



# Dump owner counters neighbors' charges

By Mel Hyman

As far as Marie Wright Privler is concerned, members of the Hudson Avenue Neighborhood Association don't know what they're talking about when they claim that illegal dumping has been occurring on her property.

Since 1971, the town of Bethlehem has leased about 25 acres from Privler for the dumping of yard wastes. She is paid a yearly sum of \$2,000.

Recently, the town was advised by the state Department of Environmental Conservation that it needed to apply for a construction and demolition permit, with restrictions, to continue the dumping operation.

**Personally, would I allow something in my backyard that could affect my three children?**

Marie Wright Privler

The neighborhood association is up in arms because some members believe the town will eventually start to deposit construction debris on Privler's property even though the town has publicly assured the community that it will never happen.

"We do not want another C and D landfill, and there are no plans to have one," said town Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor. "We're only applying for what DEC says we need to apply for."

Privler said the yard wastes being dumped across from the three homes she owns on North Street Extension are innocuous. "It hasn't affected anyone.



Marie Wright Privler says the land on North Street Extension she leases to the town of Bethlehem is used to dump only yard wastes. Mel Hyman



# Ross cites time constraints for resigning minority job

By Mel Hyman and Kathleen Shapiro

Albany County Republicans are expected to meet soon to choose a new legislative minority leader, following the surprise resignation of longtime lawmaker James Ross.



Ross

Although he will continue to serve as a member of the Legislature, Ross, a Delmar Republican, announced last week he will be giving up the top minority post as of Dec. 31 due to time constraints.

"The amount of time I've devoted to the position over the last year has been ex-

traordinary," he said.

With the difficult redistricting process completed and the elections over, Ross said he felt it was time to step aside. County Republicans are expected to choose a new

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Nobody's getting sick over it or complaining."

The chances of midnight dumpers getting onto the property are virtually nil, she says. "I have a light outside that's on every night, and we keep a very close watch." If she and her husband didn't spot them, their three dogs would, she said.

"There's nobody getting in there. The town leaves their dozer there and we

keep an eye on it ... I don't want to see any demolition (materials) in here either. Someday I'd like to see some of the area made into a town park."

The yard waste is covered over, leveled off and eventually sealed with a layer of clay so that the area blends into the landscape.

Privler has lived on North Street for 45

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# EMT squad leaders: Health care won't be affected in Bethlehem

About half of the 20 emergency medical technicians working for the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad will temporarily lose their state certification, but the public health should not be affected, according to ambulance squad officials.

Without certification, EMTs are only allowed to administer basic emergency treatments such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The lapsed certifications occurred when a state exam could not be administered before the current certifications expired.

Assemblyman John Faso, R-Kinderhook, tried to intervene on behalf of the squad with the state Health Department, claiming that the "public health

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# Snoop book enjoyed long, colorful history

By Susan Graves

Losing the Tri-Village Area Directory will be like losing an old friend.

The directory, started by First United Methodist churchwoman Caroline Rowe, reflected the growth of the residential and business community and created an ongoing history of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands.

The publication, which saw its 60th and last edition this year, has reflected town growth since its first issue in 1932, along with a kind of running "Who's Who" in town.

In recent years, 6,000 copies were printed and distributed by a 450-member volunteer work force. "Having a good staff was the important thing," said Howard Gmelch, who directed the Tri-Village Directory Association for many years.

Gmelch lauded the volunteers' Herculean efforts over the years and gave special kudos to Irma Crouse, who worked on the directory for three decades. Crouse, he said, "was the most dedicated person working on the

Tri-Village Directory."

Directory association members had to contend with many obstacles over the years, including fire and threatened lawsuits. One year, Gmelch recalls, a fire destroyed all the proofs so that the work had to be completely redone.

In the mid-1980s, a resident challenged the legality of the way listings were presented. Until that time, wives were listed — by first name only — in parentheses after their husband's name. "It was quite a thing, wives' names in parentheses," said Gmelch. "One wife of a lawyer wanted to sue."

"She more or less demanded equal listing, so we dropped the parentheses," he said.

But the association stuck by its guns in other instances. Liquor sale advertisers remained strictly taboo, although the rule was bent slightly to allow restaurants advertising space. Restaurants were OK, as long as they served food along with spirits.

Gmelch said the association screened all advertising to make sure



Howard Gmelch works on the library exhibit showing 60 years of the Tri-Village Directory.

ads were in "good taste."

Other problems occasionally cropped up, including incorrect telephone listings. A doctor also threat-

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**Partnership plans free power breakfast**

A Community Partnership Power Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Central District Office, 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

The partnership is sponsored by the Bethlehem Networks Project and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

For information on the free breakfast, call 439-7740.

**Toddler's turkey**

Corrine LeVine, 2, of Delmar, adds the final touches to her turkey project at the Bethlehem library's Thanksgiving program.  
*Elaine McLain*

**Association to host tea**

The members of the Bethlehem Historical Association invite members and friends to the annual Christmas Tea, to be held at the museum building on Route 144 in Cedar Hill on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Chairpersons for the tea are Wendy Brandow, Sheila Giordano, Jean Lyon and Betty Van Oostenbrugge. Refreshments will be served from heirloom silver pieces.

The museum will be decorated in the style of Colonial Williamsburg by members of the Bethlehem Garden Club, with Ann Vandervoert in charge of the decorating committee.

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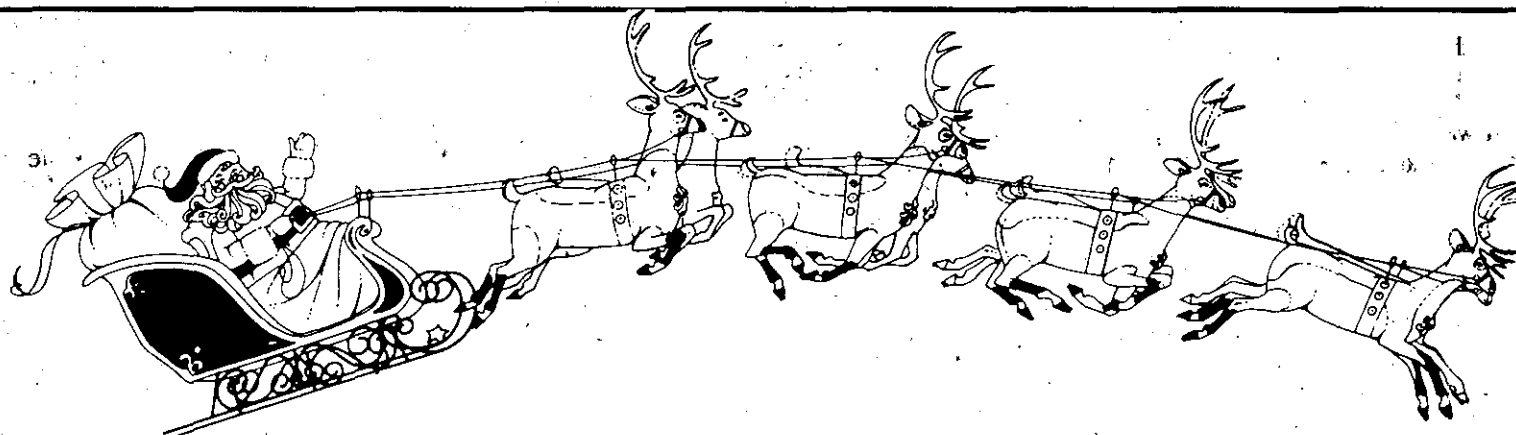
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# DWI victims tell tales of terror to BCHS students

By Dev Tobin

Drunk driving kills, and it also leaves deep emotional scars on the families left behind, Bethlehem Central High School students learned last week.

After a year in which two BC students died in drunk-driving accidents, the entire student body filed into the school's auditorium in two groups for a victims' impact panel organized by Albany County Stop-DWI.

**You have to think about not driving drunk before you start drinking.**

Denis Foley

"This is the program my daughter wanted after David Bartholomew was killed in February," said Corinne Cox of Delmar, mother of Erin Cox, who died Aug. 26 in the second fatal DWI crash.

Four of the reported 10 BC students or recent graduates killed by drunk drivers in the last decade were represented on the stage by their mothers, including Cox and Barbara Kipp, Bartholomew's mother.

Although she is a veteran of such panels, usually mandated as part of the sentence for convicted drunk drivers, Betty Martin of Glenmont still cries when she recalls visiting her comatose daughter Michelle in the hospital.

"Her head had gone through the windshield and swelled up larger than a basketball," she said. "Sometimes at night, I wake up and have to listen to the radio because I hear the 'whoosh, whoosh' of the respirator that breathed air and life into her body."

"She walked these halls, she sat right here in this auditorium, and she never had the opportunity to fulfill her dreams," she added.

Martin recounted that when friends and relatives had lost family members to drunk drivers, she was "silently glad it was not me, not one of my kids."

All that changed on July 9, 1982, when George Donnelly drove the wrong way at a high speed along Route 85 in Albany and ran head-

"We were all going to SPAC for the fireworks that Friday, but Michelle went to see *E.T.* with her friends," she recalled. "I understand it's a very beautiful movie, but even now, I can't bring myself to see it."

Martin's face flashed with anger at the man who killed her daughter. "Donnelly was a five-time offender and uninsurable, yet he was driving a state vehicle after playing softball at the Correctional Academy on New Scotland and drinking twofers at Private Benny's," she said.

Martin asked her audience to remember the faces of drunk driving victims, which were displayed on a screen next to the stage.

"Try very hard to put Michelle in your hearts, let her be the angel on your shoulder," she said. "We could preach and talk all day long, but you need to ask yourselves, 'Will I give my life for a drink? Will I take a life for a drink?'"

Five years later and less than a quarter mile away on Route 85, Dalmar Quinn of Delmar was driving her husband and daughter back from the airport when a drunk driver slammed into her car.

"I had driven hundreds of thousands of miles and never had an accident or a ticket, but the woman who killed my daughter was going 80 mph in the wrong lane and I couldn't avoid her," Quinn recalled tearfully.

Quinn woke up three days later in the hospital to learn that her only daughter, Cathleen Marie, a sophomore at BC, died in the crash.

"Aug. 6, 1987, may seem like a long time ago to you, but to me, it's like yesterday. It's the day my life changed forever," Quinn said. "Please take this to your hearts



Dalmar Quinn tells BCHS juniors and seniors how her daughter was killed by a drunk driver as Bethlehem Police Officer Jeff Vunck, Betty Martin, Bill Hunt, Barbara Kipp, Corinne Cox, Anna Russo (who lost a son and a niece to a drunk driver) and county Stop-DWI Director Dr. Denis Foley listen.

Dev Tobin

and don't drink and drive. It only takes one instant to change a life forever."

If the drama is in the details, Bill Hunt's account of his 1986 accident in the Catskills was riveting.

Hunt was returning home from work, driving his one-month-old new car, "my first new car, bought with cash," on Route 209 when he saw a car on his side of the road.

"I swerved to avoid him, and he swerved also and hit me head-on," said Hunt, who now lives in Glens Falls. "Later, he said he was 'trying to stay between the street lights and that guy hit me.' Those 'street lights' were my headlights."

Hunt lost his right leg, had six major surgeries, spent more than a year in the hospital, and now sleeps hooked up to a respirator because a lung injury makes him stop breathing at night.

"The guy who hit me had five priors, and was driving without a license," Hunt said. "He had been drinking beer all the way from Great Neck on Long Island to Kerhonkson."

Witnesses told Hunt that the drunk driver "attempted to put his girlfriend, who had a license, behind the wheel, but she was too hurt."

Since "he changed my life forever, I had a private detective check up on him on Long Island. He's still driving without a license or insurance, and he's been arrested for DWI at least once since the accident," he related.

Although he lives in Warren County, Hunt said he "kept seeing DWI deaths and accidents from this area in our newspaper. I wanted to share my family's grief and sorrow with you in the hope that you will remember and not drive drunk or ride with a drunk."

Stop-DWI Director Dr. Denis Foley, a Delmar resident, urged the students to support the BC Students Against Drunk Driving chapter and warned that drinking distorts judgment.

"You have to think about not driving drunk before you start drinking, because if you're drinking, you tend to make bad choices," he said.

Even firsthand experience with deadly drunk driving is no deterrent.

"The man who was first on the scene at Michelle Martin's accident and held her hand before the ambulance arrived was arrested a year later for DWI," Foley said.

While the panel came to BC because of the two deaths this year, Foley said he wanted to set up similar programs for every high school in the county.

## Town sees no evidence of fire at landfill

By Mel Hyman

The state Department of Environmental Conservation will be asked to test the vapors being emitted from the Bethlehem town landfill on Rupert Road.



Secor

Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said he is fairly certain that methane gas is the main component, but in order to ease residents' fears, he will inquire about the possibility of installing air monitoring equipment at the site.

Several people living in the vicinity of the town dump have been wondering recently if the landfill is on fire, but Secor said there is no evidence that that is the case.

State DEC inspectors have visited the site several times over the past few weeks and determined that the emissions rising to

the surface are the result of natural decomposition and settlement.

"It's just like you'd see with your breath in cold air," Secor said. The portion of the dump in question has been closed for more than two years, and a four-foot layer of clay was put down to seal the contents.

When the materials buried underneath settle, the clay cap will occasionally develop fissures or cracks, allowing the hot gases to escape and turn to steam as they hit the cold air.

Methane gas is not the most pleasant smell in the world, Secor acknowledged, but "methane is given off by every landfill. You'll find it coming from wetlands, swamps — even from your backyard compost heap, or the leaves in your front yard if you don't bother to rake them."

The gaseous fumes have appeared in the section of the dump nearest to the roadway, and can easily be spotted by people driving in or out. It was the last portion of the dump that was closed off

and sealed, Secor said, noting that it contains trees, logs and construction debris which may only now be starting to break down.

The methane itself is not hazardous, he said, except when it builds up beneath the surface and has no way to escape. The town has installed plastic pipes in other areas of the landfill to vent the fumes and prevent possible explosions.

If there are chemical constituents to the vapors other than methane, DEC monitoring equipment should detect it, Secor said.

"We haven't had an odor problem at the dump before this, or not one that I was aware of," said Supervisor Kenneth Ringler.

At the same time, he added, "We want to make sure we don't have a health problem down there."

## Bethlehem fire districts to elect commissioners

The elections for fire commissioners in each of the five fire districts in the town of Bethlehem are slated for Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Balloting will be conducted in the respective firehouses in the Delmar, Elsmere, Selkirk, Slingerlands and North Bethlehem districts.

Only registered voters with at least 30 days residence in a particular fire district are eligible to vote.

Also on the ballot in Delmar is a \$175,000 bond proposition for the purchase of a new \$275,000 pumper.

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## Five Rivers plans walk to find natural holiday decorations

An outdoor walk is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The walk, led by center naturalists, will focus on simple holiday decorations that can be made using natural materials in an envi-

ronmentally sensitive manner.

The free program is open to the public. Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

## Driving course offered at Delmar church

E & E Defensive Driving Associates, a public training agency of the National Safety Council, will offer a defensive driving course in Delmar in December.

The two-session course will be given on Wednesday, Dec. 2, and Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6:45 to 10 p.m. each night at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

To register, call 459-9048.

## BC board meets tonight

The Bethlehem Central School Board meets tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. in the district offices at 90 Adams Place.

According to a tentative agenda, the board will discuss curriculum changes for the 1993-94 year.

## Wacky Wings to give free lunches for a year

On New Year's Eve, five people will win over \$5,000 in free lunches for a full year at Wacky Wings in Delmar.

Wacky Wings, located in the Delaware Plaza, is open seven days a week and is fully handicapped accessible.

## V'ville youths charged with theft

Two Voorheesville students face felony charges for allegedly swiping a teacher's pocketbook during class, according to Investigator Craig Apple of the sheriff's patrol in Voorheesville.

Christopher Domermuth, 17, and Lucas Weston, 16, both of Voorheesville, were arrested Nov. 27 and charged with fourth degree grand larceny (a Class E felony) and petty larceny.

One of the accused allegedly distracted the teacher while the other stole the pocketbook during a home economics class Nov. 23, Apple said.

"They went into the bathroom, took out about \$12 in cash and threw the rest away," said Apple, adding there were several witnesses to the crime in the classroom.

The pair face felony charges because there were credit cards in the purse, Apple noted.

"They never used the cards, but anytime a credit or debit card is stolen, it's an E felony," the investigator said.

Domermuth and Weston were released on appearance tickets, and are due in New Scotland town court to answer the charges on Dec. 3.

## NS town board meets Wednesday

The New Scotland Town Board meets tonight (Wednesday) at town hall on Route 85 at 8 p.m.

Board members are scheduled to discuss the Clarksville water system, progress on finding water for Orchard Park, and new subdivision regulations.

## ZBA member arrested for DWI

Deputy sheriffs from the Voorheesville patrol arrested a member of the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals for driving while intoxicated last Sunday.

Michael Hodom, 49, of 117 Orchard St. in Delmar, was charged with DWI just after midnight Nov. 22 on Route 85A in New Scotland. He was stopped for

failure to keep right and failed several field sobriety tests, deputies said.

Hodom was appointed to the ZBA in January 1990, replacing Sheila Galvin after her election to the town board.

He was released on his own recognizance and is due in New Scotland Town Court Dec. 17.

## Bethlehem police charge two with DWI

Two motorists were arrested by Bethlehem police last week on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Brian R. Burkins, 26, of 116 Rarick Road, Selkirk, was stopped at 4:27 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, on Clermont Street in Elmsire, police said. He was charged with resisting arrest and a felony count of DWI, according to Sgt. Joseph Sleurs.

Burkins was remanded to the Albany County Jail pending a future court appearance.

Lorie Ann NaParty, 31, of 1032 Spry Lane, Schenectady, was stopped at 11:34 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, on the Slingerlands Bypass, police said.

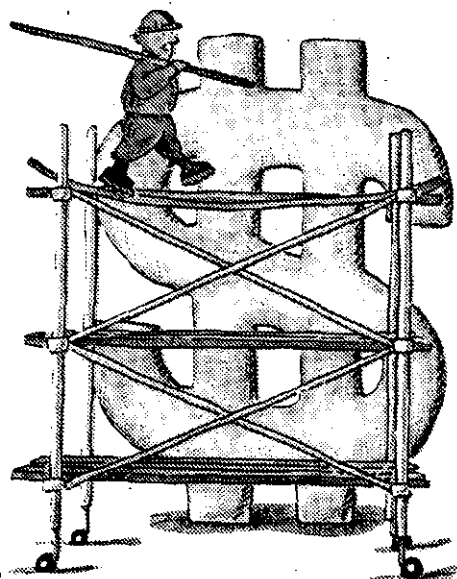
She was charged with failure to keep right and DWI. She was released pending a Dec. 15 appearance in town court.

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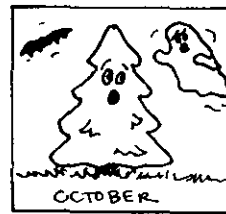
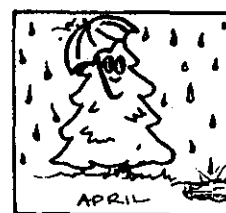
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# Developers would melt dreams of Ross' expansion

By Mel Hyman

Ross' ice cream and hot dog stand on New Scotland Road has been around for many years and is a favorite meeting place for people near and far.

But when the new owners, Five Sisters Associates, requested a variance recently to make some changes to their fast-food establishment, the developers who plan to build an upscale subdivision behind the restaurant raised a fuss.

## She loves their vanilla milkshakes.

Robin Reed

An attorney for developers Peter and Kenneth Goldman asked the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals to attach conditions before approving the request in order to minimize what was considered to be a negative visual impact.

Up to now, Ross' has always been a takeout establishment. But Five Sisters wants to add on a small section in the back where they can set up four tables for those wishing to eat indoors in case of bad weather. It would also be for the convenience of senior citizens.

Currently, there is parking for about a half dozen cars in front of the restaurant. The owners want to create parking for 38 vehicles behind of the building.

Other proposed changes to the business include starting the season a month earlier — on April 1 — and continuing until the end of October. A bathroom just for patrons would also be installed.

A petition with several hundred signatures was presented to the ZBA by residents and patrons supportive of whatever changes are proposed.

Three neighbors opposed to the variance spoke about the hazard created by cars parked in the roadway in front of the eatery. They were concerned about what

would happen with the increased flow of vehicles.

The developers' attorney, Donna Wardlaw of Saratoga, proposed that the zoning variance be granted subject to the erection of a fence to shield the parking and picnic areas from the Terremere subdivision, along with a double row of pinetrees spanning a length of 227 feet.

"They also want light regulations and restraints on the hours that the business can be open," said ZBA member Robin Reed. The developers further claim that there would be minor encroachments on their property if the restaurant plans were approved.

Reed said she plans to walk the area behind the restaurant to check on the visual impact. The ZBA has until mid-January to make a decision.

Normally Reed brings her grandmother along on her visits to Ross'. "She loves their vanilla milkshakes."

Five Sisters Associates is comprised of local residents Adrienne Jones, Anne Trimble, Regine Treffiletti, Christina Treffiletti and Katherine Treffiletti.



Ross' ice cream stand on New Scotland Road has been the object of some controversy recently. Developers looking to build an upscale subdivision behind the popular eatery are not happy about possible expansion plans.

Elaine McLain

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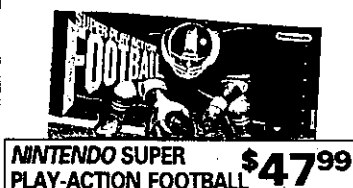
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## Matters of Opinion

## Farewell to a valued friend

All good things must come to an end, they say—and a big hole sadly is about to appear in the community life of Bethlehem's Tri Villages.

The area directory—published for these past 60 years, faithfully registering the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and (often) the occupations of residents at some 7,000 dwellings on more than 250 streets, avenues, roads, lanes, places, courts, drives, and malls—has published its last edition.

Since 1932, the book—known informally by a very undignified name—has been a labor of love each year for hundreds and hundreds of volunteer workers who canvassed and checked, categorized and collated to make certain that the name of every last person (sometimes including the children) was complete and correct. To say that the directory was useful and used would be an understatement almost as vast as the task of putting it all together.

The demand has never diminished—but changing times have so greatly lessened the availability of enough volunteers that the workload overwhelmed those remaining. Finally, after much regretful review into the prospects, the decision was made by the managing group to call it a day—or, rather, a year.

Officially, the book, which had reached a total of 324 pages in its last edition, was published by the Tri-Village Area Directory

## Editorials

Association. But from its outset it was a project of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, which was the beneficiary of net proceeds from the distribution at a suggested contribution of five dollars for each of several thousand copies. Advertising from more than 200 businesses helped keep the enterprise profitable, and their proprietors, too, will miss the directory. In recent years Newsgraphics Printers of Delmar has been the advertising representative.

The 1992-93 edition paid tribute to the "more than 400 community volunteers," whose labors in compilation and distribution were essential: "Without their efforts there would be no directory; they are our greatest asset." Their role has indeed underscored what community participation can accomplish.

That directory also contained what might be a valedictory for the enterprise: "Compiling of information terminated December 1, 1991."

And that final issue is certain to be valued throughout the Tri Villages for many years to come, even as it becomes dogeared with repeated use and, unfortunately, outdated and thus not up to the high standards that have prevailed for these six decades.

## Jim Ross steps down

As it turns out, Jim Ross wouldn't have become the majority leader of the Albany County Legislature in the coming year, after all—but the fact that his party remains in a minority there certainly cannot be attributed to any lack of determination, inspiration, or aggressive legislating during his year as the minority leader.

But now Bethlehem's James C. Ross, a member of the Legislature for eight years, announces that he is stepping down from the leadership because he must devote more time to his occupation in real life. The demands of his professional career could take second place only so long, and—with the '92 campaign and election in the past—the hour arrived when the profession had to supplant politics, in part.

Mr. Ross remains a member of the County Legislature, of course, having been handily reelected a month ago. He represents a politically astute and active district embracing Elsmere and parts of Delmar and Glenmont.

Chosen a year ago by fellow Republicans

to be their spokesman and chiefspear-bearer, Mr. Ross took as his priority the forwarding of significant legislation, a goal aided by reforms that strengthened the role of his colleagues: an increase in minority membership on all committees, acceptance by the Democrats of his recommendations for the committee posts, and a rules change so members of the public could address the Legislature before each session. Committee meetings were scheduled only after 5 p.m., to improve attendance, and proposed legislation had to move from committees to the full Legislature in no more than 60 days. The Republicans opened their caucuses to the public—a move quickly followed by the Democrats. Republicans stood together in opposition to the county sales tax increase, and allied themselves closely with County Executive Hoblock on charter reform and fiscal issues.

The Legislature's 15-member minority will be fortunate to find a new leader next week capable of filling Jim Ross's EEEE brogans.

## Meals in the mailbox

The numerous food pantries of the Capital District are to be the beneficiaries this month of an outpouring of supplies that will be distributed to needy individuals and families whose number, unfortunately, keeps growing and growing.

The holiday season, of course, give added meaning and poignancy to this humanitarian effort. But the need—and the response—at the food pantries is in fact a year-round concern. Hunger does not know any particular season; sentiment does, however, give emphasis to the needs felt by too many at a time when others are observing a joyous time. The on-going obligation on the part of all of

us, to be of assistance in appropriate ways, is more acutely true just now.

We fortunate residents of an "affluent suburb" are even more fortunate to have our U.S. Postal Service letter carriers pitching in to aid in food distribution. Throughout this week, they are asking that we donate some non-perishable foods, to be picked up by the carriers for ultimate transport to the local food pantries. The food items are to be placed in or near your mailbox for collection.

In past years, the collections have totaled many tons. This season, we certainly should strive in our individual ways to do no less.

## Parents, school have varied responsibility

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading what has appeared in *The Spotlight* and watching the behavior of proponents and opponents of school-wide condom availability at the school board meeting on Nov. 18, I was a little embarrassed to be part of this community.

I'm a student at BCHS and that meeting was my introduction to district politics. All I can say is Bethlehem simply looked foolish.

One student began to explain various forms of sex to make a point. A student activist called district leaders "racist," "sexist," and "anti-youth" and added that she didn't want to be "in the same room" with people who disagree with her. Many of her allies applauded.

Many adults weren't much better. Most seemed opposed to the idea of condoms in school, and to every idea they deemed offensive, many retorted with

## Vox Pop

grunts, moans, occasional shouts, and disrespectful clapping.

All in all, I've seen Middle School pupils more capable of polite discussion than some of the people at that meeting.

These disrespectful residents were in the minority and I hope their actions didn't damage either side's credibility. But even ignoring the rudeness, it's a good thing the school board and superintendent decided to move ahead with redesigning the health curriculum. Other than that, all of Bethlehem lost that night.

This is one of the most well-educated, intelligent communities in the area. It was saddening to see many on both sides of the issue lose their reason to blind emotion. Some in favor of condoms in school claimed disagree-

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## Does town water spur residents upward?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The following may be of interest to your readers.

There are 113 mountains in the Northeast considered to be separate peaks and having elevations of 4,000 feet or higher. As of the latest official posting last April, 201 people have climbed all 113. They came from as far away as Santa Barbara, Vancouver, and London. They came from 132 communities in 14 states and three provinces.

Of the 113 peaks, two are in the Catskills, 46 in the Adirondacks, five in the Green Mountains, 48 in the White Mountains, and 12 in Maine. The climbers have formed an organization they call "The One-Eleveners" (named at a time when the last two mountains had not yet been included). The first recorded feat of climbing all the

peaks was in August 1948.

What is of greatest interest is that Delmar provided seven of these climbers, more than any other community. Schenectady had six, and Burlington, Glens Falls, Levittown (PA), New York, and Rochester each had five.

If we add in two climbers from Slingerlands we find that almost five percent of the 201 climbers drink Town of Bethlehem water. Wonder what's in it!

Delmar Kenneth Marriott

*Editor's note: The Delmar residents (past and present) who have recorded all 113 peaks are: Marylyn Fancher, Norman G. Fancher, Alan M. Via, Fred Schroeder, Nola Royce, Kenneth Marriott, and Raymond E. Bell. The Slingerlands climbers are J. S. Stagg and Fred W. Ulrich.*

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## Your Opinion Matters

**'My son, the President'**

The death of President Bush's mother, unfortunately coming as it did just two weeks after he had been rejected by the voters, served obliquely to point up what seems to me to be an oddity in the circumstances in which men have been reaching the presidency in the 20th century.

The point I have in mind is underscored by the prominence of Governor Clinton's mother in the post-election celebrations out in Little Rock, as surely might be expected. It seems more the rule than the exception for Presidents during our time to have had either one or both parents still living at the time of their arrival in the White House.

A scant bit of research shows that no fewer than eight Presidents reached that office during the lifetime of a parent—and this within just the last 70 years. Inasmuch as no President has ever been chosen when younger than his mid-forties, this seems to speak well for the hardy root stock from which these leaders come—and also, probably, for the lengthened life span of Americans generally.

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More biographical research than I feel equipped to do might indicate other interesting trends in this respect among all our 40 Presidents. Who knows whether Millard Fillmore's mother or father was alive when he became President in 1850?

But, as it happens, there is at least one early example: John Adams lived to see his son, John Quincy, take the oath of office in 1825. The second President died

**Uncle Dudley**

on July 4, 1826, the same day as the third President, Thomas Jefferson.

In our own time, we certainly remember "Miss Lillian," the mother of President Carter. And both the mother and father of John F. Kennedy outlived him—Rose Kennedy survived three sons by many years.

President Truman is famed, among many other reasons, for having written or called his mother back in Independence every day. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's mother, Sara, actually lived into his third term in office, and it was her home in which he lived at Hyde Park. She wrote a book, "My Son Franklin."

Except for Joseph Kennedy, all these fortunate parents have been on the maternal side. But moving farther back (beyond Herbert Hoover, who had been orphaned at an early age), there is historical uniqueness in the swearing-in of President Calvin Coolidge by his father on the family farm in Vermont after the unexpected death of Warren G. Harding.

President Harding's father, too, was alive during his son's presidency, and outlived him. He was

noted for having said of the President: "It is fortunate that he was not born a girl, for he never has been able to say 'no.'"

I have a vague impression that Richard Nixon's mother lived to see him elected President, but perhaps this is a thought fostered by the fact that he talked about her so much, including in his valedictory.

There are, additionally, a couple of young men on the national scene who have attained high office, though not the presidency (yet). Vice President Quayle's parents are very much alive—and didn't one of his grandparents pass away only recently? Vice President-elect Albert Gore's parents will see him take office, and they have indeed been very prominent in recent months.

It is only too easy to understand the pride that the elder Mrs. Clinton must feel these days in her son's accomplishments, as of course would have been the case with the parents of other national leaders. The one who perhaps experienced most gratification at the son's selection would have been Joe Kennedy, who had made a crusade of attaining JFK's election.

On the reverse side of the picture, of course, it is possible to imagine how often it may well have been that an incoming President heard these words: "How proud your mother (father) would have been today!"

**Once more to the post, a la Francis**

The time has arrived for Constant Reader's annual homage to Dick Francis, the one-time jockey. A bit more than 30 years ago he discovered that he could tell about the sport of kings in such an exciting way that he could spend his life writing about horses and the people who live with them.

The result has been no fewer than 31 novels, at the rate of one a year. The most recent is "Driving Force," published this fall by Putnam (\$21.95). I have managed to acquire every one of the 31, and an enthusiastic description has become an annual tradition in this space. (Incidentally, Mr. Francis has written a couple of other books, both also concerned with racing. To tell his own story, he altered the traditional reference to horses and kings to be "The Sport of Queens." At one time in his career, he rode for Queen Elizabeth.)

Dick Francis has his individual style and idiosyncrasies. Among the latter are his book titles. Almost all are a single word: "Bolt," or "Twice Shy." Only one has been a three-word title. As published by Putnam for the past several years, the books themselves have taken on an unmistakable appearance in format and art.

The more significant traits of the Francis style, however, are in the work he puts into producing a wholly new yarn—and a most satisfying one—every year, and his first-person manner of relating the story.

**Constant Reader**

The author devotes months on end to researching a variety of occupations in which his protagonists are primarily engaged—a different one each book. In "Driving Force," for instance, the hero-narrator, Freddie Croft, is the proprietor of a horse-transport business. In "Longshot," the previous year, Peter Darwin, a British diplomat, becomes involved in killings at a veterinary stable. Most of the settings are in England, but not exclusively so. I recall earlier thrillers set in Russia, Scandinavia, Italy, South Africa, the U.S., Canada, and Australia.

He is confronted by the need to learn all there is to know about the numerous occupations so that he can write about them authoritatively and effectively. So Mr. Francis immerses himself in an annual series of expeditions in which he watches, interviews, and involves himself in endless aspects of what the fictional situation might develop. The result is, for the readers, a story as authentic in tone and detail as might have been written by someone with a lifetime of experience in that particular field.

Horses and racing are inevitably fundamental to the tale, but on occasion only distantly so. Though a Dick Francis book always is about someone either directly or indirectly concerned with horses, it is by no means simply a recounting of riding for glory.

Invariably, an instance or two of extreme cruelty at the hands of the unknown villain frustrates and imperils the narrator, but class and purity of motives always wins out by page 318. The narrator almost always is single, thirtyish, and not impervious to one or another debonair and dashing young females who also exist on the fringes of the sport. Indeed, it is not unknown for such a damsel to be the offspring of the perpetrator.

I guess that these references indicate the other singular quality of the Francis novels: The story always is told in the first person, but by a wholly different individual in a completely new setting and situation. I can recall only one of the heroes who was involved also in a second story.

As the modern saying has it, a Dick Francis book is "a good read." And if you are looking for a fine gift this season for someone who likes intricate plotting, excellent dialogue, and a story suspensefully told, you could do a lot worse than "Driving Force." I heartily recommend it on every count.

**Supporting the arts as Mao would wish**

The contributor of this Point of View, a resident of Slingerlands, occasionally writes for this column. His community activities include board membership with the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

By Albert J. Abrams

**Point of View**

The story is told of the beggar who stood outside Nelson Rockefeller's Fifth Avenue condo and yelled up: "Nelson, I need fifty dollars." The beggar persisted in his shouting. Soon draperies were pushed aside, shades were lifted. The beggar continued, "Nelson, I still need fifty dollars!" Exasperated, Nelson finally agreed to see him.

Mr. Rockefeller dug into his pocket and gave the man \$50.

"You should know your shouting disturbed my neighbors," he objected, however. "Besides, if you had come to my office, I might have given you more."

"Look," said the beggar, as he stashed away the fifty. "Do I tell you how to run your business? Then don't tell me how to run mine."

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The apocryphal story is suggested by the efforts of the Big Bucks of our community to force the various arts groups, such as symphony orchestras, jazz ensembles, art galleries, museums, theatrical companies, and even neighborhoods' aspiring talents to become one giant beggar, an Arts Way. It would be licensed by banks, insurance companies, etc., obligating the arts groups to beg at a one-stop office. There the corporate largess would be allocated on some formula not yet made public.

But what about the beggars outside, crying, "We need \$50"? The reply is evasive: "Never mind the beggars. We'll put all our funds for charity in one pot and computers will decide who gets how much." Appears to be an efficient way of doing business. And it serves the big cash-flow businesses.

For Big Business, the plan avoids the annoyance of having perhaps a score of individual arts groups seeking money from each concern—Neat! The businessmen who came up with the idea even promise to fund a staff to handle applications for funds. Sounds simple: No more entreaties that can be hard to turn down. Everything would be done by computers.

Most troublesome is that, ironically, the plan is geared to a society like China where central planning and funding is chic, monopoly is de rigueur, and competition is scorned as *declassé*. China also imposed a monopolistic control on culture, setting up a one-stop office for arts "handouts." As a result, Chinese art became conformist, noncontroversial, propagandistic for the ruling gerontological crowd. I went once to a theater in China; the drama presented there consisted of a plot involving a brave Red Chinese soldier who set out to save a young lass from a fate worse than death at the hands of a capitalist fiend. I fidgeted until intermission, then fled.

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The plan eliminates or downgrades the individual creativity, energy, and competition that are now involved in fund-raising. Today, the arts are consumer-driven, rather than sponsor-driven. Ticket sales dictate programming; the audience is boss. Tomorrow, will arts budgets be balanced—but theaters be vacant (or filled with corporate freebies)?

Centralization or regionalization makes a lot of sense in collecting garbage or providing sewerage or airports, and in financing construction and management, as well as for a wide range of services. But I have serious misgivings about whether they are the answer in the arts. Money is powerful, but art is in the soul of the artist and in the heart of the donor.

United Way serves non-profit groups in social service fields, and fights it out in determining need of each group. Some years, however, its allocations push one agency against another for the limited dollars. As a result, United Way had to change the rules and permit each individual organization to solicit from corporations on their own (though not at the same time as the United Way campaign is under way) and give contributors a chance to select the charity.

Sure, fund-raising nowadays is tough. We're not like the European socialist economies that subsidize the arts in every city, town, and village. Our board members them-

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## Matters of Opinion

# Lowered speed limit vital for 144 safety

Editor, The Spotlight:

Greetings from the River Road Raceway!

We'd simply like to reinforce what our neighbors have already reported in *The Spotlight* about the dangerous conditions down here on Route 144. Since we moved to our "country home" in 1974, both the amount of traffic and the average speed have increased considerably on our road.

River Road, which originally started out as a roadway for horse traffic, has evolved throughout the years into a two-lane paved road which obviously was never meant for the high-speed, high-volume, high-weight traffic it now carries.

We agree heartily with our neighbors that a speed of 40 or 45 miles per hour seems much more appropriate for this road, and may

encourage the tractor-trailers to go back to using the revenue-producing Thruway, a four-lane limited-access highway designed from the beginning for high speeds and high traffic volume.

Our commitment to making Route 144 a safer road goes back a long way. In 1986, at our request, the Department of Transportation performed a study of the area of 144 near Wemple and Mosher Roads. As a result, they posted "hidden driveway" and "bus stop" signs, which I assume should alert drivers to slow down from the 55 mph speed limit (or the 59 to 64 miles per hour D.O.T. says people travel on 144.

The driveways and bus stop are hidden, by the way, because they are on a curve. We do feel a bit safer because of those signs, and we thank D.O.T., but because

the speed limit has not actually been posted as lowered, drivers perhaps pay more attention but they certainly don't slow down.

We were fortunate to have the option of changing our children's bus stop to the side road at the end of our field, after having seen the bus nearly rear-ended several times by speeding tractor-trailers. Ironically, these trucks were coming from the south where they supposedly have a sight-distance of about a half a mile, and the buses had their red lights flashing. According to D.O.T. these near-misses shouldn't have happened.

We also don't understand why so many drivers who use our road are so impatient. What job or appointment can be important enough to risk injury or death because they can't even slow down for someone making a left turn? Instead they veer onto the shoulder or into a driveway, which makes going to the mailbox or pulling out of our driveway a life-threatening proposition.

In the letter we received in 1986 explaining why they wouldn't lower the speed limit on our part of 144, D.O.T. seemed to feel that if they lowered the speed limit,

## School

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ment with that view is both discriminatory and wrong. Some on the other side maintained condoms in school would promote immoral activity.

While I tentatively support having condoms available on a limited basis in school, I have deep reservations about whether the program is necessary or would even be beneficial. I do know, that parents and families have to take responsibility for teaching children responsibility and values. Too many residents apparently want to slide some of this respon-

people wouldn't obey it. Isn't it a form of anarchy when the citizens decide which laws to obey and which to ignore? (Should we all refuse to stop for red lights if we're in a hurry?)

It is important that the rest of the Town of Bethlehem support us in our concerns, as we have supported you. And please come down our way to Three Farms or the Henry Hudson Town Park, but drive safely when you do!

Martha B. Teumin

Glenmont Phillip Teumin

sibility off onto the school district.

I'm glad many of our community members have such strong moral and religious beliefs, but the school district can deal with the condom issue only as a matter of public health. Many on both sides realized this, but clearly the community as a whole has not.

Whatever we as a community decide to do on this and other youth-related issues, we need to stop sending mixed messages. When alcohol abuse was the issue at hand, many said teenagers are minors and are not mature or responsible enough to partake in adult activities. Then, when teen sex became the hot topic, many said young people must accept adult responsibility and live with the consequences of their actions. It can't go both ways.

Parents, families, and adolescents themselves must take responsibility for their own morality. As a community, we must stop trying to pass our duties on to our educational institutions. Only parents can worry whether their children's actions make them destined for heaven or hell. Schools must worry whether students are destined for college or a hospital.

Elsmere

Joshua Zalen



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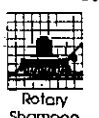
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selves have to come up with funds. And find themselves button-holing friends, vendors, golf buddies—everyone—to contribute. They do beg from corporations which, in the Albany area, have been magnanimous—often, more than magnanimous—lending and giving cash, lending personnel skilled in finance, giving in-kind help.

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This new plan stems probably from idealistic motives. But, then, Mao was impelled by idealistic motives (or, at least, the idealism was a cover for a grab for power). Even if corporations in the Capital Region promise to double their contributions to the arts, I'd be very apprehensive if their plan were to be rushed to adoption.

The move should be slowed down because when any effort, no matter how noble in concept, is forced upon the public it is likely to be an Edsel. At least, the public needs to be assured there is no "Gang of Five" lurking behind the draperies of charity, that we understand what the allocation priorities are, and everyone is comfortable with the proposed new agency. Business likes action, not words, and abhors delay—but patience often turns out to be more profitable in investing than Rambo-like action.

Corporate giving has changed in recent years from charity to marketing. Corporations seek tie-ins, promotions, and publicity through their gifts. This trend will hardly be caged by a bland, faceless Arts Way, handing out largess. Instead of giving this concept the hard sell Perot-style ("Do it now!") I suggest they slow down, think it all through, allay the fears of its critics, go public on the allocation formula, seek public understanding. Maybe even take an oath they will not seek to influence programming or arts activities.

Business in the Capital Region needs the arts. And the arts need business. But business is not in the business of telling the arts how to run their business, although God knows the arts have a lot to learn about balance sheets.

The cry of the beggar persists, "I need fifty dollars." So does his subsequent riposte, "Nelson, do I tell you how to turn your business?"

## The Pit needs support to pay for staffing

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Pit needs help! It is an area in the basement of the Middle School, renovated by considerable community effort and generosity, to serve as a recreation area (hangout) for our youth. There are basically three rooms: two large ones, with three pool tables, two Ping Pong tables, comfortable chairs and tables for games, and a smaller snack bar area with a kitchen and small tables and chairs with a "soda fountain" feeling. There is a sound system, and kids are encouraged to bring their favorite cassettes and discs to share with their friends.

The Pit is open five days a week, from 2:18 to 4 p.m., and one week-end evening a month. We charge 50 cents to partially defray the cost of supervision. Attendance varies, understandably. This fall between 30 to 70 students have come daily.

Tri-village Welcome Wagon has given us \$150 to underwrite the cost of Pit passes given out by the school nurse to anyone eligible for free or reduced-cost lunch, as a way of reducing the barrier of economic hardship. The problem facing us is that we are operating at a loss. Our major cost is supervision. Our level of staffing is optimal, and we do not feel

we can raise the cost of admission.

To many of the young people who attend the Pit, this is a very important outlet. Some come every day, five days a week, because they have no other place to go. Some come from families where no one is home until 5:30 or 6 p.m. Some come just for recreation, to play pool, listen to music, fill up on candy or nachos before they take the 3 o'clock bus home; some come to hang out near a friendly college student, to talk, to let off steam about a bad day, to get some support.

I feel committed to the Pit, convinced that it provides a unique, needed alternative for Middle School-age youth. On behalf of the Pit board of directors, I ask for your support.

Delmar

Holly Billings

### Words for the week

**Riposte:** A sharp, swift response or retort. In fencing, a sharp, swift thrust made after parrying an opponent's lunge.

**Impervious:** Not affected by (used with "to.") Incapable of being penetrated or passed through.


**Protagonist:** The main character in a drama, novel, or story, around whom the action centers. Also, a person who plays a leading or active part.

**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 roto-gravure."

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

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## Matters of Opinion

# Rosenbaum warns party against far-right policy

## Reminder for voting on fire commissioners

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Republican Party must face the fact that it lost the 1992 presidential election—by an overwhelming margin in New York State—because it lost touch with values important to most voters.

Instead of living up to its tradition of solving problems and bringing people together, Republicans left the electorate with visions of a convention dominated by Pat Buchanan and other far-right extremists.

Senator Al D'Amato, normally a conservative Republican, won his election because he realized how out of touch the national party had become. In the final weeks of

the campaign, he distanced himself from President Bush and aligned himself with the policies of Governor Clinton.

The lesson to be learned from the 1992 elections is that while the people of New York are sympathetic to a Republican point of view—lower taxes, more efficient government, free enterprise—they are going to reject candidates who preach the exclusionary policies of the right-wing in favor of those candidates whose vision of the future deals with the real-life problems faced by all New Yorkers.

Richard M. Rosenbaum  
New York City

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that the presidential election is over, we have yet another opportunity to vote for change.

The election is for Fire Commissioner, for residents' respective fire districts. The election takes place at local fire houses during the hours of 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

As a resident of the Elsmere Fire District I have seen my tax rate more than double over the last ten years, making it the highest of those departments totally within Bethlehem. It is a relatively small amount of my tax bill but in these difficult economic times every penny counts.

A change in spending is long overdue and I would like to endorse Scott E. Anson to initiate that change. There is a need to have new ideas as to spending within the Elsmere Fire District and I believe that he has the right ideas to slow the tax rate so it does not double again.

In closing, I extend thanks to all the dedicated volunteers of the Elsmere Fire Department, for their time responding to emergencies, their extensive training, and their contribution to community events. I thank them for all their personal time of dedication. They have eliminated one of the biggest expenses, that of payroll. Thank you, Volunteers!

Darlene M. Bell

## Americans first in aid to needy?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that we have a new President coming into office, I have a suggestion about how to help our country.

We are \$4 trillion in debt, but still we send billions of dollars in aid to foreign countries. I don't think there is anything wrong with giving aid to people who need it—but what about all these hungry and sick people in our country?

I just feel that we should start feeding and taking care of our homeless before we take care of people in different countries.

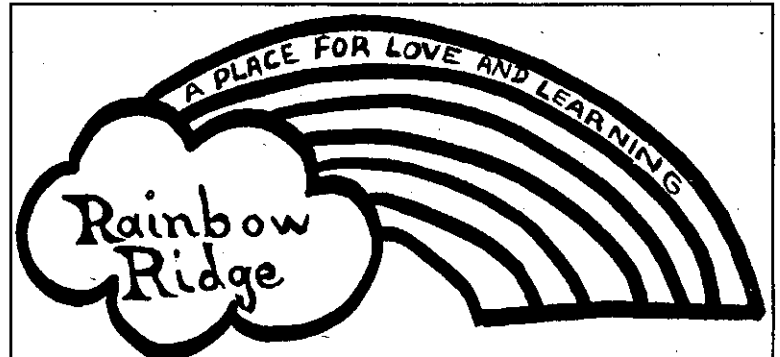
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# Verstandigs say it with flowers for 60 years

By Dev Tobin

Three generations of Verstandigs have grown and sold flowers and plants over the last 60 years on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The family celebrated their 60 years in the florist business with an open house Sunday. In an interview Monday, Bob Verstandig reflected on his family's business.

**We work hand in hand with our customers.**

Bob Verstandig

"I think the difference between our shop and a lot of other places is our emphasis on personalized service," he said. "We work hand in hand with our customers."

Verstandig attributed the business's longevity to the "kind of employees we have, like Maud Denham, Stephen Marsh and Helen Mosher, who have all been with us many years."

At 78, Verstandig's mother Bertha, who founded the concern with her late husband Alphonse, "remains in touch with the business."

And Verstandig's son Bob, an agriculture graduate of the University of Vermont, now manages the greenhouse operation, which grows flowers and plants for the family store and for wholesale distribution.

The Verstandigs bought a farm on Delaware Avenue in 1932, then opened a retail store at the Four Corners in 1942. The retail business moved back to the farm property in 1959, which was extensively remodeled in 1973. The last major improvement was replacing the old greenhouses with new ones, which took place in early 1990.

"The new houses bring a big improvement in the quality of the plants we grow at a substantial energy savings," Verstandig said. "We remain thankful for the many townspeople who supported that project."

The greenhouses have three seasons, Christmas, Easter and summer annuals, he explained,



Three generations of Verstandigs, Bertha, her son Bob and grandson Bob, celebrate the family's 60 years in the florist business in Delmar Sunday. Elaine McLain

so they are always in use.

The retail store sells fresh green plants, flowering plants and cut flowers, as well as an extensive line of gifts, ornaments and decorations for the holiday season in the Christmas Shop.

Computerization has changed the florist business, like every other. "We can order flowers from any part of the globe — South America, Europe, the Far East — and they're here in 24 hours," said Verstandig, adding that comput-

ers help fill orders more quickly and manage the record keeping of the business.

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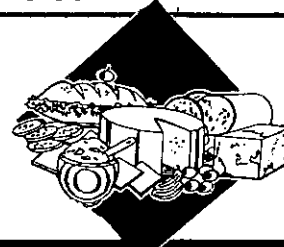
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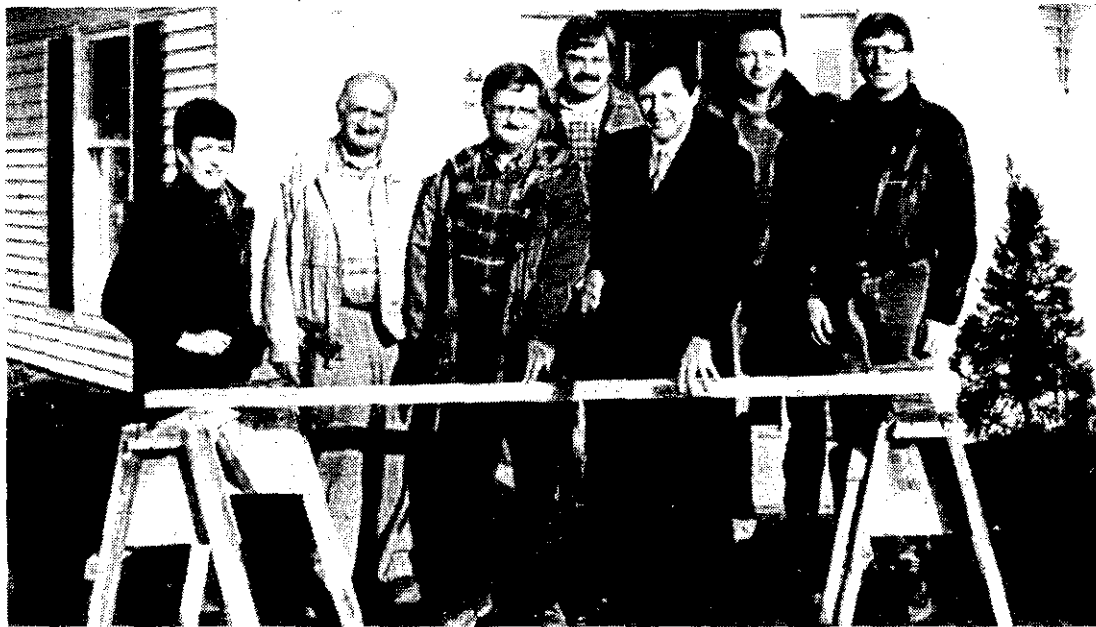


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## Swift switch



Celebrating the renovation of an eyesore on Kenwood Avenue into new offices for the Swift family of builders are, from left, Marty Cornelius of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Bill Swift, Don Swift, Greg Swift, Supervisor Ken Ringler, Mike Swift and Bill Swift Jr.  
*Dev Tobin*

## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Are you prepared for winter? Are the lawn mowers, tractors, leaf blowers, weed wackers and electric pruners properly stored?

Fuel that cannot easily be disposed of should be used up at the end of the season by letting the engines run until the gas tanks are empty. Then, in the spring, you can start out with fresh fuel and have a clean-running engine.

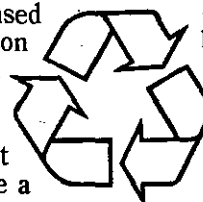
When winter is over, snow blowers, snowmobiles and other cold-weather equipment should be emptied in the same way.

Gasoline is toxic and extremely flammable. It should never be used as a cleaner.

Leftover gasoline should be used as fuel. If small amounts of impurities are present, they can be filtered out by using a strainer or coffee filter. Water can be eliminated by adding dry gas. Gasoline should not be stored longer than six months.

Used motor oil with no addi-

tives can be recycled at any service station which sells at least 1,000 gallons of motor oil per year. Up to five gallons per person per visit will be accepted free of charge.



Motor oil should never be poured on the ground, down the drain, or in the sewer system, which could result in drinking water contamination.

Used antifreeze can be recycled at Delmar Auto Radiator, 90 Adams St. in Delmar, or Francisco Equipment on Route 9W, Ravena. Antifreeze can be caught in a container, filtered and reused. If it is dumped or allowed to form a pool on the ground, it can contaminate water supplies and cause injury or death to animals, who like to drink the sweet-tasting substance, ethylene glycol.

The way to deal with potentially hazardous waste is to dispose of it properly or recycle it. This will not only avoid contaminating water supplies, but will also avoid the expense of a hazardous waste collection program.

## Delmar Progress Club to meet at library

The Delmar Progress Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library community room.

At the meeting, Lois Dillon and Lois Titus will present slides of South Africa. The group will also hear about a business trip to Sweden and Latvia from Lynn Mather.

The club will hold its annual holiday tea honoring new members on Monday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. at Normanside Country Club. Harpist Elizabeth Huntley will entertain.

## Glenmont elementary sets annual book fair

Glenmont Elementary School's Parents As Reading Partners will have its annual book fair on Friday, Dec. 4, from 2 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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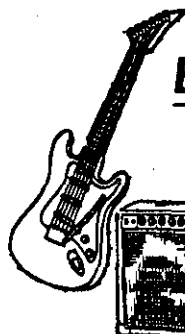
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## Football boosters set Christmas tree sale

The Bethlehem Central Football Boosters annual Christmas Tree Sale will be at the middle school courtyard Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, 12 and 13, and 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. BC football players will assist shoppers in choosing their trees.

Proceeds will benefit the Bethlehem football program.

## Speaker to discuss revitalizing recipes

Mary Singer, a home economist of the Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension, will speak on creating "Smart Feasts for the '90's" on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Her talk will include tips for revitalizing favorite recipes for healthy dietary guidelines.

Pre-registration required. For information, call 439-9314.

## Club's wreath sale to benefit 'Next Step'

Zonta Club of Albany will be selling wreaths for \$15, beginning Saturday, Dec. 5, at Crafts and Fabrics beyond the Tollgate.

The store is located at 1886 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

Proceeds will benefit "Next Step," a substance abuse facility for women.

# Same time next year for free T-day victuals

In the second year of a new Thanksgiving tradition, the Domermuth family served more than 250 free turkey dinners Thursday at their Voorheesville Diner.

"It went great," said Joyce Domermuth, diner owner. "We served 10 30-pound turkeys with all the trimmings."

Domermuth estimated she prepared for the meal for about a week.

Aside from turkey, diners feasted on shrimp cocktail, sweet potatoes, creamed onions, squash, turnips, scalloped shrimp and oysters, macaroni and cheese, and homemade banana and pumpkin breads, as well as stuffing and mashed potatoes. For those who had room, dessert included pumpkin, apple and lemon pies.

"When my husband was alive, we used to have a big family Thanksgiving dinner," Domermuth recalled. "I missed that, and also wanted to help the needy and lonely people in the community."

Last year, the first free Thanksgiving dinner attracted 60 people.

Domermuth's son Jimmy, his wife Pat, their children and her parents Armand and Fran Parella worked along with cook Brian Miles to make the dinner a success.

"People didn't mind sharing a table with other people," said Pat. "It was noisy from the people talk-



The Domermuth family, (from left) Pat, Jim and Jim's mother Joyce, gave thanks to the Voorheesville community by serving more than 250 free Thanksgiving dinners.

Dev Tobin

ing, like one big, happy family."

"We'll be back same time next year," assured Jimmy. "There are quite a few people who don't have the resources for a family dinner, and there are also a lot of lonely people."

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## Delmar church to host concert

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Entitled "Holy Day and Holiday," the program will feature both popular and sacred Christmas

music, musical production numbers, comedy and drama.

The concert is free. Donations will be accepted to benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times, a camp for children with cancer.

For information, call 439-4328.

## Play's the thing for BC thespians

By Dev Tobin

This fall's play at Bethlehem Central High School, William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, is relevant to high school life, according to director James Yeara.

"The court scenes portray a lot of cliques and arbitrary unspoken rules," he said. "Students understand that very well, because it's just like high school."

The play's theme of escape from a corrupt court filled with envious courtiers to the pastoral simplicity of the forest also resonates with students, Yeara noted.

Aside from its relevance, Yeara said his students selected *As You Like It* because it has a large cast and includes five songs and five dances.

The play is especially challenging for Erica Schroeder, who plays Rosalind.

"Rosalind has a line load as large as Hamlet. It's the largest, most complex female role in the entire Shakespeare canon," Yeara said.

He emphasized that, although the production is set in 1930s Europe, with escape from the court to the forest equated with escape from Nazi Germany, it is faithful to the Bard. "Not a line is changed," he said.

Student set designers took their cues from movies of the 1930s period, Yeara added. "The court set is inspired by the Marx Brothers' *Duck Soup*, and the forest set comes from Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*," he said.



Nick Sattinger (Orlando) and Erica Schroeder (Rosalind) rehearse a scene from *As You Like It*. The popular Shakespeare comedy will be on stage at BCHS Dec. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and free for seniors on Thursdays. Elaine McLain

Starring in the play are Nicholas Sattinger as Orlando, Mia Lobel as Jaques, Mike Lurie as Touchstone, Jason Bailey as Silpius, Rebecca Hall as Phebe, Sarah Blabey as Celia and Sara Israel as Duke Senior.

Debbie Kerness and Julia Donnamura wrote original music

for "A Lover and His Lass," and Nicole Ciotta and Tracy Manning choreographed the five dances in the play.

Behind the scenes, Amy Fernandez is the student director, Jessica Sharron is stage manager and Jon Meester is the student technical director. Carrie McQuide has worked hard on all the technical aspects of the play, according to Yeara.



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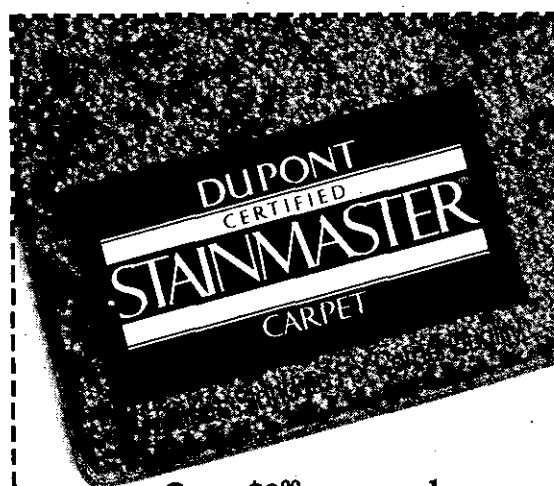
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- The Bethlehem Central School District faced a \$1 million lawsuit from a school bus driver who was dismissed following his arrest for driving his bus while intoxicated. The county grand jury refused to indict the driver.
- Joanne Mulkerne of Delmar, a senior nursing student at Plattsburgh State College, was named North Country Region "Nurse of Hope" by the American Cancer Society.
- Nathan Rasmussen of Voorheesville received the Eagle Scout award. His project was renovating an office and nursery at Clarksville Community Church.
- Bethlehem's swim team defended its 81-meet winning streak with eight returnees from the 1981-82 team: John Henahan, John Demarest, Doug Schulz, Scott Apicelli, Dave Young, Matt Holland, Knute Hvalsmarken and diver Melissa Martley.

## Cuddly crafts



Sybil and Rachael Copp of Delmar display some of items that will be featured at the Hamagrael PTA craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on McGuffey Lane. The fair will feature more than 75 crafters, a Chinese auction and a bake sale. Pizza and beverages will be available for lunch.



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Boy Scouts of Troop 81 in Selkirk braved cold and rain recently to collect more than 2,000 food items for local food pantries. The Scouts distributed bags to area residents, and then collected them the following weekend. Troop 81 is sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks.

*Elaine McLain*

## Kids can make holiday gifts

Tonight's Gifts and Goodies program at 7 p.m. at the library will give children in kindergarten through grade-six an opportunity to make something of their own to give to friends and families this holiday season.

Practical and personal presents such as felt bookmarks and door-knob jinglers are sure to please everyone on their list. Parents interested in helping out are more than welcome.

To volunteer, call Meg Hughes at 765-2791.

World travelers Virgil and Mildred Zimmermann will present a "multi-media" show on their recent Elderhostel experience in Northern China on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The short program, to be held in the the community room, will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

A meeting of the Friends of the Library executive committee will be on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10:15 a.m., and the board of trustees will meet on Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

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## BCHS starts program for young wrestlers

Bethlehem Central High School will start its "learn to wrestle" program for second to sixth-graders in December. The program will run through February.

Scheduled dates are Dec. 2, 8, 15, 21; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; and Feb. 2, 9, and 23, from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

The free program offers second to sixth-graders an opportunity to learn basic wrestling skills, cooperative group activities and basic conditioning exercises. The program also includes video and mat instruction.

Sessions are approximately 45 minutes. Participants should wear comfortable clothing such as T-Shirts, sneakers and sweat pants.

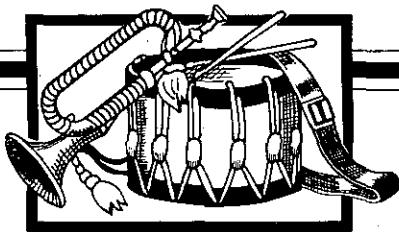
Parents are welcome to participate in the program.

Volunteer coaches are members of the BCHS wrestling staff. For information, contact Rich Poplaski or John DeMeo at 439-4921.

## Fire company to host kids' Christmas party

The North Bethlehem Fire Department on Russell Road will sponsor a Christmas party for children in the Elmwood Park Fire District on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m.

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### Meeting house to host Chinese artifact sale

The annual bazaar of Chinese artifacts will be on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., Albany.

The bazaar will be open to the public free of charge. Items on sale will include kites, vases, prints, mugs, parasols, scarves, jewelry and books.

Tea and cookies will be available. The Association of Chinese Students and Scholars at SUNYA will serve a lunch of Chinese dumplings and won-ton soup.

Proceeds will benefit the friendship support programs for Chinese students at SUNYA and RPI.

### Becker PTA to meet at middle school

The A.W. Becker PTA and the REACH Parent's Support Group will meet on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School library, Route 9W, Ravena, at 7:30 p.m.

The topic of discussion will be the New York State Compact for Learning, and how the legislation will affect students, teachers and the community.

For information, call 756-2155.

### V'ville church plans Christmas festival

The Voorheesville Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., will present its third Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

A program of traditional and new Christmas music will be performed by the community chorus.

For information, call 765-2895.

### Pediatric clinic sets hours

According to Albany County Commissioner of Health Dr. Jamec Crucetti, the Ravena Pediatric Clinic, 1 Van Buren Ave., will be open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The clinic serves children up to 18 years of age who are residents of Albany County.

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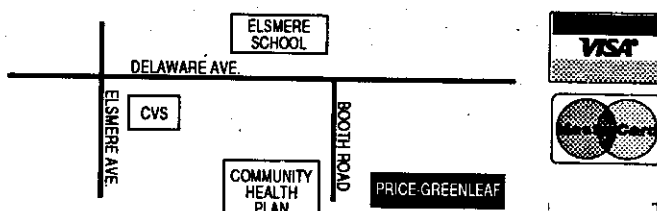
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# Exhibit to feature Tri-Village Directory

The library is having a special display on the Tri-Village Area Directory, which has ceased publication after 60 years.

Local history librarian and directory volunteer Marie Carlson is designing the exhibit with help from Howard Gmelch, who was directory manager from 1981 to 1988, and an adviser to the Tri-Village Area Directory Association from 1973 to 1991.

The directory was created as a way to raise money for Delmar's First United Methodist Church. Since the first edition in 1932, the effort expanded to include many in the community, though it continued to be a church project, and its editorial offices were always located there.

Gmelch said that throughout the years, the directory continued to be a virtually all-volunteer ef-

fort. Only three parties were paid, the printer, compositor and the advertising agent, who since 1981 has been Dick Ahlstrom of the *Spotlight*.

The 1992-93, and last edition, was issued in May of this year.

The display will include many editions of the publications. There are only three known complete sets of the directory, two at the church and one at the library. The

exhibit will include the maps issued with each book, and photographs of volunteers and newspaper clippings.

Of special interest is a history of the directory which appeared in the *Spotlight* in 1981 to mark the book's 50th anniversary, and the photos of the new edition being presented to a different local dignitary each year.

But the directories themselves tell a story. Perusing the 60 editions shelved together in the library's local history section, one is struck by how much times have changed. The first issue had 70 pages. Ads carried quaint slogans, as a contractor who boasted "Better homes built in the best way," or the funeral service that advertised "Ideals-not ancient custom-guide this establishment." Two local dairies offered a choice of raw grade or pasteurized milk, and there are numerous ads for ice and coal.

Each edition had a map, all of which taken together chart the growth of the community. The 1932 map is scarcely recognizable. Development was confined to within five or six blocks of Delaware Avenue and the D&H Railroad. Cherry and much of Kenwood avenues are surrounded by empty fields.

In contrast, this year's directory has 324 pages, beginning with 20 pages of valuable community information and listings of professionals, including 17 psychologists, psychotherapists and marriage and family counselors.

According to Gmelch, choosing the color of the book was an annual decision, "with wives advising husbands who along with the association's executive board made the decision."

The book's cover rotated between buff, grey, and pale blue and green until the heady 1980s,

when colors became livelier, ending in '88-89 with bright lavender. Three editions were dedicated to volunteers who gave countless hours to the project: Irma Crounse in '90-91, Gladys Smith in '84-85, and Hilda Merselis, the 40th edition in 1973.

Some 450 volunteers were needed each year to manage, gather information, proofread and deliver some 6,000 copies of the book. Though about 70 workers had served for 20 years or more, new workers had to be recruited to fill about 1/3 of the needed jobs each year.



As the area covered by the directory grew, even more volunteers were needed. When some years ago, a woman called Gmelch to complain that Normansville was not included he her all that was needed was a volunteer for that area. She replied, "You're talking to her," and Normansville has been included ever since. But not all areas were as lucky.

Gmelch said in 1973, there was a serious discussion about discontinuing the directory.

There was another crisis about 10 years ago. Managers from the directory association met with the directory's compositors at their Albany offices.

"Things were going nowhere, but when I saw a picnic table outside the building," Gmelch recalls, "I left our group and went outside and sat down at the picnic table with the owner of the company. I laid it all out, what we could do and what we couldn't, and so did he. We came to an agreement, and we managed to keep it going for 10 more years."

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The annual winter concert will feature performances by the high school chorale, the Tri-Rhythmics, the concert band and the stage band under the direction of Michael Tebbano and Margaret Dorgan.

The concert is open to the public.

### Voorheesville church to distribute free food

The human concerns committee of St. Matthew's Church of Voorheesville will distribute surplus government food on Friday Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The church is located on Mountainview Road.

Food will be distributed to those who are eligible to receive food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, disability, SST, HEAP, WIC or Social Security. Unemployed or low-income families are also eligible.

For information, call John Frette, 765-2057.

### High school to conduct financial aid seminar

The guidance department of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will sponsor a seminar on "College Financial Aid: How to Get Your Fair Share" on Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be certified financial planner Peter Laurenzo, president of College Aid Planning Associates Inc. of Albany.

### Lecturer to address chamber breakfast

William Powell, a practitioner in neuro-linguistic programming and a principal with Management Resources Development in Delmar, will present a lecture on "The Power of a Higher Vision," Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 a.m. at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Route 9W in Albany.

The presentation will focus on ways to break through the barriers that prevent living outstanding lives.

Hot buffet breakfast will be \$8 at the door. Reservations may be made by calling 439-0512.

### Voorheesville man to perform in Albany

Voorheesville resident James R. Adams Jr. will perform Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* at St. Peter's Church in Albany on Friday, Dec. 4, at 12:30 p.m.

Adams will be accompanied by organist Neil Keen. The church is located at State and Lodge streets in Albany. Admission is free, and listeners are invited to bring lunch with them.

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Pre-registration is requested. For information, call the guidance office at 765-5529.

### Seniors to sponsor annual holiday party

The New Scotland senior citizens group will have its annual holiday party on Sunday, Dec. 13,

at 2 p.m. at the Oceans Eleven restaurant in Guilderland.

The menu will include a choice of roast sirloin of beef, broiled Boston scrod or parmesan chicken. Members will exchange \$3 grab bag gifts.

Reservations are required by Sunday, Dec. 6. For information, call Agnes Tucker at 765-4427.

### Kiwanis Club sets blood pressure clinic

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

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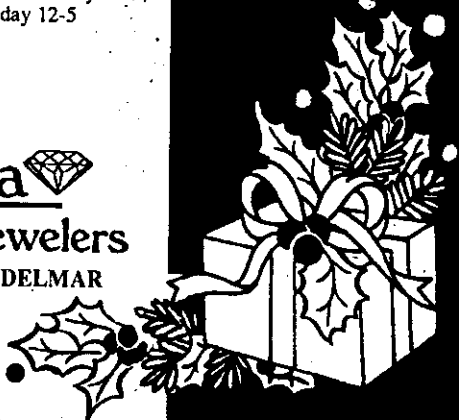
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## SPORTS

Despite size, V'ville girls optimistic *Dolphins strong at two meets*

By Greg Sullivan

The Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team enters the '92-'93 season optimistic about its chances, but wary of the extremely high level of competition in the Colonial Council.

Returning four starters from last year's squad, the Ladybirds hope to blend their experience with the younger talent, up from last year's JV team, to combine for a winning blend this season.

The four returnees include seniors Becky Bailey, Lea Foster, Cortney Langford and sophomore Kelly Griffin. Voorheesville head coach Nadine Bassler believes this core of experienced and talented players will be the key to surviving and succeeding in this year's difficult Colonial Council.

With such powerhouses as Watervliet, featuring six-foot center Crystal Carroll, and Holy Names, with last year's league

MVP Beth Coffey, Bassler acknowledged, "We'll be fighting for every win."

The major obstacles the Ladybirds will have to overcome this year will be size and foul trouble.

"We'll face a height disadvantage every game, and with only eight healthy players, I'm very concerned about getting into foul trouble," Bassler said.

The healthy players on the team include the four returnees as well as junior Megan McCartney and sophomores Jennifer Person, Jessica Reed and Christie Arena. Two other sophomores will miss parts of the season due to pre-season injuries.

Kristen Daugherty will miss the first several weeks of the season with a broken ankle while Darcy Langford will have to sit out the whole season after undergoing knee surgery.

Nevertheless, Bassler has already noticed the team beginning to gel. "We've seen very good leadership from the seniors, which will hopefully help them blend together with the younger players."

The Delmar Dolphins turned in outstanding performances at a pair of recent meets.

Swimming in the Schenectady Swim Club's annual Trick or Treat 12-and-Under Developmental Meet at Union College, many of the Dolphins turned in personal best times.

It was the first major meet for many members of the club, including Courtney Arduini, Scott Solomon, Jennifer Keyes, Katie Coulon, Andrea Chorbajian, Bobby Pasquini, Andrew Zox, Emily Kaplan, Jason Hessberg, Larissa Suparmanto and Trish Sandison.

Swimmers who achieved National "A" or better times in their events included Chris Shaffer, 10, who won the 10-and-under boys 50 yard backstroke in 38.23 seconds. Shaffer also achieved a national "B" time in the 50 yard breaststroke.

Kathleen Shaffer, 8, had a "B" time in the 8-and-under girls 50 freestyle.

Swimming with the 8-and-under boys in their first major meet,

Thalis Orietas, 8, achieved a "B" time in both the 25 back and 25 breast, while Joseph Cardamone, 7, had a "B" time in both the 25 back and 25 free.

Among the 9 and 10-year-olds, Tara Ornoski had a "B" time in the girls' 50 back, 50 breaststroke, 50 free and 100 Individual Medley (IM). Sara Gold, 9, and Katie Xeller, 10 both had "B" times in the 50 back.

Outstanding efforts were also turned in by Todd McCoy, Richard Bailey, Bradley Bailey and Megan Scharmann.

At the Marist Swim Club Fall Invitational Meet at Marist College, Elyse McDonough, 10, won the 10 and under girls 50 yard butterfly in a national "AA" time of 34.81 seconds. She was fourth in the 50 free and seventh in the 50 breast.

Brian Dowling, 10, won the boys 50 butterfly in a national "AAA" time of 32.36. He was fourth in the 50 free and sixth in the 50 breaststroke.

Erika McDonough, 13, was fifth place "A" time in the 13-14 girls 100 back, and was sixth in the 400 IM.

New to the 13-14 age group, Reid Putnam, 13, had strong "B" performances in all his events.

## Youngblood on mats for V'ville grapplers

By Mirissa Conley

The first impression that wrestling coach Dick Leach has obtained from his team is a positive one. In his 23rd year of coaching, Leach believes the Voorheesville Blackbirds will once again have something to look forward to this winter.

The team is lead by seniors Darren Ascone and Don Wright, junior Jerry Parmenter and sophomores Eric Domermuth, James Cook and Matt Cootware. They are all returning from last year's varsity team.

Another senior, Brian Wuttke, absent last year on a student exchange program in Spain, should also be a great addition.

"Overall, for being such a young team, success will depend on how fast they come along," Leach said.

Although the team is young, hard-working and talented, they also have some weaknesses. Several of the wrestlers are on the thin side and the squad is missing a few weight classes.

With six freshmen on the team, Bryan Fortran, Griffin King, Nick Praga, Sean Devine, Dave Staph and John McGinty, Leach says "we'll have to fill some pretty big holes." However, their attitudes are positive and the desire to learn is there.

Schoharie, considered the Blackbirds' biggest rival, faces the Birds in their first home scrimmage at the high school, Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m.

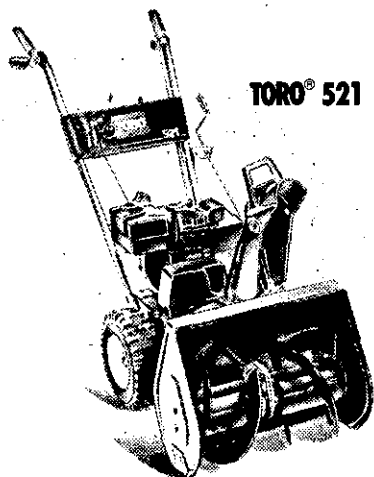
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## Tuning up



Bethlehem varsity wrestling coach Rick Poplaski oversees an inter-scholastic scrimmage at BCHS. Besides the home team, Ravena, Christian Brothers Academy and Voorheesville participated.

Elaine McLain

## Kickoff on Sunday for basketball club

The Bethlehem Basketball Club begins its 1992-1993 season on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 12:30 p.m. in the upper gym of the Bethlehem Middle School.

Opening ceremonies will include player and coach introductions as well as a full slate of games in every division. Two hundred-seventy Bethlehem youngsters in grades 5-8 are registered this year. Seventy volunteer coaches assist in the 28-team league.

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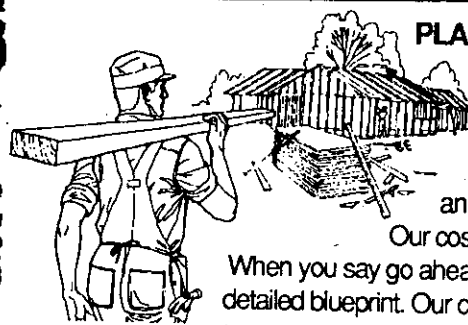


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## Ross

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leader within the next week.

Highlights of his tenure as head of the GOP delegation, said Ross, were achieving better minority representation on several key county committees, making headway toward creating a more efficient process for approving legislation and successfully lobbying for an open public forum at the beginning of each legislative session.

The chance to work with Michael Hoblock, the county's first Republican executive, was also a unique opportunity.

"Working with Mike Hoblock was an absolute joy," said Ross. "His style is marvelous, and his leadership ability is extraordinary."

Two-term, Colonie legislator Jay Sherman is the only candidate said to be vying for the position. Sherman said he understood what he was in for in dealing with the Democratic majority, adding "I have the scars to prove it."

Albany County Democrats, who hold a 24 to 15 majority over the Republicans, will also be forced to choose a new leader this month following the defeat of Majority Leader Robert Haines.

Hoblock said he didn't think the change would harm his legislative agenda. "In the case of Jim Ross, we agreed on a lot of issues and we disagreed on others. Whoever the new minority leader is, we're not always going to agree on everything."

"I'm rather disappointed that Jim made that decision," Hoblock said. "He spent a considerable amount of time, energy and talent fulfilling his duties."

Time constraints were the reason former Legislator W. Gordon Morris Jr. gave up the minority leader's post in 1990. The Delmar Republican, who was defeated in November by Democrat George Kansas, served in the position from 1982 to 1990.

Morris said he understood perfectly why Ross stepped down, since the amount of time it takes to do the job is "phenomenal." "What you have to understand," he added, "is that, unlike the majority, the minority has no staff. The Democrats simply will not allow us to have any."

## EMT

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could be jeopardized if these EMT cards are allowed to expire."

"Definitely not," was the response to Faso's contention by Janet Burns, ambulance squad vice president. "We'll still have the same seven-day-a-week, 24-hour coverage. The guys (who are still certified) may have to work more hours, but it's going to stay the same."

The volunteer EMTs are a dedicated lot, she added. "I've been working on it since '56. Many of us

have been here for a long time."

There is a certification exam slated for late January, Burns noted, with results expected to arrive about five weeks later. A refresher course for the affected EMTs will be held in December.

Faso said he asked the Health Department to extend the lapsed certifications until a new test could be given, but no response was made to his request.

A special emergency medical services task force is currently

looking at the feasibility of hiring some paid paramedics to ease the burden on the all-volunteer ambulance staffs serving the town.

The task force recommendations are slated for discussion by the town board in December. The structures of the Bethlehem, Delmar, North Bethlehem and Western Turnpike rescue squads would not be changed, according to Councilman Fred Webster, if the town decided to put some paramedics on the payroll starting in 1994.

## Dump

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years. Going back 36 years, the property was a working farm with 30 head of cattle.

"I milked half the barn so I could get \$25 a week to help feed the kids," she recalled. "Personally, would I allow something in my backyard that could affect my three children?"

Despite these assurances, neighborhood association president Joseph Duclos contends that residents living near the North Street dump have witnessed trucks full of trash come back empty.

Neighbors were shown a videotape Monday night by Duclos and unsuccessful assembly candidate Joseph Glazer, showing tires, washing machines, oil drums, mattresses, old furniture and a couple of wrecked cars, strewn about the land adjacent to Privler's.

Glazer said that residents of the Hudson Avenue area were concerned about the effect of having possible contaminants littering the landscape, whether they were dumped there years ago or last

week. "We could potentially be sitting on a land mine," he said.

Town Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said the trash discovered by Duclos and Glazer was most likely dumped years ago when environmental regulations were much laxer.

"Either way, those materials shouldn't be there and we're going to address that."

Town Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph said that EnCon would be asked to inspect the area soon. Once EnCon does its walk-thru, they will be asked for guidance on how the trash should be removed.

Privler acknowledged that dumping may have occurred in areas adjacent to her property many years ago. Whether people realize or not, she said, "Hudson Avenue has been a dumping area for the past 75 years."

If someone wanted to check her mini landfill for possible contaminants, "maybe that would be a good idea," she said.

## Snoop

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ened to sue when the dog catcher's number was listed after his name.

Still, for the most part, the directory, known affectionately by most residents as the "Snoop Book," was dog-eared by the end of each year's use. Residents could cross-reference addresses with occupants and easily determine who lived where as well as who did what.

This month, an exhibit on the history of the directory will be at the Bethlehem Public Library. Copies of the final 1992-93 directory are still available at First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. The

directory association suggests a recommended donation of \$5. The cost to compile and print the book was \$4.85 a copy this year.

(See related story on the directory in the Check It Out column on Page 18)

## Good Samaritan plans holiday open house

Good Samaritan Home in Delmar will host a Christmas Open House on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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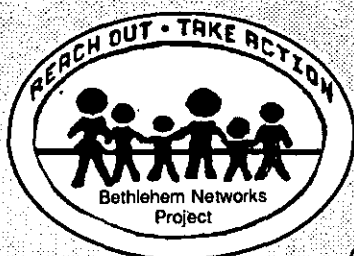
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Dr. Aubrey Stoch and Karen Rosewater

## Rosewater, Stoch to wed

Sandy and Lew Rosewater of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Dr. S. Aubrey Stoch, son of Eugene Stoch of Cape Town, South Africa, and the late Aaron Stoch.

Rosewater is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Yale University. She is presently a third-year medical student at the Yale School of Medicine.

Stoch, a graduate of the University of Cape Town, is a research associate in the department of surgery at Yale University.

A July 1993 wedding is planned.

## Births



### Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Samantha Elena, to Pamela and Paul Harter, Glenmont, Oct. 28.

Girl, Alisa Marie Peters, to Jacqueline Ann Peters and Francis Thiele II, Selkirk, Oct. 21.

Girl, Stephanie Morgan Appel, to Jody Rapuano and Steven Appel, Voorheesville, Oct. 14.

Boy, Michael Richard, to Kathleen and Richard Casagrande, Slingerlands, Oct. 7.

## Tocci, O'Neil to marry

Celia and Dominick Tocci of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to David O'Neil, son of Mary Ann and Ronald O'Neil of Clinton, Dutchess County.

Tocci is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Syracuse University and Albany Law School. She is employed by the law firm of Tocci, Parker and Tocci.

O'Neil is a graduate of Clinton High School and Siena College. He is employed by the accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick.

A June wedding is planned.

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Jessica Bartkus and Eric Farbent

## Bartkus, Farbent plan October wedding

Lawrence and Maureen Bartkus of Clarksville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Anne, to Eric Farbent, son of Floyd and Margaret Farbent of New Windsor, Orange County.

Bartkus is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Plattsburgh. She is employed by Wildwood Programs.

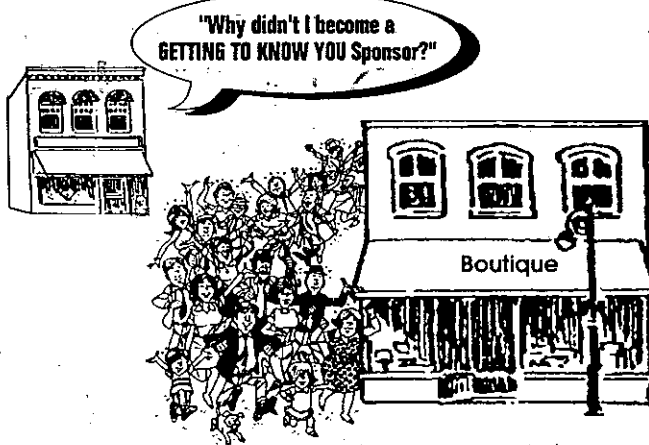
Farbent graduated from Newburgh Free Academy and

SUNY Plattsburgh. He is employed by Analytical Laboratories of Albany.

An October 1993 wedding is planned.

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## Obituaries

### Anthony Ballo

Anthony Ballo, 80, a former Delmar resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Florida Hospital in Orlando.

Born in Brooklyn, he lived in Delmar for many years. He moved to Florida 10 years ago.

He was a production manager for Williams Press in Albany for 22 years.

Mr. Ballo was a member of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Vero Beach, Fla., the Albany District Capital Club and the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233.

He was past president of the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen.

Survivors include his wife, Henrietta Ballo; a son, Michael Ballo of Plymouth, Mass.; a daughter, Patricia Ann DeLeonardis of Naples, Fla.; a sister, Michelina Ricca of Brooklyn; and five grandchildren.

Services were from St. Helen's Church, and entombment was in the Hillcrest Memorial Mausoleum, Fort Pierce, Fla. Arrangements were by Cox-Gifford Funeral Home, Vero Beach.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Florida Hospital Foundation.

### Alameta Leonard

Alameta Bedell Leonard, 79, of Selkirk, died Sunday, Nov. 22, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Leonard, a lifelong Selkirk resident, was the widow of John P. Leonard.

Survivors include a niece, JoAnne Hotaling of Colonie.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena. Burial was in Grove Cemetery, Coeymans.

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

### Bertha Mayes

Bertha Cowan Mayes of Delmar died Wednesday, Nov. 25, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Kingston, she lived in Fleischmanns, Delaware County, before moving to Delmar in 1985.

Mrs. Mayes received a nursing degree from the Hospital of the Good Shepherd at Syracuse University.

She served as a second lieutenant in the Army during World War II, and was active in the United Methodist churches in Fleischmanns and Delmar. She was a member of the Quilters Guild and the Embroidery Guild.

Survivors include her husband, Murray Mayes; a daughter, Marilyn Kaltenborn of Delmar; two sons, Brian Mayes and Dean Mayes; two sisters, Elsa Sanford and Dorothea Fett; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the United Methodist Church in Fleischmanns and Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Arrangements were by E.B. Gormley Funeral Home, Phoenicia, Ulster County.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Northeast New York, 23 Computer Drive East, Albany 12205.

### Neal Baldwin Jr.

Retired Brig. Gen. Neal C. Baldwin Jr., 73, a longtime resident of Glenmont, died Monday, Nov. 23, at the Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Coatesville, Pa.

He attended Mount Hermon Prep School in Northfield, Mass., and Binghamton Business Institute. He received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1943, a degree in aviation safety from the University of Southern California, and is a graduate of Command and Staff School in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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Gen. Baldwin served in Europe in World War II with the 56th Field Artillery, Eighth Army, as a liaison pilot. After his career in the army, he served as state aviation officer for the Army National Guard, reaching the rank of brigadier general.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Quiet Birdmen, and a former commander of the American Legion in South Otselic, Chenango County.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Baldwin; two daughters, Jamie B. Dye of Bellevue, Wash. and Janice B. Moule of Yardley, Pa.; a brother, Kessler Baldwin of South Otselic; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany. Arrangements were by Smith's Funeral Home in DeRuyter, Madison County.

Contributions may be made to Plaza Respite, c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany 12210.

### Sebastian Chillemi

Sebastian F. "Seb" Chillemi Sr., 41, formerly of Selkirk, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was born in Albany and lived in Selkirk for seven years before moving to Albany.

Mr. Chillemi was an Albany police officer for 19 years, and served in the department's juvenile unit from 1975 to 1987. He retired in June 1991.

He served in the National Guard 227 Signal Company for several years.

Mr. Chillemi was a coach for the Picotte Team of the National Little League in Albany, and a member of the New York State Baseball Umpires Association.

Survivors include his wife, Donna G. Donohue Chillemi; two sons, Sebastian F. Chillemi II and Antonio V. Chillemi, both of Albany; two brothers, Thomas Chillemi of Albany and Bob Chillemi of Florida; and a half brother, Thomas Chillemi of Hampton Manor (Rensselaer County).

Services were from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, and burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie.

Arrangements were by the Hans Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

### Opera Plus to sing at Bethlehem library

Opera Plus will perform classical Christmas vocal music Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The program will include works by Bach, Handel, Menotti and Vivaldi, and will feature Opera Plus artists Janet Stasio, soprano; Stephanie Melvin, mezzo-soprano; Dan Lawlor, tenor; and Joann Rautenberg, pianist.

For information, contact Janet Stasio at 482-2131.

### Talk on financial aid set in Voorheesville

The Voorheesville Central School District's guidance department is sponsoring a seminar on financial aid on Monday, Dec. 7, at the high school cafeteria, Route 85A, at 7:30 p.m.

Peter V. Laurenzo, president of College Aid Planning Associates Inc. and author of *College Financial Aid: How to Get your Fair Share*, will discuss the aid process, parental and student assets, asset valuation, the ramifications of income and other topics.

For reservations, call the guidance office at 765-5529.

### Composting program slated at extension

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany and Schenectady counties will sponsor a program entitled "Landscapers and Compost," on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. at William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Road, off Route 85A in Voorheesville.

The program will focus on composting landscape waste and problems with using compost.

Speakers will be Thomas Richard of the Department of Agriculture and Biological Engineering at Cornell University, Joe Laubenstein of Resource Conservation Services and Margaret Kelly of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County.

The program is free, but registration is required. For information, call 765-3500.

### Tri-Village Squares to swing Saturday

Tri-Village Squares will dance on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

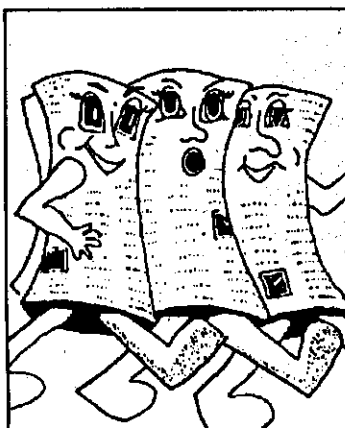
For information, contact Connie or George Tilroe at 439-7571.

### Correction

The display advertisement for Ted Danz in last week's paper should have read:

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SPOTLIGHT ON

# Family Entertainment

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## Video movie favorites — marvelous family gifts

By John Brent

**N**ow that the video revolution has been in full swing for over a decade, many households have acquired at least a small tape library of favorite titles. With the growing popularity of collecting tapes, it's only natural that they be considered a worthwhile gift at holiday time.

*Casablanca*, *Citizen Kane*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Gone with the Wind*, *It's a Wonderful Life* — our best loved film treasures can now be rented or purchased on video tape or disc and enjoyed again and again in the comfort of our homes. New releases of old films are often remastered from pristine prints with missing scenes restored and accompanied by supplementary material related to the making of the film.

Because of this, the average family can savor and enjoy many movies in ways not possible in the dark days before VCRs became commonplace.

Appropriate for any budget, tapes can be purchased for as little as a few dollars or for more than \$100. The higher priced items are usually boxed sets of titles or commemorative packages which might include a copy of the script and other peripheral material.

Movies are available from the earliest days of the silent era right up to the recent releases of the past few months. In addition to the thousands of movies available there are also TV shows, fitness tapes, instructional tapes, documentaries, cartoons — material for just about any taste.

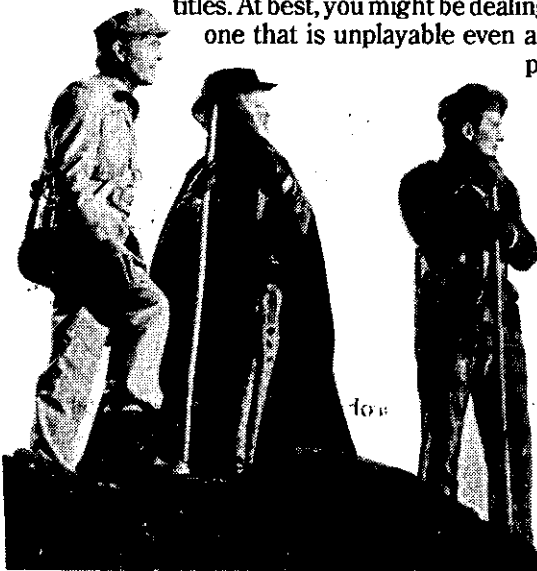
One word of caution: it is probably better to stay away from really low-budget labels. Be suspicious when a tape costs under \$10. These titles are usually recorded at a slower speed to save on tape costs, and are often bad dupes of public domain titles. At best, you might be dealing with a muddy copy and, at worst,

one that is unplayable even after adjustments for tracking and picture quality. There are some reputable low budget labels such as Goodtimes Video but, often, picking titles in this price range can be a hit-or-miss proposition.

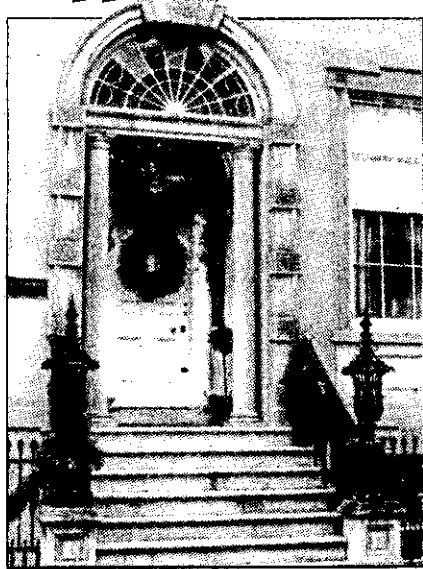
Many of the major labels — 20th Century Fox, Paramount and MCA have a wide array of titles available for around \$15.

Many tapes featuring animated cartoons are available for between \$10 and \$15. Those of us old enough to remember the *Rocky and Bullwinkle* TV show can now renew our acquaintance with those zany characters and share the laughter with friends and family through a series of quality tapes that sell for about \$13. Many of the Disney Studio's short cartoon collections are also available in this price range.

□ VIDEO GIFTS/page 31



## Troy's Victorian Stroll offers a window to an era



The Rensselaer County Historical Association hosts a holiday wreath exhibit.

By Mel Hyman

I guess my track record isn't too great.

This coming Sunday, Dec. 6, will be the 10th straight year that downtown Troy will seem like it just stepped out of the 1890s for a Victorian Stroll.

As a former denizen with three generations going back in the Collar City, I've only made it to one of the celebrations. So I guess I'd better roust another friend up because I had a wonderful time last year touring all the neat places between Fifth Avenue and River Street and seeing — alas, it must be a mirage — throngs of friendly people walking the streets on a Sunday afternoon.

You can only pack so much into the five hours between noon and 5 p.m., so it's necessary to pick and choose. If you try to get to everything, you'll end up rushing around and it'll detract from your enjoyment.

Friend and I made sure we made it to the free choral concert at the Troy Music Hall, plus we also took in a wonderful dance performance at the Atrium by a group of Emma Willard students. It was also the first time I can recall eating roasted chestnuts, which were available out-

□ VICTORIAN STROLL/page 31

ABOVE: Ronald Coleman and Jane Wyatt embrace in Frank Capra's 1937 fantasy, *Lost Horizon*.

LEFT: James Mason, Arlene Dahl and Pat Boone embark upon a *Journey to the Center of the Earth* in the 1959 version of the Jules Verne story.

BELOW: Albert Sharpe as Darby O'Gill and Jimmy O'Dea as King Brian of the Leprechauns attempt to outsmart each other in Walt Disney's 1959 *Darby O'Gill and the Little People*.



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## MUSIC

### GUITAR SOCIETY MEMBERS' CONCERT

variety of solos, duos, trios and ensembles, First Presbyterian Church, 34 Broadway, Rensselaer, Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. Information, 438-1031.

### NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

each Friday, 12:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany. Information, 434-3502.

### ONE HEART

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

### PERRY COMO'S HOLIDAY SHOW

including a 26-piece orchestra, choir, and comic/juggler, Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany, Wednesday, Dec. 2, Information, 487-2018.

### TERESA BROADWELL QUARTET

featuring Matt Glaser, jazz violinist, Justin's, 301 Lark St., Albany, Dec. 4-5, 10:30 p.m. Information, 274-6105.

### COLUMBIA FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

featuring Gwen Gould, Benjamin Verdery, Henry Schuman and Laura Gilbert, First Presbyterian Church, 369 Warren St., Hudson, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m.

### MAX LICHTZ

pianist, University of Albany Performing Arts Center, Sunday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

### SCCC CHORUS AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES

In concert, Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Ave., Wednesday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-6211.

### COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE JAZZ CONCERT

featuring Saint Rose and Empire State Jazz Ensembles, St. Joseph's Hall auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Friday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

### OLD SONGS CONCERT SERIES

mid-winter carols and customs, Guildford High School, Off Route 146, Saturday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

### FLASHBACK BAND

Vee's Paddock Bar, 1629 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 4-5, 10 p.m. Information, 372-1114.

### FESTIVAL CELEBRATION CHOIR

religious musical harmony, St. Margaret Mary Church, 1168 Western Ave., Albany, Sunday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m.

### COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE MASTERWORKS CHORALE

selection of special carols, Troy Savings Bank music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

### STUDIO GUITAR AND SMALL JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT

jazz and modern music, College of Saint Rose, Music Bldg., Room 158, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, Thursday, Dec. 3, 8:15 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

### HUGO WOLF'S SPANISH LIEDERBUCH

concert, Union College Memorial Chapel, 17 South Lane, Schenectady, Thursday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

## BRYAN ADAMS

with Mr. Big, Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany, Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

### ALBANY PRO MUSICA CONCERTS

holiday program, St. John's Episcopal Church, Troy, Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. Information, 371-9507.

### THE WOMEN'S CHORUS

holiday concert, Siena College Chapel, Loudonville, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m. Information, 482-6717.

## THEATER

### ABSD 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.

### A BRIGHT ROOM CALLED DAY

Janet Klinghorn Bernhard Theatre, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Dec. 3-5, 8 p.m. Information, 584-5000, EXT. 2347.

## FILM

### YAABA

a tale of rural African life, University at Albany, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, Friday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

New York State Museum, Albany, Dec. 5-6, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

## NEVER CRY WOLF

film and discussion, College of Saint Rose, 420 Western Ave., Albany, Dec. 2 and 4, Wednesday, 7 p.m. and Friday, 4 p.m. Information, 454-5237.

## LECTURES

### OCCASIONAL FORUM

"Reconsidering Student Development — Are we incorporating the scholarship of women in our plans?" The Sage Colleges, French House Dining Room, Troy, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 5 p.m. Information, 270-2306.

### SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE ADIRONDACKS

storyteller and author, Michael Steinberg, New York State Museum, Albany, Saturday, Dec. 5, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

## CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

### 36TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREENS SHOW

decorations of the Van Rensselaer Garden Club, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, Dec. 3-6, Thursday and Friday, 12-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

### "MR. PICKWICK'S STORIES FOR A CHRISTMAS EVENING"

songs, poems, carols of 1860s, The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### AN 1892 CHRISTMAS

storytelling beneath the tree, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, Thursday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

### VAN RENSSELAER GARDEN CLUB

greeting card creations, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, Dec. 5-6, 12-4 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

## HIGHLIGHT ACTING TROUPE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW

acting, singing and dancing, Raymertown Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dec. 4-6, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.

### VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

make and share holiday traditions, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, Wednesday, Dec. 2, Information, 765-2791.

## VISUAL ARTS

### BACK PORCH PAINTERS

folk paintings, Millicent Newton and Betty Cardel, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Through Dec. 11, Information, 270-7170.

### PORTRAITS, POLITICS AND PSYCHOLOGIES

political portraits by Leon Golub, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, Through Dec. 6, Information, 485-3900.

### SILENT CITIES

photographs by Camilo Vergara for the book *Silent Cities: The Evolution of the American Cemetery*, State Museum, Albany, Through March 7, Information, 474-5877.

## DANCE

### NUTCRACKER BALLET

by David Otto and Capital Ballet Company, Empire Center at the Egg, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

live acoustic music and dancing (contras, squares and circles), Guildford Elementary School, Route 20, Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

### EBA DANCE THEATRE

*A Child's Christmas*, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Dec. 4-6; Friday, 10 a.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

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# AROUND THE AREA

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DECEMBER 2

## ALBANY COUNTY

### "WORK AND FAMILY"

seminar on successfully balancing the two, College of Saint Rose, campus center, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 454-5298.

### PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATORS MEETING

Century House, Route 9, Latham, 6 p.m. Information, 785-9152.

### LYMPHEDEMA SUPPORT GROUP

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guildford, 7-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

### WEIGHT MANAGEMENT FOR CHILDREN

"Shapedown," St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, 102 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 449-2212.

### HOLIDAY HOUSE 1992

celebration of past Christmases, Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany, noon to 6 p.m. Information, 436-9826.

### BABYSITTING

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

### SENIORS LUNCHE

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

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

### CHORUS REHEARSAL

Capitaland Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

First United Methodist Church, State and Lafayette streets, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

## RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 3

## ALBANY COUNTY

### GUITAR AND SMALL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

concert, College of Saint Rose, music building, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, 8:15 p.m. Information, 458-5407.

### LECTURE ON DREAMS

Diocesan Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 489-4431.

### OPTIFAST WEIGHT

### MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dec. 3, 10 and 17, St. Peter's Wellness Center, 102 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 449-2212.

### SHARE GROUP

meeting, for persons who have experienced the loss of an infant, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

### READING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

seminar, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, room BA 220, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information, 442-3932.

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Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

## CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

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

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 4

## ALBANY COUNTY

### JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT

College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Avenue, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors. Information, 454-5195.

### HOLIDAY HOUSE 1992

celebration of past Christmases, Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany, noon to 6 p.m. Information, 436-9826.

### MOTHER'S DROP IN

Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 482-4508.

### SENIORS LUNCHE

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

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### RECOVERY, INC.

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

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 5

## ALBANY COUNTY

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Christ the King School, Sumter Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 456-5400.

## ADIRONDACK STORYTELLER

family program, New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

children's film series, New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Information, 474-5877.

## HOLIDAY HOUSE 1992

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SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 6

## ALBANY COUNTY

### COIN AND STAMP SHOW

Polish Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 346-2584.

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children's film series, New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Information, 474-5877.

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# SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

## Theater season flourishes in area despite holiday diversions

In Schenectady, the two established community theaters open this weekend with productions that compete with diversions caused by holiday preparations.

The Schenectady Light Opera Company opens Friday (Dec. 4) at the Opera House on State Street with *The Rothschilds*, a musical with a score by Jerry Bock. This musical tells of the rise of a European Jewish family from poverty to the heights of banking aristocracy. The production continues Friday through Sunday until December 20. Reservations at 355-1699.



Martin P. Kelly

The Schenectady Civic Players also open Friday (Dec. 4) with the farce, *Lend Me A Tenor*, a play written by Ken Ludwig about a famous and pompous opera tenor involved in a series of mishaps and mistaken identities. Ludwig is also the adapter of the book for the current successful Broadway musical, *Crazy For You*. For reservations for *Lend Me A Tenor* call 382-2081.

For audiences fascinated with the Greek classics, *The Bacchae of Euripides* opens at the State University at Albany Thursday (Dec. 3) for a two-week run in its Arena Theater on the Albany campus. Nobel Prize winner Wole Soyinka has adapted this Greek tragedy. Reservations and information may be obtained at 442-33995.

In Albany, also, the British comedy, *Absurd Person Singular*, continues through December 13 at the Capital Repertory Company's Market Theater. This Alan Ayckbourn play revolves around Christmas parties held over a three-year period. Reservations: 462-4534.

## Christmas shows also abound in region beginning Friday

With the two appearances of the *Lawrence Welk All-Stars Christmas Gala* at the Palace Theater in Albany Friday (Dec. 3), the holiday season gets off to a rousing start.

Accordianist Myron Floren leads the cast of familiar entertainers who were seen on the *Lawrence Welk Television Show* over the years. Irish tenor Joe Feeney joins honky-tonk pianist Jo Ann Castle and dancers Bobby Burgess and Elaine Balden among a cast that brings holiday music in a format familiar to audiences. Reservations: 465-4663.

Richard Harte of Elsmere leads a cast of 25 in the *Ninth Annual Christmas Show* at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady for three performances Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 4 and 5). A new story line that builds to a traditional carol sing and Nativity pageant has been devised by the show's creator and music director Allen Mills.

The Proctor's production which has shows Saturday and Sunday matinees and Saturday night, has been staged by Orlando Pigliavento with choreography by Eleanor Pigliavento. For reservations, call 346-6204.

On Monday, Dec. 7, the Nebraska Theatre Caravan will come to Proctor's Theater to offer its well-known production of *A Christmas Carol*. This is the seventh year that the company has visited Proctor's during the holidays. For reservations: 346-6204.

The Albany Pro Musica group will present *Deck The Hall*, a program of traditional American, English and European music in performances in Albany, Troy and Schenectady during the holidays. The first performance is Sunday (Dec. 6) at St. John's Episcopal Church in Troy at 3 p.m. Other performances will be given Saturday, (Dec. 12) at 8 p.m. in the Union College Memorial Chapel in Schenectady and Sunday (Dec. 13) at 7:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany. For more information, call 356-9155.

## Park Playhouse producer recovering from injuries

Mimi Scott, producer of the Park Playhouse in Albany for the past four seasons, is recovering in Albany after injuries received in an automobile crash in Connecticut early in November.

The accident occurred while Scott was enroute to visit her family when her car was in a collision with a truck. She suffered broken ribs and punctured lung.

Although she is now also living part of the year in New York City where she does commercials and is engaged in some stage work, Scott is also preparing for next season at the Albany free outdoor theater.

## HAMAGRAEL PTA HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR



Saturday  
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2

### BETHLEHEM

#### ADVENT SERVICE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Bethlehem Board of Appeals, Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Information, 439-4955.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m., cocktails, 6:30, dinner, Cost, \$10. Reservations, 462-1761.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

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

#### 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

#### GIFTS AND GOODIES

holiday crafts to make and share, for children kindergarten through sixth-grade, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

every Wednesday, evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

### BETHLEHEM

#### PROGRAM "SMART FEASTS FOR THE 90s"

tips on revitalizing recipes and dietary guidelines for healthy eating, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

every Thursday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

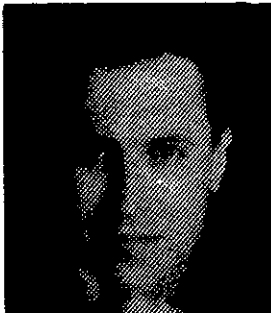
every Thursday, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

every Thursday, Bible study, 10 a.m.; Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

#### BOWLING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### FAITH TEMPLE

every Thursday, Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 4

### BETHLEHEM

#### BOOK FAIR

sponsored by Parents as Reading Partners, Glenmont Elementary School, 2 to 8 p.m. Information, 463-1154.

#### PRESCHOOL FILMS

for children ages 2 to 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

#### LASAGNA DINNER

and hanging of the greens, United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 5 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

#### 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.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

every Friday, United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

### BETHLEHEM

#### BOOK FAIR

sponsored by Parents as Reading Partners, Glenmont Elementary School, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 463-1154.

#### WREATH SALE

sponsored by the Zonta Club, Crafts and Fabrics Beyond the Tollgate, 1886 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost, \$15 per wreath. Information, 439-5632.

#### TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES DANCE

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7571.

#### PRESCHOOL FILMS

for children ages 2 to 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

#### CHABAD CENTER

every Saturday, services and kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

### 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.

#### 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, 11 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.

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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

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Albany Panhellenic Association, home of Joan and Joe Richardson, Delmar, 4-6 p.m. Information, 452-0261.

## MONDAY DECEMBER 7

#### BETHLEHEM

**CHRISTMAS TEA**  
Bethlehem Historical Association, Route 144, Cedar Hill, 2-5 p.m. Information, 439-1310.

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

**BLANCHARD POST MEETING**  
first Monday, Poplar Drive, Elmsire, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

**DELMAR KIWANIS**  
every Monday, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

**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**  
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**TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM**  
first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

**4-H CLUB**  
first and third Mondays, 7:30 p.m., home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

**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.

**FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR**  
pre-registration required, Peter V. Laurenzo, president of College Aid Planning Associates Inc., Voorheesville High School cafeteria, Route 85A. Registration, 765-5529.

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

#### BETHLEHEM

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
Christmas meeting, 22 Stratton Place, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4787.

**HOLIDAY DINNER**  
Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services, transportation available on pre-arranged basis, Stone Ends Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 439-4955.

**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.

**ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
second Tuesdays, 15 Poplar Drive, Delmar, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

**DELMAR ROTARY**  
every Tuesday, Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

**A.W. BECKER PTA**  
second Tuesdays, Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

**SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
second Tuesdays, Slingerlands firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

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

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

#### BETHLEHEM

**LANDSCAPERS AND COMPOSTING PROGRAM**  
Cornell Cooperative Extension, William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

**ADVENT SERVICE**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

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

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

#### NEW SCOTLAND

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

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 11

#### BETHLEHEM

**GIFTS AND SURPRISES**  
program for children ages 3 to 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

#### BETHLEHEM

**HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

**GIFTS AND SURPRISES**  
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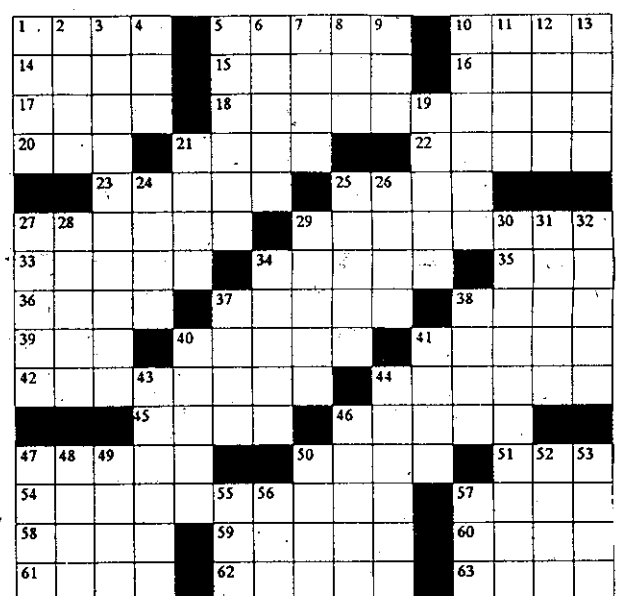
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"What's in a Name?"

By Gerry Frey

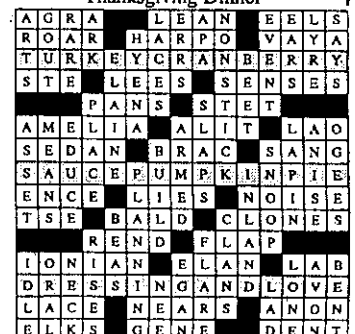
- ACROSS**
- Indian prince
  - Daddies
  - Rip
  - Spoken
  - Computer letter
  - Calif. college
  - Small rodents
  - Towel salesgirl?
  - Large deer
  - Forbids
  - Circles of light
  - Whiskers
  - Word with green or yellow
  - Conducted in planned stages
  - Fresh air guy?
  - Word with calendar or numeral
  - "\_\_\_\_\_ in a name?"
  - Large coffee pot
  - Distinctive doctrines
  - Long lock of hair
  - Used car guarantee
  - Bishop's jurisdiction
  - Swindle
  - Get up
  - Southern sister?
  - Most faithful
  - Dobbin's supper
  - 5 in a prescription
  - Transpire
  - Belonging to us
  - Extraterrestrial obj.
  - Barbecue host?
  - Necklines
  - Wind instrument
  - Mountain crest
  - Ringlet of hair
  - Presage
  - Guide
  - Gambling town

- DOWN**
- Vatican locale
  - Seed pod
  - Construction worker?
  - Pub offering
  - Explosive case
  - Prayer endings
  - Standard golf scores
  - Melody
  - Crafty
  - New Orleans University
  - Environmental science: Abbrev
  - Lowest female voice
  - Cheerleaders exhortations
  - Burns
  - Well: French
  - Botanist Grey and others
  - Wild party: Slang
  - Newts
  - 3 sided object
  - Book of the Bible
  - Toward the front
  - Line up gal?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ cross
  - Beginning
  - Small song birds
  - "What's \_\_\_\_\_ you say?"
  - "Give him \_\_\_\_\_ for his money?"

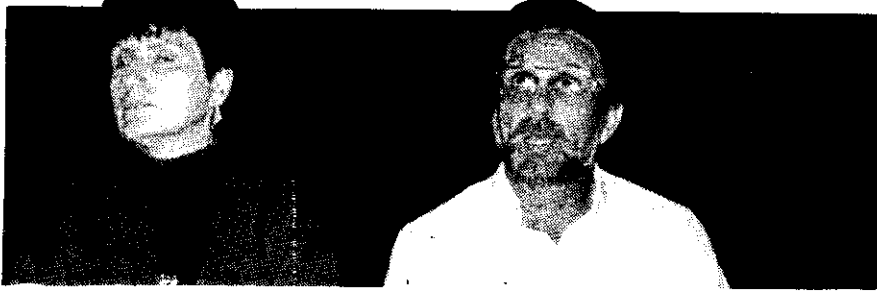


- Mr. Kent
- Mr. Onassis and others
- "Be all that \_\_\_\_\_ be"
- Kathleen
- Repeat verbatim
- Eight: Combining form
- Pal
- Raise to the 3rd power
- Curved molding
- Seedless plant
- Norway's capital
- Existed
- Craft
- TV accessory

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that on November 6, 1992, an Or-  
der 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 de-  
scribed 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 construc-  
tion easement(s) so acquired to-  
gether 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

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Being fictitious names to  
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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 ease-  
ment over the following premises  
located in the Town of New Scot-  
land, 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-  
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:

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Beginning at a point in the line  
common to subject tract and the  
lands now or formerly known as  
the Dennis Morrissey, et al prop-  
erty, 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-hun-  
dred-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 north-  
west side of the previously de-  
scribed permanent right-of-way  
easement throughout its traverse  
across subject tract,  
containing 0.225 acres, more  
or less.

After completion of construc-  
tion of the pipeline, all temporary  
working space shall revert to the  
defendant.  
(December 2, 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 the follow-  
ing materials and chemicals for the  
Department of Public Works, Town  
of Bethlehem, for the year 1993:

Curb Boxes  
Tapping Sleeve  
Tapping Valve  
Copper Tubing - Type K Soft  
Copperwell or Equal Water Meters  
Eddy Fire Hydrants  
Valves  
Valve Boxes  
Ductile Iron Pipe  
Pipe Fittings  
Pipe Repair Sleeves  
Pipe Repair Clamps  
Bell Joint Repair Clamps  
Corp Stops  
Curb Stops  
Commercial Sulfate of Alumina  
Calgon TG-10 or Equal  
Calgon C-4 or Equal  
Liquid Chlorine (30,000 lbs.)  
Liquid Chlorine (60,000 lbs.)  
Copper Sulfate  
Activated Carbon  
Bids will be received up to 2:00  
p.m. on materials, and 2:15 p.m.  
on chemicals, December 14, 1992  
at which time such bids will be  
publicly opened and read aloud at  
the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave-  
nue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall  
be addressed to Mr. Kenneth J.  
Ringle, Jr., Supervisor of the Town  
of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Ave-  
nue, Delmar, New York. 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 submit-  
ted. Bidders may bind on any or all  
items. The Town Board reserves  
the right to waive any informalities  
or to reject any or all bids. Specifi-  
cations may be picked up at the  
Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 445  
Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New  
York 12054.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN  
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF  
BETHLEHEM  
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: November 24, 1992  
(December 2, 1992)

**NOTICE OF THE AWARD OF A  
CONTRACT TO KRUGER  
RECYCLING, INC.**

On June 15, 1992, the City of  
Albany, as agent for the members  
of the ANSWERS Wasteshed Plan-  
ning Unit, and on November 10,  
1992, the Town of Bethlehem  
awarded a contract to Kruger Re-

**LEGAL NOTICE**

cycling, Inc. pursuant to section  
one hundred twenty of the General  
Municipal Law for the provision of  
materials recovery services to the  
members of the ANSWERS  
Wasteshed Planning Unit.

The validity of this contract or  
the procedures which led to its  
award may be hereafter contested  
only by action, suit or proceeding  
commenced within sixty days after  
the date of this notice and only  
upon the ground or grounds that:  
(1) such award or procedure was  
not authorized pursuant to that  
section; or (2) any of the provisions  
of that section which should be  
complied with at the date of this  
publication have not been substan-  
tially complied with; or (3) a conflict  
of interest can be shown in the  
manner in which the contract was  
awarded; or by an action com-  
menced on the grounds that such  
contract was awarded in violation  
of the provision of the Constitution.

Kathleen A. Newkirk  
Town Clerk of the Town of  
Bethlehem

MI110392D4  
(December 2, 1992)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the  
Planning Board of the Town of New  
Scotland, New York, will hold a  
public hearing pursuant to section  
4.401 of the Zoning Ordinance on  
the following proposition:

Special Use Request No. 343  
Request of Jeffrey Glass for a  
Special Use Permit to allow for a  
lighted sign being a Special Use of  
Article II Section 2.506 for property  
owned by Jeffrey Glass situated on  
Route 85, formerly the Mayfair  
Drive-In site, approximately 1/2  
mile East of intersection 85 & 85A  
at the Stonewall Shopping Center.  
Said hearing will take place on  
the 8th of December 1992 at the  
New Scotland Town Hall begin-  
ning at 7:00 o'clock P.M.  
Dated: November 24, 1992

s/Ray MacKay  
Chairman, Planning Board  
(December 2, 1992)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the  
Planning Board of the Town of New  
Scotland, New York, will hold a  
public hearing pursuant to Section  
274A of the N.Y.S. Town Law on  
the following proposition:

Site Plan Request No. 20  
Request of Jeffrey Glass, for  
Site Plan approval to allow con-  
struction of a Golf Driving Range,  
Miniature Golf and Batting Cages,  
being a permitted Use of Article II  
Section 2.506 for property owned  
by Jeffrey Glass situated on Route  
85, formerly the Mayfair Drive-In  
site, approximately 1/2 mile East of  
intersection 85 & 85A at the  
Stonewall Shopping Center.

Said hearing will take place on  
the 8th of December 1992 at the  
New Scotland Town Hall begin-  
ning at 7:05 o'clock P.M.  
Dated: November 24, 1992

s/Ray MacKay  
Chairman, Planning Board  
(December 2, 1992)

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Planning Board of the Town of New  
Scotland, New York, will hold a  
public hearing pursuant to section  
4.401 of the Zoning Ordinance on  
the following proposition:

Special Use Request No. 342  
Request of Eric Johnson for a  
Special Use permit to allow a lighted  
sign, being a Special Use of Article  
II Section 2.506 for property owned  
by Fred Carl (New Salem Garage)  
situated at 1885 New Scotland  
Road, Slingerlands, N.Y. approxi-  
mately 1/2 mile east of intersection  
85 & 85A at Stonewall Shopping  
Center.

Said hearing will take place on  
the 8th of December 1992 at the  
New Scotland Town Hall begin-  
ning at 7:15 o'clock P.M.  
Dated: November 24, 1992

s/Ray MacKay  
Chairman, Planning Board  
(December 2, 1992)

To list an item of Interest in *The Spotlight Calendar*  
Send all pertinent information to:

**The Spotlight Calendar**  
P.O. Box 100 • Delmar, NY 12054

## Video gifts

(From page 25)

Of course, people worry about buying a title that the individual or family already has.

To help with this problem, I'd like to suggest some movies on tape that might be less well-known than some, but are entertaining in their own right with enough broad appeal to be suitable for family viewing.

There are a number of live-action films on the Disney label for just under \$20 that are perhaps not as famous as the animated features but certainly as enjoyable. *Darby O'Gill and the Little People*, made in 1959 features a wonderfully charming story complete with magical Leprechauns and impressive special effects that hold their own even in the post-*Star Wars* era. The death coach and the Banshee that come to take Darby's daughter at the climax might be a bit much for really young viewers but, aside from that reservation, the film is full of fun and surprises. Older viewers will get a kick out of young Sean Connery in one of his early roles singing to his leading lady!

Disney's 1954 version of Jules Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* is a marvelous adventure with Kirk Douglas, Peter Lorre and James Mason as Captain Nemo. The underwater photography is breathtaking, and the climactic fight with the giant squid is real edge-of-your-seat kind of stuff.

*Journey to the Center of the Earth*, also

with James Mason, is another Verne adaptation that is a real audience pleaser. Pat Boone and Arlene Dahl are on hand for this 1959 film in which the intrepid explorers find beauty and adventure deep in the bowels of the earth. Available on the 20th Century-Fox label for just under \$15, this title is a real bargain.

The nice thing about many of these titles is that they can be given to a whole family. It's tough and expensive to come up with thoughtful gifts for each individual member of a family. Many of these titles can be presented to the entire family as an inclusive gift that everyone can enjoy.

Some of the time-honored classics of Hollywood's past might be of interest to families with slightly older kids. Frank Capra's *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* provides a crash course in how our democracy works and who can forget Jimmy Stewart's riveting performance?

Capra's version of James Hilton's *Lost Horizon*, with Ronald Colman playing one of several passengers on a plane that is hijacked to Shangri La, is not only a compelling fantasy but provides food for thought. The words of the High Lama played by Sam Jaffe are as relevant today as they were nearly 60 years ago.

James Hilton's *Goodbye Mr. Chips* is another moving tale which can be appreciated by both older children and their parents. Even the most cynical Scrooge out there will have a tough time not getting a bit misty-eyed when kindly old schoolmaster Chips lies on his deathbed as dozens of his superimposed students

pass by the camera, calling out their names.

Beyond these suggestions, a wonderful way to choose tapes as gifts is to simply browse through the myriad of titles available at local video outlets. Some will no doubt be inspired wonderful memories of

a fondly recalled film or notice a title particularly appropriate for a family on their list. How wonderful to be able to share our enthusiasm for films that have moved or influenced us with those who we hope, in the true spirit of giving, will likewise be touched.

## Victorian stroll

(From page 25)

side the Rensselaer County Historical Society on Second Street.

Inside was the annual wreath display, which I found very intriguing. I never realized what artistry went into making these things.

There are 100 events to choose from at 70 different locations, according to Lucy Lerner, coordinator of the Downtown Council of Troy. Some of the musical highlights include the excellent classical Spanish acoustic group Sambarama — not to be missed — the Peyote Coyote Tex Mex band, Banda De Oxum (Brazilian drums), Allan Alexander's Renaissance lute, the St. Regis String Band, the Byrd in the Bush recorder ensemble and the Der Kleine Klezmer Orchestra (traditional East European Jewish folk music).

If dance is your thing, there's plenty of that too. Emma Willard dance instructor Andrea Issacs is back with performances by her own company plus students from the Emma Willard Dance Theater.

Also on tap are the Zorepad Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, the Pokingbrook Morris Dancers, the Teatro De Baile Fla-

menco dancers and French Canadian folk dancing by the Franco American Federation Dancers.

Assuming the weather cooperates, the streets will be replete with performing artists such as Richard Conley, who will provide free caricatures, the Masque Theater Carolers and Cranberry the Clown.

Free arts and crafts demonstrations are scheduled at numerous locations and feature things such as Armenian rug weaving, Chinese brush painting, stained glass making and spinning.

Most of the shops and eateries will be open for business and complimentary refreshments will be available at many establishments.

Kids can have brunch with Santa, ride a trolley, a pony, a horse-drawn wagon and a fire truck. Or if they wish to have their little faces painted, the Rensselaer County Arts Council will have just what they're looking for.

Troy's business and civic leaders have joined forces to make this event one of the cultural highlights of the year in the Capital District — right alongside Albany's First Night celebration.

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HOME CRAFT SHOW. 79 Wisconsin Ave. (off Fernbank), Dec 4, 7-9pm, Dec 5, 10-4pm; Many quilted items, wreaths, silk and dried arrangements. Angels, Santas, teddy bears, framed silhouettes, quilts, quilted tree skirts, jewelry, stenciled items and much more.

### FIREWOOD

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FOUND: Girls blue 10 speed bike. Slingerlands area 439-6612.

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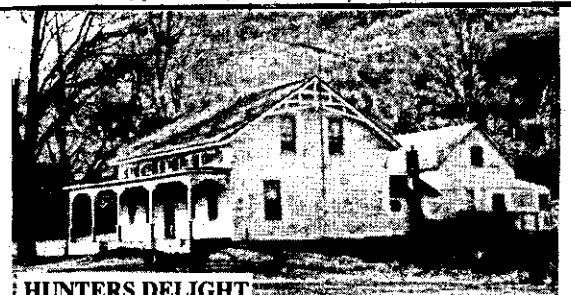


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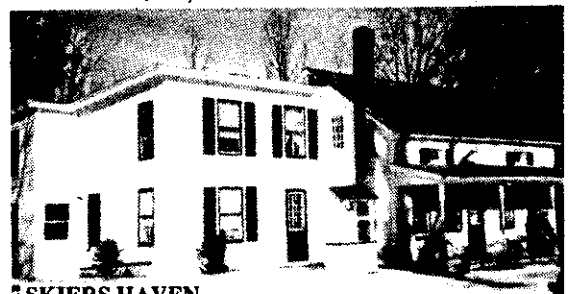
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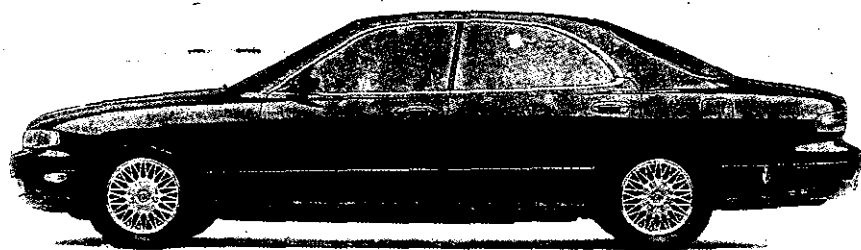
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Hughes Opticians Inc.  
The Image Maker  
Import Specialty Gifts  
Iron Horse Gifts  
Jafri Oriental Rugs Ltd.  
La Stella Fresh  
Pasta Shoppes, Albany

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Pasta Shoppes, Delmar  
Lady Di's  
Laura Taylor Ltd., Delmar  
Laura Taylor Ltd., Stuyvesant Plaza  
Lefty's Sporting Goods  
Londonderry Cafe Ltd.  
The Magic Toad  
Marco's Showcase  
Mike's Spirits  
Mohawk Mall  
Morningside Gallery  
Murphy Overhead Doors Inc.  
Newsgraphics Printers  
Nicole's Restaurant  
One Dollar Deals Inc.  
The Peanut Principle  
Profile Hair Design  
Razor Inn  
Reigning Cats & Dogs  
The Silk Garden Outlet  
Roger Smith Decorative Products  
S.T.O.'s Troll Center  
Santa Fe Trading Post  
Saratoga Shoe Depot, Delmar  
Saratoga Shoe Depot, Saratoga  
Steiner Sports, Delmar  
Steiner Sports, Valatie  
Teddies Plus  
Thomas Adams Commons  
Craftmen's Co-op  
Thorpe Electric Supply  
Tony's Tailors  
The Village Shop  
Wacky Wings  
Waddingham Footwear  
Walk In Auto Supply  
Weisheit Engine Works  
Zachary's Pastry Shoppe

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**Gift Certificates Drawing**

**Two Drawings - Dec. 7th and Dec. 18th**

Each drawing will consist of \$2000 in Gift Certificates

One 1st Prize of \$500 in Gift Certificates

Two 2nd Prizes of \$300 in Gift Certificates

Three 3rd Prizes of \$200 Gift Certificates

Six 4th Prizes of \$100 Gift Certificates

**Eleven winners in each drawing!**

*Winners will be notified and given Spotlight Newspapers gift certificates  
to be redeemed at any of the participating stores.*

**Drawing Rules - No Purchase Necessary**

One entry per customer per store. Entrant must be over the age of 18. Employees of Spotlight Newspapers and participating merchants and their families are not eligible. By claiming a prize, Spotlight Newspapers Gift Certificate winners consent to the Spotlight Newspapers publication of their names, photos and pertinent geographical information.

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