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Town and BC district fight NiMo \$12M claim

By Regina Bulman

The Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District are ready to do battle with their largest tax contributor over a \$12 million assessment reduction claim.

The town and school board recently agreed to pool their financial resources and hire a special counsel to represent them in litigation regarding the assessment of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.'s steam plant on Route 144 in Glenmont.

Carl Rosenbloom of the Albany law firm of Bond, Schoereck and King, will defend what town officials say is an accurate assessment of more than \$15 million for the plant. Properties in Bethlehem are assessed at 8 percent of full value.

Representatives of NiMo requested the assessment be reduced to \$3 million last year, and when the town tax grievance board denied the request, the company appealed the decision in state Supreme Court where the matter is still pending.

According to Supervisor Ken Ringler, for each \$1 million that the assessment amount is reduced, the Town of Bethlehem would lose \$48,900 in revenue for the past fiscal year and \$54,090 for the current fiscal year. He said the school district would lose \$224,000 and \$237,000 per \$1 million for each of the two years.

"The school district and the town board have decided to go 50/50 in paying for this specialized counsel," said Ringler, who noted that several firms were interviewed for the position. "The requested reduction is absurd, and we're going to make sure we don't lose the money we're entitled to."

According to NiMo spokesman Nicholas J. Lyman, the town's equalization rates don't take into account the depreciating value of the company's property.

"I can understand any particular town having a problem with a request for assessment reduction because we are big, big taxpayers," said Lyman, "but it's a question of equity."

Lyman said NiMo's assessment reduction request is not unique to Bethlehem, and the company is challenging property assessment in other communities they deem to be inequitable.

Since the counsel will be paid on an hourly basis, Ringler says the town can't estimate the cost of hiring the firm, but said, "Anything it might cost will be outweighed by the millions we will save on the assessment."

Ringler said a lawyer other than the town attorney was needed because "It's a very specialized field. This is not a routine matter."

NiMo is hiring the best, we have to do the same thing."

Democratic boot aimed at 11-year town attorney

By Mike Larabee

By all accounts, when Jan. 1 rolls around and New Scotland's first-ever Democratic council majority is installed in office, long-seated Republican town attorney Frederick Riester will be out of a job.

While his supporters say New Scotland will be losing a talented and dedicated public servant, Riester's critics contend they will be ousting an attorney who wielded enough influence over town policy to earn from some the unofficial title "phantom supervisor."

Riester has served as town attorney since his appointment by Republican Supervisor Steve Wallace and GOP board members George Hotal-



Riester

ing and Wyman Osterhout 11 years ago. While the position has sometimes been the town hot seat, Riester

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Ex-Coeymans chief in line for post

By Mike Larabee

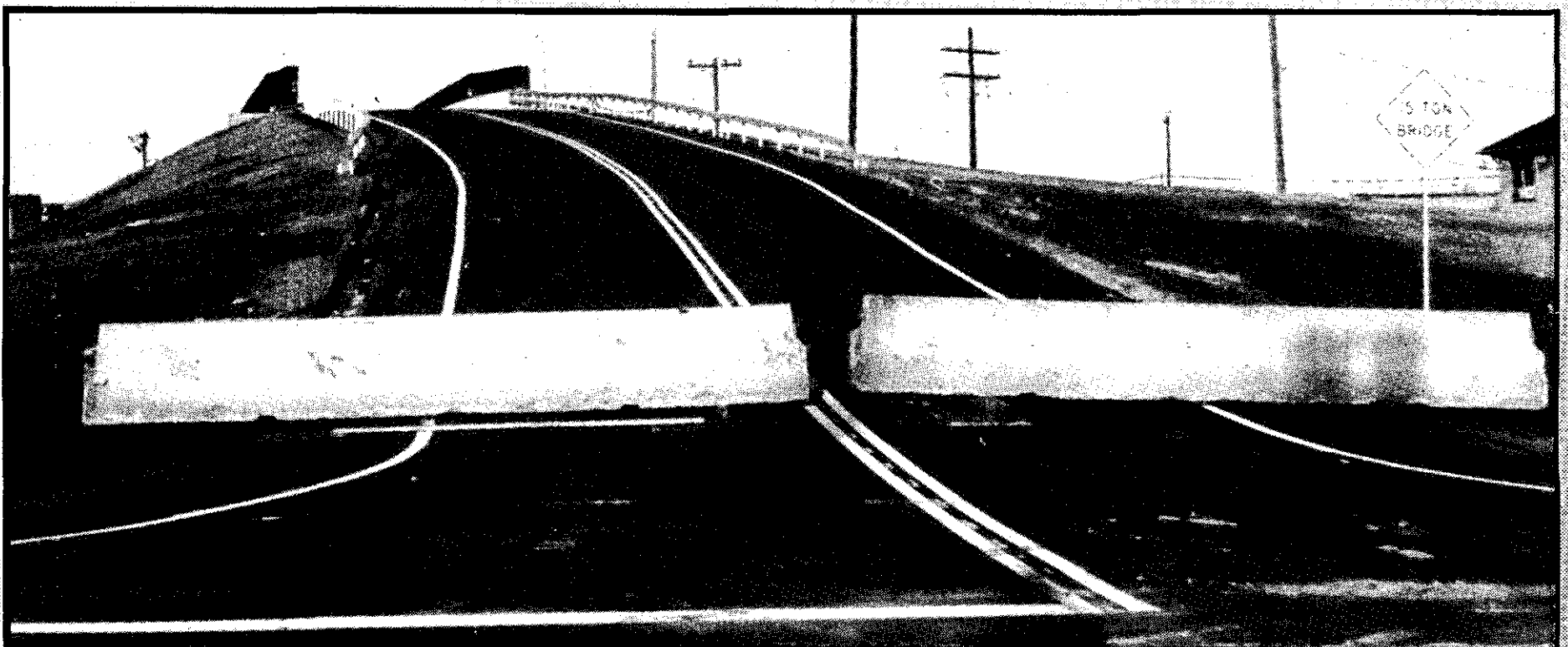
Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly said last week he favors appointing former Coeymans Supervisor John Biscone to replace town attorney Frederick Riester when New Scotland's first Democratic council majority takes office Jan. 1.

But Reilly will have to win over town board member John Sgarlata, who said last week he has reservations about the appointment. Sgarlata would not elaborate except to say his concerns were related to "recent and past problems in Coeymans."

Sgarlata and Reilly were easily re-elected two weeks ago, and were joined by

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Walls before the Jericho



The Jericho Bridge on County Route 53 in Selkirk, which has been closed for more than five years, appears to be in ship shape, but some renovation work must be completed before the span reopens. When

the work is finished, it must be certified by a professional engineer. See story on Page 14.

Elaine McLain

BETHLEHEM

Post office to collect food for pantry

Delmar postal carriers will be delivering and picking up more than their fair share this year to help feed the hungry.

During the week of Dec. 2 through 7, letter carriers will accept non-perishable food donations from Bethlehem residents.

The food collection, which began in Delmar three years ago, is the brainchild of the Delmar Post Office Employee Involvement Committee. "The EI team got this off the ground," said James Forster, delivery supervisor.

Postmaster Thomas Porcaro said last year the Delmar office

collected more food and monetary donations than ever before. More than 2,000 pounds of food was collected and given to the Bethlehem Food Pantry, he said. "It's good for their morale and for the morale of the customers," Forster said. The Delmar postal staff is comprised of 40 people including carriers, clerks, supervisors and maintenance personnel.

Last year in the northeastern area of the state, about 160 tons of food was collected, according to the Albany Division General Manager/Postmaster, J.T. Weeker.

Porcaro said most of the carriers have vehicles to facilitate the collection, but those that don't have a drop-off point on their route so that the food can be picked up.

Bethlehem residents will be receiving a flyer from their carrier about the food drive. Carriers are asking customers to leave food items near their mailboxes during the pickup week.

Food and monetary donations can also be dropped off in the lobby of the Delmar Post Office. For information, call Porcaro at 439-1933. All donations are dis-

tributed to local residents in need.

Joyce Becker of the town Senior Services Center arranges for the food distribution.

Susan Graves

Delmar attorney attends conference

Paul Van Ryn of Delmar was selected recently as one of 100 attorneys to participate in the first statewide "Conference on the Solo and Small Firm Practitioner."

Sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, the conference took place at the bar center in Albany on Nov. 15 and 16.

Delmar man wins driver safety honors

Paul House of Delmar will be recognized for his driving record by the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled on Dec. 2, from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m., at the Center's 700 South Pearl St., Albany, location.

House was one of a number of drivers recognized under the category "Superior Driving Record" in the center's third annual "Drivers' Olympics."

The competition is part of the center's annual safety and performance incentive program, which recognizes superior driving records, accident-free driving and satisfactory job performance.

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NEW SCOTLAND

Saab dealership moving to new Route 85 quarters

By Mike Larabee

New Salem Garage, a long-standing fixture in the hamlet, may not be located in New Salem much longer.

Pending New Scotland Planning Board approval, garage owner Fred Carl plans to move the successful Saab dealership about five miles east toward Slingerlands on Route 85.

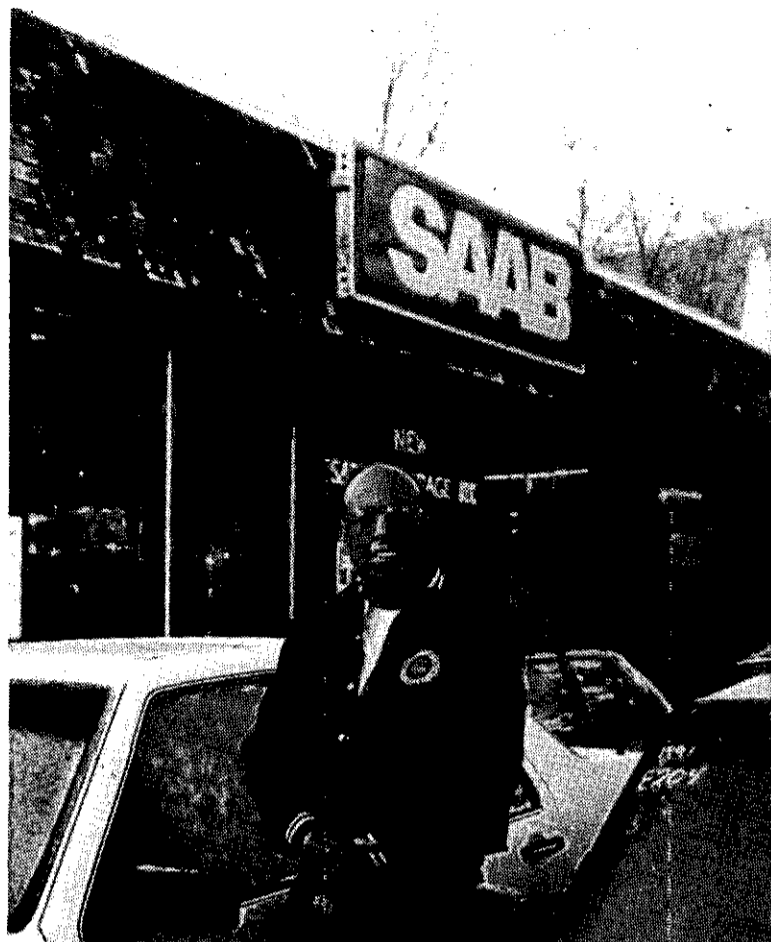
Carl, who has run the dealership since taking it over when his father, Dewitt, died in the early 70s, said the business has simply outgrown its current quarters at the New Salem intersection of routes 85 and 85A.

"Our shop is 'way too small, and our parking facility is 'way too small and our parts department is getting squeezed," Carl said. In addition, he said, officials at Saab have long favored a more accessible location.

"They've wanted us to move for quite a while," he said. Carl said the move is designed to bring the dealership closer to the Delmar area, its largest sales market.

"We're doing pretty well out here," he said. "But we thought maybe if we moved we could do better."

Following a review of building plans, the New Scotland Planning Board scheduled a 7 p.m. Dec. 10 public hearing on the proposal. The dealership is proposed for a



Fred Carl at his New Salem lot.

Mike Larabee

10-acre parcel Carl bought from local developer Peter Baltis two years ago. The property is on the north side of Route 85 immediately east of the Auberge Suisse restaurant.

The new building, proposed as a one-story brick masonry structure with a green metal mansard roof, would be located in a commercial-use zoning district. It would employ 12 and would in-

clude retail space as well as six service bays, according to design plans. The Michaels Group is overseeing design and construction of the building.

The facility would draw water from Town of Bethlehem Route 85 lines and drainage would be directed to the Phillipinkill. Robert Hampston, acting as board chairman for Raymond MacKay, who did not attend the meeting, warned Michaels Group representatives to be ready to discuss the project's impact on the Phillipinkill at the public hearing.

"It's going to come up," he said.

Though it will no longer be located in the hamlet, the name of dealership will remain New Salem Garage, Carl said. He said the

New Salem station will stay open and might be used to clean and prepare new cars or as a used car sales lot.

Dewitt Carl bought the station in 1947 from Ted Kupky, who opened it as Kupky's, Fred Carl said. The garage signed on with Saab in 1961, four years after Saab was introduced in 1957.

BC class holds reunion

Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1986 is having its five year reunion on Saturday, Nov. 30.

The reunion will take place at the Washington Inn (formerly the Thruway House) at 1375 Washington Ave. in Albany from 6 to 11 p.m. Dinner will be by Italian Buffet for dinner. The fee is \$30 per person. Checks can be made out to BCHS Class of 1986.

Please send checks to Cindy Ferrari, 42 Longwood Drive, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. Reservations must be made by Nov. 20.

If anyone knows how to locate

the following people, contact Denise Jadick, 433-9545, or Cindy Ferrari, 439-9605: Mark Angelotti, Sarah Axelrod, Stephen Ayers, Daniel Bowers, Stacy Boyle, Kristen Brunhofer, Nick Caruccio, Scott DiLillo, Colleen Emsing, Rene Facchetti, Tom Frazier, Glennis Gill, Seth Graham, Ed Harrington, Kim Hollister, Joel Keens, Harry Kotzin, Kelli LaChappelle, Michelle Latham, Mark LeBeau, Michelle Manion, Matt Ochsner, Jennifer Osterhout, Briand Parenteau, Michael Rock, Paul Ross, Michelle Ryan, Andrew Sack, Kirt VonDaacke, Connie Weisenburn and Kristen Witherell.

Bethlehem board tables ruling on-senior project water application

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Town board last week said it needs more information before it can decide whether to supply water to a senior citizens housing complex planned for Route 85 in New Scotland.

While board members indicated they feel there is merit to the project, which would be built on property owned by local developer Peter Baltis, they expressed concern about the implications of providing public utilities, Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler said afterward.

"In our view it's a very good proposal that would probably

address the needs of seniors in Bethlehem," he said.

Announced earlier this year, the housing complex would be built on 10 acres of a 74.4 acre Baltis-owned property on Route 85 next to and behind the Auberge

run to the town from its Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland.

Because of concerns that lines into the commercially-zoned Baltis property could later be tapped for other development, the board said it would like to see the proposed

"The board wants to support this type of housing, but they do not want to subsidize development in New Scotland."

Bruce Secor

Suisse restaurant and across from the former Mayfair drive-in movie theater.

Proposed by the Albany chapter of the Order of Ahepa, a non-profit Greek civic organization, the project would be built with federal Housing and Urban Development department funding. Plans call for a single 50-unit two-story structure with an elevator. Baltis, an Albany Ahepa chapter past president, intends to donate the land for the facility.

As currently proposed, the complex would be built beyond the Route 85 zone within which Bethlehem is obligated to provide water service. Bethlehem must provide water to structures built within 150 feet of water lines that

building moved within the 150-foot zone, according to Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's public works commissioner. That would mean the board would only face a decision on sewer service, he said.

Plans for the project call for sewage disposal through the Bethlehem-maintained Helder-vale Sewer District. If approved, service to the project would require the extension of district lines more than 1,000 feet down Route 85, Secor said. He said the board is seeking assurances that access to use of the lines would remain under Bethlehem control.

"The board wants to support this type of housing, but they do not want to subsidize development in New Scotland," said Secor.

'Tis (almost) the season



Cythia Walsh, left, and Aida Stainback, along with many other women from the Bethlehem Garden Club, decorated various business flowerboxes at The Four Corners in Delmar Monday.

Elaine McLain

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BC music maker to debut piece

By Josh Norek

When Kevin Romanski sits down at the piano, don't expect him to get up quickly. The 16-year-old music whiz has been playing a variety of instruments for nine years, and recently began composing.

"I've just written my first real piece called Fire Rhapsody for a percussion ensemble and a brass sextet. It's a big piece, and we're going to play it this year in the SUNY ensemble."

Romanski (who plays piano and percussion instruments) also plays in the Empire State Youth Orchestra, All-State band, and numerous groups at Bethlehem Central High School, including jazz ensemble and orchestra.

"I used to go to these Christmas parties when I was little, and they'd have pianos there. I would play little songs on one finger, and

people thought I had some talent. My parents bought a piano and started me on lessons, and that's why I'm here now." Romanski said.

With several awards under his belt, including a \$100 scholarship from NYSMA, acceptance in the All-State Band, and best musician award at a music camp, one might expect Romanski to pursue a career in music. But he has different plans.

"I'm going to be an engineer" he said. "Because musicians just don't make much money. I'm very involved with music, but it doesn't pay. I know gifted people who went to college and a big music school, and then got out and learned mince-meat."

Romanski prefers classical music to today's pop favorites. He cites Liszt, Beethoven, and Ger-shwin as personal favorites.

"When you listen to the radio, you can hear the music of today. But if you want to hear the music of yesterday, you can't just turn on the radio. I could listen to Paula Abdul or Public Enemy, but I don't buy it. Whenever I purchase tapes, I usually buy classical music, and listen to today's material on the radio."

Association hosts Grange program

The Bethlehem Historical Association program for its Nov. 21, 8 p.m. meeting is entitled "History of the Grange in Bethlehem" and will be narrated by Helen Raynor and Randy Drobner.

The meeting will be held at the association museum on Route 144 in Cedar Hill.

Raynor is secretary of the Grange and a 37-year member. She is a past state Junior Grange director. Drobner is state Grange deputy for Albany, Green and Schenectady counties.

The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Old Songs sponsors Voorheesville concert

Brian McNeill, founder of Scotland's famed Battlefield Band, will deliver a multimedia song and story presentation on the history of Scotland and America.

The event is sponsored by Old Songs Inc.

The show will take place Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., at Old Songs' new concert home, First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at Earthly Delights, Schenectady; Records 'N Such, Guilderland; and Andy's Front Hall, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2815.

Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

One ton of recycled paper spares 17 pulp trees, saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and takes 74 percent less energy to make than virgin paper.

Have you noticed lately that more of the mail arrives printed on recycled paper? As its use has increased, the cost of recycled paper has become more reasonable. Quality has also improved. Is your business, organization, or school working with recycled supplies? Why not give it a try?

Office supplies and paper items made of recycled material are easily ordered from catalogs or purchased at local department stores. One well-stocked local business is Office Warehouse on Wolf Road in Colonie.

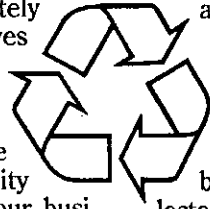
Offices or schools, which purchase enormous quantities of paper yearly, can find recycled paper suppliers under paper distributors in the yellow pages. Companies known to stock and sell recycled paper are: Alling and Cory, Environmentally Yours,

Hudson Valley Paper Co. and Select Papers. Towels, napkins, cups and toilet tissue made from recycled paper can be purchased from other companies listed as well.

Town of Bethlehem offices have been using recycled copy paper since February 1990. In turn, the loop has been closed because scrap paper is collected for recycling and donated to the Albany Association of Retarded Children's program. Through August 1991, approximately 5,340 pounds of paper have been captured for recycling.

When feasible, copying should be done on both sides of a sheet of paper. Another idea is to use scrap paper for notes or draft reports before putting it in the recycling bin.

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Library schedules holiday week events

A Toddler Thanksgiving Feast will take place at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and accompanying adults are invited to register to hear stories, play games and decorate a Thanksgiving gobble.

As TV-31 Bethlehem cameras are rolling, grandparents are invited to read aloud to their special children from favored books, of old and new. Register by calling the library children's room at 439-9314.

The "Grandreading" will be Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m.

Barbara Bennett will teach students in grades three or above

the art of folding and decorating origami ornaments to brighten their rooms at holiday times. Names will be chosen to display work in the library showcase.

Two "School's Out" films will be shown at the library on Friday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. The films are "Molly's Pilgrim" and "Ben and Me" and are suitable for school-age children.

For information on any of the programs, call 439-9314.

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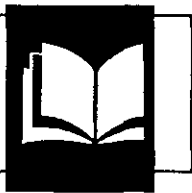
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Voorheesville Public Library



By Christine Shields

Everybody loved it so we're doing it again! Our first "Experiences in Elderhostel" was such a success that another program has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m.

A panel of Elderhostel participants will discuss its learning and travel experiences and answer the questions of potential Elderhostel enrollees.

If you are 60 or older, don't miss this program! For information, call the Voorheesville Public Library at 765-2791.

The library will close for Thanksgiving at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. Regular hours will resume Friday, Nov. 29, with story hours at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. There will be no story hours on Wednesday.

Stop by tonight with the kids for "You Never Can Tell!" a special bedtime story hour featuring some of Young People's Librarian Nancy Hutchinson's personal story favorites. As always, pj's are right in style.

School to take part in state project

The A.W. Becker Elementary School of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District was selected recently as one of 12 sites in New York to participate in the New York State Partnership for Statewide Systems Change.

The project is a federally funded five-year collaborative effort of the state Education Department's Office for Education for Children with Handicapping Conditions and Syracuse University's Division of Special Education and Rehabilitation.

BC students named in scholarship contest

Eleven Bethlehem Central High School students are among 15,000 1992 National Merit Scholarship Program semi-finalists.

The students are Joyce K. Aycock, Omri Beer, Stephen J. Bradt, Adam P. Closson, Benjamin M. DiMaggio, Matthew J. Grossman, Matthew T. Kinney, Jonathan Lackman, Harmeet S. Nrang, Joshua P. Richardson and Melissa R. Warden.

The students will continue in competition for more than 6,100 program merit scholarships.

Russian pianist to play at church

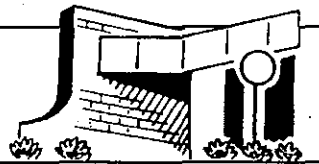
Adalena Krivocheina, a concert pianist from Russia, will perform at the Delmar Reformed Church on Tuesday, Dec. 8, in a performance sponsored by the church women's guild.

She will join the women for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and perform in the church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. For information call the church office at 439-9929.

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Check It Out

Bethlehem Public Library



By Anna Jane Abaray

Come to the library tonight (Wednesday), Nov. 20, to hear all about Raphael, Michaelangelo and Leonardo. No, not the Ninja Turtles, but the Renaissance painters who lent their names to the present-day mean, green machines.

Art historian Frances Y. Scott will present a slide-lecture entitled "Raphael's Rome: Rome and the High Renaissance" at the library, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room.

Rome's high Renaissance reached its peak in the 16th century, during which the city rivaled Florence in the number of masterpieces of art and literature created there. Scott will talk about the age of Pope Leo X, during which many famous works, such as those of Michaelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, were commissioned. She will also discuss the importance of Raphael (1483-1520) to the history of Western

Art. Slides will be used to illustrate major monuments and paintings from the period, including the treasures of the Vatican.

Scott is an historian and librarian whose interests include Italian and early American art.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, there will be a slide-lecture by Thomas Phelan on "Industrialization of the Upper Hudson" at the library at 7:30 p.m. Phelan is professor of history and dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

Phelan is also a founder of the Mohawk-Hudson Industrial Gateway and author of the book "The Hudson-Mohawk Gateway: an Illustrated History." He will discuss industries of the area's past, showing how they came into the region, how they prospered and what became of them.

Both programs are free and open to the public.

Christmas decorating workshops offered

Boscobel Restoration Inc., Route 9D in Garrison-on-Hudson, is offering one-day Christmas decorating workshops beginning Wednesday, Dec. 4, through Saturday, Dec. 7, and again on Thursday, Dec. 12, through Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will learn the techniques of wreath and garland

making, mantel decorating and assembling a fruit pyramid using natural decorations such as evergreens, fruits, nuts, berries and pine cones.

A registration fee of \$35 covers the cost of most materials. Beverages will be provided.

For reservations, call (914) 265-3638.

Delmar Girl Scout troop sings with Albany mayor

Two Girl Scout troops from St. Thomas School traveled to the Albany Chapter of the American Red Cross recently, bringing with them seasonal decorations as well as good cheer.

The members of Junior Troop 362, led by Colleen LaFalce, Maureen Daley and Barb Kelly, and Cadette Troop 631, led by Liz

Smith, came dressed in their finest Halloween garb and sang "pumpkin carols" to assembled Red Cross volunteers, as well as a special guest, Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen III.

St. Thomas Parish sponsors the Girl Scout troops at the school, and supports their volunteer activities.

Groups complete cleanup campaign

More than 150 neighborhood and community groups organized to clean up a portion of their hometown during this summer's Price Chopper Supermarkets/Lever Brothers "Community Clean-Up" campaign.

The program, an extension of Price Chopper's "Partners For a Better Environment" initiative, began just prior to Earth Day in April and continued throughout August.

The campaign encouraged

people to organize clean-up days. Interested individuals picked up a 12-step Organizer's Guide from their local Price Chopper, which offered a special Clean-Up Kit when a postcard was returned with their group's Clean-Up Day plans.

More than 650 kits, containing labeled trash bags for collection of recyclables and garbage, wearable "Community Clean-Up" stickers, a refreshments voucher and other clean-up items, were distributed through the program.

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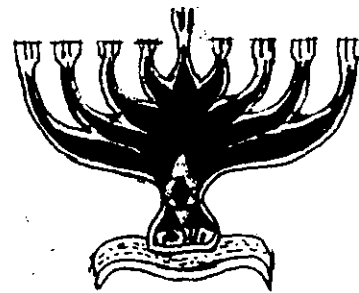
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Matters of Opinion

Certifiable ballot integrity

County Executive-elect Michael Hoblock need not even wait until his feet are under his new desk before he lends his influence to inquiring about conditions at one county agency — the Albany County Board of Elections.

The weird little botch on the voting machines that caused Election Day confusion was unfortunate, though it apparently resulted mostly in embarrassment for a few functionaries and a round of "not me, him" finger-pointing.

The Board of Elections' inability to deliver verifiable vote totals for many days in a variety of contests is a more substantial reason for concern. For more than a week after the polls closed, for example, residents of Bethlehem and their town officials were unable to obtain an accurate count on the votes actually received by certain candidates. In one instance, unaccounted-for ballots (or the figures they represent) were nearly 9 per-

The ultimate one-shot gimmick

It's not difficult to concur with Assemblyman Arnold Proskin when he denounces the proposal that the state's hapless citizens are about to witness emerging from the Governor's office.

The proposal, which would combine the 1991 gap in the state budget with a much larger gap that is projected for next year, is "a political ploy," says the Colonie Assemblyman. The purpose, he suggests with a considerable degree of credibility, is to "allow the Governor to run for the presidency with-

Thanks, but no thanks

Is there anything that makes you feel better inside, even momentarily, than going out of your way to do something spontaneously thoughtful, instinctively friendly and unselfishly helpful for another person?

The question is prompted by an unusual news story disclosing that 12- and 13-year-olds at Bethlehem Central's Middle School are going to receive commendation for good deeds — from the police department, of all unlikely sources.

The kind acts might be, it is suggested, "visiting a sick person, picking up a paper in the hall, or showing concern for a new kid."

Well, perhaps so, but for older generations that were brought up on the proposi-

The economy watch

Two wholly American institutions are closing out bountiful seasons in spite of all the depressed conversation about money troubles.

Both these have emerged within recent times and have swelled with success in each passing year. And both flourish best in suburban climates.

The old-time rummage sale has transmogrified into a half-dozen thriving versions: the lawn sale, the garage sale, the tag sale, the "moving" sale, the estate sale. Forests of signs point directions every weekend throughout a long season, which even now is

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cent beyond the returns that the board was reporting.

In the extraordinarily tight elections that this area has been witnessing, questionable counting of votes can be confusing and costly. Errors or dangling uncertainty such as experienced this month should be avoidable.

The Board of Elections is constructed as a bipartisan body not directly subject to influence by a County Executive. But the two-man board's Republican member is the party's county chairman, with whom the new political and governmental leader, Mr. Hoblock, presumably ought to be able to reason.

The board and the elections department is a haven for patronage. That's hardly an encouraging situation, but it surely doesn't excuse inefficient performance that can cast doubt on ability to perform with integrity.

out seriously addressing New York's fiscal woes."

In the short term, the plan would "satisfy the Governor's presidential ambitions," he notes, but in the long run would be "devastating to New York's middle-class taxpayer." He correctly terms it "the ultimate one-shot gimmick."

Such a device is, indeed, hard to imagine except from public officials trapped by their own excesses and searching wildly for one final escape hatch.

tion that virtue is its own reward and "politeness is to do and say the kindest thing in the kindest way," it does appear that a certain overkill is involved here in authorizing a police officer to make a call to praise a youngster for picking up a scrap of paper. (In fact, he apparently would be making at least three calls in order to say something like, "Hey, that was good. We in the police department appreciate your picking up that paper.")

Better, perhaps, for the boys and girls to have learned at home what thoughtfulness means, beginning with picking up yesterday's socks and turning down the TV when asked. Kindness really isn't a police matter, no matter how well intentioned all around.

just winding down. Clearly, we do have money to spend when bargains beckon on items we didn't realize we needed. Most imposing of all is the neighborhood sale where friends collaborate in offering a widened variety of lampshades and other necessities.

Out front, too, is the other institution, just recently frozen out after a prosperous summer: the driveway resealing industry. Who ever expected to see so much black goo being spread about? Its popularity is a testament to what once was hailed as Yankee ingenuity. Until proven to be a health and environmental hazard, here's to resealers!

Our Bill of Rights at 200

The Spotlight Newspapers are devoting this editorial page space for several weeks to a review of the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution — the "Bill of Rights." The series of articles was prepared by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

These important amendments were ratified 200 years ago next month. Last week's special article was in the form of a clarification as to why the new United States needed to add such amendments to the Constitution after its adoption in 1788.

Background information on the First Amendment was prepared by the Commission in two articles. One of these, on freedom of religion, is published here. Next week's article will discuss how the amendment considers freedom of speech, press, assembly, and petition.

First Amendment: religious freedom

Although the First Amendment to the United States Constitution is perhaps best known for granting the people freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of petition and assembly, the Amendment begins with the command that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ."

Why did the First Amendment first guarantee the people freedom from a government-sponsored church and freedom to worship as they pleased? Two hundred years ago, people vividly recalled how government and religion had been combined in the countries of Europe, and how government-sponsored religions had made it impossible to enjoy true religious liberty.

When the Bill of Rights was adopted in 1791, some states — such as Connecticut — had established state churches, but a growing number of Americans wanted no part of that. Thus by 1791 Virginia had adopted laws prohibiting state government from sponsoring a particular religion or denying citizens the right to practice any religion that they wished — or none.

The First Amendment guarantee that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion" is commonly known as the "Establishment Clause." In general, the Establishment Clause prohibits the government from supporting, by financial assistance or otherwise, any particular religious faith.

For example, the Supreme Court has held that the Establishment Clause prohibits states from using public school facilities to promote religious instruction during regular school hours (*McCullum v. Board of Education*, 1948), or requiring students to recite "official prayers" in public school classrooms (*Engel v. Vitale*, 1962).

On the other hand, if the state activity in question does not amount to preferential treatment or endorsement of religion, it may not violate the Establishment Clause. For example, the Supreme Court has held that a state may provide free bus transportation to all schoolchildren, including children attending parochial schools, if the purpose of the program is simply to provide safe transportation to all children traveling between home and school (*Everson v. Board of Education*, 1947), and that states may lend non-religious textbooks free of charge to parochial school pupils (*Board of Education v. Allen*, 1968).

The second clause in the First Amendment that guarantees religious freedom — "Congress shall make no law . . . prohibiting the free exercise [of religion]" — is commonly known as the "Free Exercise

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Man for tomorrow turns seventy

In the spring of 1968, the columnist Russell Baker wrote a very short book, "Our Next President," fancifully forecasting the outcome of the Republican party's convention that year and the November election.

In his dream (in which the novelist's license to imagine wishfully, instead of drily analyzing probabilities, took over), Mr. Baker dramatically described the forthcoming campaign. I'll tell you the ending first, and it will sum up the whole rather breathless tale: The last paragraph went something like this, as I recall it now:

"With the final result in, President-elect John Lindsay threw himself across a bed and slept for three days."

Though I owned a copy of the book, it has long since vanished, in the habit of gems and oddities that you'd like to keep to refresh yourself with occasionally. Its disappearance creates a void, almost as though the story never existed — just as the Lindsay presidency never quite materialized, either.

John V. Lindsay was 46 at the time, with a brilliant political career seemingly ahead of him, apart from not winning the White House that season. This week, he will turn 70, now not quite the "rising star" of his party, as reporters and columnists used to love to call him.

Mr. Lindsay was then in the third year of his first term as mayor of New York City. He had served for seven years in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 17th

Congressional District (part of Manhattan). In the House, he had been a stalwart for historically progressive Republican policies, in-

Uncle Dudley

cluding civil liberties, and he had been forceful in helping recruit Republican votes for President Johnson's civil rights bill. You will recall that he defeated Abe Beame (and also the would-be spoiler William Buckley) in the 1965 campaign for mayor. The most telling slogan was: "He is fresh — while everyone else is tired." The realistic poster showed him vigorously striding a city street. Later, he repeatedly demonstrated character and heroic courage in walking the streets among the angriest demonstrators during racial unrest and violence.

During that 1965 campaign, a political biography that assayed his career in nonpartisan detail, albeit sympathetically, was published by Random House. Its title was "Lindsay: Man for Tomorrow."

In the summer of 1968 (actually, not Russell Baker's fantasy), John Lindsay declined Nelson Rockefeller's offer of appointment to the United States Senate (succeeding Robert Kennedy). Whatever his reason, it may have been a mistake in judgment. By the next year, his own party deserted him in a primary for nomination as mayor for a second term; as a Liberal, he won anyway (helped, some say, by the civic spirit aris-

ing from the Mets' pennant and World Series victories).

By 1971, he had moved all the way to the Democratic party, abandoning hope that the Republicans would become a party of progressive moderates. He became — for a short time — a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. But the Democrats that year clearly preferred a winner such as George McGovern.

His term in City Hall ended in 1973 — and he was succeeded, in a masterpiece of irony, by Abe Beame, the very man from whom he had saved the city eight years earlier.

During some of those years, I was privileged to know John Lindsay rather well. If I say that he did me some nice favors, I must stress that they were in the same context as his inflexible rule as an officeholder: no one who contributed to one of his campaigns could expect much more than the time of day in return. More recently, I saw him just four years ago when we both spoke at a memorial service for a mutual friend. I asked him to come because his presence would mean much to the family. He came and spoke gracefully, eloquently.

Those two words do much to sum up John Lindsay — along with principled, dedicated, thoughtful, honorable. The nation chose poorly when it failed to accept the leadership he could have offered, and instead picked Richard Nixon twice.

Our neighboring 'four star city'

There arrived on the night table two magazines that have much in common: they are New York State-based, and they focus on the Hudson Valley. Beyond that similarity, they are quite different in premise and appeal.

First I should mention the magazine calling itself "Hudson Valley," which in previous columns I have labelled "the 914 magazine" because its prime concerns are in Dutchess, Ulster, Rockland, Putnam, and Westchester counties.

But earlier this year it set out to make inroads in the Capital District. For some months, the effort was mostly distinguishable by the inundation of free copies in what must have been a large-scale sampling.

Now in the November issue there's an eight-page spread, "Albany: Four Star City on the Hudson." Large chunks are photographic, but in the text the author, who is "a free-lance writer living in New Paltz," does the obligatory quote from a Bill Kennedy book; notes Ed Koch's 1982 putdown of the city; has brief observations from Dan Klepak and a few other city commissioners, with lots of credit given by these and other sources to Mayor Whalen, "for making Albany a

better place to live." Even Jack McEneny, in contrast to what you'll read in the daily papers, has some middle-of-the-road comments: He "credits Whalen with

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the city's rediscovery of the river, and bringing life to the waterfront"; and is quoted to the effect that "Mayor Whalen is right for his time."

With typical understatement of his own, the mayor sums it up: "We'll continue to do what we can to improve the quality of life here." And the writer concludes: "It's a deceptively simple concept, pleasantly old-fashioned, and it may explain why community spirit here runs so deep."

Elsewhere, this issue is a mixed bag: a 1908 article by John D. Rockefeller on philanthropy is reprinted; "private banking" catering to such customers as "billable-hour types," who lose money the minute they have to step into a car to go to the bank; a renovated cow barn/residence in Westchester; riverside environmental protections in the Hudson and Esopus Creek around Saugerties; and the celebration of the Adirondack Park's centennial,

which turns out to be at the Katanah Museum of Art in Westchester. An editor takes a page to explain how come two free-lancers inadvertently were separately assigned to do pieces on the chef at the Beekman Arms hotel in Rhinebeck. Their varying approaches then follow; this is their "cover story," which is why the cover art is of an outsized, bald, bearded gentleman (the chef) grinning at his plate of obviously very yuppie eats.

The second magazine deserves more space than I am going to be allowed to give it in this column. It's the November/December issue of "UpRiver/DownRiver," a magazine published in Kingston with a span of attention that is much narrower and clearer than that of "Hudson Valley." This is a publication that is aware of its purpose, with editors who zero in on topics that suit its self-proclaimed role as "the environmental voice of the Hudson Valley." Here are articles on the solution to deer overpopulation; the "ecology of meat and the choices we make — the politics of the dinner table"; the return of falcons and falconers to the valley; loss of wetlands; "niche farming — can farmers thrive by selling directly to consumers?" And much more. I'll come back to this magazine in another column.

A map for young people making college choice

The contributor of this Point of View has been president of Union College since 1990. He came to the Capital District from Beloit College in Wisconsin, where he also served as president. A lawyer, he is a graduate of Dartmouth College with law degrees from Yale and Virginia.

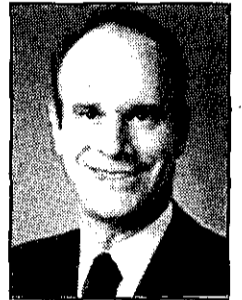
By Roger H. Hull

At this time each year the college admissions process plays itself out in the homes of most high school students.

Point of View

Parents of juniors and seniors, in particular, may be wondering: Which is the right college for my child? How much will it cost? What can I do to help?

To them I offer the following advice, advice that is meant to provide a good map for getting where they — and their children — may want to go:



1. Counsel but do not attempt to make the ultimate decision on which college to choose. At 18, your "children" are legally adults and they should be able to make this important decision for themselves. If you insist on making it for them, both of you probably will be unhappy in the long run.

2. Recognize that, with 3,200 colleges and universities across the land, there clearly is more than one right college for your daughter or son. But what may be right for one may be wrong for another. Shop around. A college education is a huge investment and should be approached, like any other investment, carefully — very, very carefully.

3. Consider size, and know that bigger is not necessarily better. Large universities offer students great course selection and in-depth study. Smaller institutions provide one-on-one teaching by professors (not teaching assistants) in small classes that are rarely closed because of oversubscription and encourage involvement by first-year students in activities often reserved for upperclass or graduate students at larger universities.

4. Encourage a decision based on more than a "name brand." Colleges aren't cars or clothes. "Designer labels" are fashionable, but they have little to do with the quality of education a student receives. Although a degree from an institution that is widely known may provide a clear advantage over one that is less well known, students get out of college what they put into it. This is evidenced by the fact that America's leaders often graduate from institutions many Americans never head of.

5. Be sure the young person understands that a college degree will not provide all one needs in life. A degree is important, but many college graduates have never put their degrees to work. Without hard work, the evidence of a degree will only take up space on a wall.

6. Remember, and teach the son or daughter, that college is not meant to train one for a particular job. The better the college or university, the more it adheres to the principle that education is training for life, not for a particular position. Besides, who can say what jobs will be in existence 20 years from now? And who can doubt that to be trained for something that may not exist in two decades is anything but shortsighted?

7. Understand that colleges are not parents, as courts long ago decided. Do not expect colleges to do what you as parents may not have done, or to provide the upbringing that belongs in the home.

8. Ask and expect the student to keep you informed during the college admissions process and beyond. Once he or she is enrolled, do not think that the college automatically will send you progress reports, since many colleges mail reports and grades directly to students.

9. Avoid being frightened by "sticker shock." Despite announced prices, private colleges often are no more expensive (and are sometimes less expensive) than state colleges when financial aid is taken into account. Many parents and students, however, do not explore scholarship and other financial aid options.

10. Remember — and encourage the student to remember — that education does not end at graduation. Too few of us recall Plato's urging that, if we are lucky, we might be educated by the time we are 50.

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Clause." Within certain limits, the Free Exercise Clause prohibits the government from interfering with an individual's observance of his or her religious beliefs.

For example, the Supreme Court has ruled that followers of the Amish faith cannot be compelled against their religious beliefs to send their children to public school beyond the eighth grade (*Wisconsin v. Yoder*, 1972), and has struck down a state law that prohibited ministers from serving in the state legislature (*McDaniel v. Paty*, 1978).

The Supreme Court has upheld regulations that infringe on the free exercise of religion, however, when it has considered the government interest at stake sufficiently important. For example, the Supreme Court has ruled that the federal government may require an Amish carpenter to collect Social Security taxes from his employees and pay his share of such taxes even though his religious beliefs forbade him to do either (*United States v. Lee*, 1982); and that the federal government may deny tax benefits to educational institutions that engage in racially discriminatory practices based on their religious beliefs (*Bob Jones University v. United States*, 1983).

Like the guarantees of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, the First Amendment guar-

antees of religious freedom often require governmental interests to be balanced against the interests of individual citizens and religious groups.

Typically, the balancing process requires public officials and courts to make difficult choices. By forcing careful consideration of the competing interests at stake, however, we have successfully maintained a society in which religious liberty has flourished.

Women as candidates editorial is endorsed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations on your post-election editorial regarding the need for more women candidates for elective office ("Cherchez les femmes," Nov. 6).

As for well-qualified candidates for the judiciary, one need only look to the south, where Judge Karen K. Peters serves on the Family Court in Ulster County. Judge Peters, who has experience in the executive and judicial branches, was nearly nominated by the Democrats for a state Supreme Court judgeship this fall.

When there is another vacancy on the Supreme Court, she should be given the opportunity to serve.

Richard Chady

Delmar

Bethlehem Library rules vex mother of 4-year-old

Editor, The Spotlight:

I recently had the opportunity of registering my two daughters, ages 4 and 5, at the Bethlehem Public Library's story hour. At the time of registration no information was disseminated regarding any particular rules governing these programs.

I took my older child, Jessie, to the program at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and she has been enjoying the program and benefits from the experience. My younger daughter, Jayme, attended the 1:30 p.m. program and because of her age and disposition, I stayed with her to make her more comfortable. For three weeks Jayme and I enjoyed story hour together. Jayme was very attentive and participated appropriately while I stayed clear and was there only so that she would feel assured that all was OK. Throughout these story hours all seemed to be fine. Storyteller and children were interacting and communicating well.

At about 4 p.m. the day after the third story hour I received a call from the storyteller asking if my daughter had trouble separating; and stating that I was not welcome to attend story hour with her; that my daughter might be better off leaving the program and trying again in couple of months.

At no time was any reason given other than it was the rule that this story hour was for preschoolers alone. No mention of disruption or concern for the children's development; just that there were other programs (specifically one on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m) for parents and children. The conversation ended by the storyteller advising me that she would speak to her supervisor and get back to me.

The following Monday, the director of the children's sections of the library called at 8:45 p.m. and informed me that I would not be able to attend story hour due to their rules—rules no one had ever informed me about. A long discussion ensued, leaving me with the very uncomfortable feeling that I was being asked to take my 4-year-old daughter out of a preschool story hour because it was inconvenient to the library staff. I immediately called the library director. She was most pleasant and reassuring, stating she was just about to sit down to her dinner but she would get to the bottom of this matter, call me in the morning, and find a program for Jayme.

Again, I was told of the 7:30 p.m. parent/child story hour, a program that may work for some children but is totally unacceptable for preschoolers due to its late hour. The return phone call was never made but the next day I visited the library and spoke to the director who by then was interested only in handing me a copy of the "Library Rules." No getting to the bottom of anything, no new program, no flexibility, no rational thinking, only rules with questionable basis.

This long story is one that needs to be heard. I began talking to friends about my woes and to my

Vox Pop

amazement heard similar tales. These friends were telling me that they now use the Voorheesville Public Library because it is more amenable to people's needs and that the environment is more friendly and supportive. I heard the same type of story from a number of people and just could not believe that Bethlehem residents pay amazing taxes to fund a "public" library but have to drive to another town's library to find cooperative, reasonable, personable public servants.

Jayme currently is not attending a public library story hour, to her detriment, due to some inflexible rules administered by people who seem concerned only about not being "put out" by a little girl who needs some extra special attention from her mother.

Nothing is being asked of these library employees, only some consideration for the needs of a very bright, happy, cooperative, lively, spirited preschooler who at age 4 would like her mother's presence at the public library's preschooler story hour. The taxpayers of Bethlehem should let the politicians know that our dollars are being misused by the town's public library.

Patty Brown

Delmar

Card players make history

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Historical Association wishes to thank the merchants and friends who supported our recent card party with donations and prizes.

Sheila Giordano, President

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Thanks from the Pit

Editor, The Spotlight:

A crew of enthusiastic high school students donated their time and energy to repaint the graffiti wall at the Pit. Many thanks to Siobhan Sheehan, Katie Carazza, Julie Glick, and Carly Cushman for their generosity and skill.

The Pit is a recreation area, complete with pool tables, Ping Pong tables, music, and food, open to Middle School youth after school and once a month in the evening. This is possible in large measure due to the support of parent volunteers.

These important people are: Marilyn Corrigan, Pat Fisher, Joanne Del Vecchio, Lorraine Danton, Linda Sinuc, Millie Cushing, Sue Belemjian, Sheila Fuller, Karen Singerle, Phyllis Hillinger, Donna Williams, Pat Bush, Mary Waggoner, and Judy Gooding. Many thanks to them all. Anyone who would like to join the ranks of Pit supporters and donate an hour, should please call 439-6885.

The Pit Board of Directors

Police deserve 'tools,' training for survival

Editor, The Spotlight:

Marjory C. O'Brien's letter published on Oct. 31 was a surprise to me. She noted that the police seldom if ever are called upon to defend themselves.

She seems to forget that the only time they are in danger is when they support the community, the law, and the citizens. They wear bulletproof vests to survive in an emergency.

Currently the people who commit crimes are armed with Uzi's, & AK47's. While saving \$11,000, you would be asking officers to defend you though they are under-gunned. This makes no sense to me.

We should support our police departments and give them the best tools and training.

G. Richard Cook
Westlake Village, CA

Vox Pop

Candidate learned much during winning campaign

Editor, The Spotlight:

I believe that on Nov. 5 the voters clearly indicated that they do not want "business as usual" in Albany County. The Republican minority, along with County Executive Mike Hoblock, will be able to keep a close watch on the Democrat majority and, hopefully, bring some accountability to the legislative process. I look forward to serving as a part of that process, and hope that I can live up to the responsibilities entrusted to me.

I would like to thank my opponent, Robert Conti, for a vigorous and clean campaign. I learned a great deal about political process during the campaign, and met many wonderful people.

Dominick DeCecco
County Legislator-elect, 36th District

BC's Participation in Government seniors provided 'wonderful' help

Editor, The Spotlight:

During the past few weeks we have had the pleasure of working with 14 Bethlehem Central High School students on a telephone survey for Bethlehem Networks Project.

The young people were seniors in John Piechnick's Participation in Government class. Mr. Piechnick's help was invaluable.

The students were wonderful. They were professional, hard-working, and serious. They made our work very pleasant.

Watching these young people conduct themselves in such a responsible manner gives us high hopes for the future.

Votes on small business by Faso are recognized

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to inform your readers about an award presented to Assemblyman John J. Faso by the New York State chapter of the

Thank you to these terrific teenagers: Danielle Wagner, Nicki Reidy, Michele Wright, Ben DiMaggio, Sara Barrett, Tracey Turngren, Jim Browe, Jesse Jack, Sarah Toms, Henry Schneider, David Lawrence, Natalie Blessing, Garry Hurd, John Thomas.

Mona Prenoveau,
Acting Coordinator,
Bethlehem Networks Project.

Rob Lillis, Advisory Committee.

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National Federation of Independent Business.

Assemblyman Faso was designated by NFIB as a "Guardian of Small Business," in recognition of his "legislative leadership and consistent voting record on behalf of the state's small-business community." In the 1989-90 sessions of the Legislature, Mr. Faso scored a 90 percent voting record on key small-business issues. He has demonstrated his appreciation of the vital role small business plays in New York's economy.

Mark P. Alesse
State Director

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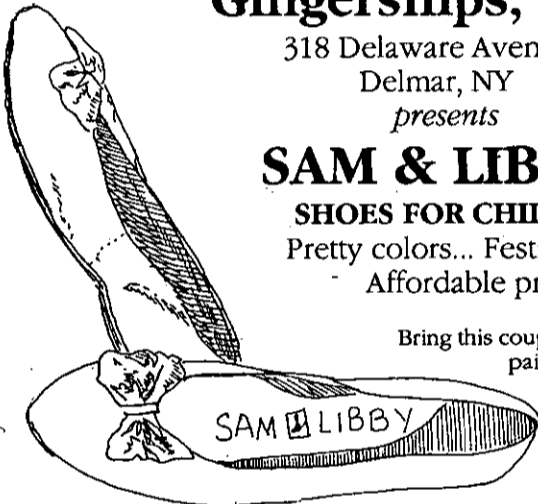
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Hearing set on home for Feura Bush Road

By Regina Bulman

Residents of Feura Bush Road in Delmar and all Bethlehem residents will have the opportunity to comment on a proposed community residence for the mentally disabled at an upcoming meeting of the town board.

The board has scheduled a public hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the state Office of Mental Health's request to house eight mentally disabled individuals at an existing residence at 828 Feura Bush Road.

The home would be sponsored by O.D. Heck/Eleanor Roosevelt Development Disabilities Service Office and according to Program Development Director Edward Solomon, it is part of a statewide move away from institutionalization toward community-based housing.

According to Solomon, more than 125 similar group homes exist in the Capital District where more than 1,000 mentally disabled individuals reside. Six similar homes are already exist in the town on Adams Street, Delaware Avenue, and Feura Bush Road, Gay Street,

Kenwood Ave. and McCormack Road.

"The need for such community homes is unbelievably and undeniably strong," said Solomon.

Solomon, who made a brief presentation to the town board at its last meeting, explained that individuals who will live in the home are not mentally ill requiring psychiatric care, but individuals with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or other neurological impairments.

Residents in the area will soon be notified of the upcoming hearing where they will be briefed on the details of the proposal and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

"We have had no problems to speak of in the past with the other residences in the town," said Supervisor Ken Ringler. "In fact, many of the neighbors who originally had concerns about homes being placed in their community now feel quite positive about it. Many neighbors don't even know the community homes are there."

Delmar performer in "Forty Carat" play

Stephen Kaplan of Delmar will appear in a production of "Forty Carats," on Nov. 21, 22 and 23 in the Maureen Stapleton Theatre at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.

The performance is a production of S.O.S. Players. The play is a "romantic comedy about multiple May-December love affairs," according to an S.O.S. press release. It is directed by Don Bessette. Bessette is former theater instructor at the Junior College of Albany.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets (\$5) are available at the door. For information, call 438-9355.

Aging services group forms speakers bureau

A new service is available to organizations in the Capital District that need to learn more about local services for the aging.

The Albany Coalition on Aging Services Bureau designed to provide the names of members available to speak to groups on a variety of topics of interest to senior citizens.

For more information, call 489-4791.

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Voorheesville dentist Dr. Steven L. Lysenko (far right) surprised his partner Dr. Norman Ellenbogen (second from right) and veteran staff member Clare Cameron (third from right) with a 20th anniversary party. Pictured are (left to right, back row) Kathy Stellato, Kathy Fairbank, Diane Wright, Diana Reed-Gabriele, and (left to right, front row) Debbie Socaris and Jill Crandall.

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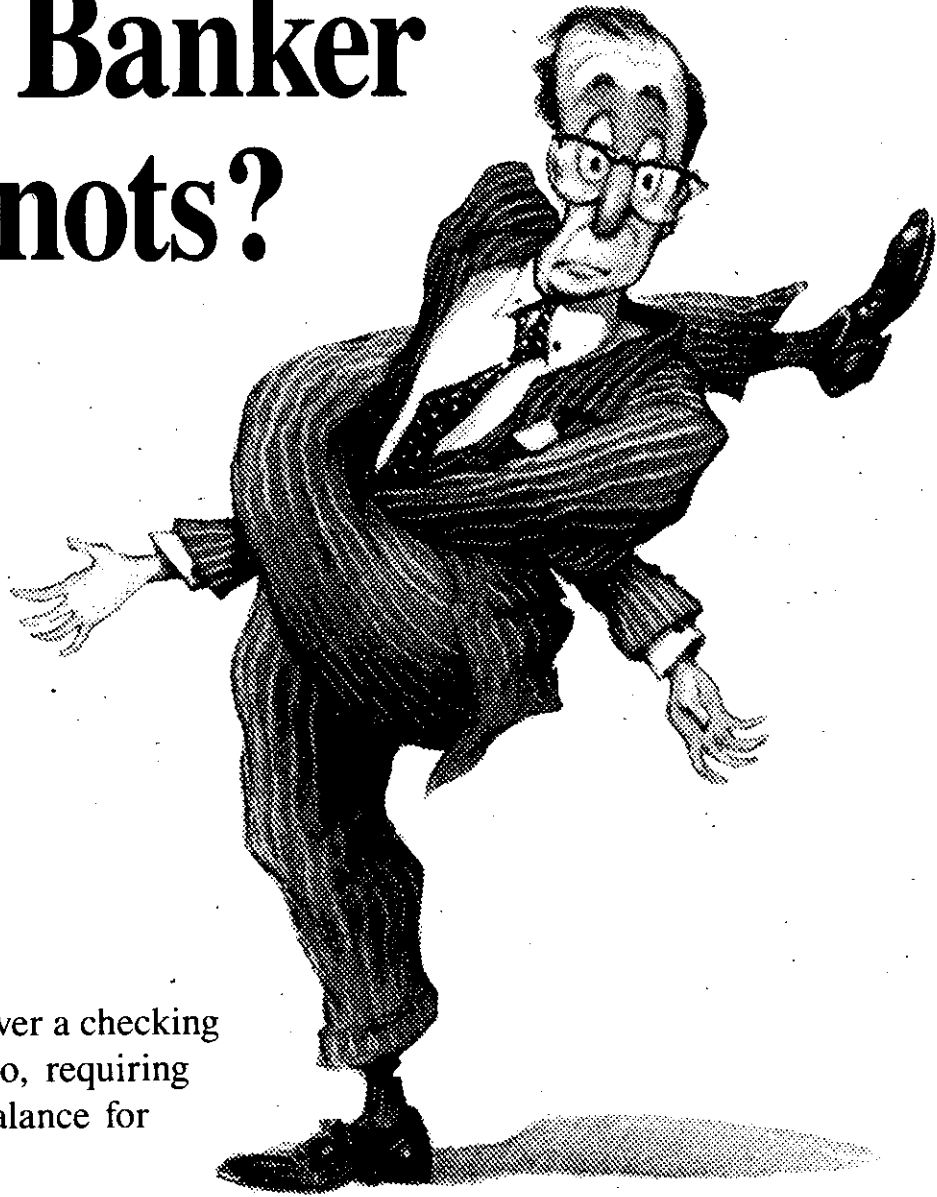
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County lawmakers grapple with \$30M budget gap

By Kathleen Shapiro

Drastic increases in social service costs and plunging revenues have Albany County legislators wrangling over the possibility of a tax hike and spending cuts to close a nearly \$30 million budget gap.

"These are very difficult times we'll be facing," Finance Committee Chairman Paul O'Brien told members of the committee last week. "The budget we finally adopt will not be an easy one to arrive at."

A public hearing on the budget proposals has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Albany County courthouse.

O'Brien estimated that social service costs will have to be increased by at least \$10.5 million more than proposed by County Executive James J. Coyne Jr. in his \$310 million 1992 budget. Coyne's budget already included a more than \$16 million increase in those programs over 1991 costs.

Add to that a recent \$3 million hike in Medicaid costs for this year, and the total rise in social services costs will be about \$29.7 million over the 1991 budget.

The county is also facing pressure from decreased revenues, including an anticipated drop in sales tax profits and an expected \$17 million shortfall resulting from the probable rejection of a Coyne plan to sell and lease land near the county airport.

Coyne's budget included the revenues, despite objections from both Democratic and Republican lawmakers who already have rejected the deal once and say they will veto it again.

Without that money, Coyne estimated the county would face at least a 39 percent tax increase.

Coyne, who leaves office in December, has in the past criticized opponents of the deal, arguing it was time the county found

alternative ways of generating revenue aside from raising taxes. He has also warned he will veto any budget that includes a tax increase.

O'Brien said there was a possibility the legislature might approve the sale of some airport land, although part of the revenues may be earmarked for use in future years.

Budget Director John Sullivan reports the county sales tax revenues currently are down 5.5 percent over last year, which, he said, may translate into a \$2.3 million shortfall for this year. It could also set the stage for more problems next year, since Coyne's 1992 projections called for revenues to remain level.

Sullivan blamed the decreased revenues on the slump in the economy, and said it was difficult to predict when things would turn around. "This has never happened in my 11 years here," he said. "Sales tax has always been a growth item."

Under the proposed budget, Coyne increased Medicaid costs by \$4.9 million, but O'Brien said the county would have to come up with an additional \$3 million on top of that to cover this year's increased caseload.

"We're going to need everybody's help to solve some of the problems we're facing."

Paul O'Brien

Coyne also increased Aid to Dependent Children by \$4.5 million, foster care by \$2.3 million, juvenile delinquent care by \$1.3 million, aid to handicapped children by \$1.7 million and home relief programs by \$2.3 million.

"That's a lot of money. However we don't really believe it'll be enough," said legislative research

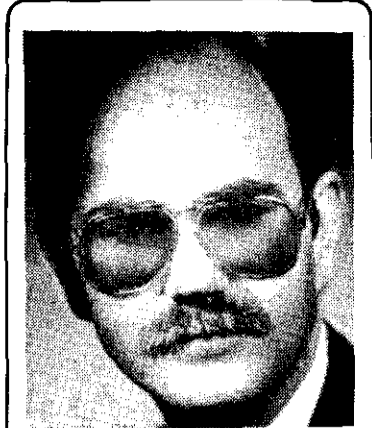
director Dennis Ryan. He said more funding will be needed to cover the jump in caseloads.

With increased Medicaid costs eating up much of this year's surplus, Ryan said the county could not rely on having money left over from this year to help out in 1992.

Sullivan said the county has tried to control spending on social service programs, but has been bogged down by state mandates and increased caseloads that continue to elevate costs and drain county funds, particularly in the area of Medicaid. "It's like a runaway train that doesn't seem to have any brakes," he said.

In order to balance the budget, O'Brien said the committee will begin reviewing all programs, including a new \$1 million emergency jobs program proposed by Coyne to help people who have been laid off or are out of work.

"We're going to need everybody's help to solve some of the problems we're facing," said O'Brien.

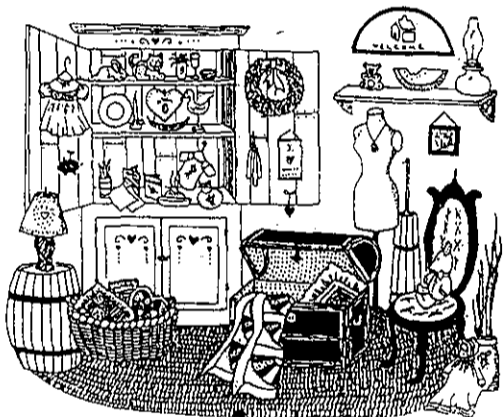


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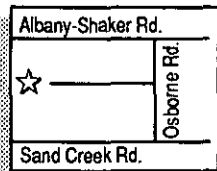
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Finishing touches, paperwork stall Jericho Bridge opening

By Susan Graves

Crossing over the Jericho Bridge on County Rt. 53 in Selkirk isn't as easy as it looks. While the major part of the work on the span is nearly complete, area residents are still awaiting approval by the state Department of Transportation before the bridge can reopen.

But a DOT engineer said the department is waiting for word from Conrail that the work is indeed finished.

Residents who have been affected by the closing are wondering about the delay. Michael Fahey of Harrison Lane said although he lives "a stone's throw" from the bridge, the only recent activity on the span has been children sleigh-riding on the ramps after the season's first snow fall.

"Everything is done, the machinery's gone, there are no workers," he said.

Fahey said he is concerned about an emergency and the time it now takes fire and rescue vehicles to reach residents in the area affected by the bridge. He said the number of people affected is in the "hundreds."

But the county and Conrail, who are jointly responsible for the work on the bridge, say the work isn't finished and even when it is, DOT must give its approval before the bridge is opened.

"First of all, up to today (Friday, Nov. 15), the work wasn't finished," according to Paul F. Cooney, Albany County engineer. He said steel bents or diagonal pieces that help support the bridge still needed to be installed. The bridge, which runs over the midpoint of Conrail's railyard in Selkirk, has been closed for five years and eight months.

Once the finishing touches are completed, Cooney said, Conrail

must then certify to the state that the bridge work meets the criteria agreed to with the county. "I don't know how long it (state approval) takes," Cooney said. The county's \$2 million portion of the work involved work on the deck, approaches and guardrails.

A Conrail spokesperson also said work is not yet complete. "Although it appears to be complete, there are some finishing touches," such as installing gutter spouts, said Jean Kirshenbaum. She said that work and the paperwork is all that remains to be done.

Joseph Savoie, DOT regional structural engineer, said that all his department requires is certification by an engineer. Once a bridge is closed by the state, "it must have a professional engineer certify its condition," before it is reopened, he said. "It really doesn't require anything on our part."



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Departure is scheduled for 9:45 a.m. from town hall, and return will be around 2 p.m. The events costs \$2.50 at the door for seniors plus the price for lunch at noon in the luncheon galley.

To sign up, call 439-4955, or stop in the Bethlehem Senior Services office.

Monday meal program

"Monday Meals" is a program to provide the elderly with a hot meal and entertainment once a week in an accessible atmosphere. This program meets Mondays in the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium at 445 Delaware Ave., from 12:30 to 2 p.m. A hot 1 p.m. lunch is prepared by Albany Meals on Wheels, and carries a suggested donation of \$2.50. Reservations may be made by calling 439-4955.

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The museum is at 125 Washington Ave. Festival hours are daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 when the museum closes at 3:30 p.m., and Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, when it will remain open until 8 p.m.

For information, call 463-4478.

Women's group holds holiday fair

The New Salem Reformed Church women are sponsoring a holiday craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85 in the hamlet of New Salem. There is free parking behind the church.

homemade items perfect for Thanksgiving.

Refreshments will also be available. Picard's chowder will be sold by the quart. Greeting cards, gifts and next-to-new items will be for sale.

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Delmar doctor elected to radiology post

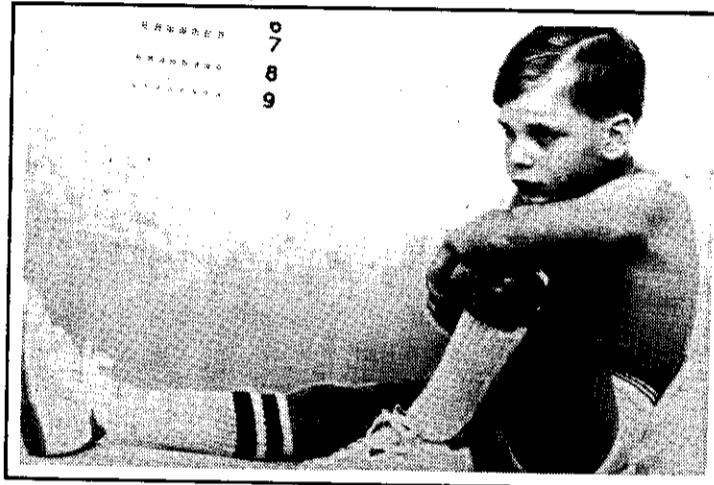
Dr. Michael E. Berlow was recently elected president of the New York State Radiological Society, a chapter of the American College of Radiology. Berlow is

director of medical imaging at Albany Memorial Hospital and Capital Imaging Associates.

He lives in Delmar with his wife and two children.

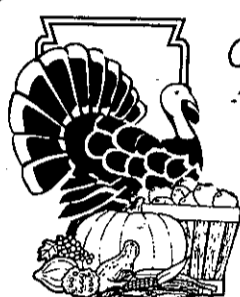


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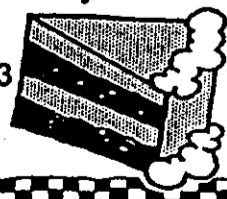
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Riester

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said that overall the experience has been rewarding.

If, or when, he is turned out by the new Democratic town board majority, he will leave the post with "mixed emotions," he said.

"It's a responsibility that carries with it some headaches," he said. "It's a visible position and whenever you're in those positions dealing with controversial issues, there's criticism."

But he added, "I had never involved myself in town government nor in anything that involved political issues," before taking on the duties of town attorney. "I think in the 11 years that I've been there I've learned a lot on how to get things done in government."

His prominent role in the most controversial town issues, such as the Clarksville Water District and the Larned gravel mine dispute, has prompted the repeated allegation that he "runs the town" and from some the label "phantom supervisor."

Riester said he's aware of the assertion, and doesn't think his input has gone beyond a level appropriate to his position. "I feel very badly that anybody would say that," he said. "I've heard that said before."

On election night, both Supervisor Herbert Reilly and Councilman John Sgarlata said frankly they would vote to replace Riester as soon as they were joined on the board by Councilman-elect Democrat Richard Decker. Decker's victory last week gave the town its first-ever Democratic board majority, and consequently for the first time the party has the muscle

to appoint officials of its choice.

Reilly maintained throughout this year's re-election campaign that his efforts in office have often been thwarted by Riester and the town's current GOP majority of Peter Van Zetten, Craig Shufelt and Wyman Osterhout.

Reilly said Friday he's never questioned Riester's "talent and ability" as an attorney, nor has he had problems with him on a personal level. But Reilly said he's been frustrated with what he describes as Riester's unwillingness to pursue particular issues with a "sense of urgency."

"His personality is pleasant," Reilly said. "He has a nice sense of humor and he's fun to be around socially. He just doesn't get things done as quickly as I'd like him to get things done."

Both Reilly and Sgarlata said they think Riester's role in town government has gone beyond simple policy recommendation.

"I've been studying this board for years," said Sgarlata. "And if you sit in the back of the room and you watch the board, all heads turn to the audience's right and the board's left to look for some leadership or guidance."

"It's 'Well, Fred, do we...? Well, what do you think, Fred?'" Sgarlata said. "He definitely has a major influence on the majority party."

Reilly said, "Fred had a lot of power. Although he didn't have a vote, he certainly had a lot of influence over what has happened in the town."

Riester acknowledges he's played an important role in resolving key town questions like Clarksville water, the Larned mine and property data collection and re-evaluation. But he said revaluation is a good example of how his opinion on an issue was set aside because of the political pressures on elected officials.

"If I ran the town, I would have said four or five years ago you've got to do it and let's do it today," he said. "But I don't. The town board is there, and the town board was obviously not willing to do it at that time."

"I think the town board runs town government," he said.

Wallace, a Republican who retired from the supervisor's post in 1987, had nothing but praise for Riester. "I thought he did a great job," Wallace said. "He was thorough and very responsive." He said that because of the technical expertise required to move the town through issues with legal implications, town attorneys are often perceived as steering government.

"I think no matter who the attorney is they'll be criticized for that," he said.

Shufelt agreed. He said Riester could be counted on to provide a nonpolitical "lawyer's point of view" on questions. "Fred didn't listen to us any more than we listened to him," Shufelt said. "When he got done saying what he thought things should be he'd say: 'You do what you want, but this is the law end of it.'" He said the board was forced to weigh heavily Riester's recommendations because of his skill as an attorney.

"Fred did know the law," Shufelt said.

"There's no way around that," he said. "You're losing a good man, I don't care what party he's from."

One of Sgarlata's specific criticisms of Riester centered on his defense of Laberge Engineering

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and Consulting Ltd. of Albany, which did the lion's share of design work and testing on the nitrate-contaminated Clarksville Water District. While Sgarlata maintains Riester has been supportive of the firm because of loyalty to Wallace, who went to work for Laberge as a marketing specialist a year after leaving of office, Riester said all along he's taken a stance that, though unpopular, was in the hamlet's best interest. Wallace said Sgarlata is wrong.

"Evidently John Sgarlata doesn't know Fred Riester because Fred Riester always put the townspeople in front of anybody, including the supervisor, whoever it might be," Wallace said. "I think anybody who knows Fred knows that."

Sgarlata complimented Riester on his ability as an attorney, as well as on his "dry and abstract" wit. But he said that overall he would have preferred to see the attorney take a more aggressive posture with respect to town issues.

Riester said he feels his relationship with Reilly has run smoothly given that the two were tied to opposing parties.

"I think I've worked reasonably well with Herb over the years," he said. "We had a lot of issues there where he and I were at loggerheads. That made things difficult."

"That's why the group that's in the majority has the right to select their town attorney. It's as simple as that," he said.

Riester, 48, is a partner in the newly-formed Albany firm of Iseman, Cunningham, Riester and Hyde, and has lived in Feura Bush for 12 years. When he became town attorney, he replaced Michael Stafford, who served in the post for a short interval and recently lost a bid for election to state Supreme Court.

Institute re-accredited

The Albany Institute of History and Art has been re-accredited by the American Association of Museums. Accreditation certifies that a museum operates according to standards set forth by the museum profession, manages its collections responsibly and provides quality service to the public. Of nearly 6,500 museums nationwide, only 700 have been accredited.

Biscone

(From Page 1)

newcomer Richard Decker to give New Scotland a Democratic town board majority for the first time in its history. On election night, all three acknowledged the victory would mean replacing Riester with a Democrat.

Biscone served as campaign manager for Reilly and Decker, and Reilly said he has often relied on Biscone's advice during his tenure as supervisor. Reilly termed Biscone his "first choice" for the slot but emphasized that he needed to discuss the question with Sgarlata, Decker and party officials.

"Having the experience of several years as a supervisor puts him more in my shoes and he can see the urgency of getting certain things done," Reilly said. "He knows it's the supervisor's phone that rings off the hook when there's a problem."

Sgarlata also said he needs to talk with his board colleagues before making up his mind.

"I have some reservations and I need to discuss them with Herb

and Dick," he said.

Biscone, 46, was Coeymans supervisor from 1974 to 1984, leaving the post in the middle of his sixth term when he moved to property at Indian Ladder Farms on Route 156 in New Scotland. He served as Coeymans Democratic Party chairman from 1973 to 1989, remaining at the position at the request of Coeymans party committee after leaving the town, he said.

He has been a lawyer in general practice for 21 years, he said. He is a partner with Biscone and Neri, with offices in Albany and the Village of Ravena.

Biscone said he understands Sgarlata's reservations, and believes they stem from the fact that the two don't know each other well.

Father joins son on Navy cruise home

Slingerlands resident Norris MacFarland recently joined his son, James, on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *John F. Kennedy* for a trip from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Norfolk, Va.

MacFarland was his son's guest on the carrier's "Tiger Cruise," an

"I'm sure that when he gets to know me better and I get to know him better his reservations will evaporate, and I'm sure that I'll be able to work with him and he with me," he said. "I'm not here to supplant him or govern, I'm not the elected official, I'm only here to serve as a town attorney."

Decker said he supports the Biscone appointment. "His experience as a town supervisor certainly qualifies him more than anyone else that I'm aware of," he said.

New Scotland Committee Chairman Thomas Dolin said Reilly had told him he favors Biscone, and that he had "no objection" to the appointment. "Herb and the two town councilman pick the attorney, not the party," he said.

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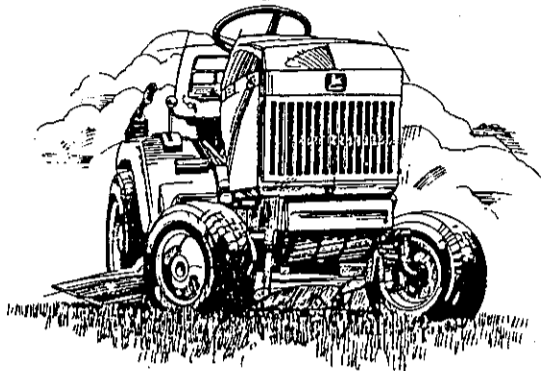
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Village to reopen recycling station

By Mike Larabee

The Village of Voorheesville will reopen its recycling station at the beginning of next year with new provisions in place to see that past facility problems are not repeated; Mayor Edward Clark said Friday.

The decision to reopen the facility, which was closed earlier this year because of abuse by

users, was made at a village board meeting last Thursday, he said.

According to Clark, the recycling center will again be located at the village firehouse on Altamont Road. But now it will be manned by a public works department employee and open only two days a month, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will be open the first and third Wednesdays of each month, he said.

Until two months ago, the facility was operated on a drop-off basis. Village officials decided to close it because materials were often poorly sorted by users and many non-village residents were leaving materials.

"It was unsupervised, it was unenclosed," Clark said. "This will be enclosed and it will be supervised and only village residents will be able to drop off recyclables."

"It will be open on a very strictly controlled and limited basis," Clark said.

Glass, metal, waste oil and plastic will be collected at the recycling station, Clark said. The village currently has curbside collection of newspapers, metals and yard waste, he said.

Use of the center will be mandatory, he said.

Clark said he did not feel the village needs to implement curbside collection of all the recyclables covered under its program, as New Scotland plans to do, and that a survey conducted recently by village Boy Scouts indicated residents are willing to drop off materials at a central location if it would be less expensive to do so.

"I will tell you unequivocally that it will cost a significant amount of money," to expand the village curbside recycling program, he said.

He pointed out that the size of the village minimizes the inconvenience of a single drop-off station. "The Village of Voorheesville is small," Clark said. "It's not a big deal to have to take them somewhere. It's not like the town where people have to drive 12 miles sometimes."

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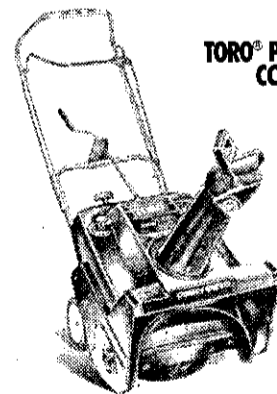
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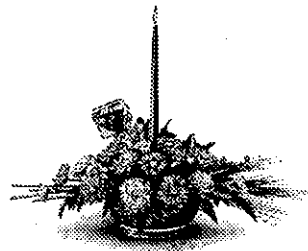
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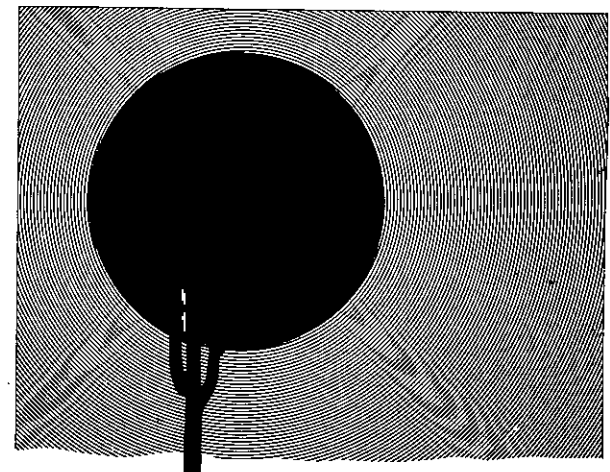
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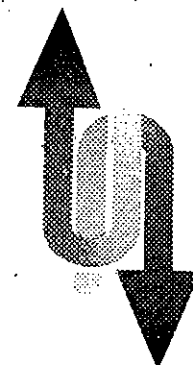
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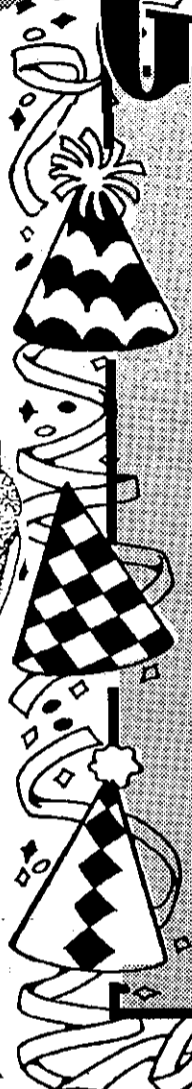
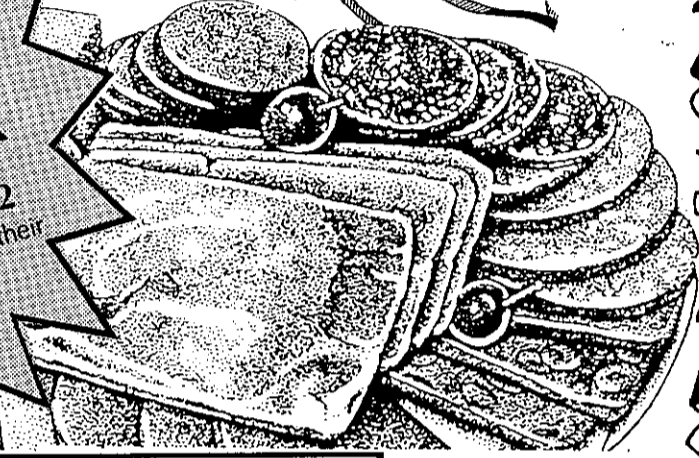
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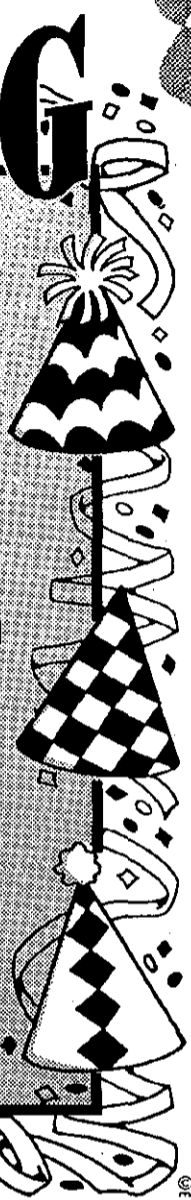
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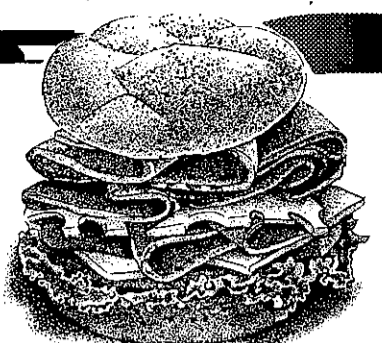
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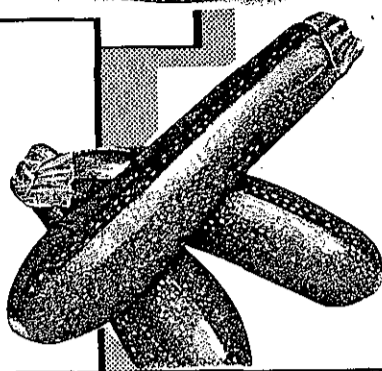
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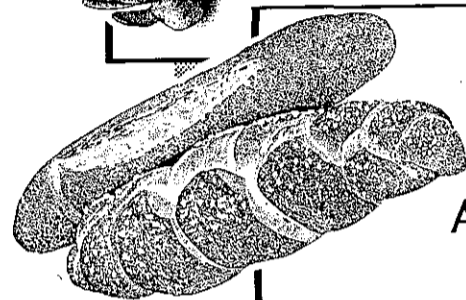
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Tennis program moves indoors

The 15-LOVE tennis program for area young people has moved to indoor sites for the winter. The 15-LOVE designation is a creation of the Ashe-Bollettieri "Cities" tennis program, Hope House and the Eastern Tennis Association, operating under the umbrella of the Capital Region Youth Tennis Foundation.

The instructors are tennis professionals from the Ashe-Bollettieri program who care about children. Children learning the game of tennis are also taught discipline and anti-drug messages and self-confidence are encouraged.

The 15-LOVE office is located in the Albany Urban League building in Albany. For information on winter sites, schedules and registration, call the 15-LOVE office at 432-LOVE.

Winners of the recent 15-LOVE annual Tennisfest tournament are: 18 and under, Matt Gutch,

Clifton Park and Michelle Bourdeau, Schenectady; 14 and under, Mark Kate, Bethlehem; and in the novice division, Joey DeFilippo from Schenectady.

15-LOVE has also developed a program to honor outstanding scholastic achievement. Students with a B or higher grade point average for each grading period will receive an Ashe-Bollettieri Scholastic Certificate signed by Arthur Ashe, Nick Bollettieri and Bob Davis, national program director.

In addition, students who make straight As will also receive a scholastic trophy. 15-LOVE has honored more than 60 straight-A students.

Park conservancy meets tomorrow

The Prospect Park Conservancy will meet tomorrow (Thursday), at 7 p.m. at the Burden Building in South Troy.

K of C run to benefit area hungry

The Knights of Columbus, Mother McAuley Council 3423, will host its annual Run for Hunger on Sunday, Nov. 24, beginning at the lodge at 1 p.m. with a one-mile run, and a 5K run at 1:30 p.m. Registration will be from noon until 12:45 p.m. with an entry fee of \$3 worth of canned goods or food for the hungry. Food will be donated to local food pantries. Awards will be presented to the top male and female winner for first, second and third place in all five age categories.

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Selkirk and
South Bethlehem

Regina Bulman 475-1787



Books by mail

Nursing home or senior housing complex residents or other residents who are homebound because of a disability or family circumstances are eligible for a program beginning at the Ravena Library called "Books by Mail."

Residents who sign up for the program are mailed a catalog which includes bestsellers, mysteries, westerns, romances and large print books for the visually impaired. Books on cassettes and books for children are also available. The catalog comes with a selection card to be returned to the library. Books are sent with a postage paid return envelope. The program is provided at no cost to users and is funded by a grant from the state Education Department.

Library membership drive

Friends of the Ravena Library are conducting its annual membership drive with membership fees earmarked to help expand the library's book collection. The group recently held a coin drop at the 9W-Main Street intersection where more than \$1,000 was collected. All new members are eligible to win a copy of Martha Stewart's new book, "Gardening," or a Ravena library tote bag.

ment. For information, call the library at 756-2053.

Area churches plan Thanksgiving dinner

The Ravena-Selkirk-Coeymans Council of Churches is planning a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 28, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Congregational Christian Church on Main Street in Ravena.

The dinner will be free of charge, open to the public and served cafeteria style all afternoon by volunteers. In order to help plan the meal, organizers ask that individuals planning to attend make reservations in advance by calling the Christian Church, St. Patrick's Church, Ravena Bible Church, the Grace Methodist Church or the Congregational Christian Church. Monetary contributions or donations of food or time are still welcome. For information or to make a donation, call 756-9015 or write to: Thanksgiving Dinner Fund, c/o The Congregational Christian Church, Main St., Ravena 12143.

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Students to perform at state music festival

Ten musicians and singers from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will perform in the All State Music Festival at Saratoga High School Nov. 22 and 23.

The students are: Laura Genovesi, David Lancor, Katrin Pakenas, Hannah Spence, Gregory Sullivan, Alison Meilinger, Matthew Reh, Robert Stapf, Hans Kieserman and Alexandra Kinrear.

The Saturday, Nov. 23, concert will begin at 5 p.m. in the Saratoga junior high school auditorium. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

Thanksgiving service set

St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Mountainview Road is hosting its annual Voorheesville Thanksgiving service. The service, organized in conjunction with the First Methodist Church, will be held Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Individuals of all religious denominations are welcome. The service will be directed by Pastor George Klohck of the First United Methodist Church.

Christmas bazaars set

A Christmas Missions Bazaar will be held at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Homemade gifts, baked goods, white elephant items, used books, plants and other various and assorted holiday gift goods will be available.

After browsing or buying, relax and enjoy lunch in the bazaar

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Susan Casler 765-2144



cafe. The church women will prepare their specialty of "stone soup" and sandwiches.

Another Christmas bazaar is planned for St. Matthew's Catholic Church Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This annual event will have many Christmas decorations, handmade items, wooden goods, needlecrafts, baked goods and plants and books as well.

Language teacher speaks at PIE meeting

Peter Marathakis, teacher and coordinator of foreign languages at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, spoke at a recent district Partners in Education meeting.

Marathakis shared his educational and professional background and his philosophy on teaching foreign languages.

The next PIE meeting will be at the RCS junior high school on Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Library hosts talk

Frances Y. Scott will show slides and present a talk entitled, "Raphael's Rome: Rome and the High Renaissance," on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Compulsive eating program scheduled

A program on compulsive eating disorders will take place at Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Avenue in Guilderland, on Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Dr. Susan Baum, a physician who specializes in the medical

Delmar woman PR firm names

Sawchuck, Brown Associates, an Albany public relations firm, has appointed a new executive assistant.

Victoria Cheshire, former assistant to Saratoga Springs Mayor A.C. Dake, has joined the firm as assistant to Pamela Sawchuck Brown, executive vice president, and David Brown, president.

management of eating disorders and obesity, will conduct the program with psychologist Dr. Johnel Bushell.

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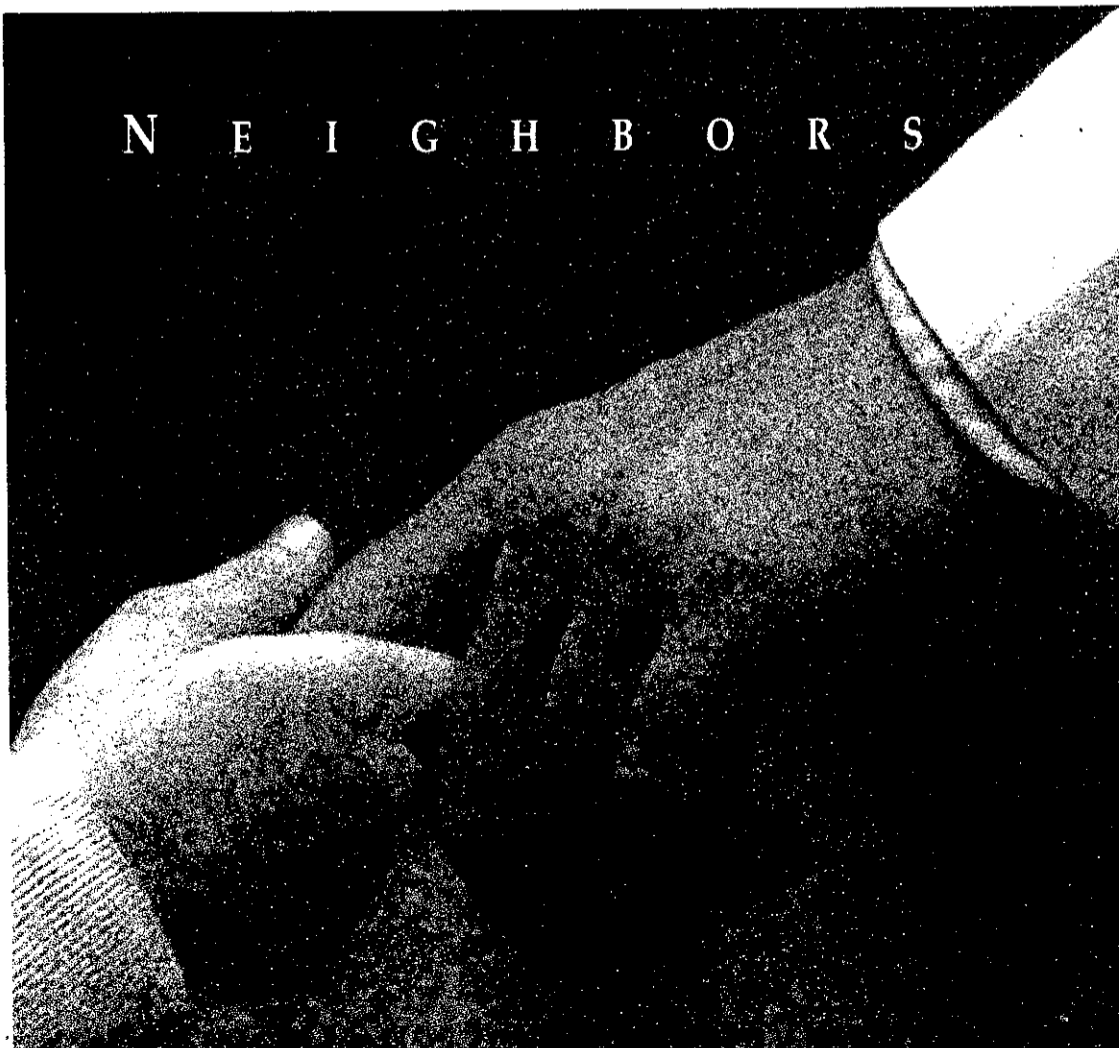
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THE SPOTLIGHT Sports

Squad sends swimmers to sectionals

By Josh Norek

"This year, 18 of our 35 girls made it to sectionals the most in a few years," said Sue Hrib, coach of Bethlehem high school's girls' varsity swim team. Bethlehem placed fifth out of 13 teams at sectionals, finishing their season with an overall record of 6-4-1.

Training was intense. The girls held practice six days a week, including a regular three-hour session on Saturdays.

"Our girls worked extremely hard this year, and their (race) times showed it," Hrib said. The swim team also had its share of

"good times," including bake sales and a sleep over at the coach's house, she said.

Team captains were Jen Mallery, Nina Teresi and Sarah Toms. Toms, a senior, was the only teammate to be a state's qualifier. At the events in Buffalo, she placed 15th out of the entire state of New York for the 200 Individual Medley.

Winter sports meeting planned for BC

The Bethlehem Central Schools' athletic department will hold its winter "Meet the Coaches" Night on Wednesday, Nov. 20, in

Says Toms, "It was real exciting swimming in Buffalo, which has the second largest swimming complex in the country. I had a lot of fun being on the team."

Coach Hrib already has plans for next year. "I'd like to see more girls join the Delmar Dolphins, and even more people qualify for sectionals."

the high school auditorium at 7 p.m.

Anne O'Neill, R.D., from Cornell Cooperative Extension will be speaking about sports nutrition.

This is a mandatory meeting for all involved in winter athletics.

Indians end year 5-4

By Kevin Van Derzee

The RCS Indians finished the season on a down note, losing 8-7 to the Voorheesville Blackbirds.

"We had a good season," said coach Gary Van Derzee. "Although we would have liked to put more wins on the board, the team played well together and were never out of a game."

The Indians finished the season with 5 wins and 4 losses.

Ravena's record does not show how close to the top they were. They lost the four games by a total of 14 points with three of the games being decided by 2 points or less. They outscored their opponents 137 to 85 in nine games for an average of 15.2 for Ravena to 9.4 points for their opponents.

RCS is losing nine starters between the offense and the defense. They will only be losing two players, John Orsino and Joe Salin, that played on both sides of the ball. Other graduating starters are Mike Reilly, Chris Riccardi and Keith Hotaling on offense and Brian Sutton, Pat Rafferty, Chad Rooney and Rob Moore on defense.

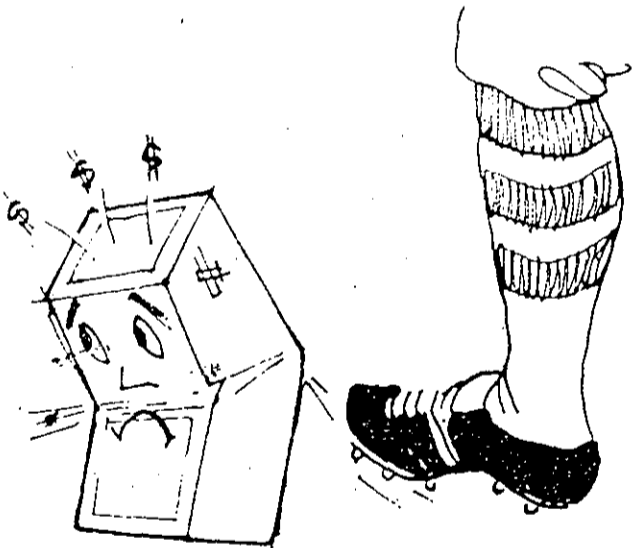
The Indians had many players make the Capital Conference all-star team. David Baranska and Orsino headed the team, each being named to a first team and a second team. Other players named to the second team were Chris Romano at quarterback, Eric Powell at running back and Dan Gallagher at tight end on offense along with Rooney at linebacker and Salin at safety were named on defense.

"We really need to work on the weights and foot quickness with the returning juniors and players that played J.V.," Coach Van Derzee said, hoping that the Indians can improve their record next year.

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Dolphin swimmers medal in meet

A contingent of Delmar Dolphins travelled to the Shaker High School pool on Sunday, Nov. 17, for the seventh annual "Pilgrims Pride" swim meet.

Among the age 8 and Under girls, Lisa Fong won the girls 100 yard individual medley event, 25 yard butterfly and 25 yard freestyle, setting meet records in the two latter events.

7-year-old Becky Corson, in her first year of competition, was ninth in the individual medley, seventh in the breaststroke and eighth in the freestyle. First year swimmers Irie Dunne and Kathleen Shaffer turned in personal best times in the 25 yard backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle.

In the 9 and 10 year old girls age group, Arianne Cohen won (and narrowly missed setting a meet record) in the 50 yard breaststroke. She was fifth in the individual medley, sixth in the 50 yard freestyle and tenth in the 50 yard backstroke. Becky Fay finished tenth in the 50 yard butterfly.

The Dolphin 9 and 10 year old girls 200 yard freestyle relay team of Elyse McDonough, Katie Keller, Becky Fay and Arianne Cohen took eighth place.

The 9 and 10 year old boys also turned in fine performances. Brian

Dowling was second in the 50 yard butterfly, sixth in the 50 yard backstroke and tenth in the individual medley. Tim Corson was eighth in the back and butterfly, and ninth in the breaststroke. Chris Shaffer finished fourth in the butterfly.

The boys freestyle relay team of Corson, Dowling, Shaffer and Todd McCoy achieved a fourth place finish. Dolphin Richard Bailey, who recently "aged up" to the 9-10 grouping, achieved personal best times in all three of his events.

Among the 11 and 12 year old girls, Nadine Maurer finished

ninth in the 50 yard butterfly. The girls freestyle relay team of Maurer, Stephanie Fong, Maggie Tettebach and Erika McDonough took sixth place. Strong performances, including several personal best times were turned in by Lisa Goldberg and Lucy Dunne.

The boys 11 to 12 year old freestyle relay team of Steve Corson, Reid Putnam, Brian Strickler and Scott Strickler finished fifth.

In the girls 13 and 14 year old age group, Claire Dunne had a tenth place finish in the 100 yard butterfly.

Elsmere wins 2 parade awards

Members of the Elsmere Fire Company were awarded two trophies for participation in the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association parade in Delmar in September.

First Place for "Best Appearing Company, 25 or more In Line in Regulation Uniform," and "Most Firefighters in Line of Parade" were awarded to Elsmere.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Company was awarded a second place trophy for "Best Appearing Ladies Auxiliary — 9 or more In Line."

Assistant Chief Richard Webster and Vice President Ann Marie Costigan led their respective units.

In other company news, Assistant Chief Edward Costigan of the Elsmere Fire District addressed a breakfast meeting of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at the Albany Ramada Inn recently. He discussed organization of the Elsmere Fire District and the company, as well as what commercial proprietors should know about basic fire safety and how proprietors can assist emergency service volunteers who respond to an emergency at their business.

In addition, Lieutenant Richard Watt and Firefighter Eric Favaloro attended the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation Utility Fire School in Oswego recently.

Star Bowlers

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

Sr. Cit. Men — Jim Compson, 226; John Deflumer, 564; Harold Eck, 795 (4 game series).

Sr. Cit. Women — Peg Stuart, 204; Terri Price, 504 triple.

Men — Jeff Driscoll, 285, 722 triple; Frank Salamida, 744 triple; Howard Stoker, 864 (4 game series).

Women — Janene Trianni, 247, 789 (4 game series); Bonnie Robbins, 573 triple; Debbie Storm, 626 triple.

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473 triple.

Prep Boys — Lee Perry 171, 413 triple.

Prep Girls — Kim Brown 150, 413 triple.

Bantam Boys — Seth Cuzdey, 111, 267 triple.

Bantam Girls — Denise Doran, 91, 257 triple.

Adult-Junior

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Women — Susan Kondrat, 202.

Boys — Danny Ciarfello, 88, 214 triple.

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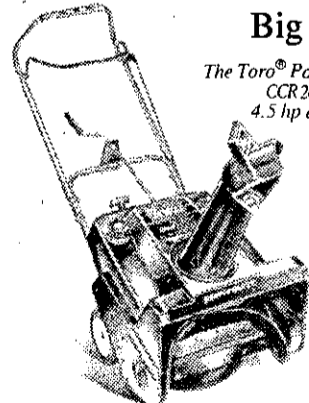
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Amabile, Perry to marry

Angelo and Joan Amabile of East Amherst, N.Y. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Angela Amabile, to Edward C. Perry, Jr., son of Christine Primomo Perry of Delmar and Edward C. Perry, Sr. of Watervliet.

The bride is a graduate of Williamsville North High School in Williamsville, N.Y. and will gradu-

ate from Canisius College, Buffalo in 1992.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and is currently working towards a masters degree at SUNY Buffalo.

A wedding is planned for late summer of 1992.

Group to have holiday gift sale

The Friends United fourth annual Holiday Gift Sale will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a private residence on Hilton Road, Voorheesville, off Route 85A, near LeVie's.

The sale will offer Christmas ornaments, decorations and gifts as well as miniature bisque dolls for doll houses, small wooden villages, Victorian ornaments and wreaths, quilted items, dolls and bears by local artists. Hot milled cider and cookies are available near the Christmas tree while shopping for country and Victorian gifts.

Conrad work focus of library lecture

A Literary Lecture Series with Helen Adler will take place at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

The topic of discussion will be "Lord Jim" by Joseph Conrad. Call 439-9314 for information.

Glenmont student named to Who's Who

Peter Craig Anderson, a senior in the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, was named to the 1992 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Anderson of Glenmont. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vincelette

Maercklein, Vincelette wed

Elizabeth Leslie Maercklein, daughter of Leslie A. and Mary Jo Z. Maercklein of Delmar and Daniel Gerard Vincelette, son of Neil and Shirley Vincelette of North Babylon were married Aug. 17.

Rev. James M. Cribbs conducted the ceremony in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Kathy George was maid of honor. Mary Joan Corso, Dr. Mary Davis, Katherine Sprafke and Cynthia Vincelette were bridesmaids.

Kevin Vincelette was best man. Eric Maercklein, Christopher Maercklein, Kevin Maercklein, Joseph McCusker, Michael Clark, John Breunig and Louis Rosati were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Fairfield University. She is employed by Citicorp in Harrison.

The groom is a graduate of Fordham University. He is a sports editor for the Greenwich Times.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple resides in Greenwich, Conn.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

All about the BSO

The Bethlehem Student Organization plans fun and healthy events on a monthly basis.

Since last fall, a diverse and energetic group of students has come together to help organize and, more importantly, to enjoy these events. Events have included a trip to see the New York Kick at the Knick arena, a "Fire and Ice" party at the town park, a trip to New York City, an after-Senior Ball cruise on the Hudson, several dances and two Adirondack hikes.

The group is looking forward to a Dec. 14 trip to New York City, our second annual "Fire and Ice" party and, in the spring, an overnight trip (tentatively planned) to Montreal.

The Dec. 14 trip to NYC will cost approximately \$30 for round trip bus transportation and a brief guided tour of lower Manhattan.

The group was originally funded by a grant from Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited to the Town of Bethlehem's Department of Parks and Recreation.

Activities are open to anyone residing in the Town of Bethlehem in grades nine to 12. For information on future BSO events, call the town Parks and Recreation Department at 439-4131.

This week's Networks article was written by Paul Machelor, Bethlehem High School English teacher and coordinator of the Bethlehem Student Organization.

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McAlonen

Allgaier, McAlonen wed

Karen Virginia Allgaier, daughter of Joseph and Jacqueline Allgaier of Delmar and Daniel Joseph McAlonen, son of Archie J. and Dorothy McAlonen of Florida were married Sept. 21.

The Rev. James D. Daley conducted the ceremony in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Barbara Allgaier was maid of honor. Laura Quinlan, Claire Choppy and Lisa Strong were bridesmaids.

Denis Sibson was best man.

Legion donates pamphlet to BC schools

For new students in the Bethlehem community's schools to learn about respect for the American flag the pamphlet "Let's be Right on Flag Etiquette" has been distributed to the Bethlehem Central School District and St. Thomas School in Delmar.

James Bytner, Lawrence Smith and Brian McAlonen were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College. She is manager of Bennigan's Restaurant in Syracuse.

The groom is a graduate of SUNY Cobleskill. He is general manager of Garcia's Mexican Restaurant in Syracuse.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple resides in Liverpool, N.Y.

The revised February '91 pamphlet is issued by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion in Indianapolis. In Delmar, the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 donated the booklets. The on-going community service was announced by Post Commander Robert G. Conti.

BC grads perform in college production

Britt Luzzi of Delmar played the role of Hermia in the Bucknell University production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

A sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, Luzzi is the daughter of Linda and Thomas Luzzi, 1 Glendale Ave. She is a 1990 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Carla Torre of Delmar, also in the production, played the role of Mustardseed.

A sophomore majoring in mathematics, Torre is the daughter of Sandra and Charles Torre, 16 Sheffield Drive. She is a 1990 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Slingerlands man joins Albany firm

Tom Swasey of Slingerlands was recently added to the staff of the Cellular One/Albany Telephone Company.

Swasey has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Siena College in Loudonville and has served as a sales representative for Motorola Communications of Albany.

V'ville woman named to committee

Cornell Cooperative extension of Albany County has announced the results of 1992 elections to its board of directors and various program committees.

Alida Vollaro of Voorheesville was elected to the Home Economics Program Committee.

State museum offers musical program

Live music, vocals, visuals and audience participation add up to fun family entertainment in "A Kid's Musical Safari" at the New York State Museum on Friday, Nov. 29, at 1 and 3 p.m.

Families will follow the history of American black music from Africa and the Caribbean to rural and urban America, including rhythm and blues, jazz and contemporary songs.

Admission is \$2 per adult and \$1.50 per child.

For information, call 474-5877.



Frances and William M. Gathen

Delmar couple renews vows

William M. and Frances Gathen of Delmar recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their first wedding ceremony took place at St. John's Church in Rensselaer on Sept. 25, 1941. The couple renewed their vows at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar where the Rev. James Daley officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Gathen have a

daughter, Mrs. Colleen Bassett of Albany; a son, William M. Gathen Jr. of Colonie; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gathen is a retired supervisor of the post office at the State University of New York at Albany. Mrs. Gathen was a homemaker.

A reception was given by the children and grandchildren.



Community Corner

Boy Scouts organize sports equipment sale

"Sportsmart '91," sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 75, will be held at Bethlehem Central High School, Saturday, Nov. 23.

"Sportsmart '91" is the area's largest exchange of new and used sporting equipment, including skiing, camping, running, skating biking equipment and more.

Sale items should be delivered from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The sale will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A \$1 admission donation will go to benefit local food pantries.

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Obituaries

John J. Kennah

John J. Kennah, 82, of Wellington Road in Delmar died Thursday, Nov. 7, at his residence.

Born in Albany, Mr. Kennah moved to Delmar in 1964.

He was a locomotive engineer for the New York Central Railroad for 46 years. He retired in 1974.

Mr. Kennah was a communicant of Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Bradt Kennah; two daughters, Sister Geraldine Kennah of the Pastoral Care at St. James' Church in Albany and Sister Marianne Kennah, religious education director, at St. Joan of Arc Church in Menands; a son, John J. Kennah of Marina, Ariz; a brother, Edward J. Kennah of Albany; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were from Dreis Funeral Home in Albany and Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Sisters Retirement Fund, St. Joseph's Provincial House, Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham 12110.

Evelyn Robbins Crabbs

Evelyn E. Robbins Crabbs, 73, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Glenmont, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, at her residence.

Mrs. Crabbs was born in Glenmont and had lived in Florida since 1970. She was a homemaker.

She was the widow of Donald Robbins.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence Crabbs, and a sister, Mildred H. Martin of Coxsackie.

A memorial service was held in the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Hazel Martin

Hazel Caroline Minshell Martin, 91, formerly of Elsmere, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, at B.J.C. Medical Center in Commerce, Ga.

Born in Kinderhook, she lived in Elsmere for many years before moving to Georgia in 1988. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Martin was a member of the Bethlehem Grange 137 in Selkirk, where she was a Sixth

Degree State Member for 23 years.

She also was a member of Rebekahs of the Capital District, where she served as an outer guard for many years.

She was also a member of the Daughters of America, the Elsmere Fire Department Auxiliary and the Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Ladies Auxiliary.

She was a member of the Delmar Reformed Church.

Mrs. Martin was the widow of Leeland F. Martin Sr.

Survivors include two sons, Leeland F. Martin Jr. of Feura Bush and Charles G. Martin Sr. of Saranac Lake; three daughters, Elizabeth Stellwagen of Melbourne, Fla., Ilene Aranove of Toccoa and Donna Phillips of Ravena; three brothers, George Raymond Minshell of Albany, LeRoy Minshell of Cedar Hill and Howard Minshell of Coxsackie; two sisters, Helen Mull of Troy and Beulah Lebrecht of Castleton-on-Hudson; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Leslie W. Russell

Leslie W. Russell, 70, of Selkirk died Saturday, Nov. 16, at Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Born in London, he moved to Albany in 1957 and to Selkirk in 1965.

Mr. Russell was employed by the Blue Circle Atlantic Company, Ravena, as an electrician for more than 23 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a British Army veteran of World War II and a communicant of the Church of St. Patrick, Ravena.

He was husband of the late Yolanda Franchini Russell.

Survivors include a son, Michael Russell of Colonie; a daughter,

Teresa Russell Calabrese of Selkirk; a brother, David Russell of Rainham, Essex, England; a sister, Grace Mansfield of Rainham; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany and Church of St. Patrick, Ravena. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Northeast New York Inc., 4 Airline Drive, Albany 12205.

Francis J. Lyons

Francis J. Lyons, 70, of Bethlehem, died Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Lyons was born in Syracuse. He lived most of his life in the Ravena area.

Before retiring in 1981, Mr. Lyons was an engineer for the New York Central and Conrail in Selkirk for 42 years.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Elinor Gregory Lyons; three daughters, Linda Sherman of Ravena, Robin Nagy of Royersford, Pa., and Elizabeth Spence of Ravena; three sons, Daniel Lyons of Ravena, William Lyons of Westerlo and Steven Lyons of Selkirk; two brothers, Vincent Lyons of Selkirk and Walter Lyons of New Jersey; two sisters, Evelyn Edwards of Chatham and Lillian Lyons of Albany; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were private. Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

Funeral home offers "living memorial"

Delmar's Meyers Funeral Home has renewed its affiliation with Lofty Oaks Association, a New Hampshire organization dedicated to reforestation and conservation efforts in New York state.

Through the association, the home arranges to plant a tree for each service it performs. The tree is intended as both a living memorial in honor of the deceased and a renewal state forests.

After each service, family members and friends are informed that the memorial tree has been arranged for by the home.

Library holds exhibit

An Local Native American History exhibit will be on display at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, from Dec. 1 to 31.

Call 439-9314 for information.

Author to speak at Bethlehem library

Thomas Phelan, professor of history and dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will present a slide lecture on "The Industrialization of the Upper Hudson" at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Phelan is a founder of the Mohawk-Hudson Industrial Gateway and author of "The Hudson Mohawk Gateway: An Illustrated History."

The lecture is free.

Art association work on display at library

The Bethlehem Art Association's annual membership show is currently on display at the Bethlehem Library at 451 Delaware Ave.

Andy Masino, art supervisor of the Bethlehem Schools, chose art from four categories for prizes: oil/acrylic, watercolor, mixed media and photography.

The display runs through the end of the month.

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Offbeat gift bids to benefit Whiskers league

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Looking for that unique, one-of-a-kind holiday gift? Perhaps a home Jeopardy game autographed by Alex Trebek for the game show aficionado or a T-shirt autographed by all four members of Van Halen for the music fan.

Those items are among the more than 50 to be auctioned off to benefit the Whiskers Animal Benevolent League. The group will conduct a silent auction on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the restaurant, L'Ecole Encore, 44 Fuller Road, Albany.

Whiskers houses stray animals, provides them with medical treatment and works to get them adopted, said Karen Pirozzi of the group, adding they also have the animals spayed or neutered before adoption. The medical care is "expensive," she noted. The group receives no public funding and relies on volunteer help.

Other celebrity items up for bid include an autographed copy of Dave Barry's "Dave Barry Slept Here," an autographed copy of Roger Ebert's "The Home Movie Companion" and a collector's edition biographical booklet from Jay Leno.

Also, a commemorative inaugural invitation from Barbara Bush, an autographed photo of basketball star Isaiah Thomas, a guitar played by

Roseanne Cash and a John Cerutti baseball autographed by the Detroit Tigers.

There will be a multitude of other items available, ranging from artwork to services and gift certificates for dinners. Among these items are two season tickets to Albany Patroons games, a photo sculpture by Tiny Doubles, a cat print by Kristin Woodward and lunch at the Daily Grind Cafe in Albany.

The restaurant in addition to donating its facility, will also provide an afternoon tea.

The silent bid "is a relaxing way to do it," said Pirozzi. Bidding will start at 1 p.m. and close at 3:30 p.m. Bidders will put their name and bid on a piece of paper next to the item and subsequent bidders will have the option of beating that bid. "They can write their name and bid down and be able to see if somebody topped their bid," she said.

"It will be a nice afternoon of holiday shopping and instead of the money going to a big company, it will go to Whiskers to help our programs," she said.

The auction will be hosted by WCDA-FM personality Stacey Shannon.

There is a \$10 admission charge and the event is limited to 115 people. Tickets can be purchased by mailing the admission cost to Whiskers, Box 11190, Albany 12211. Pirozzi said tickets can be pur-



Sally Neary of Albany, co-chairperson of the Whiskers auction, displays some of the items that will be up for bid including an autographed Van Halen T-shirt, an autographed Jeopardy game and an autographed copy of "Dave Barry Slept Here." Sal Prividera Jr.

chased at the door, but added a reminder that space is limited. She said \$3 of the ticket price will be deducted from the purchase price paid by high bidders.

The group conducts a number of programs including a program that helps renters with pets find landlords who allow pets in their buildings. Another program

assists the elderly with care for their pets, by matching them with a volunteer who will help out with caring for the animals.

"Our goal is to help with spaying or neutering and help with the cost when we have money," Pirozzi said. "Part of our mission is to help alleviate the problem of overpopulation."

Skidmore brings Wilder's *Our Town* to our times

By Michael Kagan

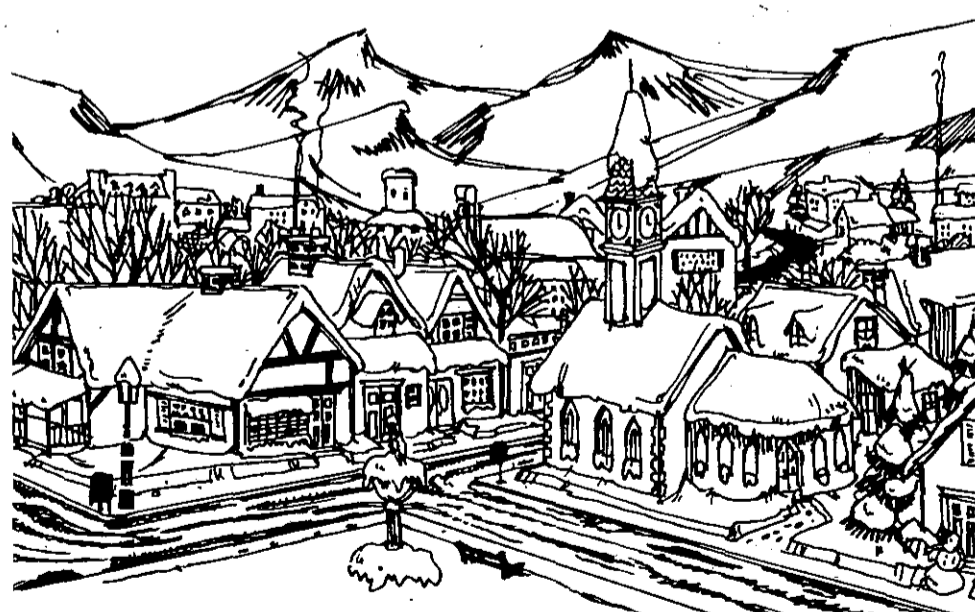
Thornton Wilder's famous "Our Town" comes to the area for the next two weekends in a modern production by the Skidmore College Department of Theater in Saratoga Springs.

This largely student production of Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama is directed by Carolyn Anderson, for the last seven years head of the theater department at Skidmore.

Anderson's cast features Marty Roesenkranz, the only non-student actor in the performance, as Wilder's innovative stage manager, who invites the audience into the New Hampshire town of Grover's Corners and addresses the audience directly, both foreshadowing, participating in, and controlling the action of the play.

Rosenkranz recently portrayed R.P. Murphy in Home Made Theater's production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey. He was awarded the 1990 Tany's Theater Festival Best Actor Award for his performance as Weller Martin in Home Made Theater's production of "The Gin Game."

Mrs. Gibbs will be played by Ryan Dunn, while the characters of George and Dr. Gibbs will be presented by Michael McCartney and David Jortner. James



Kramer will play Mr. Webb, and Anne Montgomery will play Mrs. Webb. Emily Webb will be portrayed by Sarah Olmsted.

The play focuses on the growth of George and Emily, showing their development through various stages of life. Wilder once called his work an attempt "to find a value above all price for the smallest events of our daily life."

Anderson said the play is "about kids

growing up" and "the anguishes of teenagers, the joys, the sorrows, and the fears of growing."

She said, "What attracted me to it initially is it's a very good vehicle for actors. It's a very clear, easy play for young actors. It's a training vehicle." Anderson said she admires the play's "universal theme," which brings out the significance of seemingly mundane parts of everyday life.

Rosenkranz said, "It's just a classic in the theater and it changed the way theater is produced. It's a play I've always wanted to do. When I was offered the part, I just couldn't turn it down."

Unlike many productions, the Skidmore production will feature no New Hampshire accents and colloquial accents will not be emphasized, said Anderson. "We're trying to make rituals of life more important than the locale. We're not paying much attention to Grover's Corners as a place," she said.

Rosenkranz said that in addition to the New England influence being played down, the production will be "more modern" and "more universal" than others. "It's very, very different, and I don't want to give it all away."

The plot provides a special challenge for Rosenkranz, who described himself as "a character actor." He said he has portrayed all sorts of characters very much unlike himself, but his interpretation of the stage manager will be more a reflection of his own personality. "I'm playing myself, Marty Rosenkranz, so I'm really letting my personality play the part. Playing yourself is very difficult."

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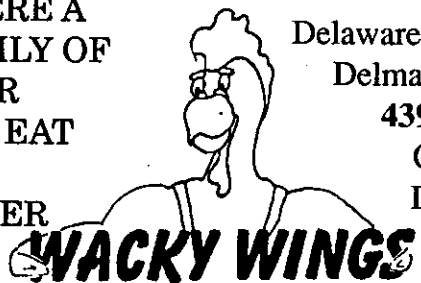
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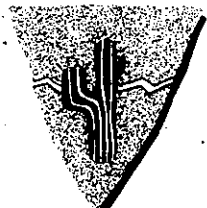


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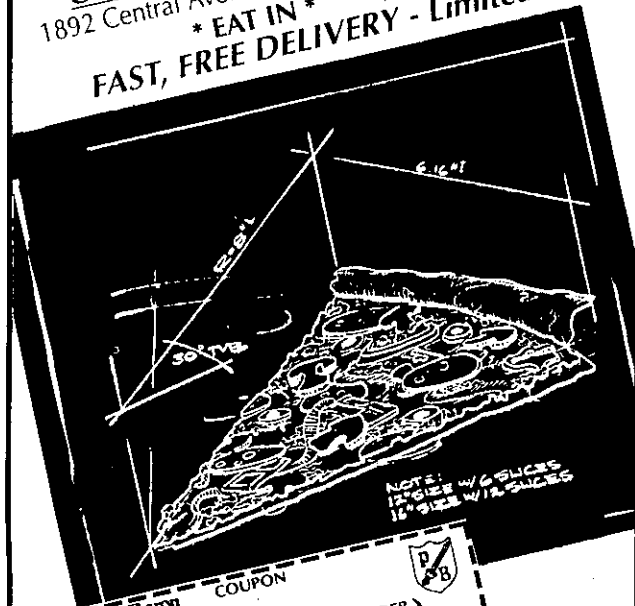
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staged readings of original playscripts, by Capital region high school students, the Steamer No. 10 Theater, Albany. Nov. 22, 8 p.m.; Nov. 23, 2 and 8 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

INTERMEDIATE QUILTING FOR ADULTS
traditional and contemporary methods, State Museum, Albany. Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 474-5842.
FINE ARTS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN
and Young Adults, explore traditional and non-traditional approaches to art, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Through Nov. 24. Information, 792-1761.
HART-CLUETT MANSION
of the Rensselaer County Historical Society, adult tours, Tues.-Fri. occasional Sat. by reservation. Information, 272-7232.

HANOVER BAND
performing Mozart and Beethoven, Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Union College, Schenectady. Information, 370-6172.

Laura Frank & Uel Wade
classical music, Spencertown Academy. Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

THE CHANUKKAH STORY
Theodore Bikel and the Western Wind Vocal Ensemble, Palace Theatre, Albany. Nov. 24, 3 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

READINGS
JUDITH SPEIZER-CRANDELL AND BILLY CRANDELL
read from their work, "The War We Shared," Boulevard Bookstore, 15 Central Avenue, Albany. Nov. 24, 3 p.m. Information, 449-8069.

WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS ON ICE
theatre on ice, Proctor's Schenectady. Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

DIZZY
John Birke "Dizzy" Gillespie and his quintet, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

SCOTT JOPLIN BIRTHDAY RAGTIME ALBANY
concert, Albany. Nov. 24, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

MARSHA TAYLOR AND PAT HUMPHRIES
singer-songwriter, The Eighth Step, Albany. Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

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

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

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship meeting, Bethlehem Grange Hall no. 137, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners. 11 a.m. Information, 235-1298.

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM
Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2 to 5 p.m. Local artists exhibits. Information, 436-8289.

NEW SCOTLAND

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

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

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

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Bible hour for children and adults, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., Evening service, 6:30 p.m. nursery care provided for Sunday services, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH
worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday school, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

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

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Trnpl., Delmar. Information, 439-5001.

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 NOVEMBER 25

BETHLEHEM

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

REVALUATION MEETING
Selkirk Firehouse, Glenmont, final phase informational meeting, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

DELMAR KIWANIS
meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Days Inn, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

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

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
provides volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

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

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS' MARKET
rain or shine, every Tuesday until October, 3-6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave. Information, 732-2991. <HEAD>DELMAR ROTARY meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

NEW SCOTLAND

EXPERIENCES IN ELDERHOSTEL
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will close at 5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, evening prayer and Bible study, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

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NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE
meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

Thursday November 28

BETHLEHEM

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451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

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

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

SPOTLIGHT
By Martin P. Kelly

Remembrance offers incisive view of romance amid Belfast troubles

The racial conflict of Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland is capsulized with vigor and illumination in Graham Reid's new play, *Remembrance*, being presented through Dec. 15 by the Capital Repertory Company in Albany.

The play which began its life as a television script on the BBC, centers on a mature romance between two widowed people. Bert Andrews (Jack Aranson) is a 68-year old former British soldier and Theresa Donaghy (Anita Gillette), a 63-year old Catholic woman. Both have lost sons to the religious violence in Belfast and meet while tending their sons' graves.



Martin P. Kelly

Reid has written a layered play which reveals intriguing facets of character as it progresses. This is especially true of the children of the older couple. Victor Andrews (Daren Kelly) is a hard-drinking profane policeman, frustrated by a broken marriage, who lives in the shadow of his murdered brother.

Theresa Donaghy must contend with daughters, Deidre (Kate Kelly) and Joan (Tracy Sallows), involved with their own heartaches which leave little understanding for their mother's attempt to find a late-life liaison. Sallows' performance is touching.

Director Bruce Bouchard gains the dark humor pervading the script and keeps the pace flowing in a set by Rick Dennis which accommodates the vignette within the play. Reid falters in a subplot at the end between Deidre and Victor which lacks motivation.

The acting, particularly Aranson's ramrod former soldier who can find joy in a late-blooming romance, is generally excellent. Kate Kelly's Deidre, however, is too much surface anger and not enough internal conflict.

Performances are Tuesday through Sunday. For more info, call: 462-4534.

Man-eating plant returns to Cohoes to open new Heritage Artists' season

The musical based on a '60s horror film, *Little Shop of Horrors*, has been revived at the Cohoes Music Hall in an attempt to recapture its former success there three years ago and to give the new Heritage Artists season a boost.

It does both as the clever little metaphor about scientific discovery turning against mankind, bounces along with spirited performances and comic antics.

David Holdgrive's staging makes full use of his choreographic skills as the pace overcomes the ridiculous plot about a florist shop clerk who develops a plant which gains him fame and the affections of the girlfriend of a demented dentist.

Don Stephenson is comic as Seymour, the clerk with ambitions that take over his personality. A klutz with drooping socks, Seymour becomes slave to Audrey II, the plant named for the girl he admires.

Bernice Wood is delightful as the ditzy, well-endowed blonde Audrey who is prepared to make the extreme sacrifice to preserve Seymour's floral accomplishment.

The production is well-served by the small cast, including James Alexander and Don Wise as the voice and puppeteer of the enormous plant. The musical direction of Caryl Ginsburg Gershman is spritely and supportive.

The production runs through New Year's Eve. For more info, call 235-7969.

Theatre Institute joins Disney in offering Beauty and the Beast

The New York Theatre Institute has revived its production of *Beauty and the Beast* even as Walt Disney is introducing a new animated feature in theaters.

For the Theater Institute at the Empire Center in Albany, Ray Bono's script of the classic fairy tale about love between a young woman and a monster has been revised since it was last presented by the theater troupe.

With the premise that less is more, the play and production has been scaled down to remove it from its earlier medieval motif. The essential plot line remains the same, echoing the popular television series which flourished briefly since *Beauty and the Beast* was done last in Albany.

The production which opens Friday (Nov. 22) at the Empire Center, runs through Dec. 15.

For performance times and further info, call 442-5373.

Around Theaters!

The Boys Next Door at Siena College, Thurs (Nov. 21) through Saturday, (783-2527)...*Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Schenectady Light Opera Company Fri. (Nov. 22) through Dec. 8. (393-5732)...*The Rivals* at University at Albany Thurs. (Nov. 21) through Dec. 7. (442-3995)

Our Town

(From page 29)

signed by Lary Opitz, and the costume design is by Deborah Brothers.

"Our Town" will be performed Friday through Sunday, Nov. 22 through 24, and Dec. 5 through 7, at 8 p.m. each day, with a 2:30 matinee on Saturday, Nov. 23, in Skidmore's Kinghorn Bernhard Theater. Tickets are \$7 for general admission

and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Group rates for ten or more are available.

For reservations or information, call 584-500, extension 2347.

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AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 20**

ALBANY COUNTY

REMEMBRANCE
by Graham Reid, runs Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. Capital Rep., Albany, call for times and tickets. Information, 462-4534.

HANDIVAN — PLUMBING I
Albany Public Library, 369 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6-8 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

HUDSON MOHAWK INDUSTRIAL GATEWAY
tour of Icarus Furniture, part of "Know Your Neighborhood," reservations are required, call for meeting place, 10 a.m. Information, 274-5267.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
to benefit Polish Community Center Pavilion Building Fund, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany. \$4.75 adults, \$2.25 children. 4-7 p.m. Information, 456-3995.

COMPULSIVE EATING DISORDER
Primary Care Specialist Dr. Susan Baum and Psychologist Dr. Johnell Bushell to lead discussions. Woman's HealthCare Plus, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

BABYSITTING
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

THE COLOR OF LOCAL NEWS
in depth look at minorities in media and coverage of minority issues, sponsored by The Empire State Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, SUNYA downtown campus, Assembly Hall Campus Center, second floor. \$1 students, \$3 general public. 7:30 p.m. Information, 395-3198.

ALBANY JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
meeting, Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ALBANY
monthly meeting, Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, social hour 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Information, 382-7583.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

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

SQUARE DANCE
St. Michael's Community Ctr., Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 21**

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIOR CHORALE
Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

PRO-DAIRY MANAGEMENT MEETING
"More Money Through Milking Management," five-day seminar, Greenwich Elks, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration, 765-3500.

STATE GOVERNMENT CRISIS TALK
"The Crisis in State Government: Who are the Perpetrators?" Dr. Alan S. Chartock, chair and executive director of WAMC Public Radio Network, University at Albany, State University of New York, noon-2 p.m. Information, 442-3542.

THE CURRENT SCENE
pleasure and stimulation of the Senior Adult population, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 438-6651.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF ALBANY
monthly meeting, Bavarian Chalet, Route 20, Guilderland, a social hour and dinner will precede the 7:45 p.m. program. Information, 456-6469.

MEDICAID PRESENTATION
"Medicaid Law and Preserving Families' Financial Assets," by Benjamin D. Levine, attorney at law, Child's Nursing Home, auditorium, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-5942.

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE OUT
American Cancer Society is sponsoring a QUIT-LINE, or hotline to help people quit before, during or after. Information, 438-7841.

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

BABYSITTING
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

RENSSELAER COUNTY GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE OUT
American Cancer Society is sponsoring a QUIT-LINE, or hotline to help people quit before, during or after. Information, 247-5303.

SARATOGA COUNTY GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE OUT
American Cancer Society is sponsoring a QUIT-LINE, or hotline to help people quit before, during or after. Information, 584-2602.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 22**

ALBANY COUNTY

MOTHER'S DROP IN
sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

DIABETES IN THE OLDER ADULT
presented by Dr. Gary Bakst, 1:15 p.m. following lunch at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany. Reservations, 438-6651.

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Erin E. Sullivan

Is smoking an expensive habit that you can't break? On Thursday, Nov. 21, the Great American Smokeout will take place nationwide.

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a "Quit-Line," or hotline, to help adults and teens quit smoking before, during and after the Smokeout. If you or a friend want to kick the habit, call one of the area numbers to receive guidance and support: Albany County, 438-7841; Rensselaer County, 274-5303; Saratoga County, 584-2602; and Schenectady County, 377-6625.

Environmentally concerned teens have the chance to participate in a unique statewide conference on labor and the environment from Friday, Nov. 22, to Sunday, Nov. 24. The theme of the event is "Build A Movement for Labor and Environmental Justice," by working for a clean and safe workplace and environment. In depth workshops with national experts will focus on chemical spills, safe energy, worker and community health, free trade, right-to-know laws and toxic

use reduction. Special sessions will be geared to the interests of high school and college students. Folksinger Pete Seeger, environmental advocate Lois Gibbs, United Auto Worker spokeswoman Pamela Leisinger and Wildlife Pathologist Ward Stone are a few of the speakers on the program. To obtain a brochure and more information on the conference, contact Citizens' Environmental Coalition at 462-5527 or 33 Central Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12210.

Hunger is a problem facing many citizens locally as well as globally. On Sunday, Nov. 24, the Hunger Action Network of New York State (HANNYS) will sponsor Hands Across Albany, a fund-raising and outreach event to take place at the State Capitol at 2 p.m. Individuals are being asked to donate \$10 to participate in Hands Across Albany. Join with friends and neighbors for 15 minutes and sing anti-hunger songs. A reception with food and beverages will take place at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 275 State St., immediately after the event.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for ALL TREE WORK (Removal, pruning and preservation) as needed by the various departments within the Town.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of December, 1991 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK
DATED: November 20, 1991

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Uniforms for the Town of Bethlehem Highway Department.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Town of Bethlehem 1992 Final Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware, Delmar, NY Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
CAROLYN M. LYONS
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DATED: November 20, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Verday Fire District, Latham, New York, Town of Colonie, County of Albany, State of New York, will hold its annual district election on December 10, 1991, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the fire station, 1026 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, N.Y. The purpose of the election is to elect (1) Fire Commissioner for a

LEGAL NOTICE

term of (5) years, commencing January 1, 1992, and ending December 31, 1996; and (1) one Fire Commissioner for a term of (1) one year, commencing January 1, 1992, and ending December 31, 1992. Every registered elector of the district, who has resided in the district for 30 days preceding the election, is eligible to vote in this election.

(Signed/Mary Ann Mancinelli, Secretary.)
DATED: November 20, 1991

LEGAL NOTICE FOR FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION ANNUAL ELECTION OF ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

DECEMBER 10, 1991
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Election of the Elmwood Park Fire District will take place on December 10, 1991, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the North Bethlehem Fire House located at 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203 for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term, commencing on January 1, 1992, and ending on December 31, 1996. All duly registered residents of the Elmwood Park Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Elmwood Park Fire District at the North Bethlehem Fire House at 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203 no later than November 30, 1991.

William Cleveland
Fire District Secretary
Elmwood Park Fire District
DATED: November 20, 1991

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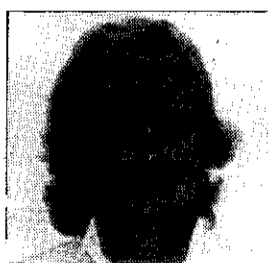
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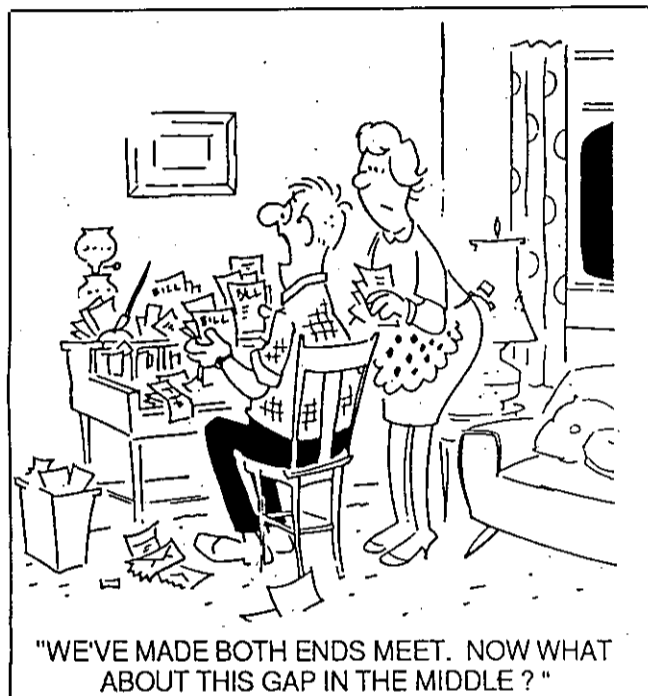
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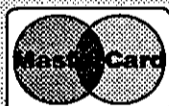
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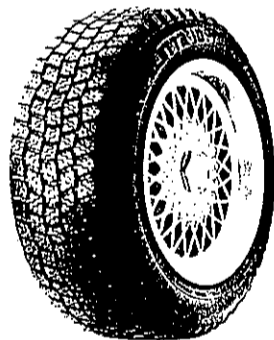
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**TURKEY
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\$1.89 LB.
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"A" TURKEYS
 AMERICA'S FINEST
 The All Natural - 18% More
 No Fats Added - White Meat
 10/26 LB.
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PORK CHOPS
 OUR FAMOUS LOIN
**STUFFED PORK
 CHOPS**

\$2.19 LB.
\$2.49 LB.

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OUR OWN PURE
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 3 LBS. OR MORE
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**Boneless
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\$3.69 LB.
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**Whole
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 LOINS**
\$4.59 LB.
 7 LB. AVG.
 CUT UP AT NO CHARGE

3LBS. OR MORE
 ALL-LEAN
**STEWING
 BEEF**
\$2.29 LB.
 TENDER JUICY
 100% LEAN
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\$3.29 LB.

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 OUR OWN
 COOKED
**ROAST
 BEEF**
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LEAN TENDER
 BONELESS LOIN
PORK ROAST
\$2.89 LB.
 WITH TENDER LOIN

**CHICKEN
 LIVERS**
99¢ LB.

**WHOLE
 PORK LOINS**
\$1.59 LB.
 EXTRA LEAN
 CUT UP AT NO CHARGE

10 LBS. OR MORE
**GROUND
 ROUND**
\$2.19 LB.

WHOLE OR 2%
MILK
\$1.79 GAL.
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GRADE "A"
**JEWETTS
 FARM
 FRESH
 EGGS**

**WE CARRY
 FRESH
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 ORDER TODAY**

**LARGE
 SHRIMP**
\$10.59 LB.
 Cleaned, Ready to Cook

10 LBS OR MORE
**GROUND
 CHUCK**
\$1.59 LB.