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# New assessments due out in March

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem property owners will soon have an idea of how the town's reassessment of their property will affect the taxes they pay.

According to Assessor Brian Lastra, each of Bethlehem's approximately 11,300 property owners will receive a full disclosure notice soon after March 1. New assessments are based on the market value of the property as of Jan. 1, 1992.

"The primary goal of reassessment is to fairly distribute the tax burden," he said. "Our hope is that the new assessments are fair and equitable."

The town's assessment project was started in spring 1990 after the old "welcome stranger" procedure was deemed invalid in numerous U.S. and state Supreme Court decisions, Lastra said.



Brian Lastra

Under the old rules, only those properties that were recently sold or just built were assessed. And the town had lost a lawsuit to the general partners of the Adams Station Apartments and was forced to reassess it.

According to Lastra, the town entered into the reassessment project to ensure that its assessment values were uniform, as called for in the state's Real Property Tax Law.

The full disclosure notice will show the property owner comparative tax liabilities. The former assessment and taxes paid for the 1991 school year and

1992 county, town and special district purposes will be shown. Those taxes will be computed against the new assessment, Lastra said, as if the new assessments had been on those tax rolls. The net effect of

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## Burn plant meeting fires up citizens' groups

By Susan Graves

The possibility of a refuse burn plant once again has local citizens groups all fired up.

Betsy Lyons says she and other members of Bethlehem Work on Waste plan to testify at tonight's meeting in Green Island for American Ref-Fuel's proposal to site an incinerator in the village.

Lyons and her group had vehemently opposed an earlier Ref-Fuel plan to site a plant on Cabbage Island in Bethlehem. Siting the possibility that a new regional refuse landfill could be established in town, she now thinks that ash from a Ref-Fuel in Green Island facility could end up here.

"It makes us very concerned about the ANSWERS' proposal," Lyons said.

Albany ANSWERS Wasteshed officials are studying sites in the area for a new regional landfill, and nine of those sites are located in Bethlehem. A proposal from another concern, Energy ANSWERS, includes a 1,000 ton per day garbage incinerator. That plan, along with eight others, is being re-

viewed by Bethlehem's Solid Waste Task Force Committee.

Tonight's 7 p.m. meeting at Heatly School on 171 Hudson Ave. in Green Island, Lyons said, is an opportunity for BWOW members and others to tell the state Department of Environmental Conservation what their concerns are.

Lyons feels the incinerator would mean putting a "major polluter" on the Hudson River that might import trash from other parts of the state.

John Thomas, however, president of Citizens for Responsible Progress, Inc. and a town resident active in support of Ref-Fuel in the past, thinks a burn plant will eventually be built in the area. "It's a known fact, there's a need for a plant," he said. Further, he said, developing one of the burn plant proposals "can preserve valuable landfill space."

Don Neddo, chairman of the board of the citizens progress group, said the group is concerned about the environment but also about the economy. "We support technology, but not industry per se," he said.



## Having a ball

Barbara Ruslander and her daughter, Molly, took advantage of this week's snowfall to build a miniature snowman in the front yard of their Delmar home.

Elaine McLain

## New Scotland leaders grouse over meeting

By Eric Bryant

A public hearing to inform New Scotland residents about new county legislative redistricting wasn't all too publicly advertised, several town leaders charged this week, and at least one town board member feels the county redistricting commission is making up for poor planning elsewhere by squeezing three districts into a town with currently two.



Sgarlata

"It was never confirmed ... we had just penciled it in, expecting somewhere along the line they would call back to confirm the date," Reilly said. No one ever called back, he said, and the item wasn't brought up at the regular town board meeting earlier this month.

John Sgarlata, the lone town board member to attend the meeting said he "wouldn't have known a thing about it" if he hadn't heard an announcement on the radio. Sgarlata said the redistricting commission may have been trying to brush the meeting aside by not promoting more vigorously.

"I think it was bad protocol. To my knowledge no town official was notified about this meeting, not a word ... I asked to have the meeting postponed, but that was denied," Sgarlata said.

"I hear that John really blitzed them on their proposals," Reilly said Saturday.

Sgarlata charged that the Town of New Scotland and other rural communities in

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# Bethlehem bicentennial group needs help

By Susan Graves

Floyd Brewer is a desperate man! His longtime effort amassing artifacts and composing articles for publications related to Bethlehem's upcoming bicentennial is at a critical stage.

"We need more volunteers to help work on historical material," as well as personal scrapbooks, he said.

Brewer and the Bethlehem Archaeology Group are currently working on a number of scrapbooks including one compiled by Kenneth E. McNary, former chief of the Elsmere Fire Company. The materials in this scrapbook date back to 1922 when a 1917 Model T Ford was purchased, and continue to the present with records of today's sophisticated fire apparatus. "I've spent hours going over

these," said Brewer. He and the group are now hoping to gain access to more scrapbooks to help to tell the town's 200-year-old story. "I'll be happy to take calls (evenings between 7 and 8 p.m. at 439-6391), we're at such a crucial stage," he said.

The Bethlehem Archaeology group was formed in 1983 as an arm of the town's anniversary committee to publish a bicentennial history.

One job that needs to be done is to compile a list of businesses listed in area playbills in the '30s and '40s. Volunteers would be asked to work at the lab on Route 32 South near the Old Waldenmaier Road. "It takes an enormous amount of time to go through the scrapbooks." Many of the former businesses are listed in entertainment programs in scrapbooks owned by Alice Boutelle.

Brewer said volunteers would be expected to work about three hours a week on Saturday mornings.

In particular, the archaeology group needs scrapbooks and pictures relating to the early 20th and the 19th century in Bethlehem.



Floyd Brewer looks over some of the material to be included in Bethlehem bicentennial publications.

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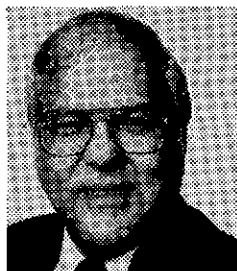
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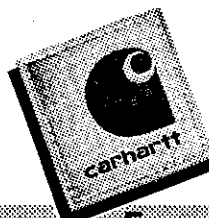
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# Grand Union takes tube test to Glenmont

By Susan Wheeler

Officials at Grand Union are finding that the Checkout Channel, recently installed in the Glenmont store, is winning mixed reviews from customers.

Donald Vaillancourt, Grand Union's vice president of corporate communications and consumer affairs, said the Checkout Channel, has received a 3-1 ratio of compliments to complaints.

"The reaction overall has been mixed," he said. "Those who like the channel say it provides information and news while waiting at the register, a wait we hope is short. Those who don't like it say it is because of the noise generated."

The televisions, nine in all at the Glenmont store, are located at each aisle near the register, while one express checkout does not have a television. The volume on the televisions is kept low, and customers watched, more than listened to the programming.

One couple from Ravena said they enjoyed the channel. Betty Benoit and her husband, Henry, said they normally tune into news channels at home. "This is a good idea," Henry Benoit said.

"The only trouble is," Betty Benoit said, "You can't hear it from here." She was standing about two shopping cart lengths from the register.

Vaillancourt said the noise level and volume are critical. "We don't want them obnoxious. We don't want them blaring, then they would be distracting."

The Glenmont store is one of four of Grand Union's 305 stores to experiment with the channel, Vaillancourt said. It was chosen at random to receive the service, which went into operation about three weeks ago. Each of the four chosen stores represent different populations, he said. Other stores with the channel are in Kingston, Atlanta, Ga., and Burlington, Vt.

The Checkout Channel signal originates with Turner Broadcasting in Atlanta, according to Vaillancourt. It is available via satellite only to grocery stores. Up to 20 chains have the station, which runs primarily news, information and advertisements, he said.

Some customers at the Glenmont store expressed interest in running children's programming on the Checkout Channel.

"I come in quite a bit and do look at it," said Shari Ragone of Westerlo, who was shopping with her 4-year-old daughter. "It would be better if certain aisles were for cartoons for the kids. It's an improvement for the kids, not for me."

Theresa Barrowman of Glenmont, who was shopping with two of her four children, said her two younger children, sitting on the floor munching doughnuts, did not even notice the Checkout Channel. Her 7- and 8-year-olds, who sometimes shop with her, also pay little attention to it. She said her children normally watch television for about 30 minutes a day, and she views less than that.

According to Vaillancourt, the channel was presented to Grand



The Checkout Channel, shown above in Glenmont's Grand Union, keeps customers up to date on news and information.

Mike McNessor

Union to test news and information in a food store setting. Showing cartoons on the store's televisions is not being considered right now. According to a sampling of Grand Union customers, most don't shop with children in the food store's chains, he said.

## BOU grand prize winner nears end to flavorful year

By Susan Wheeler

Nick Berry of Delmar has been indulging in his favorite Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavors, especially chocolate fudge brownie, each week since last April.

The 11-year-old Bethlehem Central Middle School pupil won a contest sponsored by the ice cream parlor in Main Square Shoppes at last year's Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) auction.

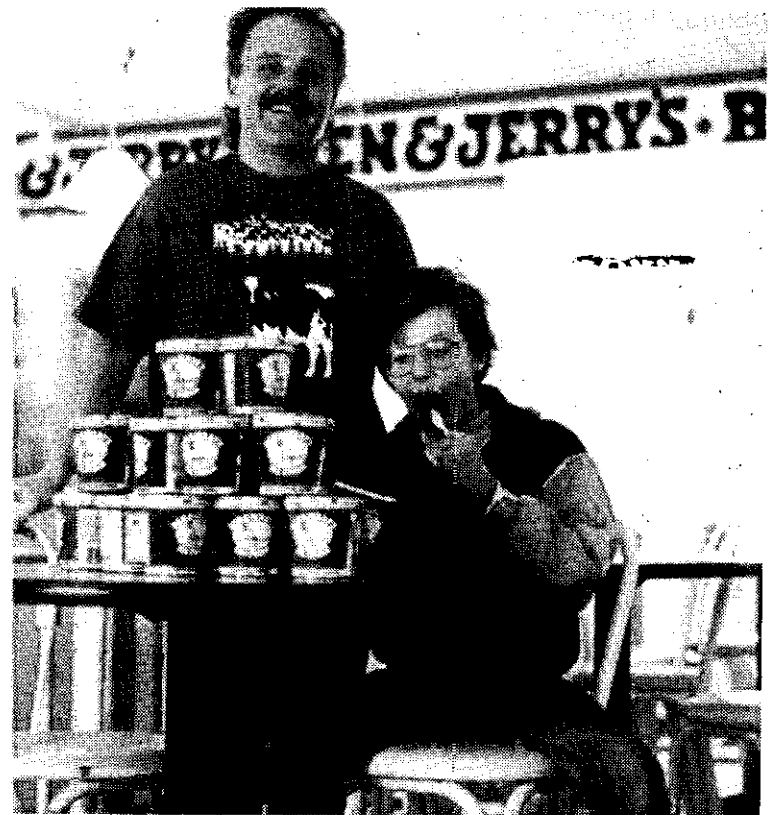
For \$5 (supplied by his dad) Berry chose one of 100 squares and won the grand prize, a free pint of ice cream from Ben & Jerry's each week for a year. The winning square represented letters in his and his brother Ian's first names, he said.

"Now we always have ice cream at the house in case of an ice cream attack," said Berry, who's partial to chocolate.

Berry eats most of the ice cream by himself each week, though his family helps out now and then. He said he usually picks up the ice cream on Sunday nights. Though he has the choice of taking two ice cream cones instead of the pint, he's always taken the pint. "Because there's more," he said.

Other favorite flavors include chocolate chip cookie dough and chocolate Swiss chocolate almond, said Berry, who began receiving the free ice cream last April. He recently tried eggnog ice cream, but didn't like it as much as the chocolate flavors. He has about another month left to find other hand-packed pints to his liking.

According to BOU president Holly Billings, Ben & Jerry's owner Tom Rowlands is donating the same prize for this year's auction,



Nick Berry, 11, scoops up some of his favorite Ben & Jerry's ice cream while store owner Tom Rowlands looks on.

Elaine McLain

set for Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Rowlands plans to give the second prize winner one cone every month for a year and the third prize winner a small ice cream cake.

Billings said chances will again cost \$5 each with 100 squares available. Last year more than half the squares were purchased.

Berry said this year at the auction he'll use his own \$5 to buy a square. He wouldn't mind winning again — after all, ice cream is his favorite dessert.

This year's BOU event will include a Chinese auction as well as a live auction, Billings said. Gourmet desserts and other refreshments will be offered. There is no admission fee.

"There will be a lot of interesting items," Billings said. Past prizes have included a basket filled with Hamagrael Elementary School teachers' favorite books, a prize the Berry family has won. The auction is BOU's single fund-raiser. Last year's profit, which was less than the previous year's, was about \$5,000, she said.

### NEW SCOTLAND

## Senior tax exemptions topic of public hearing

By Eric Bryant

New Scotland residents can discuss a proposed low-income senior citizen tax exemption for the town, 2 p.m., today in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center.

A public hearing is scheduled to follow the regular monthly meeting of the town's senior citizen organization.

Tax exemption rates are proposed as follows for property owners over 65 years of age:

Annual income not more than \$14,999, 50 percent; \$15,000 to \$15,599, 45 percent; \$15,600 to \$16,199, 40 percent; \$16,200 to \$16,799, 35 percent; \$16,800 to \$17,399, 30 percent; \$17,400 to \$17,999, 25 percent; \$18,000 to \$18,599, 20 percent; \$18,600 to \$19,199, 15 percent; \$19,200 to \$19,799, 10 percent.

The income tax year immediately preceding the date of application for exemption will be the base for annual income, according to the proposal. Residents must apply for the exemption with the town tax assessment office.

The unusual time was set up to accommodate the New Scotland Senior Citizens group which gathers at the center each month for a meeting and luncheon.

Following the public hearing at approximately 2:30 p.m., the town board will meet for an informal month-end session.

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## NEW SCOTLAND

# Catch-all town board meeting tonight

By Eric Bryant

New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly Jr. said he hopes the board will be able to tackle issues dealing with the town's two main municipal headaches — the Clarksville and Orchard Park water districts — at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon during an unusual month-end town board meeting at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center.

The meeting will follow a public hearing on a proposed low-income senior citizens tax exemption. The board is expected to vote favorably on the exemption during the meeting.

After nearly two and a half months of waiting, the town received a letter from the New York state Audit and Control office Thursday regarding raising the allowable indebtedness by some \$465,000 for remedial well field work on the Clarksville district. Reilly said the letter asked that three additional items be provided — an assessment rate, the average assessed valuation of a single home within the water district and a stamped budget from Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group Ltd.

The supervisor said he hand-delivered the items back to Audit and Control the following day.

Noting that it was unlikely he would hear back from the state office by today, Reilly said he would nevertheless like to move forward with the project as soon as possible. Clarksville residents have been paying off a water district bond for three years now while their contaminated wells remain idle, Reilly said.

Following an OK from audit and

control, the board would be ready to set a public hearing on raising the indebtedness. The supervisor said he would like to arrange for the meeting to take place in the hamlet of Clarksville instead of at the town hall.

"Like with the senior citizen meeting, I think in this kind of situation it's important to bring the meeting to the people," he said.

A 30-day period of permissive referendum would follow the public hearing, during which residents may gather a petition to force a vote on the indebtedness increase. Reilly said signatures from five percent of the eligible voters during the last election are needed to bring about the referendum. Petition signers must also be water district residents.

The supervisor said he hopes bids on the remedial well work could be sent out previous to the referendum period so that they may be opened as the 30-day permissive referendum period ends.

## Orchard Park

Earlier this week, town board member John Sgarlata and town attorney John Biscone reviewed the proposed contract presented by C.T. Male and Associates P.C. for phase one of the Orchard Park well investigation.

During this afternoon's meeting Reilly hopes to gain approval for the contract which is expected to cost the town between \$17,000 to \$21,000.

The contract was also studied by town resident Robert Vollaro. Vollaro, an electrical engineer who has been advising the town on engineering matters, submitted a report to town officials Feb. 13,

suggesting the town take a greater role in overseeing the day-to-day activities, billing and costs of the contract. Vollaro said many small towns fall victim to not having a project manager to oversee high-ticket contracted work and that depending on the contractor to keep costs down is like, "the fox guarding the hen house."

In his report, Vollaro outlined a tracking device which would allow town officials to monitor the contractor's activity. The engineer also suggested capping the contract cost and then providing an incentive bonus if the contractor can come in at or below cost.

Reilly said C.T. Male can not guarantee the contract price because a large portion of the cost, an estimated \$7,400, will be subcontracted out for drilling.

## Planning board vacancy

Also up for discussion at the afternoon meeting will be the current vacancy on the town planning board.

Voorheesville resident Robert Stapf has risen as candidate of choice by the board's Democratic majority, but an attempt to nominate him during a meeting earlier this month was shot down by a 3-2 vote.

Allegations that the nomination was made by closed, party-dominated process moved Democratic board member Dick Decker to agree to table the nomination so Republican board members could review resumes.

Reilly is sticking by his choice of Stapf, chief of the New York state Bureau of Land Management and a licensed surveyor.

Reilly said Stapf comes from the same area of the town as outgoing board member Robert Hampston and thus would provide continuing representation for the Voorheesville area.

# Officials, parents air views on 'whole language' at RCS

By Michael DeMasi

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board heard comments and criticisms of various district policies at an open meeting Monday night at the Ravena Middle School.

The district's "whole language" approach to teaching children how to read dominated discussion among the approximately 50 in attendance.

Five years ago the district began implementing what it terms a "developmental" reading lesson plan in its elementary grades. Rather than relying on traditional methods of teaching kids how to read, this approach emphasizes what RCS Director of Institutional Services Nancy Andress describes as an "integrated language program."

"It isn't kids sitting doing worksheets in rows all day," said Andress. "The teachers combine reading, writing, listening and speaking as a whole in the literacy learning."

Donna Crisafulli, PTA president at the A.W. Becker school, said she's happy with the results of the program. She has two children who attend Becker.

"I have been very pleased," said Crisafulli. "I feel an integrated language approach allows for the development within the child. I think it's given them more opportunity to develop in their own style."

Although the whole language program has been accepted by many parents and educators as a good alternative to traditional methods, some parents aren't satisfied with the reading education their kids are receiving.

"I can't say that what they're doing is wrong because I don't disagree with the whole language approach," said Lisa McCauslin, a Ravena resident whose son attends first grade at Ravena Elementary. "But I would feel 100 percent better if every teacher in the district went to a seminar to learn how to teach it."

According to Andress, although it is not mandated that teachers attend seminars on the various aspects of "whole language," it is their professional responsibility to keep abreast on the approach, as well as other developments in the education profession.

As for the dissatisfaction some parents feel with the program, Andress said that it's just a matter of time and patience before the changes in the curriculum fully take hold and are accepted.

"Change takes time," said Andress. "I think there's a lack of understanding for what a developmental approach means. It isn't about test scores. It's about the affective side of education."

**The district's "whole language" approach to teaching children how to read dominated discussion among the approximately 50 in attendance.**

## Foster parents needed at Parsons center

Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany plans an orientation session for adults interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents on Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

Foster parents are also needed for the Therapeutic Cluster Home program. This service is primarily for children under age 12 who are emotionally troubled, learning disabled or may have medical problems.

Adults must be at least 21 years of age and reside within 50 miles of Albany to qualify as foster parents.

There is a special need for families to provide short-term foster care on an emergency basis.

## Group to evaluate Alzheimer's symptoms

The Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center of the Capital Region is accepting appointments for persons with signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other types of mental decompensation, i.e. short term memory loss.

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## Voorheesville welcomes anti-drug messenger



Father Francis Pizzarelli, S.M.M., stands with Alison Vinson, left, and Heidi Schultz, president and vice president of the Voorheesville chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving prior to an anti-substance abuse program he presented to the entire student body of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School recently. Father Pizzarelli's message stressed the devastating effects of drunk driving on the victim and also on the families left behind. Father Pizzarelli has devoted his ministry to increasing drug and alcohol abuse awareness among young people. The program was sponsored by the Voorheesville chapter of S.A.D.D.

## Elsmere to host fire fete

Elsmere Fire Company A, Inc. has been selected to host the 65th annual Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Fireman's Association convention which will be held this summer from July 15 through 18.

The fire company recently held a kick-off party to begin preparations for the event. The party was attended by members of the Elsmere fire company, local fire officials, fire association representatives from Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga and Fulton counties, Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Fireman's Association president LeRoy Cooke (a Delmar resident), Fireman's Association of the state of New York president Ken Newton, and Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association president Carmen DeFelice.

The Elsmere unit is hosting the convention in conjunction with its 70th anniversary. Volunteer firefighters and fire departments in Albany and five adjoining counties make up the membership of this regional organization.

Some of the activities planned for the convention are association business meetings, an evening mardi gras parade, a Saturday afternoon firefighter's dress parade, and a carnival with children's rides, a live radio broadcast, music by an area band, games of chance and refreshments.

For information, call the Elsmere firehouse at 439-9144, chairman Stephen Wright, 439-7070, or co-chairman John Zboray, 767-2876.

## Ski race raises funds for disabled center

The Center for the Disabled will sponsor its second annual Shop'N Save Winter Challenge on Sunday, March 15, at Gore Mountain and Garnet Hill.

The ski challenge, which consists of downhill and cross country racing, raised more than \$15,000 last year. The money was used to benefit more than 8,000 clients of the center.

Cost is \$25 per person in the downhill and \$6 for adults and \$2.50 for children 18 and under in the cross country competition.

For information, call 437-5608.

## Did you know that...

by Floyd Brewer



By Floyd Brewer, editor of publications, Bicentennial Commission.

- Early Archaic Indians camped on Pieter VanderZee's property at the confluence of the Vroman Kill and Hudson River in Cedar Hill about 6500 BC?
- Fort Nassau, erected on Westerlo Island in 1614, was the first structure built by Europeans within the future bounds of Bethlehem?
- Bethlehem Grange No. 137's first hall was completed at Beckers Corners in 1880, and was rebuilt after a 1920 fire at a cost of \$6000?
- The Albany and Bethlehem Turnpike Company was created by the Legislature in 1804 to construct the first turnpike in Bethlehem?

## Women in New Deal to be topic at library

Frances Seeber, assistant director of the FDR Library, will present a talk at the Bethlehem Public Library entitled "Eleanor Roosevelt and Women in the New Deal: A Network of Friends," on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Seeber will discuss the importance of women's contributions to the New Deal and the growing roles for women in public life in the 1920's.

Also at the library, the local chapter of U.S. Budokai Karate, led by Brian Dewey, will present a free workshop and demonstration of self-defense techniques for women on Saturday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants should wear loose clothing and bring a notebook.

To register for the programs, call 439-9314.

## Blackman to lead county realtor group

Robert Blackman, president of Blackman & DeStefano Real Estate, has been elected president of the Albany County Board of Realtors for 1992.

Blackman, of Slingerlands, co-founded Blackman & DeStefano in 1984. He is director of the Sch-

enectady County Board of Realtors, a director and chairman of legal action for the New York State Association of Realtors, and is a director and member of the advisory board of Chase Lincoln First Bank.



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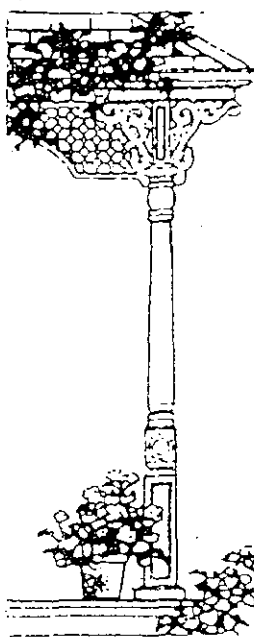
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## Matters of Opinion

### Keeping up with upkeep

Scrupulous maintenance and imaginative improvement of private properties are as fundamental as public works in sustaining a community's reputation, attractiveness and livability.

This truth is a theme running throughout the Home Improvement Section published as part of this issue of *The Spotlight*. Reference to the section's numerous articles and impressive commercial messages will more than verify the creative possibilities it offers to home owners for upgrading the condition of their property. The same, of course, is equally true for those entrepreneurs who provide rental opportunities.

### Ec 101 homework assignment

Our text today is taken from "Senses Alert!" a publication of the Statewide Emergency Network for Social and Economic Security (SENSES):

"According to a report by the Center for Governmental Research, the largest increases in New York's per-capita taxes (in one recent year) occurred in property taxes, which rose 8 percent.

"State personal income taxes — traditionally the revenue source with the largest absolute and relative growth — rose only a modest 1.7 percent.

"The Center points out that the two changes are closely related: the level of local property taxes is heavily dependent on the

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A dwelling that obviously has been given its full portion of TLC is sure to retain at least a fair share of market value for both the short term and the longer haul. Fortunately, in our Capital District, and especially in Albany County, the recent nationwide decline in asking and closing prices of real estate has been less pronounced here than in many localities. Part of the answer has to be in our tradition of pride in maintaining the utility and the beauty of where we live.

level of state aid, which in turn is closely related to the growth in the state's principal revenue source, the personal income tax . . .

"Property tax is one of the most regressive taxes, and it places an inordinant burden on communities. A more progressive personal income tax structure will ease the burden of local communities, and at the same time preserve essential community services."

As recent *Spotlight* editorials have pointed out, establishing and maintaining appropriate levels of State support would help ensure local governmental services at adequate levels — and without repeated increases in the local tax levy on property-owners, who really are where the "burden" finally falls.

### Greasing the budget process

A degree of sense has now been wedged into New York's creaking fiscal structure through a unanimous decision in the appellate division that obligates Governor Cuomo to speed up his submission of legislation implementing his budget proposals annually.

The Governor did, in fact, present his budgetary bills to the Legislature along with his proposed budget this month. It was the first time in his 10 years of budget-making that he has done so. In 1991, he sent the

Legislature 199 budget bills a month after the budget proposal was provided.

It appears logical to speculate that Mr. Cuomo's haste this winter was inspired by the lawsuit that three Republican Assemblymen brought last year citing a State Constitution requirement that all tax and budget-related legislation be submitted at the same time as the budget proposal. The judges agreed. The net effect should be helpful to a more efficient job of managing the state's finances.

### First in war, first in peace . . .

Two hundred years ago this past week, George Washington turned 60. History of less than heroic tone tells us that he marked the birthday with a complaint that his memory was failing.

At the time, he lived in Philadelphia — for 10 years the nation's capital — at 190 High Street (now Market Street) while the District of Columbia was still being pieced together.

A few nights before his birthday, the President had brought Thomas Jefferson and James Madison together there at dinner for a discussion of the district. A little later, he wrote to Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the district's designer, about terminating his services.

Almost invariably, we envision George Washington as Stuart, Peale, and other portraitists saw him: severe, dyspeptic, grim, glumly condescending. And perhaps he indeed was partially of that turn of mind. However, to some extent he may have been a victim of the painters and their commissioning patrons. An anecdote from the artist John Trumbull illuminates this possibility, as recounted by the author Alice Curtis Desmond.

She relates that Trumbull, arriving for a sitting in 1792, was appalled by how the presidency had aged Washington: His erect carriage was now stooped, his face was shrunken, and he had become chronically resentful of any portrait painter; his expression conveyed irritation and anger. By purposely diverting the President's thoughts to wartime encounters, Trumbull was successful in warming him up and inspiring a lively, combative gleam on the old warrior's face. His completed canvas conveyed the revolutionary "conquer or die" sentiment.

But Charleston, South Carolina, which had commissioned the portrait, refused to accept it. They wanted, and got, a new sitting that showed Washington cold, aloof, his face a stony mask.

First in the hearts of his countrymen George Washington remains after 200, after 260 years. And perhaps some of his homely greatness will live on more vibrantly if we can understand more of the many sides of the shy man behind the Stuart-Peale-Trumbull masks.

## Sharing health costs proposed for schools

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with great interest the Feb. 12 article on the Bethlehem Central "rock bottom" budget, and I commend Superintendent Les Loomis for a good start.

But is this 4.2 percent increase over 1991 and a 5.98 percent increase in school taxes the best we can do without impacting needed programs?

I wonder what percent is budgeted for teachers' and non-professional salaries — this above the 1 to 3 percent longevity steps in the present contract. In these days of minimum inflation, merger-prompted layoffs, wage freezes, early retirements, cutbacks in state and federal programs — and of course revaluation — I hope that we are not still "playing catchup" with teachers' salaries.

As the article mentioned, the greatest increases are in mandated programs and employee fringe benefits. As we all know, health care has been escalating at over 25 percent annually, with no relief in sight . . . unless in the current contract talks with the unions there emerges an enlightened, visionary, and conciliatory approach to a shared-cost health package (almost 50 percent of the

### Vox Pop

business community is on this track).

I really feel that it is time to get serious about controlling/capping one major "uncontrollable expense" that threatens the continuance of an excellent educational program.

I suggest some options:

- Let the employees pay for the annual increase.
- "Grandfather" the present staff at full amount, or favorable portion thereof.
- Assess new hires a fair share.
- Pay only for a bare-bones coverage and let the employee build to a "Cadillac plan" at his or her expense.

- Increase the school contribution with seniority.

Any forward step will be more equitable to the community.

Charles W. Reeves

Delmar

Editor's note: Bud Reeves is a former member of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education.

## Districting plan dilutes New Scotland influence

Editor, The Spotlight:

After attending the Feb. 18 public hearing on Albany county redistricting at New Scotland Town Hall, I was appalled by New Scotland Councilman John Sgarlata and his anger against the Redistricting Commission's failure to send a written notification to the Town Board. Mr. Sgarlata said he "objected because the Town Board was left out in the cold about the meeting." Officials from Colonie, Guilderland, Coeymans, Ravena, and Bethlehem, with about 12 county legislators,

filled Town Hall without any written invitation!

I'm embarrassed by Mr. Sgarlata telling the commission in a public meeting "our town is like a stepchild of the county." If he and our county legislator, Charles Hotelling, were genuinely interested in our town's future (along with our absentee Supervisor) they should have been involved with the process since December, while dozens of work sessions and meetings have been held all over the county. The Feb. 18

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## Your Opinion Matters

## The highly improbable dream

It was tempting to make that title line read "The impossible dream" — but who knows what's truly impossible (with a little bit o' luck)?

Everything seemed to be against Paul Tsongas when he announced — at the height of George Bush's popularity — last spring that he was a candidate for the Democrats' nomination to the presidency this year.

He had been out of public office for six years. Politically, he was a nonentity, a relic of past triumphs of Massachusetts liberalism. He was labeled (where he was known at all) a liberal from, of all places, Massachusetts, home court of those political icons, Ted Kennedy and Mike Dukakis. Like Dukakis, he is of Greek descent, with a formidable-looking family name. The name wasn't renowned; he was neither rich nor famous.

And, most depressing of all, he had retired from public life years ago because — as he had announced at the time — he was suffering from a particularly virulent cancer. (He endured the disease and the therapy — including months lying in isolation — and is declared to be cancer-free over the last five years.)

But the sidelines play-by-play experts deemed him a lousy candidate (when they finally paid a few moments' attention) because of rather unattractive mien and verbal delivery. One wit likened

his speaking manner to Elmer Fudd's.

And then, in his party's first voting test of 1992, the improb-

## Uncle Dudley

able candidate came in a comfortable first. The experts had already discounted this, of course, divining that New Hampshire voters were certain to be favorable to anyone from Massachusetts. Wait until he hits distant territory, they're saying — then you'll see his star fade soon enough. George Will, who never took a chance in his life, derogates the Tsongas supporters as mere "Tsongas chic," composed of people whose political preferences are infirmly anchored in Jell-o.

That may, of course, prove to be the case. But I see another, quite different, scenario as possible, even if still improbable.

I suspect that what we witnessed in the New Hampshire primary campaign are the stirrings of an awareness that Paul Tsongas is, among politicians, an unusual human being. There's already a kind of cult following that may turn out to be the core of a true popular groundswell (at least within his party).

I'm envisioning a balloon of popular admiration and, ultimately, adulation for the guy who stands and grittily takes his swings

without pretense or bombast. A few lines from a Grantland Rice verse come to mind:

"Only those who beat life are the brave,

Who laugh at fate and face what is to come . . ."

*If we were casting for "The Paul Tsongas Story" in Hollywood, I would think of young Jimmy Stewart in the heartwarming role of the innocent outsider who plays it straight and takes it all. Alternatively, I would consider Jimmy Cagney as the diminutive fighter who won't be downed by little handicaps like cancer and hopeless outlooks. I'd give some thought to Dustin Hoffman as the man of serene principle and morose demeanor who, too, glares misfortune in the eye.*

What I'm trying to say is that I suspect that the Paul Tsongas story has the makings of legend and that despite the treacherous pitfalls he may indeed turn aside the improbable dream and in fact do the impossible. If and when he does, remember Uncle Dudley's bemused puffery.

## Euthanasia for an old magazine

Say goodnight, Gracie, to "Connoisseur," the once-distinguished magazine of the *haute monde*, which the Hearst Corporation has chloroformed as an act of final kindness. The February issue was the last "as a free-standing title," as the Hearst announcement put it.

You may well not be familiar with "Connoisseur," but its history and death are rather interesting. It was launched in London in 1901, became a Hearst property in 1927, and until it was relocated to the U.S. in 1982 it existed all those years primarily as an advertising showpiece for elegance, with an absolute minimum of editorial text.

Ten years ago a dramatic shift was made, and Hearst hired as its editor Thomas Hoving, with a background out of Tiffany's and the Metropolitan Museum, where he had been a spectacular though controversial director. He brought elevated standards of taste to "Connoisseur," and in some respects it gained recognition as a publication successfully connoting excellence and beauty. The Hoving discrimination and personality shone through pleasingly.

But though it was an artistic success, commercially it lacked the common touch. As the Hearst people see it now, "economic viability often has more to do with market conditions than with editorial excellence."

So, more precisely though daintily expressed, "The contraction of financial markets in October 1987 marked the end of the

## Constant Reader

free-spending lifestyles of many of the newly affluent people who were Connoisseur's primary audience. Under these circumstances, the decision to halt independent publication . . . was made."

Halting of "independent publication" means that the magazine is defunct.

Some of the features of "Connoisseur" will begin appearing in Hearst's "Town & Country," which will also gain the benefit of its subscriber list. Predictably, those features will dwindle to extinction in the months following.

The magazine's disappearance hardly will be acutely missed by the subscribers remaining from its better days. Pressures to popularize the contents were evident in the last months of Thomas Hoving's editorship, well before he was fired last spring. Articles with a presumed appeal to which he never would have willingly opened his pages began to dominate. A new editor, Gael Love, gave further impetus to the downgrading of the contents. The articles took on a tone hardly consonant with a connoisseur's taste: "Can Hollywood adapt its latest

film musicals to the post-MTV age?"

The final issue's cover showed a presumably up-and-coming actress, Lorraine Bracco, and a heavily illustrated story about her. Other features described Calumet Farm's "debt and mismanagement" — and "bad bloodlines" that led to the demise of Kentucky's top Thoroughbred racing stable.

A female sculptor's work with scrap metal which she fashions

## A connoisseur's taste fades along with free-spending lifestyles

into "evocative equine art" was described, together with stories about the collections of the late Peter Wilson, "innovative chairman of Sotheby's; the late Fredrik Ross, a Swedish financier with a massive taste for contemporary art; and Michael Hall, simply a "best of everything" accumulator. And, ultimately, "Swimsuits — the Next Wave," featuring — you guessed it — Marilyn Monroe.

That was "Connoisseur" before the mercy killing. Better luck with "Town & Country," where the February issue contains such features as "The Power of the Patron," "Riding the Road of Riches," "Boca Grandees," plus "The Hip Way to Health" and "Sex, Lies, and Lingerie."

Where are you, Tom Hoving?

## Why 1969's political wars are echoing this year

The writer of this Point of View, the editor of The Spotlight Newspapers' editorial pages, served as a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 90th and 91st Congresses (1967-71) from Albany and Schenectady counties.

By Daniel E. Button

When Governor Bill Clinton's political obituary finally is written, the month of October 1969 will be marked as the time bomb that finally did him in. November and December weren't very helpful, either, but the month that is causing the most damage to his credibility in 1992 was October.

Some readers of this column will have little, if any, recollection of that fall. Others will recall its divisiveness only too clearly. Their numbers include once-young men who were in Vietnam or on their way; their families — and, on the other hand, the many thousands who railed bitterly against the war.

And, to paraphrase Maurice Chevalier, I have reason to remember it well.

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In the fall of 1969 I was in the second of my two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Throughout those four years, I am gratified to be able to say, I was steadfastly an opponent of the Vietnam War.

Legislatively, the major battles of that era were on authorization and appropriation of funds that would keep escalating the war while President Nixon's "Vietnamization" was being tried. Not only funding; dissent focused also on proposals originating in Congress to restrict the scope of the conflict and require serious efforts to extricate America from Southeast Asia, with deadlines established for shutting down and pulling out.

The best-known and most controversial of these legislative proposals was labelled "McGovern-Hatfield," after the Senators who had seized the initiative. Unfortunately, it attracted much more attention outside Congress than it did on Capitol Hill. The other day I happened across a yellowed photo of an event promoting the initiative; visible are the resolution's two principal sponsors plus Senators Harold Hughes of Iowa, Charley Goodell of New York (he had been appointed to succeed Robert Kennedy), and Alan Cranston of California; and two members of the House: Abner Mikva of Illinois (now the chief judge of the federal appeals court in D.C.) and yours truly.

Another hotly debated proposal was known as "Cooper-Church," after its prime sponsors, John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky and Frank Church of Idaho. This, too, won a vocal following among opponents of the war, including me.

What actually came of this activity is too familiar to warrant repeating. The frustration of those who tried to bring perspective and sense into the raging controversy culminated in George McGovern's candidacy for the presidency in 1972, when he lost 49 states to Mr. Nixon.

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By October 1969, however, the inevitability of the increasingly tragic consequences of our presence in Vietnam was not yet apparent. Lots of citizens (most of them 21 or less) believed that direct action — in the streets, on the nation's campuses, in all manner of public places — could bring the anguish to a halt. Huge delegations poured into Washington for noisy and sometimes disorderly protests. Though I was essentially on the same side as the demonstrators, I was acutely ambivalent about their tactics. (And antics: I particularly remember the busloads of collegians who had decided to vent their opposition by carrying placards that identified each with the name of a fellow American who hadn't protested but had gone to Vietnam and had died there. This, I felt, was abominable and deserved censure. I was taking unpopular positions right and left.)

My most vivid memory of the unrealistically hardened bitterness of the anti-war faction involves a rally in Albany's Capitol Park on a chilly autumn evening. The square facing the Capitol's steps was jammed with young idealists exhorted to a frenzy by agitators. A roster of speakers all were giving the throng the impassioned and inflammatory phrases they'd come to hear. I particularly recall one — who, of course, had no responsibility for affecting an ultimate decision — merely shouting back at the



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### □ Districting (From page 6)

meeting had been well advertised. I understand that every meeting cannot be attended, but where have our elected representatives been throughout the last five months? This shows a lack of genuine interest in our town.

Given the composition of the commission (seven Democratic county legislators and two Republican legislators), I believe councilman Sgarlata knows what's going on. Maps have been on display throughout the county, including at the County Clerk's office.

Under one of the plans being considered, in district 38 our legislator, Mr. Hotaling (Democrat incumbent) has not been affected by any of the proposed plans, yet the northeast portion of New Scotland has been butchered three ways. From the Guilderland border south along the D&H, (excluding Voorheesville) would be District 40, represented by Legislator Bill Young. District 33

would run from Voorheesville through Slingerlands.

*Our town has not had a population change, according to the U.S. Census, in 10 years, increasing by only 163 people, a 1.8 percent increase — not enough to be redistricted.*

This proposed plan is unfortunate for our small town. It does not represent common interests of the people. We should try to reduce voter confusion, consider local district lines, use the same election district lines, help the voters, the taxpayers!

Our town should be composed of at least one full district of our own. (Ideal district is 7,502 residents). This proposed redistricting plan does not have any continuity, no true recognized boundaries, no purpose at all. This type of gerrymandering dilutes the influence of New Scotland residents. We need to preserve our close-knit community, our common

interests, a unit of local government while respecting the one-man, one-vote rule.

Our town leaders need to do their jobs as elected representatives of the people: Be sure that there are no violations of the "voters rights act." Be fair to the people of New Scotland. This proposed plan will do more harm than good!

*It seems that the winning team is changing the rules in the middle of the game to strongly discourage any opposition.*

Let's face it: the legislature is a political body. But lines should not be rigged to benefit the majority; lines should be drawn neutrally. This proposed plan only rigs the rules for the next race. Our town should be served by one legislator; why fragment the town?

Fortunately, this is only a draft proposal; it's not carved in stone, so there's still time to fine-tune it.

Harry Van Wormer

New Scotland

### □ Vietnam (from page 7)

crowd its demand, "Peace now! Peace now! Peace now!"

My turn came, and I made the mistake of trying to analyze and interpret the standoff in Washington. I should have known that what the youngsters wanted were rabble-rousing slogans reflecting their own insecurities. "Peace now!" was the insistent response to my efforts, over and over. After a while, I gave up. The appalling anger directed at "them" — Nixon and the war party — had been unleashed against someone who had been trying to help fight the protestors' unpopular cause. The episode was even more chilling than the briskness of the breezes that swept across the anonymous darkness of the mob scene.

Except for the conviction that my 1967-70 positions on the Vietnam war were proper, those positions were — predictably — unrewarding. At that time, this area was strongly pro-war. A year after that demonstration (when the very people who should have been a base of support had instead repudiated me), I went to bat against a warhawk and was soundly defeated. So was Senator Goodell, whose strong anti-war activity had infuriated the man who put him in the Senate, Nelson Rockefeller, the country's No. 1 closet hawk. Among New York's Republican Congressmen, I was the only one who supported their one-time friend, Charley.

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How does all this bear on Bill Clinton? After all, in the fall of 1969 he was only 23 years old. His behavior at that time — now so belatedly exposed to public scrutiny — was pretty much in keeping with millions of other young men, including their use of higher education as a basis for deferment. His shifting from one status to another and back can be under-

standable — and quite forgettable.

I'm troubled — and I suspect this angle may prove to be his undoing politically — by his strange letter to a draft office.

My discomforted thoughts are quite well summed up in a "New York Times" article by Walter A. McDougall, a professor of international relations at the University of Pennsylvania, who deplores the Clinton letter as unusually cynical. Here are some of his comments:

"The point is not that he protested the war — the war was a

***The anonymous darkness of the mob scene was more chilling than the autumn night.***

folly, in means if not motives. The point is not that civil disobedience is wrong — it often reflects a higher patriotism. The point is that Mr. Clinton arranged matters so to 'avoid both Vietnam and the resistance.' . . . A leader must often violate the ethics that guide one's personal life in the higher interest of public service. Bill Clinton did the opposite: he violated the ethic of public service for the 'higher interest' of himself alone."

I am suggesting that, just as Americans are now said to be ready to overlook marital infidelity but not lies about it, we are able to be magnanimous about long-ago unpopular positions on war and military service — but not willing to condone slickly calculated deviousness, as Professor McDougall indicates. And this, we can expect, will be Governor Clinton's undoing by November if not in March.

Finally, can you comprehend why he felt it necessary to describe his scheming in a document that would end up in official files?

### Auction features vacation, dinners, hike

The Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited's 6th Annual Auction will be held Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

The auction is a fund-raising effort by BOU to support youth activities in Bethlehem.

Some of the items up for bid in the auction include: a "weekend escape" to the Marriott including a two-night stay, dinner and champagne breakfast; a High Peaks hike

with a popular middle school teacher; a 4' x 6' Dhurrie rug from Village Furniture; dinner for two at the Desmond Americana; gift certificates for Haggerty's and Sweetwaters Bistro; and a three-month membership at Mike Mashuta's Nautilus.

The group is still looking for anyone with unique services or skills to donate. For more information, call Cyndi Reilly at 439-3481 or Marilyn Corrigan 439-2744.

### Training scheduled on starting day care

The Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council can help you start a small day-care business in your home.

The Council will offer a training series, "Start a Family Day-Care Business in Your Home," March 2 at the Price Chopper Community Room, Schenectady.

This session is for residents of the Capital District who need to know the legal, personal and business aspects of becoming a regulated or legally exempt family day-care provider.

For reservations and information, call 426-7181.

### EnCon schedules incinerator hearing

The Department of Environmental Conservation will hold a public hearing on the proposed Green Island garbage incinerator

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## Your Opinion Matters

# Speedy police response critical in EMS calls

## Planner 'misses import of wetlands'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have written as follows to Chief Richard LaChappelle of the Bethlehem police:

"Last night, as part of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance crew on duty, I responded to a call for an unresponsive person. Upon arriving at the scene, we found a Selkirk resident in full cardiac arrest. Officers Robert Berben and Christopher Pauley of Bethlehem Police Department were already there initiating resuscitation efforts. They continued to provide invaluable assistance to the ambulance crew as we worked trying to save a neighbor's life. In the hectic atmosphere of the rescue, I gave little thought to how willingly and competently these police officer became part of the EMS team. In many cases it is this kind of effort that can make the difference between life and death.

"Although the ambulance crew missed the opportunity to thank Officers Pauley and Berben at the scene, our gratitude was passed through the dispatcher much later that night. In the event that they may have missed that message, I wish to thank them publicly now for their quiet, heroic efforts. It's very easy to narrowly see our police as enforcers of the law when in fact they fulfill a much broader role as guardians of the public welfare, as evidenced by the number of times they are the first responders in ambulance calls.

"You are fortunate to have them on your team. Thanks again, Offi-

cers Berben and Pauley, and to the entire Bethlehem Police Department — it means a lot to us to arrive in the ambulance and see that squad car already on the scene."

Dale Keenan, EMT-D  
Bethlehem Ambulance  
Selkirk

## Court's budget ruling is public's victory: Faso

Editor, The Spotlight:

The public won a real victory in the decision handed down in Appellate Division of State Supreme Court in my litigation against Governor Cuomo relating to the untimely submission of the state budget.

The case is significant in that for the first time it clarifies the responsibility of the Executive to deliver all budget bills contemporaneously with the presentation of the overall state budget. Governor Cuomo's nine-year failure to submit budgets on time has severely circumscribed the time in which the Legislature has had to review

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem town officials from the planning board, as quoted in the Feb. 19 *Spotlight*, seem to be expressing discomfort with constraints of federal wetlands regulations.

These regulations serve as protections not merely for the "migrating birds and other wildlife species"; they also serve to protect *homo sapiens* as well. Wetlands regulations are guided

his budget, and has been a major contributing factor to the seven-year pattern of late budgets.

Ironically, Governor Cuomo this year submitted all his budget bills on a timely basis, but only under pressure of this litigation. Moreover, there is a fair degree of optimism that this year the budget will be adopted on time, in part because the Governor fulfilled his obligations on a timely basis.

Needless to say, I am quite proud of having helped to initiate this suit and to have been one of the three plaintiffs.

John J. Faso  
Member of Assembly

by the Clean Water Act, as the article points out. One can't help but wonder why town officials would choose to worry more about protecting developers who would build on these lands, from the consequences of not following these regulations, rather than worrying about the consequences to the ecosystem that sustains the entire populace these laws are intended to protect.

Town Planner Lipnicky is reported as referring to these laws as, "arbitrary — regulating wetlands even if they no longer serve a function." Such a view displays an ignorance of ecosystems and not even an elementary understanding of their interrelationships and functions.

Furthermore, he is quoted as saying, "Environmental groups preserve wetlands for the sake of preserving wetlands." This cynical social attitude, compounded

by the lack of scientific understanding of the fundamental working of the organic world we live in, makes me uncomfortable. *Whose concerns does he represent?*

Our taxes pay for him to represent the laws that protect and govern the citizens and lands of this country. His comments seem to suggest not only incomplete comprehension of these laws and that which they sustain but a cynical and condescending attitude toward those who do.

Margaret W. Shirk

Delmar

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## Matters of Opinion

## Legislature's committees downplay vital testimony

Editor, The Spotlight:

What had started out on Feb. 4 as a packed podium of state legislators listening to Mayor David Dinkins testify on the proposed aid to localities budget before the Joint Fiscal Committees of the State Legislature, quickly dwindled to but a handful. Only Assemblymen Oliver Koppell and Edward Griffith were present when five county executives from around the state addressed the committee. Each year, as the members of the Senate finance committee and Assembly ways and means committee "assemble" to gather responses to the Governor's proposed executive budget, the ritual occurs. The mayor of New York City speaks, questions are asked, thanks are given, and the dais empties.

The greatest value of the hear-

ings often is the give-and-take discussion which follows topical testimony presentations. (Who could forget the exchanges from last year's hearing between County Executives Buono and Pirro and Assemblyman Grannis, which culminated with Mr. Buono exclaiming, "Keep *all* your money; but keep *all* your mandates...") The only ones who will remember will be those who were present. The vast majority of the membership of the two committees missed a golden opportunity to become familiar with the true message of mandate relief.)

Why is attendance so low? It cannot simply be attributed to a lack of interest on the part of legislators. Rather, it can be tied directly to the schedule of the Legislature itself.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, while dozens of officials and citizens

representing various constituencies (whose virtual existence rises and falls on the state aid to localities budget) were presenting testimony, members of the two fiscal committees were being summoned to other meetings.

Many of the committees which met on that Tuesday have both local government implications and membership that also serves on the fiscal committees. The budget hearings, which began at 10 a.m. and ran well into the evening hours, found themselves competing with the Senate committees on judiciary, codes, local government, education, veterans and environmental conservation. The assembly members were scheduled for meetings of the committees on codes, aging, and cities.

What is at best a slight, and at worst a callous disregard for the state's local government entities, must be rectified in future years. With good reason, local officials question the state/local partnership. Such symptoms of its impending demise only fuel the fever of disdain spreading among local government officials.

Joseph A. Glazer  
Legislative director,  
New York State Association  
of Counties

## Public should benefit from bottlers' windfall

Editor, The Spotlight:

New York State's Returnable Beverage Container Act provides an authorization and a mechanism to the beverage industry to, in effect, increase the beverage price to recover the cost of implementing the program. That mechanism is a 1.5 cent handling fee.

Since inception of the Bottle Bill in 1983, the industry has recovered more than \$600 million of such handling fees, paid by New York consumers — a very substantial amount of money to manage empty containers. Moreover, industry increased the beverage price even beyond the authorized 1.5 cents.

Moreover, the industry derives very substantial revenues — tens of millions of dollars — from the recycling value of redeemed glass, plastic, and aluminum containers it recovers.

In addition to the authorized price increase and resulting income, plus the recycling income, the industry has benefited from a huge windfall — retention of cash

resulting from consumers' failure to return containers to recover their deposits. In the years since 1983, this windfall to the beverage industry has amounted to \$592.8 million. These two revenue streams — one authorized to cover industry's cost of the program and the other a pure windfall profit — total \$1.2 billion.

For the last four years, the Governor has proposed a measure to recover the unclaimed deposit windfall and apply those proceeds to essential public programs. The Governor proposes again this year to recover the deposit windfall, which in 1990-91 was \$61.3 million, and use it to help finance the Environmental Assistance Fund (EAF) — a dedicated source of revenue to assist New York, especially New York's local governments to address urgent environmental needs.

Local governments urgently need funds to implement recycling programs and to close polluting landfills. In these difficult fiscal times, the Governor has identified a fiscally responsible and prudent funding source — the unclaimed deposits. Recovery of the unclaimed deposit program does not depend on a new tax. It is not a new fee. It is a source of revenues that public has already paid and continues to pay. But rather than being dedicated to a productive public purpose which would benefit property taxpayers statewide, these revenues are currently providing a windfall to the industry.

If the industry can present a supportable claim that it needs more money to carry out the returnable container law, it should seek from the Legislature an increase in cost of implementation. The Governor has responded to industry's claim that the handling fee is inadequate and proposed that the handling fee be increased to 2 cents. However, the industry should no longer be able to keep the windfall unclaimed deposits that rightfully should be directed to the public's environmental work.

The Governor's measure recognizes that it is more appropriate to spend public money on environmental protection than to provide windfall profits to the beverage industry.

Thomas C. Jorling  
Commissioner  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation

## Words for the week

**Consonant:** In harmony or agreement; in accord. Harmonious in tone.

**Censure:** Strong disapproval; a condemning as wrong. An official expression of disapproval.

**Connote:** To suggest or convey in addition to the explicit. To imply or involve as a result.

**Culminate:** To reach its highest point or climax; zenith.

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## Bethlehem cops nab 15 for driving violations

Bethlehem police recently arrested 14 drivers on misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated.

Todd R. Pohalski, 24, of Voorheesville, was arrested for DWI Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2:04 a.m. after he was stopped for speeding on Route 9W, police said.

Wendy A. Hornberger, 26, 248 Broadway, Rensselaer, was arrested for DWI Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2:08 a.m. after she was stopped for failure to keep right on Feura Bush Road near Jefferson Road, police said.

Todd K. Kelafant, 23, of Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, was arrested for DWI Sunday, Feb. 23, at 5 a.m. after he was stopped for failure to keep right and speeding on Route 9W near Route 32, police said.

James E. Rogers, 51, 11 Eaton Drive, Slingerlands, was arrested for DWI Friday, Feb. 7, at 10:06 p.m. after he was stopped on Delaware Avenue for speeding, police said.

Norman R. McConnell, 23, 267 South Allen St., Albany, was arrested for DWI Saturday, Feb. 8, at 12:16 a.m. after he was stopped on New Scotland Road for speeding, police said.

Maura E. Pearson, 30, of Jericho Road, Selkirk, was arrested for DWI Saturday, Feb. 8, at 3:57 a.m. after she was stopped on Feura Bush Road near Elsmere Avenue for failure to keep right, police said.

John J. Deerfield III, 21, 453 Third St., Troy, was arrested for DWI Saturday, Feb. 8, at 5:21 a.m. after he was stopped on Route 9W in Glenmont for failure to keep right, police said.

William L. Krouse, 52, 14 Vagele Lane, Glenmont, was arrested for DWI Thursday, Feb. 13, at 12:15 a.m. after he was stopped at the intersection of Route 102 and Bell Crossing Road for failure to keep right, police said.

David J. Wells, 27, 160 Clapper Road, Selkirk, was arrested for DWI Thursday, Feb. 13, at 3:10 a.m. after he was stopped at Route 144 and Clapper Road for turning without signaling, police said.

Victor W. Cain, 31, 1196 Broadway, Albany, was arrested for DWI Friday, Feb. 14, at 8:05 p.m. after he was stopped on Route 9W in Glenmont for failure to keep right, police said.

Peter S. Clonek, 36, 45 Dorchester Drive, Selkirk, was arrested for DWI Saturday, Feb. 15, at 12:35 a.m. after he was stopped on Elm Avenue near Murray Avenue for failure to keep right, police said.

Michael L. Gregory, 27, of Ravena, was arrested for DWI Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2:05 a.m. after he was stopped on Route 144 near Beaver Dam Road for speeding and driving with one headlight out, police said. After being transported to the police department, Gregory refused to take a breathalyzer test. The Department of Motor Vehicle refusal hearing will be set upon his DWI arraignment, police said.

James V. Van Buren, 31, 2 McGee Drive, Glenmont, was arrested for DWI Sunday, Feb. 16, at 7:29 a.m. after his vehicle came into contact with another vehicle when he attempted to turn from McGee Drive onto Route 9W, police said. The second vehicle did not stop.

Jerry A. Miles Jr., 25, of Voorheesville, was arrested for DWI Sunday, Feb. 16, at 10:50 p.m. after he was stopped on Delaware Avenue for failure to keep right, police said.

### In other arrests:

Paul M. Brady, 30, 1 Ellsworth Place, Delmar, was arrested on felony charges of DWI Saturday, Feb. 8, at 4:21 p.m. after he was stopped on Delaware Avenue near Delaware Plaza for failure to keep right, police said.

## Bethlehem's big Ben



Bethlehem Central High School senior Ben Olson, a center for the BC varsity basketball team, stands outside of his home on McKinley Drive in Delmar. Students decorated the home before last week's final regular season game. The Eagles won 72-65.  
*Elaine McLain*

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## Check It Out

### Bethlehem Public Library



Remember the line in the Joni Mitchell song Big Yellow Taxi, "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." It comes to mind when talking with local history librarian Marie Carlson. In connection with the Town of Bethlehem's upcoming bicentennial, Carlson has developed a program plan to build a picture file for as much of the town as possible.

As longtime residents know, many older homes, stores, barns and other buildings in the town are gone, with no record of what they looked like remaining. Pictures are an invaluable resource to historical researchers, many of whom come to the library looking for just this kind of information.

The plan calls for every family and business in Bethlehem to provide the library with a photograph of the family home or place of business. Photos can be in color or black and white, and up to 8 by 10 inches in size. Information on location of the building should be on the back of the picture. Any historical data about the building would be helpful, and appreciated by future generations. This information will be filed with the picture.

### RCS leadership team to speak tonight

The next meeting of RCS Partners in Education (PIE) will take place at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

At the meeting, members of the

It is also important that recently built structures be represented in order to form an accurate record of what the town looked like in the 1990s. Today's tract housing development may be the historic district of the future.

A gift from local architect Scott Wallant who renovated the old Main Brothers Oil Company building at 500 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar began the collection. Wallant donated before, during and after photographs of the renovation to the library. He will present a talk here about the project in May. Carlson hopes to collect at least one picture of every building in the town.

Pictures can be brought to the reference desk or mailed to the library at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054. For information, call Carlson at 439-9314.

To learn how to research the history of your house, come to a special program at the library by Dennis Sullivan on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. Sullivan, village of Voorheesville historian, will guide beginning researchers in the use of maps and records to trace the previous owners of their homes. The program is free and open to the public.

Building Leadership Team (BLT) will explain their function at the high school. A question and answer period will follow.

Parents of RCS high school students are invited to attend.

### Women's Building will host fund-raiser

The Women's Building in Albany is holding its fifth annual auction on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 6 p.m. at Channing Hall, 405 Washington Ave. in Albany.

The auction will feature donated items from such celebrities as Chris Evert, Bonnie Raitt, Katherine Hepburn, Kim Basinger, Whoopi Goldberg, Gary Trudeau, Bill Cosby and Alan Alda.

Admission is \$6, \$5 for Women's Building members.

For information, call 465-1597.

### Scholarships available

The Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation is offering \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors. The deadline for requesting applications is March 15.

Applications may be obtained by writing Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N. McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5002, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5002. Include your name, address, approximate grade point average, and year of graduation.

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## Voorheesville Public Library



By Christine Shields

The Voorheesville Public Library will host a day-long Poetry Performance Marathon with an interesting twist on Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As one of 20 libraries nationwide to be selected for a Poets-in-Person grant from The National Endowment for the Humanities with the assistance of the Modern Poetry Association and the American Library Association, Voorheesville has planned an unusual kick-off event. Saturday's program will feature a marathon reading of *one* poem, the book length *Paterson* by William Carlos Williams.

The poem is expected to take the entire day to read, and the library is looking for volunteers to help out. Simultaneously many local poets will be reading from their own work in an adjoining room. To sign up for *Paterson*, call 765-2791.

Other scheduled events during the six week program will be a series of reading, listening and discussion programs on contem-

porary American poetry led by local scholar Charles Rossiter.

The 7 p.m. programs will cover Allen Ginsberg on March 5, Gary Soto and Rita Dove on March 12, Sharon Olds and Charles Wright on March 19 and W.S. Merwin on March 26. The grant also provided the library with a series of audio cassettes of these same poets reading and explaining their works in their own words that are now available to patrons for a two week loan.

The final event on Saturday, April 2, at 7 p.m. will showcase poets Dennis Sullivan, Tom Corrado and Michael Larabee reading from their own works. Martin Burke will also be performing original music on acoustic guitar as an accompaniment to Larabee's poetry. It promises to be a rewarding evening.

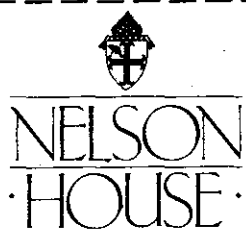
Free tax counseling for seniors is available on Wednesdays, March 11 and 25 and April 8. To schedule an appointment between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., call the reference desk. Senior citizens who use the service should bring a copy of last year's return and all pertinent materials.

### Exercise instructors to meet at St. Rose

The College of Saint Rose and the National Dance-Exercise Instructor's Training Association (NDEITA) will co-sponsor a workshop for potential aerobics instructors on Saturday, March 7, and Sunday, March 8, in the College's Activities Center, 404 Western Ave. in Albany, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

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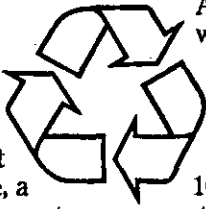
This project, a four-year plan which began six months ago, aims to collect and recycle 34,000 refrigerators to cut down on energy overload. Older models use twice as much energy as the newer energy-efficient appliances. Capacitors, in older models, contain PCBs and will be disposed of at a site approved by the Environ-

mental Protection Agency. The CFCs will be captured, stored and eventually reused. The shell will be recycled at a steel plant. And as a homeowner, you will save up to \$115 a year in electricity costs.

NiMo recycled its 5,000th refrigerator on Feb. 14. Call 1-800-836-1010 to arrange an appointment.

NiMo does not want broken refrigerators. Usually appliances can be brought to the Town of Bethlehem's Rupert Road Transfer Station in South Bethlehem. There is a \$6 charge for this disposal of each large appliance.

If you are remodeling your kitchen and changing refrigerator colors or models, there are some organizations that need a donated refrigerator. For information, call Mary Keeley at 439-6741.



## Ravena seniors offered tax help

Senior Projects of Ravena is scheduling appointments with AARP representatives to assist Senior Citizens with tax preparation on Wednesdays, March 11 and 25, at its Bruno Boulevard location. Call 756-8593 for information.

### Quilting workshop set at Ravena library

A free quilting workshop will be held tonight, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the library. Experienced quilter and instructor Susan Sterritt will display and discuss several quilts. The beginner as well as the experienced quilter can benefit from this creative learning session.

### Whale of a time scheduled at library

"Where are the whales?" is the theme for the next scheduled library storytime, Saturday, Feb. 29, at 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers ages 2 to 5 and their families, are invited to listen to whale stories and songs. Pocket-size whale friends will be created to bring home.

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### Openings for parents at Becker elementary

Parent volunteer are needed at A.W. Becker Elementary to work on a number of projects. To volunteer, call Sue Doherty at 768-2737.

### College workshop slated at RCS

A college planning workshop

has been scheduled for RCS 11th graders and their parents at the high school library on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include: College admission tests, college application procedure, financial assistance, college visits. A short SUNY film, "Out of the Ordinary," will also be shown. Columbia Greene Community College admissions coordinator, Janet Brooks will be on hand to answer questions.

### Valentine update

There were many new faces among the 26 children attending one of two Valentine's Day storytime sessions at the Ravena Free Library.

Personal valentine mail pouch creations, a special valentine, learning fingerplays and Friend of the Library Jenny Altmeri's homemade cookies were enjoyed by all.

The winner of the "Guess how many hearts?" contest was Brian Nettuno of Ravena. Nettuno, one of 67 entrants, took home all the candy with a guess-timate of 725. The actual number of candies in the jar was 742.

## Take a break, recreate!

Spring program brochures are now available for Bethlehem Parks and Recreation sponsored programs at the Park Office, Bethlehem Town Hall and the Bethlehem Public Library.

Activities include a new "step" aerobics class for adults, youth swimming and play/exercise programs.

### New walking program begins

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## Board to discuss issues

With a "temporary hiatus" in its workload, the Bethlehem planning board will soon begin using its free time to discuss issues which affect the planning process, according to Chairman Martin Barr.

Issues the board may address include a wrap-up of the wetland issue, as well as discussions on incentive zoning and tree preservation, said Barr at the board's Feb. 18 meeting.

Board member Gary Swan said he agreed that using spare time to discuss planning issues was a good idea, and suggested that the board invite resource people to the meetings. He said the guest speakers could brief the board on related topics.

In other news:

- The board granted permission for Richard Tice of Brewer Engineering Associates to begin limited site work on the first 25 lots of Cedar Ridge, to be located at the intersection of Fisher Boulevard and Orchard Street.

Tice said he plans to begin clearing and grading around March 1.

The board last October granted conditional final approval for the first 25 lots of the proposed 109-lot subdivision.

- Following a public hearing on a two-lot subdivision located on Elm Avenue at the intersection of Jericho Road, the board said it will grant conditional final approval to the plan at its next meeting, set for March 3. The property, owned by Jake and Linda Fros, is in a residence "AR" zoning district.

Susan Wheeler

## Farm show features state agriculture

The seventh annual New York Farm Show is being held Thursday, Feb. 27, through Saturday, Feb. 29, at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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## French students visit Voorheesville to learn American customs, culture

Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School students are anticipating the March 1 arrival of 10 students from a secondary school in France, Le College Sainte Macre of Fismes.

Many activities are planned for the students, including brief stays in New York City and Boston, visits to local museums, attendance at Voorheesville schools and just "hanging out" with their host families.

The exchange is sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and the International Committee and Club.

A farewell potluck dinner is scheduled for the students on Thursday, March 12. They are scheduled to leave Voorheesville on Friday, March 13.

The host families are: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baltis, Mr. and Mrs. William Barber, Mr. and Mrs. John Basal, Ms. Susan Casler, Mr. and Mrs. William Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hotaling, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Luczak, Mr. and Mrs. James Nemeth, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Perry, and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Piquette.

For information, contact Robert Streifer, chairman, at 765-0014.

### NEWS NOTES

#### Voorheesville

Susan Casler  
765-2144



#### Boy Scouts plan winter camping trip

Boy Scout Troop 73 will leave on Friday, Feb. 27 to spend a week at the Gannett Lodge of Masawepie Scout Camps near Tupper Lake.

Approximately 35 scouts and parents will enjoy downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and many other winter activities.

In order to collect money for this trip, Troop 73 has been collecting returnable bottles and cans for redemption since last September.

#### Library schedules poetry reading program

Poetry Performance Marathon will be held at the Voorheesville Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those attending will be encouraged to read their own work or William Carlos Williams' *Paterson*.

The performance marathon will open the "Poets in Person" pro-

gram scheduled for March 5, 12, 19 and 21. This event is being funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Modern Poetry Association.

To register, call 765-2791.

#### Seniors can get lower tax assessment

Voorheesville residents over the age of 65 may be eligible for a reduction in their property assessment.

In order to qualify, applications must be received by Sunday, March 1 at the town assessor's office.

For information, contact 765-3313.

#### Hobby Fair kicks off March PARP program

The Clarksville PTA will kick off its March "Parents As Reading Partners" program on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. with a school-wide Hobby Fair at the Clarksville Elementary School.

The fair will feature two shows by guest magician Chad Currin: 7 p.m. for grades K to two and 8 p.m. for grades three to five.

As part of the program, students will display their hobby collections.

To follow the theme for the March PARP program "Color Your World With Reading," there will also be: hobby week, March 9 to 13; a book fair, March 16 to 20; and Clarksville's fifth annual Read-In, March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Clarksville School.

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## Multi-media show set at high school

A 3-D multi-media slide show will be held at the Bethlehem high school auditorium on Saturday, March 7, at 2 and 4 p.m.

The show will include images of science, history, art and entertainment.

Free 3-D glasses will be provided.

Tickets cost \$3 and will be sold at the door, and at Bethlehem elementary schools during lunch from March 4th to 6th. Tickets will also be available from March 2nd to 6th at the Delmar Convenient Express, Four Corners and Waddingham's Footwear, Glenmont Plaza.

## Effect of pornography to be topic at church

The Bethlehem Community Church on Elm Avenue will sponsor a program entitled "Pornography — An Undeclared War on the Family" on Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be presented by the local chapter of The American Family Association. Speakers will be Marla Stocker, president and Everett Stocker, vice-president.

The evening will focus on pornography's impact on families, women and children, and the crisis for those addicted. Possible solutions will be discussed.

For information, call the church at 439-3135.

## Spaghetti dinner set for Feb. 29 at church

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 29. Meals will be served at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The dinner includes spaghetti with meat balls, antipasto salad, coffee and dessert.

Ticket prices are: adults, \$6, children, \$3. For reservations call 767-9143 or 768-2835.

## Correction

The townwide task force on emergency medical services did not recommend consolidating the existing ambulance districts which service the town, as was reported in the Feb. 19 edition of *The Spotlight*.

The task force recommended a second extension to the existing ambulance district. According to the task force report, the three districts, once established, will encompass the entire area of the town.

Also, the stated personnel cost for a single paramedic option (\$194,531) would include a full-time EMS coordinator, two full-time paramedics, part-time paramedics, a part-time training officer and benefit costs. The two-paramedic option recommended by the task force (\$370,478) would include a full-time EMS coordinator, five full-time paramedics, part-time paramedics, a part-time training officer and benefit costs.

# Mangia pizza a cut above the rest

By Susan Wheeler

Putting out 20 pizzas an hour is nothing out of the ordinary for Mangia's Chef Scott Wolcott, who was served second place honors at a recent contest for the Slingerlands eatery's chicken and pesto pizza.

Wolcott, 26, said the pizza competition at the Crossroads of New England Food Service Exposition in Springfield, Mass., lasted about an hour. He made five of the restaurant's 10 daily specialty pizzas, about 20 pies in all. He said 20 pizzas an hour isn't unusual, since some days the restaurant serves 210 pies from lunch to dinner.

According to Wolcott, his wife Patti, an assistant dining room manager at Mangia, received only compliments about the five pizzas. "They were eaten as fast as we could make them," he said.

The chicken and pesto pizza, which competed against seven other Capital District creations, was the only one finished by the five judges, said Wolcott, kitchen manager at Mangia. "We put up what we thought was our best pie," he said. "The judges loved it."

In addition, Mangia's pizza was the only one of the top three winners that was completely homemade. The others used a cheese bread with herbs from Specialty World Foods in Albany, a sponsor of the food expo, for a crust. Wolcott's entry used a regular dough crust, one of the restaurant's two offerings. It also serves its pizzas on a whole wheat



Mangia's Chef Scott Wolcott samples his award-winning chicken and pesto pizza. Susan Wheeler

crust. Mangia's general manager Kenneth Keeler suggested complementing the chicken and pesto pizza with a bottle of the restaurant's Italian white wine, Pinot Grigio - Santa Marina. He said it's light and accents the pie.

According to Wolcott, who's been with Mangia since its December opening, this kind of an honor is a first for the restaurant, which specializes in wood-fired pizza and pasta.

Wolcott said Mangia's staff was notified of the contest on short notice, and naturally assumed an oven would be available for baking the pizza. "We were expecting

a pizza oven, though not a brick one like we have in the restaurant," he said. "Instead, we had what resembled a toaster oven."

The Mangia staff solved its problem by negotiating with an oven retailer who was set up about 50 yards away. Each pie was cooked in the baker's convection oven, then rushed 50 yards to be sampled, Wolcott said.

The winning pizza, made with pesto grilled chicken breast, fresh tomatoes and ricotta and mozzarella cheeses, is one of the establishment's best-sellers, according to Mark Burgasser, executive chef. "The grilled chicken

and pesto marry nicely on the palate."

Wolcott, a Culinary Institute of America graduate, has 10-plus years experience in the restaurant business. He said through the years he worked his way up from doing dishes to chef. At Mangia, located across from the Toll Gate, he supervises a staff of eight.

Pizzas from Old Journey's End in West Sand Lake and Mansion Hill Inn in Albany took first and third place respectively at the expo. The Massachusetts Restaurant Association and Cahners Exposition Group also sponsored the event, held Feb. 2 and 3.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON



## Eagles head for post-season

By Michael Kagan

The Bethlehem Central boys basketball team defeated the Niskayuna Warriors at home in the regular season finale, 72-65, and secured a home sectional game for the first time in four years.

The victory also gave the Eagles (9-6 league, 10-9 overall) a third place finish in the Suburban Council Gold Division and completed BC's most successful regular season in years.

Bethlehem gradually pulled away against the Warriors, leading by two after one quarter, by five at the half, and by seven at the end. Captain Matt Quatraro, one of four Eagles in double figures,

led the team in scoring, as he has all season, sinking three three-pointers on his way to scoring 25 points.

The performance raised his season scoring total to 299, an average of 15.7 points per game.

Chris Macaluso put in 15 points, while fellow junior Mike Pelletier tallied 14. Fred Luck (10 points) and Mike Aylward (eight points) each pulled down 10 rebounds.

The success of this year's team breaks a string of three seasons in which Eagle squads showed little improvement from one year to the next. In 1988-89, BC was 6-14, and in 1989-90, it finished 7-12. Last season, an eight game losing streak

at the close of the regular season gave the Eagles a dismal 6-15 record, including just 2-8 in the gold division.

But the 1991-92 squad, which started out the season with a 2-5 record, rounded out its season by winning four in a row and five of its last six.

BC is scheduled to challenge Albany (11-9) in the first round of the Section II Class A tournament tonight. Albany has defeated Bethlehem in the first round in each of the last three seasons, but all three games were played at Albany.

The advantage to playing at home could be enormous for the Eagles, who are just 3-8 on the road. At home BC is 7-1, having lost only to perennial powerhouse Shenendehowa.

If the Eagles beat Albany they will play the winner of the Christian Brothers Academy - Guildersland game on Friday at 7:30 at Troy High. A win in that game will land BC in the semifinals at the Glens Falls Civic Center on March 6.

## BC swimmers win sectionals

By Emily Church

When Bethlehem's boys varsity swim team began its sectional winning streak in 1973, BC's current coach, Ken Neff, wasn't in high school yet. On Saturday, Feb. 15, Neff coached the Eagles to their nineteenth consecutive year of Section II domination.

Bethlehem won the meet handily with 135 points. Shaker followed with 97.5 points, and Troy came in third with 68.5 points.

Bethlehem encountered little opposition in the water, despite the chants of "fly away Eagles, fly away" which rang across the RPI swimming complex. BC had finalists in every event and in many cases more than one BC swimmer made the top eight.

The medley relay team of Rory Fay, Ian Salsburg, Paul Engel, and Ryan Beck started off the competition with an outstanding win and a season's best of 1:41:54. The team will go to the state championship meet on Mar. 13-14 at Valley Central in Montgomery county.

BC qualified three swimmers in the finals of the 200 yard individual medley. Paul Engel won the event with a personal best time of 2:04:42, barely missing the state meet cut-off time.

Mark Kanuk, who came into finals seeded fourth in the IM, dropped four seconds off of his

trials times, clocking a 2:07:89 and placing third. Pat Gallaher dropped a second off of his trials times and swam a personal best of 2:09:21, placing fourth.

Mike Leyden and Rory Fay both qualified for finals in the 200 yard freestyle. Leyden swam a close race, placing third with a 1:49:55. Fay placed eighth.

Ryan Beck swam neck to neck in the 50 yard freestyle with Guilderville's David Washburn. Washburn pulled ahead to beat Beck by two tenths of a second. Both will go to the State meet. By the time the diving competition began, Bethlehem had 52 points and a 16 point lead over Shaker, their toughest competition.

With a first place in diving by Joe Schneider, third by Tim Bearup and an eighth by Brad Fitzgerald, the Eagles were well on their way to victory.

Paul Engel swam a personal best of 55:82 in the 100 yard butterfly, placing fourth and increasing BC's lead to 21 points.

Mike Leyden swam his second final of the day in the 100 yard freestyle. With a personal best of 49:27, he placed a close third behind Troy's Darren Murray and Guilderville's David Washburn.

Pat Gallaher came eighth in the 100 yard backstroke with a 1:02:94.

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# Dolphins club swims RCS grapplers eye state qualifiers

By Liz Strickler

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club was well represented at the Leathstocking Hawks Winter Invitational Swim Meet at Mohawk Valley Community College on Feb. 8 and 9.

Among the Dolphins who finished in the top twelve of their events was Cailin Brennan, who had a sixth place finish in the 13 to 14 year old girls 200 yard backstroke.

Representing the 11 to 12 year-olds, Stephanie Fong was 8th in the 50 yard butterfly, 9th in the 50 breaststroke and 11th in the 500 yard freestyle. Steve Corson was 7th in the 50 breaststroke, 9th in the 100 individual medley (IM) and 11th in the 50 butterfly. Scott Strickler was 12th in the 50 yard backstroke. Brian Strickler was 9th in the 50 fly and 10th in the 50 breaststroke.

Among the 9 to 10 year-olds, Brian Dowling had second place finishes in both the 100 yard IM and 50 fly, and 4th in the 50 yard freestyle. Tim Corson was 3rd in the breaststroke, 5th in the backstroke and 10th in the 50 free. Arianne Cohen was first in the 200

yard IM, 50 breaststroke and 200 yard freestyle, second in the 100 yard IM and 3rd in the 50 yard breaststroke.

Lisa Fong was first in the 50 fly, third in both the 200 IM and 200 freestyle, 5th in the 100 IM and 9th in the 50 breaststroke.

Seven year-old Becky Corson, the youngest of the Dolphins at the meet, was 4th in the 100 IM, 7th in both the 25 breaststroke and 25 fly, and 9th in the 25 free. Irie Dunne had a 7th place finish in the 25 backstroke.

Fine performances were also turned in by Dolphins Lynne Iannaccone, Elyse McDonough, Lucy Dunne, Katie Prescott, Scott Strickler and Sean Boyle.

By Kevin Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team traveled to Queensbury Friday for the two day Class B tournament.

Jon Engel, Jason Demarest and David Baranska all qualified to wrestle in state qualifiers next week at Hudson Valley Community College.

The team traveled to Queensbury without Tom McGrail or captain Jim Bannahan, both of whom had injuries.

Ravena's only number one seed in the tournament was sophomore John Mantynen. After winning his first match to put him in the semifinals, Mantynen had trouble through the rest of the tournament. During his semifinal match he fought back from a 7-0 deficit to

but that's as close as he could get. He lost 9-7 and then lost his next two to take sixth place.

Randy Beach won his first match of the tourney before bowing to the eventual champion in the semifinals. After losing once more he came back to take 5th place.

Adam Smith lost his first match Friday and came back with a win and a bye early on Saturday. He then lost his next two matches and finished in sixth place.

Engel stepped in for the injured Bannahan and wrestled very well. After losing his first match, he put in a stellar effort in his next three matches before taking fourth.

Bryan Irving won his first match on Friday and his first match on

Saturday but that wasn't enough to place him in the top six at 138 pounds.

Chad Rooney lost a close match before winning his next two matches. He then lost his last two matches to take sixth place.

Demarest won his first match 2-1 to advance to the semifinals where he lost. Demarest won his next match and lost his last match 1-0 to take fourth.

Baranska also won his first match and lost his second, taking third place.

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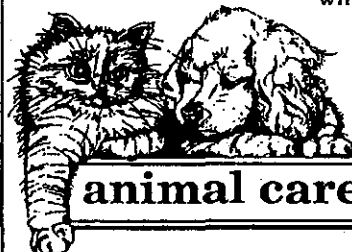
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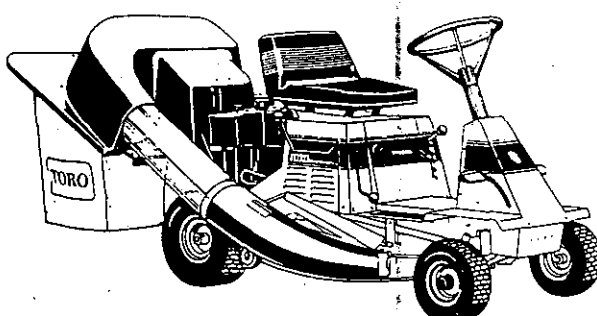
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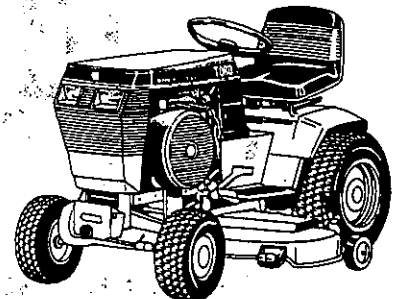
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## Voorheesville teams competing in sectionals

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

The Voorheesville boys and girls basketball teams were recently seeded third and fourth, respectively, for Section II play. Having received byes, both teams will enter the quarter-finals on Friday, Feb. 28.

The Blackbirds (14-4 league, 15-5 overall) now sit behind Watervliet (1) and Spa Catholic (2). Fonda-Fultonville received the fourth seed.

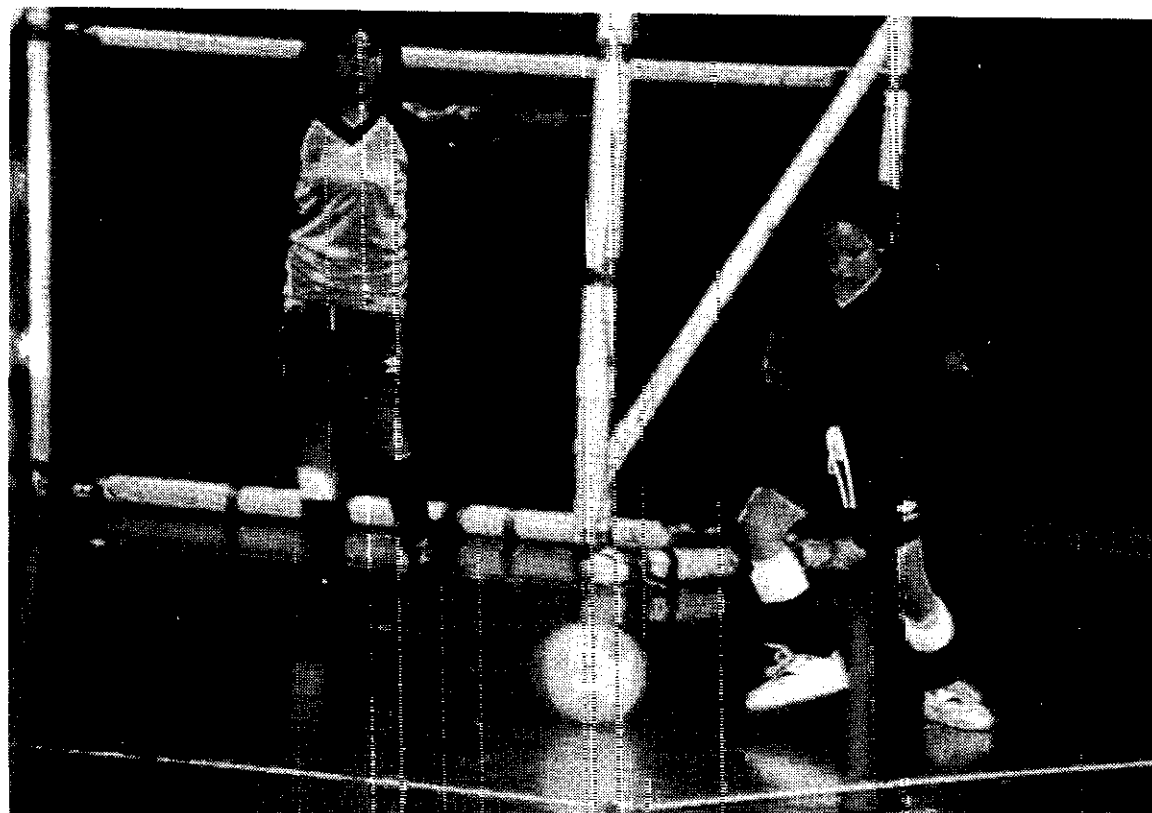
The Birds will travel to Amsterdam High Friday to face the eleventh seeded team Broadalbin-Perth at 7 p.m.

A Voorheesville victory will boost the Birds into the semi-finals at the Glens Falls Civic Center on March 6.

"We have to play hard and take everything one step at a time," said Coach Skip Carrk. "We may end up meeting Watervliet in the finals. That has been our goal."

The Ladybirds (8-10 league, 9-11 overall) were second behind Watervliet (1), Schuylerville (2) and Schoharie (3).

In the quarter-final round, the Ladybirds will meet fifth seeded Fonda-Fultonville at home Friday at 7 p.m.



Lindsey Holley of the Bethlehem Blue Ribbons Under-10 girls soccer team readies to fire a shot in tournament action last week. Looking on is goalie Kim Comtois.

## Delmar keglers bowl them over

Bowling honors for the week of Feb. 16, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Citizen Men — Harold Eck 823 (4 game series), Jim Compson 257, Harold Thompson 205, 564 triple, Bud Kubisch 516 triple.

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Men — Walt Decher 279, 921 (4 game series), Howard Stoker 265, 719 triple, Joe Walton 669 triple.

Women — Dawna Dolen 249, Jennifer Willey 611 triple, Peg Were 820 (4 game series).

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Major Boys — Lee Fournier 236, 522 triple.

Jr. Boys — Jeff Doran 200, 571 triple.

Jr. Girls — Heather Brady 204, 565 triple.

Prep Boys — Richard Antonio 170, 468 triple.

Prep Girls — Amanda Crewell 170, 435 triple.

Bantam Boys — Jay Feigenheimer 115, 322 triple.

Bantam Girls — Kim Grieco 114, 309 triple.

## Bethlehem booters face off

The Bethlehem Blue Ribbons Under-10 girls soccer team was one of this week's representatives in the Mostly Off The Wall soccer tournament at BCHS.

The team, coached by Jim Moshier and Norm and Marilyn Fancher, compiled a fine four wins and two loss record. Goals were scored by Lilly Corrigan, Kim

Comtois, Kristen Lytle, Elizabeth Cappiello, and Lindsay Holley.

Danielle Butler was outstanding in goal, with defensive support from Kaitlin Gertz, Aissa Kind and Megan Fish.

The team's undefeated record ended in the semifinals when they lost to Lakehill, 2-1. They also lost the consolation game to Niskayuna, 3-1.

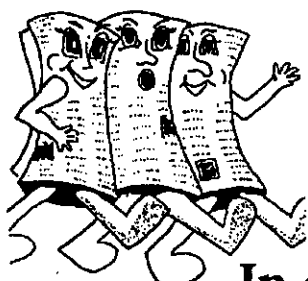
Sunday's winner of the Shoot-out Penalty Kick Championship was Lilly Corrigan.

Bethlehem's Under-16 boys, coached by Al Geis and Bill Silver-

man, started their tournament with a 4-0 win over Guiderland and a 4-2 win over Broadalbin-Perth. Goals were scored by Brian Scott, Dave Webb, Josh Muhfelder, Steve Ciccio and Rob Kind, with support from Mark Kanuk and Matt Brown.

American Football defeated Bethlehem 3-1 in the third game with Steve Ciccio scoring on a pass from Willie Sanchez-Silverman.

On Sunday, March 1, the Bethlehem tournament will feature the Under-14 A boys and the Under-10 A boys.



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## Celts, Nuggets battle to 40-40 tie in Bethlehem Basketball Club action

With only seconds remaining in the game, John McCormack calmly sank a free throw shot to give the Celtics a 40-40 tie with the league leading Nuggets Sunday in Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC) action. Mike Fernando played stubborn defense for the Celtics and Luke Willey paced the Nuggets with 13 points and two blocked shots.

In other Pro Division games, the Lakers fought off a 17 point first quarter deficit to surge past the Bulls 51-47. For the Lakers, Mark Svare posted 30 points and Greg Kaladjan and Mike Reiss played stingy defense. J.J. Kasarjian lead the Bulls with 26 points.

Also, behind the 16 point display of Steve Euler, the Pistons just got by the Knicks 42-40. Mike Fuller put in a strong offensive performance for the Knicks with 12 points.

In All-Star Division games, the Mavs continued their resurgence with a 41-37 victory over the Rockets. The defensive play of Jim Dabek and Joe Bush led the Mavs while the scoring touch of Bill Robinson (19 points) paced the Rockets.

### Red Cross offers water safety courses

The Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer two water safety instructor courses this spring.

The courses will be held: Thursday evenings, March 5 to June 4, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem high school pool; and Sundays, March 8 to May 24, 6 to 10 p.m., at the Albany Jewish Community Center.

Cost for the course is \$50, plus a \$25 pool fee at the Albany JCC.

Pre-registration is required. For information, call 462-7461.

With only two seconds showing on the clock, Ben Oldendorf made a twisting layup to help the Sixers tie the Spurs 46-46. Dave Doyle and Bill Leary each scored 8 points to help the Spurs.

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The Hawks stayed unbeaten with a 49-32 win over the Bucks. Mike O'Connell (6 points) and Kevin Fournier (7 points) helped the Hawks offense while Kevin Blanchard and Scott Isaacs played gritty defense for the Bucks.

Paced by the 10 point scoring performance of Kris Darlington, Providence just got by a determined Syracuse squad 25-19. For

Syracuse, Joel Hatstat lead the offense with 8 points.

The passing and floor leadership of Micah Pernell helped Villanova to a 22-21 victory over a determined Seton Hall squad. Dave

Fogelman scored 6 points to lead Seton Hall.

Finally, a 10 point performance by Mike Coker helped Georgetown edge St. Johns 33-18. Aggressive defense by Tariq Sheikh and the scoring of Keith Campbell (8 points) helped St. Johns.

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### Academy students receive high honors

The Albany Academy Upper School recently announced its honor roll for the first term.

Achieving high honors were Duncan McCaskill and Daniel Chandler, both of Delmar.

Earning honors were Brent Dzekciorius of Delmar, Seth Guterman of Glenmont, James Kelly III of Delmar, Jonathan Peacock of Glenmont, William Haase of Del-

mar, Zachary Kendal of Voorheesville, J. Matthew Moloney of Voorheesville, Irusha Meiris of Slingerlands, Daniel Surh of Slingerlands, Michael Wood of Voorheesville, A. Gregory Finkell of Slingerlands, Joshua Muhlfelder of Slingerlands, Alexander Fafinski of Delmar, J. Scott Lamberson of Delmar, John Popp of Slingerlands and Alexander Ruthman of Slingerlands.

### Delmar dancers win junior jazz contest

Olga Boshart, Erin Isbister, Katie Nehrbauser and Scharazade Lacy, all of Delmar, were among those who recently placed first in the Junior Line Jazz Division, and second in the Junior Line Tap Division at the Sheraton Meadowlands in New Jersey.

These two dance numbers now qualify to compete in the 1992 DanceAmerica National Finals to take place in Las Vegas, Nevada in July.

The girls attend Tynan's School

of Performing Arts in Albany, under the direction of Marge Tynan and Lori Tynan Parker.

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### 'Birds to grapple at sectionals

Three Voorheesville high school wrestlers last weekend took home honors from the Section II Class C Tournament that entitle them to participate in this Saturday's state qualifiers.

Sophomore Dave Bartholomew, wrestling at 250 pounds, placed first in his weight class at the tournament, held in Granville, N.Y. He pinned his opponent, Mike White from Corinth, in 3.05.

Darren Ascone, a junior, took second place in his weight class, 119 pounds. He lost in the final match to Jake Gardner from Hoosick Falls, a returning section II champion. Ascone, co-captain for the Blackbird grapplers, last year was class C champ at 98 pounds.

Senior co-captain Andy Symula placed fourth at 145 pounds. He lost in overtime to Jeremy Pettis from Schuylerville.

If the three are winners at the state qualifying tournament, to take place at Hudson Valley Community College, they will compete at the state tournament, to be held in Syracuse next month.

According to Coach Dick Leach, because the "best wrestlers in the section" will compete during Saturday's tournament, it's difficult to make predictions. In his 22 years of coaching, he said he has had section II champions just seven times, four of which were won by Jeff Clark.

Saturday's preliminary matches begin at 11:30 a.m. Finals are set for 7:30 p.m.

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## Schroeder, Anderson to marry

Richard F. and Suzanne Y. Schroeder of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter, Danielle M. Schroeder, to Ian Anderson, son of Peter and Leonora Anderson of Selkirk.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

and is attending the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. He is also attending the State University of New York at New Paltz.

No wedding date has been set.

## Wilson, Hyde to wed

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wilson of Catskill have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary M. Wilson, to T. Andrew Hyde of Clifton Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Hyde of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a school counselor, employed by the state Education Department as a certification evaluator. Her fiancé is also a school counselor, employed by Berkshire Farm Union Free School District.

A June wedding is planned.

## American Legion post plans brunch

The American Legion will hold a brunch on Sunday, March 8, at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040, Delmar.

Cost will be \$6.

For information and reservations, call John or Donna at 439-9819, or Bill Campbell at 439-3398.

Irish Night will be celebrated at the Blanchard Post on Saturday, March 14 with a cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a corned

beef dinner at 7.

Music will be provided by The Somersets. Tickets are \$12 per person.

The March luncheon will be at the Sidewheeler Restaurant of the Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont at noon on Thursday, March 19. Price is \$7.50.

For information about any of these events, call the post at 439-9819.

## Spotlight on the Services

Marine Lance Cpl. Earl F. Bess, son of Judi A. Frisbee of Route 2, Voorheesville, was recently deployed to the Mediterranean for six months with 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1988 graduate of C.A. Bouton High School joined the Marine Corps in March 1989.

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Kristen R. Radley and Steve J. Rexford

## Radley, Rexford to wed

Sandra Heimburge of South Bethlehem and Reginald Radley of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Rachal Radley of Ravena, to Steve James Rexford of Ravena, son of Lyle and Lorraine Rexford of South Bethlehem.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. She is employed by Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield in Albany.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of RCS High School. He is employed with Key Service Corp. in Albany.

A fall 1993 wedding is being planned.

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During a visit to a potential center, parents should look for a clean, bright atmosphere. The building should be orderly, yet filled with children's voices participating in enjoyable activities.

The person guiding the tour should discuss the center's program and policies. Ask questions. What kind of meals are served? What activities are available? Is there adequate equipment, books, toys? Are they in good repair? How much outdoor space is available? What is the center's philosophy of education? How are the children disciplined?

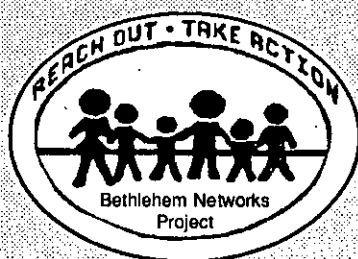
The most important factor in a good day care center is staff. How do they relate to the children? Do they interact with them in a positive way? A day care center is only as good as its staff — no matter how attractive the facility.

Another important consideration is what parents want for their child. There are many fine centers in our area with a wide variety of philosophies. What is appropriate for one child might not be right for another.

Parents should decide whether they want their child to have a program that is primarily social. Do they feel he/she should have a highly structured environment or an environment where numerous choices are available?

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By Patricia Swanson, co-director of Bethlehem Preschool Inc.



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## Mulligan, Novak wed

Cathleen Siobhan Mulligan, daughter of Constance B. and Robert E. Mulligan Jr. of Slingerlands, and Robert Joseph Novak Jr., son of Donna M. Novak of Schenectady and the late Robert J. Novak Sr., were married on Feb. 15.

Rev. Robert Hess performed the ceremony at the Delmar Reformed Church in Delmar.

Eileen Mulligan was maid of honor.

James Dannenberg and Daniel White Jr. were best men.

The bride is a graduate of Schalmont High School and Niagara University.

The groom is a graduate of Schalmont High School and will graduate in the spring of 1993 from Westfield State College in Massachusetts. He is a second lieutenant in the Massachusetts Air National Guard in Westfield, Mass.

After a wedding trip to Lake Placid, the couple resides in Easthampton, Mass.

## Births



### Albany Medical Center Hospital

Boy, Anthony Michael, to Lisa M. Van Alstyne, and Herbert Marsilio II, Selkirk, Dec. 29.

Boy, Timothy Bruce, to Sarah and Bruce DiStefano, Unionville, Dec. 31.

Boy, Abraham Richard, to Eileen and William Lyle, Glenmont, Jan. 1.

Girl, Katherine Mary, to Martha M. McCormick and Thomas R. Barone, Delmar, Jan. 1.

Boy, Matthew Ryan, to Gloria and Paul Johnson, Delmar, Jan. 3.

Girl, Margaret Anne, to Ana and Mark Murphy, Delmar, Jan. 4.

Girl, Megan Jeanne, to Maureen and James Crucetti, Delmar, Jan. 4.

Girl, Kelsey Shannon, to Fran and Scott Merritt, Delmar, Jan. 5.

Boy, Christopher Michael, to Lonna and Jeffrey Ravid, Selkirk, Jan. 5.

Girl, Monroe Julianna, to Mr. and Mrs. John Serras, Voorheesville, Jan. 7.

Boy, Tyler Frances, to Karen Hare and Carmen Mainville, Ravena, Jan. 9.

Boy, Nicholas Joseph, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salzer III, Voorheesville, Jan. 12.

Boy, Michael Patrick, to Leslie and Joe Brennan, Voorheesville, Jan. 12.

Girl, Adena Danielle, to Sandi and Jay Worona, Selkirk, Jan. 14.

Girl, Ashley Joy, to Jane and Tim Puhz, Delmar, Jan. 15.

Boy, Andrew John, to Maria and John Semenick, Ravena, Jan. 15.

Boy, Noor Hamdi, to Barbara and Hamdi Jariri, Delmar, Jan. 16.

Girl, Jessica Lee, to Wendy Jones and Adam Hallenbeck, Selkirk, Jan. 20.

Boy, Arthur Anthony, Jr., to Tracey O'Brien and Arthur Garrison, Coeymans Hollow, Jan. 26.

## Hughes, Breault to wed

Thomas and Michele Hughes of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michele G. Hughes, to Paul A. Breault, son of John and Yvonne T. Breault of Auburn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Mater Dei College. She is

employed by Hughes Opticians in Delmar.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Mater Dei College. He will be attending optometry school in the fall. He is employed by the American Vision Center in Gunderland.

A July wedding is planned.

## Samuels, Hart to marry

Ronald and Kathy Samuels of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter Kelly Ann Samuels, to Eric Hart, son of Don and Joan Hart of East Greenbush.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High

School and Austin Beauty School. She is a self-employed hair dresser at the Design Gallery in Albany.

Hart is a graduate of Columbia High School in East Greenbush. He is the owner of Schodack Autobody.

An April 10 wedding is planned.

## Caimano, Rothwein to wed

Francis X. and Mary Ann Caimano of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Ann Caimano, to Steven Michael Rothwein, son of Harry J. and Gertrude Rothwein of Valatie.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Maria College and Worcester State College. She is

an occupational therapist for The Center for The Disabled in Albany.

Her fiancé is a graduate of La Salle Institute of Troy and Hudson Valley Community College. He is sales manager for the California Closet Company in Albany.

A September wedding is planned.

## Hamagrael does well in MS READaTHON

The Capital District Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society recently announced that Hamagrael Elementary School was among schools receiving top honors in its annual READaTHON Program.

At the READaTHON awards ceremony at Hamagrael, officials announced that the school raised \$2,125 for the MS Society. Participating elementary schools in eastern New York State have raised more than \$21,000 this year.

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## Obituaries

### Therron F. Holliday

Therron F. Holliday, 67, of Maple Avenue, Selkirk, died Monday, Feb. 17 at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a longtime resident of the Ravena-Selkirk area.

Mr. Holliday was a self-employed carpenter until his retirement in 1983.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Stanton Holliday; three daughters, Sharilyn Roy of Castleton, Glendalee Pebler of Voorheesville and Lacienda Lynch of Ravena; a son, Allyn Holliday of Rotterdam Junction; a brother, Eldred Holliday of Oneonta; and several grandchildren.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home, Ravena.

Burial was in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery, New Baltimore.

### Students featured in school production

Samantha Jones of Slingerlands and Robin Parnes of Delmar were featured recently in the Emma Willard School's production of "Revels."

Jones played the role of St. George and served as the stage manager. Parnes played the role of a marshal.

### New Scotland board sets special meeting

Town of New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly has called a special meeting of the Town Board to take place immediately following the 2 p.m. public hearing at the community center on Feb. 26.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider action on the following: to review Orchard Park contract from C.T. Male; to vote on amending the Real Property Law for exemption of property owners at least 65 years of age; to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board; and to schedule a public hearing for Clarksville Water District, if approval is received from Audit and Control.

### Hospital names Miller employee of the month

Karla Miller of Delmar has been chosen February employee of the month by St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

An employee of the hospital for three and a half years, Miller works as a registered nurse in labor and delivery.

Miller is a graduate of Maria College in Albany.

### Free breast screening offered at Bellevue

Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road in Schenectady, is offering a free breast screening day for uninsured, low income women on Friday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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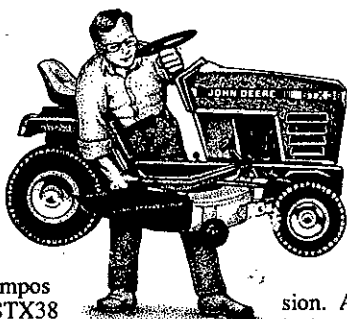
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## Buckling up



Bethlehem police officer David Harrington straps young Heather Mitchell into a child safety seat during a demonstration at the Delaware Plaza Grand Union last week. Heather's mother, Peggy Mitchell, and brother, Bob Mitchell, look on.

Elaine McLain

## Tulip Queen applicants sought

The Albany Tulip Festival is accepting applications for Tulip Queen, to be chosen at the festival on Saturday, May 9.

Nominees must be year-round residents of Albany County, between the ages of 18 and 23, and never been married.

Those wishing to nominate a candidate should send a photograph with the name, address, and phone number of the young

woman, along with a letter detailing the nominee's qualifications. The name and phone number of the person sending the nomination should also be included.

Nominations should be sent to the Mayor's Office of Special Events, 60 Orange St., Albany 12210.

For information, call 434-2032. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 6.

## Parker School plans open house

The Robert C. Parker School, 141 Main St. in Wynantskill, an independent middle school for children in grades four through eight, is hosting an open house on Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Both teachers and students will be on hand to discuss the programs available at the school.

For information, call 286-3449.

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TOWNS OF NEW SCOTLAND, GUILDERLAND AND BERNE  
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of the Board of Education, that a Special Meeting of and for the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York (the "District") will be held on the 10th day of March, 1992 at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Building for the Voorheesville Central School District from 2:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:30 o'clock p.m. or as much longer as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the qualified voters then present to cast their votes on the following proposition:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District (hereinafter the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase two sixty passenger buses and one sixteen passenger bus for the purpose of transporting District pupils at an estimated maximum cost of One Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$120,000.00) including necessary equipment, machinery, apparatus and other ancillary costs for required for the purposes for which such vehicles are to be used, further, that the entire expenditure be supported through the use of unappropriated District funds which were not heretofore designated for use during the 1991-1992 fiscal year.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an informational Public Meeting regarding the Proposition on School Bus Purchases will be held on Monday, March 9, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Board Meeting at the Clayton A. Bouton Jr.-Sr. High School Cafeteria, Route 85A, Voorheesville, New York.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN

### LEGAL NOTICE

that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education  
Voorheesville Central School District  
Voorheesville, New York 12186  
Dated: January 14, 1992  
Valerie Ungerer  
District Clerk  
(February 26, 1992)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
ALBANY COUNTY  
NEW YORK  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
445 DELAWARE AVENUE  
DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054  
(518) 439-4955  
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 1992 at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Richard and Mary Ann Phillips, 2 Deercliff Drive, New Scotland, New York 12127 for Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, of the code of the Town of Bethlehem for converting an existing nonconforming structure to a multiple family residential use at premises 64 Hudson Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(February 26, 1992)

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Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(February 26, 1992)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of BETHLEHEM on the 11th day of March, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respect:

1. Repeal Article VII, Section 1. Traffic entering Cherry Avenue from Oak Road shall make a right turn only and a "No Left Turn" sign shall be erected on Oak Road at its intersection with Cherry Avenue. All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at said hearing.

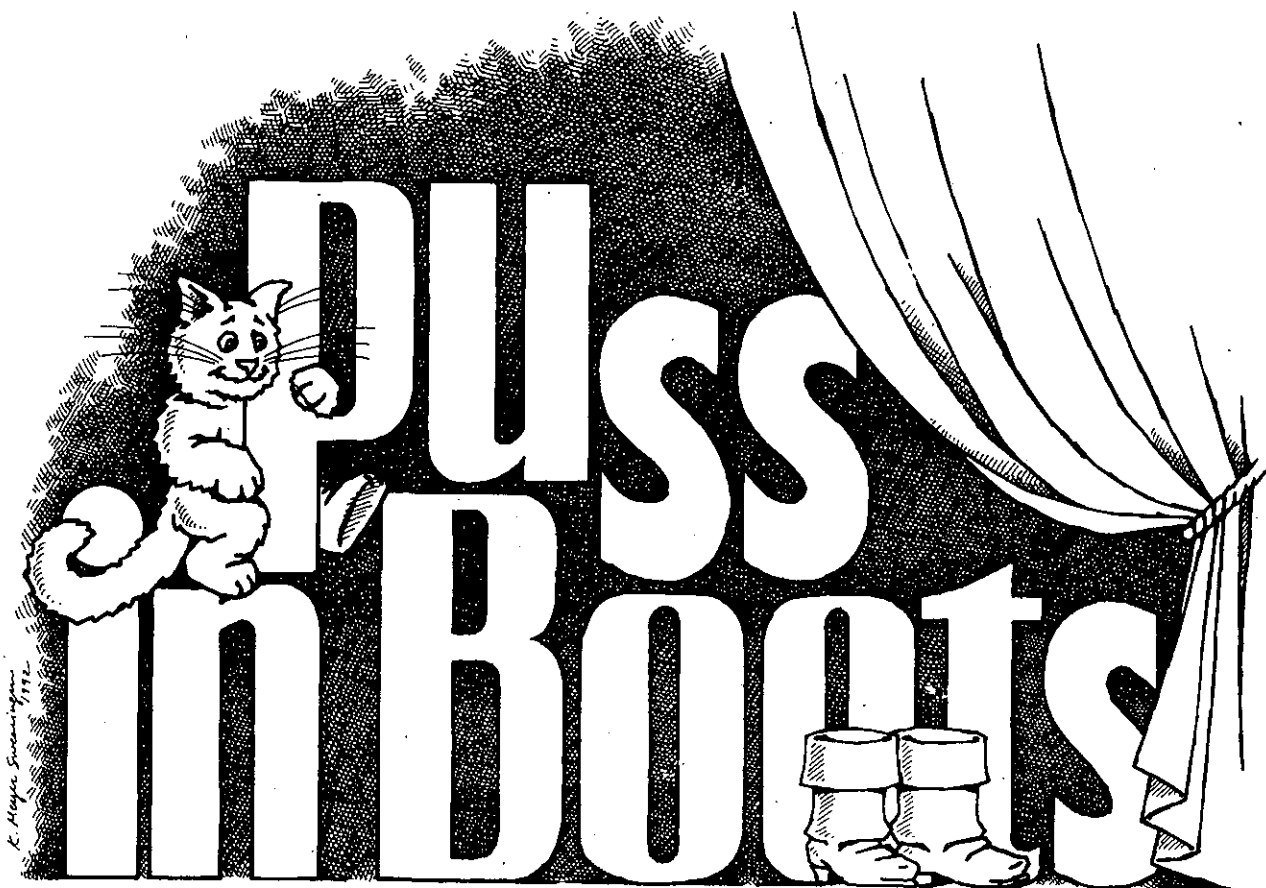
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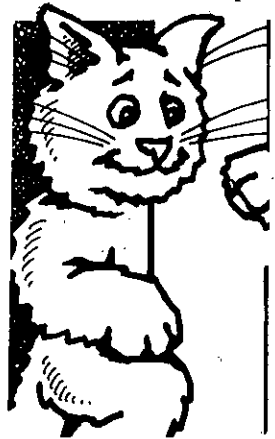
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## Steamer 10 production full of feline fancy

By Michael DeMasi

It's the classic story of boy meets girl, boy can't win girl, boy's cat tries to find a five leaf clover to bring boy and girl together, and it all unfolds in "Puss in Boots," the latest Kids' Fare production by the Steamer No. 10 Theatre in Albany.



A fairy tale set in medieval France, "Puss in Boots" tells the story of Christophe the poor woodcutter and his witty but sometimes too-literal cat, Minet. By chance, Christophe meets the beautiful Princess Angelique and falls in love. But, alas, Christophe is only a commoner and could never marry into the royal family.

"In a moment of bitterness Christophe says he is as likely to become a marquis as he is to find a five leaf clover," explained Ric Chesser, director of the play.

Thinking that this is the answer to his master's problems, Minet sets off on a search for the elusive five leaf clover. This earnest and lovable cat always takes people at their word, it seems.

"You tell him to go climb a tree and he asks which one," said Chesser.

In his search for the clover, Minet must outsmart the evil Enchanter, who needs the leaf as a secret ingredient for a potion he's making.

"What I love about this play is Minet has to use his wit and ingenuity to solve his problems," said Chesser. "It's not like on Saturday morning cartoons when the strongest character always wins. I particularly like stories where a character's success is based on the ability to come up with innovative solutions instead of relying on force."

Chesser describes the one hour and fifteen minute production as subtly humorous, with the always help-

ful Minet supplying most of the comedy.

"It certainly doesn't hit you over the head but I can guarantee everyone's going to be laughing through the show," he said. "Finding all the humor is always the hardest part. With a little touch here and a little touch there you can bring out these nuances."

"Puss in Boots" marks the directorial debut for Chesser at the theater. Four-and-a-half years ago, he founded Steamer No. 10, overseeing the rehabilitation of the old firehouse at 500 Western Ave. that houses the 120-seat venue.

For this production, a proscenium arch was constructed above the stage to hold a curtain. Normally the Steamer No. 10's stage is not hidden from view, but with three different sets encompassing "Puss in Boots" — the forest, the king's palace and the enchanter's palace — Chesser decided to employ a curtain for the change of scenery.

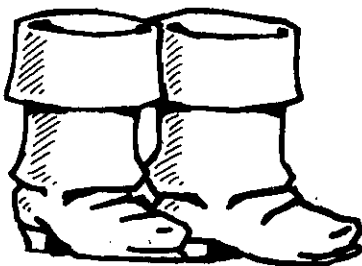
Costumes for the play were designed by Carol Crandell, a doll maker and soft sculpture artist. Although visually they look very simple, Chesser said they are actually fairly elaborate pieces of work.

"She just brought that wonderful feeling of fantasy to the costumes," he said.

Although it's a fairy tale, Chesser said the play is not geared exclusively toward kids. Just like the classic Saturday morning cartoons, most adults will enjoy the witty brand of humor that makes up "Puss in Boots."

"Puss in Boots" premieres Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for kids and senior citizens and \$8 for adults. Other show dates and times include: March 7 and 14 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 29, March 1, 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 2 p.m.; and March 6 and 13 at 10 a.m. Call 438-5503 for information.



## Albany planetarium a stargazer's delight

By Michael DeMasi

Look up at the sky.

There! See the big dipper? How about the Albany skyline peeking over the horizon? Don't close your eyes for an instant or you may miss a shooting star screaming across a backdrop of bright constellations.

With a 30 foot domed theater and seating for up to 60 patrons, the newly opened Henry Hudson Planetarium offers the chance to gaze at the big sky around you inside the comfort of the Albany Visitors Center in downtown Albany.

Opened Feb. 19, the new planetarium is part of a \$2 million expansion of the 25 Quackenbush Square visitors center. Included in the expansion is also a storytelling room, a "Building Blocks of the City" room offering a hands-on exhibit on architecture and city planning, and a gift shop.

"This new facility was created through a unique partnership which included the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the City of Albany, and the Albany County Hudson-Champlain Celebration Inc.," said Albany Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III.



Beginning March 6, the planetarium will offer weekend showings of "Albany: A New Star on the Hudson," "The Little Star that Could," and a seasonal show. Each of the shows is scheduled to run about one-half hour.

In "Albany: A New Star on the Hudson," Albany's place in time and space is explained with a journey through history and across many light years. Recommended for all ages, the show also discusses some Iroquois sky myths and features panoramas of Albany's skyline.

"It takes you through a history of Albany from an astronomer's point of view," said Mollie Maloney, director of marketing at the visitors center.

"The Little Star that Could," recommended for children age 4 to 8, takes a trip with a tiny star as he searches for planets and meets his neighbors in the galaxy.

Other shows that will be offered include: "The Message of Starlight," which focuses on the tools astronomers use to examine starlight; "More Than Meets the Eye," an explanation of why what we see in the sky with our eyes, binoculars and small telescopes doesn't look like the pictures we see in magazines; "Bear Tales," an exploration of the night skies featuring some of the spring constellations; and "Star of Wonder," a holiday show that discusses the star of Bethlehem from an astrological point of view.

On Saturday, Feb. 29, a special showing of "Albany: A New Star on the Hudson" will be held at 10:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. There will also be a scavenger hunt in the center's business and capitol exhibit as well as refreshments. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children (half the regular price).



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### OH COWARD

musical, Cohoes Music Hall, Feb. 28-March 22, Thurs.-Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

### EQUUS

explores childhood experiences, Skidmore Theater, Saratoga Springs, Feb. 27-29, March 5-7, 8 p.m.; March 8, 3 p.m. Information, 584-5000.

### A SHAYNA MAIDEL

sensitive family reunion after the Holocaust, Siena College, Loudonville, Feb. 28-29, March 5-7, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

### YOURS, ANNE

from the diary kept during the Nazi occupation of Holland, NYS Theatre Institute, Albany, Through Feb. 29, weekdays, 10 a.m.; Fri. and Sat., 8 a.m. Information, 442-5373.

### SHOWCASE

University at Albany Theatre Department talent, Feb. 27-29, March 4-7. Information, 442-3995.

### HOW I GOT THAT STORY

nightmare comedy, Capital Rep., Albany, Through March 15. Information, 462-4531.

### THE MIKADO

by Gilbert and Sullivan, The Albany Academy, Feb. 28-29, 8 p.m. Information, 465-1461.

## DANCE

### LIMON DANCE COMPANY

Carla Maxwell, artist director, The Empire Center, Albany, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### SINGLE SQUARE OF ALBANY

plus level square dance with rounds, St. Michael's Community Center, Cohoes, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

## MUSIC

### MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL

evening of Cajun and Zydeco music, food and fun, Proctor's Schenectady, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 476-1000.

## WHISKERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

benefit concert, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

## MOUNTAIN DULCIMER MUSIC FEST

fourth annual, McKownville United Methodist Church, Feb. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 439-3699.

## CLASSICAL TRIO

flutist Jan Vinci, guitarist Joel Brown and pianist Richard Hihn in concert, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, March 1, 2 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

## ANNUAL FACULTY SHOWCASE GALA CONCERT

featuring pianists Findlay Cockrell and William Jones, University Performing Arts Center, Feb. 29, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

## SAINT ROSE SPRING JAZZ CONCERT

Empire State Jazz Ensemble, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, March 1, 3 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

## MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

performing, First Presbyterian Church, Albany, March 1, 2:30 p.m.

## CONNIE KALDOR

singer-songwriter, The Eighth Step, Albany, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

## BETTY & THE BABY BOOMERS

performing, The Eighth Step, Albany, Feb. 29, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

## LINDA JONES

singer, piano player, the Stone Ends Restaurant, Glenmont, Fri. and Sat. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 465-3178.

## WINTER CONCERT SERIES

World Music and Jazz, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Union College, Schenectady, Information, 370-6201.

## BOBBY MCFERRIN

performing with 10-member a cappella singing group, Proctor's Schenectady, Feb. 26, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

## ONE HEART

Ken Shea and Maureen DeLuxe, every Thursday, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Monaco's Village Inn, Information, 899-5780 or 393-5282.

## SKIP PARSONS & CO.

Sunday Jazz brunch, Italian American Community Center, Albany, Through March 1, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. "Fat Tuesday" buffet, March 3, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Information, 439-2310.

## SKIP PARSONS' RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND

second weekend, every month, The Fountain, Albany, Information, 439-2310.

## L'ECOLE ENCORE

Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. Information, 437-1234.

## THE BIG BAND SALUTE TO BENNY GOODMAN

salute to the "King of Swing," Proctor's Schenectady, Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

## TOURS

### HART-CLUETT MANSION

of the Rensselaer County Historical Society, adult tours, Tues.-Fri., with an occasional Sat. tour. Reservations, 722-7232.

### STYLE AND ART:

A Closer Look, Albany Institute of History & Art, Feb. 28, 12:15 p.m.; March 1, 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## FILMS

### DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK

pioneers in the Mohawk Valley during the Revolutionary War, Albany Institute of History & Art, March 1, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

### MY LEFT FOOT

story of personal victory over severe physical disabilities, Siena College, Loudonville, March 2, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

### ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN

song-filled story, state museum, Albany, Feb. 29, March 1, and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

## CLASSES

### OLD SONGS INC.

spring group instruction classes, six weeks, beginning March 3. Information, 765-2815.

### WINTER ART CLASSES

for children and adults, Albany Institute of History and Art, Through March. Information, 463-4478.

### WINTER BREAK SPECIALS

fine arts classes, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, Through April. Information, 792-1761.

### MAKEUP TECHNIQUE CLASSES

held by the Highlight Acting Troupe, Raymerton Evangelical Lutheran Church, Feb. 27, March 5, 7-10 p.m. Information, 237-6936.

### DANCE & MOVEMENT CLASSES

for adults and children, through April 11, eba Center for Dance and Movement, Albany, Offering ballet, jazz, tap, modern, African, mid-Eastern, bodyshop, stretch and Tai Chi. Information, 465-9916.

## VOLUNTEERS

### FIFTH ANNUAL GARDEN AND FLOWER SHOW

presented by Wildwood Programs, Learning Disabilities Association of the Capital Region, at the Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, March 13-15. Information, 356-6410, ext. 418.

## ENTRIES

### POETS

to participate in a Poetry Performance Marathon, Voorheesville Public Library, Feb. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 10-minute slots. Information, 765-2791.

## LECTURES

### THE ADIRONDACK PAINTINGS OF WINSLOW HOMER

guest lecturer David Tatham, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, Feb. 29, 2-3:30 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

## READINGS

### ELENA CASTEDO

author of "Paradise," reads from her work, University at Albany, Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

### DIANE ACKERMAN

poet and nonfiction science writer, University at Albany, March 3, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

## AUDITIONS

### SINGERS FOR ENJOYMENT

Albany based choral group, accepting new members. Folk songs, Broadway show tunes, and inspirational music. Information, 459-5046.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

accepting new members, rehearsals Tues., 7:30 p.m., Third Reformed Church, Albany, Information, 869-9614.

### THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND THE TANGLEWOOD INSTITUTE

musicians interested in attending the 1992 summer season of the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, and the Boston University School of Music, Albany Performing Arts Center, Feb. 29, 10-5 p.m. Information, (617) 353-3386.

## VISUAL ARTS

### ENDURING FLOWER

flower show featuring capital region floral designers, state museum, Albany, Feb. 28-March 1. Demonstrations and workshops through June 28. Information, 474-5801.

### SWISS POSTER ART

from the CIBA-GEIGY Collection, University Art Gallery, Albany, March 3-April 12, Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-Sat.-Sun, 1-4 p.m. Information, 442-4035.

### HANDS OF EXPERIENCE

exhibit featuring 47 works by residents, employees, and volunteers at state's not-for-profit nursing homes, housing facilities, adult care facilities, and community service recipients, North Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Through March 4. Information, 449-2707.

## GROUP SHOW

featuring recent works by Douglas Culhane, Grace Markman, Jim McNaughton and Douglas C. Shippee, The Arts Center, Troy, Through March 21. Information, 273-0552.

## 20TH CENTURY AFRICAN AMERICAN ACTIVISM

In the Capital District, University at Albany library, Through Feb. 29. Information, 442-3544.

## FORMATIONS

group show, with sculptures by Sharon Bates, Nadia Miriam Dabul, Jeanne Flanagan and David Kreple at Russell Sage College, Troy, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246. Paintings by George Van Hook at Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard, Information, 273-0552.

## THE SIGHTS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS:

New York State, prepared by Beth Powers and Dr. Maren Stein, University at Albany library, Through Feb. 29. Information, 442-3558.

## A NEAT PLAIN MODERN STYLE:

Philip Hooker and his contemporaries, 1790-1840, Albany Institute of History & Art, March 27-June 28. Information, 463-4478.

## SHIPSHAPE!

with work by Dave Kavner, Rex Stewart and the North River Boatworks, lobby of One KeyCorp Plaza, Albany, Through March 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Information, 463-3332.

## TEAPOTS

by 30 ceramic artists, Rathbone Gallery, Albany, Feb. 28, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mon., Wed. 6-8 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

## BILL WILSON

paintings, The Albany Center Galleries, Through March 6, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

## INTERPLAY '92

an open juried exhibition, Albany Institute of History and Art, Through March 7. Information, 463-4478.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 26**
**ALBANY COUNTY**

**"LOTS OF LAPS" FUNDRAISER**  
ice skating fundraiser for the Trinity Institution, sponsored by the Albany Academy, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9:35-11 a.m. Information, 465-1461.

**INCREASE EARNINGS AND REDUCE TAXES**  
seminar sponsored by the Dime Agency, Northway Mall, Central Ave., Colonie, 7 p.m. Information, 471-0242.

**LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**  
sponsored by the Albany Coalition on Aging Services, Assembly Parlor, Room 306, New York State Capitol, Albany, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Information, 489-4791.

**SKI CLUB MEETING**  
Capital Area Ski Touring Association, German-American Club, Cherry Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-2275.

**CAREER DAY '92**  
open to all Capital District college students, Russell Sage College, Multi-Purpose room, Robison Athletic Center, Sage Troy Campus, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 270-2272.

**PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR**  
seminar on estate planning, Albany Hilton, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 463-6678.

**"EYES ON THE PRIZE: BACK TO THE MOVEMENT"**  
film, Black and Latin Student Alliance, Multicultural Center, Sage Troy Campus, 6 p.m. Information, 270-2306.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**

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

**SQUARE DANCE**  
St. Michael's Community Center, 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**  
**FEBRUARY 27**
**ALBANY COUNTY**

**ASSERTIVENESS IN THE JOB INTERVIEW**  
seminar, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

**FREE LEGAL CLINIC**  
offered by the Capital District Women's Bar Association and The Women's Building, 79 Central Ave., Albany, 4-7 p.m. Information, 465-1597.

**THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF CHILDREN**  
lecture, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, 11 a.m. Information, 370-6172.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
for the parents of prospective students in pre-K through grade four, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Information, 465-5222.

**CPR AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT**  
course, Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

**CDTA MEETING**  
for improved services to the elderly and disabled, CDTA board room, 110 Watervliet Ave., Albany, 4:30 p.m.

**"LOTS OF LAPS" FUNDRAISER**  
ice skating fundraiser for the Trinity Institution, sponsored by the Albany Academy, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8:30-11 a.m. Information, 465-1461.

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

**SARATOGA COUNTY**

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga 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.

**FRIDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 28**
**ALBANY COUNTY**

**CPR AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT**  
course, Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

**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.

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 29**
**ALBANY COUNTY**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXAM**  
for grade nine students entering Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 9-11:30 a.m. \$15 registration fee. Information, 465-5222.

**YOGA FOR CHILDREN**  
Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guildland, 10-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$18. Information, 452-3455.

**FASHION/TALENT SHOW**  
sponsored by the Black and Latin Student Alliance, Russell Sage College, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Sage Troy Campus, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 1**
**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

**SPRING CONCERT**

the Saint Rose Jazz Ensemble, College of Saint Rose, Room 158, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

**BOOK SHOW**

College of Saint Rose, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, Mon., Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tues. and Wed. 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sun. 1-4 p.m. Through March 22. Information, 454-5209.

**COIN AND STAMP SHOW**

Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 346-2584.

**ANNUAL CONCERT**

presented by the Monday Musical Club, First Presbyterian Church, State St., Albany, 2:30 p.m.

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# SPOTLIGHT

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## Impressive production of Yours, Anne presented by Theatre Institute at The Egg

Since last presented at the Egg in a Heritage Artists production, *Yours, Anne* has been reshaped as a musical play about the young Jewish girl, Anne Frank, who hid with her family in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam for two years during World War II.

Based on the young woman's diary that was found after her death in a concentration camp, the musical work by Enid Futterman (lyrics) and Michael Cohen (music) gives the tragic story a greater depth of character and increased internal exposition than the better-known play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

The music, often sung in recitative fashion, permits the elaboration of emotions and telescoping of time more effectively. This is combined with director Terence Lamude's stark staging that combines with Bill Stabile's graphic slide backdrops which frame his multi-level representation of the attic where two families hid for two years.



Martin P. Kelly

This production, which will be presented through Saturday with performances Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m. and Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., places a great responsibility on the young actress who plays the title role.

In this production, Sarah Farnum, a student from Ichabod Crane High School, is more than equal to the role. No novice to the stage, the young actress has played the title role of *Annie* and a leading role in *The Sound of Music* in Albany's Park Playhouse productions.

There is poignancy in her first touch of young love with another teenager, Peter Van Daan (Timothy A. Gibbs) that's delicately staged by Lamude and played adroitly by the two actors.

The ensemble work of the actors portraying the parents, the Franks (Joel Aroeste and Etta Caren Fink) and the Van Daans (John Romeo and Betsy Riley) is impressive. So, too, are the contributions of the imprisoned dentist, Mr. Dussel (David Bunce) and the other Frank daughter, Margot, (Maria Michaels).

Mark Brockley provides fine musical support on piano and synthesizer.

The final scene as the Nazis find the hideout as news of the Allied invasion of Europe breaks on their radio is harrowing but riveting.

For more info, call 442-5373.

## Capital Repertory changes play as part of budget reorganization

With the news that the Capital Repertory was on track to a \$400,000 deficit for this season, the Albany-based Equity company combined an urgent fund-raising drive along with a change in the fifth play of its six-play season.

Artistic director Bruce Bouchard replaced the previously announced *The Baltimore Waltz* with recent off-Broadway prize winner, *The Sum of Us*.

Acknowledging that *The Baltimore Waltz* would have been one of the most challenging productions attempted by the theater, Bouchard said that the current fiscal crisis makes the presentation less feasible now than at a future date.

He also said that *The Sum of Us* is a more upbeat play dealing with the love, humor and understanding between a father and his gay son. It also brings back actor James Doerr who had made a performing impact with his appearance in *The Belmont Avenue Social Club* last season.

*The Sum of Us* will be presented March 27-April 28.

## Proctor's List Two Pre-Lent Musical Events This Week

Schenectady's Proctor's Theater will play host to *The Big Band Salute to Benny Goodman* Thursday (Feb. 27) that brings back the sound and time of the swingtime and jazz era of the 30s and 40s.

Led by a former Goodman sideman, clarinetist Peanuts Hucko, the program was first introduced at Disneyland in 1987.

Former Goodman band singers Buddy Greco and Louise Tobin also join the orchestra.

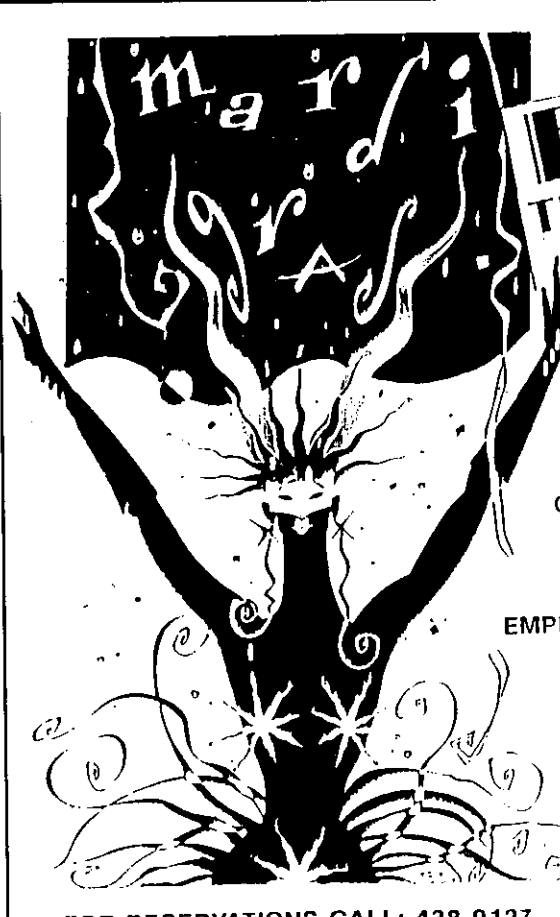
On Friday (Feb. 28), Proctor's will host its Mardi Gras Festival with the theater's arcade turned into a portion of New Orleans' Bourbon Street where food, music and entertainment will begin at 6 p.m.

Later on the main stage, two New Orleans bands will entertain. *Michael Doucet and Beausoleil* will play its distinctive music and will be followed by *C. J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band*.

For more info on both shows, call 345-6204.

## Around Theaters!

*How I Got That Story*, satirical drama based on Vietnam war, at Capital Repertory Company (462-4531)... *Home to The Greenhorn*, 1912's Irish comedy, at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater (463-3811).




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## CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 26

## BETHLEHEM

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
SERVICESParks and Recreation Office,  
Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information,  
439-0503.

## TESTIMONY MEETING

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

## DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

evening group, community  
room, Bethlehem Public Library,  
"Crazy Quilt Pin Cushion," bring  
scraps of velvet and silk, 7 p.m.  
Information, 439-3916.

## 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.NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY  
CHURCHBible study and prayer meeting,  
10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere.  
Information, 439-7864.GRACE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCHTOPS 6:30 p.m., Al Anon and Ala  
Teen 7 p.m., 16 Hillcrest Dr.,  
Ravena. Information, 756-6688.BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY  
GROUPprovides volunteers with  
excavation and laboratory  
experience, Monday and  
Wednesday mornings,  
archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South.  
Information, 439-6391.

## NEW SCOTLAND

## MOUNTAINVIEW

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

## VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC

## LIBRARY STORY HOUR

51 School Road, Voorheesville,  
4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR  
CITIZENSevery 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.

## TAX AIDE

free assistance for senior  
citizens, sponsored by American  
Association of Retired Persons,  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51  
School Road, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Information, 765-2791.THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 27

## BETHLEHEM

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
SERVICESParks and Recreation Office,  
Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information,  
439-0503.

## PAPR HOBBY FAIR

Clarksville Parents As Reading  
Partners, program "kick off,"  
Clarksville Elementary School,  
Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information,  
768-2318.

## SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

6:30 p.m.; readings by Gretchen  
Holbrook Gerzina 7:30 p.m.,  
Bethlehem Public Library, 451  
Delaware Ave., Delmar.  
Information, 439-9314.GRACE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCHchancel choir rehearsal, 7 p.m.,  
16 Hillcrest Dr., Ravena.  
Information, 756-6688.

## BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

meet every Thursday at  
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445  
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30  
p.m. Information, 439-4955.

## 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.

## KABBALAH 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.

## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

sponsored by Project Hope and  
Bethlehem Opportunities  
Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First  
United Methodist Church,  
Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information,  
767-2445.BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN  
CHURCH85 Elm Ave., Thursdays. Bible  
study, 10 a.m.; Creator's  
Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior  
choir, 7:30 p.m. Information,  
439-4328.

## BOWLING

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

## NEW SCOTLAND

## FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30  
p.m. Information, 765-2870.FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 28

## BETHLEHEM

## RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for those with chronic  
nervous symptoms. First United  
Methodist Church, 428  
Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every  
Friday, 12:30 p.m. Information,  
439-9976.

## 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.

## CHABAD CENTER

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

## NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY STORY HOURS51 School Road, Voorheesville,  
10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Information, 765-2791.

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

United Pentecostal Church, Rt.  
85, New Salem, 7 p.m.  
Information, 765-4410.SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 29

## BETHLEHEM

## 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.PORNOGRAPHY: AN  
UNDECLARED WAR ON THE  
FAMILYdiscussion of pornography's  
impact on our society and  
families, Bethlehem Community  
Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar,  
7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

## CHABAD CENTER

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

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

Onesquethaw Reformed  
Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura  
Bush, servings at 4:30, 5:30 and  
6:30 p.m. \$6 adults, \$3 children.  
Information, 767-9573.POETRY PERFORMANCE  
MARATHONday-long reading of "Paterson,"  
by William Carlos Williams,  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51  
School Road, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Information, 765-2791.SUNDAY  
MARCH 1

## BETHLEHEM

## BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday worship service, 10:15  
a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.;  
Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m.  
Meetings held at the Auberge  
Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland  
Road, Slingerlands. Information,  
475-9086.BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY  
CHURCHmorning worship service, nursery  
provided 10:30 a.m. Sunday  
school 9 a.m.; evening  
fellowship, 6 p.m., 201 Elm Ave.,  
Delmar. Information 439-3135.BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN  
CHURCHworship services, 8 and 10:30  
a.m.; Sunday school 9:15 a.m.  
Nursery care available 8 a.m.-  
noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.  
Information, 439-4328.

## DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

worship and Sunday school,  
nursery provided, 9 and 11 a.m.  
adult education and children's  
program, 10-10:50 a.m. Nursery  
care available, 386 Delaware  
Ave. Information, 439-9929.DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCHworship, church school, nursery  
care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and  
fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult  
education programs, 11:15  
a.m.; family communion  
service, first Sundays, 585  
Delaware Ave., Delmar.  
Information, 439-9252.EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN  
CHURCHworship, Sunday school and  
nursery care, 10 a.m., followed  
by a time of fellowship, Retreat  
House Rd., Glenmont.  
Information, 463-6465.FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SCIENTISTservice and Sunday school, 10  
a.m., child care provided, 555  
Delaware Ave., Delmar,  
Information, 439-2512.FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF  
BETHLEHEMchurch school, 9:30 a.m.;  
worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6  
p.m. Rt. 9W Selkirk, Information,  
767-2243.FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF DELMARworship, 9:30 a.m.; church  
school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and  
adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery  
care, 9 a.m.-noon, 428  
Kenwood Ave., Delmar.  
Information, 439-9976.GLENMONT REFORMED  
CHURCHworship, 11 a.m.; nursery care  
provided; Sunday school, 10  
a.m. 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont.  
Information, 436-7710.GRACE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCHTCS Lenten Communion  
Breakfast 7 a.m., Sunday school  
9 a.m., morning worship 10:30  
a.m., coffee and fellowship  
11:30 a.m., confirmation class  
and covered dish supper 2  
p.m., 16 Hillcrest Dr., Ravena.  
Information, 756-6688.NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY  
CHURCHSunday school, 9:45 a.m.;  
Sunday service, 11 a.m. 10  
Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere.  
Information, 439-7864.ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCHEucharist followed by breakfast,  
8 and 10:30 a.m., followed by  
coffee hour, nursery care  
provided, Poplar and Elsmere  
Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-  
3265.SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHworship service, church school,  
10 a.m.; fellowship hour and  
adult education programs,  
nursery care provided, 1499  
New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.  
Information, 439-1766.

## SOLID ROCK CHURCH

1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont,  
morning worship 11 a.m.  
Information, 439-4314.SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCHSunday 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 CHURCHSunday school and worship, 10  
a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar.  
Information, 438-7740.OILS AND WATERCOLORS  
EXHIBITby Raymond A. Decker, March  
1-30, Mon. through Fri. 9 a.m.-9  
p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-  
5 p.m. Bethlehem Public Library,  
451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.  
Information, 439-9314.LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN  
CHURCHworship meeting, Bethlehem  
Grange Hall 137, Rt. 396,  
Beckers Corners, 11 a.m.  
Information, 235-1298.

## NEW SCOTLAND

JERUSALEM REFORMED  
CHURCHSunday school, 9:30 a.m.;  
worship 10:30 a.m., followed by  
coffee hour, Route 32, Feura  
Bush. Information, 732-7047.CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY  
CHURCHSunday school, 9:15 a.m.;  
worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour  
following service, nursery care  
provided, Clarksville,  
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 CHURCHBible 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  
CHURCHworship 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 SCOTLANDworship, 10 a.m.; church school,  
11:15 a.m., nursery care  
provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland.  
Information, 439-6454.UNIONVILLE REFORMED  
CHURCHworship, 10:30 a.m., followed by  
fellowship time, Delaware  
Trpk., 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.

## FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m.;  
worship, 11 a.m. New Salem.  
Information, 765-2870.MONDAY  
MARCH 2

## BETHLEHEM

## 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.

## BLANCHARD POST MEETING

8 p.m., Poplar Drive, Elsmere.  
Information, 439-9819.GRACE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCHjunior choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m.,  
Grace Ringers rehearsal and  
A.A. 7 p.m., 16 Hillcrest Dr.,  
Ravena. Information, 756-6688.

## DELMAR KIWANIS

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

## AL-ANON GROUP

support for relatives of  
alcoholics, Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar,  
8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-  
4581.DELMAR COMMUNITY  
ORCHESTRArehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall,  
Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information,  
439-4628.BOARD OF FIRE  
COMMISSIONERSElmwood Park Fire District, first  
Mondays, North Bethlehem Fire  
House, 589 Russell Road,  
Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information,  
869-6996.

## DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

general meeting, Bethlehem  
Public Library, community room,  
451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10  
a.m. Information, 439-9314.BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY  
GROUPprovides volunteers with  
excavation and laboratory  
experience Monday and  
Wednesday mornings,  
archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South.  
Information, 439-6391.

## NEW SCOTLAND

## 4-H CLUB

meets first and third Mondays,  
7:30 p.m., home of Marilyn  
Miles, Clarksville. Information,  
768-2186.Don't Miss  
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**NEW SCOTLAND****STORY HOUR**

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

**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  
MARCH**

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**BETHLEHEM**

**TAWASENTHA CHAPTER NSDAR** business meeting, Mrs. Warren Creel will preside, dessert served, 7 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Information, 482-3865.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

**DELMAR ROTARY**

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

**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.

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday school teachers' meeting, lounge, 7 p.m., 16 Hillcrest Dr., Ravena. Information, 756-6688.

**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH**

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**BETHLEHEM****YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE** Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, Joan Hyde, 465-4576.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**

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

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**

meets first and third Wednesdays, Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**

meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Information, 767-2886.

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# The play's the thing



Richard Walsh, left, as the bookreading immigrant Stephen Sweeney, counsels spinster Nora Matthews on George Bernard Shaw's thoughts on women's liberation. Matthews is played by actress Mary Keane. The play, called "Home To The Greenhorn," was written by Spotlight Newspapers columnist and playwright Martin Kelly. Riverview Productions will perform the two-act comedy on Feb. 28 and Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. and March 1 at 5 p.m. at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 North Main Ave., Albany. Tickets are \$19. For information, call 463-3811.

## Weekly Crossword

### "Island Hopping"

By Gerry Frey

**ACROSS**

- 1 Swedish car
- 5 Chicken noodles, eg
- 10 Baby's first words
- 14 Hawkeye
- 15 Booth Luce
- 16 Ripens
- 17 Ark builder
- 18 Acquiesce
- 19 Completed
- 20 Indonesian Island
- 22 West Indies Island
- 24 Ms. West
- 25 Twenty
- 26 Fragrant floral oil
- 29 Encouraging yell
- 30 Bouquet
- 34 Golf scores
- 35 de-sac
- 36 Red wine
- 37 Amer. Petroleum Inst.
- 38 Island south of Cuba
- 40 Italian Island:Abv.
- 41 Yellow
- 43 Somebody's wife
- 44 Follows time or work
- 45 Kilmer poem
- 46 Bro's sib
- 47 High-strung
- 48 Donnybrooks
- 50 Intelligence org.
- 51 Bering Strait Island
- 54 Emerald Island
- 58 Brute
- 59 Male honeybee
- 61 Away from the wind
- 62 Placed
- 63 Spooky
- 64 Appellation
- 65 Lion in "Born Free"
- 66 Haley's book
- 67 Globule

**DOWN**

- 1 Without:French
- 2 Baseball's Matty
- 3 Apple eater
- 4 Islands north of Cuba
- 5 Frighten
- 6 Ms. Korbut
- 7 United Arab Republic
- 8 Deliver a sermon
- 9 evil
- 10 African Island:Var.
- 11 Full of excitement
- 12 Bill of fare
- 13 Adrift
- 21 Sailor
- 23 Nonsense refrain
- 25 Grecian Island
- 26 Separate
- 27 Swine-like Animal found on 20 across island
- 28 Indian clan
- 29 Liquor distilled on 38 across island
- 31 Mr. Wells
- 32 Arithmetic middles
- 33 "... lovely as \_\_\_\_\_" from 45 across poem
- 35 Fire:slang
- 36 Cubic centimeters:Abv
- 38 "The Outlaw \_\_\_\_\_ Wales"
- 39 US tax agcy.
- 42 Famous vacation Island
- 44 New \_\_\_\_:So. Pacific Island
- 46 CD player
- 47 Even score
- 49 Stranger
- 50 Canadian Indians
- 51 Mark for deletion
- 52 Printing style:Abv
- 53 Elevator introducer
- 54 JFK or RSVP, eg
- 55 Apple preservative
- 56 Jules Verne's Captain
- 57 Profound
- 60 Gold in Spain

**Solution to "Mr. President"**

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## SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

Proctor's Theatre Arcade on Friday, Feb. 28, will transform into New Orleans' renowned Bourbon Street for a night of Cajun and Zydeco music, food and fun. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. Michael Doucet and Beausoleil and C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band will entertain all party-goers.

General admission tickets are \$18. For information, call 346-6204.

For a less expensive night of music and dancing, also on Feb. 28, the Innovative Teen Services, 2333A Western Ave., Gunderland, will put on a free Friday Night Jam from 7 to 10 p.m. For information, call 456-3634.

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Whiskers Animal Benevolent League, a volunteer, not-for-profit group that runs an Albany shelter for abandoned and abused animals, is again sponsoring a pet photo contest. The contest will be held from April 3 to 5 at Crossgates Mall. Votes can be bought for 25 cents.

The winning photo will receive two free tickets to Whiskers' April 23 Gala of Animals fund-raiser.

Pet owners should mail entries and a \$1 entry fee per photo to Whiskers Animal Benevolent League, P.O. Box 11190, Albany, N.Y. 12211. Photos must be received by March 25 and should be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. No enlargements will be accepted. Please include name, address, phone number and the pet's name on the back of each photo. For information, call 449-9565.

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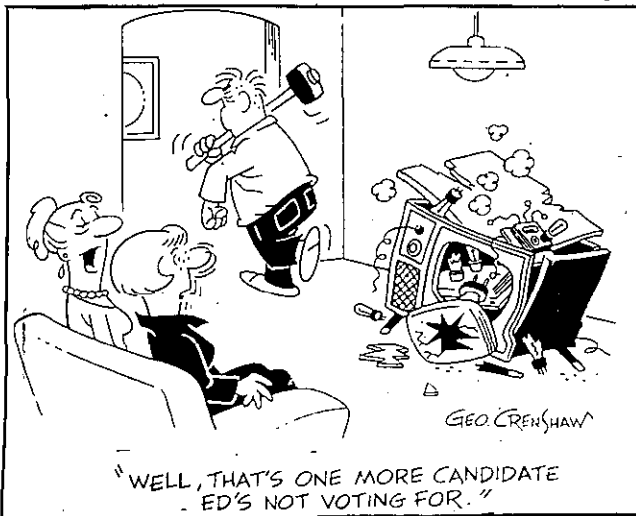
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One was to save is to carry your youngster as an additional driver on the parents' policy rather than separately. Here are others:

- Make sure your youngster passes an approved driver-education training course. This is good for a premium discount of up to 15 percent.

- Insurers charge less for young drivers who are good students. The high school or college student who maintains at least a B average can qualify for a rate discount of up to 25 percent.

- If you put a teenager on your policy and he or she later goes away to a school at least 100 miles from home, be sure to tell your agent. Your premium will be lower while the teenager is away from home because he or she is less likely to be using your car.

From an insurance underwriter's point of view, teenage drivers are high risks. Nothing personal. It's just a matter of statistics.

Each year, an average 33 of 100 drivers under age 20 are involved in an accident. This age group makes up six percent of the motorists in the United States, but 15 percent of drivers involved in all accidents.

By contrast, motorists aged 45 to 64 represent one-

fourth of the driving population but were responsible for only 16 percent of those in accidents.

The I.I.I. offers a free consumer leaflet, "Oops!!" aimed at young drivers. It answers questions about your car insurance and how to buy it. To get a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Insurance Information Institute, Dept. OP, 110 William St., New York, NY 10038.

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## Assessments

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the new assessment, either a tax dollar increase or decrease, will also be shown on the notice. "It should give homeowners an idea of their new taxes."

The new assessments will first affect 1992 school taxes, then county, town and special district taxes which are levied in January 1993, Lastra said. Special district taxes include fire protection, ambulance, water and sewer taxes.

Only those special districts that tax against the assessed value of the property are included. Water usage fees and sewer charges based upon road frontage are not affected by the reassessment. This amounts to approximately \$300 a year for the average homeowner, he said.

Homeowners not satisfied with their new assessment or curious about its origin, can call the assessor's office at 439-4955, or the town's reassessment contractor, Finnegan Associates, at 475-9043 to set up an informal meeting. Lastra said that, at the 15 to 20-minute meetings, homeowners will be able to look over their property's inventory data and the report used by Finnegan's field appraisal staff.

Property owners are encouraged to add any information that could change the new fair market estimate of their property, such as an independent appraisal or recent modification to the property. All information will be reviewed and homeowners will be notified of the results before the May 26 Grievance Day.

The reassessment process is revenue neutral, Lastra said, stressing that it does not raise additional money for the town. He said although the process may mean an increased assessment for some property owners, it "does not nec-

essarily mean they'll have a tax dollar increase."

Property owners will find on the full disclosure notice that property is listed as either homestead or non-homestead, Lastra said. Homestead property includes one, two and three family houses, mobile homes, condominiums and farm dwellings on up to 10 acres of land. Non-homestead property includes commercial, industrial, public utility and vacant land parcels, he said.

According to Lastra, a tax shift from non-homestead to homestead properties sometimes occurs with a reassessment project. The homestead taxing policy is designed to mitigate that shift, taxing homeowners at a lower rate than others. The town and school boards have announced that they will follow this policy if a significant tax shift from non-homestead to homestead properties occurs.

In addition, the full disclosure notice does not include any exemptions that apply to a homeowner's property, Lastra said, and some may change with the reassessment. Those veterans with "eligible funds" exemptions for town and county taxes will see less of an exemption value for town taxes after the reassessment, he said. Although there is an alternative veterans' exemption available, many are finding the "eligible funds" exemption a better choice.

Of the town's 900 or so eligible veterans, about 350 have inquired about the difference, Lastra said. Veterans should call his office for advice, he said. "We can calculate to the penny which exemption is better."

In addition, those with unreported U.S. government life insurance dividends may be eligible to increase their exemption up to \$5,000, he said.

## Waiting for Mr. Postman



Slingerlands will get its long-awaited new post office as soon as work is finished at the building at the intersection of routes 85 and 140.

Elaine McClain

## New Scotland

(From Page 1)

Albany County become "an afterthought" to legislators chiefly concerned about saving their incumbency and preserving districts in the city of Albany.

"They did yeoman's work in the city [setting up the now mandatory minority controlled districts] but you can see the preservation of districts in the city and then out to west Albany. We just get squashed in the middle ... It's that incumbency preservation attitude and we're paying for it," said Sgarlata.

The new redistricting proposals, which set 7,100 as a base number of constituents for each district, would drop part of the town of Guilderland into the northeast quadrant of New Scotland

creating a new district 40. Proposals would also extend a district linking the village of Voorheesville down Route 85 into Bethlehem to the Slingerlands bypass, Sgarlata said. If the proposal stands, 33rd district incumbent Bill Young may be faced with a challenge from 36th district legislator Dom DeCecco. The current 38th district would continue to include the Town of Westerlo and a large portion of western New Scotland.

Efforts to reach Paul Collins, chairman of the Albany County Redistricting Commission, were unsuccessful.

Sgarlata said he had little time to put together alternate proposals but feels that the town board

was left completely out of the process. "I'm not speaking for the town board, but it seems I'm the only one who's speaking," he said, noting that he has drafted a letter to the redistricting committee and hopes that they will respond.

What he called "a general hohum attitude" about the process from the redistricting committee angered Sgarlata. "It's as if they're saying, well it's just New Scotland, so we'll just do our thing. They have no sense of what goes on out here ... it's a city first, the rest of us later, attitude. There is simply no need for three districts in this town. We'll become under represented and fractionalized."

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