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**Arnold sentenced; rebuked by judge**

By Dev Tobin

A senior at Bethlehem Central High School was sentenced to state prison Tuesday for the driving-while-intoxicated death of 16-year-old Erin Cox of Delmar.

Christopher Arnold, 17, of 13 Bedell Ave., Delmar, received the plea-bargained sentence of one and a third to four years in prison from state Supreme Court Judge Thomas Keegan. The sentence began immediately.

Cox was killed Aug. 26 when a pickup truck Arnold was driving at high speed left Route 155 in Gunderland, ejecting her from the rear. Arnold had a blood alcohol content of .15 percent when tested at the hospital following the accident. Three other Bethlehem teens in the truck were also injured.

Arnold pleaded guilty to second degree vehicular manslaughter and DWI Oct. 13. He had faced the more serious charge of second degree manslaughter, along with other charges.

Prior to sentencing, Corinne Cox, Erin's mother, told Judge Keegan she was against any reduction in sentence.

"Chris Arnold made choices that night," she said. "He bought beer illegally, he drank a tremendous amount and then drove. He allowed three people to ride illegally in the back of a pickup truck, and he drove very fast. He has done what he has done, and he should face the consequences."

Cheryl Coleman

***This sentence is less than that imposed in most DWI fatalities... A sentence to state prison is appropriate and sends the message that this was a serious crime.***

Arnold told Keegan he was sorry, that he was an alcoholic who needed help, and said his work talking to other teens about the dangers of drinking and driving may save a life.

Keegan sternly lectured Arnold, noting that his school behavior report showed he had a serious drinking problem, yet he had been in and out of treatment programs without dealing with his addiction.

"This sentence is less than that imposed in most DWI fatalities," said Assis-

□ **ARNOLD/page 25**

**Fall frosting**



Shovels, plows and snowblowers came out early Tuesday, as several inches of snow frosted the area. Here, Ben Castle shovels his Adams Street driveway in Delmar.

Eldine McLean

**The Spotlight announces 3rd holiday giveaway**

By Michael Kagan

Holiday time is coming, and *The Spotlight* is getting into the gift giving act.

Spotlight Newspapers, for the third year in a row, is going to give away thousands of dollars in holiday gift certificates to local shoppers in the 1992 Christmas Cash Giveaway. This year's total prizes will be the most ever — \$4,000.

"We've increased the amount from \$3,000 last year to \$4,000 this year, for a couple of reasons," said Bob Evans, advertising director and special projects manager. "We've had a good response from the advertisers. We've had a very good response from the readership, based on the number of entrants last year. Also, the economy is tight, so the certificates become all the more helpful."

There will be two separate drawings: one on Monday, Dec. 7, and one on Friday, Dec. 18. In each drawing, 11 winners will receive a total of 20 *Spotlight* gift certificates worth \$100 each. One first prize winner will get \$500 worth of certificates, and a second

prize winner will receive \$300 worth. Three people will each get \$200 worth of certificates, and six people will each receive \$100 worth.

To enter the contest, just go to a participating store, find the entry box, fill out a slip of paper with your name, address and phone number and drop it in the box. No purchase is necessary to win.

After the drawings, the winners will be notified by phone, and their names will be published in the subsequent issue of the paper.

Entry boxes will appear beginning Wednesday, Nov. 25.

The gift certificates are redeemable only at participating sponsors. The first year of the giveaway, 53 merchants participated. Last year, 71 took part, and Evans estimated that winners will have a choice of between 80 and 90 stores this year.

The names of participating stores will be listed in ads on the back page of *The Spotlight's* Christmas

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**Galvin's concerns put damper on town water project**

By Mel Hyman

Before the town sinks \$400,000 or \$500,000 into test wells for a new water supply off Route 144, Councilwoman Sheila Galvin wants to make sure exactly who owns the land.

Galvin has urged a go-slow approach before putting the project out to bid. The town board decided more than a year ago to proceed with plans to develop a new water supply to meet anticipated demands from the new General Electric Cogeneration plant now being built in Selkirk.

"We should know beforehand what we're getting ourselves into," Galvin said. "My jaw fell when I heard what we might be spending before we knew whether we could purchase the land, acquire an easement or obtain permission from the owner."

"There's no way we would spend that kind of money until we have title to the land," said Supervisor Ken Ringler. "Our staff has recommended that we start advertising for bids so that we can expedite the process."

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor estimated that the project could be delayed from four to six weeks if the

□ **WATER/page 16**

# Cable rate to increase by 2 percent

By Corinne L. Blackman

Starting Dec. 1, cable customers in Bethlehem will receive an additional item on their bill.

As part of the new 10-year agreement with the town, the franchise fees Cablevision pays to the town will increase from 3 to 5 percent. For cable subscribers, this means a 2 percent increase on their monthly bill.

In a letter sent out Nov. 1, customers were notified of the change and, although Cablevision has not yet received any complaints, town board member Charles Gunther said, "A lot of people are going to be upset about what they're doing."

Currently, Cablevision offers town residents a basic cable package for \$21.95. With the increase, customers will pay \$22.39.

Although the rates will also

affect packages for senior citizens, they will continue to benefit from a 10 percent discount on basic service. Other customers affected will be Medicaid recipients, who receive a discounted rate on cable, and those with premium channels.

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Charles Gunner

Will Kuebler, Cablevision's sales manager, defended the increase, saying that Cablevision remains one of the most competitive services in the area. "When we first came into the community, our rates were \$9 or so for 12 channels," he said. "Twenty-one

dollars buys double programming now — almost 30 channels, 10 years later."

Kuebler emphasized that the additional fees were not going to benefit his company. "We're turning that money back to the town," he said. "That money the town will utilize as they see fit. It goes to run the community."

According to Kuebler, the new franchise agreement also calls for the expansion of services to different areas of the town such as Van Wies Point, and it requires them to upgrade their system to accommodate 77 channels. Work is expected to be completed in 1993.

## MS self-help group to meet Wednesday

The Multiple Sclerosis self-help group will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m.

For meeting location and information, call 427-0421.

# BC board to discuss condom issue, AIDS

By Dev Tobin

The Bethlehem Central school board tackles the controversial issue of condoms in the high school at its meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. at the district offices on 90 Adams Place.

The board is expected to discuss whether or not the district should provide condoms at the high school.

Students affiliated with the Student Action Committee asked the board at their last meeting to provide the devices free of charge as a way of dealing with the AIDS epidemic.

"This is a health care measure that should be the responsibility of the school system because so many students are in danger of contracting AIDS," said junior Sarah Warden, a leader of the student group.

Superintendent Dr. Leslie

Loomis disagreed, "My view is that distribution of condoms is not the responsibility of the school district," he said. "Our responsibility is to provide the best and most effective education on this issue. We also need to help parents understand the issue of HIV and sexual activity, because this is something that each family will have to deal with directly."

Loomis said that he has received about 20 letters and phone calls, all opposed to condom distribution in the schools.

While the SAC group had given out condoms at a school dance in late October, Warden said the students risked disciplinary action by so doing.

Whether the school district could regulate informal, student-to-student distribution is unclear, according to Chris Carpenter, spokesman for the state Education Department.

"Schools can regulate harmful or disruptive behavior, but I'm not sure that person-to-person distribution can be considered harmful or disruptive," he said.

The agenda for tonight's meeting will be light, Loomis said, so that the board can hear public comment on the distribution issue.

The board will also discuss and likely adopt a policy on HIV-related illness that conforms to state law in strictly limiting disclosure of a student or staff member's infection with the virus that causes AIDS.

The new policy also sets up sanitary guidelines for dealing with bodily fluids.

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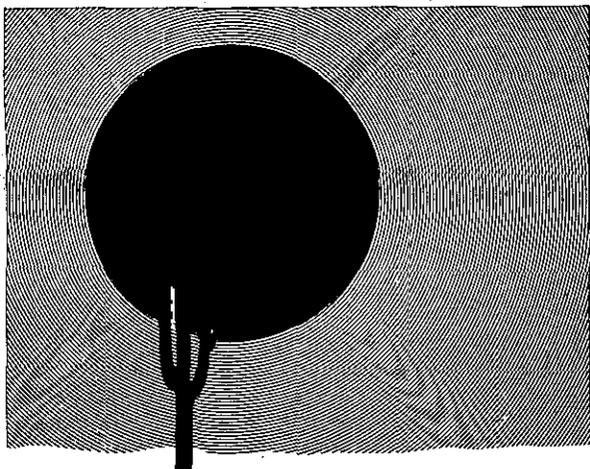
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# Burglars hit three Bethlehem businesses

By Mel Hyman

The burglary outbreak in Bethlehem has taken a bold, new twist.

Three businesses located on busy thoroughfares were broken into last week, with thousands of dollars in merchandise and cash lost in the heists.

The Zynergy computer store at 159 Delaware Ave., across from the Delaware Plaza, was hit on Wednesday, Nov. 11, most likely in the early morning, according to Det. Joseph Mastriano. The bandits

used a sophisticated means of removing the front door and escaped with well over \$10,000 in computer equipment.

The Zynergy store has been open only a month or so, noted co-owner John Zieske. Even though there was a considerable amount of merchandise removed, Zieske said the store was still open for business.

"It's not like they took everything in the place. The shelves are not bare. Right now we're in the process of completing the police report and filing our insurance claim.

From the looks of it, the bandits seemed to know what they were looking for, Zieske said. "They took entire systems right off the tables. Everything from monitors and software down to the mouse and mouse pads. Whether they intended to use them for themselves or sell them is hard to

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Det. Joseph Mastriano

tell."

With computer equipment in high demand, electronics and office equipment stores unfortunately are attractive targets for criminals, he added. "Computers are so commonplace these days that nobody questions when one pops up somewhere."

Across town in Glenmont, bandits



Opened just a month ago, the Zynergy computer store at 159 Delaware Ave. was one of three Bethlehem businesses burglarized last week.

Mel Hyman

its robbed Jeff's Glenmont Mobil and the Arco service station right across the road on Route 9W. Both

stations appeared to be hit early Thursday morning, Nov. 12, Mastriano said.

The thieves broke windows to gain entry to the stations. In each case, several hundred dollars in cash was taken along with a supply of T-shirts, police said.

No arrests have been made yet, although police are following up some leads in the computer store heist, Mastriano said.

"Burglaries are up right now. As the economy's gotten worse, we've seen a definite increase."

It's not unusual for a business located on a well-traveled roadway to be broken into, he said. But it nonetheless seems "somewhat brazen. At some point they must have exposed themselves."

Zieske said he and his partner were determined to remain in business. "We've already received several calls from customers who heard about what happened and wanted to lend us their support. People still want to buy locally, because they know that's the best way to get service."

## School clothing drive spreads warmth

Charitable effort gives pupils a lesson in life

By Dev Tobin

With cold weather on its way, elementary school pupils and church members worked together last week to send more than three tons of warm clothes to the Oneida Indian reservation about 100 miles west of here.

Parents, teachers and pupils at Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar, A.W. Becker Elementary School in Selkirk and Castleton Elementary School in Castleton, Rensselaer County, pitched in along with the South Bethlehem Methodist Church and the Alcove Full Gospel Church to fill a 20-foot rental truck to the brim, according to Emerson Martin.

This is the fifth year that the Selkirk resident has organized the clothing drive, which he says helps those who give as much as those who receive.

"It's so important to teach our children to share," Martin said. "The Native American children get warm clothes, and the children here get the opportunity to help



Hamagrael pupils Megan Volo, Katie Himmelfarb, Ann Wales and Katie VanDerzee (front, from left) and Greg Thomson and Dave Schaye (back) pose with clothes collected for donation to the Oneida Indian reservation.

Dev Tobin

out people from another culture."

Martin is part Mohegan Indian and, as an active member of the Keepers of the Circle, lectures in schools about Native American culture.

The Oneida reservation is the third recipient of the local largesse, as Martin said he tries to target the clothing for sites where the need is greatest.

The first year, Martin worked with Donna Crisafulli and the Becker school PTO to send clothes to the Share the Warmth program in South Dakota.

"They wanted us to put the

clothes in a railroad boxcar at a cost of \$1,500, which we couldn't afford," he recalled. "We rented a tractor-trailer that year, then decided to look around in New York for Native Americans who needed warm clothes."

The transportation costs are now about \$300, or \$100 a school. The Hamagrael PTA donated \$90 and Marty Cornelius, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, donated the other \$10, according to Christina Schade, coordinator of the project at Hamagrael.

Schade's pupils also caught the spirit of the clothing drive. "We're helping people who need help,"

## The swing of things



Six-year-old Lisa Konkle and passenger Sarah Thomas, also 6, get the ride of their lives on a tire swing at the new Kids' Place playground at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park. Both girls live in Glenmont. Elaine McLain,

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## Delmar therapist tapped by Sally Jessy show

By Mel Hyman

Not everyone gets to be on the Sally Jessy Raphael show.

But Dr. Richard Gotti of Delmar did two weeks ago, during the taping of a show tentatively scheduled for broadcast on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The topic of that show was regret and how it can paralyze people who get mired in it. Gotti and co-author Carole Klein were selected for the panel discussion by virtue of their new book, *Overcoming Regret: Lessons from the Roads Not Taken*.

Gotti should have no regrets about having embarked on his first literary venture, since the book was made a Book-of-the-Month alternate selection for November. Besides, it's not every day you can sit down with friends and watch yourself on national TV.

As a practicing psychotherapist, Gotti has spent untold hours listening to stories of regret and the wide range of emotions that it stirs up. For people stuck in this mode, serious feelings of regret can lead to depression, sadness, anger, grief, heartache and self-pity.

Feelings of regret occur almost automatically, since humans make hundreds of decisions each day and are prone to second-guessing.

But when regret over the past sticks with you and you lie awake



Delmar author and psychotherapist Dr. Richard Gotti will appear as a guest of Sally Jessy Raphael. Mel Hyman

at night thinking about the romantic encounter you never pursued or the great job you passed up years ago, you can lose a lot more than sleep. It can color your actions for days, months and years to come, Gotti said.

People tend to regret what they didn't do more than what they did do. "Usually people find a lesson in an experience that didn't turn out well," he said. Much of what we regret revolves around romance and intimacy, with jobs and education following close behind.

"Why did I stay in that abusive relationship? Why didn't I marry someone different? Why didn't I go to law school instead of being bored to tears working as a computer programmer?"

The list is endless and unless we can make peace with past, we'll be a prisoner of our emotions and nothing will change or get better, Gotti said.

Self-reflection is the key, and once we've come to terms with what our true values are, we can

move ahead. Gotti offered several ways of coping with regret, including humor, altruism, living in the present and surrendering the need to always be right. Don't try to obliterate the past, he added. That generally doesn't work.

Strive as we may to make peace with ourselves, popular culture often gets in the way. Advertising, media hype and our materialistic culture "gives us the illusion of unlimited options," Gotti said. "We are bombarded with images of what we should be like. This leaves us constantly open to the possibility of failure and regret."

Gotti's book was recently featured in *Bottom Line* magazine, which touts itself as a publication designed to "help those who are very busy with their careers handle their personal lives more effectively."

If you have an extra \$20, Gotti's book could be an invaluable resource in living out the only life you'll have — without sadness and regret.

### BOU group to meet in middle school pit

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited will have an open meeting tonight, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central Middle School Pit, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Topics include the group's ongoing activities and planned future events.

For information, call 439-6885.

### Christian Scientists set holiday service

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will host a Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m.

The service will include a Bible lesson and a lecture by Mary Baker Eddy entitled, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures."

Child care will be available. For information, call 861-8179.

### Antarctica is topic for library lecture

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will offer a slide lecture on Antarctica on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Richard Hauser, a retired biology/geography professor, will be the guest speaker. He has visited Antarctica three times as a lecturer-naturalist on cruise ships.

For information, call 439-9314.

### Five Rivers trail walk to search for turkeys

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, is offering a guided trail walk focusing on wild turkeys on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m.

Center naturalists will lead participants in search of wild turkey habitats.

Participants should dress for the outdoors and wear comfortable walking shoes.

For information, call 475-0291.

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# Russian visitors go bananas over U.S. smiles

By Dev Tobin

"We call America the land of smiles," enthused Olga Vachtchilina, one of nine Russian high school students visiting Voorheesville from St. Petersburg.

Economic and political problems in their home city, named Leningrad until recently, make "everybody gloomy and serious," said Maria Sapegina. "Here, all the people are smiling."

The nine students and two chaperones are spending two weeks with host families in an exchange arranged by the Voorheesville Central Schools International Studies Committee.

The two weeks include a whirlwind of field trips, school events and weekend activities with the host families, explained Marie Triller, one of the local coordinators.

During their visit to Indian Ladder Farms Friday, the students talked about their impressions of the United States halfway through their trip.

"In Russia, many people think America is paradise, where you can have everything you want," Sapegina said.

"There are more products here, but you need money," she added.

"I like bananas, but in Russia, they are very expensive," noted Vachtchilina, who treated herself to one courtesy of Indian Ladder after the brief tour.

## Five Rivers to offer Project WILD workshop

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, is offering an Aquatic Project WILD teacher workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The program is open to teachers, and youth leaders and will introduce hands-on activities for the classroom. Each participant will receive a 250-page activities guide.

Pre-registration is required. For information, call 475-0291.

While the Russians agreed that Americans were friendly, they were disabused of the notion that the streets are paved with gold by a former schoolmate, Yana Glushanok, whose family emigrated to New York City last year.

"You have to work hard here," she told her friends. Glushanok works part-time in a deli while attending Brooklyn College, but her father is having difficulty finding a job as a building engineer because he doesn't speak English.

The exchange students agreed with Glushanok that their math studies in Russia were about three years ahead of what is taught here.

"I'm taking college calculus now, and it's so easy," Glushanok said.

Voorheesville set up its exchange with School 80 in St. Petersburg because of the school's emphasis on teaching English, according to Robert Streifer, coordinator of Voorheesville's exchange program.

"The program really helps students from both countries develop a sense of global awareness, which they will need later on," he explained.

Voorheesville has an active exchange program, with trips to and/or visits from Spain, France and St. Petersburg on the agenda in the next couple of years.

"This is an ambitious program for a school our size, and it wouldn't work without the tremendous support of Voorheesville parents," Streifer noted.

The Russians will be feted at a covered dish farewell dinner



Olga Vachtchilina and Olga Seleznova from St. Petersburg, Russia, are all smiles as Vachtchilina prepares to eat a banana at Indian Ladder Farms. *Dev Tobin*

Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. at the high school, Streifer said. Friday they will go sightseeing in New York City before flying home on Saturday.

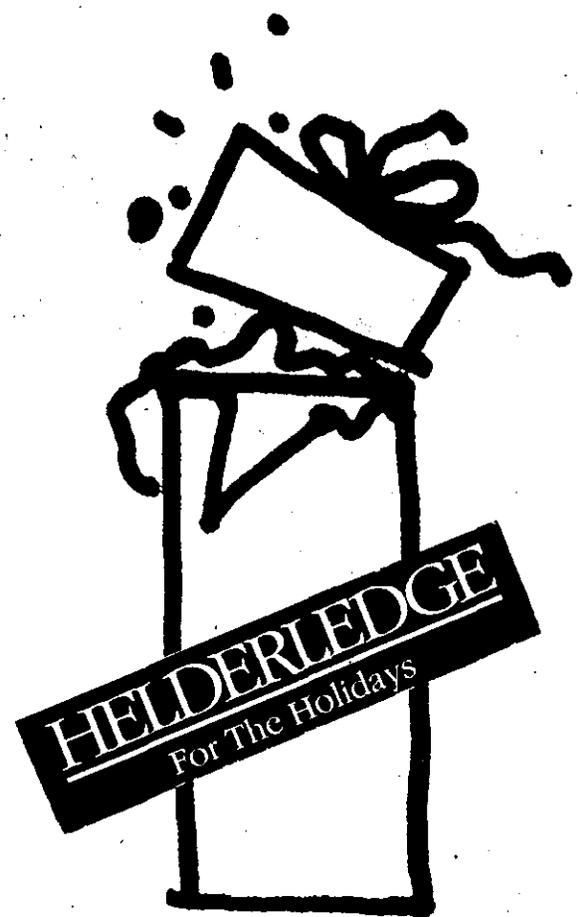


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## Matters of Opinion

## November's changes

It is ironically fitting, perhaps, that the peaceful turnover in the U. S. government brought about by citizens' votes falls within the same month as its most hideously dramatic change within our time.

Almost three decades will have elapsed when the sad anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination occupies the minds of many Americans this weekend.

Poor recompense indeed that we are able to reflect that the murder of a President was an aberration, even in a society that seems increasingly preoccupied with violence as a solution to its ills.

For all the gunplay and other mayhem brought into our homes by television, for all the nihilistic concepts drummed into our conscious beings, our country does remain fundamentally committed to the essence of a civilized approach to communal life.

The Nov. 3 election of a new President is an excellent example of that necessary com-

## Wisdom from on high

Three generations ago, New York State's schools were in the throes of centralization—a movement that all but completely wiped out the one-room schoolhouse and other small, locally controlled (mostly rural) institutions.

As the century approaches its end, centralization carried to an extreme is being proposed by a committee of large thinkers—an advisory committee but an officially authenticated one.

The big thinkers would create maxi-districts that would, for example, combine the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk district with Bethlehem Central.

Big is more efficient—as everyone knows—and also is presumed to be less costly, as the federal government has been proving for so long now.

## Child, school, parent

The Bethlehem Central School Board is scheduled this evening to face an issue forced upon it through manipulation by a small group of "activist" students: Whether or not to ratify the BCHS administration's policy on the proposal to distribute birth-control devices in the school.

Agitation for such distribution has become both loud and aggressive in the hands of some students who have affiliated with one or another of three organizations at the school. Each of these groups, apparently with slightly differing emphases, proposes an agenda revolving around the supposition of youthful widespread sexual intercourse and featuring desired access to one device often recommended for birth-control use but also advised for use in homosexual contacts.

A letter setting forth the arguments in favor of the device's distribution is published in this issue of *The Spotlight*. Contrariwise, a letter from the Student Senate at BCHS offers soberly cautionary views.

We see at least three overriding questions here.

## Editorials

mitment. One man, "the Commander in Chief," is voted out by a plurality of his countrymen—and he congratulates the man chosen by contemplative citizens to replace him. It has been that way for two centuries, and in the month, too, of Thanksgiving we may well be thankful that despite all the pitfalls and temptations we as a people have remained true to such a plebeian ideal.

So long as we hold to it—and with realistic optimism we may anticipate this—the nation will survive with its institutions intact. Contributing to our healthy tradition, it can be said, is the analysis of Alexis de Tocqueville as quoted in a *Spotlight* editorial a fortnight ago: "The great privilege of Americans is their ability to commit reparable errors."

Our national grip on the basics of living together in a democracy is one positive mandate in a period of somber remembrance.

Objections and exceptions to those assumptions are evident, ranging from the issue of local control to the additional transportation imposed on many students. And the committee's idealism already proves to be flawed by its own recognition that money might not be saved by bigness, after all.

But such concerns would be overridden, in the committee's view, which would empower the State Education Commissioner to decree the mergers without recourse by people of the various districts. Like it or not, the amalgamation would take place unless . . .

Unless the State Legislature, fueled by the good sense, strongly expressed, of its constituents stands in the schoolhouse door (to adopt an old, familiar expression).

• When will the community's parents come forward and make certain their positions in this controversy will be fully noted? Accordingly, why have they as a group not been effectively heard to date—and why have they individually not set the agenda for personal standards of conduct for their children, rather than—very apparently—ceding that prerogative by default?

• Secondly, will parents (and other adult members of the community) recognize that protection against pregnancy and/or disease in sex relations is essentially a parent-child concern? And that in home-based discussions the first line of defense might even be described as abstinence—with acquisition of devices, if any, a secondary matter and a very private one?

• Finally, will the community support the Board of Education in a strong ruling that would affirm the position of the high school's administrators?

Such exceedingly personal standards as the knot of students is advocating properly belong between parent and child, rather than in a school.

## Built for buggies, 144 endangers local lives

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would first like to thank *The Spotlight* for its concern for the issues surrounding the safety of Route 144 (River Road), as evidenced by published letters from our neighbors. As a widely read newspaper in the area, your service is invaluable in helping to spread the word about important local issues. We would like to add our voices to those already heard, regarding this deadly situation.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the State Department of Transportation. We offer it for publication in *The Spotlight*.

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"We are writing a long overdue letter to express our deep concerns over the situation occurring on River Road in Glenmont. By "overdue," we refer not only to the weeks that have passed since the fatal accident in front of our home, but to a situation that has existed for years.

## Vox Pop

Route 144 is not a desolate country road, but a roadway designed many years ago when horses drew buggies and wagons. Homes such as ours were built over a hundred years ago, very close to the road. Over the years, this "road" has become a very busy route between Albany and points south. The fact that Thruway Exit 22 deposits vehicles on it, makes it even more accessible to high-speed traffic. The posted limit is 55, but with no lights or stop signs—just a few "invisible" deer-crossing signs and road/driveway markers that go unheeded if observed at all.

We hate to inconvenience all the hurried drivers who have to slow down behind us so we can pull into our driveway; a daily experience that never fails to in-

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## Not 'one little burg'—but part of a world

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is in response to the "no free lunch" letter from Mr. William Thompson in the Nov. 4 *Spotlight*. He feels that it is time that non-residents who use the Bethlehem Public Library should do so only if they pay a fee for using these services as we town taxpayers do.

I must disagree with this point of view because I as a town taxpayer, school librarian, and avid library-user find myself on many occasions using the facilities of many area libraries when I don't find what I need at this library or just happen to be in that area and want to check out the library!

I agree with Mr. Thompson that we have a phenomenal library in Bethlehem, but there are other wonderful libraries out there in the rest of the world, and the

concept of resource-sharing without having to have non-residents pay is true not only of our town but of all the towns in the area.

I also have checked out programs that, for example, the Voorheesville library or the Albany Public Library have advertised in *The Spotlight* and I have been able to attend without having to pay a fee. It is this global concept of sharing resources and ideas that makes this such a great place to live. It also makes me feel not so isolated within one little burg, but very much a part of the larger community that is the Capital District. So, please Mr. Thompson, get out there and avail yourself of what the larger "community" has to offer!

Sheila Di Maggio

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## How do you call an Arkansawyer?

It does seem like a long time ago, but it was only last February when Uncle Dudley was reminiscing about governors of Arkansas.

I was reminded of this the other day as I was tying my Arkansas Razorback necktie, which had come up in its turn on the tie rack. It's probably the widest—if not actually the *widest*—neckwear that will be seen around my town this year. It's sort of a garish red, and is dotted with miniature depictions of the state's favorite animal, spiny back and all. From a little distance, it appears the wearer is memorializing a bunch of rats.

The razorback—celebrated in song and souvenir downyonder—is wild hog that originally was part of domestic stock but strayed out of the sty long ago. It is so popular that you can hear "Go, Hogs, go!" echoing far from Fayetteville, where the current Razorback teams play their games. I myself, a dedicated Arkansas Traveler (officially so designated) can sometimes be witnessed doing my thing in a "Go, Hogs, go" sweat-shirt.

The sentimental affiliation of Arkansawyers for pigs is quite well known, I believe, and was noted in a recent commentary by that famous writer, Molly Ivins, in a column that concluded, however:

"I warn you, we are going to get

### Uncle Dudley

tired of that "Sooooooooooooey" pig-calling noise they make (in Arkansas) before four years are up." Long before, I'd add.

Undoubtedly there's good reason for pigs to respond to the "Sooooooooooooey" summons that has been traditional in many civilized places for centuries—but I have never been clued in as to why that sound is so irresistible to porcine creatures (the four-footed ones, that is).

I saw a prominent headline in The New York Times that read something like this: "Capital Ready to Welcome Arkansas Travelers." As a documented Arkansas Traveler myself, I am thinking of showing up a little later in the season. Who knows?

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Thorough readers of these pages may have noted in last week's *Spotlight* my little effort to rebut allegations of curmudgeonly tendencies. I had been described as an "old curmudgeon." I take pride in half of that title and can't entirely dismiss the other half

("cantankerous fellow"). But I felt called upon to deny such a designation in respect to a comment I'd made just before the election about Governor Clinton's insistence on calling himself, in his official position, just plain "Bill."

His name is William Jefferson Clinton (actually an adopted name, not his own family name). I happened to have a grandson whose given names also are William Jefferson, so maybe I have a small special interest in seeing the incoming President known by his real name as most folks are. But my point really is that the use of a nickname by a person holding such high office derogates that office, and that this is to be avoided. I was repelled by one President's use of his nickname officially, and wish that we could be spared another.

By the way, a friend in Alabama sent me a copy of the ballot from Baldwin County in that state. On it, I spotted the identification of some of the candidates as follows:

H.L. (Sonny) Callahan, Willie (Big John) Williams, Hilliard M. (Hilo) Middleton, and Robert J. (B.J.) Russell, among others. But at least their legal names were on the ballot, along with their down-home calling names. At the top of the sheet, though, were Bill and Al. I submit that's just not right.

(as the text quickly points out) the Morgans, Vanderbilts, Harrimans, Huntingtons, Whitneys, Rockefeller, Colliers, and Carnegies. And when such families "went into the woods, they didn't go without their butlers, chefs, chambermaids, laundresses, governesses, taxidermists, and hairdressers."

One of the finest camps was Kill Kare, owned by the Garvan family of Philadelphia; it was sold in recent years to a member of a "St. Louis chemicals-fortune family." In the heyday of matriarch Mabel Garvan, we are told, "it was like Delmonico's in the woods."

"She brought up Park Avenue style. She had 21 in help and was always fluttering around in chiffon. We had to dress for dinner and the table was always incredible—souffles, squab, finger bowls." Her son, Anthony Garvan—born at Kamp Kill Kare—became "the foremost Adirondacks raconteur."

Yes, the emphasis in W—text, pictures, and most of all the advertisements—is on style. This same issue, for example, has a full-page ad for Ralph Lauren's fragrance, Safari, depicted in what might be described as glorious golds and bronzes; the bottle, magnified in the photo by about 100 times, bears a crest that rather resembles the royal crest of Elizabeth II. Handily, the Queen herself appears on the reverse page, but in stark black and white. The article, by James Fallon, was a buildup for the BBC's production of the documentary you may have seen on PBS a few nights ago.

## Beyond the Wachtler Court

The contributor of this *Point of View*, a member of the Albany Law School faculty, formerly served on the staff of the Court of Appeals. A resident of Delmar, he has written previously on matters concerning the Court.

By Vincent Martin Bonventre

The fall of Chief Judge Sol Wachtler is a personal and institutional tragedy. This was a towering figure both on and off the bench, exerting enormous leadership and influence among his colleagues and promoting judicial and legal interests around the state and nation.

### Point of View

The court over which Wachtler presided for seven years has lost a bright, articulate, and charismatic spokesman and colleague. The charges against him cast a pall over the state's top court and, perhaps, have generated renewed cynicism about public officials generally, and about judges specifically. Wachtler's swift resignation—a noble if necessary decision—should help lift the cloud. Hopefully, it will help separate, in the minds of both litigants and the citizenry, Wachtler's personal behavior from his and the court's official work. Moreover, the strength of character and judgment of the remaining members of the Court of Appeals will, unquestionably, help to heal the wounds to the Court's reputation and integrity—both perceived and real—rather quickly.

The Court, of course, will continue. My guess is that it will not miss a beat in its official business. Under the strong interim leadership of Senior Associate Judge Richard D. Simons, together with his capable and devoted colleagues, the Court will do its work with every bit of care, craftsmanship, and judgment that have long been its hallmark. This premier judicial institution will regain whatever measure of prestige it has lost and will proceed, without Wachtler, true to its deserved reputation for excellence. With the passing of time, the Court will soon return to normalcy and its concern—and that the state's leaders, bar, and citizens—will be with its long-term future.

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What will the Court be like without Wachtler? Where will the Court move in the post-Wachtler era? Already, our government leaders, the state's lawyers, and the media are beginning to look ahead. Who will replace Wachtler, and how will that replacement affect the Court—and ultimately the law of New York?

To get some idea, it will help to outline briefly where the Court has gone during the Wachtler era, and what qualities of leadership and judicial philosophy his possible successors might bring.

Perhaps a court reveals itself most clearly in its constitutional decisions—especially those tough decisions involving fundamental rights and liberties where the court is divided. Where a state court is concerned, the most telling cases would seem to be those in which the court is supreme, where it has the final say—i.e., where the court must decide on individual's rights under the state's own constitution, rather than under federal law where the federal Supreme Court has the last word.

The Wachtler-led Court of Appeals' treatment of such state constitutional rights cases, and the way in which his potential successors tended to vote in those cases provides a good indication of the court's future course under each respective, possible new chief.

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Chief Judge Wachtler, and the "Wachtler Court," gained lasting reputation early on. In the first few years following his appointment as Chief Judge in January 1985, Wachtler led the Court on a path of extending individual rights. This path was faithful to the Court of Appeals' long tradition of providing an extra measure of protection to individuals against the power of government.

That tradition probably had its heyday under the Chief Judgeship of Lawrence H. Cooke, Wachtler's predecessor. But the early Wachtler Court made its name for bucking the trend of a markedly more "conservative" federal Supreme Court which disagreed, often vehemently, with some of the Wachtler Court's pro-individual stances. The Supreme Court, in fact, reversed the Court of Appeals in several cases, only to have the New York court adhere to its original rights-protecting decisions as a matter of independent New York law—over which the federal Supreme Court had no say.

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## Worldly W retreats to the mountains

If it's rapid mail delivery that interests you, think about relocating to the shores of Raquette Lake, up in the Adirondacks, in the far reaches of Hamilton County.

I've been reading about their postal service up there. Delivery is mostly left, apparently, to a 14-year-old lad, Mark Bird. The Bird family has had the contract to deliver the local mail. Mark's father, Dick, operates a real estate firm, boat dealership, county tourism office, and the post office. But most runs are made by Mark, who is said to be the nation's youngest letter carrier.

"Every morning, Mark careens across the lake in a speedboat, picking up the mailbags each family has left out on their docks. Deliveries may be speeded up by the lemon squares and other treats some residents include in their pouch for the boys. In any event, says Bea Garvan (a long-time resident) Raquette Lake mail is the fastest anywhere. 'I get first-class letters from Philadelphia overnight,' she says."

All this useful information is culled from a recent (Oct. 26-Nov. 2) issue of the periodical called "W." Just W, even without any of the punctuation. Irregularly, much less review, W but a special circumstance brought a copy to my notice.

It certainly is not a newspaper, but it is printed on full-size pages. The paper is heavily coated, close to what rotogravure sections used to be in your Sunday paper. Photographs are plentiful, to say the least, and their reproductions in beautiful color is no less than stunning. You won't find W on just

### Constant Reader

any newsstand, and if you do you will find the price also stunning. Published in multiple sections, it's a product of Fairchild Publishing, which in turn is, I believe, now owned by Capital Cities/ABC.

The bit about Raquette Lake that I've been quoting is from a piece of modest length by James Reginato (whoever he may be), which occupies about five of those huge pages, mostly consisting of a dozen big photos in spectacular colors. Actually, the article is atypical of the contents of W, and the excuse for its presence lies only in the fact that it features the massive de luxe camps built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries by

Speaking of magazines with single-letter titles:

In mid-summer, *Constant Reader* reviewed an issue of a magazine whose publishers (Fairchild) called it merely *M*. I noted that subscriptions were being offered for only \$6 for a year's 12 issues. I wonder how many readers might have responded to this bargain.

In any event, they were due for disappointment, for last month the announcement came that the November issue would be *M*'s last. It was "Vol. X, No. 2." A review of it is not scheduled, but may sneak into these pages some week soon.

Matters of Opinion

# Negative agriculture 'facts' are dangerous

Editor, The Spotlight:

Human nature is a funny thing. People—myself included—complain about how depressing news reports and headlines are. It probably will always be that way, though, because I think the public is more attracted to bad news than good. People like hearing about the one isolated case of injustice, rather than 999 instances in which workers are treated fairly, farm animals are well taken care of, and pesticides are used sparingly.

The farm community, for example, has increasingly been on the receiving end of negative publicity—much of it generated by animal-rights extremists and environmental activists. Case in point: the recent anti-milk campaign undertaken by a group masquerading as a coalition of medical doctors. During the campaign to condemn one of the mainstays of the American diet, it was revealed that less than 10 percent of the "Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine" consisted of actual medical doctors.

The American Medical Association discredited the committee by calling it a "pseudo-physicians" group "blatantly misleading Americans on a health matter and concealing its true purpose as an animal-rights organization." James Todd, M.D., executive vice president of the AMA, stated, "(We) find the recommendations of the Physicians Committee . . . irresponsible and potentially dangerous to the health and welfare of Americans." Dr. Benjamin Spock's comments on milk were also misunderstood by some of the media and public. His actual position was, "There is growing evidence accumulating that it is not good for infants." He should have noted, however, long-standing evidence that cow's milk provides vital nutrients to children over one year of age.

The apple industry is still feeling the sting of the "alar" scare broadcast on "60 Minutes" two years ago. Initiated by the Natural Resources Defense Council and Fenton Communications, millions

*People need to know more about agriculture so they are less susceptible to lopsided or misleading reports about food production. An opportunity to become familiar with farming may occur in your area during this week, Nov. 16 through 20. Since 1955, the American Farm Bureau Federation has been promoting the week leading up to Thanksgiving as national Farm-City week. If a farm tour or special event is being held in your area, why not attend and meet some of the people who put food on the table on Thanksgiving and during the rest of the year.*

J.N.S.

of people were wrongly frightened into believing that apples are a threat to their families' health. Although credible government authorities later declared the food scare unfounded, the negative publicity pushed some apple producers out of business or close to bankruptcy.

Joel N. Sussman

New York Farm Bureau

Glenmont

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cite just a little panic as we glance at the headlights rushing up behind us. Many behind us don't bother to slow down, but simply pass the double line as they whiz by on our left.

Our mailbox has been "taken out" twice in five years by cars too impatient to wait for vehicles turning left onto Mosher Road, and instead, pass on the right, which unfortunately is directly into our mailbox.

So, you say 85 percent of the traffic moves at an average rate of 59-64 mph? So, only 15 percent moves at 70+ mph. Is 59-64 mph acceptable in a 55-mph zone? Acceptable for the Thruway, maybe. Acceptable for highways where 55 is a "safe" speed, maybe.

*We do not know what factors are involved in determining where a 55 mph limit is safe. Is 144 posted 55 merely because it is a state highway? Why is 55 mph posted if 59-64 mph is allowable?*

The tree that stopped the tanker truck at 2:41 a.m. on Oct. 23 is in our front yard. A tree, I might add, that the State is in the process of

removing due to disease. Fortunately, the job has not been finished—nor do we intend to allow it to be finished unless a cement monolith will be erected to replace it.

You must experience the awakening we had that night, the fright, violation, and victimization we felt at being forced to witness the horrifying scene and having to respond to the obvious needs of those involved.

We do not need to recount the numerous non-fatal accidents that have occurred out front; the "near misses" aren't even countable. We're sure your department has those statistics as reported by the police. Mosher Road and Wemple Road are both very active exits and entrances of Route 144; the rise and curve of the highway here is simply not a design that allows for vehicles to see, slow, and stop for other vehicles turning onto those roads—especially when they're traveling at "59-64"+ mph.

Each area along this highway has its own reason for being unsafe, based on house locations, passing zones, etc. Speed and increasing tractor-trailer use are factors. Maybe a 45 mph limit would help to keep 85 percent of the traffic to an average speed of 49-54 mph, an allowable speed for 45 mph zones? Maybe then they would see each other in the fog, would see the children waiting for the school bus by the road, see neighbors turning in and out of driveways, or see them stopped dead ahead waiting to make a left turn. This highway holds complex problems and conditions, and we do dearly hope that the lives of those of us who live on it are being taken seriously."

Catherine Blanchard  
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Your Opinion Matters

## SPS disavows actions by 2 other advocates

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing this letter in view of recent actions taken at Bethlehem Central High School by the Student Action Committee (SAC) and the National Women's Rights Organizing Coalition (NWROC). The Students for Peace and Survival (SPS) would like to make it clear that although members of SAC and NWROC may also belong to SPS, they are separate groups. Furthermore, SPS takes no responsibility for the actions of SAC. We disapprove of the use of our name to further an agenda that is not ours. To clarify our proposals, SPS is advocating: Non-judgmental health classes regarding AIDS and sex education and acceptance of homosexuality; elective (s) on women's issues, gender issues, violence against women, as defined by student interest; and condoms in the school for students.

It is critical that we students understand gender and sexuality issues in order to behave responsibly throughout our lives. The potent threat of AIDS among people of our generation makes in-depth and open discussion of sexuality in schools essential. Most Bethlehem students believe that because they live in such a sheltered community, they are not at risk for contracting AIDS. But

according to reports from the National Research Council, 37 percent of teen AIDS cases have occurred outside of metropolitan areas.

Not only are teens at risk, but the sexual practices of teenagers from predominantly white, high-income communities put them at significant risk for contracting sexually transmitted diseases. According to the Centers for Disease Control, "53 percent of girls, aged 15 to 19 report being sexually active, up from 47 percent in 1982. Most of the increase comes among white teenagers from high-income families." Over half of these teenagers report having two or more sexual partners in one year.

We hope that Bethlehem will be a leader in establishment of an intensive AIDS-preventive system before crisis comes to the students of our school. We look forward to working with the community, the school board, the administration, the Student Senate, and the student body on these issues.

Tracy Manning  
President,  
Students for Peace & Survival

Why not FAX your comments to *The Spotlight's* letters columns? Our FAX number is 439-0609. Your signature must be included, along with the customary address, telephone (and/or FAX) number. Our usual rules of fairness, accuracy, style, taste, and length will apply.

## Adults repulse SADD workers on DWI awareness

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing on behalf of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). On Friday, Oct. 16, SADD members attempted to distribute drunk-driving awareness information to both students and adults of the community. Unfortunately, there was very little response from the adults.

Drinking and driving is a societal problem, not a teenage problem! In the past ten years, over a quarter of a million people have died prematurely because of impaired driving. Two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related accident in their lifetime.

Don't become a statistic. Teenagers, as well as adults, need to take the responsibility to put an end to this problem. The solution is simple: If you have been drinking, don't drive! If someone you know has been drinking, take their keys! Together we can, and must, stop DWI.

Maureen Nuttall  
(Bethlehem Central SADD)

## BCHS Student Senate sees 'anarchy' in group

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Student Senate is highly discouraged by the actions of the unofficial school organization "Student Action Committee" regarding the "Students for Peace and Survival Dance" on Oct. 30.

The Senate respects SAC's right to express its views, but we must question its judgment and means of expression. The group attempted to distribute condoms and related information at the dance, without first obtaining school board authorization, as requested by the school administration. The district does not allow such actions without school board approval and we encourage our fellow students to respect the administration's authority on this and other issues. Students have the right to disagree with policies and should express these views, but we believe they should voice their opinions through more constructive means. No educational institutions can be effective through anarchy.

SAC, in fliers distributed beginning Monday, Nov. 2, makes legitimate arguments in favor of its condom distribution proposal. However, the group fails to acknowledge there are legitimate arguments in favor of the school's policy as well. Most discouraging is the statement in one of the fliers reading, "When the administra-

tion attempted to stop the distribution of condoms, they were going beyond moralistic, anti-sex, anti-youth, racist, sexist and were unrepresentative of the student "body." Of these charges, we see truth only in the "anti-sex" label, in the sense that the school's policy is to encourage abstinence among teenagers. The charges of prejudice and discrimination are ridiculous and unfounded.

It is particularly ironic to call educators, "anti-youth." Anyone involved in education has by career choice dedicated their lives to young people. It is important to note that the administration has the responsibility only to serve the student body. This does not always translate to a responsibility to represent the student body.

It is for this reason that the Senate believes student concerns about their school should be raised in open and constructive discussion with the administration and faculty. In this more worthwhile forum, the BCBS administration has been responsive to a level of which students in most other schools would surely be jealous. The Senate expresses deep regret that SAC has ignored this aspect of our school.

Atul Sanghi, President,  
BCBS Student Senate

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Matters of Opinion

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In the last few years, however, Wachtler and his court changed course. Studies of the Court's decisions and the individual judges' voting records demonstrate, quite clearly, that the former Chief Judge and a majority of his colleagues adopted a decidedly more pro-prosecution, pro-government approach.

In the areas of privacy, free expression, search and seizure, fair trial, and right to counsel—to name the most notable—the Court of Appeals began to cut back. Sometimes overruling past decisions, sometimes diluting them, and other times simply refusing to provide individuals rights

protection in new circumstances, the Wachtler Court chose a more "conservative" path.

To be sure, there have been some significant exceptions. Interestingly, when the Court was divided, former Chief Judge Wachtler generally voted in the minority to uphold the government's actions against the individual's claim of right. And to be sure, the Court did not become as "conservative" as the current federal Supreme Court. It remained at least moderate—perhaps moderately "liberal." But New York's top court was not nearly as protective of rights and liberties as it had been in the Cooke era or in the early years of the Wachtler Court.

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Among Wachtler's most likely

successors—the three most senior judges on the Court—the current Acting Chief Judge, Richard D. Simons, voted most like Wachtler. His voting record over the last several years has been moderately "conservative." As with Wachtler, Judge Simons' vote record coincides very closely with that of the Court as a whole—i.e., somewhat more pro-government and pro-prosecution than the Court had previously been. Under the leadership of this sober, wise, no-nonsense, greatly admired jurist, the Court would likely continue on its moderate, somewhat more "conservative" path.

Judge Judith S. Kaye, the Court's first woman, probably would push the Court on a different course. Her voting record has

**The voting record of the three senior judges on the Court varies widely in cases involving rights of individuals. Each could be expected to lead the Court in different directions.**

been significantly more pro-individual rights than Wachtler's and the Wachtler Court's. She has often been in dissent, disagreeing with the Court-majority's retreat from its earlier rights-protecting positions. This scholarly, nationally prominent figure would surely keep the Court in the national limelight and lead it in a somewhat more "liberal" direction.

Judge Vito J. Titone, the third most senior member of the Court, is the bench's heavyweight champion of individual rights and liber-

ties. Over the last few years, he has regularly dissented, complaining that the Court has been abandoning its traditional role in protecting constitutional rights to the fullest. In close cases, Judge Titone has been a dependable vote for the individual claiming unfair treatment by government. If this gutsy, insightful, well-loved judge is placed at the helm, the Court will likely return to where it was in the Cooke and early Wachtler years.

In short, Governor Cuomo's options for a new Chief Judge are fairly clear. These three potential candidates—each a very strong choice, if for separate reasons—can be expected to take the Court in different directions. The Court, and the future of New York's fundamental law, assuredly will be affected by the Governor's selection.

**Words for the week**

**Derogate:** To lower in esteem; disparage. To take away something desirable; detract from. Also, to lower oneself, lose face.

**Rotogravure:** A printing process using photogravure cylinders on a rotary press; also, a print or newspaper pictorial section printed by this process. As in Irving Berlin's "Easter Parade" line, "You'll find yourself in the rotogravure."

**Raconteur:** A person skilled at telling stories or anecdotes.

**Magnanimous:** Noble in mind; high souled; especially, generous in overlooking injury or insult. Rising above pettiness or meanness.

**Largess:** Generous giving, as from a patron. Gift or gifts given in a generous, and sometimes showy, way. Also, nobility of spirit. (Also spelled *largesse* alternatively.)

**Entreaty:** An earnest request; supplication; prayer.

**Apocryphal:** Of doubtful authorship or authenticity. Not genuine, spurious, counterfeit. Fictitious.

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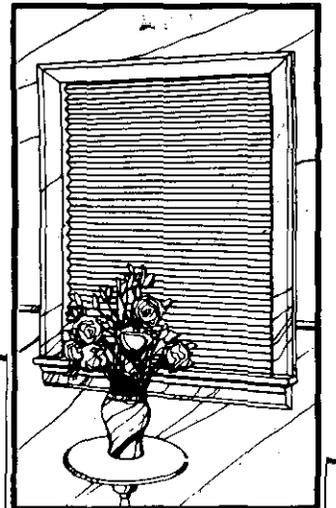
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## 'Operation Drumstick' to fund Thanksgiving meal at mission

More than 400 homeless and other individuals in need will be served Thanksgiving dinner at the Capital City Rescue Mission, 50 Hudson Ave., Albany, following an "Operation Drumstick" fund appeal throughout the Albany area.

Perry Jones, executive director of the mission, said that some 1,500 meals will be served to men, women and children throughout the holiday weekend, one of the highlights of the 80,000 offered during the year.

Thanksgiving dinner - from turkey to pumpkin pie - will be on the table from noon to 5 p.m. All funding of the mission is from private contributions, without government assistance. The mission, open around the clock since 1949, provides three meals a day every day, to 200 or more individuals. About three dozen men receive nightly lodging.

### Fitzpatrick appointed program manager

Frances Fitzpatrick of Delmar was recently appointed orthopedics program manager at Sunnyside Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady.

She was previously employed as a staff nurse and then clinical coordinator of the Ortho/Neuro Rehabilitation Unit at Albany Memorial Hospital. She received her associate's degree in applied science from Hudson Valley Community College.

"The food we are able to provide is a blessing from God, and he has shown us how to share it," said Jones, "just as he did when he fed the multitudes from five loaves and two fish."

The mission, which operates under a board of directors whose president is Barry Blenis, is one of the two principal organizations providing Thanksgiving meals in the city. The second is under the auspices of Equinox, at First Presbyterian Church.

Contributions to the "Operation Drumstick" appeal in support of the Thanksgiving dinner or the City Mission's work may be sent to the mission at P.O. Box 1662, Albany, 12201, or information can be obtained by calling 462-0459.

### Board members to meet Monday

The Capital District School Boards Association will sponsor a dinner meeting on Monday, Nov. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Schenectady County Community College.

Stuart Horn, executive director of the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center, will present a program from 8 to 9 p.m. entitled "The Teacher Center: Collaboration that Works."

For reservations, call Lynne Lenhardt at 439-7704 before Monday, Nov. 23.

## Federal immigration agents arrest chef at Armadillo Cafe

A Trinidadian national was arrested by federal immigration agents last week at the Armadillo Cafe in Delmar.

Hugh Fuentes, 38, allegedly violated U.S. immigration laws by working as a chef without governmental permission. The Mexican food restaurant opened last month in the Main Square Shoppes on Delaware Avenue.

Federal authorities are considering whether to deport Fuentes,

who is married to a University at Albany student. Although he is living in this country legally, Fuentes did not obtain the necessary papers to work in the United States, such as a Social Security card, according to Gary Hale, agent in charge of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Albany.

The cafe, which is owned by Nicholas Hartman, faces a maximum fine of \$3,000, Hale said.

### Cancer society sets stop smoking day

The American Cancer Society will sponsor the Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 19.

To receive tips on quitting,

survival kits or informational material, call the Schenectady or Albany County units of the American Cancer Society at 377-2241 or 438-7841.

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## Delmar Health Center to sponsor two-week stop smoking program

In conjunction with the American Cancer Society, the Community Health Plan will offer a four-session FreshStart Smoking Cessation program beginning Thursday, Dec. 3.

Each session will run from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. at the Delmar Health Center, 250 Delaware Ave.

FreshStart is designed to help participants stop smoking over a period of two weeks. The program emphasizes that quitting smoking is a two-part process: first, stopping and, second, remaining a non-smoker.

The four group meetings are conducted as work meetings. The

facilitator begins each meeting by asking for questions or topics for discussion. Next, information and strategies are presented. Each session concludes with a question and answer period.

Facilitator of the program will be Terry Powers, who has led smoking cessation groups for four years.

Spaces in the class are open to both CHP members and non-members on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no charge for the class, but pre-registration is necessary.

To register, call 783-1864, ext. 4444, by Monday, Nov. 30.

## Red Cross to offer first aid course

The Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer an Infant and Childsaver course on Friday, Nov. 20, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the chapter house, Hackett Boulevard, Albany.

The course is entitled, "First Aid in the Child Care Setting" and is recommended for parents and

child care providers. Topics include rescue breathing, obstructed airway procedures, infant and child CPR, and first aid for bleeding and burns.

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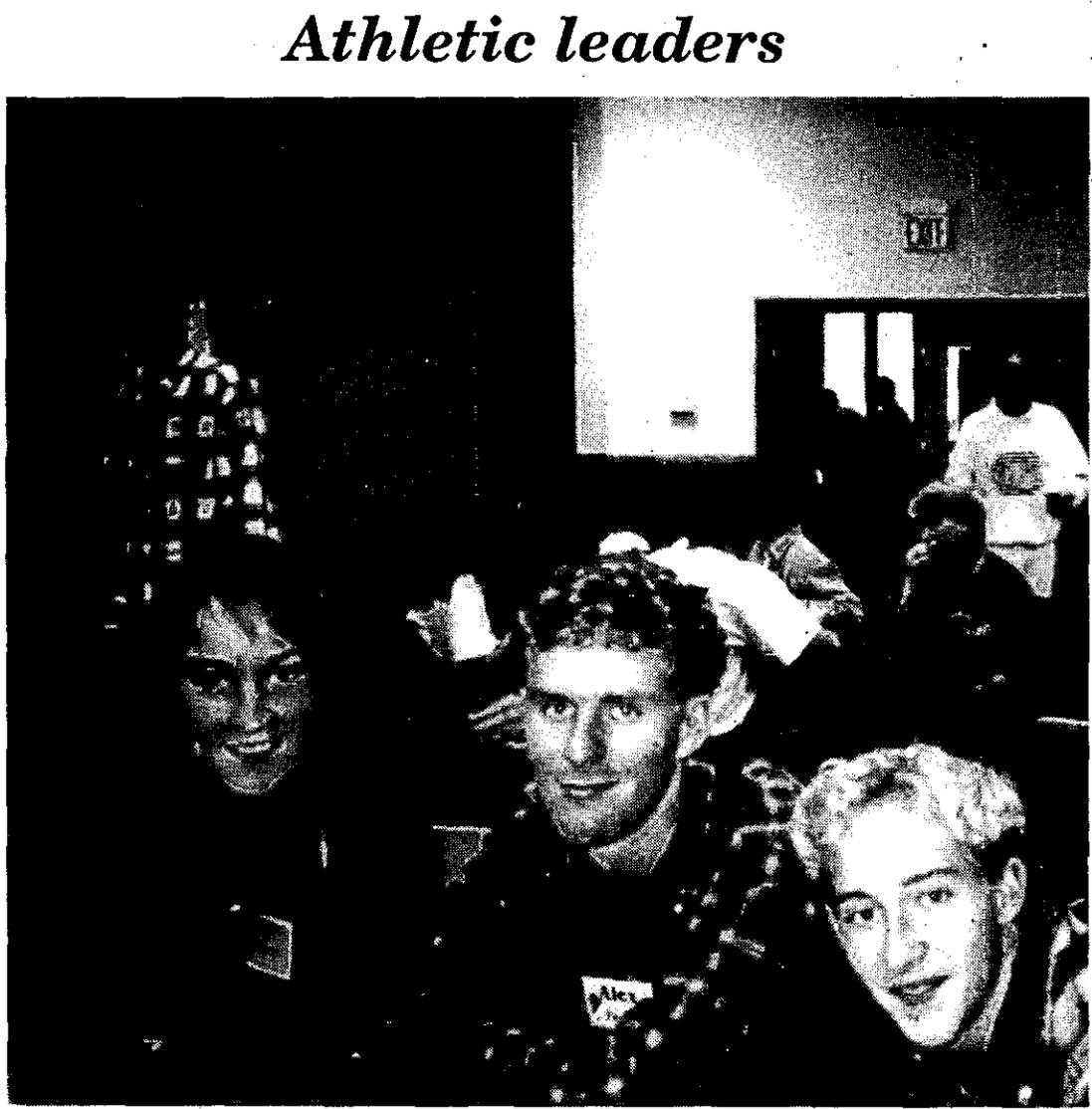
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**The Spotlight remembers 10 years ago**

This week in 1982, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Florence Allen of Elsmere attended the dedication ceremonies of the new Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., and found the name of her only child, Dean, who was killed in action in 1969, on the wall. "I hope there will never be another situation that would end like this," she said.

- County Legislator Gordon Morris was thinking of running for Bethlehem town supervisor if incumbent Tom Corrigan retired. Councilman Robert Hendrick also expressed an interest in the post.

- Nat Boynton's "Media Rare" column pointed out that, despite a new advertising campaign extolling the state's virtues, New York ranked 49th in private sector job growth and 50th in population growth for the period 1975-1980.

- Bethlehem Central's top doubles tennis team of Laura Treadway and Aryan Shayegani won the consolation trophy at the state intersectional tournament in Syracuse.

- BC's football team was beaten by Shenendehowa 39-0 in its final game, but the 2-6-1 Eagles under first-year coach John Sodergren had their best record since the 1978 league championship team.

**Historic Cherry Hill seeks guides**

Historic Cherry Hill in Albany is seeking volunteer guides and teachers for its program. children on weekdays during the school year.

Guides conduct tours for adults and family groups through the museum February through December, and teachers lead discussions and conduct tours for school children on weekdays during the school year. Volunteers work six hours a month, and receive on-site training. Training sessions will begin in January.

For information, call 434-4791.

**Area residents chosen to perform at Proctor's**

Three area residents were recently selected to perform in Proctor's annual Christmas show on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m.

Selected from more than 100 performers were Dick Harte of Elsmere, Rebekah Connolly of Selkirk and Amanda Genovese of Delmar. They will all perform in the 25-member "Proctor's Chorus."

Former Delmar resident Allen Mills is the creator and music director for the show.

Tickets are \$16.50 for adults and \$8.25 for children 12 and under.

For information, call 346-6204.

**Kiwanis Club to give Thanksgiving baskets**

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will distribute Thanksgiving baskets to families in need of assistance this month.

The names of needy families are provided by the Human Concerns Committee of St. Matthew's Church of Voorheesville.

Baskets will contain a Thanksgiving turkey, potatoes, vegetables, canned and non-perishable items and treats.

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## State ed seeks award nominations

Nominations for the 1993 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching for elementary, junior high and high school are now being accepted by the state Education Department.

Nominations should include the teacher's name, school and school address. They must be signed and include a description of the nominator's connection with the teacher. Nominations must be postmarked by Dec. 1.

Committees will select three science and three mathematics teachers at the elementary and the secondary level.

Mathematics nominations should be sent to Ben Lindeman, Bureau of Mathematics Education, State Education Department, Albany 12234.

Science nominations should be sent to Douglas Reynolds, Bureau of Science Education, State Education Department, Albany 12234.

## College clinic to treat disabilities

The College of Saint Rose recently established a clinic to assess and treat individuals with disabilities affecting their performance on the job or in school.

Located on campus in Hubbard Hall, 432 Western Ave., Albany, the clinic serves preschoolers through adults who are suspected of having learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, social/

emotional difficulties, deficit hyperactivity disorder or developmental disabilities.

Faculty from the college's school of education staff the clinic, which is open during regular business hours and on weekends or evenings by appointment.

For information, contact Dr. Penny Axelrod at 454-5263.

## Teddies for tots



The Dime Savings Bank recently presented teddy bears to the Bethlehem Police Department and the Delmar Ambulance Squad. Cradling the cuddly creatures are, from left, Elwin McNamara, member of the Delmar Fire Department and Rescue Squad; Mary Preska, Delmar Rescue Squad member; Nancy Bryer, assistant manager of Dime Savings Bank; Sandra Pangburn, bank manager; and Jeff Vunck, traffic safety officer. The bears are used to comfort young children in an auto accident or other emergency.

Elaine McLain

## Glenmont church changes school hours

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# Analysts are optimistic about Clinton Gordon CPA firm gets good review

By Dev Tobin

After 12 years of Republicans in the White House, the advent of Democrat Bill Clinton to national leadership has been greeted with cautious optimism by national and local economic analysts.

Clinton made the economy the number one issue in his successful campaign, and lackluster growth, stubbornly high unemployment and declining consumer confidence combined to create an impression among most voters that a change was needed at the helm.

"Clinton ran on improving the economy, and the markets are taking him at his word," said John Ortego, vice president and senior economist at KeyCorp.

The local economy would benefit from any revival in the national economy and an expected increase in infrastructure spending, Ortego noted, but higher taxes on those making more than \$200,000 a year would have a disproportionate effect in New York.

While interest rates have risen half a percent in recent weeks, inflation is "quite low and will likely remain controlled for the next two years," he said. "The price of oil is weakening due to slack demand throughout the world."

Another positive sign is that people have been paying down debt for about two years, and with increased consumer confidence, may now be ready to undertake major purchases like a home or a new car.

Reducing the national deficit is necessary, but any plan to do so will have to earn credibility "the hard way — over time," Ortego said.

Whatever Clinton does as president won't have much of an impact before the fourth quarter of 1993, noted Hugh Johnson, senior vice president and chief investment officer for the First Albany Corporation.

Expectations of a Clinton victory "were feeding into the market for six weeks before the election," Johnson said, bolstering stocks in heavy construction equipment, technology, software, biotechnology, HMO and pollution control and waste management companies.

The bond market "was initially very nervous that higher spending and deficits would bring more Treasury bonds into the market, but it is getting over those jitters now," Johnson added. "Clinton has made it quite clear he's sensitive to the markets, which will not allow him to do all he wants to do."

Johnson noted that Clinton is a moderate Democrat who is not inclined to tax-and-spend on lib-

eral social programs. "That's why he got elected."

Clinton's proposed investment tax credit, if enacted, would probably not cost the Treasury anything because of increased economic activity, Johnson predicted, but may not create as many jobs as hoped because companies will invest in labor-saving technology.

Institutional investors have already taken Clinton's win into account, according to Thomas Brockley, vice president of investments for Prudential Securities.

"Clinton is getting in at a good time, because we are on our way out of the recession," Brockley said. "As people grow more confident that they won't be losing their jobs, they will start to buy houses and cars again."

The banking and insurance sectors will benefit from the revival in consumer spending, he said.

The Delmar accounting firm of Anthony M. Gordon, C.P.A., has received an unqualified opinion from the Quality Review Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The peer review, which occurs every three years, found no problems with the firm's financial statements and the conduct of its accounting practice.

The Gordon firm has been in Delmar since 1981.



Anthony Gordon

## Delmar accountant joins Albany firm

Laura L. Hardy of Delmar, CPA, recently joined Marvin and Company accounting firm in Albany as a senior accountant.

Hardy most recently served as senior accountant for Roth Nobis,

and has also worked for Robert Ercolini and Company in Boston.

She is a graduate of Russell Sage College with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

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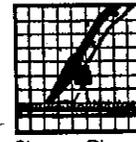
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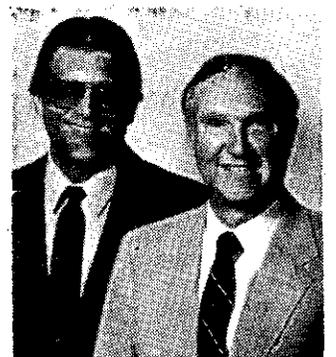
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# Water

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town waits until the title search is completed before putting the project out to bid.

The town cannot afford to fall behind schedule, Secor said, if it is going to complete the \$10 million water project in time to service phase two of the Cogen project, scheduled for completion in mid-1994.

"Time is money," Ringler said.

The question of ownership apparently arose when it was discovered that part of the acreage under consideration was in the flood plain of the Hudson and, as such, belongs to the state.

"I'm concerned that a contractor could prove negligence on our part by letting out something to bid without our knowing whether we could move ahead with the project or not. I don't understand how we even got to this point without doing a title search.

"I'm tired of getting into situations where we box ourselves in and say we'll worry about cleaning it up later," she continued. "Let's

do it right the first time."

A resolution authorizing Secor to start advertising for the drilling work approved at the Monday, Nov. 16, board meeting although a proviso was attached stating that the awarding of any contract was contingent on the availability of site.

Galvin held her ground, however, and voted against the resolution, which passed by a 4-1 margin.

Galvin questioned Secor as to why the problem with title clearance surfaced one month ago even though the town board had given the go-ahead on the site near the Hudson in November 1991.

Secor explained that the ownership problem was unanticipated because the town tax maps showed that Ted and Sally Jennings owned all the property in question. Only recently was it discovered that part of the land was formerly under water, but was now above sea level due to dredging in the river channel some years ago.

While the immediate need for

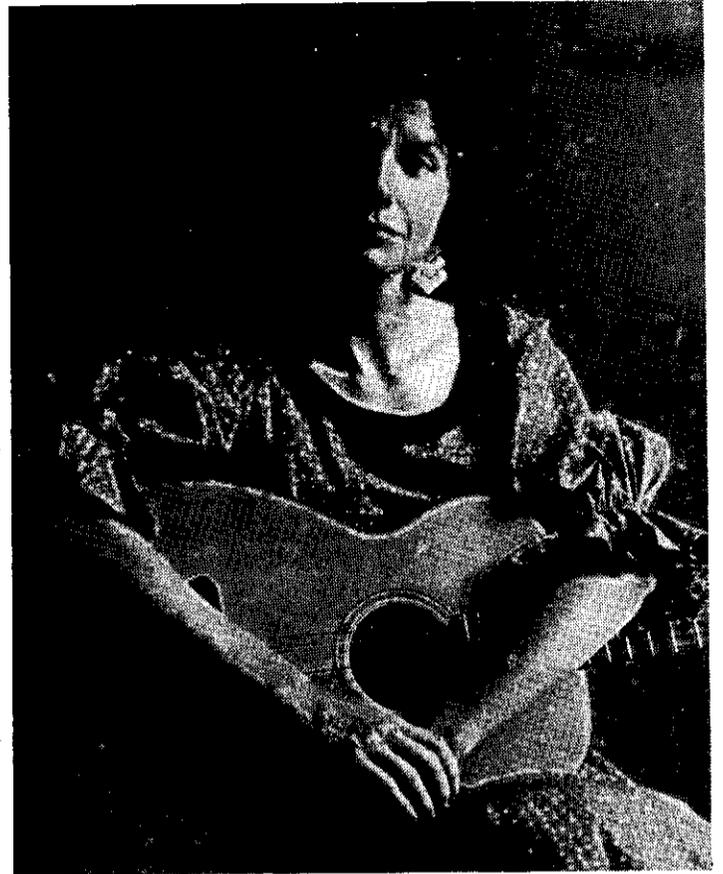
extra water is prompted by the Cogen project, it's also advisable to provide a backup supply given the continued, fast-paced growth in the town, said Councilman Charles Gunner. The water filtration project is eventually expected to be paid for by usage fees charged to Cogen.

The bulk of Bethlehem's water is now provided by the Vly Creek Reservoir and deep wells located in the foothills of the Helderberg Mountains in New Scotland. An additional amount is purchased from the city of Albany. There are three years remaining on the town's purchase agreement with the city.

Assuming there is a sufficient supply at the new well sites, which are located just south of the Hudson River Park, the water would be pumped uphill to an earthen reservoir and a water filtration plant, both located on Clapper Road adjacent to the New York State Thruway.

"To meet our contractual agreements with Cogen, we need to move ahead as expeditiously as possible," Ringler maintained. Phase 2 of the Selkirk Cogen project will increase Bethlehem's average water use, which now is about 4.2 million gallons per day, by an additional 1.5 million gallons daily.

## Guitar tea time



Classical guitarist Joan Mullen will entertain at the ecumenical Christmas tea sponsored by the women of the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m. For information, call 439-7571 or 439-9976.

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**Weavers' guild plans annual show and sale**  
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The show will run from 1 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.  
Fashion shows will also be featured on Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.  
For information, call 783-1435.

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### Community church to host Mason talk

The Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, will host a talk by John L. Mason on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m.

Mason is the founder and director of Insight International of Tulsa, Okla. The lecture will be based on Mason's book *An Enemy Called Average*.

For information, call 439-3135.

### Library plans program on solo sailboat trip

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will offer a program on "Circling the Ocean — Sailing the Atlantic Ocean in a Small Boat" on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

A resident of Bethlehem for 25 years, Bert Butlin will describe his experiences while sailing solo across the Atlantic in a small sailboat.

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### Students can apply for scholarships

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The deadline for applications is Jan. 15.

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### Glenmont couple get arts grant

Daniel Englander and Katherine Nelson Englander of Glenmont recently received art grants through the Special Opportunity Stipends program, a project of the New York Foundation for the Arts and RCCA: The Arts Center.

Daniel Englander received \$139

to mount and frame photographs for an exhibition at the Russell Sage College Gallery.

Katherine Nelson Englander was awarded \$300 to frame drawings for a one-person exhibition at the Shelnuitt Gallery at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

### Analyst receives award for work

Philip DeGaetano of Delmar, an associate environmental analyst at the state Department of Environmental Conservation, recently received the department's Special Achievement Award.

The award recognizes DeGaetano's work in developing a manual to help local government officials identify and address water quality issues relating to storm-water runoff.

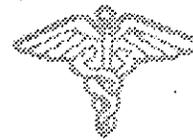
### Hart named to college radio post

Aaron Hart of Delmar is serving as production and jazz director of radio station WRBC at Bates College, where is a junior.

Operated entirely by Bates students, WRBC is a noncommercial FM station that broadcasts in stereo with 150 watts of power and

serves a wide area beyond the campus, including the Lewiston-Auburn metropolitan area as well as surrounding towns.

Hart, the son of Joseph and Susan Hart, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



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# Methodist women to serve pancake breakfast

The United Methodist Women of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue will serve a family-style pancake breakfast in the fellowship hall on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 8 to 11 a.m.

The menu includes: juice, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, muffins and breads, coffee and tea. All are welcome. The cost is: \$5.50 for adults, and \$3.25 for children under 12.

### Parents' groups plan joint meeting tonight

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School Parent Teacher Student Association and the middle

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school Parents In Education group will meet tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W.

### Financial aid night set

R-C-S parents and students will be able to obtain information and discuss financial aid options for college on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the senior high school. For information, call 756-2155.

### REACH support group schedules meeting

The R-C-S REACH enrichment parents support group has scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m., at Ravena Elementary School on Mountain Road in Ravena.

### Thanksgiving recess

There are no classes scheduled in the R-C-S school district Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27, for Thanksgiving Recess. Regular classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 30.

### Still time to order Florida citrus fruits

Orders are still being taken for tree-ripened Indian River citrus

fruit from the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Orders will be taken until Monday, Nov. 30, with an expected delivery date of about Wednesday, Dec. 2.

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### Elks to kick up heels at '50s benefit dance

The Bethlehem Elks Ladies Auxiliary will host a '50s night

benefit dance at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge on Route 144 in Selkirk, on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Entertainment will be by DJ CC & Me. Ticket donations are \$12 per person or \$20 per couple and include snacks, beverages and late night sandwiches.

Call 767-9784 or 767-9959 for information.

### Dutch barn group to present program

The Dutch Barn Preservation Society will present a program on the design and construction of barns built by early Dutch settlers on Monday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-9314.

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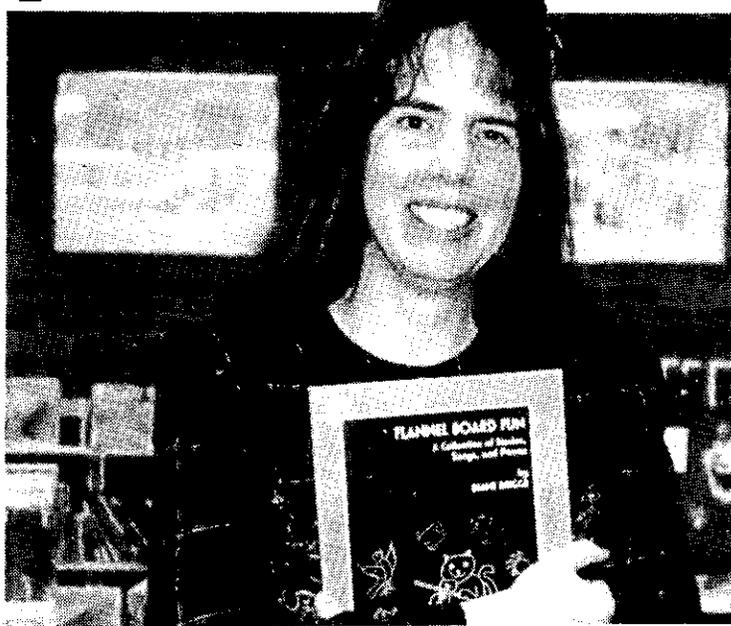
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# Storyteller publishes 1st book

The library is celebrating Children's Book Week, Nov. 16 to 20, in an extra special way this year.

Children's librarian and storyteller Diane Briggs has just published her first book *Flannel Board Fun: A Collection of Stories, Songs and Poems*. Inspired by the enthusiastic response of children to her story programs at the library, she has created flannel board charac-



Diane Briggs



ters for 28 folk tales, poems and songs. Teachers, librarians and anyone else who works with young children will find this book a treasure-trove of ideas.

*Flannel Board Fun* has selections for children ranging in age from toddlers to grade-two. Briggs' book shows how to make a flannel board and story figures including time-saving lists of materials and color suggestions, and gives simple directions for successful storytelling.

Formerly an elementary school librarian, Briggs says she wrote the book because there were so few resources for the flannel board.

"The illustrations weren't very good. I saw the drawings in other books, and I said, 'I can do that.'"

One set of books still in print dates from the 1950s. I hope my book stays around that long."

Briggs gives credit to library staff member and former Glenmont school librarian Peg Lewis for her valuable advice when she initially tried to get publishers interested in the project. Lewis herself earlier this year published *Randolph Caldecott — The Children's Illustrator*.

Briggs also thanks Polly Hartman who helped proofread the manuscript, and her typist, who

asked for a flannel board and story figures for her grandchild in lieu of payment.

Briggs, a native of Granville, Washington County, is a SUNY Oswego graduate and earned a master's from SUNY Albany.

She lives in Delmar with her husband and five-year old son, Thomas, to whom the book is dedicated. Thomas, she says, liked to work along with her as she created the figures for the book, "He likes to paste on the googly eyes."

Anna Jane Abaray

# V'ville gets a jump on T-day

Tales to put you in a grateful frame of mind for "Turkey Day" are on the agenda for tonight, Nov. 18, when the library hosts an Evening Family Story Hour.

"Remember Your Thankyou!" begins at 7 p.m. with a blend of stories, crafts and a film.

Speaking of the upcoming holiday, the library will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and will



be closed all day on Thanksgiving. Story Hour is scheduled on Friday at 1:30 p.m. as usual.

It's not too early to start think-

ing of holiday shopping, and the library has the perfect present for everyone on your list. Now available at the circulation desk for \$6 are durable canvas book bags printed with the library logo. Filled with a stack of bestsellers, they make a super gift.

Steering committee members of the *Small Town at the Millennium* will have a planning meeting tonight, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. in the director's office.

The Nimblefingers needlework group will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of sewing and companionship. Librarian Dot Colvin coordinates the meetings and can be reached at 765-2791.

Christine Shields

# Police arrest two on DWI charges

Bethlehem police arrested two motorists over the weekend for driving while intoxicated.

Denise A. Roberts, 20, of 606 Mercer St., Albany, was stopped at 11:39 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, on Route 85, for driving with one headlight and failing to drive within the pavement markings, police said.

She was also charged with DWI and released pending a Dec. 1 appearance in town court.

Ross W. Hannan, 18, of 10

Woodmont Drive, Delmar, was stopped at 2:03 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, on Feura Bush Road, police said. He was charged with speeding, failure to keep right and DWI, according to police records, and was released pending a Dec. 1 appearance in town court.

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By John C. Iseman

A "Living will" is a legal document which expresses your wishes regarding medical treatment in the event that you lack the capacity to make decisions regarding such treatment. Terminal conditions or brain damaged states exemplify the circumstances under which a living will would speak. Cardiac resuscitation, mechanical respiration, tube feeding, antibiotics, renal dialysis and hydration are some of the procedures which are commonly addressed in a living will.

A "health care proxy" is usually executed at the time of the signing of the living will. The purpose of the proxy is to appoint an agent who will make medical decisions on your behalf when you are unable to do so. New York State Law requires that the agent's decisions be supported by "clear and convincing" evidence of your desires regarding medical treatment. Evidence of your wishes as to the health care treatment which you do or do not want to receive must therefore be expressed in clear, definite and unambiguous language. Any uncertainty regarding your wishes may undermine your agent's authority to make decisions on your behalf.

A living will and health care proxy should be considered by any adult who wants to be assured that his or her wishes regarding medical treatment will be carried out when they lack the capacity to make such decisions for themselves.



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# Church bazaars featuring holiday fare

Start your holiday shopping early at the annual St. Matthew's Church Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature many unique gifts, including country crafts, Christmas decorations and wooden items. A bake sale is also planned.

Santa Claus will be on hand for picture-taking, and baby-sitting services will be available. A special sampler quilt will be auctioned off, and raffle prizes include a trip to Atlantic City.

The church is located on Mountainview Road in Voorheesville.

For information, call Elaine Burns, chairman, at 765-4898, or Karen Finnessey at 765-4361.

## Church bazaar to benefit missions

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., will sponsor a mission bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bazaar will feature hand-crafted gifts, baked goods, toys, plants and books.

A special "stone soup" luncheon is also planned.

Proceeds will benefit the church's mission projects.

## Soccer club slates annual awards banquet

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Club's banquet will be on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. at Oceans Eleven restaurant, 1811 Western Ave., Guilderland.

A hot and cold buffet will be followed by an awards ceremony. Reservations are required.

## Church sets service to celebrate Thanksgiving

A Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Arthur Toole will lead the service, assisted by community members.

The service is open to the public. A collection will be taken to benefit the Human Concerns Committee, which provides assistance to people in the Voorheesville area.

## Senior citizens schedule annual Christmas soiree

The New Scotland senior citizens group is planning its annual Christmas party for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at Oceans Eleven restaurant in Guilderland.



Emily and Greg Burns and Melissa and Lauren Finnessey look over some of the "beary" nice raffle prizes to be offered at the Christmas Bazaar of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The menu includes roast sirloin of beef, broiled Boston scrod or chicken parmesan.

For information, call Agnes Tucker at 765-4427 or Mabel Frisbee at 765-2090.

## Continuing ed course to teach tree decoration

A continuing education course

on "Holiday Boxwood Tree Decorating" is scheduled at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School on Monday, Dec. 2, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The course, taught by Lara Hladun, costs \$8, plus \$20 for materials. Decorations can be in either Victorian or traditional style.

To register, contact Jim

Hladun, director of continuing education, 765-3314, by Monday, Nov. 23.

## Kiwanis distributing holiday food baskets

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will distribute Thanksgiving baskets to area families in need of assistance. Each basket will contain turkey, potatoes, vegetables, non-perishables and treats.

The families are selected by the Human Concerns Committee of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

## Hunger network sets fund-raiser

The Hunger Action Network of New York State is sponsoring a Hands Across Albany event on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 1:30 p.m. at the state Capitol in Albany.

Area residents will join hands to draw attention to the problem of hunger in our communities and to show support for increased action by the state Legislature to help end hunger.

Participants are asked to contribute \$10 and/or to solicit pledges.

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## Brokerage heeds call of investors' conscience

By Kathleen Shapiro

**W**hen Martin Bayne was laid off from his job in the financial services business a few years ago, he saw it as an opportunity to do something different.

With free time on his hands, the Colonie entrepreneur decided to change the world, or at least his own small portion of it, by creating the Richard Gerard Group, a Capital District brokerage agency catering exclusively to the needs of socially responsible investors.

Nearly two years later, the national trend toward social investing has reached an all-time high of nearly \$1 trillion a year, and Bayne has risen with it, giving an average of two lectures a week in an effort to convince listeners of the benefits of using their conscience to manage their money.

Although not a new concept — Quakers, Mormons and other religious groups have practiced similar business methods for nearly a century — the move toward socially responsible investing has been building over the past 20 years.

"Americans are finding that they really can do well and do good at the same time," said Bayne, who has taken his cue from nationally known companies such as Stride Rite and Ben & Jerry's, which have been at the forefront of the movement for increased social accountability in business.

In fact, ice cream king Ben Cohen of Ben & Jerry's is a member of Bayne's corporate advisory board, which also includes health guru Dr. Bernie Siegel, representatives of the American Red Cross, the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans and Disability Advocates.

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Martin Bayne

The Richard Gerard Group's board of directors includes the Rev. Peter Young, a Catholic priest and local alcohol rehabilitation advocate, Rabbi Julie Wolkoff of Congregation Berith Sholom in Troy, Sensei John Loori of the Zen Mountain Monastery in Mt. Tremper, and area business leaders.

"We've collected quite an eclectic group," said Bayne, who was initially spurred into action by the fate of his younger brother, a Vietnam veteran who returned home from the war only to face a decade of mental illness, homelessness and despair. Seven years ago, he disappeared altogether.

His name — Richard Gerard — constantly reminds Bayne of his company's mission. "There are many people like Ricky in the world — desperate people who, through no fault of their own, get forgotten or misplaced in the daily drama of life around them. ... As a professional in the financial services industry, I've decided to do what I can to honor my brother's memory and help those less fortunate."

Using information garnered from research groups, periodicals and other firms, Bayne and his small staff provide clients with a range of ethical investment opportunities that have been screened for social and environmental criteria. Corporations are rated according to their record on issues such as consumer protection, sexual equality in the work force, refusal to associate with oppressive political regimes and willingness to provide job equity regardless of sexual orientation.

Richard Gerard Group employees have their salaries voluntarily capped at an annual rate of \$50,000, and Bayne's board of directors is charged with distributing 100 percent of the firm's corporate profits to local and regional charities.

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Martin Bayne of the Richard Gerard Group

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# Investors can compensate for low interest rates

For those with certificates of deposit (CDs), money markets and other interest-bearing investments, there's only one thing lower than interest rates right now — the feeling they get when they think about how sliding rates have affected their current income.

The reality of low rates has sunk in, and the possibility that they may drop even more is difficult to face for those whose investment income is at a decade low.

But a historical look at interest rates, and a new look at personal finances, might help individuals respond positively to a negative situation.

The fact is, interest rates have historically been artificially high. A 25-year look at interest trends shows that the 1980s — especially the early 1980s — were an exceptional period for interest-sensitive investments, not the long-term "norm." As returns correct to more realistic levels, it's important to understand that there are no quick solutions to a situation that developed over a long period of time.

This is not to suggest, however, that there's nothing investors can do to confront today's low interest/low return environment. In-

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vestors in all situations, but especially those squeezed by poor earnings from low rates, can reconsider the entire concept of "risk" and how they relate to it.

Risk applies to more than protection of principal. If recent rate performance has taught us anything, it's that "low-risk" investments like CDs and money markets do contain risk — the risk of low earnings when interest rates drop. Investors need to understand that reducing or avoiding one type of risk often exposes them to another.

The risk of decreased earnings is a very real one. After inflation and taxes, reduced earnings from low rates can put investors in a negative "real rate of return" situation.

Many investors who rethink their aversion to risk decide they can accept more, creating new investment options. These options might include some that are more focused on the higher potential yield provided by certain types of bonds — either individually purchased or packaged in a mutual

fund portfolio.

While the principal in these investments may fluctuate in value, many investors feel that the added yield is more important to them than the added risk. Other options may also include common stock mutual funds, which are more focused on potential growth and less dependent on interest rates.

It's not an all-or-nothing proposition, either. Investors can increase their exposure to risk by degrees. Generally, the key is to operate with an expanded vision of what's possible — a broader, longer-term investment perspective.

For retirees, the persons most affected by reduced rates and lower current income, some might suggest that these are the same individuals least likely to take long-term view and accept more risk. But clearly, this is not always the case.

"Retired" is simply not synonymous with "old." An increased position in growth-oriented securities often is a legitimate strategy for retired persons, especially those in their late 50s and even those in their 60s.

If the need for current income can be somewhat reduced, some investment strategies can actually increase net worth and available capital, even during retirement. A

larger pool of capital can then be used to generate a higher level of future income. This income can help offset the long-term effect of inflation on a retiree's budget.

Even now, there are many opportunities for investments. For example, the prevailing view that lower interest rates are good for business, which means that the

very conditions that bring failing rates can mean excellent opportunities for growth-oriented investments.

In other words, the ability to identify and capitalize on economic trends is essential. But patience often is the most valuable asset. Over the long term, the "market" usually favors the patient investor.

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No one seems to be suffering. On the contrary, "Companies that are socially sensitive do better in the long run. It's a system that works for everybody," said Bayne, contrasting the additional profits that come through ethically responsible investing with the enormous cost less scrupulous companies have paid in the past for their "mistakes."

"What do you think Exxon paid to clean up the Valdez spill?" said Bayne, referring to the massive oil tanker leak which wreaked havoc on the Alaskan coastline. "These things have a very real effect on a company's balance sheet."

The rising social consciousness among consumers, combined with the proven potential for increased profits, is forcing corporations that haven't jumped on the ethical bandwagon to re-evaluate the way they do business, he said, making socially responsible investing the fastest growing trend on Wall Street.

"It's a cultural whiplash, a kind of reaction to the 1980s, with its Michael Milken, Donald Trumps and Ivan Boesky's," said Bayne. "It represents a return to integrity and sanity."

"I believe everyone has a responsibility to our planet, to our home. This is the perfect way to show it."

## Investment seminar slated Thursday

With interest rates on certificates of deposit (CDs) and money market accounts so low, some investors are searching for alternative investments.

Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Colonia. Speakers will be Mac Cook and Thomas Brockley of Prudential Securities.

To provide information on this topic, a seminar is scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Colonia. Speakers will be Mac Cook and Thomas Brockley of Prudential Securities. Admission is free, but space is limited. Call Barbara De Lapp at 447-1576 for a reservation.



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# Forty-something? Plan for retirement

If you're in your forties, you're a member of the "sandwich generation" — caught between financial obligations to your children and your parents. But that doesn't mean you can neglect a crucial financial obligation to yourself — planning for your own retirement future.

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Ask yourself: "How much money will I need to fund a comfortable retirement?" The answer probably is: "More than I'll receive from Social Security and my pension plan."

Today's "baby boomers" will probably have a retirement period that is longer than any prior generation. But a longer life also means that retirement money has to stretch further into the future. Factor in inflation, which reduces the buying power of your money each year, and rising costs, especially for health care, and the need to save early becomes clear.

A general rule of thumb: If you're already 40 and have not started saving, put one or more of the following "growth-promotion" strategies into action.

Shelter your retirement savings from current taxation. The government has authorized several investment vehicles that allow retirement savings to grow tax-free until you retire.

- You can invest up to \$2,000 annually in an IRA. If you do not currently participate in a pension plan, your contribution may be fully tax deductible. If you do currently participate in a pension plan, your IRA contribution is either partly deductible or not deductible at all, depending on your earnings.

Whether the initial contribution is deductible or not, you should consider making an IRA contribution each year because the money earned in the account compounds tax-deferred. It will not be taxed until you withdraw it after you retire, when you will most likely be in a lower tax bracket.

The timing and amount of your IRA contributions must be precisely recorded and these records kept in a secure place until you complete all withdrawals.

- The 401 (k) plan is also an important retirement savings opportunity. Since employers deduct contributions to the plan from individual employee paychecks, according to amounts set by each employee, saving is easy because it's automatic. For 1992, you can put up to \$8,728 of your annual salary into a 401 (k) on a pre-tax basis, which reduces your current

taxable income.

In addition, many larger companies match a percentage of each dollar an employee contributes. Money in a 401 (k) plan is also sheltered from current taxation.

- Municipal bonds are a federal-tax-free way to supplement your retirement plan portfolio. Maturities can be timed to coincide with your planned retirement. Home state bonds can provide additional tax benefits.

- Build a retirement savings portfolio. It's also important to

There are many different types of investments to consider in your quest for the greatest possible gains. Some are riskier than others, so you should think about how much risk you're willing to take and invest your money accordingly.

- Look closely at stocks. At forty-something, you have time to take some risk if it means you could obtain a higher return. In fact, if you're too conservative now, inflation might eat away the income and appreciation earned on lower-

**Today's 'baby boomers' will probably have a retirement period that is longer than any prior generation.**

develop a plan for retirement investing that will allow savings to grow at the fastest possible rate. The key to a comfortable retirement is to replace as much of your salary income as possible with income from investments. The more money you have when you retire, the more income you can earn from investments after retirement.

A diversified retirement portfolio is your best bet for increasing retirement savings. By putting your money in different kinds of investments, you can better assure that your money keeps growing through various economic cycles.

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Since growth is your current objective, your retirement portfolio should be weighted toward stocks. Although the stock market can be volatile, history shows that stocks over the long-term have out-performed other financial asset classes.

### Enjoy what you get

There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want, and after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieves the second.

Logan Pearsall Smith

### CPA task force starts study

A task force of members of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA) is helping quantify potential cost savings for Westchester 2000's "Governments at the Crossroads" study.

"This project demonstrates the ability of CPAs to act as allies in assisting local governments," said society member Robert L. Gray. "The study can be a model program for other county and state executives to consider when evaluating governmental costs."

"The study thoroughly explores all cost aspects of various governments," said Dr. Sal J. Prezioso, of Westchester 2000. "This group of 'citizen CPAs' will provide financial analyses of recommendations in the study's first phase."

The task force plans to evaluate the projections using both the appropriate historical government price index and the actual rate of cost increases incurred from 1984 through the current year.

The group intends to complete its analysis by the end of this year.

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# Assess finances to realize goals

Since tax reform has eliminated many write-offs, deductions and tax favored investment opportunities, today's working couples should assess their finances to determine the best way of achieving their financial goals.

Whether you're just beginning a family or close to retirement, you'll want to consider repositioning your assets to take full advantage of the new investment opportunities and avoid pitfalls.

The following strategies, based on the current tax laws, are for three of the more common investment objectives.

## Saving to reduce taxes

Regardless of your gross combined income, you and your spouse are most likely in a different tax bracket. Most couples should save money in taxes under present tax rules, but some will end up paying more.

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As a result, tax free municipal bonds have become an attractive investment option. With these investments, income is exempt from federal taxes, and in many cases states and cities allow exemptions on interest earned on their own issues. However, the tax law has reduced the supply of issues eligible for tax-exempt status, so consult your financial adviser when choosing bonds.

Tax shelters were eliminated by tax reform, but affordable housing tax credits can still provide some tax relief as well as real economic gains for higher income investors. Tax-credit programs are available with minimum investment of \$5,000 to \$25,000 and require that investors meet minimum suitability standards.

## Saving for college

The tax law curtails shifting income to children through trusts. Interest paid on student loans is no longer tax deductible unless you borrow equity in your home to do so.

So, one of the best ways to set money aside for your child's college education is to establish a Uniform Gifts to Minor account (UGMA). However, under the new law, only the first \$1,000 of income from new existing UGMA accounts will be taxed at the child's rate if he or she is under 14 years old. The remaining amount is taxed at the parents' rate.

Many investors focus on investments that will not generate very much taxable income, such as zero coupon municipal bonds. If you purchase these bonds for your child's education, they can be timed to mature when the child is ready to enter college. In the meantime, interest accumulates exempt from taxes.

After the child turns 14, you may want to invest primarily in conservative, income-producing

investments. The less time you have to save for college, the more conservative your investment strategy should be.

## Saving for retirement

Under the tax law, married couples are eligible for full tax deduction for an IRA if neither spouse is covered by a retirement plan at their work place or, if covered by a retirement plan, their income falls within certain limits. IRAs are fully deductible if a couple's combined adjusted gross income is \$40,000, no deduction may be taken for an IRA contribution. It may, however, still be worthwhile to invest in one because funds grow tax-deferred.

Insurance products are another alternative to consider. A popular form of tax-advantaged savings for retirement planning is a single-premium tax-deferred annuity.

Annuities can be fixed or variable. Fixed annuities guarantee principal and interest for periods of one year up to 10. With a variable annuity, you're not locked into a specific rate of return. Instead, your return will fluctuate with the performance of the investment portfolios you select. Variable annuities allow you to move freely among a family of mutual funds without incurring current income taxes.

In both cases, the money invested earns annual compounded interest, and investment earnings accumulate tax-deferred until payout.

Planning for retirement investment varies depending on a couple's income and situation.

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For example, a retired couple who enjoyed a fund's benefit of growth and income during their working years may now find the dividend rate little better than the yield on their savings account. Their present need is more income, more safety of principal and less growth.

An income or bond fund could offer a reasonable alternative. By investing in a bond fund they might substantially increase their income.

But a word of caution is in order. A mutual fund that deals in senior securities (bonds) and pays a high current income is no guarantee of safety and security. The key with mutual funds is management integrity and consistency.

The integrity and consistency of a fund's managers can only be determined through

research. With the help of a trained investment professional, look at the fund record. There are several independent companies which specialize in researching mutual funds. Compare the results to those of other mutual funds with the same investment objective. See how the fund's managers have done in the past year, five years and longer. The information is available, but you have to make the effort to find it and study it.

All investments have some inherent risk. The more risk, the more the borrower must pay the investor to take that risk. Some funds pay very high income by investing in securities of questionable quality. And, even though the fund is restricted to investments in senior securities, there could be considerable risk attached, which explains the higher income. In these cases, the managers have chosen to sacrifice some safety for more income.

For those investing for income to meet daily living expenses, it is essential that the income be dependable. Regardless of the income promised today, it is of little value if reduced or stopped tomorrow. When investing for income, also satisfy the need for safety. Ask about risk and make sure you get answers.

## Brokers now work for buyers

In the past year or so, New York state has seen a change in the laws that govern real estate brokers.

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Brokers are now required to state in writing who they are working for in a real estate transaction. As a result, more and more agents are offering their services as buyer representatives.

Traditionally, brokers have worked exclusively for sellers. However, as part of selling homes, they also work closely with prospective buyers. Usually before the right home is found, the broker will know the kids by name and would have shared the trials and tribulations of relocating with a family.

Out-of-town buyers depend on their broker to educate them about the area. They trust him to give advice on school systems, restaurants, parks and places for recreation.

Eventually, a relationship develops between the buyer and the broker. But, in the past, when it was time to negotiate a contract,

the broker was required to stop working for the buyer and representing the interests of the seller.

Some sellers were not comfortable having their interests protected by a broker who had so much history with a buyer.

*The buyer gets a type of service that was not available in the past.*

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New York has recently established laws of disclosure that allow the broker to clearly establish on whose behalf he is working. A broker can now negotiate a fee to represent the buyer's interest through the entire process of buying a home.

What does the buyer get from all this? He gets more service — a type of service that was not available in the past. The broker is not selling a home, he is providing the buyer a service. The broker is freer to counsel a buyer about the market and about a specific home.

When the time comes for a buyer to present an offer, the broker can provide a market analysis to determine if the asking price is comparable to the value of similar homes in the area, and the buyer and the broker can prepare a strategy for presenting an offer.

The broker can negotiate more aggressively when he is working for the buyer. Another advantage is that more properties will be available to the buyer because a broker can negotiate on "for sale by owner" properties.

Fees should not be the sole determining factor in choosing a broker. The potential buyer should interview a number of brokers to find the person they are most comfortable with and feel will best protect their interest.

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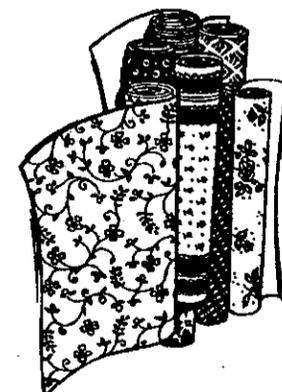
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# New reverse mortgages can help older homeowners

By Mel Hyman

A health care worker walked into the Capital District branch of Onbank in Colonie last week because she was concerned about an elderly woman she was caring for who was running low on funds.

"Health problems over the past year had eaten up quite a lot of her savings," said Phyllis Harrison, a mortgage loan officer with Onbank. "She was looking for a way to get a cash flow."

The health care worker was inquiring about reverse mortgages, since the woman was sitting on a lot of equity with her house. It seemed like the perfect solution, said Harrison.

Simply put, a reverse mortgage occurs when a person 62 or older, who owns their home free and clear, takes out a fixed term mortgage on the property and receives monthly payments, lump sum payments, a line of credit or a combination of the three.

The only institution currently offering reverse mortgages is the Prudential Mortgage Co. Inc. in Colonie. "It's a community service for us," said Carlos Roman, regional director of Prudential's reverse mortgage program. "We want to help out seniors. We're not in it to make a killing."

Reverse mortgages usually amount to about 65 percent of the fair market value of the house. The remaining equity is used for interest payments and processing fees on the borrowed money.

Banks and savings and loan institutions are often reluctant to get involved with the program because "they want profits now," Roman explained. With reverse mortgages, profits can be delayed for years.

At the end of the loan period, which is generally between 15 and 20 years, ownership of the home reverts from the homeowner to the lender. The bank then recoups its money by selling the house.

And with the fluctuating real estate market, "you can't be really sure if you're going to come out on top or break even."

Under a special program passed by Congress last year, the FHA (Federal Housing Administration) was authorized to insure 25,000 reverse mortgages over the next five years. With this arrangement, the bank or mortgage company is guaranteed payment at the end of the loan period whether or not the homeowner has died or vacated the house.

Prudential participates in the FHA guaranteed loan program, Roman noted, which requires all applicants to be interviewed by an FHA-approved counselor.

Banks have traditionally shied away from reverse mortgages, citing the reluctance to evict someone from their house when the loan period — or equity — expires. Under the FHA program, that obstacle has been removed.

Experience has shown that if counseling is not offered, people may someday regret the decision because it could affect their estate and what they have to hand down to their children.

Onbank receives several inquiries each month, Harrison said, but the bank has yet to receive the go-ahead from corporate headquarters to issue reverse mortgages.

Between 150 and 200 reverse mortgages were issued by the company statewide last year, Roman said, and plans are to expand the program down the east coast to Florida.

"I think there is a market out there," she said, "especially with people living longer and the refinancing wave that's going on."

Ten reverse mortgages were issued in the Albany area last year, he said, although the program is still relatively new here.

"We think this is a good way for people with property, who may have all of their money tied up, to get an extra income in their later years," said John Petricco, manager of the FHA office in Albany.



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# With less in the pot, shopping wisely is a must

As more and more Americans discover that there is less money to go around in the 1990s, shopping wisely will become extremely important.

Shopping around for the best product at the best price is one smart way to stretch a budget. And, beside the savings, it's fun!

No one really wants to throw their money around. Most people, even the very rich, get a secure feeling from managing their money properly.

Getting a bargain is one of the old-time pleasures that many people forgot during the "borrow and spend" 1980s, but shopping wisely is coming back in fashion.

Why now, you ask?

Well, any economist can quote the statistics about the flattening standard of living, the huge debts that have to be paid off somehow and the collapsing international value of the dollar. Soon, everyone will be saying, "Honey, we'd better start watching our spending!"

Using coupons at the supermarket, getting gas for five cents less a gallon at the discount gas station, sending film in for developing, buying the discount coupon book and using it, are all satisfying ways to make one's dollar go further.

And, thank goodness, over the last decade and a half, many new ways have developed for the wise shopper to save money in the financial services arena.

Once upon a time, there was only one way to invest money — other than in certificates of deposit in the bank — and that was through a full-service stock brokerage firm. And, it goes without saying, that you had to use their research, take their advice and pay their top-of-the-line commission and fees. There was really no way around it.

But now, capitalism has been unleashed on the investment industry. Under capitalism, also called competition, if there's a profit to be made, people will find a way to capture it. If there is a market niche to be filled, it will get filled. And since the middle 1970s, new and cheaper ways of investing one's money have been developed.

Among the more popular ways that the 1990s investor can get more for less today are no-load (meaning no commission) mutual funds, discount brokerage firms and independent or outside investment advisory research companies.

Here's a little more information on each of these relatively new investing methods.

In the last decade and a half, hundreds of new mutual funds have sprung up that market their investment advice directly to the public, thereby bypassing the

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mutual funds, there is a new book out by Gerald Perritt, *The Mutual Fund Encyclopedia*. Available in many public libraries, the book lists 1300 mutual funds, their toll-free numbers, costs or no costs and the features and investment objectives of the funds.

Individuals who believe in managing their own money can turn to discount stock brokerage firms. These firms, which have become popular since brokerage commissions were deregulated in the middle 1970s, give all the conveniences of the mainstream, full-service brokers except that they don't give investment advice or "hand holding." However, since many investors still need this support, they have to miss out on the tremendous cost savings available.

There are many discount brokers today, and they are doing well because more and more investors are realizing that they provide a cheaper way to invest. The largest of the discounters is Charles Schwab & Co., which recently opened an office in downtown Albany.

These brokers save investors money in more ways than just in

broker or middleman. Obviously, this marketing method saves one big and onerous fee: the commission.

A mutual fund is essentially a way of combining the money of many individual investors in a basket of stocks so that everyone will own a pro-rata portion of the total. By the way, this spreading of investment money around gives the very great benefit of diversification, which in turn lowers each individual's risk.

An investor can now invest in these mutual funds directly, and also use all the helpful and convenient services such as reinvestment of dividends and switching funds within a family of funds with one telephone call. So, the investor can receive all the modern day investment conveniences and save the generally 4 to 8 1/2 percent commission fees.

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lower commissions. Schwab, for example, is now running ads about their "No-fee IRAs." This is a particularly annoying maintenance fee that many full-service brokerage firms charge yearly for having one's individual retirement account with them.

And, finally, there are the outside research boutiques, more commonly called investment newsletters. These independent

firms and pay considerably more to invest their monies.

More and more investors are deciding to do their own research in order to save themselves money. Many times the incentive to begin handling their own investments comes when some recommendation by their full-service broker goes awry. They then feel they can do just as well as their highly-paid investment

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research companies understand there are many investors today who would like to use the no-load mutual fund families and the discount and deep-discount brokerage firms, but aren't confident enough to make their own investment decisions. That's why many still invest with the full-service

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# So your CD's matured, what's next on financial front?

One of the most common dilemmas facing investors today is what to do with their money when certificates of deposit mature.

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According to the Federal Reserve Board, over \$100 billion in CDs matured recently, and more than \$1.5 trillion remains outstanding.

Renewing a CD will return anywhere from 3 to 5.95 percent, depending on the maturity. However, after paying more income tax and factoring in the inflation rate, the investor may receive nothing.

What alternative investments are available to investors that can provide a high rate of return? The biggest mistake an investor can make is to look for the highest return available without understanding the underlying risk. It's important to plan carefully to determine which investments are right.

The first step to successful investing is to have an understanding of the three main areas of financial assets - stocks, bonds

and cash.

The next step is for the investor to determine his current diversification. To accomplish this, he should make a list of goals and objectives (i.e. saving for retirement, children's education, etc.), time frame and risk tolerance.

**No matter which strategy is ultimately chosen, an attempt should be made to diversify investments.**

Current portfolio items, including real estate, IRAs and all financial assets should also be listed.

By looking at the list, the investor can evaluate his current assets

and determine if his present asset allocation meets both stated risk tolerance and investment objectives.

For example, in saving for retirement, older investors should be more conservative and income-oriented because, if they lose

But no matter which strategy is ultimately chosen, an attempt should be made to diversify investments.

Once the proper allocation for personal needs has been determined, choosing the specific investments to meet individual needs is the next step. Mutual funds, private money managers, individual stocks and bonds are among the many choices available.

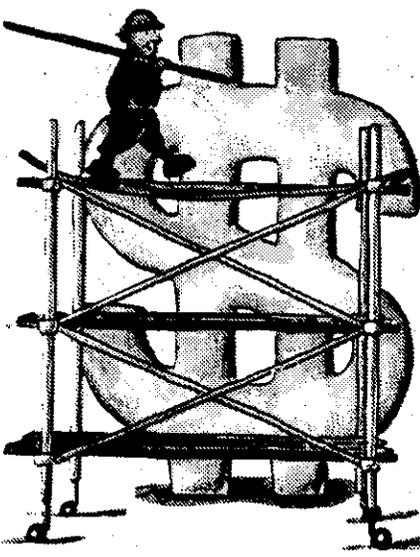
Finally, I believe the most important part of financial planning is trust. A financial advisor should be helpful not only in choosing specific investments, but also in providing knowledge for the understanding of financial assets, gathering asset information and determining the best asset allocation for each investor's needs and goals.

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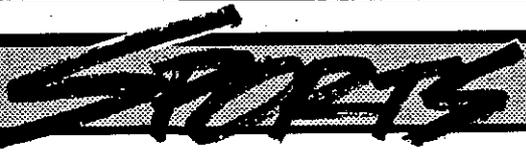


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# Why I coach soccer

By Frank Rice

The wallpaper has sat in a closet for two years and still has not been put up in either our bathroom or our laundry room. The basement is a mess, and the garage needs to be painted. The deck needs waterproofing and the moss is creeping over the bricks of our front sidewalk.

With a list like this, why am I spending many of my weekends and early evenings cavorting with a bunch of 12 and 13-year-old girls on a soccer field? Let me try to explain.

This past year, I had the pleasure of working with David Blabey, Stan Smith and Peter Corrigan in coaching the under-12 girls travel team. We had a very successful season, ultimately winning our Division A championship. This team could not have succeeded without the support of these coaches and the other parents throughout the season.

Many psychologists would ridicule the extent of our parental involvement as being no more than a middle age ego trip, a way of reliving a lost youth. I don't think that's the case.

During my career, I have had the opportunity to get to know several Nobel Prize winners personally, but not one of them is more important than a child. Coaching is one way of showing kids that we are interested in them. That is part of why I coach.

I am now beginning my 11th year as a coach affiliated with the Bethlehem Soccer Club. The last five years have been spent coaching travel teams. Two of my travel teams have won their divisions and two others have finished second and third respectively.

They have won or placed in numerous indoor and outdoor tournaments and have defeated many of the top teams in the state and the Northeast. In spite of all

this, BSC currently faces three limitations.

First, we need consistently decent and safe fields for teams to practice and play on. It is very frustrating for players and coaches to waste their valuable time for want of playable fields. This limitation will be remedied by the development of our own soccer fields in the SoccerPlex. We need your financial help through donations and contacts with area businesses, but we can do it if we work together. Please support the volunteers working on this effort.

Second, BSC needs more players especially in the travel team program. We have grown to that clumsy stage where we sometimes have too many players for one team, but not enough for two teams in a particular age group.

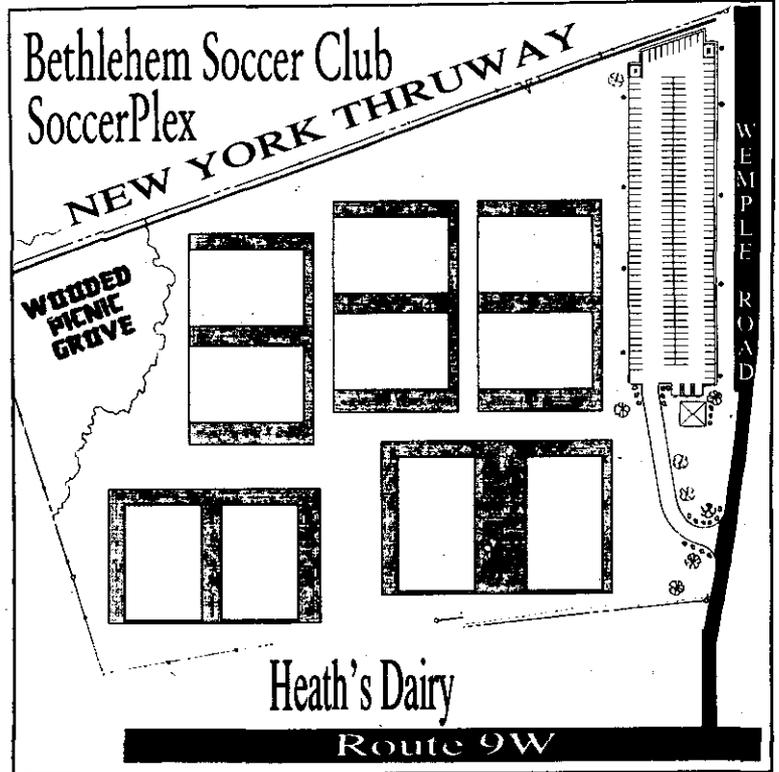
As a result, some kids may have to be turned away. Participation by girls especially needs more encouragement. Sometimes, there are

not enough girls at a particular age level to field even one team and this disrupts the continuity of the entire program.

Finally, BSC needs more experienced coaches. In some cases it has become clear that the quality of our players is pushing the limits of our coaches' abilities. When we play Clifton Park, we are not competing against particular team but against an entire program. I would especially like to encourage those who have played soccer themselves and/or have prior coaching experience to consider coaching for BSC.

But anyone who is dedicated to working with kids and has an interest in learning the game can develop into a successful coach.

For me, it has been great fun, a great escape from the pressures of work, a good way to stay in shape and most important, a great way to get to know my kids. And the wallpaper, basement, deck, garage and sidewalk can wait until next year.



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# V'ville boys shooting for one more soccer title

## State semifinal match on Friday

By Greg Sullivan

The Voorheesville boys soccer team continued its fine post-season play, capturing the New York State Adirondack Regional Championship on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Bleecker Stadium.

The Blackbirds outclassed Northern Adirondack Central, the Section VII champions, 2-0, to advance to the New York State Class C semifinal at Oneonta Friday. Voorheesville is the Section II champion, having won both the C and class C-CC crowns before moving to state play.

Sweeper Kevin Relyea was the big story for the 'Birds as he scored both goals — one in each half — blasting shots by the Northern Adirondack keeper from 30 yards out.

Relyea was also stellar on defense, anchoring a stingy Voorheesville defense consisting of stopper Kyle Tracy, fullbacks Sean Bruno and Scott Basal, and goalie Craig Panthen, who had to make only five saves.

The Northern Adirondack style of play was not to the liking of the Blackbirds and their fans as many of their missed tackles resulted in

Voorheesville injuries early on, including the loss of halfback Darren Ascone for the rest of the game. It wasn't until a few yellow cards were handed out to NAC that the mugging subsided somewhat.

The Blackbirds high-powered offense (98 goals), anchored by seniors Kevin Meade, Greg Sullivan, and Brad Rockmore, had a number of excellent opportunities that were thwarted by the Northern Adirondack goalie.

Coach Bob Crandall's squad will be attempting to win their second state crown in three years this weekend. The 'Birds were the New York State Champions in 1990.

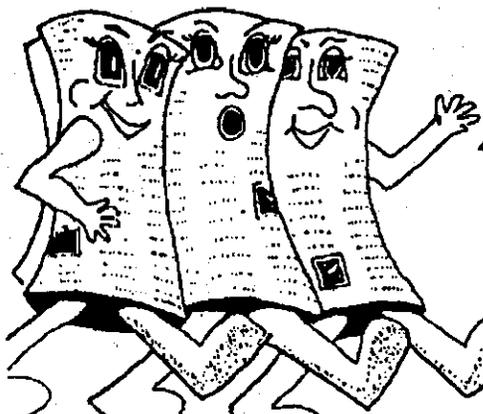
The Blackbirds will play Cold Spring Harbor of Section VIII (Long Island Region) Friday at the Oneonta Hall of Fame Field at 10:30 a.m. The winner will play for the state championship Saturday.

The other semifinal game pits Section III champ Westhill against Section V winner Haverling High of Bath. The Blackbirds beat Haverling for the state title in 1990.

The winners will play for the state championship on Saturday.



Senior members of the Voorheesville varsity boys soccer team will hope to end their high school careers with a Class C state crown this week. Shown here, from left, front row, Kyle Tracy, Greg Sullivan, Sean Bruno, Darren Ascone and Matt Reh; back row, Coach Bob Crandell, Kevin Meade, Brian Rockmore, Richie Schultz, Frank Hart, Kevin Relyea, Tom Dutkiewicz and Assistant Coach Mike Guerette. *Elaine McLain*



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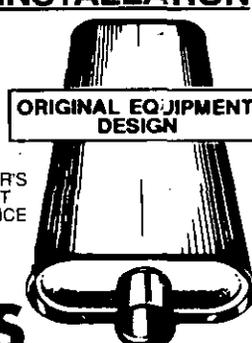


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## Next year should be better, says BC girls swim coach

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem girls swim team finished a less than spectacular year by placing 11th out of 15 teams at the Section II championships.

The Eagles compiled 78 points during the two-day meet on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14. Shaker won the meet with 443 points followed by Shenendehowa and Burnt Hills with 425 and 334 points, respectively. None of Bethlehem's 20 swimmers who competed qualified for the state tournament.

Bethlehem coach Sandie Banas spoke positively of her team's 3-7 season. "We met both of my goals, to get as many people qualified for sectionals as possible, we had 20 swimmers and divers compete, and to have fun. The girls

said they had fun and I certainly had fun.

"Pretty much everyone achieved a personal best time, throughout the season or in sectionals," she continued. "We're a young team. We'll be back up there among the top teams soon. I think next year we'll be able to contend better at sectionals because this year we had a lot of freshmen who didn't know what to expect. We should be well into the top 10 next year."

The Eagles strongest showing at the sectionals was by their diving team. Karrena Zornova finished sixth and Kerri Battle tied for eighth place. Georgia Butt finished 10th in the 50 freestyle and 12th in the 100 freestyle in her final high school meet.

## Close games mark end of Pop Warner season

Sunday, Nov. 15, saw the Junior Midget Hawks lose a hard-hitting battle to the South Troy Warriors by a score of 28-12.

The Hawks offense was led by Jesse Brozowski (one TD), Jeff Linstruth (one TD) and Jeremy Deyde, while Mike Coker, Mike Quackenbush and Tom Walmsley led the defensive charge.

The Midget Eagles closed out their season with their best defensive effort yet in a losing effort against the North Colonie Bisons, 15-0. Steve Euler's interception and the play of Tom Klienke and Adam Van Duzer keyed the defense, while Jeff McQuide and Gary Peterson led the offense.

The Junior Pee Wee Condors

(A) lost a heart-breaker to Niskyuana 6-0, with the winning touchdown coming in the final minute. The coaching staff was pleased by the total team effort and the improvement of everyone since the beginning of the season.

The Condors (B) lost 14-0 to the Troy Patriots at Lansingburgh. Tim Rice's interception, along with the hitting of Paul Wolfert and Sonya Rook, spearheaded the defense. Mike Mooney, Tom Regal and Erik Stegman gave their best performances offensively.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Bethlehem hosts the Junior Pee Wee and Junior Midget Super Bowls at the high school, starting at 3 p.m.

## Star Bowlers



Bowling honors for the week of Nov. 8, at Del Lanes in Delmar, goes to:

Seniors - George Bickel 248, Bob Montgomery 246, Mickey Willsey 216 (singles); Helen Ragotski 408, Doris Aupperle 454 (triples);

Adults - Stan Reed 266, Peg Were 256, Linda Yates 229 (singles); George Phillips 670, Mary Brady 566 (triples); Russ Hunter 893, Peg Were 772 (four game series).

Junior Classic Majors - Ben Comtois 245, Phil Stone 289, Bathe

Matthews 234 (singles).

Majors - Kevin Fournier 203 (singles), 535 (triples); Krystal Burns 181 (singles), 504 (triples).

Juniors - Dan Brunner 191 (singles), 535 (triples); Heather Brady 191 (singles), 521 (triples).

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# Boys swim coach expects challenge to BC's ascendancy

By Emily Church

The Bethlehem boys varsity swim team enters this year's season with 19 consecutive years of sectional victories behind them and a strong opposition ahead.

Although expectations are high for the Eagles, the boys face the strongest competition since 1990 when Bethlehem just snuck by Troy in the sectionals. This year's Shaker team lost very few swimmers, and they look to be stronger than ever.

"On paper right now we would lose," Coach Ken Neff said. "Shaker has six very strong swimmers, plus depth."

The Eagles lost a large group to graduation, including sectional finalists Paul Engel, Mike Loydon and Ian Salsburg. "The void left by Paul and Mike is the real core of middle distance freestylers," Neff said.

But it is still too early in the season to make any predictions, and the Bethlehem squad has a strong contingent of young swimmers. "This year's team is young, but very high in potential," Neff said. "The group is well-focused, and the kids understand what they're up against."

**This year's team is young, but very high in potential ...**

Coach Neff

Neff is still optimistic about the team's chances. "We have a wide variety of talent," he said. "There is not a completely empty event. We have strong IM, back and breaststrokers."

With returning section diving champion Joe Schneider, and teammates Tim Bearup and Brad Fitzgerald, diving should be one of Bethlehem's strong points, Neff said.

Bethlehem has also learned that meets aren't won just by outstanding swimmers. "The most important thing we have to do is strengthen our depth," senior Rory Fay said. "People have to realize the importance of third and fourth place, not just first and second place finishers."

Senior Ryan Green also believes that the team's cohesion will play a role this season. "Team togetherness and support for each other is important," he said. "People will have to rise up and take the places of others who have left."

The team is also facing strong competition from Shenendehowa and Troy in Section II, and New Hartford and Tappan Zee, who are both from out of the section.

The Eagles first meet is Dec. 3 at home against Amsterdam.

# Injuries hampered RCS football team this year

By Kevin Van Derzee

Despite the loss of some key players, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk football team finished the season with four wins and five losses.

Battling injuries and tough opponents, the Indians never seemed to get untracked. After a big win in their opener against Lansingburgh, the Indians lost their next two games in the second half, after having leads at halftime.

RCS then traveled to Hudson for a Friday night game. The Indians jumped ahead 30-6 at halftime and held on to deal the Bluehawks their first loss of the season. On their first play from scrimmage the next week, the Indians lost their top running back Eric Powell to a broken hip. Ravena went on to lose the game to La Salle 28-26, giving them a 2-3 record through five games.

Their next game was the homecoming game, which they won over Averill Park, to even up their record at 3-3. After losing their next game, 20-14 to Schalmont, the Indians hoped to spoil the Albany

Academy Cadets perfect season. After entering the game without the services of Powell and Elton Tune, the Indians were playing with two new backs in the backfield. Even though they played well in the first half, the Indians lost the game 33-14.

RCS traveled to Coxsack for their last game of the year. They were without the services of full-back Mike Jordan, but Powell had returned to the lineup. The Indians won the game in convincing fashion, 20-12, to end the season on a high note.

Ravena placed two players on the Capital Conference all-star team. David Baranska made first team defensive tackle and first team offensive guard. Powell was named to the second team as a running back. Dan Gallagher and Baranska will play in the exceptional seniors game on Thanksgiving day.

Powell finished the year with 497 yards rushing in only five games. Tune caught 17 passes for 230 yards on the year. Gallagher ended up with 16 receptions for 259 yards for the season. Seth Roe also had a good year receiving with 15 catches overall.

Junior Chris Romano had another good year breaking his own school passing record, completing 73 passes for 977 yards on the season.

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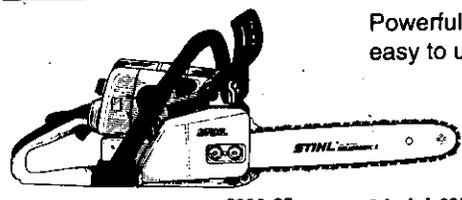
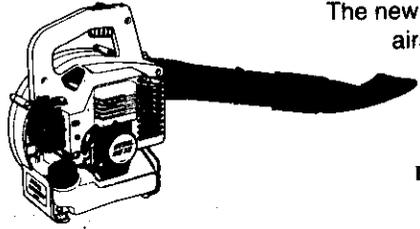
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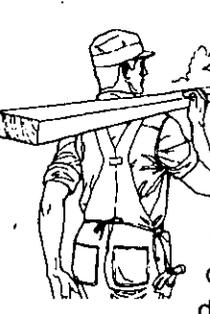
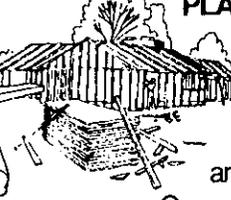
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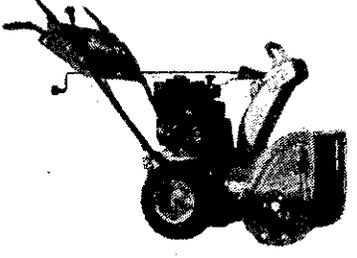
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The informal group was developed to enable new mothers to share their feelings, and to give them emotional support. Discussion topics include understanding normal postpartum changes, hormonal changes, mood swings and fatigue.

To register, call the hospital's community education department at 346-9410.

**St. Peter's to offer class on Caesareans**

St. Peter's Hospital is offering a class on Caesarean birth on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany.

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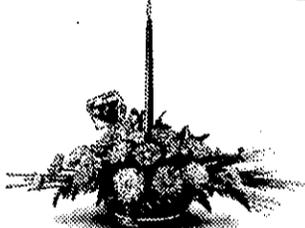
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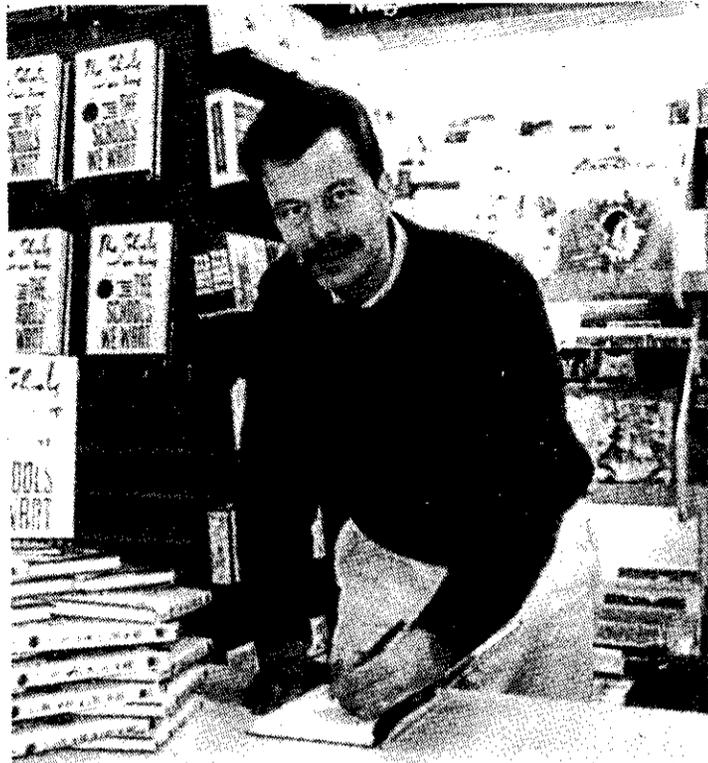


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**Arnold**

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tant District Attorney Cheryl Coleman. "A sentence to state prison is appropriate and sends the message that this was a serious crime."

Arnold's friends had delivered more than 700 petition signatures asking for leniency to Keegan's office Friday.

"We're not trying in any way to say that he should not serve time," said the Rev. Dr. Donna Meinhard of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. "Chris says he needs to deal with his punishment, and we agree. We hope the judge will take into account helpful incarceration."

Arnold has been talking with youth groups about drinking and driving, according to his attorney, William Gray.

"He has spoken to three groups so far, and has absolutely expressed remorse and warned kids about the dangers of driving drunk," Gray said. "I have never seen a defendant go out and do what this young man has done in reaching out to others."

A national leader in the movement against drunk driving was less impressed by Arnold's post-conviction activities.

"A prison sentence is not vengeance—it's a message and a lesson for young people," said Doris Aiken, founder and president of RID-USA. "I know of several young people who went to prison, realized they were alcoholics and came out with whole new lives. Talking to high school students about their accidents would not have had the same effect."

Arnold will be evaluated in the correctional system for possible alcoholism treatment, but will not be eligible for shock incarceration, which could reduce his sentence to six months, according to Jim Plateau, spokesman for the Department of Correctional Services.

Arnold will be eligible for parole in 16 months.

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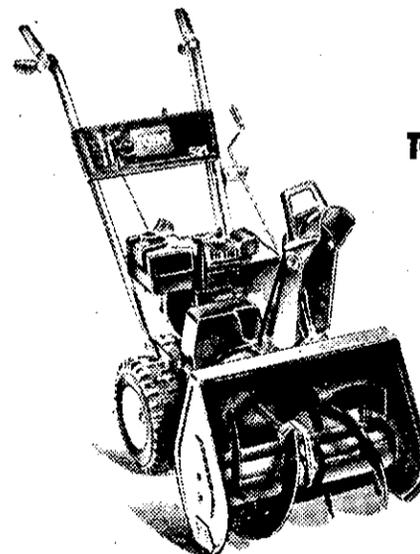
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### Schimanski, McDermott to wed

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Schimanski is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Lehigh University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is a soft-

ware engineer at General Electric Aerospace Division in Pittsfield, Mass.

McDermott, a graduate of Holyoke High School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is a materials analysis engineer at GE Aerospace in Pittsfield.

A fall 1993 wedding is planned.

### Library programs to focus on holiday

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, is offering several Thanksgiving holiday programs for preschoolers.

Food and storytelling will be the featured activities during the "Thanksgiving Treat" program on Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers ages 3 to 6 will learn about Native American culture during the "Tom-Toms and Talking Hands" program on Friday, Nov. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

For information, call 439-9314.

### Voorheesville church sets Christmas bazaar

St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Mountainview Road, Voorheesville, will host its annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will include Christmas decorations, tree ornaments, wooden goods, toys and household items.

There will be a Chinese auction and a raffle for a trip to Atlantic City.

For information, call 765-2451.

### Square dance group to swing Saturday

The Tri-Village Squares will sponsor a dance on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Oliver

### Cordi, Oliver marry

Suzanne Maureen Cordi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cordi of Slingerlands, married Bruce William Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Oliver of Glenmont, on Aug. 29.

The ceremony was performed at St. Mary's Church, Albany, by Father Paul Smith and the Rev. Lynn Joosten.

A reception followed at the Western Turnpike, Golf Club, Guilderland.

Matron of honor was Colleen Savarese, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tammy Cartwright, Gina Sbardella and Lisa Malek. Amanda Oliver was

flower girl and Ashlynn Savarese was junior flower girl.

Best man was Gary Oliver, brother of the groom. Ushers were Vincent Rinaldi, David Morrell and Kevin Myers. John Sbardella was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Maria College. She is a registered nurse at St. Peter's Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He is a police officer in the town of Bethlehem.

After a wedding trip to Wyoming, the couple lives in Glenmont.

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Bethlehem Networks Project and the Bethlehem Public Library have more than 60 educational videos available for borrowing. Some videos are for family viewing and some are for specific age groups.

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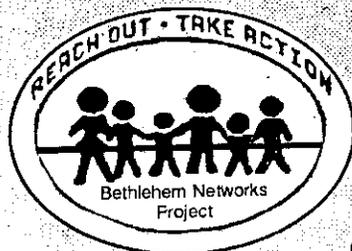
One video, *Calling the Shots*, describes how the alcohol industry uses advertising to link drinking with happiness, prestige, success and athletic ability. This selection is designed for sixth-graders and above.

Last January, Sister Anne Smollin presented a program on "Cornucopia Kids — How to Say No to Your Child" to more than 300 community residents at Bethlehem Central High School.

A videotape of this program is available for adults to borrow.

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**Spotlight on the Services**

**Emmerling graduates from basic training**

Airman Anthony E. Emmerling Jr., son of Gloria J. Emmerling of Delmar, recently graduated from Air Force Basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He received training in Air Force missions, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in the Community College of the Air Force.

**Keneston completes Air Force training**

Airman Shaun M. Keneston, a former Delmar resident, recently graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

A 1992 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Keneston is the son of Linda M. and Wesley T. Boyd of Selkirk.

**Marine earns medal for good conduct**

Marine Sgt. Roger T. Downing, son of William J. Krause of Clarksville, recently received the Good Conduct Medal.

The award recognizes good service over a three-year period.

Downing is currently assigned with the weapons training battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

He is a 1986 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

**Lalor completes Marine basic training**

Marine Pfc. Patrick E. Lalor, son of Stephan and Karen Lalor of Glenmont, recently completed recruit training at Parris Island, S.C., and was promoted to his present rank.

Through the training, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, the typical military daily routine and personal and professional standards.

**Boriello, Herbach engaged**

Helen Bastian and Anthony Boriello of Rochester announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Boriello, to Bruce Herbach, son of Sue and David Herbach of Delmar.

Albany and is a housing rehabilitation specialist for the Arbor Hill Development Corp.

Herbach is a graduate of the State University College at Buffalo and is a senior instrumentation specialist at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Boriello is a graduate of SUNY

**Williams, LeForestier to wed**

Anne and James Williams of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to Wilford LeForestier Jr., son of Mary Lou and Wilford LeForestier Sr. of Troy.

Brockport. She is a Spanish teacher in the Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County.

LeForestier is a graduate of Troy High School and Hartwick College in Oneonta. He is employed by Key Bank.

Williams is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at

A July wedding is planned.

**Wilson, McKittrick engaged**

Wayne and Marjorie Wilson of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to George E. McKittrick, son of George and Estelle McKittrick of Albany.

Mental Health. McKittrick is a graduate of Vincentian Institute in Albany and SUNY College of Technology in Utica. He is an electronics technician at the state Office of General Services.

Wilson, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a secretary for the state Office of

A June wedding is planned.

**RCS plans talk on college financial aid**

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School will host "Financial Aid Night" on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Community College, will speak about the college financial aid process and recent changes made by Congress in determining financial need.

Janet Brooks, financial aid counselor at Columbia-Greene Com-

For information, call the school guidance office at 756-2155.

**Wakeman, DeCarlo wed**

Jacqueline Wakeman, daughter of Constance Wakeman of Delmar and the late Warren Wakeman, was married Oct. 3 to Eric DeCarlo, son of Alfred and Linda DeCarlo of Schenectady.

Susan Godell.

David DeCarlo, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were William Schmidt, Joseph Lanaro and Philip DeCarlo, brother of the groom.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Cribbs at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, Tim Kochan. A reception followed at the Oceans Eleven restaurant, Guilderland.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Maria College. She is employed at the Albany County Nursing Home.

The groom, a graduate of Schalmont High School and Mohawk Valley Community College, is employed by the State of New York.

Peggy Stornelli was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Erin Abrahamson, Carolyn Jonas and

Following a wedding trip to Florida, the couple lives in Guilderland.

**Mail weddings, engagements**

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo.

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**Boy Scout Troop 75 slates 19th annual Sportsmart**

Boy Scout Troop 75 of Delmar will sponsor its 19th annual Sportsmart on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Bethlehem Central High School.

Items for the sale will be accepted from 9 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. The sale will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and cash and unsold items can be picked up from 5 to 5:30.

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# Obituaries

## Martin Faust

Martin Faust, 79, of Greenock Road in Delmar, died Monday, Nov. 9, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in New York City, Mr. Faust earned a bachelor's degree from City College, a master's in public administration from New York University, and a doctor of jurisprudence from Columbia University.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he moved to the Albany area in 1948, and retired in 1977 as deputy counsel of the state Department of Mental Hygiene.

He is survived by his wife, Roslyn Greenfield Faust; a daughter, Dr. Irene Keighron of Agoura, Calif.; two brothers, Louis Faust and Jack Faust, both of Florida; and a sister, Rosalind Schiller of Bergenfield, N.J.

Services were from Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany. Burial was in Beth Emeth Cemetery, Loudonville.

Contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Research Foundation of Albany Medical College, New Scotland Avenue, Albany 12208; or the Capital District Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206.

## Ruth Newcomb

Ruth C. Lustenader Newcomb, 71, of New Salem Road in Voorheesville, died Monday, Nov. 9, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Newcomb had lived in Voorheesville for the past 36 years. She worked for 15 years at New York Telephone Co., and for several years at Sager Spuck Co., both in Albany.

Mrs. Newcomb was also a librarian and secretary in the guidance office at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville for 20 years, retiring in 1986.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Newcomb; two sons, Jeffrey Newcomb of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Jonathan Newcomb of Seattle; a sister, Joanne Ladd of Fort Smith, Ark.; and a grandson.

Services were from Reilly &

Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville, with burial in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service or to the American Lung Association.

## Frances Rafferty

Frances Przekurat Rafferty, 82, formerly of Voorheesville, died at the Teresian House in Albany on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Rafferty moved to Voorheesville in 1977 and had lived at the nursing home since 1987.

She was a self-employed domestic worker in the area for most of her life.

She was the widow of William Rafferty.

Survivors include two sons, Timothy Rafferty of Voorheesville and William Rafferty of Sierra Vista, Calif.; two sisters, Tessie Detlefsen and Helen Knapp; and five grandchildren.

Services were from Reilly & Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville, with burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie.

## Nina Colonna

Nina Brennan Colonna of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar died Thursday, Nov. 12, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a lifetime resident of the Capital District. She graduated from the former Cathedral Academy in 1939 and from the Austin School of Beauty Culture in 1940.

Mrs. Colonna worked as a hairdresser in Colonna beauty shops in the area for 45 years until she retired in 1985.

She is the widow of John B. Colonna.

She is survived by two friends, Clara Malone and Phyllis Wilkinson, both of Albany.

Services were from Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home on Manning Square in Albany. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice.

## Dr. John G. Sigsby

Dr. John G. Sigsby, 75, of Bender Lane in Glenmont, died Thursday, Nov. 12, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born and educated in Saratoga Springs, he moved to Glenmont in 1953. He was a graduate of

Union College and Albany Medical College.

Dr. Sigsby was a neurologist in private practice in Albany and served on the staff of Albany Memorial Hospital. He was also a consultant at St. Peter's Hospital. He was a member of the American Medical Association.

He was an avid carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Geruldsen Sigsby; two sons, John G. Sigsby Jr. of Glenmont and William Gordon Sigsby of Clifton Park; and a grandson.

Services were from Bussing & Cunniff Funeral Home on Circular Street in Saratoga Springs.

Burial was in the family plot in Greenridge Cemetery in Saratoga Springs.

## Hajo R. Christoph

Hajo R. Christoph, 89, of Good Samaritan Apartments, Delmar, died Thursday, Nov. 12, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Berlin, Germany, Mr. Christoph moved to the United States in 1925, where he lived in Castleton from 1931 until moving to Delmar in 1987.

Mr. Christoph was employed as a commercial artist for 34 years by Fort Orange Paper Company, Castleton, retiring in 1965.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Castleton, and a charter member of the Albany Artists Group.

Survivors include his wife, Matilda Haage Christoph; a son, Peter R. Christoph of Selkirk; a sister, Ruth Walter of Alt Leinigen, Germany; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral arrangements were from Ray Funeral Services, Castleton-on-Hudson.

Contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Castleton or to the Northeastern Association of the Blind.

## Lee E. Faulkner

Lee E. Faulkner, 59, owner of the Delmar Athletic Club and former resident of Slingerlands, died Saturday, Nov. 14, at his home in Chatham.

Mr. Faulkner was born in East Orange, N.J., and lived in Bernardsville, N.J., from 1937 to 1976, when he moved to Slingerlands. In 1989 he moved to Chatham.

He was a 1951 graduate of Bernard's High School in Ber-

nardsville and a 1955 graduate of Colgate University.

He had also been a self-employed building contractor in Bernardsville. At the time of his death, Mr. Faulkner and his wife, Gail, were part owners of Volker and Appar, a company that owns apartment complexes in Chatham.

Mr. Faulkner was also a member of the New Jersey Home Builders Association of Somerset and Morris counties. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bernardsville, where he was an elder and served in many other capacities.

He served on the school board in Bernardsville from 1970 to 1973 and as president of the Bernardsville PTA in 1967 and 1968.

Mr. Faulkner served in the Air Force ROTC and saw active duty in England. He was a captain in the Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Gail Appar Faulkner; a son, Gary L. Faulkner of Altamont; a daughter, Karen R. Beane of Greensboro, N.C.; a brother, Larry M. Faulkner of Rockdale, Texas; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were from the First Presbyterian Church in Bernardsville. Arrangements were by Gallaway and Crane Funeral Home, Basking Ridge, N.J.

Contributions may be made to the memorial fund of the First Presbyterian Church, Bernardsville, N.J. 07924.

## Philip Wexler

Philip Wexler, 70, of Delmar a retired state official, died Monday, Nov. 16, at home.

A native of New York City, Mr. Wexler completed his undergraduate work at Long Island

## Club awards scholarships

The Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club recently presented scholarships to two local residents: Lori Geurtze of Glenmont, and Nicole Leach of Delmar.

Geurtze, a graduate of Bethle-

## BC grad to sing in oratorio

Alicia M. Doherty, daughter of Anna Newbould of Delmar and John J. Doherty of Loudonville, will sing with Hood College choral groups and the U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club in Handel's "Messiah" on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. in the Coffman Chapel on the Hood campus.

This marks the 45th year that the two choral groups have presented the famous oratorio. Four soloists will join the combined choirs, orchestra, organ, and harpsichord, all under the direction of Don Doughty, director of choral activities at Hood.

Doherty, a junior, has performed in two previous holiday

University in 1947. He did graduate work at the University of Southern California and received a master's and doctoral degree from Columbia University. In 1957, he moved to Albany.

Before his retirement in 1980, he was assistant commissioner for staff development and training for the state Department of Mental Hygiene. After retirement, he worked as an oral examiner for the state Department of Civil Service.

Before coming to Albany, Mr. Wexler was an associate professor of Health Education at State University College at Cortland. He also taught at Lehigh University in Lehigh, Pa., Russell Sage College in Troy, University of Michigan, Montclair State College in Montclair, N.J., Teachers College of Columbia University and the New School of Psychiatry.

He also served as research assistant with the National Health Council. He was a member of the Mental Health Training Committee of the National Institute of Mental Health from 1965-1969, and served as Chairman of the Northeast State Governments Conference on Mental Health.

Mr. Wexler was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Lewis Wexler; two daughters, Janet Lindner of Saratoga Springs and Joyce Wexler Sarachan of Delmar; a brother, Sy Wexler of Los Angeles, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday from Tebbutt Funeral Home, 633 Central Ave., Albany.

Calling hours will be noon to 2 p.m. today.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Senior Projects, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

hcm Central High School, is currently attending Elmira College.

Leach, a graduate of Voorheesville High School, is currently attending the State University of New York at Oneonta.

programs. Last year she earned the Chemistry Achievement Award, and was named a Scholar Athlete.

## Acts audition Sunday for 1993 CP telethon

Talent auditions for the 1993 Annual Cerebral Palsy Telethon will take place on Sunday, Nov. 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at The Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany.

Singers, comedians, instrumentalists, magicians, jugglers and other entertainers are welcome.

For information or an appointment, call Kellie Walsh at 437-5611.

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## Model railroad club re-creates past glory

By Mike Larabee

The glory days of railroading may be gone, but they definitely won't be forgotten as long as there are groups like the Schenectady Model Railroad Club.

Spread across the top floor of a four-story brick building in downtown Schenectady, the club's headquarters are a monument in miniature to the vivid images of railroading's heyday. The group of enthusiasts is dedicated to the arrangement and rearrangement of trains and all things trains — diesel and steam engines, trestles and ravine bridges, roundhouses and coal towers — over hundreds of square feet of detailed diorama.

The club's handiwork — three running model railroads with meticulously detailed scenery — will all be on display at an open house this weekend, Nov. 21 and 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at its 243 State St. home.

"A good model railroad is never finished," says club president Anthony Dunlap, and members spend as much of their time attending to the buildings and landscape surrounding the tracks as they do running the trains themselves. But Dunlap adds that the most important aspect of the club isn't really rails, locomotives or the perfect small-scale tree. Instead, he said, it's the close camaraderie among members and the simple pleasure of working with others who share the same high regard for the hobby. "Our main goal here is to have a good time," Dunlap said. "And we do."

While most of its almost 20 dues-paying members have their own table-top railroads squeezed into attics or basements, many come to the club because they don't have the space to compare to the group's centerpiece model, which fills a 23-by-55 foot room and features over 300 feet of track, said Dunlap. The model and two smaller layouts in separate rooms are large enough so that individual members can devote energy to their particular specialty or interest without stepping on any other member's toes.

Some members enjoy building scenery, while others like to spend their time painting engines or simply running trains, explained Dunlap. Schenectady's Thomas Aidola, for example, is called "the mole" by fellow club members for the amount of time he spends beneath the tracks working with the maze of hidden wires that connect the model's lights, switches and controls.

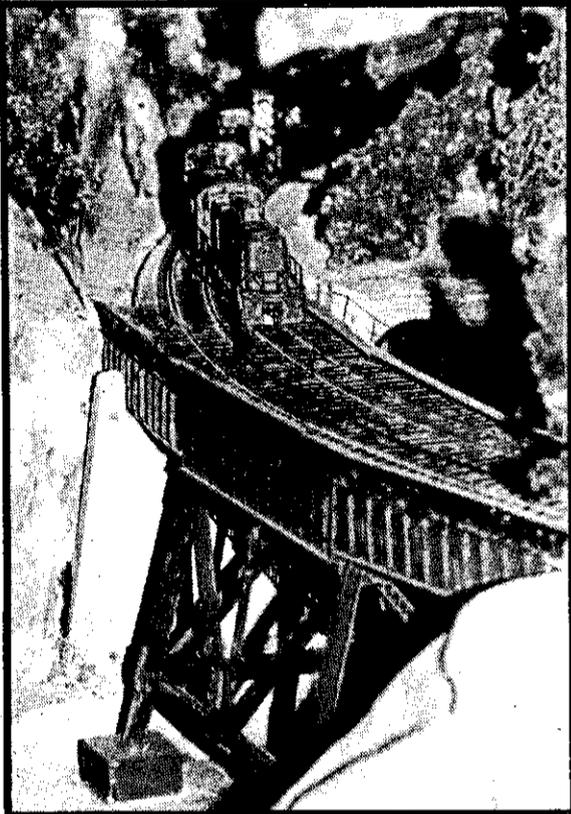
Like others in the group, Aidola's affection for trains was forged early in life — for him it

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Ross Kudlick positions a car on a portion of the more than 300 feet of track that makes up the Schenectady Model Railroad Club's largest layout. The club will open its doors to the public this weekend. Top: a train crosses a ravine bridge on the same model.

Photos by Mike Larabee



## Sunday Funday for kids and adults

By Robert Webster Jr.

With several holiday school breaks right around the corner, parents may soon find themselves assailed by cries of "I'm bored!" or "There's nothing to do!"

For those youthful critics, there is hope — and a respite for their parents — as the Empire State Plaza at the Egg is offering a series of plays, musical performances and activities over the next few months.

In its second year, the Sunday Funday series was designed to entertain children and adults alike, but also to provide a means of educating the audience.

"We wanted to provide good, inexpensive family entertainment that was more than just amusing kids for a few minutes," said Gram Slaton, administrative manager for the Empire Center. "It should be entertaining, but have some educational value as well."

In the past, the performers usually follow up their acts by going out into the audience to talk to the children and show them the tricks of their craft, stressing the educational nature of the series. But the fun side of the performances is never overlooked and each is "guaranteed" to be a hit among the kids, said Slaton, since each act has been "screened" by an informal panel of children.

The Center usually chooses its performers by having employees with children take promotional tapes home for private screenings, said Slaton, "and they invariably invite the neighborhood kids over for a 'kiddie panel' to choose acts. If these kids between six and 10 say it is fantastic and ask to see it over and over again, we feel really good about those acts."

With tickets prices at \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under, Slaton said, the series is not only affordable, but fun for the entire family.

"Everyone will have a good time," he said. "It's good to see a whole family exiting the theater smiling and happy and looking forward to coming back again."

Just in time for the Thanksgiving break, the Empire Center will present a performance of "The Water Tree" on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 10 a.m.

Presented by the Arm of the Sea Theatre based in Malden-on-Hudson, "The Water Tree" is "a real spectacular, eye-opening piece of theater performed almost entirely without words," said Slaton. Featuring a variety of exotic, colorful, life-size puppets, "The Water Tree" is a story of adventure in a rain forest, designed to present an environmental message to children.

The center will follow up this educationally-themed performance with some all-out, manic fun with the appearance of Fred "The Inflatable Man" Garbo on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m.

Fred Garbo — who provides the voice of Barkley the dog on Sesame Street — and Company will present a unique blend of juggling, jokes and gymnastics with incredible inflatable costumes that was very popular with last year's crowd, said Slaton.

Other performances in the series include:

- A production of "Alice in Wonderland" by the Theatre of Youth in Buffalo on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m.; Thursday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m.; Friday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m.; Saturday, Jan. 9, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m.

- The musical duo Rosenshontz will provide an afternoon of spirited music and humor on Sunday, March 21, at 2 p.m.

- The Paper Bag Players theatre troupe—now in its 25th year—will turn ordinary paper bags, cardboard boxes and shower curtains into pirates, animals and singing jumping beans on Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m.

Subscriptions for all five shows, which enables the purchaser to a 10 percent discount, are still available. For information, call the Empire Center box office at 473-1845.



The Paper Bag Players

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

**ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR**  
comedy, Capital Repertory Company, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Through Dec. 13, Tues. through Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 4:30 and 8:30 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

**GUYS AND DOLLS**  
musical, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Through Nov. 22, Tues. through Sat., 8 p.m.; Thurs., Sat. and Sun., 2 and 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

**ORPHANS**  
Hudson Valley Community College, Vandenberg Avenue, Troy. Through Nov. 22, Mon. through Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Information, 270-7170.

**SISTER RAIN AND BROTHER SUN**  
musical featuring life-size puppets, Catskill Puppet Theater, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Sunday, Nov. 29, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**BLUE WINDOW**  
contemporary comedy, The College of St. Rose, Campus Theatre, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany. Nov. 13-14, 8 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

**THE WATER TREE**  
with life-sized puppets, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany. Nov. 22-24, Sun., 2 p.m.; Mon., 10 a.m.; Tues., 10 a.m. Information, 473-1061.

**A BRIGHT ROOM CALLED DAY**  
Skidmore College Department Theatre, Saratoga. Nov. 19-21, 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 584-5000.

**MURDER-MYSTERY WEEKEND**  
play a part in scandalous plot that ends in murder, The Lakehouse Inn, Shelley Hill Road, Standfordville. Sat., Nov. 21. Information, (914) 266-8093.

**LETTICE AND LOVAGE**  
comedy, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Nov. 24-25, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

**GOLIATH ON 74TH STREET**  
Vs. The Woman Who Loved Vegetables, comedy, Nott Theatre, Union College, Schenectady. Nov. 20-21, 8:02 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

**FOOLS**  
comic fable, Loudonville School, Route 9 and Osborn Road, Loudonville. Nov. 20-21, 8 p.m. Information, 869-0303 or 452-3727.

**THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES**  
comedy, The Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany. Nov. 20-21, 8 p.m. Information, 945-1580.

## MUSIC

**PETER DAVIS, FRANK ORSINI, AND GEORGE WILSON**  
folk and traditional dance tunes, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Fri., Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

### Comedy at Cap Rep



**Donna Davis, Leigh Dillon, Richard Maynard and Paul Hoover star in Absurd Person Singular at Capital Rep through Dec. 13.**

**SUNDAY SYMPHONIES**  
highlights Mozart and Haydn, Albany Symphony Orchestra, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Sun., Nov. 22, 3 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

**MARLOWE & COMPANY BIG BAND OF THE NORTHEAST**  
jazz dance benefit, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany. Wed., Nov. 18, 7 p.m. Information, 474-5987.

**THE GREAT PRELUDES**  
concert, University at Albany, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center. Wed., Nov. 18, 12:20 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**OPERA PLUS**  
Italian opera and Neopolitan songs, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Sunday, Nov. 22, 2:30 p.m. Information, 482-2131 or 449-3380.

**JEFFREY STEIN**  
pianist, University at Albany Performing Arts Center. Thurs., Nov. 19, noon. Information, 442-3995.

**JUKE, JOINTS & JUBILEE**  
blues, gospel and juba dance tour, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Mon., Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

**LEN CHANDLER**  
poet/singer/musician, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Sat., Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

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Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, corner of State and Second Streets. Sun., Nov. 22, 2 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

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concert of traditional and contemporary Franco-American and Quebec songs, 71 Columbia St., Cohoes. Fri., Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 235-7545.

**"JULLIARD (PLUS ONE)"**  
classical duo music stars, Lewis A. Swire Theatre, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany. Sun., Nov. 22, 2:30 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

**UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORALE**  
soprano, Anne Turner; alto, W. Allan Kirk; organist, Nancy Frank, St. Margaret's Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 1168 Western Ave., Albany. Sun., Nov. 22, 3 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**BILL HARLEY—THE LONE TROUBLEMAKER**  
musical performance, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Sat., Nov. 21, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

**LECTURES**  
**FIVE TECHNIQUES OF PAINTING**  
lecture on paintings from Renaissance to modern times, Albany Institute of History & Art, Washington Avenue, Albany. Wed., Nov. 18, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

**KID'S FARE 92/93 SEASON**  
staged readings, Steamer No. 10, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Sun., Nov. 22, 2 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

**TRAVELLING POETS CAFE**  
readings and discussions by Joanne Lepore, Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 main St., Catskill. Fri., Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 943-5389.

**COMMUNITY VOICE FALL SERIES**  
poets Joanne Seltzer and Kym Fleming, Boulevard Bookstore, 15 Central Ave., Albany. Sun., Nov. 22, 3 p.m. Information, 436-8848.

## VIDEO SERIES

**PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST: SCULPTORS**  
lunchtime video presentations, State Museum, Albany. Every Thursday through Nov. 19. Information, 473-7521.

## FILM

**35 UP**  
Kitty Carlisle Hart Theater, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany. Nov. 20-21, Fri., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

**FALL '92 CLASSIC FILM SERIES**  
Five Easy Pieces, University at Albany, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Fri., Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

**CATSKILL GALLERY**  
submit slides and proposals for exhibits, Catskill Gallery and Mountain Top Gallery. Reviewing work for exhibit beginning July 1993. Information, 943-3400.

**MACBETH**  
auditions, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church Street. Nov. 23-24, 7 p.m. Information, 783-6295.

**POETS ACTION AGAINST AID**  
poets and volunteers needed 66 Oakwood St., Albany. Through Dec. 5. Information, 438-6314.

**ANNUAL CEREBRAL PALSY TELETHON**  
singers, comedians, instrumentalists, magicians, jugglers and other entertainers 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany. Sun., Nov. 22, noon-4 p.m. Information, 437-5621.

**HOOTS NIGHTS**  
open stage, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Sign-up eve Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

**THE EIGHTH STEP**  
acoustic solo, duo, folk, blues, rock, pop, jazz, rap groups needed, 14 Willett St., Albany. Saturday, Nov. 21, 12-4 p.m. Information, 434-1703.



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# AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 18**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

lecture, University at Albany downtown campus, Draper 313, 135 Western Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 783-1161.

**SKI TOURING ASSOCIATION**

meeting, Capital District Chapter, German-American Club, Cherry Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-2275.

**ART TALKS SERIES**

"Five Techniques of Painting," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

**THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

lecture and panel discussion, Ricketts Conference Center Atrium, Russell Sage College, Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2234.

**VALUES IN EDUCATION SEMINAR**

Quality Inn Hotel, Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany, 9 a.m. Cost, \$75. Information, 786-3211.

**LASAGNA DINNER**

to benefit the Pine Bush, First Presbyterian Church, Willett and State streets, Albany, 6 p.m. Cost, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and \$2 for children. Information, 462-0891.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

through November, Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**BABYSITTING**

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

**SQUARE DANCE**

St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**

**CHORUS REHEARSAL**

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**

Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**"ENDOMETRIOSIS: AN UPDATE FOR THE '90s"**

seminar, Bellevue Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 19**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**JAZZ WORKSHOP**

College of Saint Rose, Music Building, Room 158, 100 Madison Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 454-5195.

**BREAKFAST SEMINAR**

Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. Cost, \$9 for members, \$12 for non-members. Information, 456-6611.

**MOHAWK BATTEAU RESTORATION PROJECT**

lecture, University at Albany, University Library, Room B15, noon to 2 p.m. Information, 442-3542.

**ANNUAL CRAFT/BOOK/BAKE SALE**

Albany Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, hospital lobby, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 471-3115.

**"SOLITUDE AND LEISURE"**

lecture, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 489-4431.

**INSURANCE WOMEN OF ALBANY**

meeting, Albany Quality Inn, Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-1817.

**CAPITAL DISTRICT SCOLIOSIS ASSOCIATION**

meeting, Albany Memorial Hospital, 660 Northern Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0859.

**"WORKOUT, BANKRUPTCY AND REORGANIZATION"**

two-day seminar, Nov. 19 and 20, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Room BA 220, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 442-3932.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

through November, Townsend Park, Central and Washington avenues, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**SENIOR CHORALE**

Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**BABYSITTING**

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

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 20**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**"COPING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS"**

workshop, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 1 to 3 p.m. Cost, \$18. Information, 489-4431.

**INFANT AND CHILDSAVER COURSE**

sponsored by the American Red Cross, Albany Chapter, Hackett Boulevard, Albany, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Cost, \$25. Information, 434-3881.

**ANNUAL CRAFT/BOOK/BAKE SALE**

Albany Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, hospital lobby, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 471-3115.

**INTENSIVE JOURNAL WORKSHOP**

Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$125. Information, 489-4431.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

through November, Ten Broeck Street and Manning Boulevard, Albany, 3-6 p.m.

**MOTHER'S DROP IN**

Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 482-4508.

**SENIORS LUNCHEONS**

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**RECOVERY, INC.**

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

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**

**"HARD HATS AND RUSTY NAILS"**

Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway party, Polk Street, Troy, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Information, 274-5267.

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 21**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**"I LOVE KIDS" WALK-A-THON** sponsored by Ronald McDonald Children's Charities and the Trooper Foundation, Crossgates Mall, Guilderland, 8 to 10 a.m. Information, 355-4392.

**WHISKERS' ANNUAL AUCTION** to benefit the animal benevolent league, L'Ecole Encore, 44 Fuller Road, Colonie, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Admission, \$10. Information, 449-9565.

**CELEBRITY AUCTION** to benefit The Samaritans, Crossgates Mall, Guilderland, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

**INTENSIVE JOURNAL WORKSHOP**

Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Cost, \$125. Information, 489-4431.

**ANTIQUARIAN BOOK AND EPHEMERA FAIR**

New Scotland Avenue Armory, Albany, Admission, \$10 at 8 a.m., \$4 at 10 a.m. Information, 463-4478.

**HIKE THE ENDANGERED HUNGERKILL**

meet at the flag poles at University at Albany, Washington Avenue, 10:15 a.m. Information, 462-0891.

**MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RECITAL**

College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 454-5286.

# SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

**Theatre Institute back to work at Russell Sage theater**

Actors, technicians and administrators of the New York State Theatre Institute are now busy at work preparing a four-production season, its first in a new home in 17 years.

After a year-long bout with the New York State budget process, the Theatre Institute finally was funded sufficiently to bring back some of the personnel it had lost when 75 percent of its budget was cut last spring.

By that time, the scheduling at The Egg in Albany had been such that the Theatre Institute could not plan a full season. Nor could they use the facilities at the State University at Albany where the staff was temporarily housed for a season.



Martin P. Kelly

During the late summer, Patricia DiBenedetto Snyder was able to work out an arrangement with Russell Sage College in Troy to use Schacht Fine Arts Center for its four productions.

This was done after late legislative activity restored a good portion of the lost budget, enabling Snyder to do some negotiating. Now, in addition to the Russell Sage theater facility, the Theatre Institute is also housed in an office at Congress and River Streets in Troy.

Snyder will revive its *Sleeping Beauty* production, done in Kabuki style, December 12 and run it through December 22. Directors Joseph Balfiori and Adrienne Posner return to restage this musical version of the famed children's tale.

The other plays announced for the season include *Slow Dance on the Killing Ground* which will have a run in January in New York City for school children and then be remounted at Russell Sage April 1 for a week's run.

The production of *To Kill a Mocking Bird* opens February 19 and runs through March 19.

The final and fourth production of the season will be a new production, to be directed by Snyder, of *The Secret Garden*, the adaptation of the 1911 children's classic book. It opens May 15 and runs through June 5.

Information may be obtained by calling 270-6888.

**Guys and Dolls now playing a week's run at Proctor's**

Headed by Richard Muenz as the high-flying Sky Masterson, the cast of the touring *Guys and Dolls* are based on Schenectady's Proctor's Theater through Sunday (Nov. 22) in an eight-performance run as part of its nationwide tour.

Muenz who was last seen in Schenectady in Richard Harris's production of *Camelot*, is one of the busiest road performers. He plays all the favorite roles of the Broadway shows and works almost constantly. When he doesn't, he's back in New York doing popular concerts.

Right now, he's heading this \$5 million recreation of the popular Tony Award-winning Broadway production. The eight-performance run in Schenectady costs more than \$400,000. With almost 12,000 seats sold for the run so far, Proctor's need 14,000 to break even.

Meanwhile, in New York, the Broadway version of this touring *Guys and Dolls* is turning away people at sold-out performances.

Tickets for the Proctor's performance are at 346-6204.

**Orphans makes area premiere at Hudson Valley Community College**

The area premiere production of *Orphans* is being presented through Sunday (Nov. 22) at the Maureen Stapleton Theater in Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.

The second presentation of Roadshow Productions (it did *Greater Tuna* this summer at the Cohoes Music Hall), *Orphans* is a play about two brothers who live isolated from society who live on the dark side of the law. When they bring a potential victim home, they find he's a mobster who turns their lives around.

With a realistic set by David Bunce, the staging has been done by Doug de Lisle.

Reservations may be made at 270-7170.

**Around Theaters!**

*Absurd Person Singular*, Alan Ayckbourn's British comedy at Capital Repertory Company in Albany through December 13. (462-4534)...*Assassins*, Stephen Sondheim's latest work at Siena College through Sunday, Nov. 22. (783-2527)

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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 18**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST**  
topic will be "A Plan for Success — Strategic Planning for Small Businesses," Ramada Inn, Western Avenue, Albany, \$8 at the door with reservations. Information, 439-0512.

**ANNUAL FIVE RIVERS BUSINESS MEETING**  
Bruce Wadsworth will discuss visits to the Adirondack and Catskill mountains, Five Rivers Educational Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA MEETING**  
workshops include trapunto butterfly, needlepoint plaid and broderie anglaise cutwork, Delmar United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, 10 a.m. Information, 393-7347.

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**  
Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**  
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

**ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

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

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

**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 CHURCH**  
every Wednesday, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Road, Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**  
every Monday and Wednesday morning, excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**NIMBLEFINGERS NEEDLEWORK MEETING**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1-3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
every Wednesday, evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**  
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2109.

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEETING**  
Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corner, 11 a.m. worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday school. Information, 235-1298.

**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 19**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
program on "Winter Birds and Their Feeding," Schoolhouse Museum, Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 439-1310.

**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.

**PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP**  
pre-registration required, open to teachers and youth leaders, introduction to environmental education program, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB**  
third Thursday, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

**FAITH TEMPLE**  
every Thursday, Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 20**

**BETHLEHEM**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PIT OPEN**  
ping pong, pool, music and snack bar, Bethlehem Middle School, Kenwood Avenue, 7:30-9 p.m. Cost, 50 cents. Information, 439-6885.

**EVENING NATURE WALK**  
dress warmly, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST CONTAINMENT SEMINAR**  
will cover all aspects of workers' compensation, Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Colonie, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., cost, \$129 for Bethlehem chamber and business council members, includes instruction, handouts and lunch. Information, 1-800-358-1202.

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

**CHABAD CENTER**  
every Friday at sunset services, discussion and kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 21**

**BETHLEHEM**

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**LATE FALL NATURE WALK**  
focus on evergreen plants, dress warmly, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**ART AND CRAFT FAIR**  
"Back 40," Maple Avenue, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 22**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

## Weekly Crossword

"Over & Over Again"

By Gerry Frey

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19 Mad fiddler  
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26 Packed  
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**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information 439-3135.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; nursery care, 8 a.m.-noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4328.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**

worship and Sunday school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

worship, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9252.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**

service and Sunday school, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**

church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR**

worship, 9:30 a.m. and 11 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 CHURCH**

worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided; Sunday school, 10 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 436-7710.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road, Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

worship service, church school, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour, adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

morning worship, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont. Information, 439-4314.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road, Slingerlands. Information, 438-7740.

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

worship meeting, Bethlehem Grange Hall 137, Route 396, Beckers Corners, 11 a.m. Information, 235-1298.

**NEW SCOTLAND ART AND CRAFT FAIR**

"Back 40," Maple Avenue, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Clarksville. Information, 768-2916.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**

worship, 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

bible hour for children and adults, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided for Sunday services, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, corner Route 85 and Route 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-6179.

**ONESQUETHAW CHURCH**

worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**

worship, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Turnpike, 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.; Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, 11:30 a.m., 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Information, 756-6688.

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 23**

**BETHLEHEM**

**DELMAR KIWANIS**  
every Monday, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Route 9W, Days Inn, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

**"BODY IMAGE — LIKING WHO WE ARE"**

program presented by Arlene Reyell, staff therapist for Albany Mental Health Dept. child care provided, Mothers' Time Out, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**AL-ANON GROUP**

every Monday, support for relatives of alcoholics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

every Monday, rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**

every Monday and Wednesday morning, excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**QUARTET REHEARSAL**

every Monday, United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

**STORY HOUR**

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

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24**

**BETHLEHEM**

**PROGRAM ON ANTARCTICA**

slide lecture by Dr. Hauser, retired biology/geography professor, Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP**

every Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-6 p.m.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

every Tuesday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

**DELMAR ROTARY**

every Tuesday, Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**EVENING FAMILY STORY HOUR**

"Remember Your Thankyou's!" Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**STORY HOUR**

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

**SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE**

By Michael Kagan

Oh, I wish I had taken better notes.

No, I didn't fail a test. What I'm talking about is that it's the time of year when kids around the globe are asked that fateful question: "What do you want for Christmas/Hanukkah this year?"

Now, it's not that I mind people asking what sort of material items I would like to receive. I just keep having this feeling that whatever I ask for, there was something bigger I wanted a few months ago which I can't remember. My fear is I'll remember it in January and have to pay for it myself.

I'm sure some readers must think I'm a spoiled brat who probably receives such a big allowance that my holiday season should be cancelled for lack of necessity and proper selfless spirit. But let's be honest. When you're young, this is the season of materialism.

Sure, we give gifts, too. But, on our limited budgets, we can't spend as much on presents as adults can.

My parents and most of the adults I know probably don't even break even in the give and take of the holiday season. But most people my age and younger seem to come out well ahead by New Year's Day. In my opinion, childhood is that time when you receive a lot of gifts and all people expect in return is a thank-you letter.

This is why I wish I had taken notes. No one will buy me things that I want but don't really need again until my birthday, so I don't want to forget anything and waste this opportunity.

So the lesson for me is that there really is a practical application for the note-taking that teachers talk so much about. In fact, one of my New Year's resolutions will be to keep better records of my yearnings next year.

If I do by some chance forget something, at least now I can replace it on the list with an item I know I'll need next year. To all of my holiday benefactors: I need a note pad.

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**Kids can dine on doughnuts with Santa**

Children ages 4 to 8 can have breakfast with Santa Claus at the Festival of Trees on Saturday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Dec. 5, at 9 a.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany.

Also at the festival, the Storycrafters will perform "The Many Seasons of De-

cember." Breakfast is sponsored by Dunkin Donuts on New Scotland Avenue, Albany.

Tickets are \$3 for children and \$6 for adults, which includes breakfast, entertainment and admission.

For information, call 463-4478.

**Wild weekend to feature Dean Davis**

The New York State Museum will feature a "Wild Weekend with Dean Davis" on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22.

The shows, scheduled at 1, 2 and 3

p.m., will feature "Animals Nobody Loves." Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For information, call 474-5877.

# Trains

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was on frequent childhood trips by rail into Manhattan from his home on Long Island. When he was younger, he said, he tried to find a job in railroads, but his efforts were stymied by union control of infrequent openings as the industry declined.

Now, he said, the hobby gives him the chance to unwind from the everyday concerns of his work as an auto mechanic by entering another world. "You can create your own world," Aidola said.

Children who attend the open house, especially those who already have or are hoping to get their own train sets, end up "mesmerized" by the size and detail of the club's models, said Dunlap.

"Kids go crazy because this is more than they knew enough to ask for," he said. "This is beyond what they thought their choices were."

Dunlap expects almost 500 visitors at the weekend open house, which costs \$1 and is the club's biggest source of funds annually aside from regular dues, and at

peak times the crowds surrounding the train layouts can reach gridlock, Dunlap said. Many onlookers will stay for hours just taking in the scenery, and inevitably some will want their hosts to run the trains at full throttle or, even more dramatically, orchestrate a crash.

The club has changed a great deal since it was founded in the 1950s, said Dunlap. When he first joined, he said, most of the members were retirees who referred to newcomers as "kids" if they were under 40 and didn't look kindly on gentle suggestions for change.

"If you said something might look better a different way it was like you'd said to one of them that their daughter would look better with both her ears on the same side of her head," he said.

Almost all of the men who originally built the models have since passed away, and the rules for conduct in the club became more flexible as control was handed from retirees to younger members, who are forced to juggle time for the hobby with the demands of regular work.

"We have as few rules as possible," said Dunlap. "If what you want to do isn't going to hurt what anyone else is doing, then go ahead."

# Puppet playtime



The Catskill Puppet Theatre presents "Sister Rain and Brother Sun" Sunday, Nov. 29, at 1 and 3 p.m. at the New York State Museum. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

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### PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Bethlehem 1993 final Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
Kathleen A. Newkirk  
Town Clerk  
Town of Bethlehem  
Dated: November 10, 1992  
(November 18, 1992)

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK EXPANSION OF WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES CONTRACT NO. 1A GROUND WATER INFILTRATION SYSTEM

Separate sealed proposals for Contract No. 1A for the Expansion of Water Supply Facilities, Ground Water Infiltration System for Water District No. 1 of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, consisting of the following work:

**Contract No. 1A** - Project consists of the construction of Two (2) eight foot diameter precast concrete in-ground pump stations, approximately 300 L.F. of 12 inch diameter PVC infiltration piping, approximately 100 linear feet of permanent driven steel sheet piling, approximately 660 linear feet of temporary steel sheet piling, and approximately 40 L.F. of 12 inch diameter ductile iron pipe, with appurtenances, adjacent to the Hudson River.

Plans and specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., Consulting Engineers, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above addresses.

A deposit of \$50.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders, which sum will be refunded only to those submitting a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the return, in

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good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board.

The bidder to whom the contract may be awarded shall attend at the said opening place of the said bids, with the sureties offered by him, within seven (7) days after the date of notification of the acceptance of his proposal, and there sign the contract for the work in triplicate. In case of his failure to do so, or in case of his failure to give further security as herein prescribed, the bidder will be considered as having abandoned the same, and the certified check or other bid security accompanying his proposal shall be forfeited to the Town.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York.  
Signed Kathleen A. Newkirk  
Town Clerk  
Dated: November 16, 1992  
(November 18, 1992)

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Uniforms for the Town of Bethlehem Police Department.  
Bids will be received up to 2:15 p.m. on the 30th day of November 1992 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be

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submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY.

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

BY ORDER OF  
THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: November 10, 1992  
(November 18, 1992)

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for ALL TREE WORK (Removal, pruning and preservation) as needed by various departments within the Town.  
Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of December, 1992 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY.

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

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: November 10, 1992  
(November 18, 1992)

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for One (1) Emergency Standby Generator for the Town of Bethlehem Highway Department.  
Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 30th day of November 1992 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J. Ringler, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifica-

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tions may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY.

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BY ORDER OF  
THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: November 10, 1992  
(November 18, 1992)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7.600 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:  
Variance Request No. 161  
Request of Clifford E. Park Jr. for a variance of the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the division of a parcel into two legal parcels which lack the proper 50 foot of road frontage, being a variance of Article X Section 10.124 for property owned by Clifford E. Parks Jr. situated on the North side of Indian Fields Road with access approximately one mile East of LaGrange Lane intersection.

Said hearing will take place on the 24th of November, 1992 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Dated: November 12, 1992  
s/Michael MacKey  
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals  
(November 18, 1992)

### NOTICE OF ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN INDEX NO. 4525-92 RJI NO. 0192-030936 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, Tenneco Building, Houston, Texas, Petitioner

-against-

FRANCIS J. ZERONDA and JOHN DOE and MARY ROE, being fictitious names to designate unknown owners, if living the names and/or addresses are unknown to the Petitioner herein, and if any of the said unknown owners are deceased, their legal representatives and husbands or wives, if any, distributees, legatees, devisees, successors and interests whose names and/or post office addresses are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Petitioner.

Respondents.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 6, 1992, an Order of this Court, vesting title in TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, to a permanent right-of-way easement and temporary construction easement(s) located upon real property hereinafter described pursuant to the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, and the acquisition map pertaining thereto, were entered and duly filed in the Office of the Clerk of Albany County.

The permanent right-of-way easement and temporary construction easement(s) so acquired together with the real property so affected are described in Exhibit A.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any written claim for damages, demand or notice of appearance that you may wish to file pursuant to section 503(B) of the Eminent Domain Procedure must be filed with the clerk of this Court on or before April 6, 1993, and a copy of the same shall be served upon the undersigned.

Dated: November 6, 1992  
Albany, New York  
DUNCAN and O'LEARY, Esqs.  
(E. David Duncan of Counsel)  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
Office and P.O. Address  
112 State Street  
Albany, New York 12207  
(518) 463-2196

TO:  
FRANCIS ZERONDA  
15 Lyons Avenue  
Delmar, New York 12054

JOHN DOE and MARY DOE  
Being fictitious names to designate unknown owners

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New York, New York 10007

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
c/o Attorney General of the  
State of New York  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

NIAGARA MOHAWK  
111 Washington Avenue  
Albany, New York 12210

**EXHIBIT A**  
For a permanent right-of-way and easement and temporary easement over the following premises located in the Town of New Scotland, County of Albany and State of New York, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

**FOR PERMANENT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT:**  
A parcel of land fifty (50) feet in width as shown on the accompa-

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nying plat No. TB-K11-T200-3-1829.01, the boundaries of which lie twenty-five (25) feet southeast and twenty-five (25) feet northwest of the following described survey line:

Beginning at a point in the line common to subject tract and the lands now or formerly known as the Dennis Morrissey, et al property, at a distance of sixty-eight (68) feet west from the southeast property corner of subject tract, thence N 38° 03' E sixty three (63) feet, thence N 32° 26' E fifteen (15) feet to a point of exit in the line common to subject tract and the lands now or formerly known as the Gladys Shultes, et al property, said point of exit being one hundred-fourteen (114) feet north from the southeast property corner of subject tract,

containing 0.159 acres, more or less  
being 0.061 acres of proposed right-of-way within existing right-of-way and easement 0.098 acres of proposed new right-of-way.

### FOR TEMPORARY WORKING SPACE:

A parcel of land forty (40) feet in width lying northwest of, parallel to, and contiguous with the northwest side of the previously described permanent right-of-way easement throughout its traverse across subject tract,

containing 0.225 acres, more or less.  
After completion of construction of the pipeline, all temporary working space shall revert to the defendant.  
(November 18, 1992)

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

**DECEMBER 8, 1992**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Election of the Elmwood Park Fire District will take place on December 8, 1992, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at The Elmwood Park Fire House located at 589 Russell Road for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing on January 1, 1993 and ending on December 31, 1997, and for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a three (3) year term, commencing on January 1, 1993 and ending on December 31, 1995. All duly registered residents of the Elmwood Park Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

(Signed) William E. Cleveland  
FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY  
ELMWOOD PARK FIRE  
DISTRICT

(November 18, 1992)

**CLASSIFIEDS**

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**CRAFT FAIR**

ELSMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL annual PTA craft and book fair, Saturday Nov. 21st, 10-4pm, over 70 vendors, 247 Delaware Ave.

**EVENTS**

MARKET: Delmar's Methodist Church parking lot will continue through November with barbecue chicken, maple syrup, home-made baked goods, jams and jellies, customized children's clothing now or order for the holidays, fresh vegetables, coal craps, winte

**FIREWOOD**

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**FOUND**

FOUND: September 21, men's bike in the vicinity of Delaware Avenue and Becker Terrace, 439-8503.

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**HELP WANTED**

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ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS: Ideal hours for those attending school. Answering service operator, 3-11pm Saturday and Sunday and a fill-in for weekdays, 439-4158.

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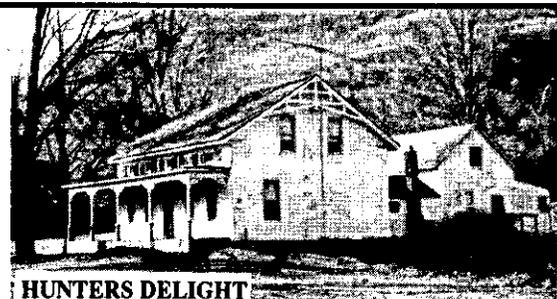
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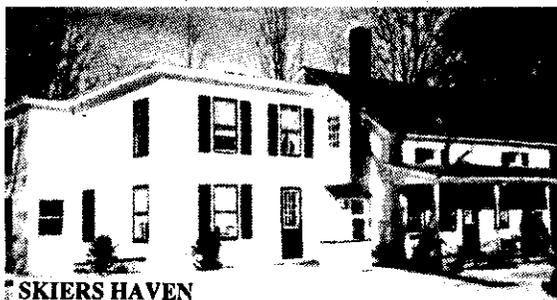
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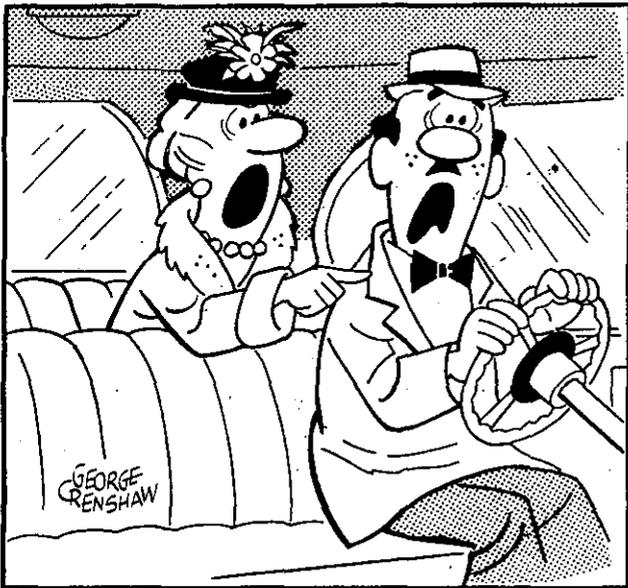
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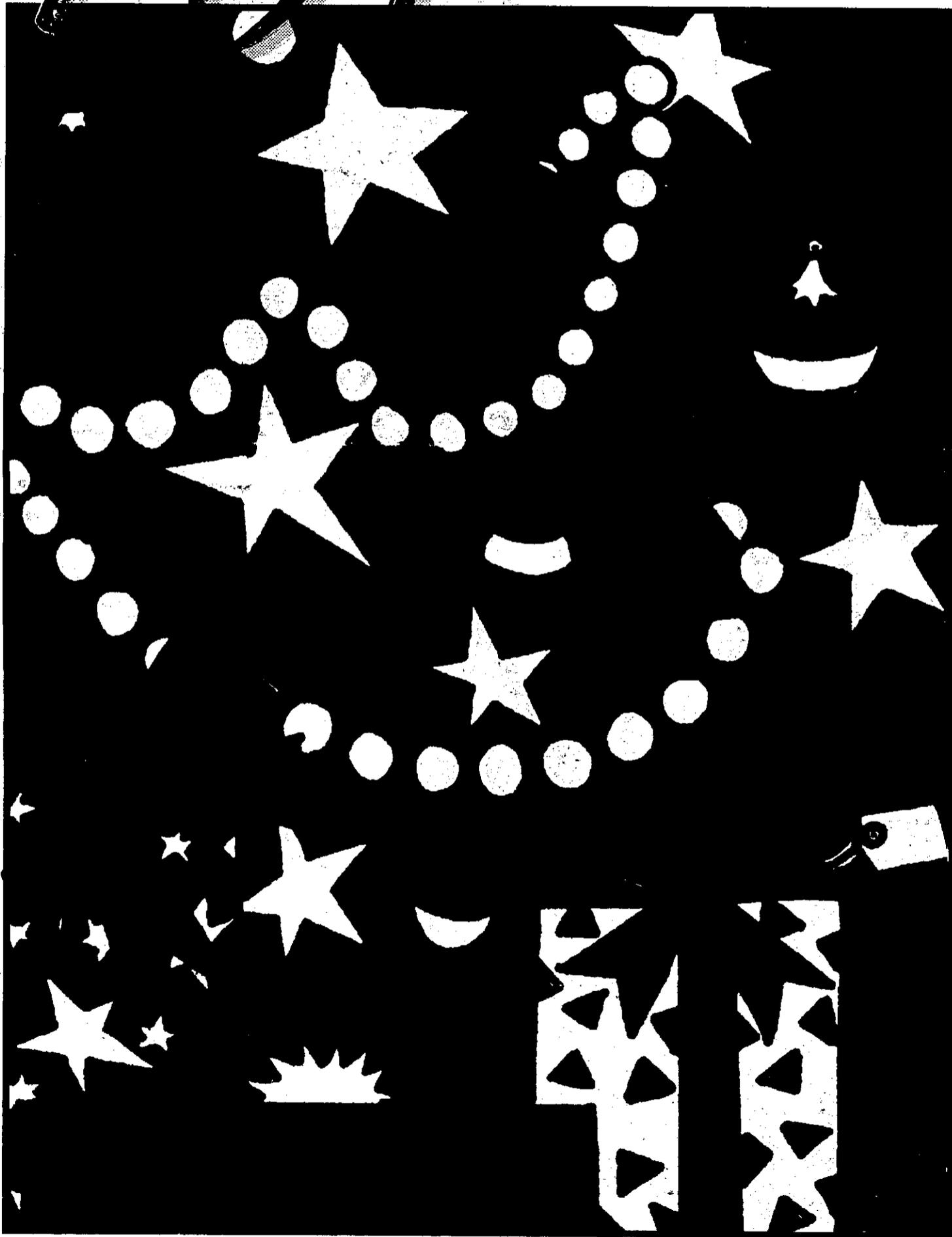
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Now, as an adult, you have to buy lots of gifts (usually way beyond your budget), you stay up too late because you hardly have time to do it all (leading to stress and fatigue), and if you eat lots of cookies and candy, you gain weight!

It becomes a time of year that

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The holidays may be more fun for children than adults. But it doesn't have to be that way. It can be a time of year that adults look forward to with as much enthusiasm — or even more — than kids.

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Gift-giving, an integral part of the holiday season, tends to be a cause of aggravation and stress for many. It doesn't have to be. People feel they have to spend a lot of

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**The old saying is true: A little planning goes a long way.**

But if you choose the more conventional approach to gift-giving (shopping in stores), you can still avoid overspending. Just start early, and finish early. Decide what you want to get the recipient first, and then go out and look for it.

Often people end up spending too much money because they wait until the last possible moment to purchase gifts. They wander aimlessly around crowded malls, bumping into aggravated holiday shoppers, and when they're totally disgusted, they just grab the first overpriced thing they see and give it as a gift whether it's appropriate or not. Is there anything joyous about that?

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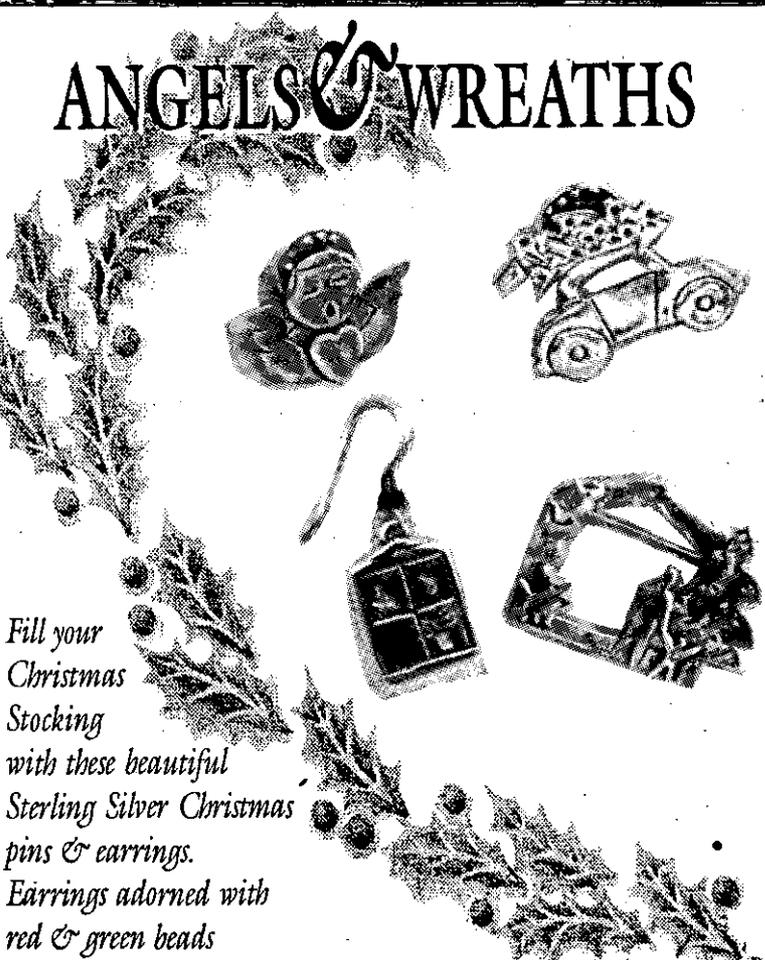
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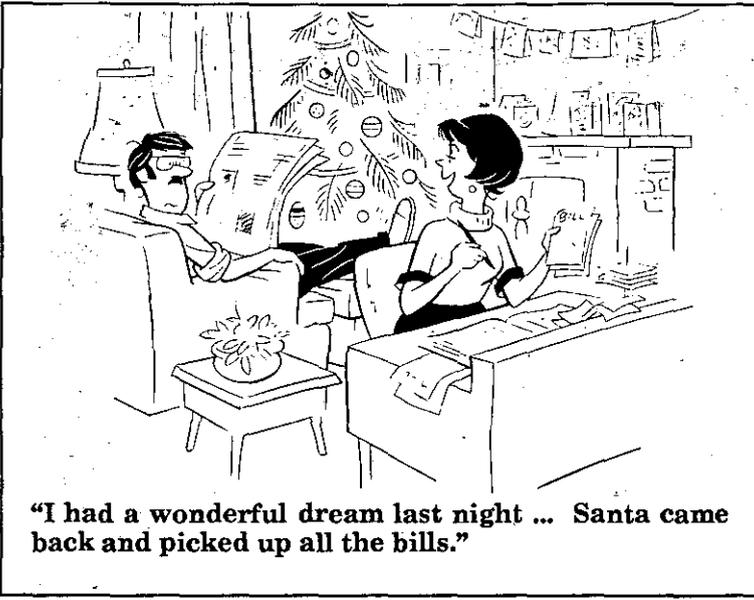
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## Sheriff offer tips for safe celebration

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Especially when a drunk or drugged driver is concerned, says Albany County Sheriff James Campbell.

The holiday season is a very festive season. Good food and good cheer are a part of the festivities. But too much "cheery" alcoholic beverages can lead to a tragic alcohol-related traffic accident when the party is over and guests



James Campbell

and family head home.

To make this season safer, Campbell offers a few tips for the holiday gatherings:

*Always serve food if you serve alcohol.* High protein and carbohydrate foods like cheese and meats are especially good. They stay in the stomach longer, which slows the rate at which body absorbs alcohol.

*Serve non-alcoholic beverages.* It is important that people have the option not to drink alcohol. Especially encourage "designated

drivers" to drink these alternatives.

*Don't let people mix their own drinks.* If you tend bar yourself or hire a professional bartender, you can control the amount of alcohol in each mixed drink. Have small glasses for beer, wine or champagne so that if guests want to drink more they have to make repeated trips to the bar where you can monitor their consumption. Never force drinks on your guests, some may accept your unwanted offer of more alcohol not wishing to appear rude.

*Stop serving alcohol two hours before the party is over.* This gives the guests time for their bodies to absorb alcohol consumed. Serve coffee, non-alcoholic beverages, and more food.

If a guest has had too much to drink try to slow his or her drinking by engaging the guest in conversation, offering drinks with little or no alcohol, and serving high protein food. Offer to pay for a cab ride home or have the guest spend the night.

"Only time can sober someone up," said Campbell. "Coffee and a cold shower are not the answer. An 'awake' drunk is just as dangerous behind the wheel."

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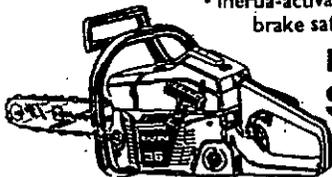
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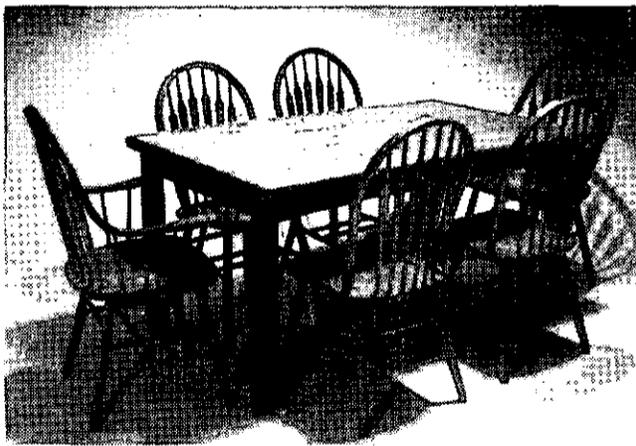
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This year, Boxing Day falls on a Saturday, and offers Americans a great opportunity to extend the

holiday beyond just family Christmas celebrations. Hosting a Boxing Day party on the day after Christmas will help keep those post-Christmas blues at bay, and give you a chance to celebrate with friends who often are too busy with family obligations on Christmas Day to visit or even call.

After the hectic pace leading up to Christmas, you'll want to keep this party simple. Carry through the British Boxing Day theme by serving traditional English food and drink.

Start with your beverage. Port, the quintessential British drink, is an ideal winter wine, and in fact, in Britain, no Christmas dinner is considered complete without it. Rich and ruby red, port is an elegant and lower alcohol alternative to spirits and many liqueurs.

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The holiday season is upon us, and excitement grows as the sights and sounds of the holiday surround us. In this season when we all want to be our most generous with friends and family, it's easy to get caught up in the old "spend money" traps. The end result of many of those traps is the arrival of post holiday bills — debt which may take months to pay off.

The ease of credit purchasing is a major cause of overspending. We all dislike debt, but enjoy the immediate gratification of the "buy now-pay later" option.

A little planning, good judgement and patience can prevent holiday overspending. Take a moment to consider a few ideas:

- First, plan your purchases ahead of time. Make a list of planned purchases, compare prices and adjust your plan to meet your holiday budget.
- Purchase as much as possible with cash. Put on your credit card only what you can afford to pay off in a limited period of time.
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### A little planning can prevent holiday overspending.

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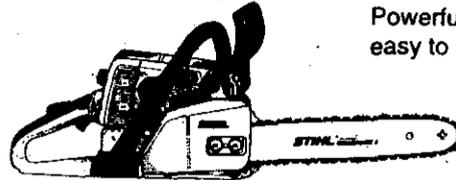
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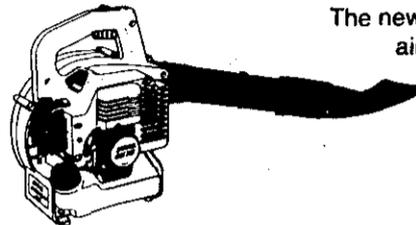


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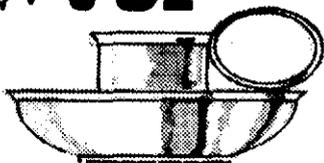
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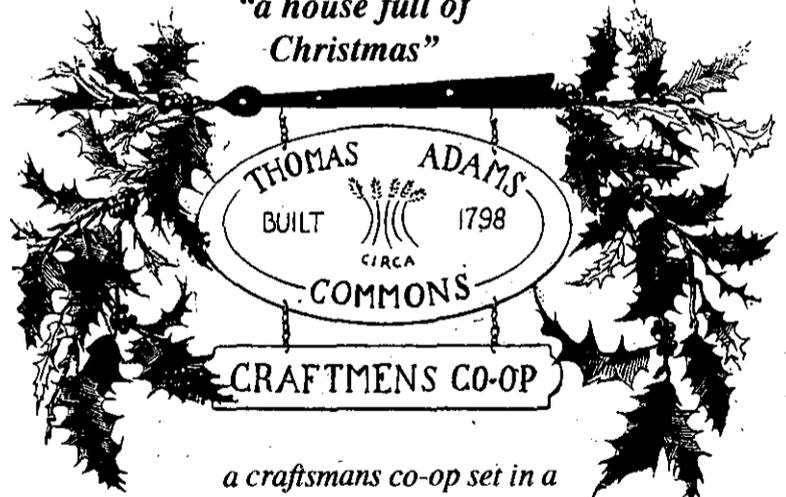
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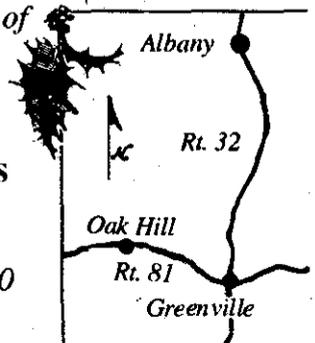
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As the first Hanukkah candle is lit this season, Jews all over the world will begin an eight-day celebration commemorating a miracle said to occur more than 2,000 years ago.

At that time, when Jews repossessed their ancient temple in Jerusalem after defeating the Syrians, they found only one day's worth of sacred oil for lighting the eternal lamp. But this scant quality of oil burned for eight days, long enough for Jews to replenish their supply.

In remembrance of this remarkable event, Sephardic Jews of the Mediterranean region celebrate Hanukkah by lighting a small oil lamp called a chanukiya. The chanukiya has eight small wells along the bottom, one for each night of the holiday. For each evening's ritual lighting, only the finest Extra Virgin olive oil and wicks of pure cotton are used.

In lieu of olive oil (not readily accessible to them), Ashkenazic Jews of Eastern Europe took to lighting wax candles in an eight-branched candelabra called a Menorrah.

Because Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of long-lasting oil, the Festival of Lights has long been

associated with fried foods, especially potato pancakes. Often referred to by their Yiddish names, latkes are made by grating potatoes with onion and frying the pancakes on a lightly oiled griddle. Traditional toppings include sour cream and applesauce.

Give this recipe a try:

### Sweet potato pancakes

Serve these pancakes as part of a meal in lieu of baked or mashed sweet potatoes. Alternatively, give them a light dusting of confectioners' sugar or a drizzling of maple syrup and enjoy them for dessert. Yields approximately 10 three-inch pancakes.

- 3 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup or honey
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound sweet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2-3 teaspoons light olive oil for shallow frying
- Optional garnishes: confectioners' sugar or maple syrup

1. In large bowl, beat the eggs with the maple syrup, spices and salt.

2. Remove skin from the sweet potatoes by using a short sawing motion with a sharp paring knife (conventional potato peelers usually don't work efficiently on sweet potatoes). Using a food processor fitted with a steel blade, chop the sweet potato very finely.

3. Blend the chopped sweet potatoes and flour into the egg mixture.

4. Brush a large heavy skillet (preferably cast-iron) or griddle lightly with olive oil and heat until the oil begins to sizzle.

Reduce the heat to medium low and drop heaping tablespoons of batter onto the skillet a few inches apart. Press the batter with the back of the spoon to create pancakes about 1/4-inch thick and roughly three inches round. (It is important that these pancakes be thin in order for the sweet potatoes to cook properly).

5. Fry the pancakes until golden brown, about 3 to 4 minutes on the first side and 4 to 6 minutes on the second side.

6. Raise the heat briefly and brush the skillet lightly with oil



Celebrate Hanukkah, the Jewish Feast of Lights, with an appetizer of traditional potato pancakes and applesauce.

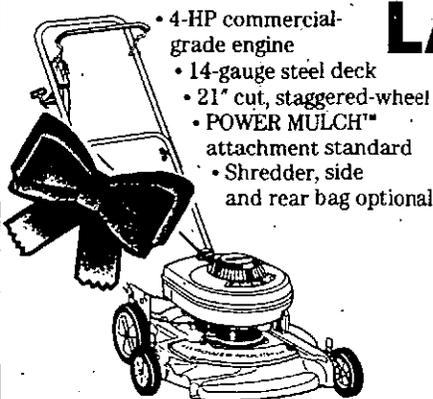
between batches. Then lower the heat and proceed as directed above until all the batter is used up.

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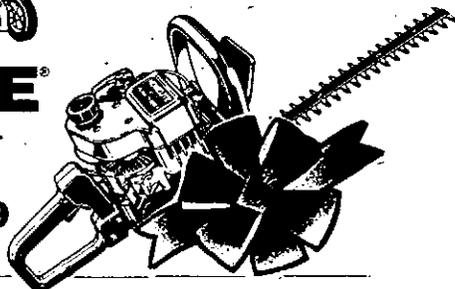
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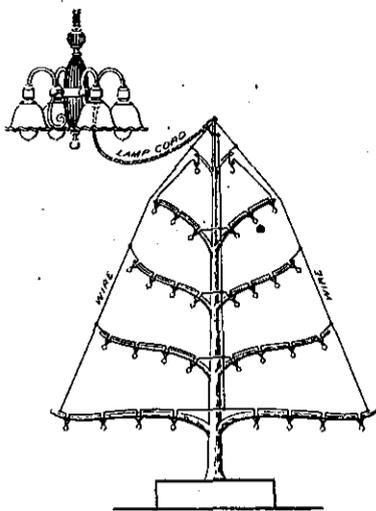
## Holiday lights have illuminating history

*It all began in 1882*—The first electrically lit Christmas tree was unveiled in the New York City home of a colleague of Thomas Alva Edison. It featured 80 hand-wired and hand-blown colored bulbs in red, white and blue. Turning slowly on a pedestal, the tree created a "superb exhibition" of "starry fruit."

*Out, out briefcandle*—The first electrically lit trees cost the equivalent of thousands of dollars today, but the public quickly realized the benefits of electric light. Mass manufacturing of miniature bulbs and advertising warnings of the danger of candle-lit trees encouraged shoppers to buy electric Christmas lights.

The turn of the century "wiremen" or electricians would hand-wire each bulb together in a time-consuming process, then wire the contraption into an overhead light fixture to provide electricity. It wasn't until 1903 that ready-made strings of wiring were sold alongside packages of miniature bulbs.

Contemporary light sets are a far cry from the 1882 version. Now, computer chips are getting into the act, allowing consumers to program up to six different twinkling, fading of chasing patterns to suit their decorating tastes.



A Circa-1900 General Electric brochure illustrated how Christmas trees were wired into the ceiling fixture.

## Keep pets clear of holiday hazards

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, but don't let Fluffy or Spot eat it!

Holiday time creates some unique situations which can be hazardous to your pet's health, according to the American Animal Hospital Association.

Some of the more common "holiday hazards" include:

- **Bones**: The holiday turkey or ham will leave a lot of tantalizing bones, but don't feed them to your dog. Smaller bones or bone chips can lodge in the throat, stomach and intestinal tract. Fats, gravies and poultry skin can cause severe gastrointestinal upset as well.

- **Holiday plants**: Holly, mistletoe and poinsettias are extremely poisonous when eaten. Keep them out of reach.

- **Electrical cords**: Sparkling holiday lights mean more electrical cords for kittens and puppies to chew. Be sure you have the cords secured and out of the way.

- **Sweets**: Too much holiday candy is as bad for your pet as it is for you. A stomach ache is a mild side effect while an over-indulgence in chocolate can actually be fatal. Chocolate poisoning is caused by theobromine, a caffeine-like chemical substance found

naturally in chocolate.

- **Christmas tree**: Make sure to clean beneath Christmas trees and decorative boughs frequently.

especially, tinsel and string should be kept out of reach. Hang them high and make sure your packages are securely wrapped.

### Holiday time creates some unique situations which can be hazardous to your pet's health.

Ingested pine needles can puncture your pet's intestines.

- **Ornaments**: Sharp or breakable tree ornaments, yarns, and ribbons, angel hair and, most

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# Theater comes home with new technology

Today's "good old days" will be remembered this holiday season by families gathered in America's living rooms watching the latest movie releases and hundreds of other cable, laserdisc and tape options.

The movies and other programming will be seen and heard via large screen direct view and projection television sets, laserdisc players and hi-fi stereo VCRs connected to a myriad of high-quality audio components and movie theater-like, surround sound speaker systems.

According to Gary J. Shapiro, group vice-president of the Electronic Industries Association's Consumer Electronics Group, "Home theater is one of the hottest concepts today. It is the one area which takes advantage of all the benefits of both audio and video, making the viewing experience for the consumer the best ever."

David L. Spomer, manager of product marketing, color TV division, Thomson Consumer Electronics, Inc., says "The consumer can expect choice and flexibility

this holiday season when making his or her personal selection for an outstanding television viewing experience that combines movie-like picture and sound."

Tom Edwards, assistant general manager for the television division, Panasonic Company, notes that "If you have a television, VCR or an audio system, you have the makings for establishing a home theater system. Like a building block process, through upgrading and holiday acquisitions for the family, you can create the initial stages for the family

viewing experience.

"You don't have to spend a great deal of money starting out, and with this holiday season's prices, there's never been a better time to join in the fun of building your own family home theater."

Taking home theater to yet another dimension, front projection television can offer liquid crystal display (LCD) technology for improved definition and color. "LCD products make home theater even more convenient, since they offer screen sizes varying from 30 to 100 inches from a port-

able projector that can be played on your wall, a portable screen, or built-in screen," according to Sherm Langer, general manager of consumer LCD at Sharp Electronics Corp.

"LCD home theater products take up little space and offer flexibility for consumers, since they can move the projector from room to room. All they have to do is adjust the size of the picture, focus, and they're in business," Langer says.

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First, locate a good dealer. Check with friends or the phone book to find tropical fish retailers in the area.

Next purchase a book that provides complete instructions on setting up and maintaining an aquarium.

One basic rule to follow is to buy the largest aquarium possible, since the greater the water environment, the less chance of water problems.

If you receive an aquarium as a gift, you must assume all the responsibilities for maintenance including where to put it.

Aquariums should not be in direct sunlight because this will cause algae to grow on the glass and plastic accessories.

They should also not be put over carpeting since, during wa-

ter changes, it is possible for some water to splash on the floor. Finally, aquariums need to be placed on a firm stand, since water is heavy.

grounds and hundreds of ornaments, as well as plastic plants so real in reproduction it's almost impossible to distinguish them from live plants.

Most good retailers will have a complete assortment and selection should be based on the size of the aquarium.

Once the aquarium is set up, add a chlorine neutralizer to the water and add only a few fish initially. These few fish will help develop the proper biological conditions necessary to maintain a fully stocked aquarium.

After three to four weeks, assuming everything is functioning properly, add the rest of the fish.

Aquarium maintenance is a lot simpler than people think. Every two weeks a partial water change (not greater than 20 percent) by siphoning the water from the bottom of the aquarium is all that is required.

On a daily basis, of course, fish should be fed; a good quality of flake food will provide a complete diet for almost all fish.

Tropical fish are beautiful — they are easy to maintain and provide a lifelong hobby.

## *There's definitely something fishy about some holiday gift ideas.*

The first accessory should be a tightly fitting canopy cover equipped with a fluorescent fixture. Fluorescent fixtures cast a cool light and will not cause fluctuations in the water temperature.

A good heater and an aquarium thermometer are also necessary.

A recent development in this technology is the liquid crystal digital thermometer that affixes to the outside of the aquarium yet measures most accurately the water temperature.

A quality filter is an essential. And if the aquarium houses a lot of fish, a separate is needed air pump to add oxygen to the water.

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