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## Grafton's winter wonderland

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## Ringler leaving big shoes



Ken Ringler shares a light moment with daughter, Amy, right, and Lisa Morris at Del Lanes. Elaine McLain

By Susan Graves

When Bethlehem's Ken Ringler leaves office next year, he'll also leave some very big shoes to fill.

According to just about everybody who's anybody in town, the popular supervisor will be a hard act to follow.

Ringler's announcement last week that he would not seek re-election to a third term came as a surprise and something of a letdown to many.

Ringler's deputy on the town board and fellow Republican, Fred Webster, said he's very disappointed. "I hate to see him go."

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## Dems, Republicans look to top town post

### Fuller expresses interest

By Mel Hyman

If nothing else, Councilwoman Sheila Fuller has separated herself from the pack.

In the week following Republican Supervisor Kenneth Ringler's surprise decision not to seek re-election in November, Fuller is the only prominent Republican to express a definite interest in the \$58,406-a-year supervisor's job.



Fuller

has yet to mull over her future plans, although she refuses to rule out either another run for town board or a race for the supervisor's post.

"Yes, it's a job that I would be interested in," Fuller said. She declined to say whether she would definitely seek the nomination when the town Republican Committee meets in May, explaining it is still very early.

Councilwoman Sheila Galvin, whose board term expires on Dec. 31, says she

Before serving on the town board, Fuller

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## Glazer giving thought to run

By Mel Hyman

If last year was the year of the woman in politics, Bethlehem Democrats would like to believe that 1993 might be the year of the donkey.

With at least two or possibly three seats open on the five-member town board, local Democrats are eyeing the fall election

tion with great anticipation. Supervisor Kenneth Ringler and Councilman Charles Gunner, both Republicans, have announced they will not run for re-election this fall.



Glazer

Hudson Avenue resident Joseph Glazer, an unsuccessful Assembly candidate last fall, says he will give serious consideration to a run for supervisor. Glazer was soundly defeated by incumbent Republican John Faso, although he did run relatively well in Bethlehem, where he garnered 5,929 on the

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## Mother claims DWI details incomplete

By Dev Tobin

Saying she wants "the whole story to come out," the mother of a Voorheesville teen convicted of killing a friend in a March drunk driving crash has charged that her son drank at the friend's house.

Jill Raymond, mother of 18-year-old Larry Salvagni, said her son told her there was a quarter-keg of beer at the Woodview Court home of Derrick and Barbara Kipp the night Salvagni crashed into a utility

have been treated, he will face the consequences of his actions," Raymond said. "I wonder why no one asked where the alcohol came from. It never came out that the alcohol was bought that night by Joe Bartholomew," David's 19-year-old brother.

Raymond asserted that, according to neighbors, underage drinking often took place at the Kipp home on weekends when the parents were away, and that the sheriff's patrol in Voorheesville had responded to neighbors' complaints about

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**Maybe other parents will think twice before leaving their kids for the weekend.**

Jill Raymond

pole on Route 404 in Westerlo, killing Barbara Kipp's son, David Bartholomew.

The two boys were close friends, Salem Hills neighbors and classmates at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. On Dec. 30, Salvagni was sentenced to one-and-a-third to four years in state prison following his guilty plea to criminally negligent homicide. He will begin serving his sentence after his last exam in June.

In a telephone interview with *The Spotlight*, Raymond said the information had been made known to the authorities. Her allegation was promptly rebutted by the mother of the dead youth.

"This doesn't affect how my son would

## Selkirk couple hope to have ball in DC

By Mel Hyman

Deciding on a dress to wear to one of the Inaugural balls next Wednesday hasn't exactly been an arduous task for Nancy Schmitz.

"I've been shopping in my friend's closet," she explained. "I'm borrowing a black lace dress with sequins." Now, if someone out there only has a handbag to go along with it...

Nancy and her husband, Jim, of Elm Estates in Selkirk are among the privileged few Capital District residents invited to the presidential inauguration of Bill Clinton. Judging by the response they've received from friends and acquaintances so far, you'd think they were celebrities in their own right.

"The amazing part is how everyone is so excited for us," Nancy said. "They go nuts when they hear about it."

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Sarah, left, Nancy, Jim and and Julian Schmitz look over an invitation to the presidential inauguration of Bill Clinton. Elaine McLain

# Police charge suspect in Zynergy burglary

A Castleton man has been charged with the burglary/robbery of the Zynergy computer store on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Glen A. Cooper, 18, of 864 Maple Hill Road, was arrested on Tuesday, Jan. 5, by Bethlehem Police on a warrant charging him with third-degree burglary and third-degree grand larceny. He is accused of breaking into the Zynergy store on Nov. 11 of last year and stealing more than \$11,000 in computer equipment.

He was incarcerated at the Albany County Jail at the time he was arrested by Bethlehem Police Det. Ted Wilson. He was arraigned before Town Justice Peter Wenger and returned to the county jail.

Cooper may be responsible for

a number of burglaries throughout the area, according to Wilson. He was first arrested on Dec. 16 by the Colonie Town Police while he was allegedly burglarizing the Montgomery Ward's store in the Northway Mall.

Cooper gained entrance to Zynergy's by picking the front door lock, police said. "This kid knew what he was doing," said Lt. Frederick Holligan. "He's definitely not new to this kind of activity."

Most of the computer equipment stolen from Zynergy's has been recovered. The investigation into this incident, as well as several other residential and commercial break-ins over the past few months, is continuing, Wilson said.

Mel Hyman

# Police arrest two for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested three people on driving while intoxicated charges last week.

James M. Spencer III, 33, of 19 Greenock Road, Delmar, was stopped at about 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, after his vehicle struck a tree off the side of Adams Place, police said.

He was charged with failure to keep right and DWI and is scheduled to appear on Feb. 2 in town court.

Local rescue squads transported him to Albany Medical Center Hospital where he remains in fair condition with leg injuries.

Thomas G. Jasco, 21, of 5 Knottingham Road, Queensbury, was stopped at 3:11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, along Route 9W, police said. He was charged with speeding and DWI.

He was released pending a Jan. 19 appearance in town court.

# Roadside collision



James M. Spencer III, of Delmar, remains in fair condition at the Albany Medical Center Hospital after his vehicle struck a tree off the side of Adams Place last Thursday evening. The Delmar and Slingerlands rescue squads responded to the scene. He was charged with DWI in connection with the accident. Elaine McLain

# BC to close for Jewish holidays

By Dev Tobin

In a unanimous school board vote, Bethlehem Central joined Albany as the only area school districts to honor the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashana (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement).

The district's absentee rate soars for the first day of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur (10 days later) from a normal rate of 2 to 5 percent to a rate of 10 to 25 percent, depending on the school. Up to 20 faculty are also absent for religious reasons then.

"These days are of increasingly limited use for instructional purposes," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis. "We also were creating conflicts for our Jewish students and their families between their responsibilities as students and their responsibilities as members of their faith."

The holidays follow the lunar-based Jewish calendar and may fall anywhere from early September to early October. Since they

are 10 days apart, one of the holidays will often fall on Saturday or Sunday, as is the case in the next two school years.

Under current BC policy, teachers could not hold tests or quizzes on the two days.

cant minority in the community," said Rabbi Scot Shpeen of Congregation Beth Emeth, a Slingerlands resident whose children attend district schools.

Shpeen said he was also enthusiastic about a proposed inter-faith

*We also were creating conflicts for our Jewish students and their families between their responsibilities as students and their responsibilities as members of their faith.*

Leslie Loomis

"Teachers have had to make difficult judgments and figure out how to make up work," Loomis added. "We now will achieve two days that will be much more effective as instructional days."

The board decision "is wonderful and sends a strong message of sensitivity. It shows an obvious respect and regard for a signifi-

advisory council to the district that will help the schools deal with issues relating to religious holidays.

"This comes up especially in December, but also in spring with Easter and Passover," he said. "The ad hoc committee can help teachers by providing in-service training."

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# Mystery buyer surfaces for Terhune farm

By Dev Tobin

An 11th-hour reprieve may allow Don Terhune to remain on his Route 85 farm next to New Scotland Town Hall for the immediate future.

Terhune and his four children face eviction because of long-standing violations of the town's zoning law, junk ordinance and junk car ordinance.

Attorney Karen Moreau told the town board at last week's meeting that she represents a buyer under contract for the 81-acre property, which is owned by Don Terhune's mother Beatrice. The anonymous buyer wants a list of the violations that need to be taken care of and plans to allow Terhune and his children to remain there through the winter, Moreau said.

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Jeffers inspected the property Monday in order to prepare an updated list of violations.

In September, State Supreme Court Justice Edward Conway held in abeyance a 30-day jail term for contempt and more than \$70,000 in fines provided that

Terhune vacate the property by Dec. 8.

Moreau said she told Beatrice Terhune's lawyer, Donald Boyagian, about the offer in early December, and assumed that Boyagian shared her client's proposal with Cynthia LaFave, town zoning enforcement lawyer.

"Something must be wrong, because it appears no one on the board is aware of this," Moreau said.

Councilman Craig Shufelt asked why the town board was not made aware of the offer to buy the Terhune property.

Supervisor Herb Reilly replied that he became aware of the offer in late December immediately after Boyagian informed LaFave of it.

"Before that, all we had was a general idea that someone was interested in the property," Reilly said. "According to Boyagian's letter, Beatrice is in the process of obtaining an apartment for Don Terhune and his children. He didn't say anything about allowing them to stay on the property."



The intervention of a potential buyer, whose name has not been disclosed, could forestall efforts to evict Don Terhune and his children from property adjacent to New Scotland Town Hall for code violations. *File photo*

Reilly added that he did not believe the town board would "abide Don Terhune staying on the premises. That would defeat

the whole purpose of cleaning it up and send it back to square one."

Following an executive session discussion, the town board agreed to meet with LaFave, Moreau and Boyagian Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 5 p.m. to discuss the contract offer.

"I hope the buyer will also be there with a real contract," Reilly said. "Without knowing who the

buyer is, the board has to consider if we want to go out on a limb."

Terhune, who attended the town board meeting, complained that he was not invited to the Tuesday meeting although "some of the stipulations of the contract affect me and my family."

He continued to maintain that much of what the town considers junk is farm equipment that is either operable or good for parts.

According to Sheila Powers, a Gallupville farmer and president of the county farm bureau, the controversy between Terhune and the town is a "peculiar situation that occurred because the farm is next to town hall and is very visible."

Aware of the saying that hard cases make bad law, Powers said she was "worried about the kind of precedent" the Terhune case might establish.

"A lot of what the town calls junk are working parts of farm equipment that are valuable," Powers added. "We've encouraged Terhune to mollify the town, but his reply was that we were asking him to knuckle under."

The Terhune case predates a new state law that sets up county farmland protection boards to mediate disputes over farming practices, Powers noted.

## VOORHEESVILLE

### Cuomo repeats blue-ribbon blooper

By Dev Tobin

Voorheesville Elementary School's Blue Ribbon Award got statewide publicity Wednesday as Gov. Mario Cuomo praised it in his annual State of the State address.

"We're very proud that he used us as an example of the many outstanding schools in the state," said Superintendent Alan McCartney.

Students at the elementary school and at the junior-senior high school watched the speech and "cheered when they heard Voorheesville mentioned," McCartney added.

The governor's reliance on an erroneous newspaper report, however, led him to commend the Voorheesville district for one more Blue Ribbon than it received.

"We have some of the finest public schools in the country. I note with pride that the United States Department of Education recently declared Voorheesville Elementary a Blue Ribbon School," Cuomo said about mid-

way through his speech to a joint session of the Legislature.

"That means that Voorheesville has now received an honor at the elementary level that it has already received at the middle school and high school level. So Voorheesville has three Blue Ribbon schools. And I think we ought to congratulate them — we are proud of their achievements."



Cuomo

The cream of New York's government then applauded, no doubt unaware that the Voorheesville district is composed of only two schools — Voorheesville Elementary and Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School — both of which have indeed won the coveted national award.

McCartney said Cuomo called him on Christmas morning at home to congratulate him on the Blue Ribbon honor. Cuomo had evidently read about the award in that morning's paper.

In a front-page story in the *Times Union*, a sub-headline proclaims that the elementary school award gives Voorheesville "a complete set of 3 Blue Ribbons." The reporter then creates a "middle school" to account for the imaginary "third" Blue Ribbon.

The newspaper repeated the error in a Jan. 4 editorial commending the district.

The national Blue Ribbon Awards for Excellence are given in alternate years to elementary and secondary schools. Middle

schools, generally schools with fifth through eighth-grades, can apply for consideration in either category, according to Edward Diegel, Voorheesville Elementary principal.

Voorheesville Elementary, with kindergarten through sixth-grade, was one of only 11 schools statewide to receive the Blue Ribbon honor. Diegel said strong community involvement at the school was a key factor in the award.

Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School received the award in 1991. Aside from the recognition the award brings, McCartney said, the process of applying for the award was a good way to evaluate how the district is doing.

Winning a Blue Ribbon is often a big morale booster for students, teachers, parents and the community, according to Susan Gibbons of the State Education Department's Office of Policy, Instruction and Assessment.

"It's generally a very positive, uplifting experience that increases parental and community support," said Gibbons, adding that Voorheesville may be the only district in the state to have all of its schools win Blue Ribbons.

Cuomo touched on other education-related matters in his speech, including a proposal to use local income taxes instead of property taxes to support schools. He also called for an investigation of high administrative salaries and a search for ways to provide more fairness in school aid formulas.

"We really need to see what the income tax proposal looks like. From what he said, I couldn't tell what it means," McCartney said. "I do agree with simplifying state aid formulas."

### Ross' ice cream stand loses bid to expand

By Mel Hyman

It'll be business as usual for Ross' ice cream and hot dog stand come April 1 as plans for a sit-down eating area have been scuttled by the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals.

The ZBA rejected a variance request from Ross' last month for an expansion and renovation project that would have provided seating for up to 17 customers. Ross' has traditionally been a takeout operation, but the owners, five area women listed as Five Sisters Associates, wanted the seating area for the convenience of senior citizens as well as for patrons who needed a place to eat during inclement weather.

A handful of neighbors objected to the expansion claiming that a hazardous traffic condition could occur from cars backing out onto New Scotland Road.

The developer of an upscale, estate-style development planned for an area to the rear of the restaurant voiced concern about the visual impact from an expanded fast food operation that included plans for a 38-vehicle parking lot. An attorney for Terremere Estates requested screening and landscaping to help shield the restaurant from the subdivision.

One of the first things an applicant has to demonstrate when applying for a zoning variance is economic hardship. The board decided that Ross' was not suffer-

ing financially under the current arrangement.

The board further concluded that the expansion would be injurious to the residential character of the neighborhood. Serious traffic, parking and flow patterns at the site would only be increased by the proposed addition, the board said.

A petition with several hundred signatures expressing support for the proposed changes was presented to the ZBA at a public hearing in November.

"The basic thing is that they didn't prove hardship," said ZBA Chairman Charles Fritts. A spokesman for Five Sisters "kept saying they were making more and more money," Fritts recalled.

The new parking arrangement proposed by Five Sisters was unacceptable, he said, because there would still be cars parked in front of the store, which could impede the traffic flow along Route 85 (New Scotland Road).

"They were trying to control the (parking) situation, but they didn't do enough," he said. "It's only a small area, so if they change things around a little, they can always come back in."

Many of those who signed the petitions in support of Ross' appeared to be Albany residents, Fritts added, which diminished their worth somewhat in the board's view.

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# Carvel back to flying start

By Mel Hyman

Since the Carvel Ice Cream Bakery reopened last week, the biggest selling item has been flying saucers — not to be confused with the UFO variety, of course.

"They've been our biggest selling item thus far," said new owner Mary Lisa. Who knows? Maybe there's a colony of Martians in town that we don't know about.

## SPOTLIGHT ON Business

It's been 14 months since fire gutted the business at 222 Delaware Ave., and during the interim there have been major changes in the store, such as the availability of frozen yogurt, Lisa said.

Now that has got to be major news for all the dessert aficionados who may have been leery of the calories that go along with the standard ice cream fare at Carvels.

There's no sugar in the frozen yogurt, Lisa said. And it's expected to be a big seller, she said, especially since the TCBY yogurt store in the Delaware Plaza is no longer around. "We hope to fill that void."

There also will be more bakery items available, such as ice cream brownies, cannolis, truffles and neapolitans.

Lisa is no Johnny-come-lately to the fast food business. At the ripe old age of 27, she's already spent 11 years of her life in this



Carvel's owner Mary Lisa has some innovations in store for patrons of the recently rebuilt business. Elaine McLain

trade — half with the McDonald's restaurant in Ravena and half with the old Carvel that was owned by Carol and Larry List.

"When Carol offered me the job as store manager in 1986, I saw it as an opportunity to advance, and I'm certainly glad I took it," she said. "This business is a lot easier than McDonald's.

There's not as much overhead to worry about."

Lisa and her brother, John Hazelton, purchased the store after months of renovation. Hazelton is a mechanic for Bud Kearney's dealership in Ravena. A native of Coxsackie, Lisa now lives in Ravena.

The store will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week with expanded hours in the summer. Customers do not need to order cakes or other items in advance, but special orders will be taken, Lisa said.

You could probably describe Lisa as self-taught although she does mention the fact that she recently attended the Carvel College Operator Training Program in Danbury, Conn. "We're ready to serve," she proclaimed.

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## Chamber seeks nominees for annual awards

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce needs help!

Each year, the chamber honors people from the community who exemplify what makes Bethlehem a special place. Nominations are now being accepted for the 1992 Citizen of the Year and 1992 Business Person of the Year.

Winner will be guests of honor at the chamber's annual dinner on March 13. Candidates will be considered for their community service, dedication and resourcefulness in continuing to make Bethlehem a great place to live, work and do business.

Past winners have been honored for their involvement in youth activities, dedicated volunteer service, devotion to emergency services or work with the elderly.

The Business Person of the Year will be someone who gives back something extra — going above and beyond the day-to-day service that typifies Bethlehem's businesses.

Nomination forms are available from the Bethlehem Public Library, town hall or *The Spotlight* office. Filled-out forms should be returned to the chamber office at Main Square, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar, no later than Feb. 8. Winners will be notified by the end of February.

For information, contact Marty Cornelius at 439-0512.

## Forum set on bridge work

There will be a public information open house to discuss the proposed replacement of the Delaware Avenue Bridge carrying Route 443 over the Normanskill between Albany and Bethlehem.

The existing two-girder bridge, which was built in 1929, has 16 simple spans that are supported by 15 piers. In addition to routine maintenance, concrete repairs were made to the bridge in 1957, 1969, 1974, 1990 and 1991; a protective epoxy coating was applied to the piers in 1974; the structural steel was painted in 1983 and the bridge deck was overlaid in 1969.

The open house will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

The open house will provide people with the opportunity to comment on the proposal to build a new bridge about 50 feet upstream from the existing bridge. The proposed five-span, multi-girder structure would comprise two, 12-foot travel lanes and two, six-foot shoulders with a five-foot wide sidewalk on the downstream

side of the bridge.

This project would also provide for a continuous sidewalk for the bridge carrying Delaware Ave. (Route 443) over the Thruway to the intersection of Old Delaware Ave. and Route 443 in the Town of Bethlehem.

At the open house, a representative of the state Department of Transportation will be available to talk about the proposal and answer questions with people individually or in small groups.

During the construction of the new crossing, pedestrian and vehicular traffic would continue to use the existing bridge.

People who have questions about the Delaware Ave. bridge replacement project, but who are unable to attend the open house, may telephone the project designer at 474-9317 or write to Stephen Gadomski, N.Y.S. Department of Transportation, Region 1 Design Group, 84 Holland Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

Attendees are asked to advise Gadomski as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter, assistive listening system or any other accommodation will be required to facilitate their participation in the open house.

Written comments or questions about the project, including requests for inclusion on the project mailing list, should also be sent to Gadomski.

### Extension to sponsor healthy cooking series

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will sponsor a two-part series on healthy cooking on Wednesdays, Feb. 10 and 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the William Rice Jr. Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

The program will cover reducing fat, sugar and sodium. The cost is \$3 per session, or \$5 for both. Registration deadline is Feb. 8.

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# Dems keep tight rein on appointments

By Dev Tobin

The only Democratic majority ever on the New Scotland Town Board controlled appointments at Wednesday's organizational meeting.

Several matters were decided by 3-2 party-line votes, with Democrats Supervisor Herb Reilly and Councilmen John Sgarlata and Richard Decker holding the upper hand over Republican Councilmen Peter Van Zetten and Craig Shufelt.

The Democrats appointed Michael Mackey as attorney to the planning and zoning boards, replacing Thomas Dolin, who won election to the town justice seat in November. Mackey, chairman of the zoning board of appeals, was an unsuccessful Democratic town justice candidate in 1991.

Reilly proposed making Mackey an assistant town attorney, but after Shufelt argued that to do so might be a violation of the state municipal law, the Democrats agreed to appoint Mackey to the old post.

"It was an idea to try to get more mileage out of that salary," explained Reilly. Mackey will be paid \$7,420.

Albert Danckert was appointed in a party-line vote to replace Mackey as ZBA chairman, and Scott Houghtaling was tapped to replace Mackey on the board.

Also along party lines, the board reappointed Cynthia LaFave as special counsel to the building inspector and Chester Boehlke as dog control officer.

The board named *The Spotlight* as official newspaper, and changed the board's monthly meeting day from the first Wednesday to the second Wednesday at 8 p.m. in town hall.

The town board did agree unanimously on Bob Stapf as chairman of the planning board,



Herbert Reilly

replacing Ray MacKay, who asked to be relieved of the chairmanship but remains on the board.

During the regular town board meeting that followed the organizational meeting, the board approved adding roll-off containers for corrugated cardboard to each of the town's five recycling sheds at a cost of \$370 a month.

"The sheds are so full of cardboard we can't even shut the door," said Michael Hotaling, highway department commissioner.

"There's no contract, so if it doesn't work out, we can just end it," Reilly commented.

In other business, Assessor Richard Law reported that the revaluation project's final field review is 95 percent complete.

Residents should receive new, full-value assessments later this month, Reilly said.

Decker noted that ice skaters have been using the town park pond despite a sign warning them not to.

"We have had a very difficult time getting a good skating surface with all the rain, and it is

made more difficult by people going on the ice and roughing it up," he said.

Reilly told the board that the test well at the end of Smith Lane was producing excellent volume, and a preliminary report of tests for chemical and bacteriological contamination should be ready this month.

The well will serve the Orchard Park Water District, where many private wells are contaminated with methane and salt.

Reilly also reported that meters were being installed in Clarksville, completing that water district.

"I want to pay special thanks to Mike Hotaling and his staff and to Kevin Phelan for his pro bono work that helped make this a reality," Reilly noted.

## Larceny charged in tractor deal

A North Country man was charged with grand larceny Thursday after a tractor deal went sour.

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol charged Gaetan Yelle, 48, of Malone, Franklin County, with fourth degree grand larceny, a felony, after he allegedly took \$1,800 from a New Scotland man and then drove off with the tractor.

Yelle went to New Salem Garage with the money and the tractor and tried to call the New Scotland farmer back to ask for \$200 more to complete the deal, according to First Sgt. Charles Waldo.

The farmer in the meantime had alerted the sheriff's patrol, and Investigator Craig Zariello and Deputy Russell Hempel arrested Yelle at the garage and recovered the money, which was hidden next to a dumpster.

Yelle was arraigned in New Scotland Town Court and released on \$1,500 cash bail.

# V'ville scores well on state CAR report

By Dev Tobin

A generally good Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR) for the Voorheesville Central School District was highlighted by the results of the global studies Regents exam, according to district officials who presented the report to the school board Monday.

According to the data from the State Education Department, 95 percent of eligible Voorheesville high school students took the Regents-level course, and 90 percent of them passed the Regents exam.

"This shows a significant effort to put kids in a Regents course and to get them passed," said Peter Griffin, principal of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

In the two previous years, less than 80 percent of eligible students took the test, but last year, every student was encouraged to take the Regents course, Griffin pointed out.

For such a strategy to be successful, class size should be in the low 20s and there needs to be support available for struggling students, he emphasized.

"I'm thankful that you've done a lot to have more people take harder courses," board member Mary Van Ryn told Griffin.

"The larger question of how cooperative learning is working is still not answered," cautioned board member Steven Schreiber.

Voorheesville did well in comparison to scores from Albany County and from medium-size central school districts across the state, and Griffin noted that the county scores are fifth-highest in the state while medium districts score the best compared to other district types.

Passing percentages for other

Regents tests ranged from 87 to 100 with the sole exception of chemistry, where 76 percent passed.

In other secondary level results, 99 percent of eighth-graders passed both the reading and writing preliminary competency tests.

On Regents Competency Tests, 100 percent passed the reading, writing and global studies tests, and all but one student passed the math, science and American history tests.

The high school graduated 80 out of 81 candidates last year, and 85 percent of them went on to two- or four-year colleges.

At the elementary level, 95 percent were above the state reference point (or SRP, below which remediation is mandated) and 87 percent were above grade level on the third-grade reading test.

In sixth-grade reading, 99 percent were above the SRP and 83 percent above grade level.

While every third-grader and sixth-grader tested above the SRP in math, Voorheesville Elementary Principal Edward Diegel expressed concern that scores for mastery (80 percent correct) dropped off significantly.

In third grade, 63 percent of the boys and 68 percent of the girls were at or above mastery. But in sixth grade, only 41 percent of the boys and 25 percent of the girls were at or above mastery.

"Gender bias in math is a real issue, so these data are troubling," Diegel said.

In other elementary results, 97 percent of fifth-graders scored above the SRP in writing, and program evaluation tests in elementary science and social studies show Voorheesville ranking in the mid-70th percentile.

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## Matters of Opinion

### A welcome turnover

In at least one politically correct sense, the Albany County Legislature is setting a good example.

This is by retiring numerous members and gathering in new ones. True, there remain many with long tenures made possible by "safe" districts—but in the past two years a total of 20 legislators have departed and been replaced by freshmen. That's more than half the 39 seats.

Chronologically, the quick turnover has been abetted by the fact that those elected in 1991 were chosen for only a one-year term. This was because of the intervention of re-districting, necessitating a new election last November (for three-year terms).

In November, 11 new members were elected to replace incumbents whose terms ended last month. Five of the 11 were women, incidentally. Two of them, Christine Benedict of Colonie and Robin Reed of Bethlehem, won in newly created districts.

In 1991, nine other new legislators were chosen (including three women). Three of those members have already departed after one-year terms—one by defeat in the general election, one in a primary contest, and

### Optimist's calendar

Close observers will have noted by this time that on each of these winter's days we are having just about 12 minutes more daylight than we were on the official first day of the season.

From here on, we'll be having more light on the subject and even a bit more of what, for January, passes for sunshine. Before you know it, you'll be hearing people exclaim with pleased surprise, "Look how much lighter it is in the morning!" and, on heading

### Munch munch crunch crunch aah!

Any hour now, the winter's doldrums will be pleasantly shattered by doorbells rung by messengers bearing boxes of refreshment to eager residents here and throughout four counties.

It's Girl Scout cookie time once more. The young sales corps will be delivering 340,000 boxes containing 7 million Samoas, chocolate mints, and all the other varieties.

We are alerted to this delightful prospect (other than our own anticipation) through a timely bulletin from the people who have been guarding some 34,000 cases ("tight security") out at the Northeastern Industrial Park in Guilderland, where a business known as The Movers, Inc., has stored them in piles 18 feet high.

On behalf of that commercial enterprise, Christine Essex, the director of sales administration, was given to rhapsodizing about "the blended aromas of chocolate, caramel,

### Let's see: 1 + 1 makes . . .

. . . three, according to Mario M. Cuomo and the Times Union.

In his address to the Legislature last week (sometimes also known as "the monkey speech"), the Governor congratulated the Voorheesville Central School District on receiving awards for its three Blue Ribbon schools. He was unfortunately relying on the Times Union report which also counted up to three and created a middle school to re-

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one who left to seek (and win) another office.

The Legislature's profile is altering in further ways associated with the turnover: Three "Republican towns" now have new Democratic legislators. The number of lawyers in the Legislature has been increasing. The eight women elected in 1991 and 1992 are now the only female members. Contrariwise, all 19 members whose service dates beyond 1992 are men. The new contingent of 20 comes primarily from suburban towns and the three "minority districts" in Albany, while so-called old-line Democrats have held onto their seats—but five newcomers inclined to be of an activist stripe also have been successful in the city.

Fresh blood, infusing some fresher perceptions and allegiances, seems sure to enhance the operating style and the product of the County Legislature. And to advance the concept of term limitations, regardless of whether the departures are voluntary or involuntary.

homeward at dusk, "The day really is getting longer, isn't it!"

Chances are that this renewal of an honored annual custom will occur during what weatherpeople and outdoors-types refer to as the January thaw. Perhaps just about on the Eve of St. Agnes?

And if these encouraging words don't suffice, just keep in mind that from today it's only three days until the next long holiday weekend.

mint, and coconut permeating the air" and "images of the 'ultimate coffee break' lurking somewhere in the minds of cookie-loving employees." She is also responsible for passing along the observations of the company's president, Bob Talbot: "It's amazing how the smell of chocolate mint just manages to seep through the plastic wrapping and waft its way around the warehouse floor. . . . That wonderful aroma is just a little reminder to our employees that their own cookie orders will soon be delivered by the local cookie sales scouts." He adds, with probably only very slight poetic license, that "every cookie is accounted for; we take as much care in protecting this precious cargo as in protecting household or office valuables. Every box is inventoried and carefully monitored."

So your forthcoming treats have been in good hands. But what will be their prospect when they reach yours?

ceive the third award. Trouble is, as our report today notes, there are only two schools in the district.

We might be tempted to chide Mr. Cuomo and the newspaper on their faulty arithmetic, but will refrain from that indulgence. As Richard M. Nixon would say, that would be wrong.

But maybe someone needs an abacus?

### Not quitting Board now; in till '94, says Gunner

Editor, The Spotlight:

Evidently the headline on your story of my not choosing to be a candidate for reelection as Councilman or any other position has been misinterpreted by many. I am not quitting. I plan to complete the four-year term for which I was elected as a very active member of the Bethlehem Town Board up to Jan. 1, 1994. I had made the town Republican chairman aware of this in November. I am simply declining to run for any more terms of office.

I wish to thank the citizens of Bethlehem for giving me the Delmar

### Vox Pop

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opportunity to serve the town and work with an outstanding group of town employees and fellow board members. However, I never planned to make politics a second career and I believe four years of service is sufficient for me.

From the second paragraph on, the story accurately states I simply want to do many other things in my life.

Charles A. Gunner

### Directory enters history with final contributions

Editor, The Spotlight:

The board of the Tri-Village Area Directory Association held its final meeting in December. They have asked me to thank you for the comprehensive coverage *The Spotlight* has given to the directory and its 60 years of history in two recent editions.

We also want to thank Howard Gmelch, a former directory manager and long-term worker, for providing information for your articles and for developing the December display on the history of the directory in the Bethlehem library.

The board continued its practice of supporting community institutions. Checks for \$1,000 each were sent to Bethlehem Festival, Bethlehem Senior Projects, and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. We regret that this will be the directory's final contribution but know that Bethlehem's citizens and businesses will continue their generous support to these organizations.

The board would be willing to discuss continuation of the directory by an outside organization which has the resources to carry it on. Also, copies of the current directory are available from the

office of the First United Methodist Church at 423 Kenwood Avenue, for a contribution of \$5.

Again, our thanks to *The Spotlight* and to the myriad of directory workers for their contributions to the success of the directory.

Virginia Cornell  
Manager

### 'Fantastic' concert thrilled audience

Editor, The Spotlight:

I had the privilege of attending the BCHS holiday concert. It was fantastic!

The program was a mix of both seasonally appropriate and other notable compositions. There were traditional band and chorus presentations in addition to distinctive and creative group and solo performances.

Kudos to Mr. Samuel Bozzella, the high school music department, and especially—and most importantly—to the participating students who produced an outstanding event!

Betsy Rooks

Delmar

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## A gentleman for all seasons

One of the real pleasures for me these days is dropping by the Newsgraphics portion of The Spotlight's offices, where the commercial printing is done. In one room my friend Bill reigns supreme. He is responsible for all the preparation for mailing or other final distribution: the meticulous trimming, the collating, the binding and stapling, the packaging of the newsletters, pamphlets, flyers, stationery and other products of a print shop. In his spare time, Bill may be making seven or eight pots of coffee during the day. He began this routine when he was hired at the age of 75 under the company's enlightened policy of no discrimination of any kind in employment.

The thing about Bill is, he's always good company, ready with a smile, a hearty good-morning, a weather report, a keen observation, and a quip. Did I say quip?—more likely three or four.

Bill Frasier grew up in the printing trade. While still in his mid-teens, he went to work for Curtis Printing (long located in downtown Albany and more recently in East Greenbush). He worked as a pressman, and eventually became a foreman. He was there for 50

### Uncle Dudley

years before he "retired" in 1977.

As you may surmise, Bill is no longer a kid—but rather a spry and jovial gentleman who passed eighty last year. Tomorrow (Jan. 14) Catherine will have the cake and ice cream on the table in large quantities for son Bill and daughters Barbara and Kathy, the in-laws, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren—all the kids and all the dogs. The "Happy Birthday" record, now entering its 23rd year, will be playing, and Bill—"Daddy-Pop" to everyone—will be singing, perhaps accompanying himself on the piano. Heidi, the poodle-pomeranian, will be on her best behavior and Bill will undoubtedly exhume some of his time-proven stories and jokes and riddles. There may well be some of the Frasier's Famous Fudge, whipped up by the master, whose skill is rivalled only by daughter Barbara and son Bill. Among the remembrances there possibly will be a gift certificate or two for haircuts (if I'm not spoiling a surprise), for Bill is a notably clean-cut, dapper fellow.

At the end of the meal, Bill will rise, give a hug and kiss (or two) to Catherine, and pronounce the repast "Great!"—as he does after every home-cooked meal. Bill loves to eat, and almost all food is "wonderful" from chocolate peanuts to Saturday night's steak.

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This otherwise exemplary character is not without his faults, however. He maintains an adversarial running feud with grandsons Chuck and T.R. about the relative merits of the Yankees in contrast to his favored Mets and Red Sox. His extensive vocabulary has a colorful side, featuring his most profane expressions, "Goldangit!" and "Sonofabiscuit!" His store of superstitions prevent him from starting anything new (such as a trip, for instance) on a Friday—though he fearlessly goes bowling every Friday night. He's an inveterate channel-hopper. He has been known to place a wager on a horse; he is sure to participate in every sports pool, and he will sit in at a bingo table at the slightest invitation. When one of the daughters staged a slumber party long ago, there was Bill in the midst of the charades. At their

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## Dad-daughter authorship clicks

I was so taken with the title that I had to read the book, all thirty pages of it—even though in recent years I've not been reading many books for children.

As it turned out, the pleasure found in those pages was more than worth the time. I daresay you would enjoy it too . . . to say nothing of the fun the kids would have with it.

That title? Oh, yes: "The Duck Who Fed People in the Park." Don't you really like that?

The story behind that titling is captivating, with lots of twists and unexpected turns, nicely told with even a few inside jokes folded into it.

But the story *behind* the story is equally engaging. The authorship is credited to Bob and Maggie Plunkett. There's an important second line as well: "Illustrated by Maggie Plunkett."

Maggie is seven, going on eight. Bob's her dad; he's a writer by profession though this is his first undertaking in the juvenile field. True to the admonition given

### Constant Reader

to all creative writers of stories, they have chosen things they know well as the setting for theirs: A park in "the little town of Puddleville," which closely resembles their hometown of Mount Kisco, in northern Westchester County.

The story was inspired, started and intricately plotted gradually during walks in the park by Bob and Maggie—and also a third person who enters into the tale: Michael Plunkett, who's four going on five. Michael is one of the leading characters, but he did seem just a bit young to receive author's credits. (Next time, Mike.)

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Puddleville is so named because there it rained nearly every day—great for the ducks but bad for the kids. One day on the way home from school Maggie jumped (in her big yellow boots) right in the middle of a giant puddle. The result was the biggest splash anyone had ever seen.

And there the fun and excitement began. Some other kids have walk-on roles, but Maggie and Michael are the stars. Early on, Michael (who "thinks he's a turtle because he watches too many cartoons") disappears and Maggie sets out to find him, with the help of a friendly duck. The duck, in fact, is the one named in the book's title—and how he fed people in the park is a keen part of the plot.

(Telling more about that wouldn't be fair.)

But the town also has a bunch of very aggressive mice, with their own king, and he's the one who called down all the rain. The mice get into a battle with geese, who learn karate from Michael so they can defeat the mice and stop the rain.

Skip to the denouement: "Hurray!" shouted the geese. "Hurray! Michael and Maggie brought back the sun."

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Your kids (and grandkids?) will want to hear/read the whole story of "The Duck Who Fed People in the Park." And then read/hear it again and again.

As of this hour, however, they must wait a while because the book is still in final-draft form, complete with Maggie's 30 colorful illustrations. Someday soon a wise publisher will bring it out in purchasable form, and when you spy it in the children's nook of your bookstore, be sure to snatch it up before it magically disappears.



Puddleville



Maggie and Michael

## Shifting the tax load —without any losers

The contributor of this Point of View discussed "Perspectives on Land Value Taxation as Incentive Taxation" on Jan. 12 at a conference held at the Government Law Center of Albany Law School. This column is excerpted from his remarks. Mr. Hartheimer, a member of the board of directors of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Center for the Study of Economics, for many years has studied and espoused the economics of Henry George. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he practiced architecture for more than 30 years and then operated a tour business for senior citizens, based in Delmar.

By Albert S. Hartheimer

### Point of View

Would you like to reduce resident home owner taxes?

Would you like to create jobs and increase economic activity in your community?

Would you like to do all of this at no cost?

Welcome to the world of incentive taxation!

Incentive is an exciting word. Webster defines it as "something that stimulates one to take action, work harder, etc.; stimulus; encouragement." Further, it is defined as something that rouses the mind or spirits or incites to activity.

Incentive is the bedrock of private enterprise. With incentive everything can happen. Without incentive, nothing happens. We human beings are unbelievably clever. Give us an incentive and then free us to act; the results will be truly marvelous.



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Give this idea time and study—the end result may surprise and interest you. Please understand that this is a gentle idea. The tax shifts are small.

The property tax is actually two very different taxes, a tax on land and a tax on buildings. Raising the tax on buildings is a very

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real disincentive. The more you raise the tax on building, the less building there will be. When you reduce the tax on buildings, you create an incentive to build.

The tax on land works in exactly the opposite way. The lower the tax on land, the less incentive there is to build. The more you raise the land tax, the more incentive you give the owner to use his land to get a return or to sell it to someone who will.

We use the property tax backward. We penalize people who build by raising their taxes and we reward the people who do nothing by maintaining low taxes and, in some cases, actually lowering their taxes.

Our tradition is to tax land very, very lightly. In many cities, assessments on buildings are bad, but assessments on land are worse. Land is often grossly underassessed. The result is to encourage speculation, encourage keeping land idle, and discourage building.

Whenever there is a shift of taxes off buildings and onto land there is an increase in building activity. When you lower taxes on buildings, people build. When you increase taxes on land, people build. It's a win-win situation.

Everyone has learned the premise that if you buy land on the edge of a city, you should do nothing with it, make no investment, just hold it and wait—the city eventually will move out to you. The people of the city, through their local government, will make the investment in roads, water, sewer, schools, and all the rest—and you, the landowner, will get the return on the people's investment as the land becomes more valuable.

An excellent example of this is the Thruway. It was built by the investment of all the people of the state, but the people who got the return on this investment were the lucky owners of the land adjacent to Thruway entrances. Their land values skyrocketed with no investment by them at all. If their assessments had been raised at the same time as the values increased we might have paid for the Thruway without tolls.

Any mayor who seeks new industry for his city is first asked, □ TAX LOAD/page 8

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by the potential new industry, for a tax break. There is nothing new about this idea. What is new is that when you change to a lower tax rate on buildings and a higher tax rate on land, it applies to everyone. Everyone gets a tax break, not just a few special people.

Seventeen cities in Pennsylvania have reduced the tax rate on buildings, under a law dating from 1911, and have obtained at least the same revenue through a higher rate on land. Scranton and Pittsburgh have had a two-rate tax for 80 years, since 1913. In Pittsburgh, for example, the rate on buildings is \$32 per thousand and the rate on land is \$184.50 per thousand—about six times as much. Another city which changed from a single rate in 1988 experienced an increase of 220 percent in the number of building permits in the first year and an increase of 320 percent in the value of construction. Every city that has entered the Pennsylvania program has stayed in it. A contributing reason may be that about 85 percent of homeowners now pay less in property taxes.

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On the other hand, in New York State the idea of lowering taxes on buildings to attract development is an old idea, enshrined in law. The real property tax act permits a 50 percent reduction of tax for a new industrial building (to be increased 5 percent per year for 10 years.)

In 1986 the New York Temporary State Commission on Real Property issued a study entitled "A Two-Rate Real Property Tax

**'If this is such a good idea, why isn't everyone using it? . . . Because 200 years ago we started taxing in the present direction—and resistance to change is monumental'**

System—Its Impact and Implications for New York State." The report concluded that the commission could not recommend the implementation of a two-rate system of taxation in New York. At the time the commission was gathering its data seven Pennsylvania cities were using the two-rate tax. Now 17 cities are using the tax. Also, since 1986, in 20 additional instances cities that were already using the two-rate tax increased the tax on land.

The report notes that land assessments in New York are often at a lower percentage of value than other real property assessments and it recommends that these assessments be increased so they comply with the law. That's certainly strange; on the one hand, the report cannot recommend increasing the tax on land by a shift to land-value taxation, but does recommend increasing the tax on land under the present law. They apparently never figured out that you can't have it both ways.

Simulations carried out by the commission note that the chief beneficiaries in a tax shift would be the utilities. That is because in the franchise tax, a tax on utility lines and poles, the lines and poles are considered to be totally an improvement and there is no land component. Therefore a shift of

taxes off improvements onto land can only make the utilities the chief beneficiaries. However, there are two answers to this: In home-rule legislation developed for Amsterdam and Hornell, the shift does not apply to the franchise tax for the foregoing reason and also because this tax is administered by the state, not locally. Another view indicates that since utilities are regulated in New York (if they were the chief beneficiary) the lower tax burden would then be recomputed into lower utility rates which would further benefit the poor.

This system of taxation is not now legal in New York. However, if a taxing jurisdiction wants to use this system, it can get a "home rule message" through the Legislature. Now there are 192 amendments to the real property tax law. It would be no big deal to add the 193rd.

There is practically no cost to making this change. To start using this system requires only a computer change.

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As a country we believe in progressive taxation, where the rich pay more than the poor. Consider that the poor own no land, the middle class owns only the land under their homes. Most land is owned by wealthy individuals and

large corporations. The land tax is very progressive in this regard.

There are really no losers in a shift of the tax burden off buildings and onto land. First, last, and always keep in mind that the shifts are gentle: hundreds of dollars or less. Even if you have to pay more tax you will be much better off in a community with more economic activity as compared to a community with little or no economic activity.

This idea need not be adopted blindly. Most tax rolls are computerized. It is possible to input various assumptions and know, before committing to change, what the result will be.

If this is such a good idea why isn't everyone using it? Because 200 years ago we started in the present direction and the resistance to change is monumental. The only requirement to vote then was to be a landowner. Landowners, many of whom were also land speculators, used their democratic right to "tax the other guy." Now the majority of voters are not speculators and they can "tax the other guy."

It's easier to make accurate assessments of land than to make accurate assessments of buildings. Two buildings side by side can look the same but have very different values. One can be beau-

tifully finished inside and the other can be a shambles. Some owners who remodel the inside of their buildings leave the outside alone in the hope of fooling the assessor. With land, nothing can be concealed. It's all there for everyone to see.

If you own a vacant building with a high value and want to reduce your tax you can demolish it. GE in Schenectady does it regularly. Perhaps you remember the demolition of the Alco works in Schenectady. What an unfortunate economic waste! I have heard that, on occasion, an owner has resorted to arson to reduce his tax. You can't demolish land nor can you burn it.

Shifting the tax load from buildings to land is much more than an arithmetic change. As you shift the tax load from buildings to land, the tax on different classes of property changes. Most homeowners pay less, most owners of expensive buildings on relatively inexpensive land pay less, vacant land pays more, and expensive land with inexpensive buildings pays more.

That is the story of incentive taxation. At least, that is the start of the story of incentive taxation. I hope you will agree that the people of any city who wish to, should be permitted to try this idea.

### □ Bill

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parties, his rendition of "Goodnight, Ladies" was the signal to break it up.

There must be a good side? you ask. How about this: Living many years with his mother-in-law with nary a crossword. He has played Santa Claus at the fire house, and there's a big photo to prove it. The family will relate stories about the many camping expeditions and the songs around the fire—and the countless Sunday rides to Dutcher's in Latham for ice cream. And Bill and Catherine will mark 62 years together next April 4; at the Tuesday movies (rain or shine, a must) you'll find them in the back row—Bill proclaims that he still loves his

honey. One of their mutual pleasures are the bus tours as often as they can get away; one of the most recent was to Nashville, the country music center. They were married in the midst of the Depression when both were teenagers. His children feel that theirs has been "a very unique family," close-knit, with warmth and love in the house rather than arguments or insecurities. "We know what we have—he's a special man in our lives!"

Bill is a great one for games. Besides his bowling (at one time, he rolled for a 185 average), he has been an enthusiastic golfer at Albany Muni and Western Turnpike—most frequently on early Sunday mornings so he could finish his game and get home to be with the family. For some years,

he played softball in the twilight league. Around the house or at any hospitable gathering you're likely to find him in a game of cribbage, checkers, chess, canasta, poker, Monopoly—or perhaps dominoes. He's a demon on crossword puzzles. Formerly a volunteer fireman, he often operated one of the wheels at the chance booths. (Once, tossing rings, he won the prize—a duck. He took it home, put it in the cellar while he went out for a midnight snack. Mother-in-law was startled to wake up to a persistent and mysterious quacking.)

Another little incident to ask Bill about was the practical joke he played on the family soon after he had a heart attack 10 years ago.

As Catherine says, "They threw away the mold after Bill was born!"

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# Article on new home regretted as 'elitist'

Editor, The Spotlight:

How many times must we read about that big new home in Slingerlands? What newsworthy significance does a room-by-room tour serve, and what "more than shelter" does this "posh Slingerlands home" provide? I can understand an earlier article regarding the Ronald McDonald House benefit party, for which the owners are to be applauded for their generous endeavor, but the Jan. 6 article goes a bit too far.

Are we going to see detailed house reviews on the hundreds of other beautiful homes our area is proud to have? What about the majority of average middle-class houses we call home? Will there be a chance to have our humble abode among your "most expensive houses" listing? Or will it be only those new houses with seven polished-marble bathrooms? This type of article gives our town an incorrect elitist reputation not indicative of the whole town. It is purely an example of excessive

## 'Giving Tree' response pleased many families

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of several families whose children attend Early Childhood Learning Center, I would like to express appreciation to all the people in the community who participated in K-Mart's "Giving Tree" program.

Early Childhood Learning Center of Glenmont, a pre-school special education program, submitted the names of 22 children from seven low-income families that we serve, to K-Mart for the "Giving Tree."

The response and generosity of people in the community was overwhelming. Because of their selflessness, Christmas was happier for many children. When we delivered the gifts, the parents were very appreciative.

Thanks to K-Mart for providing such a wonderful service, and thank to the community for responding so generously.

Shirley Jones

Education Program Coordinator  
Glenmont

consumerism and conspicuous consumption.

I hope *The Spotlight's* history of excellent reporting on truly newsworthy items will not again be corrupted by such high-gloss realty advertisements.

Selkirk (Name submitted)

*Editor's note: The Spotlight commissioned the writer, Allison Bennett, to research and write the article as one in her continuing series on historic and unusual residences in the area, because of the interest in the home which followed the Ronald McDonald House benefit there.*

## Library wants photos; owl tradition lives!

Editor, The Spotlight:

Here's an easy new year's resolution:

Give a photograph of your home or business to the Bethlehem Public Library for its bicentennial collection. People in future years will be able to see what the community, and maybe their house, looked like.

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And an observation on the old year: Archimedes, the barred owl in residence for 12 years at Five Rivers, died last spring. His age was estimated at 15. Literally thousands of people were privileged to see this beautifully patterned deep-woods bird, to hear him make a soft popping sound with his beak, and occasionally in later years to hear him hoot.

There is a successor, Aristotle, who came in summer. Alan Mapes of Five Rivers says that because of their size, both are believed to be males, which are about a third smaller than females. The other thing they have in common is wing injury which precluded each from being released to the wild.

Happy 1993 to two wonderful institutions: Bethlehem Public Library and Five Rivers!

Carol Schlageter

Delmar

The Spotlight welcomes letters on matters of local interest. Writers are urged to keep letters as brief as possible.

## Knick's flag display violates the code

Editor, The Spotlight:

At the Knickerbocker Arena I was sorry to see a breach of flag etiquette. There the American flag is displayed horizontally, fastened to the steel framework above the audience toward the easterly end of the building. The breach arises from the positioning of the Albany County flag to the right of the U.S. Flag and the Canadian flag, incorrectly, to the observer's left.

It is obvious no thought was given to the Flag Code in the design of the Arena.

This misarrangement of the American Flag, aside from violating the Flag Code, is disturbing to those aware of the code. Moreover, it sends an improper lesson to children and others who may raise their eyes to the lofty (but incorrect) positioning of the American flag.

Those responsible for upholding the meaning of the Flag Code should take necessary steps to correct this code requirement, which is as follows:

"No other flag or pennant should be placed to the right of flag of the United States of America." (Section 175 (c) of *The Flag Code*, Title 36, USC., Chapter 10, as amended by Public Law 344 from the 94th Congress, as approved July 7, 1976.)

In 175 (d) it is stated that "The flag of the United States, when displayed with another flag, should be on the right, the flag's own right"; and 175 (f) directs that "No flag or pennant may be placed to the United States flag's right."

Alexander J. Woehrl

Delmar

## Words for the week

**Espouse**: To take up, support, or advocate (some cause, idea, etc.) Also, to take as a spouse, especially as a wife: marry.

**Denouement**: The outcome, solution, unraveling, or clarification of a plot in a drama, story, etc. Also, the point in the plot where this occurs. Any final revelation or outcome.

**Captivating**: Capturing the attention or affection of, as by beauty, excellence, etc.; fascinating, charming. Originally, taking or holding captive.

# Ball

(From Page 1)

They say the anticipation is greater than the realization, so who knows what's in store when the couple arrives in Washington? For Nancy, it should be a great time as long as she doesn't have to do the Texas two-step. "That would be the ultimate revenge," she joked.

If, as rumor has it, the Louisiana, New York, Texas and Florida contingents are lumped together for one of the 10 Inaugural Balls on tap, then country and western music could definitely be part of the evening, Nancy acknowledged.

"There's lots of talk of how the balls will be set up," she said. "There will be a massive number of people coming and not everyone will be at the Mayflower (Hotel)."

Nancy has yet to meet the president-elect and she doesn't really expect to next week. Jim, who was invited by virtue of his position as director of the New York State office of AFSCME (American Federation of State, County Municipal Employees), encountered the Arkansas governor on two occasions during the recent campaign.

The festivities start on Monday with an entertainment extravaganza at the Capital Center in Landover, Md. Featured at the *Landover Gala*, as it's been dubbed, will be Fleetwood Mac. Rumors that the Grateful Dead

may appear are unconfirmed, Jim said.

It will be a homecoming of sorts for the Schmitzes, who lived in the D.C. area for five years right after they got married. Jim's background is in economics and he started off working for the U.S. Commerce Department. The national headquarters for AFSCME also happens to be in the nation's capital.

Jim had his money on the right horse in this year's presidential sweepstakes. Going back to the New Hampshire primary, AFSCME leaders thought Clinton was the best candidate available, he recalled.

AFSCME mobilized support for Clinton in several primary states as well during the general election campaign. Public employee unions were particularly active during the New York primary, Schmitz said, which was the "turning point in the campaign."

Instead of picking a candidate solely on the issues, labor leaders "got real last year" and "decided on someone they felt was electable."

Nancy, in the meantime, is just grateful that her friend's dress was a perfect fit because it would have been a bit much to go out and purchase a formal gown that you might only get to wear once.

In Selkirk

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# Historical writer shows human side of battle

By Susan Graves

John Hennessy takes the back roads to get where he's going.

The Bethlehem Central graduate, who recently published a highly-acclaimed book on the battle of Bull Run, said he wasn't much of a scholar in his Delmar days. He took an indirect route to authorship via a job he accepted after graduating from the University at Albany in 1981.

"In 1980, when I finished, I decided to get a job I liked before I entered the real world," he said, from his home in Frederick, Md. But that job, with the National Park Service at Manassas in Virginia, turned out to be the beginning of a real life career.

Hennessy, who is now responsible for planning outdoor exhibits at National Parks throughout the country, said he has learned a lot about the past in his job. "I not only get to go spend a week (at the National Parks), but I spend a week with the ultimate insider's tour." He found fodder for his book, *Return to Bull Run*, the campaign and second battle of Manassas, while working as historian at the national battlefield.



John Hennessy

However, he wasn't much of a writer to begin with, the history and business major said. "As for writing, I hated English in high school and wasn't a particularly good writer." But, he said, sometime in 1983, he decided to teach himself how to write, and gradually began publishing articles and reviews.

Writing, said Hennessy, is one-third writing, one-third research

and one-third thinking. "The biggest challenge is making what happened connect to people who are reading the story today."

A rule of thumb for Hennessy when he was writing *Return to Bull Run* was to compose the material "so that my mother would enjoy it," he said.

His mother, Janet, who Hennessy said is a harsh critic, did enjoy his third book (the first to be published by a major bookhouse, Simon & Schuster), and so did the critics. The book was chosen as one of the History Book Club main selections for December.

John I. Robertson Jr. refers to the book as the "deepest, most comprehensive work on this Civil War campaign ..." The book also was selected by Eastern National for the 1993 Author's Award.

Joseph Hennessy, the author's father, to whom the book is dedicated, said his son has come a long way since his youth when he was more inclined to count caterpillars in the road on the way to visit Antietam and Harpers Ferry. Seriously, he added, "He's always had a keen interest in history."

Hennessy, 34, is in fact a firm believer in history's ability to teach. "Sometimes the only way of developing a sense of community is by looking backward," he said. "It's a very important tie that binds us all together."

And for Hennessy, the Civil War in particular offers "a real power-

To Hennessy, having access to only about 700 personal accounts of the battle means the historical writer must piece together a story with only about 1 or 2 percent of the picture. Through research, "You have to sometimes fill in the gaps confidently, but sometimes you can't."

*To Joseph M. Hennessy Whose service to his country has inspired me, and whose devotion to his family has shaped me. In an age that has produced so few truly admirable men, I am proud to have one as my father.*

Return to Bull Run dedication

ful lesson."

In his book, he tries to convey the human side of the August 1862 battle where Gen. Robert E. Lee beat the Northern Army led by John Pope. More than 120,000 men fought the battle of Manassas in a 2-mile by 2-mile area.

*Return to Bull Run* is available at the Bethlehem Public Library. The book can also be purchased for \$27.50 at Friar Tuck bookstore in Delaware Plaza.

Hennessy is hoping to secure another contract with Simon & Schuster on a book about the cavalry in Northern Virginia.

## Five Rivers to offer snowshoe walks

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer guided snowshoe walks on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16 and 17, at 2 p.m.

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# Mohawks revisited



Four-year-old William Haas, of the Tri-Village Nursery School in Delmar, tries on a native American headdress with help from Anne Chesky, a teacher with the Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum. *Elaine McLain*

# Details

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excessive noise several times.

"They knew this went on," she said of the Kipps. "If it was me, and I was told my kids were having parties, it wouldn't happen again. I wouldn't go away on weekends. Maybe other parents will think twice before leaving their kids for the weekend."

Replying to an inquiry by *The Spotlight*, Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Coleman, who prosecuted Salvagni, said there was a "very thorough" investigation of how Salvagni acquired alcohol that night by the sheriff's department and the county grand jury.

"Sheriff's investigators interviewed 20 kids from three different schools, and at least 12 of those kids were called before the grand jury," Coleman said. "None of them indicated that there was alcohol provided to Larry Salvagni at the Kipps' house that night."

Coleman said that the investigation failed to determine where the alcohol came from.

"Barbara Kipp was most interested of all" to find out, but "there was just no evidence that pointed to" an underage beer party at the Kipps' that night, she added.

Barbara Kipp vigorously denied Raymond's charge.

"There was no quarter keg of beer in my house," she said. "This is unfair and untrue. There's no way they could know what went on in my house. I'm not protecting one child because I lost another."

Joe Bartholomew also denied the charge.

"That's totally false, there's no truth to that at all for that night," he said, adding that he did have some friends over that night.

Kipp said sheriff's investigators went through her house and her garbage and found no evidence of an alcohol party.

"In no way did I condone teenage drinking. I myself was almost killed by a drunk driver in 1988," she related.

Kipp said she had an "open door policy" for friends of her children, and would often feed them.

The Kipps, who are motorcycle enthusiasts and work part-time for ABC Sports, were filming a road race outside Boston that March weekend.

"The boys' father and grandmother would check on them when we were away," Kipp said. "My ex-

husband checked on them that night, and saw no problems."

Kipp questioned the timing of Raymond's charge.

"Why didn't they come forward before?" Kipp asked angrily. "They bring this up 10 months later, when the information is as cold as my son's body. I have a dead child. I wish my son were going away for one and a third."

## BC teacher's article appears in magazine

Jack Rightmyer, a Bethlehem Central Middle School English teacher, recently published a feature article about former Olympic champion wrestler Jeff Blatnick in the magazine *Highlights for Children*.

The article, "Tougher Than the Rest" is about how Blatnick overcame adversity to bring home a gold medal. The story appears in the magazine's January issue.

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## The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1983, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor opposed routing a Tenneco natural gas pipeline through the Vly Creek reservoir in New Scotland, a source of the town's drinking water.

- *The Spotlight* and Newsgraphics Printers relocated to the old Bethlehem Coffeehouse building at 125 Adams St., Peter Harris Clothes bought the old Sporthaven bowling alley at 417 Kenwood Ave., and Grand Union announced plans to move into the old Denby's space in Delaware Plaza.

- Starring in the Bethlehem Central Middle School's production of *Oliver* were Philip Grenz, Todd Googins, Brian Saelens, Mike Manzella, Jillian Shipherd, Erica Kesselman, Matt Manzella, Allison Holsinger, Dan Kerness, Eric Lee and Sarah Poczie.

- The Voorheesville boys basketball team ran its unbeaten streak to nine with a 50-40 win over Cohoes. Mike Lewis scored 21 points and John Zongrone contributed 12 as the Blackbirds defeated the defending Colonial Council champs on their own court.

- Susan Mallery, 13, a BCHS varsity swimmer competing for the Albany Starfish Swim Club, turned in the best times of her career in three events at the SUNYA Invitational meet. Mallery won the 100-yard freestyle in 56.47 seconds and the 100-yard backstroke in 1:06.05, and was runner-up in the 200 individual medley in 2:23.89.

## V'ville nursery school slates info meeting

There will be an informational meeting for parents who are considering enrolling 4-year-olds in the Community Nursery School of Voorheesville for the 1993-94 school year on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville.

The school is run under the direction of the church. Board members and teacher Rosemarie Pakena will be present to answer questions about the school and its philosophy and programs.

Applications will be available at the meeting and in the church office after Jan. 28. Acceptance to the school is by lottery which will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted until 7 p.m. that night.

For information, call Cheryl Hammer at 765-9377 or Betsy Glath at 765-4515.

## Investment counselor to speak at library

Cyrus C. Cady, vice president for investments at Dean Witter, Reynolds, Inc., will present an investment seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Cady, who has been an investment counselor since 1969, will discuss how to manage a portfolio, invest for growth and control financial risk. The presentation is designed for first-time investors and investors seeking new options.

Registration is requested. For information, call 439-9314.

## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Are you one of those women who accumulate pairs and pairs of stockings and pantyhose with holes or runs in them?

If you save enough of them, they can be used to stuff a pillow, toy or even a quilt. Nylon stuffing is tough, lightweight and, best of all, washable.

Droponions or potatoes into pantyhose, tying a knot between each one, and hang them for storage. The loosely woven nylon allows air to circulate so the vegetables won't rot as quickly.

Fill the toe of an old stocking with moth balls and tie a knot at the top. The stocking can be thrown over the closet bar, out of reach of children. (A less toxic substitute is Cedar Blocks.)

Old stockings can be used to strain lumpy paint or solvents, filter gasoline or strain cooking oil in the kitchen. Just stretch a panel of nylon over the mouth of the container, anchor with a rubber band and pour.

Keep a clean pantyhose foot filled with flour in your canister. It can be used for dusting baking

pans or cutting boards without making a mess.

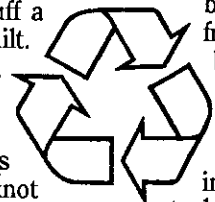
Cut pantyhose into small pieces and use them to remove nail polish. They work better than cotton balls or tissue and they are free. Store them in a jar or boutique tissue box.

Looking for an easy way to clean hair brushes? Insert the brush into a stocking, press the stocking down with a comb so that the bristles stick out. Removing the stocking will clean the hairbrush quickly.

If a contact lens, stray needle or lost screw disappears into the carpet, stretch an old stocking over the nozzle of the vacuum cleaner and move it gently around the room. The suction will rescue the missing object and hold it against the stocking.

Stockings are also useful for many craft projects such as soft sculpture and fish nets for aquariums.

If you hate to throw things out but can't use the stockings yourself, the recycling coordinator can channel them for reuse.



## Library marks King holiday with three films

The Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar will show three films to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 18.

Two short films based on African legends will be shown at 10:30 a.m. The films, for children in preschool through second-grade, are *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* and *Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears*.

*A Woman Called Moses*, the story of Harriet Tubman, starring Cicely Tyson, will be shown from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

For information, call 439-9314.

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## Delmar CHP offers weight reduction course

The Community Health Plan at 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will offer a 10-session weight reduction program beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program is designed to help participants increase their knowl-

edge and understanding of nutritional and eating behavior. The course will include nutritional guidelines, use of a food diary, identification of problem eating areas, pre-planning meals, revising recipes, dining out and shopping techniques.

The facilitator of the class will be Maria Durlacher, R.D.

Spaces are open to CHP members and non-members on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$107 for non-members and \$72 for members. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. The registration deadline is Jan. 11.

For information, call 783-1864, extension 4444.

## Center nature walk to track wildlife

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a winter nature walk on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m.

Center naturalists will lead the group and introduce participants to techniques of wildlife tracking.

Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call 475-0291.

## Embroiderers to meet at Methodist church

The New York Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Slides from the American Heritage collection of the Council of American Embroiderers will be shown.

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To make an informed investment decision, the best approach is for individuals to educate themselves about available options.

For mutual stocks and bond funds, the most popular kinds of investment for many people, the library has many sources that explain how mutual funds work and help investors decide which funds will best meet their objectives.

The job of evaluating and choosing from more than 2,500 funds offered by some 350 sponsors looks formidable. However, using a few of the library's sources can cut the job down to size.

Because of the ever-changing financial picture, many advice books are out of date as soon as they are published. Information published in periodicals and frequently updated research services are the best ways to keep abreast of the fast-paced mutual fund in-

dustry.

Novice investors will find a good basic guide in "Introduction to Mutual Funds," the first 60 pages of Gerald Perritt's *Mutual Fund Encyclopedia*. This user-friendly annual offers a thumbnail sketch of a large number of funds, allowing readers to screen funds for possible investment candidates.

Knowledgeable money managers use *Wiesenberger's Investment Companies Service*. This annual reference, updated monthly, publishes performance reviews and analyses of money market, stock and bond funds, variable annuities and unit trusts.

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Also comprehensive, but with more pizzazz, is *Morningstar Mutual Fund Rating Service*. This loose-leaf binder service evaluates, charts and rates funds with a five-star system on the basis of risk and return.

All investors can keep on top of market trends by reading such magazines as *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, *Money Magazine*, *Forbes*, *Barron's* or *The Wall Street Journal*.

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To search for an article on a particular topic in any of these periodicals, the library has InfoTrac, a computerized index to magazines and newspapers.

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Anna Jane Abaray

# Quilter to lead programs

Linda O'Connor will lead a quilting group at the library beginning Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The four-session program is designed for beginners as well as more advanced quilters. Participants are invited to bring current projects, ideas for the future, family heirlooms, small pieces of muslin and cotton prints, a sewing

all be at 7 p.m.

Families with young children are invited to brave the cold for the Winter Wonderland evening story hour tonight, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. The program will feature stories, crafts and film celebrating the season.

This month's featured artist is Judy Haller-D'Angelo, who paints pastels of ferns, flowers and tree bark, and also landscapes and portraits.

Haller-D'Angelo was a studio potter for many years before earning a degree in fine arts from Sage/JCA in 1988. In addition to her watercolors, she created scenery for the Capital Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*. The artist's work can be viewed Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also on display this month is a collection of glassware from Altamont resident Beverly Waite. The exhibit features pattern glass, cobalt glass and milk glass.

Christine Shields



basket and coffee or tea for an afternoon of sewing, advice and companionship.

To register, call 765-2791 or stop at the reference desk.

The following groups will meet in the community room in the coming weeks: the writer's group on Thursday, Jan. 14; the "Small Town at the Millenium" group, Wednesday, Jan. 20; and the computer users group on Thursday, Jan. 21. These meetings will

# OSHA official to speak at school

The Bethlehem Central Community Organization will meet on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 46 of Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

John Tomieh, director of the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Admini-

stration, will speak on the role of OSHA regulations, legal liabilities and the school community in school health and safety issues. He will begin his presentation at 8 p.m.

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### Budding cartographers



Lainey Forrest (l), Rachel Dutko and Micahel Crowley, fifth-graders at the Elsmere Elementary School, are putting together a three dimensional map of the U.S. with their fellow classmates. Elaine McLain

### Legion post sponsoring Sunday repast Jan. 17

The Voorheesville American Legion Post No. 1493 will sponsor a breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu will include scrambled eggs, french toast, sausage, juice and coffee. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

#### Master gardener to speak at garden club

The Voorheesville Helderview Garden Club will have its monthly meeting at the New Scotland Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m.

After a short business meeting, Jan Gaumond, master gardener at the Cornell Cooperative Extension, will discuss container gardening.

Guests are welcome. For information, call Colette Csiza, 765-4583.

#### Boy Scouts plan holiday party

Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop No. 73 will have a holiday party tonight, Jan. 13, in the library room of the Butcher Block Restaurant, 1632 Central Ave., Colonie.

The party will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents are invited, and reservations are required.

#### Legion auxiliary to meet Thursday

The Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary Post 1493 will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the legion hall.

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Committees will give reports, and new business will be discussed. For information, call Agnes Tucker at 765-4427.

#### Schools to close for King holiday

Schools in the Voorheesville School District will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

#### Sophomores invite juniors to semi-formal dance

Sophomores at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School have invited juniors to attend a semi-formal dance at the Cranberry Bog Restaurant on Sunday, Jan. 17, from 7 to 11 p.m.

The evening will feature dance music by a local DJ, hors d'oeuvres and fun. John Sittig, adviser to the two classes, said that tickets will not be available at the door on the night of the dance.

#### Youth wins riding award

Riders from the Albany Therapeutic Riding Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville participated in the recent Special Olympics Equestrian Competition at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs.

At the competition, Christopher Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Douglas, received a gold and silver award.

#### Kidney foundation to accept used cars

The National Kidney Foundation is accepting donations of used cars to benefit NKF programs.

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## Forum to address school additions

The R-C-S board of education has scheduled an open forum on Tuesday, Jan. 19, on the proposed bond issue to close Ravena Elementary School and construct additions to both the Pieter B. Coeymans and the A.W. Becker elementary schools.

The meeting will be at the middle school on Route 9W at 7:30 p.m. The bond vote is set for Tuesday, Feb. 23. Absentee ballots are available at the board office.

Call 767-2513 for information.

### PTO to meet

The Ravena/Coeymans Parent Teacher Organization will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School on Church Street.

On Friday, Jan. 15, the PTO will show Disney's full-length animated movie, *Beauty and the Beast*, at the school at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Refreshments will be available.

### Local storyteller to perform at Becker

Chris Holder, a local singer, songwriter and storyteller will complete his week long "in-residence" program at A.W. Becker Elementary School with a family performance at the school on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m.

For information about the free program, call the school at 767-2511.

### Kindergarten registrations held early this year

The R-C-S school district will hold kindergarten registration for

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children entering school in September.

Children who turn five-years-old by Dec. 1, are eligible. Registration is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Ravena Coeymans Elementary. Students with last names letter A through L will be registered at 1 p.m., and students with last names M through Z at 2 p.m. For information, call 756-8190.

A.W. Becker kindergarten registration will be on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the school. Registrations will be at 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. For information, call 767-2511.

### School closing scheduled

The R-C-S school district will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 19.

### R-C-S guidance office open on Saturdays

The R-C-S high school guidance department will be open for students and parents on Saturdays in January and February from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Materials for PSAT and SAT exams, as well as college catalogs, informational packets on

financial aid and a computerized Guidance Information System for college and occupation searches, will be available.

For information, call 756-2155 or 767-2968.

### Elks host breakfast

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, Selkirk will hold its monthly "all you can eat" breakfast buffet on Sunday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, toast, sausage and bacon, waffles, home fries, french toast, juice, coffee and milk.

### Pancake supper Jan. 16 at Methodist Church

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue is hosting a pancake supper at the church on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, applesauce, gravy, coffee and tea.

The cost is \$5. For information, call 767-9053.

### Library to sponsor indoor winter fest

The Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar will host an indoor winter festival for children, ages 22 months to 3 years old, and their parents, on Friday, Jan. 15, and Saturday, Jan. 16, at 10:30 a.m.

The program is entitled "Ice 'n Snow Day." Children are asked to bring scarves.

## Absentee ballots offered for RCS district vote

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District will offer absentee ballots in the Feb. 23 referendum on a \$5.8 million proposal to build additions to A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans elementary schools.

This is the first time absentee balloting will be used by the district. To use the ballot, a qualified voter must meet one of the following requirements:

- He/she is a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear at the polling place because of illness or physical disability.

- His/her duties, occupation, business or studies require him/her to be out of town that day.

- He/she will be on vacation outside the area that day.

- He/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in

prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

To request an application for an absentee ballot, call the district's clerk of the board at 767-2514. Application requests must be received by the clerk no more than 30 days and no less than seven days before the vote. Requests for applications may also be made in person at the board office or by mail to the Clerk, Board of Education, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk 12158.

The application must be filled out and returned to the clerk at least seven days before the election. Ballots must be returned by mail or in person before 5 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the clerk's office, or by 9 p.m. at the polling place.

The Tuesday, Feb. 23, vote will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the RCS Senior High School, Route 9W, Ravena.



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**Four teams deadlocked for college division lead**

By Bruce Svare

After four weeks of hoop action in the Bethlehem Basketball Club, Syracuse, Miami, Providence and Seton Hall are deadlocked for first place in the college division.

Behind the stellar defensive play of Bob Baldwin and Brendon Griffin, Seton Hill downed unbeaten Syracuse 20-12. For the Orange, Mike Leczinsky pulled down 10 rebounds and Adam Zranko played stubborn defense.

Pitt just got past Georgetown 29-24 as Adam Fryer netted six points for the winners.

Providence edged a spunky Villanova squad 31-29 as Ryan Bender and Alexis Grant dominated the backboards for the winners. Mike Mooney's eight points kept Villanova in the game.

With a share of first place on the line, Miami outdueled St. John's 37-30. Miami was paced by Tom Eaton (eight points) while St. John's was lead by John Caplan (seven points).

In the All-Star Division, the Bucks stayed unbeaten by downing the Heat 49-36. Kyle Flynn's eight points down the stretch proved to be the difference for the winners while Sean Battle's five assists kept the Heat close throughout the game.

Behind the eight-point performance of J.J. Kasarjian, the Sixers got their first victory of the season

**RCS soccer league holds registration**

The RCS Youth Soccer League is holding registration for the spring 1993 season at the following times and locations:

- Friday, Jan. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Pieter B. Coeymans School
- Friday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m., at A.W. Becker School
- Saturday, Jan. 23 and 30, from 10 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, Feb. 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the middle school.

A completed medical form, proof of age and a \$20 fee are needed to register. For additional information, call 765-3544.

as they outdistanced the Mavs 44-35. For the Mavs, Kenyon Hill swept the boards and Scott Krueger played stubborn defense.

The Rockets were edged by the Hawks 37-35 as Jaimie Paine's clutch foul shooting was the difference for the winners. For the Rockets, Scott Kind ripped the nets for seven points.

**Basketball**

In the most exciting game of the day, the Magic just squeaked by the Spurs 34-32. Garret Pope scored four points and pulled down six rebounds for the Spurs while Dave Mahar's six points and Matt Clement's defensive play down the stretch helped the Magic.

In Pro Division action, the Pistons topped the Lakers 33-22 as the rebounding of Luke Dwyer and the defensive play of Tom Carroll helped the winners. Chris Durant kept the Lakers close with 10 points and seven rebounds.

With a fourth quarter surge, the Celtics edged the Knicks 24-19. Brad Colacino's six points and Tariq Sheik's rebounding helped the winners, while Matt Hill's four points and Mike Gilligan's hustle inspired the Knicks.

Finally, the Nuggets outlasted the Bulls 37-29 as Brad Fisher was the hot scorer for the winners (six points). In a great effort, David Fogelman scored four points and keyed the fast break for the Bulls.

**Urgin' on the home boys**



It's been a tough season thus far for the Bethlehem boys basketball team, but cheerleaders Siobhan Sheehan (l), Tracy Roberts, Melissa Trent and Gretchen Sodegren do their best to keep spirits high.

Seth Hillinger

**Yankee GM heads banquet guests**

New York Yankees General Manager Gene Michael will head a list of guests at the Albany-Colonie Yankees Hot Stove Banquet, 6 p.m., Jan. 30, at the Colonie Elks.

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# 'Birds loss a lesson in winning *Bethlehem hoopsters stumble on three losses*

By Kelly Griffin

For the Voorheesville boys basketball team last week, the lessons learned from a loss helped lead to a win.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, the team had what has been called its worst game in five years. As coach Skip Carrk put it, "We didn't shoot well, we didn't rebound well, we didn't play defense well, we didn't do anything well. I can only describe it as horrible. We were completely embarrassed on our home court."

Only one player, center Kevin Relyea with 13 points, scored in

double figures. The Blackbirds managed just 11 baskets in the entire game. The final score was 56-28 in favor of Cohoes.

But this setback had some positive effects. Carrk indicated that now the team is trying to concentrate on what it can do better as a whole, rather than focusing on strategies for each upcoming game.

For Friday's game at Averill Park, the Blackbirds fielded a taller starting lineup with the debut of sophomore Josh White.

Voorheesville jumped ahead 19-11 in the first quarter. The team kept up its intensity and enjoyed a 31-17 lead at the half. The 'Birds went on to win, 63-54.

The key for Vville in this game was balanced scoring. Kevin Meade led with 21 points. Brad Rockmore added 14, Relyea 11 and both White and Tom Dutkiewicz had 9. Rockmore also made his mark by hitting four out of six shots from three-point range.

The team plays at Lansingburgh on Friday night.

## Ladybirds drop two in close contests

By Greg Sullivan

The Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team had a tough two games last week as they lost to Colonial Council powerhouse Cohoes on Tuesday, Jan. 5, and then were edged by Averill Park on Friday, Jan. 8.

Voorheesville faced, perhaps, the Colonial Council's toughest team in Cohoes. Starting four seniors from last year's league championship team, Cohoes looked to give the Ladybirds all they could handle.

Voorheesville, however, came

out very strong, and behind senior forward Becky Bailey's 17 points, the Ladybirds led after three quarters. Things looked good for Voorheesville until the fourth quarter when Cohoes' experience took over, and they outscored the Ladybirds 17-4 in the final quarter for the 68-60 victory.

Despite the loss, Voorheesville head coach Nadine Bassler was enthusiastic about her team's play. "I'm happy we played as well as we did against them," said Bassler. Cortney Langford and Kristen Person chipped in with eight points

each in a losing effort.

On Friday, Voorheesville traveled to Averill Park where they met one of their most evenly matched opponents of the year. The Ladybirds saw three players reach double figures in the scoring column, but to no avail as Averill Park nipped Voorheesville 63-59.

The two losses dropped Voorheesville to an even 4-4 record in the Colonial Council. They will continue league play next week with an away game against Mechanicville and a home encounter against Lansingburgh.

## Bethlehem hoopsters stumble on three losses

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem boys basketball team (2-4, 3-8) lost three games to Suburban Council rivals last week.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, Saratoga defeated the Eagles 71-50 in Saratoga. The Blue Streaks led from start to finish, opening up a 12-point lead by halftime. Saratoga scored 18 of its points on foul shots, compared to five for BC.

Bethlehem coach Jack Moser attributed this to poor defensive posture. "We weren't in good position—we were reaching and grabbing." Mike Pelletier led the Eagles with 16 points while Matt Follis contributed 12.

The Colonie Raiders beat BC 63-41 on Thursday, Jan. 7, at Colonie High School. Colonie had beaten the Eagles 58-43 in Bethlehem earlier in the season. BC stayed with Colonie for the first three quarters, falling behind by only nine points. The Raiders blew out Bethlehem 20-7 in the fourth

period. "Our intensity level just stopped. We got poor shots and we played poor defense," Moser said. "One of our problems this year is being consistent. We have one or two quarters when we lose our focus and it costs us the game." Pelletier scored 13 and Follis 11 for BC.

Columbia defeated Bethlehem 70-52 on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Columbia High School. The home team led 21-19 at the end of the first quarter, but opened up a 39-27 lead by halftime.

"We had a bad week," Moser said. "Our defense has gone down since our three game winning streak. We weren't aggressive enough on offense. We were taking shots on the perimeter instead of going to the basket."

"Our goal is to win the gold division. I still think we have a chance. We'll have to fine tune our offense and get tuned up defensively."

## Bethlehem grapplers victorious on the mat

By Jared Beck

On Saturday, Jan. 9, the Bethlehem Central varsity grapplers snapped a string of five consecutive losses with an impressive win over a strong Saugerties team. The victory came three days after a home loss to Saratoga.

Against Saugerties, Bethlehem won 34-28. Anthony Genovese (112 pounds) pinned his opponent in 5:24, Matt Carotenuto (138) scored

a pin in 3:44, as did Nat Beyer (145) in 2:27 and Ken Van Dyke (167) in 1:25. Other winners for the Eagles were Aaron Mooney (98) who won a 5-2 decision, Zack Hampton (119), who delivered a 10-2 decision and Brian Davies (132) who won 6-4.

Saratoga was a different story for BCHS. The Eagles lost 53-20, as a result of four pins and one technical fall at the hands of SHS.



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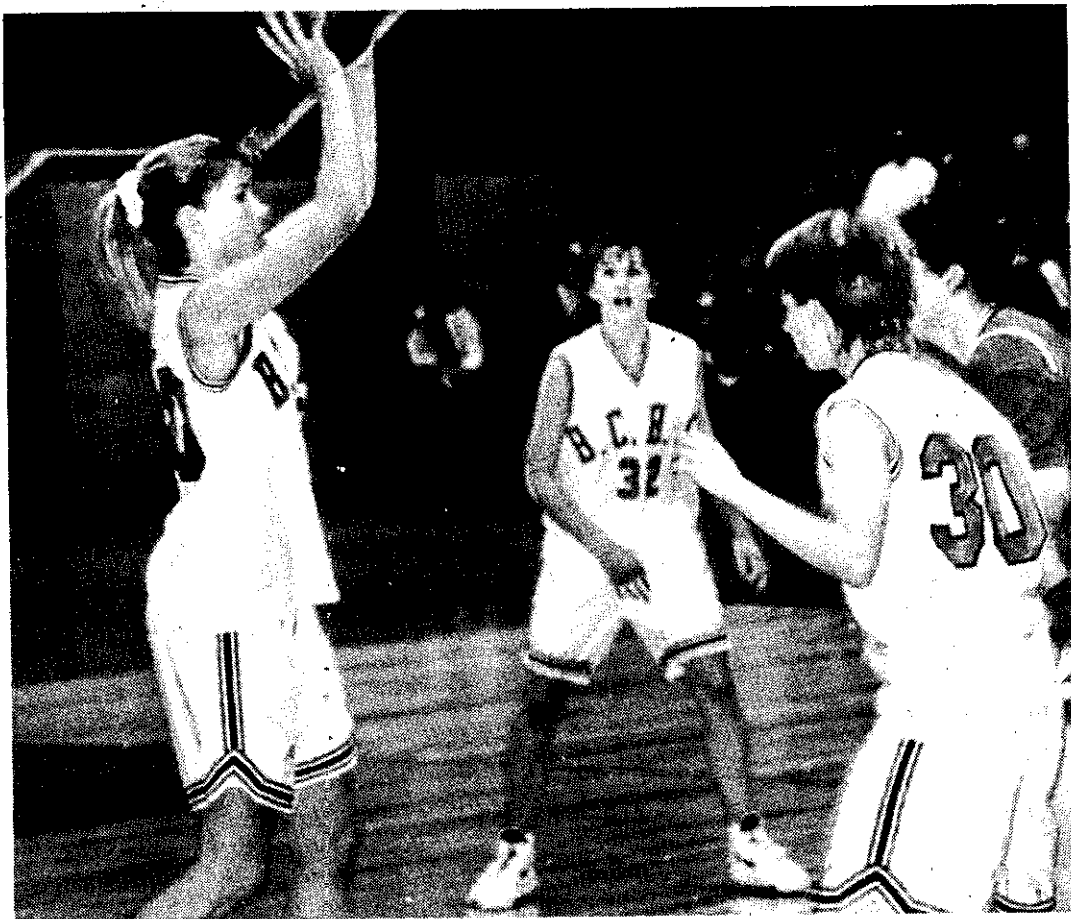
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Karena Zornow (l), Sheila McCaughin and Lynda Smith, are three of the reasons behind the success of the BC girls basketball team this year. *Seth Hillinger*

## BC girls remain unbeaten in league play

By Jamie Sommerville

Watch out folks! The Bethlehem girls basketball team is coming — full steam ahead.

In the past week, the Lady Eagles took on two of the toughest teams in the Suburban Council and prevailed on both occasions.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, the Eagles faced Columbia and thanks to a strong fourth quarter pulled out a 46-40 win. Junior Sheila McCaughin had 16 points, five rebounds and six steals. Sophomore Karena Zornow wound up scoring 19, including six in the last eight minutes. She also had 11 rebounds.

On Friday, Jan. 8, the girls took on Saratoga, which is one of the toughest teams in the Suburban Council according to coach Bill Warner. McCaughin scored 22 while Zornow added 20 points and 17 rebounds. The final score was 53-39.

With these two wins, the girls team is 6-0 in the league and 8-2 overall.

"We've just been doing better and better," Warner said. "These were two big wins for us. Both were very tough."

Burnt Hills and Ichabod Crane are on the itinerary for this week.

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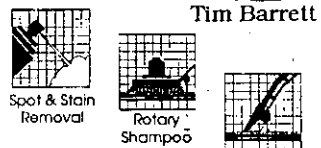
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# Shoes

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Webster thinks it will be hard to replace Ringler. He will leave "giant footprints to fill," he said.

Webster admires Ringler's political and business acumen. "He's a great public servant and a great businessman."

Even Ringler's announcement that he would not run showed his political mettle when he also said he would support an extension of the sales tax next year, Webster added. Many politicians vowed they would nix the one-percent hike to 8 percent after a year. "I just admire someone with the guts to stand up and say that," Webster said. "Ken is a class person — top drawer, we're going to miss him badly."

"Bethlehem couldn't have had a better supervisor than Ken has been," said his counterpart on the educational side, school Superintendent Leslie Loomis. "He serves as a model for the kind of adults we want to produce on the school side," Loomis added. He said Ringler not only functioned effectively as a supervisor, but demonstrated integrity as a person. "I am very sorry to see Ken Ringler go."

Police Chief Dick LaChappelle concurs. "His guidance and wisdom have been very very helpful," he said, "He's a real hands-on guy — interested and very knowledgeable."

LaChappelle said without Ringler's help many things that happened in his department this year wouldn't have. Ringler and the board supported departmental reorganization and training consistently, "throughout the year — on a day-to-day basis, he gave total support."

The chief said he also admires the fact that the supervisor doesn't "shoot from the hip."

"He's not afraid to state his opinions. ...His decisions are well-thought out, it's refreshing," LaChappelle said.

Gary Swan, a planning board member who had worked as Ringler's campaign manager in a primary run against Sue Ann Ritchco in 1989, said: "In Ken Ringler, I saw a strong commitment to take on tough issues, a public servant who would serve the people rather than start on a long-career track."

Swan said he thinks Ringler will someday re-enter the political scene. "Ken has a long potential political future. He's very young and capable."

For Bruce Secor, who has served as commissioner of public works under three supervisors, working in Bethlehem is "like living in nirvana."

"The thing I respect the most is the they (Tom Corrigan, Robert Hendrick and Ringler) made every attempt to run Bethlehem as a business."

Secor said he has the greatest respect for Ringler. "I'm extremely disappointed that he's leaving."

And the newest member of the town board elected to her first full term in 1991, Sheila Fuller, said Ringler will be missed. "He served the town with distinction."

Her colleague, Charlie Gunner, who also announced that he will not run for another term, agrees. "I found him to be real hard working. He is a good supervisor. I thought Ken did a wonderful job."

And board member Sheila Galvin, said that although she and Ringler did not always see eye to eye, they had a good working relationship. "Overall, I think we've worked well together. ...Everybody has had the good of the town as the end goal, and although we haven't always been on the same side, I think that's healthy."

"I have not in any way found him difficult to work with," she added.

Town Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph said Ringler has made his job much easier. "He's going to be missed greatly by me and all the residents. It's going to be tough to replace him," he said.

Sagendorph said Ringler is the kind of supervisor who "takes it upon himself to answer the concerns of the people," and added that he is very knowledgeable of every facet of the town. "It amazed me how quick he was to respond and how he was always accessible."

"I do admire how Ken's been able to take everybody under his wing."

Marty Cornelius, executive director of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, said she admires the way Ringler relates to people. "He deals with everyone the same. I like the fact his door is always open," she said, "This chamber has always had a great relationship with him, and I'm numb over the fact that he's leaving."

## Five Rivers to offer workshop for teachers

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a winter environmental learning workshop for teachers and youth leaders on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The program will include ideas for introducing topics such as tree identification, animal tracking, a visit to a beaver colony, endangered species, winter birding, maple sugaring and nature sketching to children.

There is a \$5 fee and pre-registration is recommended. For information, call 475-0291.

# GOP

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was president of the Bethlehem Central School board for eight years. She cited solid waste and the passage of a master plan for the town as two crucial issues facing the board right now.

The name of Albany County Legislator Jim Ross has been circulating in political circles this past week, but the Elsmere resident said he would be "very, very reluctant" to forego his position with the county. "The issues are broader," explained, "and I really enjoy working with our new executive Mike Hoblock."

Ross was just re-elected to a new term in the legislature. He recently gave up his position as legislative minority leader because of the enormous demands it made on his time.

# Dems

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Democratic line while Faso collected 8,000 on the Republican line.

It was his first run for political office, and Glazer says he was buoyed by his showing locally. Since November, he has maintained a high profile by helping focus attention on possible environmental hazards posed by the North Street landfill.

"I think the Democrats can win the supervisor's seat," Glazer said. "It's a little early to be looking at this, but it looks like a wide open year. Based on the results of the past few years with (former Councilman) Bob Burns and (County Legislator) George Kansas, I think there will definitely be some opportunities."

The political landscape is changing, not just in Bethlehem, but all over the upstate area, according to town Democratic Chairman Matt Clyne. "The tendency is to scrutinize the issues and vote for a candidate rather than a party. The

At the same time, Ross acknowledged that he had been approached about running for the supervisor's seat and given the importance of the job he couldn't in good conscience rule it out. "I don't want to blow out the candle until I get some advice from my colleagues."

In terms of the open board seat that will be created by Councilman Charles Gunner's decision not to seek re-election in November, Planning Board member Gary Swan said he had been contacted over the past few days by friends encouraging him to run for the board.

"In light of my eight years of service to the town, it's something I will give consideration to over the next several weeks," he said.

Swan added that his recent career move from the public to the private sector made a run for supervisor highly unlikely.

domination by one party that you've seen over the last 40 to 50 years is a thing of the past."

If you went just by the numbers, then the elections in Bethlehem, for example, wouldn't even be close, Clyne said. But "there's no question" the Democrats have been making inroads.

"There are people we're looking at," he added, "but I'm not dropping any names at this point."

Enrollment figures provided by the Albany County Board of Elections do show a narrowing of the gap although the GOP still maintains a significant edge in party affiliation.

In 1987, the Democratic enrollment in Bethlehem was 4,032 while the GOP count was 7,882. As of last October, the Democrats improved to 5,470 compared to 8,203 registered Republicans.

The number of independents has increased substantially over that time, which again could be good news for the Democrats. Independents numbered 4,329 in 1987 compared to 5,512 in 1992.

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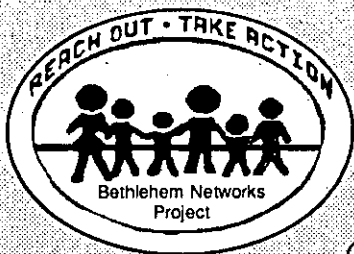
The group now has five task forces working to combat drug and alcohol use by the young people of this community.

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Gwyneth Murphy and Robert Heineman

## Heineman, Murphy wed

Robert Keith Heineman, son of Beverly and Robert Heineman of Delmar, and Gwyneth MacKenzie Murphy, daughter of Bronwen Griffiths Murphy of White Plains and the late Frank MacKenzie Murphy, were married Nov. 21.

The bride, a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, is a graduate of White Plains High School, Westchester County, and Barnard College, New York City. She received her graduate education at Fordham University Law School, New York City, and Harvard University Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass. She is a lay minister in Salt Lake City.

The groom, formerly of Delmar, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge. He also graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, and is an attorney in Salt Lake City.

The wedding and reception

were at the Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz. The service was conducted by the Rev. Michael Corrigan, assisted by the Rev. Ned Wight and Jeannie Peterson. The bride was escorted by David Murphy, her brother.

Victoria Murphy was the maid of honor and Melissa Gleason the matron of honor. Both are sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sharon Batson and Barbara Flessas. Rachel Murphy, niece of the bride, was the junior bridesmaid. Flower girls were Johanna Mosley, niece of the bride, Tamara Eaton and Hannah Eaton.

The best man was Matthew Heineman, brother of the groom. John Bird, Steve Pollock, Mark Taylor and Bill Riedman were ushers.

The ring bearer was Daniel Murphy, nephew of the bride.

After the wedding, the couple lives in Salt Lake City.

## Bulgaro, Gannon plan wedding

Patrick Bulgaro of Voorheesville has announced the engagement of his daughter, Trisha Marie Bulgaro, to David Connell Gannon, son of Marie and Edward Gannon of Lackawanna, Erie County.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and Siena College in Loudonville. She is a certified public accountant and is employed by the Morrell Automotive Group in Albany. She is the daughter of the late Maryann Bulgaro of Voorheesville.

The groom, a resident of Albany, is a graduate of Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo, St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, and Albany Law School. He is an attorney with the state Department of Taxation and Finance, Troy.

A wedding is planned for September. After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Delmar.

## County Legislature honors Vville schools

Voorheesville Elementary School and the Voorheesville Central School District were recognized recently by two resolutions in the Albany County Legislature.

The resolutions were introduced by Dominick DeCecco and co-sponsored by Charles Houghtaling Jr. and MaryLou Connolly.

The school was recognized for receiving the Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education for the 1992 school year. Among the criteria evaluated were the history and mathematics programs and the involvement of students and parents in after-school activities.

The school district was recognized for having both of its schools honored with Blue Ribbon status. Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School received the Blue Ribbon award in 1991.

## Clarksville church sets potluck suppers, films

Beat the winter blues and come to the Clarksville Community Church film series/pot luck supper on Sundays, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb 14. Supper starts at 5:30 p.m. and the film starts at 6:30 p.m.



Patricia and John Donohue

## Weber, Donohue marry

Patricia Weber, daughter of Mary Ellen and William Weber of Delmar, and John Donohue, son of Rosemary and John Donohue of Manasquan, N.J., were married Oct. 17.

The Rev. Richard Broderick conducted the ceremony in St. Mary's Church, Albany.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Providence College. She is employed by VTS Travel Enterprises in New York City.

The groom, a graduate of Chris-

tian Bothers Academy of Lincroft, N.J., and Providence College, is employed by Bankers Trust, also in New York City.

The maid of honor was Anne Weber, and bridesmaids were Emily Weber, Elizabeth Gray, Margaret Jeram, Catherine Donohue and Cynthia Bronk.

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After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple lives in Montclair, N.J.

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## Obituaries

### Valentine P. Tice

Valentine P. Tice, 84, formerly of Voorheesville, died Monday, Jan. 11, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

Born in New Scotland, Mr. Tice most recently had been a resident of Knox.

He had been a dump truck driver for Bohl Construction Co. before he retired in 1972.

Prior to his employment with Bohl, he had worked for Duffy-Mott Cider Mill in Voorheesville.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a brother, James H. Tice of Albany.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home on 490 Delaware Ave. in Albany.

Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Colonie.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

### Evelyn Sanvidge

Evelyn Grosfant Sanvidge, 93, formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Jan. 4, at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy.

Born in Oneonta, she most recently was a resident of Colonie Manor in Latham.

Mrs. Sanvidge retired in 1966 from the D&H Railway in Albany where she was a stenographer for more than 25 years. She was also a gift shop manager at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

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

She was the widow of Thomas F. Sanvidge.

Survivors include three nephews, William Sanvidge, John Sanvidge and Thomas Maney, all of Troy; and a niece, Joan Philo of Troy.

Services were from John J. Sanvidge Funeral Home, Troy.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to St. Augustine's Church Memorial Restoration Fund, Troy.

### Winston Maurer

Winston C. Maurer, 65, of Elsmere, a former production worker and watchman, died Thursday, Jan. 7.

Born in Albany, he was a life-long Capital District resident.

For 30 years, he was a production worker and night watchman at the former Albany Plastics Co., retiring in 1982. He also had been employed at the Niagara Insul-Bake Co. and the Master-Lac Plastics Co. from 1951 to 1958.

Mr. Maurer was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Van-DeLoo-Miller American Legion Post, Albany; the Bethlehem Memorial VFW Post; and the Bethlehem Elks Lodge.

Mr. Maurer was an avid bowler and had received numerous awards while a member of the Albany Billiard Ball mixed bowling league from 1962 to 1969. For several years, he had been an usher at the Palace Theatre in Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Ehle Maurer.

Services were from Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany, with burial in Memory's Garden, Colonie.

### Doris Case Burke

Doris H. Case Burke, 72, of Alden Court, Delmar, died Thursday, Jan. 7, at her home.

Born in Glens Falls, Mrs. Burke was employed as a bookkeeper in the Glens Falls area for many years.

She was a communicant of Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar and attended St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls.

She was a former member of the Court McDermott Catholic Daughters of America, and a member and active volunteer of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

She was the widow of Patrick J. Burke.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen McGuire of Delmar and Margaret Smerkers of Clifton Park; a son, James Burke of Cherry Hill, N.J.; and five grandchildren.

Services were from St. Mary's Church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, South Glens Falls.

Arrangements were by James F. Singleton Funeral Home, Queensbury.

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

### Rose Pfeiffer

Rose Pfeiffer, 77, of Kensington Court, Delmar, died Sunday, Jan. 10, at her daughter's home.

She was born in Romania and immigrated to Haifa, Israel, in the early 1930s. In 1957, she moved to New York City, where she was employed as a novelty worker at Pfeil and Holing, retiring in 1982. She moved to Delmar in 1987.

She was a member of Temple Israel and its sisterhood, the Bat-Zion Albany Chapter of Hadasah, the Bat-Zion Study Group of Albany and the Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

She was widow of Siegfried Pfeiffer.

Survivors include a daughter Naomi Reiss of Delmar, and two grandchildren.

Services were from Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany.

Burial was in the Beth El Cemetery, Oradell, N.J.

The period of mourning was observed at the Reiss residence.

Contributions may be made to the Siegfried and Rose Pfeiffer Memorial Fund of Temple Israel.

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## Kegling kids and cops



Katie Riegel takes dead aim at Del Lanes while Amy Recene, Officer Mike McMillen, Alessandra Greenfield and Officer Ray Linstruth look on. The DARE program sponsored a day of bowling during the recent school vacation.  
Dev Tobin

## Speech and debate club scores in area contests

By Jared Beck

The Bethlehem Central High School speech and debate club continued its successful season with strong showings in Shenendehowa on Dec. 29, and in South Glens Falls on Jan. 9.

In Shenendehowa, Bethlehem picked up first place overall, in a solid field of area teams. Contributing to the effort were Jared Beck, who captured first place in the varsity extemporaneous speech category, Jen Christian who placed third in oral interpretation, and Arif Kabir and Nat Dorfman, who took second and third respectively in novice Lincoln-Douglas debate.

The topic that the debaters addressed was "Resolved, that when in conflict, the spirit of the law ought to take priority over the letter of the law."

Other competitors for Bethlehem were Ethan Schoolman and Mike Pressman in extemporaneous speech, Janice Gallagher in junior varsity Lincoln-Douglas

debate, and Jen Rifkin and Jen Piorowski in duo-dramatic interpretation.

At South Glens Falls, the BC team placed third overall. Sebastian Renkhoff-Schmidt chalked up first in varsity extemporaneous speech and Schoolman scored second place in the same category. Gallagher was in third place in varsity Lincoln-Douglas debate, with Beck taking third in novice debate.

Mike Moon made it to the final round of the extemporaneous category. Other competitors for Bethlehem were Rifkin in dramatic interpretation and Gloria Tsan, Colleen Welsh and Casey Cornelius in oral interpretation.

After these successful meets, the team is planning to attend a February tournament at Harvard University, and the state tournament at Shenendehowa in April. Four team members — Gallagher, Christian, Schoolman and Beck — have already won bids to the state competition.

## Parsons center sets adoption program

Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany will host an orientation for couples interested in adopting children ages 1 to 4 years old from Thailand on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.

To be eligible, couples must be between the ages of 28 and 49 and have no more than two children in their family.

The fee for the orientation is \$35 per couple and a reservation is required. Fees may be paid at the

door, or can be mailed to International Adoption Program, Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany 12208.

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## Van Woert initiated into honor society

Judith M. Van Woert, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Van Woert Jr. of Delmar, was initiated recently into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

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## Snow or no, Grafton festival's a go

By Dev Tobin

Despite the decidedly unwintry weather of late, the eighth annual Winter Festival at Grafton Lakes State Park features a full slate of indoor and outdoor activities on Saturday, Jan. 23.

"There's still hope that we can get some snow, and barring another thaw, the ice will be thick enough for fishing and skating," said Melodee James, park interpreter.

"We had a dusting last year, enough for the snow sculpture and cross-country skiing, but some snowmobile events had to be cancelled," she said.

More than 1,000 people attended last year's two-day event, despite below-zero wind chills, and the festival won a regional award from the state Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Snow or no, this year's schedule includes a wide variety of activities and demonstrations (see schedule), and it is all free.

"A lot of family activities in the winter, like skiing, going to the movies or skating, cost money, but there is no charge at all for our festival," James said.

The ice fishing contest, sponsored by Towne 'n' Country Rod & Reel of Berlin, offers a grand prize (for the longest fish) of a weekend fishing trip for four on Lake Ontario with Captain Sykes, along with other cash and merchandise prizes.



Hockey and snow sculpture are among the many activities available for free at next Saturday's winter festival at Grafton Lakes State Park outside Troy.

The contest will be on four of Grafton's five ponds, all of which are stocked annually.

Prizes for four species (trout, walleye, chain pickerel and yellow perch) will be based on measurement and awarded in two classes — adult (16 and up) and children (15 and under).

If Old Man Winter cooperates, festival-goers can also take advantage of the park's eight miles of cross-country trails, 12 miles of snowmobile trails and sledding hills. Ski rental reservations can be made by calling 283-5509.

"We'll have horse-drawn hayrides no matter what, but if we get some snow, we'll have sleigh rides also," James said.

While the park's beaches are very popular in the summer, James emphasized that Grafton is open every day of the year, and added the winter festival is a way of showcasing the park's winter recreation opportunities.

"We also have environmental interpretive programs for individuals and school groups in the winter," she said.

Grafton Lakes State Park is on Route 2, 12 miles east of Troy. The winter entrance is in the village of Grafton, about a mile east of the summer entrance.

### WINTER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE



6 a.m.	Registration opens for ice fishing contest
8 to 9 a.m.	Ice skating and hockey at Mill Pond
10 a.m. to noon	Orienteering competition
10:30 a.m.	Outdoor activities for the family
10:30 a.m.	Narcotics dog demonstration
10:30 a.m.	Hypothermia: What to Do
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Free blood pressure check
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Curling for children and adults
11 to 11:30 a.m.	Mountain Merriment: NYS Tall Tales
11:30 a.m.	Tracks and traces activity
11:30 a.m.	Nest box building (sign-up required)
11:45 a.m.	Save Some World for Me songs
noon	Orienteering for beginners
noon to 4 p.m.	Horsedrawn hayrides
12:30 to 2 p.m.	Orienteering course
12:30 p.m.	Ice rescue demonstration by State Police scuba team
1 p.m.	Mountain Merriment: NYS Tall Tales
1 p.m.	Hypothermia: What to Do
1 to 3 p.m.	Snow sculpture contest
1:30 p.m.	Nest box building (sign-up required)
1:30 p.m.	Basic ice fishing workshop
1:45 p.m.	Save Some World for Me songs
2 p.m.	Tracks and traces activity
2:30 p.m.	Rensselaer County Search and Rescue Team demonstration
3 p.m.	Outdoor activities for the family
3:30 p.m.	Ice fishing contest ends
4 p.m.	Closing remarks and awards ceremony
4 to 9 p.m.	Night ice skating on Mill Pond
8 p.m.	Star-gazing party on Second Pond

## Child's eye view frames '93 King celebration

By Kathleen Shapiro

If you're looking for a way to celebrate Martin Luther King Day, get your walking shoes on.

Gov. Mario Cuomo, singer Harry Belafonte and civil rights activist Cleveland Robinson will join throngs of supporters from across the state for the eighth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration on Monday, beginning with a 9 a.m. march from the corner of State Street and Broadway in Albany up the hill to the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.



"It's going to be a real quick march in case it snows," joked Jamie Denard-Bracey of the Martin Luther King Jr. Institute for Nonviolence, which coordinates the annual celebration.

The events, which are free and open to the public, are expected to last until noon. Those taking part in the parade should arrive by 8:45 a.m. to start lining up, said Denard-Bracey.

Once at the convention center, marchers will be treated to coffee, music, videos and other activities emphasizing the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement which still plays such an important role in today's society.

"We've had thousands of people in the past, and we're expecting thousands more this year," said Denard-Bracey. "I think we're going to have more people than ever."

The 1993 celebration will be a little different than previous celebrations, she said. "What we're doing this year is showcasing how children are carrying on the legacy of Dr. King," said

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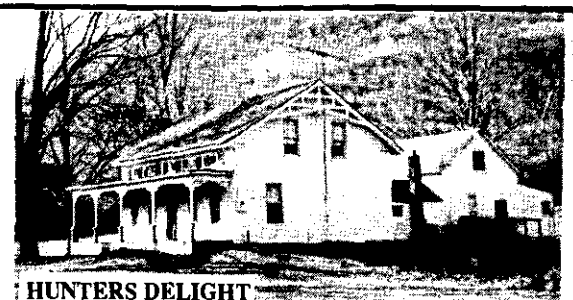


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## Institute to sponsor still life lectures

The Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, is bringing three of the country's foremost scholars in the field of art history to the Capital District to present the lecture series "True to Nature: Still Life Painting," on Sundays, Jan. 24, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, at 2 p.m.

The lecture series will explore the development of still life paintings from the 17th century to the present. William

Gerds, professor of art history at the City University of New York, will present the first lecture, "Still Life Painting in America — A Critical Response."

Admission for AIHA members is \$12 for the series, \$6 for a single lecture, admission for non-members is \$14 for series, \$7 for a single lecture.

To register, call 463-4478.

## Troy arts center slates vacation camp

RCCA: The Arts Center, 189 Second Street, Troy, is offering a vacation art camp for children ages 7 to 10 and 11 to 14, from Feb. 15 to 19.

The camp will include workshops on printmaking, bookmaking, fabric painting, clay, papermaking, sculpture and jewelry. Workshops meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuition for the program, which is co-sponsored by Hudson Valley Community College, is \$120 plus \$25 for materials. Parents are offered the option of an earlier drop-off and or later pick-up time for a small charge.

For information, call 273-0552.

## Museum features Iroquois longhouse

The New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, has a permanent new exhibition, a Mohawk Iroquois Village. It includes the most accurate, life-size recreation of a longhouse ever constructed within a museum.

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bines state-of-the-art technology and extensive ethnohistoric and archeological research to bring visitors back almost 400 years to upstate New York's Mohawk Valley.

For information, call 474-5877.

## King

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Denard-Bracey.

While past activities have centered on presentations and speeches by celebrated dignitaries, this year's holiday calendar will feature more entertainment, including a performance by the Capital District Mass Youth Choir, music videos against racism, rap performances by the Crown Heights Project 17 group and a presentation entitled "Through a Child's Eyes" by members of the institute's pre-teen youth group, which will focus on lessons learned during the group's weekly story hour.

The event will also feature an address by the governor on bias-related crime, as well as presentations by Belafonte and Matilda Cuomo.

Although he's been gone for 25 years, King's message is one worth repeating, Denard-Bracey said.

"It's all about basic decency," she noted, "and as humans, we still have a ways to go. We really need to let people

know that it's a message that has to go out to the children."

In addition to Monday's activities, the institute is also sponsoring a number of events throughout the Capital District.

- On Thursday, Jan. 14, a "Brotherhood Concert" will be presented at 1:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Magnet School in Schenectady. For information, phone 370-8360.

- "The Plays and Stories of Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks" will be presented through Monday, Jan. 18, at the Elmer Avenue School in Schenectady. For information, phone 370-8310.

- On Sunday, Jan. 17, the "United to Make the Dream a Reality" march will begin at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Park on State Street in Schenectady and end at the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Carl Taylor and Schenectady Police Commissioner Charles Mills will be guest speakers. For information, phone 388-4290.

- Siena College in Loudonville will host a lecture, "Balm in Gilead: On Love, Justice and the Word," in the Alumni Recreation Center at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21.

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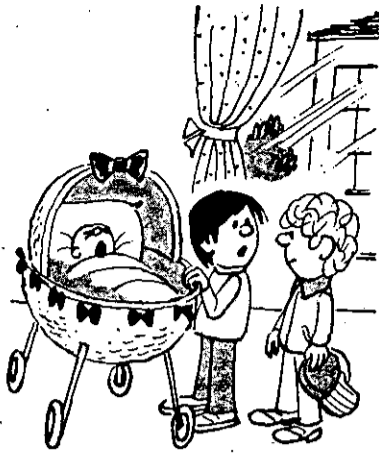
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 20, 1993, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Richard W. Phillips, P.O. Box 308, Voorheesville, New York 12186 for Variances under Article X, Article XII, Article XIV, Article XV, Article XVII and Article XVIII of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for converting existing single story building into a two-story building with (3) 2-bedroom apartments 7 (1) 1-bedroom apartment at premises 70 Hudson Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals

(January 13, 1993)

**TAX NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes and Assessments for the Town of Bethlehem, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes and will receive payments thereon Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York for the properties assessed upon such roll.

**NO COLLECTION FEE DURING JANUARY**

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Unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Albany County Director of Finance on April 1, 1993.

Kenneth P. Hahn  
Receiver of Taxes  
and Assessments

January 1, 1993  
(January 13, 1993)

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO ANNEX PROPERTY FROM THE TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 704 of the General Municipal Law, that a petition by Masullo Brothers, Inc. to annex certain property to the Town of Guilderland, New York and from the Town of New Scotland, New York, has been received by the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, being the town from which the said territory proposed for annexation is located and is described as follows:

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the division line between lands now or formerly of Henry J. Evans on the east and Weatherfield Phase 3 on the west, said point also being in the Township line between the Town of Guilderland and the Town of New Scotland on the south; thence along Evans and into the Town of

**LEGAL NOTICE**

New Scotland S 25 deg. 20 min. 29 sec. E 281.43 feet to a point in the northerly line of land now or formerly of Religious Sisters of Mercy; thence along the same the following three courses and distances, S 88 deg. 39 min. 32 sec. W 1122.09 feet to a point; thence S 27 deg. 35 min. 32 sec. W 469.96 feet to a point; thence S 70 deg. 11 min. 58 sec. W 447.87 feet to a point in the easterly line of lands now or formerly of John D. Flansburg; thence along the same N. 08 deg. 44 min. 26 sec. W 711.80 feet to a point, said point being in the Township line between the Town of Guilderland on the north and the Town of New Scotland on the south; thence along said Township line N 85 deg. 15 min. 00 sec. E 1754.58 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 14.775 acres, more or less.

On the 19th day of January, 1993, at 7:30 P.M., at the Town Hall in the Town of Guilderland, located at Western Avenue, Guilderland, New York, a joint hearing will be held by the aforesaid Town Board of the Town of New Scotland and the Town Board Guilderland, upon this petition.

The members of the Town Boards of the Town of New Scotland and the Town of Guilderland will meet at the above time and place to hear any objections which may be presented against such petition for annexation upon any of the following grounds:

- (a) That a person signing the petition is not qualified therefor, or
- (b) That the persons signing such petition do not constitute twenty percentum of the persons residing within such territory qualified to vote for town officers, or
- (c) That the persons signing such petition do not represent the owners of a majority in value of the property within such territory assessed upon the last preceding town assessment roll, or
- (d) That the petition does not otherwise substantially comply in form or content with the provisions of Article 17 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, or
- (e) That the proposed annexation is or is not in the overall public interest (1) of the territory proposed to be annexed, or (2) of the local government or governments to which the territory is proposed to be annexed, or (3) of the remaining area of the local government or governments in which such territory is situated, or (4) of any school district, fire district or other district is situated, or public benefit corporation, fire protection district, fire alarm district or town or county improvement district; situate wholly or partly in the territory proposed to be annexed.

Objections, based upon subparagraph's a, b, c, d, e, above, must be in writing and placed on file with the Boards holding the hearing.  
Dated, January 11, 1993.

HERBERT W. REILLY,  
Supervisor of the  
Town of New Scotland  
(January 13, 1993)



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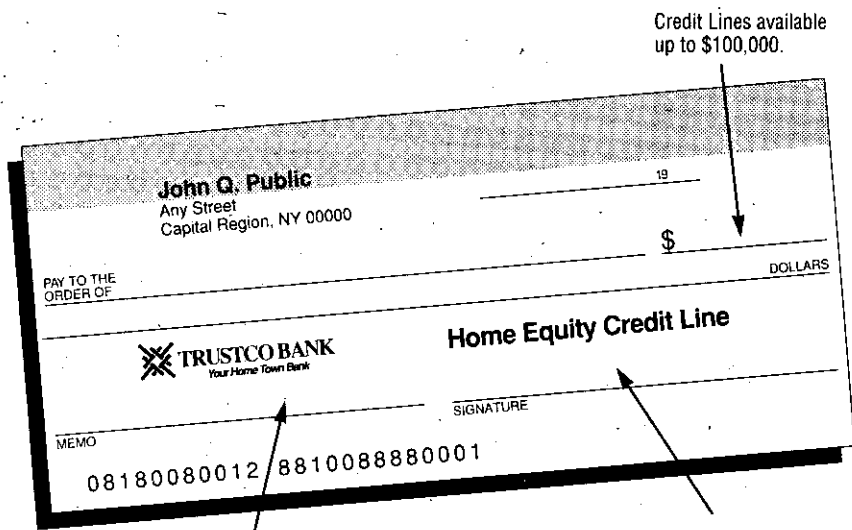


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