawn, and we again urge you to act on this request," she said.

Two weeks ago, Ref-Fuel withdrew its application for a Board of Appeals zoning variance because the plant would be illegal under an existing town law, but vowed to press ahead with the project nevertheless. The company has proposed building a 1,300-ton-per-day waste-to-energy incinerator on a property zoned for heavy industrial uses.

A number of supporters said they're concerned pending budget cuts will undermine the state Department of Environmental Conservation's (EnCon) ability to review disposal facilities, applauding the town's plan to use the moratorium to draft its own regulations. "I think it would be unwise to rely on EnCon to make sure that steps are taken to protect the environment," said Judy Enck of New York's Public Interest Research Group. "You are the first people that we're depending on to protect the quality of life in the town," said Delmar resident Ellen Kelly-Lind.

## Ringler outlines plan to fill state aid gap

By Mike Larabee

Insisting Bethlehem can't wait for the state to finish deliberating on Gov. Mario Cuomo's plan to meet a projected \$6 million shortfall, Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler last week detailed how the town will manage the \$428,000 it stands to lose under the proposal.

Ringler's plan includes a saving \$100,000 through an already-instituted hiring freeze, \$105,000 by cancelling the town's "table scraps" garbage pickup, \$80,000 in yet-to-be announced contractual expense cuts in town departments, and \$64,500 in cuts to the town's highway department budget.

The plan, with the exception of the garbage pickup, was endorsed unanimously by the town board at its Wednesday, Feb. 13, meeting. Referring to a promise it made last November, the board agreed to delay a decision on "table scraps" until after a public forum on the topic.

Ringler said later that the forum, which will be conducted like a public hearing, will be the first item on the board's agenda Feb. 27 agenda.

Ringler said the cuts are intended to deal with a situation that may change. "The governor may not receive all the cuts that he had hoped for, sales tax revenues may be different than anticipated and some of the cuts I am outlining may not have to take place."

But he said the town needs to act now because it may be months before the state's budget picture becomes any clearer. "I can't wait. I'd be irresponsible," he said.

Under Ringler's outline, the town will also save \$15,000 on another already-instituted policy — limiting employee conference attendance to local events. In addition, an \$11,000 plan to purchase new police semi-automatic pistols and holsters has been put off and Ringler intends to cut the town's commitment to Project Hope, a substance-abuse counseling program, in half to \$13,000.

A \$50,000 budget expenditure for park development in North and South Bethlehem will take a \$10,000 hit. But in an effort to

compensate for the cut, Ringler said he has asked the planning department to expedite review of a proposed land set-aside law that would require developers to contribute monies or land for parks as they build in town.

Ringler also plans to save \$5,000 on the town's insurance policy because actual costs apparently will be less than budget projections.

Because the town's 1991 budget and tax rate have already been approved, the board's hands are tied with regard to dealing with state cuts on the revenue side of its ledger. Under Ringler's plan, the only new revenues will be \$13,000 generated from new parks and recreation department program fees and a charge for the use of park pavilions.

Cuts to the highway department are the result of a proposed \$65,000 reduction in state Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) aid. It will be met by cancelling the purchase of \$23,000 in new equipment (a tractor and mower, a salt-sand spreader, and a snowplow), reductions in road maintenance, and a series of already-realized savings on equipment purchases that turned out to cost less than anticipated.

The town will also reduce the scope of its spring cleanup program, limiting acceptable materials to yard waste and other items that can be disposed of at the town's Rupert Road construction and demolition debris landfill.

### Artist displays work

"A Giggling Bestiary," an exhibit of watercolors by Carol Schlageter, is on display at the Bethlehem Public Library now through February 28. Library hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

### Reunion scheduled

The fourth reunion of The U.S.S. Haven (AH-12) will be held May 5 through 8 in Reno, Nev. at the Comstock Hotel Casino. For information, call 439-1074.

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# BOU, businesses pitch in to restore middle school pit

By Susan Graves

Some Delmar residents would like to put all BC middle schoolers in a big pit.

But nobody's angry at them. In fact, they want to help the kids have a good time.

Holly Billings, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited president, got the idea to renovate the "Canteen" in the basement of the middle school. The Canteen, which became better known as the Pit, closed when asbestos was discovered in the school. "It was deemed impossible to fix it up," because of the cost of asbestos removal, Billings said.

"Currently, it's just an empty space," she said. But that will all change, thanks to Billings and members of the community.

The exciting thing is that there's \$9,000 left from a bond issue from three years ago, she said.

But the \$9,000 is only a drop in the bucket for renovating the Pit. "The only reason we'll get it done is so many people are donating time, equipment, and labor at cost," she said.

Electrical and plumbing work will be done by Thorpe Electric and D.A. Bennett Inc. of Delmar, according to Dennis Corrigan, who is chairing a committee of residents committed to restoring the Pit.

"I offered her (Billings) any assistance I could give her to make sure it actually would happen," he said, "This was a great place for social interaction or what the kids call hanging out."

"It's all just coming out of the woodwork for us," Billings said.

Once the renovation work is completed, she said BOU would



Dan Conway and Mike Gilligan play a game in the Middle School's "Pit." Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and local businesses are currently working to renovate and reopen the youth center.

Elaine McLain

help to pay for staff supervision. She stressed, however, that "It's a community-wide effort, not just BOU."

"My goal is to get the place open and fixed up," she said. In order to do that she and others have formed a "dumb labor" committee who will paint and clean.

The middle school leadership committee is also playing a role in reopening the Pit. They have given input as to what they would like as well as how the Pit should be run.

One of the two large rooms will have pool and ping-pong tables, and the other a snack bar and picnic tables. Billings said she would like to have a jukebox, but that the

cost for a used one is \$1,000. "We haven't solved the problem of music," she said.

The middle schoolers will help with the decor. The Mural Club will probably decorate one wall, and there will be a graffiti wall for the kids.

The Pit, which has approximately 2,600 square feet, can accommodate about 150 youngsters, so the way it's used will have to be worked out.

Billings is hoping to open the Pit in mid-March and "see how it goes."

To arrange to work on renovations or for information, call Billings at 439-6885.

## RCS names honor roll students

RCS Senior High School has announced the names of high honor roll and honor roll students for the second quarter.

### High honor roll

Grade 9: Sara Anderson, Catherine Clouse, Matthew Deyoe, Virginia Fink, Sarah Irving, Christopher Losavio, Laura Lucas, Shannon, Manning, Jonah Marshall, Peter Miller, Virginia Nestlen, Brian Netturo, Michael Nock, Tanya O'Donnell, Thomas Reedy, Sean Selover.

Grade 10: Laura Ayers, Kellie Benn, Michelle Boehlke, Simon Cording, Amy Croscup, Aaron Dinardi, James Feuerbach, Jonathan Janssen, Kimberly Kotuc, Kenneth Layman, Joanna Libertucci, Melanie Mueller, Bret Mulligan, Stacy Palmer, Seth Roe, Michelle Schaffer, Kristina Shubert, Rebekah Shufelt, Maureen Smith, Seth Strope, Kira Walle.

Grade 11: Stacy Civill, Jennifer Eichner, Tracey Fuhrman, James Grube, Michael Hale, Dena Marshall, Aaron McCormick, Sonya Quay, Charles Seegel, Allison Stooks, Dawn Sylvester, Carlton Winslow.

Grade 12: Carolina Caminos, Carolyn Canuteson, Eric Caswell, Erik Deyoe, Shelley Distin, Rebecca Engel, Robert Feuerbach, Jennifer Finch, Sarah Fink, Thomas Holsapple, Beth Kane, Mark Keating, Amy Keir, Traci Layman, Danielle Libertucci, Amy Lobdell, Eiken Luebbers, Jacqueline Martone, JoanMarie Nunziato, Jonathan Paplow, Amy Pass, Mathew Schwabrow, Albert Skop, Jason Turck, Kimberly VanDerzee.

### Honor roll

Grade 9: Kenneth Beck, Robert Buckley, Traci Caswell, Soo Yon

Chong, James Engel, Joseph Espinosa, Richard Fraker, Craig Hommel, Patrick Kelly, Michael Kullman, Charlotte Legg, Michael Macie, Aaron Martin, Kersten McMullen, Fitzroy Miller, Jason Millett, Mandi Morabito, Amanda Nulton, Stephanie Persico, William Phillips, Jennifer Pulling, Dorothea Roberts, Shilpa Shah, Susan Slater, Adam Smith, Noah Smith, Michael Springer, Kim Sylvester, Catherine Tarr, Theresa Wilkinson, Amy Wilson.

Grade 10: Auser Bowen, Ikisa Bradley, Gina Calordino, Kate Darling, Cory Engel, Jon Engel, Brian Filkins, Daniel Gallagher, Laura Granato, Kelli Homicz, Keith Lopez, Adamantia Marathakis, Jennifer McDonald, Tara McKiernan, Sarah Miller, Brianna Mizener, Cara Mohr, Trevor Newell, Renee Rauche, James Rundberg, Marci Seaburg, Melissa Slater, Lee Ann Spencer, Amanda Spoor, Allen Tierney, Tanya VanAlstyne, John Volker.

Grade 11: Pamela Ashby, Melissa Barry, Colleen Brady, Toni DiSilvio, Michelle Griffin, Richard Hotaling, Alon Jacobs, Jake Keeler, Cynthia Kemner, James Kendall, Marie LaBarr, Sean Maile, Joseph Ortiz, Teresa Osterhout, Paul Parisi, Kimberly Perrine, Aria Pullman, Tina Racine, Heather Radliff, Patrick Rafferty, JoAnne Rice, Chad Rooney, Joshua Satin, Keri Spisak.

Grade 12: Ian Anderson, Gregg Arnold, Linda Brown, Karen Candido, James Carroll, Kelly Crowley, Esther Diaz, Mark DiNapoli, Lori Friday, Thomas Gallagher, Krissy Gottesman, Christopher Hagen, Mark Hanlon, Michelle Kenney, Kevin Kosowsky, Susanne Morehouse, John O'Donnell, Michael Ottaviano, Janis Rexford, Dustin Rock, Jason Romano, Louis Salin, Theresa Whiting, Michelle Wyatt.

## Slingerlands doctor earns fellowship

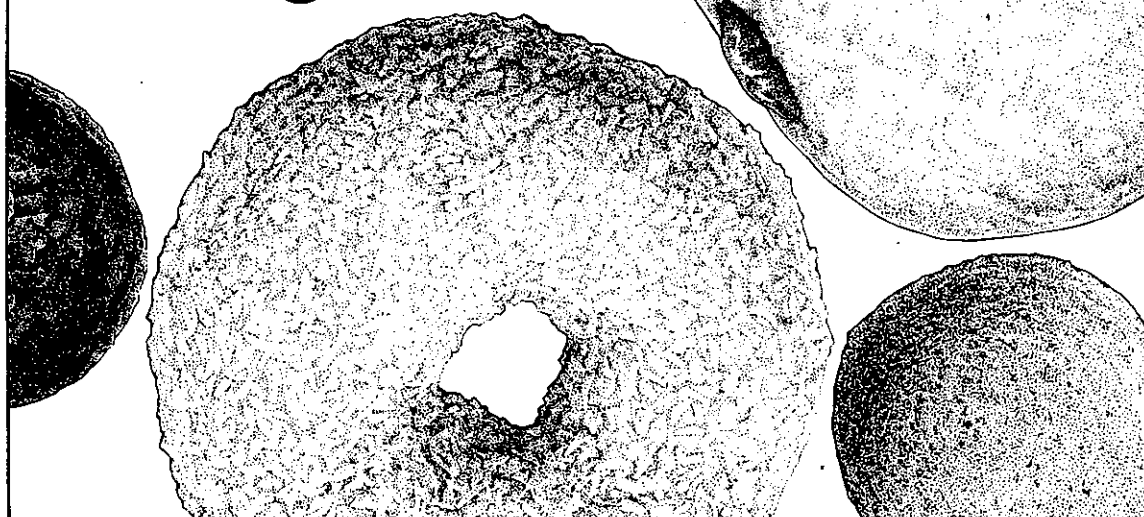
Harold M. Sokol, M.D., of Slingerlands, a specialist in internal medicine and pulmonary diseases, has been elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians (ACP), a national organization of physicians.

Sokol is in group practice in pulmonary diseases, and is affiliated with Albany Medical College, where he is a clinical assistant professor. He has admitting privileges in Albany Memorial Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital, and Albany Medical Center. He is also

medical director of Respiratory Therapy and the Pulmonary Function Laboratory at Memorial Hospital.

A graduate of SUNY Stony Brook, he received his medical degree from Albany Medical College, and trained as a medical resident at Metropolitan Hospital and Mount Sinai/Elmhurst in New York City. He then completed additional training, and is on the board of the Capital District Branch of the American Lung Association and the Albany County Medical Society.

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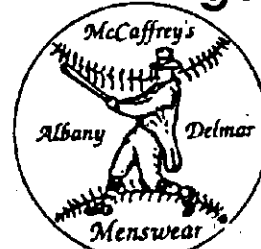
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# Police seek recipients of bad checks

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem police are asking local merchants to come forward if they've ever been stuck with the bill by an Albany woman recently arrested on 14 counts of writing bad checks.

According to Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, police investigators believe there are many more outstanding checks in the community in the name of 30-year-old Helene Drovin of Washington Avenue Extension in Albany. Drovin was arrested at her residence Feb. 1 for allegedly attempting to pass 14 bad checks

at Handy Andy at Delmar Four Corners and Grand Union at Glenmont Plaza during October and November. In addition, charges are pending on two other checks, dated Jan. 31, returned to a third local business.

"If any other merchants have checks that were returned they should report it to the Bethlehem police," said Vanderbilt, adding that under the court resolution of bad check arrests individuals often are ordered to pay restitution.

The checks associated with the 14 misdemeanor charges against

Drovin total of \$627.43, Vanderbilt said. The checks were drawn on a closed Northeast Savings account, he said.

The police investigation was conducted by officers Joseph Mosca, Richard Berben, and Bruce Oliver, Vanderbilt said. He said bad check charges are currently pending against Drovin in the City of Albany as well.

Drovin was remanded to Albany County Jail and released on bail, according to a jail spokesperson. She will appear in Bethlehem Town Court at an upcoming court date.

# Education department to visit VC high school

Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will soon be "strutting its stuff" for visitors from the U.S. Department of Education, Superintendent Alan McCartney said.

The high school, named a semi-finalist in the 1991 National Secondary School Recognition Program late last year, was chosen for an on-site visit by the U.S. Education Department. If the visit goes well, the school is one step closer to being recognized as a national school of excellence. The Voorheesville school, the only secondary school selected in Albany County, was one of 27 state schools named a school of excellence.

"It looks like we've gone another round," said O. Peter Grif-

fin, high school principal. He attributes the upcoming visit to the school's "continued academic success." He said this is just one reason the school has been chosen for a visit and as a state school of excellence.

The school's academic programs, as well as extracurricular activities and community involvement, were looked at during the application process. Other questions on the application referred to instruction, leadership and school and teaching climate.

McCartney said, "We're unbelievably excited about the visit," which is scheduled for sometime in April. "It's an honor we've been selected," he said. "We're looking forward to it. We do do a heck of a job."

Susan Wheeler

# Motorist hits tree to avoid opossum

Two people were hurt Sunday in a one-car accident on Route 396 after a motorist swerved to avoid running over an opossum and crashed into a tree, Bethlehem said.

Hurt in the Feb. 17 accident were driver Carol Garow, 39, of Coeymans Hollow and her sole passenger, 41-year-old John Garow. They were transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where they were treated and released, a hospital spokesperson said.

No tickets were issued in the accident.

# Lecture scheduled

"Coping Styles of Child Sexual Abuse Victims," a lecture on coping through artwork, will be given by Lilibeth Cosico, Berge, M.A., A.T.R., on Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Albany. Fee is \$5. For information, call 489-4431.

# \$1M suit

(From Page 1)

Gauthier had been accused of lunging at Bethlehem police officers Robert Markel and LaChappelle with a seven-inch hunting knife on Aug. 21, 1989, after the department's K-9 dog Grando located him behind a bush in woods off Rt. 144 in Coeymans. LaChappelle and Grando were called to the scene after Gauthier and two passengers fled on foot following a high-speed chase that began when Markel attempted to stop Gauthier's vehicle at 12:53 a.m. on Route 144 in Glenmont for a traffic violation, according to a 1989 *Spotlight* account of the incident.

LaChappelle commanded Grando to restrain Gauthier, who according to the Ricker suffered artery damage and later required more than 100 stitches on his arm to repair wounds from dog bites. Gauthier also reportedly said he required additional stitches after being hit on the head with a police flashlight.

At the time of the incident, po-

lice credited Grando with averting a situation where they might otherwise have been forced to use firearms, according to the *Spotlight* article. Gauthier had been charged with two counts of attempted first degree murder, two counts of third degree criminal possession of a weapon and one count of injuring a police dog.

But Ricken called those "trumped-up charges" to hide an incidence of police brutality. He said Gauthier "never assaulted or even attempted to assault the officers."

Ricken said the missing document was a duplicate crime investigation report dated Aug. 21, 1989, that "totally contradicted" the crime investigation report he was

provided as Gauthier's council. He contends LaChappelle filled out the second report to hide factual contradictions between his initial report and Markel's account.

"He (LaChappelle) swore under oath that it was the only such report," Gauthier said. "The trial ended almost immediately at that point."

Ricken would not say how he acquired the report.

# Students honored

College of Saint Rose students recently named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" include Carolyn Dee Cross of Slingerlands, Jill Riley of Delmar, Maria Vitillo of Selkirk and Ruth Wakefield of Voorheesville.

# Invader from the north!



Seth and Ben Odell of Delmar proudly show the snow sculpture they created Brunhilda (with the help of their father Daniel) during last Thursday's snow storm. Elaine McIn

# Police make DWI arrests

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

Henry J. Burkhardt, 43, of Middleburg was arrested for DWI on Monday, Feb. 18, after he phoned police from Grand Union on Delaware Avenue to report a deer-car accident. According to police, Burkhardt said he hit a deer on Delaware Avenue near the intersection of Meads Lane, loaded the animal into his car and drove to Grand Union where he called the police. He was arrested when police responded to the call.

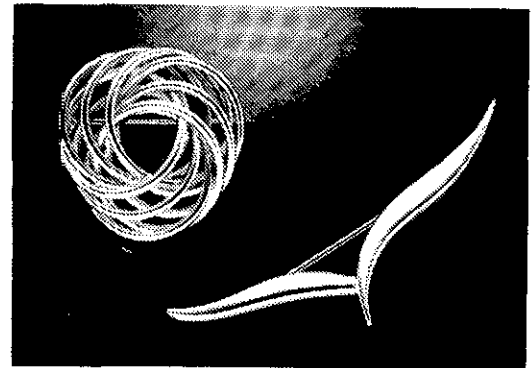
He is scheduled to appear in

Bethlehem Town Court March 5.

Lawrence P. Feit, 41, of Hannacroix was arrested for DWI on Saturday, Feb. 16, after he was stopped for traffic violations near the intersection of Route 9W and Jericho Road, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Feb. 20.

In addition, Tammy Lamoree, 27, of Voorheesville was arrested for DWI on Saturday, Feb. 9, after she was stopped for traffic violations near the intersection of Delaware and Euclid avenues, police said. She is scheduled to appear in town court Feb. 20.

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## Promoting peace; principles, too

Americans opposed to their government's commitment to the aims of UN resolutions and the vote by Congress on the Persian Gulf conflict have a right to be heard and to assemble lawfully. They have the privilege of promoting their assemblies in any way they may find possible.

But *The Spotlight Newspapers* believe that we have the right, and the duty, to refrain from printing announcements of activities which may result in breaches of the peace however well intentioned the purpose of the assembly may be. Unfortunately, the differences between citizens who support the U.S. war aims, and those who oppose them, have become increasingly contentious. Ugly confrontations have on occasions turned into dangerous brawls.

## Drops in the bucket

Bethlehem can save at least \$100,000 annually by abandoning its maid service for residents who don't care to dispose of kitchen garbage in other ways. When the topic came up last fall, *The Spotlight* urged it as a feasible economy. Apparently the town, under budgetary pressures, is edging toward that conclusion. Better late than not at all. The alternatives to the town's garbage collection are

## Judgment days ahead

Our Jan. 2 editorial, "Looking back—and ahead," forecast that in 1991 the Town of Bethlehem would be arriving at the necessary decisions on solid waste disposal methods.

The Town Board's action last week, in extending from March to September a so-called moratorium on construction of new solid waste facilities, will provide town authorities with time to frame those decisions with sound research and study.

It is important now that these additional six months be employed in focusing on just where we should be headed. The various

## On a very candid camera

The editions of *The Spotlight Newspapers* that reported on the donation of a dozen video camera systems to six police departments in Albany County, including Bethlehem's, also contained reports of some 40 DWI arrests and court cases. The timely need for this additional equipment for the police patrols hardly could have been underscored more clearly.

A statistic cited by County Executive James J. Coyne is most interesting in this connection, and very likely is significant: In Albany County about one-fourth of traffic fatalities (26 percent) are alcohol-related. Nationwide, the ratio is nearly one-half (45 percent). "Vigilance" by the police departments of the county is credited by Mr. Coyne with a major role in establishing this distinctive difference.

## Words of the week

**Cater-cornered:** diagonal; or, as an adverb, diagonally or obliquely. It derives from the Latin *quattuor* (four). Another form is *catty-cornered*.

**Waterman:** A person who works on or with boats, especially as an oarsman.

**Jingo:** A person who boasts of his patriotism and favors an aggressive threatening, warlike foreign policy; chauvinist.

**Corsair:** A pirate or a pirate ship. Also, a privateer, especially of Barbary.

**Umbrage:** Offense or resentment (as, to take umbrage at a remark). Also, foliage, considered as shade-giving. A related word is *umbrageous* — easily offended (or, giving shade).

## Editorials

We believe that the rallies on behalf of "peace" — while presumably well intentioned — cumulatively send a mixed signal to Saddam Hussein about this country's resolve, and a confusing message to our troops both here and abroad. Therefore, we respectfully decline to be a party to promoting those events. However, if such events occur in our local communities, *The Spotlight Newspapers* will publish reports on them in the same manner that we would cover other local news.

A letter which we are publishing this week from an out-of-state reader and former resident contains sound advice for those who question America's current foreign policy.

widely available and are used by a large portion of residents.

An unrelated proposal, but one also dealing with sanitation, would establish an ordinance requiring dog owners to clean up their pets' droppings on others' or public property. This is an overdue nicety that the Town Board ought to consider favorably.

options—which may begin with recycling but cannot exclude incineration—undoubtedly will be more thoroughly explored. In doing so, the authorities surely will recognize that each option is certain to have an impact on the town's residents, from fiscal concerns to the environmental.

And along the way, informing and educating all of us about options, choices, and decisions will be a significant aspect of the challenge to Supervisor Ringler and the councillors. Second-guessing may be rife, but it is vital that they push ahead to their judgment day.

The video cameras (with sound) were contributed through the Albany County "RID" organization, which in turn had obtained the necessary several thousand dollars' financing from the Aetna Life and Casualty and business groups is both commendable. The Albany County Stop DWI program has a vital role, too.

In the words of District Attorney Sol Greenberg, "We are a tough county, and we will continue to be tough."

Obviously, some people are not yet persuaded about that. But given the opportunity to see themselves on video tape — in less than full command of their faculties while in the hands of uniformed officers — many of these scofflaws can be expected to be more prudent in their behavior.

**Patent:** Obvious or evident (pronounced with a long "a"). Related meanings are generally accessible or available; and open or unobstructed.

**Perverse:** Stubbornly contrary; also, obstinately disobedient or difficult; intractable. Also, resulting from obstinacy or contrariness. Another meaning is improper, wrong, etc., or corrupt, wicked.

**Quirk:** A peculiarity, peculiar trait, or mannerism. Also, an evasion, subterfuge or quibble. A sudden twist, turn, or stroke (as, a quirk of fortune.)

**Panoply:** Any complete or magnificent covering or array. Also, any protective covering. Originally, a complete suit of armor.

## Town is doing unto us as State doeth unto it

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with wry amusement your Feb. 6 edition with the headline: "State aid cuts wreak havoc — Ringler blasts Governor." To a limited extent, I sympathize with Mr. Ringler: the *limited* extent is because the town is doing unto Bethlehem homeowners exactly what the State is doing unto it.

We recently received from Finnegan Associates, the organization hired to reassess the town, the information on our house. Our lot was listed as 110' x 200'. This surprised us, as the lot is a truncated pie shape: 110' x 195' x 80' x 200'. What really surprised us, however, was when Finnegan told us that this information was supplied by the Town Assessor's office and that they had no authority or mechanism to change it.

Even more disturbing was the lack of a purchase price. Finnegan said it wasn't interested in any price older than three years. I agree that too much reliance on purchase price is bad (and what got Bethlehem into trouble to begin with); but ignoring purchase price entirely is worse: purchase price remains the only objective criterion in the long run.

Might I suggest that the formula consider purchase price as a percentage of the purchase price of the average home sold in Delmar during the year of purchase. (A home sold in 1978 for \$45,000 when the average purchase price for a home in Bethlehem was \$90,000 should not, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, be assessed in the top 10 percent of assessments in 1992, for example.) Through building permits the Town can certainly identify major renovations.

Finally, in the computation of living area, Finnegan's calculation seems to include our front porch, which wraps around the front and side but is not enclosed. Since our house is a two-story this area seems to be included twice (which is very dangerous with three teenagers in

## Vox Pop

our family, because with this legal precedent, some kid is certain to put a couch and a stereo on the porch roof when the weather turns warm).

I would appear that only a very secure actuary or a compulsive gambler would venture a guess as to what our future taxes might be. I guess I bought a "pig-in-a-poke" when I chose to buy property in Bethlehem 13 years ago, just as the Town is finding out it's hard to rely on the State. Perhaps our founding fathers would have done well if they had chosen to affiliate with Vermont rather than New York; we'll never know. I do know that many times in the past years I wish our area could disaffiliate with Bethlehem and join Guilderland or Menands.

I hesitate to articulate these feelings because I do not want to sound just like Ken Ringler complaining about Mario Cuomo and his budget or Mario Cuomo complaining about George Bush and the economy. When I hear the Governor pontificate these days, he does not discuss the State and its finances at all but only the federal economy, as if New York was somehow not part of the U.S. at all but perhaps a Canadian province.

When I hear Cuomo trying to evade responsibility I not only tune out what he's saying but I always think that he is just trying to create a smokescreen to direct attention away from his own share of failed responsibility and lack of foresight. Maybe he should spend a little more time working on the State's problems and a little less time trying to escape them by running for President. When I hear Mr. Ringler doing unto Cuomo what Cuomo doeth unto Bush — well, draw your own conclusions.

Harold G. Beyer, Jr.

Delmar

## A tree at her school will honor Karen

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to thank you for the beautiful article you published about our daughter Karen. Even the headline was most endearing to us because Karen *did* make a difference.

On March 27, the Middle School and children will dedicate a plaque and tree in our daughter's name. She would have been 13 on that day.

Maggie Sievert

Delmar

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Uncle Dudley

## Decatur after 175 years

"Our country!" spoke Stephen Decatur as he raised his glass in one of history's most noted toasts. "Our country—in her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right. But our country, right or wrong!"

The toast was offered at a memorable banquet held in Virginia in a year when one of her sons was President of the United States. He was James Madison and the year was 1816.

Commodore Decatur knew much about foreign nations of that day. He had seen action, and commanded ships and units of American fleets, from the age of 20 against France, England, and the corsairs of Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli.

His exploits alone would have been enough to earn him a hero's bust in this nation's pantheon, but almost perversely it is by his words that he is most often remembered and honored so many years after his short life.

And this phrase of his has significant application, I believe, to America's current struggle against one "foreign nation." Many of our citizens, it seems, refuse to inquire into the true circumstances of our resistance to a tyrant who could hold all civilization hostage to his whim.

To today's objectors, our country seldom seems to be in the right. The skepticism, in fact, signifies

Constant Reader

## Our Governor from close up

The New York Times Magazine, a weekly staple on Sundays for many households, rightly considers New York's Governor an important individual, and so it presented its readers with a 6,000-word essay about him in its Feb. 10 issue, together with three pages of art, one of which is the portrait on the cover.

A variety of citizens who are knowledgeable in matters political and governmental told me that they found the article worthwhile — "balanced" was one descriptive word — and recommended my reading it. So, untutored though I am in such things, I did read, and did indeed find it of interest. So I can now recommend it to those who may have missed it. The issue is now out of date, but you may still find it around the house or at a neighbor's or the library.

Titled "The State of the Governor," the profile was written by The Times' bureau chief at the Capitol, Elizabeth Kolbert. In tackling it, she had the advantage of knowing her subject and subject-matter from up close, rather than from the vantage of the out-of-state scribe who comes flying in to grab a quick look. But she likewise had the disadvantage of needing to be objective about a person she must cover reportorially tomorrow as well as yesterday — a person, incidentally, whose middle name seems to be Umbrage.

Again, I urge you to read the article if you are at all concerned with your government and the political mystique. Here are some of the items that most struck me; perhaps you can check them off with your own impressions.

"There are no real players (at the commissioner level in the Cuomo administration). There's

that the United States ordinarily is wrong, and her cause insupportable.

If they find Commodore Decatur's testimony a mere aberration, a jingoistic rattle from an isolated cage in time, then consider the thoughts of others, both before and later: Charles Churchill and William Cowper in the 18th century, in parallel language: "Be England what she will; with all her faults she is my country still." and "England, with all thy faults I love thee still." From an American in another time of warfare: "I hope to find my country in the right; however, I will stand by her, right or wrong."

The noted journalist and Army officer, Carl Schurz, offers us a slightly different thought: "Our country, right or wrong. When right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be put right." (This was uttered at the end of our "Spanish-American War," a conflict that came about with the help of another editor of note, W.R. Hearst.) The "anti-imperialist conference" which Mr. Schurz addressed was held after the war. The timing is, to me, a clue as to how and when to "correct" national missteps, if and when they occur during America's "intercourse with foreign nations."

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Visitors to the nation's capital very likely have seen, and perhaps entered, the "Decatur House"

which stands fronting Lafayette Park cater-cornered from the White House.

I mentioned that Commodore Decatur had a short life, and indeed he was barely into his forty-first year when he was killed in a duel with another commodore. He was a waterman from the Chesapeake Bay portion of the Free State of Maryland, where he was born while the American Revolution was at its lowest point. He saw service in the young country's short naval war with France in the last days of the 18th century, and then at 24 he commanded a ship, the "Enterprise," in the Mediterranean. On it, he led an expedition into the harbor of Tripoli to burn a U.S. frigate that had fallen into enemy hands. The successful exploit earned him a "sword of honor" tendered by Congress. He took part in all the attacks on Tripoli over a two-year period. He returned there nearly a decade later, commanding against the Algerian, Tunisian, and Tripolitan pirates — thereby helping to create one of the most-frequently sung lines of American patriotic arms.

Why does Uncle Dudley happen to know all this? you ask. Answer: he doesn't, but found a helpful reference in the Encyclopedia Britannica. It also contains information on four cities and towns named for the commodore.

just him," according to a former associate. To say that his is a "hands-on" form of governing is a gross understatement, we are told.

### The New York Times Magazine

The State of the Governor



"Under Cuomo, power has been consolidated to an almost unprecedented extent. . . No major decision is made by the head of a state agency without Cuomo's clearance. . ."

The Governor's comment that he's "not good at politics" when it becomes convenient to duck a question "is a grandiose lie so patently false that it can hardly even be considered deceitful. Cuomo is a master at such magnificent deceptions."

"The contrast between Cuomo's domineering, closed-off style and his open, expansive vision of government is one of the great contradictions of his administration. There is the public Cuomo, pushing a family style of politics that is embracing and compassionate, and then there is Cuomo in private, isolated and unforgiving." He employs the tactic of treating criticism "as a fault of the critic."

Over a five-year period, the

State's budget increased by 20 percent. He is said to be handicapped by an absence of priorities. He rarely will push hard enough with the Legislature. He tends to delay action in order to try to attain consensus. He likes to appoint commissions, which may turn out to be a substitute for doing nothing.

"Much of Cuomo's energies have been devoted to preserving the fabric of New York society in the face of new threats" — AIDS, crack, racial tensions, poverty. "At a time when, in Washington, government was being portrayed as the problem, Cuomo maintained that government was part of the solution."

Underlying the political and administrative aspects of State government, however, are the personal qualities and quirks of the man we have entrusted to lead the state for eight and perhaps as much as a dozen years. These aspects come through both overtly and subtly in the Kolbert account — and it does provide insights worth spending an hour or so contemplating.

Even this treatment, though, necessarily must be superficial in some ways. I found myself troubled, for instance, by some dodges and weasel-words: "Power has been consolidated to an almost unprecedented extent. . ." "If it's not actually unprecedented, what governor's grasp exceeded his? And, "One of the few administration officials with enough clout to wrangle with Cuomo. . . is Gerald C. Crotty, the Secretary to the Governor." One of the few? — who else? I was also surprised to see "Reaganomics" misspelled, in The Times, of all places.

## An appetite for spending fosters fiscal failure

The contributor of this Point of View is the representative in the New York State Assembly of the 102nd District, which includes a portion of Albany County as well as Greene and Columbia.

By John J. Faso

On Feb. 1 Gov. Mario Cuomo introduced a State budget of \$51.9 billion. Mr. Cuomo made his proposal in the face of a serious regional and national recession which has seriously slowed the growth of State revenues and three successive years of failed fiscal policy here in New York.

### Point of View

Mr. Cuomo's budget calls for approximately \$4.5 billion in spending cuts and \$1.5 billion in tax increases in order to close an expected \$6 billion deficit. It's important to note that the \$6 billion deficit is based upon current state spending plus normal growth in some programs, like Medicaid and social services. This growth, when combined with slower-than-expected increases in tax receipts, leaves the State some \$6 billion short.



The Governor's proposal has brought howls of protest from virtually every group that has an interest in the State budget process. Chief among these are the education lobby, composed of school districts, teacher unions, and representatives of higher education. The Governor has proposed an unprecedented \$891 million cut in education, which — combined with December 1990 cuts — would bring this year's education spending to a level almost \$1.2 billion less than that adopted last May.

Moreover, I have been hearing loud and clear from representatives of public employee unions, whose members would suffer over 7,000 layoffs under the Governor's proposal. Other affected interests include representatives of the auto and trucking industries.

The Governor, in releasing his executive budget request for the coming fiscal year, blamed the economy and federal policies for New York's fiscal straits.

While no doubt New York is feeling the effects of a northeastern and national economic recession, one of the most telling reasons for our fiscal failures is New York's immense appetite for spending.

A closer look reveals that State tax revenues rose \$13.7 billion (or 89 percent) since 1983, the year Mr. Cuomo took office. These increases occurred despite a series of personal income tax cuts during the mid-eighties.

During the eighties, New York's economy performed better than average. As personal income grew, per capita income rose, the state's unemployment rate dropped, and more than one million additional state residents found jobs.

During the same period that New York saw record spending increases — though the inflation rate grew just 33 percent — total all-funds spending (which includes federal funds) has increased 89 percent, while net State spending has increased 91 percent.

If our State spending had just kept pace with inflation, we would now be dealing with a multi-billion dollar surplus, and not a multi-billion dollar deficit.

So, it is clear that a significant contributing factor of the state's huge deficit has not been a shortage of revenues but, instead, a massive increase in state spending.

Some now say that we should enact higher income taxes or place an income tax surcharge on the wealthy to deal with our current fiscal problems. This analysis ignores the fact that we have raised taxes and fees upon individuals and business over \$3 billion in the last two years alone. Moreover, Governor Cuomo is proposing to raise taxes. His 1991-92 budget calls for the enactment of 25 new or increased taxes. Included in those are a 10-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax expected to raise \$500 million annually; a new tax on toxic emissions that could adversely affect companies such as Owens-Corning and GE Selkirk; a \$5-per-tire tax on each tire sold in New York State; and a \$50 charge for etching the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the windshield of all cars and trucks in the state.

Moreover, those who look to new taxes ignore this: considered as a percentage of personal income, New Yorkers are actually paying higher State taxes now than they were eight years ago.

Furthermore, one cannot simply look at State taxes separate and apart from local taxes. New York, alone among most states, requires more local government participation (hence property taxes) in a wider variety of programs than any other state. For instance, counties in New York must pay a significant share of welfare and Medicaid costs that localities in other states are not required to pay. According to Edwin Rubenstein, an economist with the Manhattan Institute in New York City, New York's combined per-capita state and local government spending was 55 percent higher than the rest of the nation, (\$5,026 versus \$3,243 per capita). Mrs. Rubenstein reminds us that the next highest per-

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# Matters of Opinion

## To protesters: pray rather than parade

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a regular reader of *The Spotlight* down here in Florida, I wanted to respond to the photo in the Jan. 23 issue of a Delmar resident "marching for peace," or, rather, protesting our troops in the Persian Gulf.

I cannot help but wonder if she has any idea of what is going on in the world today. My heart aches for our troops over there. No one wanted this war, but I believe it is quite apparent that Saddam Hussein must be stopped *now*! Would "peace marchers" prefer that we wait until he perfects his nuclear capabilities and let our precious children suffer the consequences? Shall we wait until this becomes a much larger war and our children are drafted to fight it?

Along with many military families, I pray for peace daily. Peace is our ultimate goal. Unfortunately, due to existing circumstances, war must precede it. Diplomacy was attempted over and over. If the Delmar demonstrator does have a solution, I am sure President Bush would like to hear from her. I

wonder if she even knows how her right of freedom of expression was obtained. I cannot fathom what good such people feel they can do by marching around carrying signs. But the harm they can cause by demoralizing our troops is evident. (Not to mention the men and women serving stateside who worry daily if they shall be next to go.)

Because of my children, I thank God every night that, as a reservist, I have not yet been called. If it were not for them I wouldn't mind signing up. My husband, a former Navy pilot, would be there in a moment if he could. Pan Am's 747's are being used for some supply and personnel missions but he flies the A310 and thus far cannot be assigned the so-called "craft missions." But even his European travels have become a little frightening these days. There have been bomb threats at the crews' hotels.

Finally, let me suggest that our protestors get off their feet and onto their knees to pray for peace.

Annie Bagley  
Casselberry, Florida

## Spending

(From Page 7)

capita spending state (Massachusetts) spends 21.5 percent less on a per-capita basis than New York State.

*The facts speak for themselves. New York currently has a huge and growing budget deficit that until this point has been resolved by increasing taxes and fees, and employing an unbelievable panoply in gimmicks and tricks to balance the books.*

The Governor and the legislative leadership have been equal partners in this fiscal mess through the use of fiscal gimmickry such as off-budget funding, one-shots, and raids on reserve funds. I have opposed these policies, but casting blame at this point does nothing to solve our problems.

Recognizing the scope of our deficit, I recently asked local residents, in responding to my 1991-92 legislative questionnaire, to outline what action they believed the governor and state legislature should take to balance the budget. Their responses indicated that they overwhelmingly support cuts in funding of certain State services to help close our budget gap. However, they are opposed to cutting aid for education and local governments.

It's clear that New York residents are mindful of our tenuous fiscal condition, but also that they have definite ideas about how to best deal with it.

For the past four years, I have been calling for the enactment of a series of reforms aimed at reducing duplicative government services, eliminating needless government services and bureaucratic waste. Unfortunately, these have been dismissed without being seriously considered.

If we are ever going to get a handle on New York's finances, we need to examine a whole range of programs from education, social services, and Medicaid to mandates on local school districts and local governments.

The Governor has indicated a willingness to embark upon a series of unprecedented changes in State finances that deserve

consideration. While he proposes to cut \$4.5 billion from the projected increases in the budget, he also proposed \$1.5 billion of tax increases. I am uncomfortable with the notion of further tax increases in New York, but I applaud the Governor for placing more emphasis on cutting spending than on raising taxes.

The real question is whether the Legislature and the Governor will be able to negotiate this budget by the April 1 constitutional deadline for enactment of the budget. We must act by April 1 to avoid forcing school districts to borrow even more money.

If New York is ever to become known again as the "Empire State" our failing fiscal policies and, more specifically, our tax-and-spending practices must be drastically reformed. Otherwise, our financial future will be continued deficits and financial crises.

## Use lights in snow

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in the midst of what is just about the worst snow and ice storm so far this season. It appears that a large number of motorists are not yet familiar with the State law that went into effect Jan. 1, requiring everyone to turn headlights on when weather conditions are such as to cause windshield wipers to be used.

But according to my observation in a considerable amount of driving in wintry conditions, about 30 to 40 percent of cars do not have their lights on when snow is falling. This is true at all hours of the day, including late afternoon when dusk is rapidly arriving and the oncoming darkness adds to limited visibility as a result of snow-fall.

Are drivers uninformed about the law? Or are they just disregarding it for some selfish reason of their own? I can see the possibility that some driver may have temporarily forgotten to switch lights on—but this can't be true in the numbers that I am noting.

Since the law was adopted in the interests of safety, it seems to me that local police should take part in a consistent effort to see that it is enforced. Reminders in the way of signaling, stopping cars, and perhaps issuing tickets would certainly help in getting this desirable regulation observed by many more drivers.

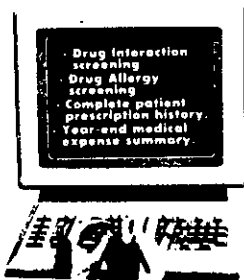
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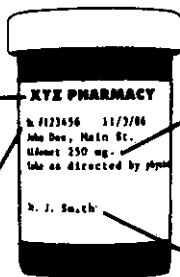
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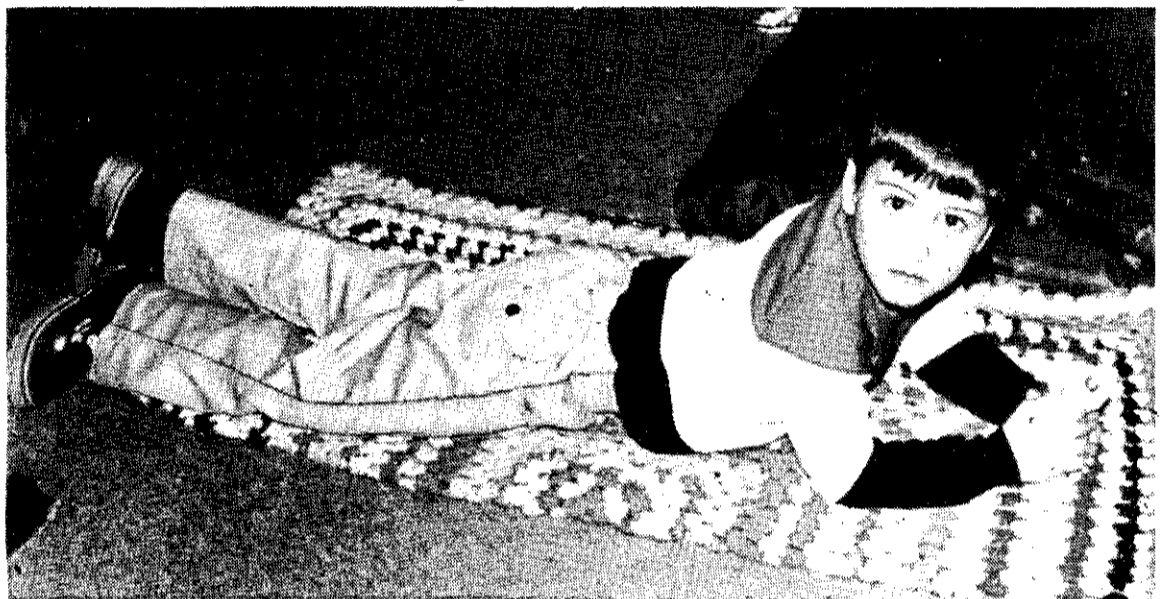
# Gather 'round the campfire



Polly Hartman, of the Bethlehem Public Library, helps kindergarten and first-grade children whip up a snack at a camp-in held Sunday afternoon at the library. Children enjoyed spooky stories, songs and games during their hour of "camping."



Shawna Woodworth and Katelin Conley enjoy a snack of "bug juice" and "gorp."



Jacques Capone settles in to listen to campfire stories.



William Nathan and Gregory Dwyer race to the finish line in the relay race.

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Ryan Lillis helps campers write letters to their families describing their camping experiences.

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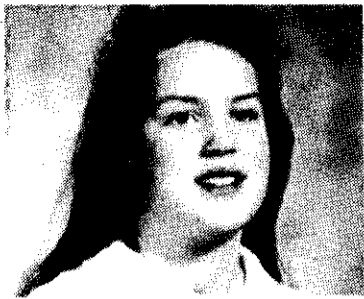
# Elsmere third-grader gets story published

By Susan Wheeler

Writing a nationally-published story was no problem for Elsmere Elementary third-grader Beth Wittig. Reading it to Diana Venter's second-grade class was what caused Wittig a little nervousness.

Wittig's story, "Sequa Helps a Bear," was written during writers' workshop when she was a second-grader in Venter's class. Venter said that writers' workshop, time set aside during the school day for pupils to learn about writing techniques and to practice their own writing skills, is "common" in the district's five elementary schools. While writers' workshop gives the children "time to enjoy writing," most will leave elementary school with "really good writing skills," she said.

Venter asked Wittig to visit her current second-graders as a guest author and to read her short story, published last fall in "The McGuffey Writer," a quarterly literary magazine for grades kindergarten through 12. Wittig said the first thing she thought was, "Oh



Beth Wittig

no, I'm going to have to read to Mrs. Venter's class." Reading to the class "gets me really scared," she said.

Wittig read to the class then answered pupils' questions about writing the story. They asked questions about how long it took her to write the story and how she developed the idea. "It was really cute," Venter said.

"Sequa Helps a Bear" is about a Northwest Indian who takes an arrow out of bear cub's leg and nurses the cub back to health. Wittig said she got the idea for her self-illustrated story because her class was "studying about Indians." She said she put away the other

stories she was working on to concentrate on writing about Sequa's adventure. After Venter edited the story, she sent it to several publishers.

At the end of the story, the bear cub's leg heals and he goes home to the forest. The last line, "The joy of helping the bear cub stayed in Sequa forever," was what prompted Venter to forward it for possible publication.

"The story was really beyond what a second-grader would write," Venter said. "It sounded like it was worth doing something with. The story was really hers."

Mary Foley, Wittig's mother, said that her daughter is "lucky" because she chooses topics with universal appeal, like brotherhood.

Wittig said it's easy for her to write about friendships, or brotherhood, because she and her mom and brother attend a peace group, The Gathering. "People should act with brotherhood," she said. Foley

said the group has been a "real special part" of their lives.

McGuffey published Wittig's story last fall. She was "pretty excited" when she heard she'd been published, she said. Foley, who took her daughter out for a "yogurt sundae with all toppings" to celebrate, said it was nice for Wittig to realize that she had the ability to write. "The writing pro-

gram has done wonders for Beth in affirming her capabilities."

The district's writing program encourages elementary pupils to read and write, according to Venter. During the writers' workshop the teacher may begin with a "mini-lesson," which the pupils immediately apply in their personal writing. Their writing, any type of writing, is edited, rewritten and read aloud. The children have the choice to work on a piece until they feel it's finished, she said. "It makes so much sense to integrate reading and writing."

Wittig is "a success story for the writers' workshop," according to Venter. Bringing Wittig into her classroom provided "good incentive" for her pupils. They learned that the "process can be successful if you're patient," she said.

The writers' workshop is one of Wittig's favorite things to do in school, she said. At home she enjoys reading. "Every night when I get into bed, I read."



## Delmar businessman donates gulf merchandise profits

While the war in the Persian Gulf has been a gold mine for some T-shirt, hat, and button vendors, one local businessman has tried to direct interest in "Operation Desert Storm" paraphernalia back to U.S. troops.

John Weidman, owner of a Delmar firm called Capitaland Marketing Specialties, and his sales manager, Craig Miller, have been selling T-shirts and other items at local rallies. So far, they have donated \$300, or roughly 90 percent of their profits, to the Voluntary Services Division of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Weidman said. The money will be applied to a general patient care fund, he said.

"We've tried to do it a little differently," said Weidman. "We made up the shirts and hats and donated part of the profits" as opposed to keeping the proceeds themselves like others are doing, he said.

Weidman said the next batch of proceeds from the project will be donated to Operation Mustard Seed, a local effort coordinating mailings to service people in the Persian Gulf. He lives on McCombe Drive in Delmar.

Mike Larabee

## Museum exhibit traces women's rights

The State Archives and Records Administration's exhibit, "Women and the Law in New York," will be in the lobby of the State Museum through March 17. The exhibit of archival documents and photographs traces the development of women's legal rights from New York's colonial days to the present.

The exhibit is part of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

NEW SCOTLAND

## Boards to confer on rezoning

By Debi Boucher

The New Scotland Town Board will confer with the town planning board Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m., for the first of a series of meetings on the proposed new zoning ordinance.

Planning board Chairman Raymond McKay said the importance of communication between the two boards earlier in the zoning process was demonstrated by the recent hearing on the proposed Rural Commercial zone, which was pushed ahead of other new zoning the planning board intends to propose. "I was trying to tell them what we were trying to do, and they had heard the public," he said.

The Rural Commercial zone — formerly dubbed Neighborhood Commercial — represents one of the zoning changes recommended in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, completed in draft form by C.T. Male Associates of Latham. The plan forms the basis of a town-wide zoning ordinance drafted by

C.T. Male under the planning board's direction. Prior to putting holding public hearings on the ordinance, McKay said, he would like to review it with town councilmen, so that they understand it completely before voting on it, and any changes they recommend can be incorporated.

"I don't know whether we can do it in three or four meetings, or 40," he said. "We'll go at it page by page, and do it a couple of hours at a time."

Following the town board's Jan. 30 hearing on the Rural Commercial zone, councilmen made several changes in the regulations for the proposed zone, some of which planning board members disapproved. Former chairman Robert Hampston said he thought the board was "asking for trouble" by allowing commercial laundries in the zone, for instance.

At its Feb. 12 meeting, the planning board heard from Building

Inspector Paul Cantlin, who is proposing a set of regulations by which his department would carry out fire inspections. Planning Board Attorney John Bailey discouraged the proposal. "The problem I see is a liability issue. Once you take responsibility for doing certain things, somebody's going to turn around and say you didn't do it right."

Cantlin said he had been told that the responsibility for fire inspections of certain structures was the town's responsibility, imposed by the state. "If we didn't think we had to do it, believe me, we wouldn't ask for it," he said.

But Bailey questioned whether responsibility for such duties was mandatory or voluntary. "If we don't have to do it, don't do it," he advised.

Bailey said he would research the issue and report his findings to the planning board at its next meeting, scheduled for March 12 at 7 p.m.

In other business, the planning board granted a special use permit to James Finnegan to keep three horses for personal use on a four-acre Hilton Road parcel.

The planning board also set a public hearing for a one-lot subdivision on Pangburn Road, proposed by David Moreau, for March 12 at 7 p.m. A hearing on the same date, at 7:05 p.m., was set for a special use permit for a single-family residence in an industrial zone on Waldenmaier Road, being proposed by Gerald P. Rickett Sr.

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# Sheriff marks productive first year Scout earns Eagle honor

By Debi Boucher

With his first year as Albany County Sheriff behind him, James L. Campbell is seeing some of the fruits of his labors, as the first phase of expansion of the Albany County Jail nears completion, and a progressive work alternative program is launched for first-time, non-violent offenders.

Beyond easing overcrowding at the jail, Campbell said, the work program is a way for would-be inmates to maintain their family ties and mitigate, to some extent, the loss of income that accompanies a jail sentence. Since the program hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., participants can go home to their families at night and, while they won't be compensated for the work they do in exchange for jail time, they may work regular jobs on weekends.

The program will save the county money, the sheriff said, noting it costs \$75 a day to keep an inmate in jail. The other benefit will be to the non-profit and community organizations and municipalities who'll be able to get some free help.

Having laid the groundwork, Campbell is looking forward to an April starting date for the work alternative program. He said he has met with local judges who have expressed interest in the program, and expects it will be a success.

Meanwhile, the 100-cell jail expansion is proceeding and will be ready June 1, Campbell said. A second phase, for 200 cells and increased support facilities, is planned for next year.

Overseeing the jail expansion is one of the sheriff's main responsibilities, but he's got plenty else to do. With a budget of just under \$20 million and a staff of about 400, including deputies, corrections officers and support staff, the sheriff's department patrols the Town of New Scotland, the Village of Voorheesville, and the hill towns from its Voorheesville Substation. It also maintains security at the Albany County Airport and patrols the Hudson River.

When he took office in January



James L. Campbell

1990, Campbell had no specific agenda. A 24-year veteran of the State Police, Campbell knew law enforcement inside and out; his main challenge was familiarizing himself with the corrections aspect of his job. "It's still a learning process for me," said Campbell, a low-key, easygoing man with a straightforward manner.

For someone who claims to have been a novice in corrections administration, his first-year accomplishments in that area are notable. Under his direction, the prison library was refurbished, a full-time librarian hired and some 5,000 books were donated in response to the campaign Campbell launched. He instituted a special housing unit "for inmates who really can't follow the rules," which separates them from other inmates. "It has cut down on a lot of the fighting and disciplinary problems," Campbell said.

A noticeable change was the introduction of uniforms for the inmates, who had been allowed to wear civilian clothes in the past. "We were finding contraband in the clothing relatives brought in," Campbell explained, adding that without the uniforms, "it was hard to tell who was who."

Whereas the county used to rely on state training programs for inmates, it now does a lot of its own training, Campbell said, which cuts down on waiting time. And in September, the School and Business Alliance was formed, in which counselors work with six or seven inmates for an eight-week period,

teaching them life skills such as resume-writing, job interviewing and resolving conflicts. The program's first participants graduated just before Christmas, he said, adding five of the six have maintained jobs since their release.

Campbell has also begun offering stress management workshops for corrections officers, and instituted an awards dinner for employees of both the law enforcement and corrections departments. "It helps keep morale up," he said, adding that morale "is very high" among his staff.

In the law enforcement department, the county has trained its first DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) officer, and has established a K-9 unit. Through donations, the department purchased two German shepherds, trained in tracking, drug searches and cadaver recovery.

Campbell also formed a scuba team, and made a switch from .357 revolvers to 9 mm semi-automatic pistols, a move the State Police made six months earlier.

Campbell, who maintains a close working relationship with his staff, cannot often be found at his office in the Albany County Courthouse. He might be at the Voorheesville Substation — "I try to get out there twice a week," he said — or at the Albany County Airport or the jail, or at one of the numerous speaking engagements he attends as part of his job.

When he's not checking on day-to-day operations, the sheriff is busy planning future projects, among them a new firing range he'd like to see built in one of the hill towns.

Campbell is also looking to "enlarge or add on or build a new station" in Voorheesville, since the staff there now shares a building with the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Campbell, who lives in Watervliet with his wife, Patricia, and three of his four children — one of whom recently became a sheriff's deputy — has no doubts about his job. "I love it," he said simply.

By Joy Healy

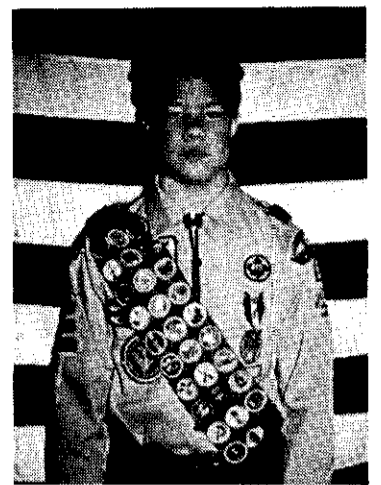
Railroads are a fascinating part of life for Kenneth D. Layman of Selkirk. Layman, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, became concerned about railroad safety because of problems with Selkirk's trains which run through the middle of the community.

A BC tenth grader, Layman has been a Scout for eight years. A member of Troop 81, he has been to Florida for a scuba-diving adventure, attended the local camporees, and supported his troop in every way possible.

Layman earned 21 merit badges of his Eagle rank, including survival, woodcarving, and personal management. He already has another 10 badges which will earn him the Gold Palm. "I plan to earn five more by summer," he says.

Inherent in every scout reaching Eagle is the hours of community service he is required to give. Layman chose a Railroad Safety Awareness project. Working with Officer George Pauley from Conrail, Layman devised a plan which was presented to the local elementary school. "The Selkirk railroad yards are right in the middle of our community. I think it's important kids have some knowledge about it," Layman said.

He said he knows of a youngster whose foot was run over by a train. Luckily, the boy pulled his foot out of his boot before he was injured.



Kenneth P. Layman

Pauley and Layman presented the Safety Awareness program to to three classes at the A.W. Becker School. They also provided videos, handouts, coloring books at a school field day.

Layman has held most any position with his troop that has been available. His most responsible assignment was Senior Patrol Leader. Others include assistant senior patrol leader, scribe, bugler, patrol leader.

As a bugler for Troop 81, Layman sounds the horn for Flag Day at the Elks when old flags are retired. He also plays on Memorial Day at the firehouse.

Layman has also earned the God and Country Religious Award, the Arrow of Light, and the Veterans Scout Association Community Service Awards.

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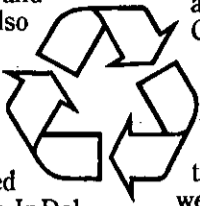
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## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

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## PTA joins with school to expand playground

By Debi Boucher

"We're a little school," explained Cheryl MacCulloch, principal of Clarksville Elementary School. "We can't go for the \$40,000 playground."

But the school, which currently has 320 children enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade, is a community resource, MacCulloch said, and many families use its playground afternoons and weekends. The large, wooden structure installed four years ago is "great for intermediate-age kids," she said, but less than suitable for younger children. To make its playground area more usable, the school and the Clarksville PTA are working together to expand it.

PTA Co-President Bonnie McInerney said the school was able to pay for the first phase of a new playground — which has been ordered, but not delivered — but the PTA plans to foot the bill, one way or another, for the second phase. Made by Big Toys of Marathon, the new playground comes in two parts to enable communities to pay for it likewise, MacCulloch said.

The first phase, featuring tunnels, a parallel bar, cost \$4,000, she said; the second part, which will connect to the first, contains a spiral slide, step tires, an activity panel and an overhead ladder, and is priced at \$5,600.

In a letter to the New Scotland Recreation Department, which was funneled to Supervisor Herbert Reilly and the town board, McInerney asked for support from the town, and expressed hope that Stewart's Shops, which plans to build a convenience store at the intersection of routes 443 and 85, might be willing to help fund the playground. The firm has contrib-

uted to similar projects in communities where it has stores, both McInerney and MacCulloch noted.

But the Clarksville store is not a sure thing, as the rezoning that would allow it has yet to be formally adopted by the town board, and Stewart's has not yet acted on its option to purchase the 2.6-acre parcel. And although the town has helped the school in the past, MacCulloch said — by installing a swing set and helping develop a skating area behind the school — it is common knowledge that the municipal budget is especially tight this year. "Money everywhere seems to be extremely tight," said MacCulloch. "But we thought there was no harm in asking."

Pat Gaul, in charge of the PTA's fund-raising efforts, said the group will be selling Easter candy from Feb. 25 through March 6. The PTA ran a similar sale, featuring holiday foods, last fall, which was "very successful," Gaul said. "Parents are usually real great," in helping support such fund-raisers, she said, explaining that children can sell the candy to relatives and neighbors, while parents might make some sales at their workplaces. "Hopefully, everyone will participate," said Gaul, adding that another fund-raiser will be planned to follow this one to continue raising money for the playground.

The school would like to purchase phase two of the playground sometime during the next school year, MacCulloch said. "Without the PTA, we would not have the playground we have," she said, noting that the organization had raised \$6,000 to \$7,000 of the \$9,000 that project cost. The balance came from a grant to the Bethlehem recreation program.

The new playground, she said, can be used not just for recreation but as part of a physical education program. Phys ed teacher Carol Waltz had input in planning the new playground. The existing structure will remain, MacCulloch said.

### Take a break, recreate!

**Spring programs set**  
The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will begin registration for spring programs on Monday, March 4.

Tiny tot swim for ages 4, 5 and 6 will be held in two sessions, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It will run from April 29 to May 30. Choose one session only. Youth stroke improvement for ages 6 and up will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from April 2 to May 2.

Adult programs offered this spring include aerobic trim, shape up, bodywise, waterworks and senior water workout. Other programs offered are mommy or daddy and me (ages 2 and 3) and come fly with me (age 4 and 5).

Brochures are available at the park office, or call the office at 439-4131 for more information. Brochures will not be mailed. All programs are open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District.

### Hospital offers sibling program

"Baby and Me," a sibling preparation program will be held Feb. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital. The course will familiarize young children with the hospital environment and helps them prepare for the birth of a new brother or sister.

For information on times and fees, contact St. Peter's Hospital's Women and Children's Services, at 454-1388.

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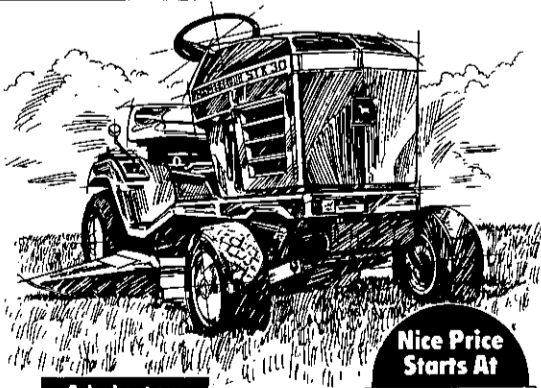
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# View 'Earthwatch' slides of Poland

Robin Potter will show her slides and lecture on her trip to Bialowieza National Park in Poland on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library. Potter volunteered for the "Earthwatch" expedition at the national park. "Earthwatch" is a national volunteer organization offering the public opportunities to join research expeditions to assist university and museum faculty. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

## Mime's the word

The entire family will be delighted with a performance of the Carte Blanche Mime Theater with Harle Thomas. This one-man comedy movement show can be seen on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library's community room. If you miss this performance, Thomas is scheduled to perform at the Guelderland Public Library on Feb. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

## Quilters display crafts

The Village Quilters are displaying their quilts, wall hangings and small works at the Voorheesville Public Library this month. They will also have an evaluation of old quilts and demonstrate some techniques at a workshop at the library on Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## School nurse honored

The Voorheesville Elementary School has nominated Deborah Bradley, school nurse, for the 1991 New York Legislature Nurse of Distinction award. Bradley is among 407 nurses statewide who were nominated for this award. She graduated from Utica Psychiatric Center School of Nursing in 1975 and is a recent runner-up for the School Nurse of the Year Award. She is also active in the New York State School Nurses Association, is a basic life support and babysitting instructor for the American Red Cross and was instrumental in developing the cri-

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Susan Casler 765-2144



sis management committee. She will be honored at a March reception and at the Nurse of Distinction Conference at the Empire State Plaza on May 7 and 8.

## School accepting applications

The Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville is accepting applications for enrollment in the 1991-92 nursery class until Monday, Feb. 25, when there will be a lottery at the church to determine who enrolls. For information, call Sue Herzog at 765-2639.

## Auxiliary hosts craft fair

The Voorheesville Fire Department Auxiliary will host its fourth annual craft fair at the firehouse on Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be many homemade items and baked goods for sale at this auxiliary fund-raiser. To rent a table, contact Judy Cocca at 765-2882, or Cindy Harding at 765-4852.

## Seniors to attend follies

New Scotland senior citizens will attend the Ziegfeld Follies at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady on Tuesday, Feb. 26. They will leave from the Methodist Church at 6:45 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending, there is still seating available. For information, call 765-2109.

## Michigan trip slated

If any New Scotland senior citizen is interested in travelling to Holland, Mich., from May 12 to 17, call Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

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# VC gets good grades from state

By Susan Wheeler

The Voorheesville Central School District had a favorable "report card" from the state, according to Superintendent Alan McCartney.

The district's Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR), results of pupil and program evaluations for the 1989-90 school year, was recently presented by McCartney and principals Edward Diegel and O. Peter Griffin at a special board of education meeting. Diegel, elementary school principal, said the report is "not the be all and end all" on which to judge a school because a student's attitude and self-esteem are not evaluated. However, this year's results for both high school and grade school exams were consistent with past high scores.

The district has "an expectation" throughout its programs for "excellence," said Griffin, the high school principal. "We were recently recognized as one of 27 schools in New York as a school of excellence." The U.S. Department of Education last week notified Griffin that the high school was chosen for a site visit, which could result in national recognition.

Diegel attributes the high CAR scores to the support of the parents who stress the importance of education and to the "teachers doing a thorough and comprehensive job teaching."

The Voorheesville schools' results were ranked against similar sized schools in New York state and Albany County. "It's important to know how the programs and pupils are doing," Diegel said.

All pupil evaluation test scores were around 90 percent plus above the state reference point. Grade-six science had the overall best score for the elementary programs, Diegel said. It is graded in three categories and the class "scored extremely well in all of them," he later said. "We're consistently putting a little bit of daylight between us and the other schools."



Alan McCartney

Diegel credits the school's Comprehensive Instructional Management System (CIMS) in science. "It's a well-defined curriculum which emphasizes hands-on teaching," he explained. At the high school level, there's an "exceptionally high percentage of students taking Regents Exams and passing them," Griffin said. He highlighted the third-year English and social studies Regents because they "don't get the credit that's due them," he said.

In the Voorheesville district, 92 percent of the entire junior class took and passed the Regents Comprehensive English Exam, while 45 percent of all the students in the state taking the exam received Regents credit, Griffin said. The percentage of students en-

rolled in this Regents course and who passed the exam for third-year social studies, U.S. History and Government, is 88 percent for Voorheesville and 42.5 percent for the state, he said. "We are far, far, far ahead in every area."

All CAR scores show "consistently high results," according to Griffin. He attributed the school's successes to the maintenance of high standards that go beyond the curriculum. The high school offers 10 college accredited programs, he said, including six advanced placement courses and four courses accredited with the State University of New York at Albany. In addition, approximately 85 percent of the student body is involved in at least one extra-curricular activity, he said.

"We have a high involvement of students involved in school programs, other than academic programs," Griffin said. "Emphasis is placed on the well-rounded student."

Griffin said the district has had a "consistently high rate" of students who go on to continue their education. In the past six years, more than 80 percent of graduating students went on to college. In 1989, the rate was 95 percent, he said.

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# THE Spotlight Sports

## Eagle dynasty continues

By Jason Wilkie

The Bethlehem boys swim team claimed the Section II Class A champion title for the 18th consecutive year last weekend.

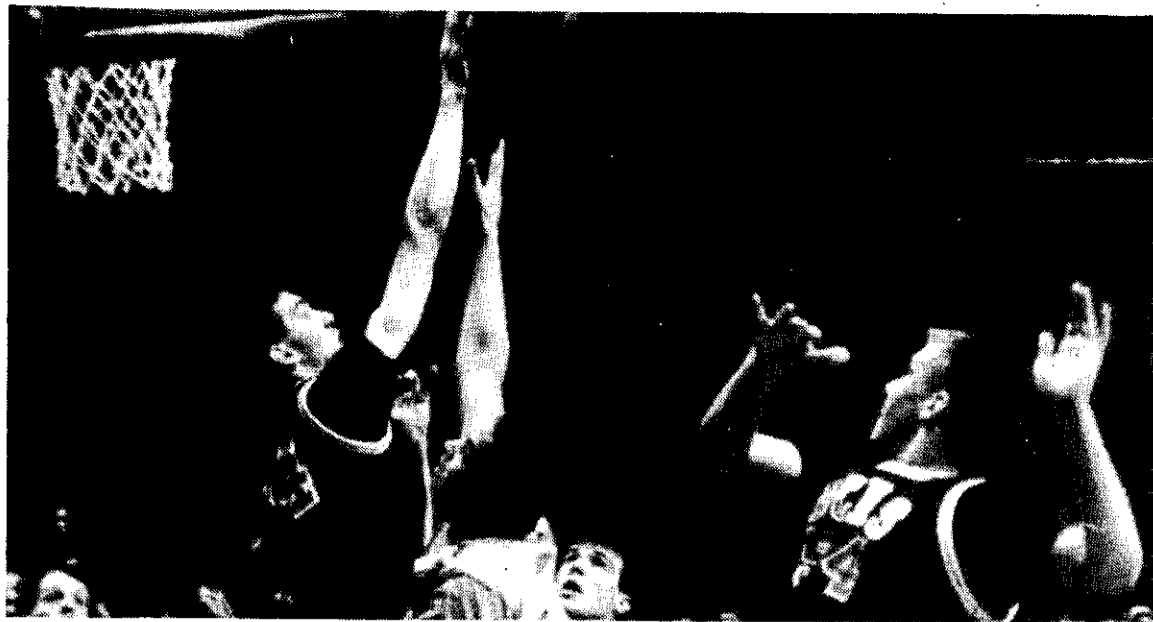
It came as no surprise considering BC's record this year and the fact that the team held the top seed in five of 11 events. They racked up 178 points to seal their victory, dominating the individual races and taking first place in every relay race.

Ian Salsburg won the 100 backstroke for BC, followed closely by senior Brian Rosenblum, who finished in fifth place. Craig Mattox took third in a highly competitive 100 backstroke race. He went on to claim a respectable seventh in the 100 fly. BC's powerhouse performer Pat Fish did justice to his

name by claiming wins for BC in both the 100 fly and the 200 individual medley. This was the second successive sectional title Fish has claimed.

Dave Cleary also dominated the competition with wins in both the 200 freestyle race and the 500 freestyle. Jeremy Goldmund turned in an impressive third in the 50 freestyle. Henry Schneider, a junior, was BC's top competitor in the diving competition with a second-place finish.

The Eagles won all of the relays, placing first in the 200 medley with a team of four, including Mattox and Goldmund. They placed first in the 200 freestyle with a team of four, and first in the 400 freestyle relay with a team of four, including Fish and Cleary.



BC's Eric McCaugan blocks a Columbia player's shot at the Knickerbocker Arena Monday, Feb. 11. Columbia won, 74-53. *Matt Shortell*

## Burnt Hills tops Bethlehem, 79-68

By Michael Kagan

After eight consecutive tries, the Bethlehem Central boys basketball team finally found a pleasing way to lose. They fell 79-68 to the 1991 Suburban Council Gold Division Champion Burnt Hills on the road last weekend.

By losing in at least a respectable way for the first time since

Jan. 25 when BC lost 58-57 at home also to the Burnt Hills Spartans, the Eagles have backed their way into sectionals with an eight-game losing streak. They've concluded the season with a 4-11 Gold Division record (6-14 overall).

Bethlehem's first round draw in the tournament was Christian Brother's Academy, a team both

coach Jack Moser and many of his players seemed pleased to go up against. That game was scheduled to be played yesterday (Tuesday).

Unlike most of the games in the losing skid, the Eagles stayed with their opponents up until the final minutes. BC actually led for a large portion of the game.

Bethlehem was quick out of the blocks, and led after one quarter, 14-12. The Spartans came back, taking the lead late in the second period to hold a 36-34 edge at the break.

The score was tied three times in the third before the Eagles' small forward Matt Quatraro put his team on top by two, 47-45, with a short jumper with approximately two and a half minutes left in the period. Burnt Hills came back, though, and regained its two point advantage, 51-49, before the end of the period.

The beginning of the final quarter saw the two teams play hot potato with the lead, exchanging it four times. With BC leading 61-56, Burnt Hills strung together an 11-0 run to take the lead for good. The Spartans scored the final eight points, erasing any chance of another Eagle comeback.

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# Blackbirds seeded 3rd in CC tourney

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

The Voorheesville Blackbirds took a 78-41 beating last week from first-place Watervliet.

After a recent tough loss to Mechanicville, the boys varsity basketball team had to play strong to help gain a favorable sectional seeding at the meeting late last week.

Unfortunately, the Watervliet Cannoneers did not allow them to do this. While the Birds stuck with Watervliet throughout the first half of the game, they were completely overpowered when the second sixteen minutes rolled around. As the third quarter progressed, coach Skip Carrk said that the team "couldn't run with them."

## BBC standings

Bethlehem Basketball Club Standings as of Feb. 10:

All-Star Division		
	Wins	Losses
• Spurs	7 1/2	1 1/2
• Hawks	5 1/2	3 1/2
• Mavericks	4 1/2	4 1/2
• Bucks	4	5
• Rockets	3	6
• Sixers	2 1/2	6 1/2

Pro Division		
	Wins	Losses
• Bulls	7	2
• Celtics	7	2
• Lakers	6	3
• Knicks	6	3
• Nuggets	1	8
• Pistons	0	9

College Division		
	Wins	Losses
• Georgetn.	8	1
• Syracuse	6	3
• Providence	5	4
• St. Johns	4 1/2	4 1/2
• Seton Hall	2	7
• Villanova	1 1/2	7 1/2

Ties are worth half a win and half a loss.

Voorheesville's goal was then modified. "We no longer played to win," Carrk said. "We played to see what we could do and how to contain them in the next match."

The next night, the Blackbirds redeemed themselves by wrenching a win from the hands of Lansingburgh. Dan Tarullo earned his first start of the season and Dan Carmody entered shortly after. Todd Rockmore played an outstanding game, finishing with the high of 26 points. With the help of Tarullo and Carmody on the boards, and the consistent aggressiveness of Bill Stone and Tom Giantasio pounding the glass, Voorheesville emerged with a 64-53 win. "The victory was great, although it was a sloppy one," Carrk said.

Even though the Cannoneers last weekend added a final win to their 20-0 record, this time there was a difference. The Birds hung on until the end of the 44-40 game.

Playing to the first sold-out gym in eight years, Voorheesville held the Watervliet offense to a low 32 points for the first three quarters of play. With less than a minute into the fourth quarter, Rich Adams hit a three-pointer to close in on Watervliet 32-30. The Birds' momentum was cut short when the Cannoneers broke forth after a time-out with a 10 point streak.

The Birds did some good things in that game. They held a team averaging over 70 points a game to 44, and they held a player, Yorden Huban, averaging 20 points a game to 14. They made a team who likes to "run and shoot" work hard for their shots.

The Birds received a sectional seeding that is the best in eight years. In addition to being placed third out of 12 teams, they received a bye in the first round. On Friday at 7 p.m. at the Burnt Hills High School, the Birds will play the winner of the Fonda (6) and Hoosick Falls (11) match. Carrk said that if his team "plays our game, we will be able to beat either one of them." If the Birds win, they will advance to the Glens Falls Civic Center on Monday, Feb. 25 at 8:15 p.m.

Either Fonda or Hoosick Falls will face the return of Steve Lapinski to the Blackbirds' lineup. "On Friday we will hopefully see the return of a confident and healthy Lapinski," said Carrk.

While Erin Sullivan, filling one of the starting positions during Lapinski's absence, has led the team in scoring and rebounding in three of five games, Carrk said the Birds benefit the most from Sullivan's play off the bench. Carrk, referring to Sullivan as "the best athlete on the team," said that when he "comes off the bench he adds new dimension to the team, creating offensive plays and contributing numerous steals." He said, "Erin has that spark that fires the team up, and hopefully we will ride that spark all the way to the civic center."

Along with varsity successes this season, the junior varsity team, coached by Ric Frese, had some of their own. With a 14-2 record, they tied for the league championship with Watervliet.

# Star Bowlers



Bowling honors for the week of Feb 10, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Jim Compson 245; Bob Montgomery 558 triple.

Sr. Cit. Women — Betty Contento 176, 498 triple; Doris Aupperle 175, 487 triple.

Men — Joe Walton 300, 737 triple; John Bickel 1005(4 game series).

Women — Barb Sano 251, 567 triple; Judy Carkner 606 triple.

Jr. Boys — Kevin Fournier 184, 457 triple.

Jr. Girls — Erin Barkman 193, 517 triple.

Prep Boys — Jacob Martin 172, 413 triple; Jason Seaburg 169, 364 triple.

Prep Girls — Andrea Kachidurian 183, 495 triple; Lisa Morris 158, 432 triple.

Bantam Girls — Elizabeth Delisle 105, 274 triple; Erin Bailey 103, 264 triple.

## Junior Classic League

Major Boys — Matt Reed 260, 961 (4 game series); Rich Pangburn 246, 907 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Lisa Green 166, 637 (4 game series).

Jr. Boys — Jeff Dievendorf 266, 837 (4 game series); Al Crewell 237, 802 (4 game series).

## Adult — Junior League

Adult — Jim Bradt 254, 637 triple.

Junior — Matt Reed 266, 694 triple.

## Soccer team wins tournament

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's Under 12 A Bullets took first place in a recent Lakehill Tournament in Burnt Hills.

Team members participating were Greg DeMarco, Melissa Kanux, Joel Hatstat, Chris Messina, Greg Cooper, Ben Gold, Kevin Smith, Nick Halpin and Bryan Walsh.

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## Team effort garners Birds second in sectionals

By Kevin Taylor

Every Voorheesville wrestler contributed to the team's second place finish at the Class C Sectional wrestling tournament last weekend at Hoosick Falls.

All the grapplers put forth a great effort that earned them their highest finish ever in the Class C tournament. Corinth won the tournament with 236 points and the Blackbirds were second with 201. Cobleskill was a distant third with 134 points.

The Blackbirds had four wrestlers seeded first and three of them, Darren Ascone, Christian Clark and Chad Hotaling, breezed to victories in the finals. In a battle of unbeatens, Ascone defeated his opponent to up his record to 27-0, with over 20 pins. Clark chalked up a 7-2 win over his opponent for the title at 132. Hotaling wrestled an 8-2 match for the championship at 215.

In addition to three firsts, the Blackbirds tallied three second-place finishes. Top-seeded Tim Reeth ran into a roadblock in the final and was ousted by Zane DeJoseph of Corinth 9-5 in overtime. Eric Dommermuth wrestled a great match against two-time Section II runner-up Tom Uccellini of Tamarac, losing on a reversal near the end of the second period, 2-0. Super heavyweight Dave Bartholomew pinned his second opponent to reach the finals.

A couple of great individual performances were turned in by senior Josh Vink and sophomore Buddy Deschenes, who were both rewarded with third-place finishes. Vink's effort deserves special recognition as he was seeded sixth and survived six long minutes. He lost to Brent Handy of Schoharie in the quarterfinals 9-3, but rebounded with two pins and a decision win in the wrestlebacks to gain a birth in the consolation final

against Handy. This time Vink was not to be denied as he dominated Handy en route to a 9-0 shellacking of his opponent.

Deschenes, after being pinned by the first seed in the quarters, gained back-to-back pins to win third place, taking only four minutes and eight seconds.

The Blackbirds had 10 wrestlers this week at the State Qualifiers compete at the Glens Falls Civic Center. Greg Reeth was given the birth when fourth place finisher Jason Frost was unable to compete. Clark did not wrestle because of a shoulder injury.

## BC girls frosh win Gold Division crown

The Bethlehem Central freshman girls basketball team captured the Suburban Council Gold Division Championship this year with a league record of 13-1.

The team's leading scorers were Sheila McCaughin, Megan Beyer, Sarah Mineau and Melanie Dale. Suzanne Fish was the top rebounder and Casey Connistraci had the most steals.

BC's only loss was a closely contested game with undefeated Shenendehowa, 56-49. Only once during the entire season did any other opponent come within 10 points of the Eagles. BC had good depth as the bench accounted for over 200 points during the season.

Other players on this year's championship team were Colleen Doody, Karena Zornow, Amy Perlmutter, Laura DeVecchio, Sara Battles, Amy McInerney, Jessica Greggo, Kathleen McDermott, Jennifer Greggo and Tara Eaton.

## Lady Eagles log overtime win

By Jason Wilkie

The Bethlehem girls varsity basketball team did it again last weekend, beating Burnt Hills 59-54 in overtime to claim their 17th win of the season.

The game got close in the last 10 seconds. Anita Kaplan made a basket that tied the game in regulation and threw the game into overtime. Kaplan, the top scorer with 36 points, managed three free

throws, and Lynn Doody two. Seniors Kassie Jeram and Kelly Ryan made two baskets each to give the team a total of eight points. Lisa Domermuth and Andrea Cornell each netted one hoop, while Doody contributed eleven.

Third-year coach Bill Warner said he was pleased with the results and with the general course of the season. Championship games remain to be played as the season draws to a close.

## Grapplers to go to Glens Falls

By Kevin Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk grapplers recently traveled to Queensbury for the annual two-day wrestling tournament.

Adam Smith, at 91 pounds as usual, wrestled well on the first day of the tournament, but lost to the eventual third-place finisher. "Adam wrestled great this year," said coach John Vishnowski.

Freddy Pechette was seeded second coming into the tournament. He wrestled well enough in the semifinals to move on to the finals. "Freddy was down 7-5 with about 10 seconds to go when he shot a take-down and was in the middle of finishing it when the period ended," Vishnowski said. "He wrestled the best he's wrestled this year."

Senior captain Chris King won his first match in place in the semifinals, where he then lost to

the eventual second-place finisher. Freshman John Mantynen won in his first match against the only grappler who beat him last year. He ultimately placed sixth.

Jason Knox lost his first match, but came back to win his next two matches. He took fourth place. Chad Rooney wrestled and won a tough match. He lost in the semifinals. Sophomore Jason Demerest lost to the champion in his first match, won his second and lost his third match to end a good year. David Baranska, a sophomore, won his first match to put him into the semifinals where he lost to the undefeated champion. He came back to score a pin, but then lost his next match.

Pechette, Rooney, Baranska and Knox were scheduled this week to wrestle at the Glens Falls Civic Center in the Section II Tournament.

## Babe Ruth league holds baseball clinic

Baseball coaches and players can get a head start on the competition when Jack Aker, a former major league coach and player, and Dr. John Czajka, a local sports medicine specialist, hold a clinic at Bethlehem Central High School.

The March 2 event is sponsored by Bethlehem Babe Ruth but is open to anyone, according to Tom Yovine, event organizer. It is aimed at area youth league coaches and local players (both boys and girls) 10 years of age and older.

Yovine said the clinic will have two focal points: preventive medicine with Czajka and Aker's instruction on baseball fundamentals. He said Czajka's talk can help inexperienced coaches better understand and prevent injuries.

"There are so many of us who try to go out there and pretend we're coaches, yet we haven't got

the foggiest idea about the physiological damage we can do to these kids," Yovine said.

The clinic is \$10 per person, but a special \$20 family rate is available. Bethlehem high school is at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The clinic will be from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 439-2062.

Mike Larabee

## RCS finishes season

By Michael Nock

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys varsity basketball team played and lost its last two games of the season last week. The Indians first lost 66-49 to Waterford, then fell to Schalmont, 77-65.

Steve Bullock and Reggie Smith were the top scorers with 13 points each against Waterford. Carlton Winslow did well on defense.

Eddie Nieves, with 13 points, was the top scorer in the Schalmont game. Tom Holseapple played defense well. Gorham said the team made crucial mistakes in shooting.

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Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lieberman

## Lieberman, Schrager wed

Aaron Lieberman, son of Dr. Robert and Susan Lieberman of Slingerlands, and Susan Schrager, daughter of Sheldon and Ilene Schrager of Tamarac, Fla., were married Oct. 28.

Rabbi Scott Shpeen conducted the ceremony in Temple Sorel in Hollywood, Fla.

Stacy Schrager was maid of honor. Miriam and Naomi Lieberman, Mary Dirol, Ilene Horvath, Marlene Tillis and Taryn Schulman were bridesmaids.

Joel Lieberman was best man.

Bruce Rubin, Steve Modell and Ken Schulman were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hobart College. He is a sales professional with Superior Linen Co. in Florida.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communication. She is president of Strategic Public Relations, Inc. in Florida.

After a wedding cruise to the Caribbean, the couple reside in Miami Lakes, Fla.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center Hospital

Girl, Lacy Jewel, to Tamra and Lance Ogle, Delmar, Nov. 22.

Boy, Sydney McCartney, to Kathy McCartney and Eric Fluster, Slingerlands, Nov. 26.

Boy, Erik Ivar Bauer, to Jacqueline Brate and Ivar Bauer, Voorheesville, Nov. 28.

Boy, Evan Jeffery, to Lisa and Bruce Finkle, Delmar, Nov. 29.

Boy, Thomas Maurer, to Nancy Maurer and Bruce Bell, Delmar, Nov. 29.

## Spotlight on the Service

Capt. John P. Denn has been deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Storm.

The son of William J. and George F. Denn of Slingerlands, Denn is a graduate of Guilderland High School and State University of New York at Albany. He is a readiness officer at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Army Sgt. Timothy J. Hanlon has been deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Storm.

Hanlon, a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, is the son of Joseph M. and Karen L. Hanlon of New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. He is a field communications equipment mechanic at Katterbach Kaserne, Germany.

Navy Seaman Recruit Robert M. Baranska, son of Jerry P. and Jean M. Baranska of Selkirk, has completed training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During his eight-week training, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

A 1986 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Baranska joined the Navy in September 1990.

### Knitters need yarn

The Sunshine Seniors of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem are in need of yarn to make lap robes for nursing homes. Please drop off any available yarn at the church, or call 767-9635.



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Collen

## Collen, Leavenworth wed

Lisa A. Leavenworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Leavenworth of West Lebanon, and Eugene H. Collen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Collen of Delmar, were married Oct. 13.

The ceremony was conducted in the Immaculate Conception church in New Lebanon.

Suzan Stanley was maid of

honor. Christine Calderwood and Amy Collen were bridesmaids. Shaina Gates was flower girl.

Ronald Bell was best man. Stephen Leavenworth and Paul Collen were ushers. Nicholas Collen was ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to the Bahamas and Florida, the couple reside in Guilderland.

### Kiwanis sponsor ecumenical service

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the 19th Annual Ecumenical Service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the First Presbyterian Church in New Scotland, on Route 85.

Clergy or representatives from the New Salem Reformed Church, Voorheesville First United Methodist Church and St. Matthews

Church will speak at the service, to which the public is invited. Rev. Gregory Pike, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will host. Refreshments will be served by the Kiwanis after the service.

The ecumenical service, rotated among the four churches each year, originated with Henry C. Tiger, a former Kiwanian.



Dahl Leonard Taylor and Deirdre Ann Zimmerman

## Zimmerman, Taylor engaged

Joseph F. and Margaret B. Zimmerman of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Deirdre Ann Zimmerman, to Dahl Leonard Taylor, son of Donald J. and Lucille Taylor of Waterford.

Zimmerman is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, State University at Oneonta and

Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University. She is a senior budget examiner for the State Division of the Budget.

Taylor is a graduate of Sullivan County Community College and attended the Art Institute of Boston. He is a freelance illustrator.

A June wedding is planned.



## Community Corner

### Audubon seeks volunteers

The Audubon Society of New York State, Inc. is looking for a few good volunteers to work at Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary, a 138-acre preserve located in South Bethlehem.

The training will include an introduction to New York Audubon, ecological concepts, creation of habitats for songbirds, butterflies, and hummingbirds, and other management techniques to enhance wildlife in urban, suburban or rural settings.

Training will be offered for weekday and weekend volunteers. Weekday training will take place on two Tuesdays, March 5 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weekend training is scheduled for Saturdays, March 2 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 767-9051.

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# Obituaries

## John J. Falvey

John J. Falvey, 73, of Brookman Avenue, Elsmere, former teacher and principal died Monday, Feb. 11, in St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Kingston, Ulster County, he moved to Delmar in 1946.

Mr. Falvey was a teacher at the Bethlehem Center School from 1946 to 1949. Later, he was principal of the Clarksville Elementary School for four years. In 1954, he became the first principal of the Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar, retiring in 1976.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a tank commander.

A member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, he was also a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185. In addition, he was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post American Legion in Elsmere.

He was a member of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, in Delmar.

Mr. Falvey was husband of the late Roseline Stopskie Falvey.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Williams Falvey; a daughter, Denise Linstruth of Delmar; a son, Michael Falvey of Guilderland Center; a stepdaughter, Heather Williams of Seattle; two stepsons, Dixon Williams of Troy and Bruce Williams of Washington, Maine; three sisters, Mary Dwyer, Gertrude O'Reilly and Margaret Kulb, all of Kingston; and a grandson.

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

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## John F. McGurn

John F. McGurn, 61, of Beaver Dam Road, Selkirk, former custodian, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, in

the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in Albany after a long illness.

Born in Albany, he attended Albany High School and Christian Brothers Academy.

Retiring in 1980, he was a custodian for 27 years for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.

Mr. McGurn served in the Coast Guard from 1947-52.

He was husband of the late Marcia Ego McGurn. Survivors include two sons, John F. McGurn of Troy and Robert W. McGurn of Selkirk; a daughter, Jeannie McGurn Malo of Cohoes; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Glenmont.

## Anna Marie Sexton

Anna Marie Wagner Sexton, 89, of Orchard Street, Delmar, former homemaker, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Hudson, she was a homemaker all her life.

Mrs. Sexton was widow of Alan Sexton.

She is survived by a daughter, Dorothy MacMillen of Delmar; a brother, George Wagner of Poughkeepsie; and a sister, Marie Wagner of Lockport, Niagara County.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Albany.

## Ruth Streets

Ruth L. Streets, 91, of Maple Road, Voorheesville, former schoolteacher, died Thursday, Feb. 7, at her son's home in Fairfax, Va.

Born in LeRoy, Genesee County, Mrs. Streets was a graduate of Cornell University.

Retiring in 1970, she was a schoolteacher at Voorheesville Central School after teaching kindergarten for 20 years. Prior to that, she taught in Schenectady schools.

Mrs. Streets was a member of the Delmar Reformed Church, the Cornell University Club and the New York State Teachers Association.

She was widow of William Streets. Survivors include a son, William C. Streets of Fairfax; a daughter, Marilyn S. Kime of Vienna, W.Va.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Everly Funeral Home, Main Street, Fairfax. A memorial service will be held at the Delmar Reformed Church, 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Reformed Church or the American Heart Association.

## Janina Rzany

Janina "Sadie" Skalski Rzany, 74, of North Main Street in Voorheesville died Saturday, Feb. 16, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Schenectady, Mrs. Rzany was a longtime Voorheesville resident.

Mrs. Rzany was a homemaker. She was a member of the New Scotland Senior Citizens and the Voorheesville American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

She was widow of Charles Rzany.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol Dickson and Dorothy Deleskiewicz, both of Voorheesville, and Katherine Schryver of Westerlo; a son, Stephen Rzany of Voorheesville; a sister Helen Petrucco of Schenectady; and six grandchildren.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church. Arrangements were by Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance, Voorheesville 12186.

## Mildred F. Weinman

Mildred F. Weinman, 83, of Slingerlands Street, Slingerlands, died Saturday, Feb. 9, in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a brief illness.

Born in Van Hornesville, Herkimer County, Mrs. Weinman was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. Weinman was a member of the McKownville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard T. Weinman; a brother, Stuart H. Crouse of Albany; and a sister, Margaret E. Crouse of Washington.

Arrangements were by Fred L. Dascher Jr., Albany. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the organ fund of the McKownville United Methodist Church, the American Heart Association, or the Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Service.

## Correction

In last week's issue of *The Spotlight*, an obituary for Elsa Butman incorrectly identified the designated beneficiary of contributions in her memory. Contributions may be sent to LaSalle Institute, 174 Williams Rd., Troy 12180-7799.


## RCS board hosts public meeting

The Board of Education of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will host the second of its annual Public Forum sessions on Monday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High School, Route 9W, Ravena.

These meetings are designed to allow district residents to learn about items regarding school operations. All interested community members with comments or questions are encouraged to attend.

## Caregivers lecture set

On Thursday, Feb. 28, Elizabeth Pohlmann, program director of the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center, will speak to the Caregivers Support Group of St. Thomas Church in the school library, 42 Adams Place, Delmar at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be "Coping and Caring with Dementia." The public is invited to attend.



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The Bethlehem Networks Project has been working over the past few months with 10 middle school student volunteers in preparing two puppet shows with an anti-alcohol and substance abuse theme. Together with these young people, we have built our own portable stage, and made our own curtains, scenery, and additional costumes. The puppets, including both people and body parts (heart, stomach, liver, and brain) have been purchased and are of the large, "muppet" variety. Our two plays have also been purchased and will be presented using pre-recorded audio tapes. After some experience, we hope the group may be able to develop its own plays. A schedule of


presentations to younger elementary students is currently being prepared. For more information, please call us at the number below.

This type of activity, with one group of students presenting information to other students, is an example of "peer programming." Other examples include the youth improvisation group being developed, the PAL program at the elementary level, and the peer helpers at Bethlehem Central High School, which have been active for several years. Puppets are also being used in many types of programs, including churches and police departments. Please call if you would like more information on any of these topics.

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By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

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The theatre is a non-profit corporation which promotes the performing arts for families and children in the Capital District through its Kids' Fare program.

Kids' Fare, founded in 1983, was performing a variety of acts at different sites throughout Albany until about two-and-a-half years ago. The city had decided to move Engine 10 from the firehouse at 1123 Madison Ave., and the empty house was looking for new occupants. The Kids' Fare members jumped at the chance. After the site was determined too small for the location of the Pine Hills Library, the mayor gave the troupe the go-ahead to establish a theatre, said Ric Chesser, one of the theatre's founders.

The old fire building formerly housed a two-horse, steam powered fire engine.

Above the main entrance doors, carved in stone, are the words "Steamer No. 10." Thus, the name of the theatre.

This week, the Kids' Fare group is presenting its first "School's Out" series. "School's Out is an experimental program specifically aimed at parents looking for something to do with their children over the vacation period," explained Chesser. "We have never had the space to try this before." Each day, through this Friday, a different artist will perform.

Today (Wednesday, Feb. 20) at 1 and 3 p.m., Cranberry the Clown will entertain with her humor, magic, and puppets. "Cranberry is terrific for young kids," said Chesser. "Her open and warm personality tunes them right in. She weaves three talents into one terrific act."

Tomorrow, nationally acclaimed singer/songwriter Paul Strausman, of Albany, will tantalize the ears of his audience with songs from around the world. Strausman released three tapes for Gentle Winds, an Albany-based recording company that markets stories and songs for children. Gentle Winds covers about 25 cassettes, predominantly sold through mail order. However, they will soon be seen in Waldenbooks bookstores, Chesser said. Strausman has sold around 20,000 tapes nationwide, and has been named an American Library Association Notable Children's Recording Artist. "Paul is one of those artists whose songs you know and sing, but do not know who wrote them," said Chesser.

In the last "School's Out" performance on Friday, Feb. 22, magician Jim Snack will use hand manipulations and card tricks to bewilder spectators. "He is great," enthused Chesser. "Even if you know the trick and watch his hands from three feet away, you still can't see what he does." Snack also makes use of classic props, such as birds, rabbits and fire.

From literally hundreds of acts, Chesser and his associates choose only those they feel are "special." Because Kids' Fare audiences are typically half children and half adults, the acts must "speak to kids and fascinate adults," Chesser said. "When hiring, we seek out those performances



Paul Strausman will perform his repertoire of children's songs tomorrow (Thursday) as part of the Kids' Fare programming at the new Steamer No. 10 Theatre at 1123 Madison Ave. in Albany.



Cranberry the Clown will entertain this afternoon (Wednesday) at the new Steamer No. 10 Theatre.

that will communicate with a multitude of age groups."

Since the theatre's opening on Feb. 1, its shows have been going "very well," he said. The opening was "outstanding" and many shows have been sold out.

After this "School's Out" week, Kids' Fare will be in the dark for one weekend, but will resume at full throttle the following weekend, putting on shows every Saturday and Sunday through April.

On March 2 and 3, the Kuperberg Morris Dance Co. will bring Ko-Motion to the theatre. The group performed three years ago for Kids' Fare at Page Hall. "We were not sure how children would react to modern dance, but they loved it," said Chesser. The dance company makes use of colorful clown acts, balloons, and 50-foot rubber bands, he said. "There is a low light atmosphere with black lights shin-

ing on stage. The dancers move around stage entwining these three inch thick bands."

Following the dance sculpture program, a rock 'n' roll poetry group called Troubador will visit Steamer No. 10. Also with a tape on the Gentle Winds label, the singers' works speak across a generation of people. They are known for a song called "Are We There Yet?" As one might have guessed, it talks about family vacations.

The non-profit Steamer No. 10 Theatre is funded through the New York State Council for the Arts, donations and ticket sales. For information on show performance, times, and prices, call 438-5503.

After years of travelling around, Chesser said, "We are finally here. We have put our roots down."

## BSO Strings plan tribute to Bernstein in March

The 20-member Strings of the Boston Symphony will be heard in a special concert on March 4 at the Troy Music Hall under the auspices of Renaissance Musical Arts, Ltd., of Albany. Two selections composed by the 18th century composer Antonio Vivaldi will be featured in the program.

The concert, together with one by the New York Philharmonic Brass players on April 15, have been arranged to honor the memory of Leonard Bernstein, who was closely associated with both the Boston Symphony and the New York Philharmonic.

The Vivaldi selections will be "The Four Seasons," with solo violinist Emanuel Borok, and "Cello Concerto in A Minor," with Martha Babcock as the soloist. The evening's program will include Edvard Grieg's "Holberg Suite," according to the announcement by Renaissance Musical Arts' president,



Martha Babcock

Dr. Richard F. Balsam. The non-profit corporation is enabled to produce the program through his close relationships with members of the Boston Symphony as well as the soloists.

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## Comic creators eager to meet 'Faust' fans

By Dev Tobin

In addition to thousands of old and new comic books from more than 50 vendors, the Comic Book & Collectibles Convention this Sunday at the Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road in Colonie will feature both the artist and the writer behind the cult comic classic "Faust."

Artist Tim Vigil and writer David Quinn meet and greet their fans from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both said in a recent interview from Detroit that they look forward to the show.

"Faust" is so outside the mainstream of comics that we really have to get personal with our fans," Quinn said.

"I like meeting the people," Vigil added. "As independents, we have to do the shows to let people know we're out there."

Quinn explained that the quarterly "Faust" sells about 40,000 copies. "Most of our readers are men in their 20s and 30s," he said. "Tim and I are in our early 30s, and we write and draw for our age

group, although we would like to see more women reading the book."

Quinn noted that in going to the shows, he learns about how "Faust" fans react to his work. "In Milwaukee, one fan made a stained-glass portrait of Faust, and several bands have songs about Faust," he remarked.

The story-line of "Faust", set in contemporary New York City, where Quinn lives, concerns John Jaspers, who has vague memories of being tortured and buried alive.

"He's mad and doesn't know who he is. There is great drama in his confrontations with 'M,' his former mentor who taught him to be a killer, and then had him buried alive," Quinn explained.

Quinn cautioned that "Faust" was not for children.

"Because we do an 'adult' book, we have the leeway to explore a lot of things

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# AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday  
February 20

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**OPERATIONAL BLUE SKIES**  
recreation activities for children of parents in the Persian Gulf, sponsored by Camp Good Days and Special Times, 1084 Madison Ave., Albany, Feb. 20-22. Information, 438-6515.

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

Thursday  
February 21

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

**ETHNICITY AND CULTURAL IDENTITY**  
lecture, SUNYA campus, University Library, Room B14, noon-2 p.m. Information, 442-3569.

**LA LECHE LEAGUE**  
meeting, Woman's Healthcare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-1774.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**  
meeting, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

**SCENECTADY COUNTY**  
**HIV/AIDS VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM**  
sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 State St., Schenectady, 9 a.m.-noon and 6-9 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

Friday  
February 22

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**SENIORS LUNCH**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**LONG TERM INVESTING**  
discussion with financial consultant Tom Curran, Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1:30 P.M. Information, 438-6651.

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

Saturday  
February 23

**SCENECTADY COUNTY**  
**SOCK HOP**  
sponsored by Bud Light US Water Ski Team, IEU Hall, Erie Blvd., Schenectady, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 370-2244.

Sunday  
February 24

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

**"CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY"**  
play on the crucifixion of Christ with modern attitudes concerning Christianity, Peoples Baptist Church, 12 Launfal St., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

**SEMINAR FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS**  
St. Peter's Hospital's Women and Children's Services, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Registration, 454-1388.

Monday  
February 25

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**PREGNANCY: THE EARLY MONTHS**  
lecture, Woman's Healthcare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

**SENIORS LUNCH**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

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

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

Tuesday  
February 26

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**SENIORS LUNCH**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB**  
for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Gaspar's Restaurant, 164 Madison Ave., Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 851-9859.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**  
Albany Senior Squadron, Albany County Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

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

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**  
**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
Christ Episcopal Church, Union Street, Hudson, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

Wednesday  
February 27

**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE**  
lecture, Womens Healthcare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, free and open to the public. Information, 452-3455.

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

## Strings

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The string players were selected by Mark Ludwig, a BSO violinist, who is the artistic director-contractor for the concert, in consultation with Dr. Balsam.

Reservations for the 8 p.m. concert can be made through the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall (273-0038).

Emanuel Borok, former concertmaster of the Boston Symphony and of Boston Pops, now is concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. He has been a frequent concert performer in the Capital District, having first performed the "Scottish Fantasy" of Max Bruch with the Albany Symphony Orchestra in 1983, and then several concerts under the auspices of Renaissance Musical Arts. These included two solo violin performances with Findlay Cockrell at SUNYA and at the Colonie Country Club, as well as numerous performances of the popular chamber works of Beethoven, Mozart, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Mendelssohn. He has recorded "The Four Seasons" for Sine-Qua-Non label with the Cambridge Chamber Orchestra Players, who are predominantly BSO members.

His wife, Marilyn Borok, is to be the harpsichordist for the Troy concert. She performs keyboard works extensively in the Dallas area.

Martha Babcock, the second Vivaldi soloist, is associate principal cellist of the



Emanuel Borok

Boston Symphony and the principal cellist of Boston Pops. She has appeared frequently as a guest performer for Renaissance Musical Arts, most notably in Schubert's "Arpeggione Sonata," the Brahms Piano Quartet, Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence," and the Beethoven "Archduke Trio." Recently she was heard in Boston Pops performances of Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals," in which she played the famous solo of The Swan.

The April 15 concert, a varied program that will include Bernstein compositions among others, will be at Union College Memorial Chapel.

### Bowl for Kids Sake weekend announced

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Albany County, Inc. is holding its 10th annual Bowl for Kids Sake Weekend on March 23 and 24 at Tri-City Lanes, 400 Broadway in Menands.

The annual bowl-a-thon raises funds to support the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program, with over \$165,000 in pledges raised at last year's event alone.

Bowlers gain sponsors for a pledge per pin based on a one-game bowling score. The event is sponsored on a local basis by WNYT-TV, Burger King, Price Chopper, First American Bank, the Times Union, Norstar Bank and Union National Bank.

For more information, call 463-4429.

## Weekly Crossword

"SOME VALENTINE 'LOVE' SONGS" By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

- 1 HEARTS AND GENTLE PEOPLE
- 5 Word with County and State
- 10 Mineral
- 14 Mr. Guthrie
- 15 John \_\_\_\_\_ of "The Addams Family"
- 16 Smell
- 17 Football term
- 18 "THAT'S THE STORY OF THAT'S \_\_\_\_\_ LOVE"
- 20 Former King of Judah
- 21 Throat clearing sound
- 22 Ninnys
- 23 Arabian country
- 25 Leg part
- 27 Furniture wheel
- 29 "IF \_\_\_\_\_ LOVE"
- 33 Cited
- 34 Welcomed visitor
- 35 Misfortune
- 36 Birds and
- 37 Real estate sign
- 38 Greek letter
- 39 Harry Houd \_\_\_\_\_ Magician
- 40 Kindled the flame again
- 41 Ogles
- 42 " \_\_\_\_\_ FALLING IN LOVE"
- 44 Fits you \_\_\_\_\_
- 45 Actress Lamarr
- 46 Pianet
- 47 Word with tee or red
- 50 Sea eagle
- 51 Auditory receptacle
- 54 "OUR LOVE IS \_\_\_\_\_"
- 57 Character in "Hawaii-5-0"
- 58 Pennsylvania port
- 59 Lariat
- 60 Historic periods
- 61 Soldier's meal
- 62 Mr. Preminger and others
- 63 Suffix with kitchen and major

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### DOWN

- 1 One of baby's first words
- 2 Cupid
- 3 "I'LL \_\_\_\_\_ LOVE WITH YOU"
- 4 Mr. Howard
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Time
- 6 Deadly pale
- 7 List member
- 8 Gear
- 9 Sat. Night Live
- 10 Capital of Comoros
- 11 Pastoral poem
- 12 Old codger
- 13 Dog words
- 19 Poet?
- 21 Prayer ending
- 24 Timetable abbreviations
- 25 Piece of paper
- 26 Soc. Science subj.
- 27 Having 6 equal square sides
- 28 Field house, eg
- 29 Holland flower
- 30 "LET ME CALL YOU \_\_\_\_\_"
- 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Dame

- 32 Taunt
- 34 \_\_\_\_\_ gee!
- 37 Placed the golf ball
- 38 Wallop
- 40 Mr. Butler of "Gone With the Wind"
- 41 Traditional knowledge
- 43 " \_\_\_\_\_ Company"
- 44 Ms. Tucker and others
- 46 Muse of love poetry
- 47 The eldest of Noah's three sons
- 48 Not there
- 49 Spring flower
- 50 French state
- 52 Med. subj.
- 53 Mrs. Kennedy
- 55 Gold in Spain
- 56 Tennis term
- 57 Follows "cee"

Solution to "Gamesmanship"

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Wednesday February 20

BETHLEHEM

**ANTIQUITY STUDY GROUP**  
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 1 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

**EMBROIDERERS' GUILD MEETING**  
Delmar United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-5098 or 861-6968.

**LITERARY LECTURE SERIES**  
discussion on William Faulkner's Absalom, Absalom!, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

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

**BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Public hearing on Joseph A. Tannatta, 405A School House Rd., Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES SERIES**  
"You Can Expect Answers to Prayer," First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m. Information, call 439-9976.

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

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

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**  
meets of lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

**ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STARS**  
first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**LENTEN SERVICE**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**NEW SCOTLAND CARTE BLANCHE MIME THEATER**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

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

**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.

**WINTER PROGRAMS OFFERED**  
Five Rivers Environmental Education Learning Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

**BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**  
meeting, Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday February 22

BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

Saturday February 23

BETHLEHEM

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

Sunday February 24

BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**  
service and Sunday school, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**  
church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m. Rt. 9W Selkirk, Information, 436-7710.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR**  
worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9976.

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

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

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

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

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND EVERING SERVICE**  
Clarksville Tabernacle, 7 p.m., Route 443. Information, 768-2733.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school. Information, 765-2895.

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

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

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**  
worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

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

**EVANGELISTIC FILMS**  
HOPE for the Lonely, Clarksville Community Church, Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2963.

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

Monday February 25

BETHLEHEM

**MOTHER'S TIME OUT**  
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**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**Tuesday February 26**

**BETHEHEM**

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

**Wednesday February 27**

**BETHEHEM**

**LENTEN SERVICE**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**EVENING GROUP**  
Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Jaye Sprinkle of Travelhost, speaker. Information, 439-3916.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES**  
"The Presence of the Holy Spirit," First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

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

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**Thursday February 28**

**BETHEHEM**

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
St. Thomas school library, 42 Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

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

**BETHEHEM CENTRAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
meeting, Administrative Conference room at Bethlehem High School, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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**Friday March 1**

**BETHEHEM**

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

**PRESCHOOL FILMS**  
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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**ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT**  
first Fridays, North Bethlehem Fire House, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**LIBRARY STORY HOURS**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

**Saturday March 2**

**BETHEHEM**

**PRESCHOOL FILMS**  
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

**Sunday March 3**

**BETHEHEM**

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

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**Comics**

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that might be covered in a novel. We can go to visual and verbal extremes, where a lot of comics or TV shows would fade away," he commented.

Vigil said that he was influenced by the art in 60s fantasy comics by people such as Jack Kirby and Frank Frazetta. "Conan" by Barry Smith and Ray Thomas was also a big influence," he added.

Quinn considers himself a dramatist, and writes plays in addition to writing "Faust."

"The most important thing in my writing is the drama — the action between people — why they do what they do to get what they want," Quinn said.

Vigil said he wouldn't mind if Faust followed Conan, Superman and Batman into the movies, but said that any Faust movie would be more like "Rocky Horror Picture Show" than like those big-budget, mass-market movies.

Published by Quinn and Vigil's own Rebel Studios, "Faust" is a 32-page black-and-white book with a color cover. It sells for \$2.25 and is available in most specialty comics stores, and, of course, at Sunday's convention.

Also featured at the convention will be Dwayne Furgenson, the artist of "Hampster Vice" and "Captain Africa."

"There will be very early and expensive comics available for sale from the



Faust creators David Quinn and Tim Vigil will be featured during this Sunday's comics show at the Holiday Inn Turf.

Golden Age of comics, as well as more contemporary work," said Ann Rikardson, spokesperson for Great Eastern Conventions, which is sponsoring the show.

Admission is \$3 at the door.

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The Town Board reserves the right to waive and informalities in or to reject any or all bids.  
 BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
 CAROLYN M. LYONS  
 TOWN CLERK  
 Dated: February 13, 1991  
 (2/20/91)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals are sought and requested for the furnishing of all materials and the performance of all work related to the painting and refinishing of the engine room of Fire Station #1 at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, N.Y. This in accordance with the specifications of a contract to be let by the Board of Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District, Albany County, New York, and will be received on the 12th day of March, 1991 by the said board of Commissioners at the meeting room in the Slingerlands Fire Station #1, 1520 New Scotland Road, New York at 8:00 o'clock (PM) in the afternoon of said date. Contract specifications, a proposed contract for the execution of the work necessary bid forms can be examined and obtained at the offices of Fritts and Whiting, Attorneys for the Slingerlands Fire District at their offices located at 410 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N.Y., 12054 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM from the 20th day of February, 1991 through the 12th day of March, 1991.

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Dated February 20, 1991  
 Board of Commissioners  
 Slingerlands Fire District  
 1520 New Scotland Road  
 Slingerlands, New York, 12159  
 (2/20/91)

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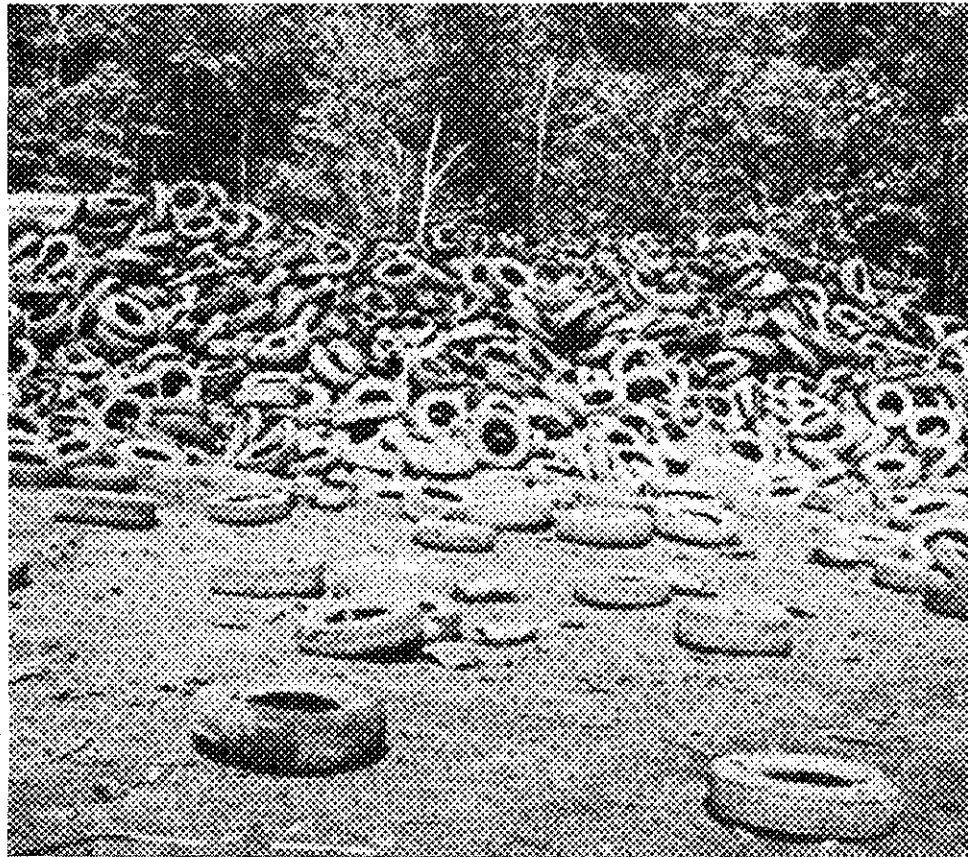
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## □ Boundary

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The area, however, is slated for rezoning under the recommendations of New Scotland's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which has yet to be formally adopted. Completed in draft form late last year by the engineering firm C.T. Male Associates of Latham, the plan forms the basis for a new zoning ordinance the planning board has drafted. And while a "non-intensive outdoor recreation playing field" would be allowed under the proposed new zoning for the area in question, the rezoning process is expected to take some time. "Certainly if you want it to move fast, it's got to be in Bethlehem," said planning board member Robert Hampston.

Until the boundary question arose, Cohen said, the club anticipated closing on the \$95,000 parcel in mid-November, and having some of the fields ready for September 1991. "Now, we're realistically looking at spring of '92," he said.

Bailey said the best solution would be for the Bethlehem and New Scotland town boards to "get together and agree that this land is in the Town of Bethlehem, and then New Scotland could get a couple of acres kicked back to it somewhere down the line." He said such situations do occur, and are generally solved by the supervisors of the affected towns "doing a little horse-trading."

The board voted to pass the issue along to Supervisor Herbert Reilly for consideration by the town board, with encouragement to try to work out a deal with Bethlehem whereby it could grant the club permission to proceed.

Taxes on the land have been collected by the Town of Bethlehem since 1973, said club organ-

izer Don Dzekicrius. But New Scotland Building Inspector Paul Cantlin said part of the land is being taxed in New Scotland.

Dzekicrius, who presented the board with a plan of the proposed facility, said there would be five full-size soccer fields, plus three smaller fields. "Basically, all it is a field with some poles on it," he said. The building would house a small concession stand and bathrooms. One field would be lighted "eventually," according to Cohen, who explained that the project would be developed in phases, depending on funding.

Dzekicrius said Owens Corning Fiberglas, which is separated from the site by one other piece of property, has agreed to help fund the project. Bill Cushing, the third club organizer who attended the meeting, said later that the club also had tentative commitments from GE Plastics Selkirk, and Callan Industries, Inc., of Bethlehem.

The group currently plays on Bethlehem fields, but due to a shortage of fields, has been forced to turn away prospective participants. When it was founded in 1979, the club was open to all area youth, but two years ago had to begin restricting membership to Bethlehem residents, Cohen said. This past season, he said, the group turned away Bethlehem youth.

Cushing said the club's programs have expanded to make it operational year-round. The club's intra-club program, a recreational league, is played in the spring and fall, while the competitive travel program features a fall scrimmage league, indoor tournaments throughout the winter and an outdoor playing season from April through July. All told, about 1,500 children participate each year.

## □ Recycle

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32 Materials Reprocessing Facility, which takes the other materials, is not set up to handle cardboard and paper. But the town does intend to mandate cardboard recycling at some point in the future, Fisher said.

Fisher said she can't estimate accurately how much in recyclables mandatory commercial recycling will generate.

"My opinion... is the recyclables of the businesses are not going to be as great an amount as they are for residential customers. But I would have no idea of telling you how much it will be," she said. She estimated the town currently recycles roughly 20 percent of its total waste through composting

and the residential recycling mandate.

Under the state's 1988 Solid Waste Management Act, municipalities must have mandatory recycling programs in place by Sept. 1, 1992, according to Janet Matthews, the legislative director of the state's Legislative Commission on Solid Waste Management. The state Department of Environmental Conservation has set goals of 40 to 42 percent recycling and 8 to 10 percent waste reduction by 1997, Matthews said.

Fisher said she doesn't foresee any problems in starting the commercial program. "I think once there's a law, there isn't going to be that much trouble because they're going to have to do it," she said.

## Girl Scouts plan awards dinner

The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council will present its Trefoil Award Dinner on Tuesday, March 12.

The Trefoil Award is presented annually to a woman who best exemplifies the ideals of the Girl Scout movement. This year's recipient is Bonnie Stone of Delmar.

This year for the first time, a second Trefoil Award will be presented to a corporation which supports the Girl Scout mission. This year's corporate recipients are Key Bank of Eastern New York, N.A. and Key Bank, U.S.A., N.A.

Stone's history with Girl Scouts

spans more than three decades, beginning in 1959 when she became a Brownie troop leader. In addition, her services have extended beyond the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council.

Along with financial support, Key Bank has donated use of its facilities, supplies, and printing.

The public is invited to the Third Annual Trefoil Award Dinner which will be held at the Century House in Latham. Tickets are \$35 per person for friends, \$50 per person for patrons, and a table of ten may be purchased for \$300. For information, call the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Service Center in Delmar, at 439-4936.

## RCS PIE groups plan education forum

There will be a joint meeting of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School and High School Partners In Education on Feb. 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the middle school library. Members of the Executive Committee of the RCS teachers' union will be present to discuss the "Role of Parents in the Educational Process and How it Changes from Elementary through High School."

All are welcome to attend. For information, call 767-3406. or 767-9222.

## Magician entertains at Cub Scout dinner

Cub Scout Pack 81 held its annual blue and gold dinner on Sunday, Feb. 10, at A. W. Becker school in Selkirk.

Carey Layman, of Selkirk, provided a magic show for all in attendance. Cub Master Pam Northrup presented Pinewood Derby trophies and other awards to the Cub Scouts.

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Councilman Robert Burns asked Kaplowitz to investigate the way similar laws have been worded in other municipalities, noting they tend to be implemented in urban centers. But Kaplowitz said he's certain the law could be put in force in Bethlehem if the board chooses. "Obviously it can be done, it's been done elsewhere," he said.

Freeman said she's surprised but pleased by the attention her petition has gotten since she turned it over to the town. "I just thought it would be something that would be laughed at or put aside, and nobody would pay very much attention," she said, adding that the promulgation of random animal droppings has long been a personal pet peeve. While she said she "understands the value and appreciation of pets," she feels owners have a responsibility to clean up after them.

"It's unpleasant to look at, it's unpleasant to deal with should you have the opportunity to step in it

and it's a health hazard for children," she said. "You invest all the time and money and energy into beautifying the neighborhood and there are messes all over the place."

Councilman Charles Gunner suggested that a public "education" effort might solve the problem without having to resort to legislation. But Freeman doesn't think that would be enough. "I think even with a law it's not going to work entirely but at least you'll force people's consciences and it will make them a little bit more willing to comply and be considerate," she said.

Craig Sleurs, who is Bethlehem's animal control officer and as such would be responsible for enforcing the law, said he thinks it is a "very, very good idea."

"What it is is that people are walking their dogs along the edge of the road not caring whether it's their property and just letting the dogs relieve themselves," Sleurs said.

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