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Any takers?



While most motorists were struggling to free their vehicles from a cumbersome coating of ice and snow Saturday morning, this Delmar driver chose a different tack — an open invitation to anyone inspired into neighborly spirits by the storm. *Elaine McLean*

No-frills cable rate gets poor reception

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem cable TV subscribers will be offered a "basic budget" package for \$9.95 starting in the middle of March, but not everyone in town thinks it's such a hot deal.

A-R Cable Services will provide local broadcast Channels 6, 10, 13, 17 and 23 in the package, along with government access Channel 8 and public access station 31, which broadcasts from the Bethlehem Public Library.

As of March 15, any new or current subscriber to A-R will be offered the service. There will be no penalty for changing over from the family package, which includes 30 channels and costs \$22.39.

The budget package was offered primarily because the cable deregulation bill that passed Congress last fall required

cable companies to offer a scaled-down package at a reduced rate.

One resident reacted angrily to the proposal.

"It's disgusting," said John Tafilowski, "Why even bother if all you're going to get is this garbage?"

Tafilowski complained that Troy NewChannels, for example, offered nine channels for only 99 cents a month. "Here they give you virtually nothing for \$10 a month. I could get all the channels they of-

fer with a roof antenna.

"They must think that everyone that lives in Bethlehem is super wealthy," he continued. "I would have gone for the budget service myself if I was getting something for it. I don't think people should stomach this."

Comptroller Judith Kehoe, who also serves as cable administrator for the town, said the town had no power over which stations A-R offers as part of its "basic budget" package.

She acknowledged that all five broadcast stations were probably accessible without cable, although the reception in some areas may not be that great. "How this is going to be perceived in the town, I don't know," she said.

Councilman Charles Gunner said he

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Unocal pulls out of truck stop deal

By Mel Hyman

Residents of South Bethlehem concerned about plans for an "upscale" truck stop facility off Route 144 near the Selkirk Thruway exit can relax.

A spokesman for the Union Oil Company of California (Unocal) said the company was abandoning the project. Unocal's decision to pull out was prompted by the realization that "We could not begin con-

rejected a draft environmental impact statement submitted by the company.

One of the main hang-ups was the board's insistence, as required by the Army Corps of Engineers, that the total amount of wetlands on the site not be diminished. Given the configuration of the site plan,

complying with the wetlands requirement would have meant redesigning at least part of the project.

A Unocal representative contacted the town planning department a few weeks ago about what the town preferred to see

□ UNOCAL/page 22

There were a few who favored it because of the 70-odd jobs it would have created.

Richard Olson

struction for another couple of years," said Ken Donner, manager of real estate, engineering and development for Unocal.

The project, first unveiled in December 1990, seemed like it "was going on forever," Donner said. As a consequence, "It seemed like a good time to back off and look at marketing the property."

Unocal, which owns 26.8 acres between Route 144 and the Thruway, proposed a 200-seat restaurant, a comfort station with shower and lounge facilities, auto and truck fuel islands and parking for 171 cars and 205 trucks.

Unocal ran into some stumbling blocks last summer when the town planning board

Panel hopes to curb senseless loss

By Susan Graves

It can happen here, it does happen here, and it will continue to happen here without a united community front.

During the last decade, 10 young Bethlehem residents died as a result of drunk driving, and many of their family and friends want to make sure their losses aren't repeated.

"Unless we bring it on a personal level, we feel secure. We read about it and say, 'It can't happen to me,'" said Betty Martin of Glenmont, whose 20-year-old daughter Michele died in 1982, the innocent victim of a drunk driving crash on Route 85.

"It can happen here and happen to you," said Mona Prenoveau, coordinator of the Bethlehem Networks Project, a group that works to provide alternatives to alcohol and drugs to youth.

"Betty's kid didn't drink, she was totally innocent," said Prenoveau, who believes alternatives to drinking and drugs can only be effective with the help of

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Mona Prenoveau of the Bethlehem Networks Project and Betty Martin discuss the Victim Impact Panel set for Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

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Burglars lift \$2,000 from Phillips store

The Phillips Hardware store on Delaware Avenue was burglarized recently with the bandits making off with about \$2,000 in cash.

The robbery took place sometime early Sunday morning, Feb. 7, according to Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan. Forced entry was gained through a side door, and although an alarm was activated, the burglars shut it down within a few minutes.

"They busted open the safe" and removed about \$2,000, Holligan said. No merchandise was reported stolen. "All the tools they needed (to crack the safe) were in the store," Holligan quipped. Even with tools at their disposal, "it took some doing."

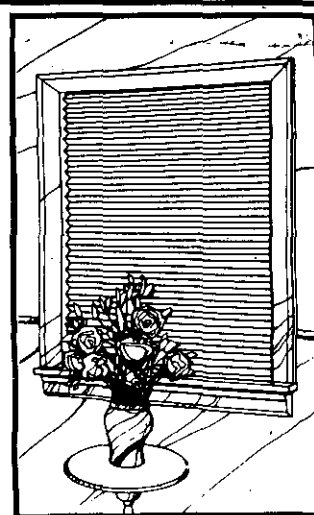
The Rensselaer County Search and Rescue Team was called to the scene, but their bloodhounds could not pick up a scent beyond the parking lot. That led detectives to figure that the culprits probably fled in a vehicle.

The Bethlehem police are following up on some leads, Holligan said. Some neighbors reported hearing the alarm go off, but did not immediately report the incident to police.

Babiskin elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Lisa Babiskin of Delmar was recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Babiskin is an Angier B. Duke Scholar and a 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



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Terhune farm sale caps five-year battle with town

By Dev Tobin

The Terhune farm next to New Scotland Town Hall was sold Thursday, ending a more than five year dispute over violations of the town zoning and junk ordinances at the Route 85 property.

The 81-acre farm was owned by Beatrice Terhune, who now lives in California, and is occupied by her son Donald and his four children.

Frank Bulich of Catskill bought the property from Beatrice Terhune for an undisclosed amount, and agreed in writing to begin cleaning it up in 30 days and to bring it into compliance with town ordinances by Sept. 1, 1993.

Bulich said Donald Terhune will not have to pay rent until April 1, and added that he still had no plans for the property beyond cleaning it up and fixing up the house.

As negotiations for the sale went on without him in January, Donald Terhune continued to maintain that much of what the town called junk was old farm equipment that could be repaired

or used for parts.

"My rights have been violated all along. There is no substance to these charges," he said. "It's not a comfortable feeling to be shoved out of your house when other houses are worse."

My rights have been violated all along. There is no substance to these charges.

Donald Terhune

Terhune complained that the agreement to sell the farm left him "with no money to buy something comparable for my family."

In September, State Supreme Court Judge Edward Conway had ordered Terhune to vacate the property in 45 days and held in abeyance a 30-day jail term and more than \$75,000 in fines.

Under the stipulation agreed to by Beatrice Terhune, Bulich and the town, Beatrice Terhune agreed to pay the town's legal fees for zoning enforcement attorney Cynthia LaFave in the amount of \$16,944.50 out of the proceeds of the sale.

Also, Bulich agreed to commence and prosecute civil eviction proceedings against Donald Terhune if he fails to vacate the property by July 1, 1993.

If Terhune remains on the property and Bulich fails to move to evict him, the new owner will become liable for the \$78,752.90 in fines previously assessed against Terhune.

"There's no way in the world my father won't do what he agreed to do," said Karen Moreau of Pangburn Road in New Scotland, Bulich's daughter and attorney.

If Terhune voluntarily leaves the property by the July 1 deadline, the town will execute a stipulation of discontinuation of the fines and arrest warrant against him.

The agreement also releases Beatrice Terhune from all claims regarding violations at the farm.

"This has been a very difficult matter for Mrs. Terhune, and she is pleased we have resolved the controversy," said her attorney, Donald Boyagian.

Supervisor Herb Reilly said he was pleased that the farm was going to be cleaned up.

"If we didn't win here, we might as well throw our zoning book away," Reilly said.

Driveway duty



Delmar's John Leonard gets his money's worth out of his snow blower following Friday's snowstorm. With more winter weather reported on the way, machines like Leonard's apparently will have to wait a little longer before bedding down for summer. Elaine McLain

BETHLEHEM

Disabilities Act price estimated at \$62,000

By Mel Hyman

It should cost the town of Bethlehem about \$62,000 to make all of its facilities handicapped accessible.

That's the conclusion reached by a seven-member committee charged with bringing the town into compliance with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act passed by Congress in 1990.

This law prohibits discrimination against disabled persons in employment and ensures equal access to public accommodations, public services, transportation and communications.

The largest outlay recommended by the committee is a

\$40,000 stairlift to make the second floor of the town hall handicapped accessible.

Other modifications were called for at Elm Avenue Park, South Bethlehem Park, Henry Hudson Park and the town highway garage.

The town board last week scheduled a public comment session on the committee's report for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10.

Copies of the report are available at the Bethlehem Public Library, the town hall and the Elm Avenue Park office. If a disabled person needs assistance to attend the public hearing on March 10, he or she can call town Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dave Austin.

In other business last week, the board:

- Awarded a bid for washed crushed stone to Callanan Industries of South Bethlehem.

- Awarded a bid for topsoil to Peter K. Frueh of Feura Bush.

- Accepted the resignation of Janet Burns, a clerk typist in the town building department.

Councilwoman Sheila Galvin praised Burns for her "admirable performance" as clerk to the town zoning board of appeals. "(Burns) did an excellent job under some difficult conditions."

Hoblock speech wins bipartisan praise

County Executive Michael J. Hoblock apparently mined a strong vein of assent among members of the County Legislature in his State of the County address last week.

A *Spotlight* survey of reactions among both Republican and Democratic legislators found strong expressions of support for virtually all the principal points that Hoblock made.

Among topics on which Hoblock gained verbal backing were the possibility of extending the 1 percent sales-tax add-on approved last summer, granting more powers to the executive in a revised county charter, and finding a non-partisan answer to the county airport's problems.

Colony Legislator Jay Sherman, the Legislature's minority leader, termed the Hoblock speech "apolitical and realistic," while Democrat Paul M. Collins of the 9th District in Albany said Hoblock had "laid out his ideas in such a fashion he once again extended the hand of cooperation," expressing hope that "we can get away from extremes of partisanship."

Another Democrat, Michael F. Conners, of the 4th District called the address "positive," and said he was "pleased to see that Mr. Hoblock wants to cooperate — several of the ideas that he outlined I can work with and support."



George Kansas



James Ross

"He clearly identified the salient issues that must be addressed without delay through bipartisan cooperation, which is his hallmark," commented Bethlehem Republican James C. Ross.

Also from Bethlehem, but on the Democratic side, came the declaration by a freshman legislator, George P. Kansas, who saw the address as "right on the money," and said that he felt encouraged, hoping that members of both parties would be sufficiently openminded, free-thinking, and open to accountability, to

warrant optimism as to "a better year" for the county in 1993.

Kevin Moss of Gunderland, describing it as "a good speech," expressed the hope that the present session would be less partisan than was the case last year, especially on charter reform.

In a letter to *The Spotlight*, another new legislator, Robin Reed of the Bethlehem-Coeymans 36th District, said she was "impressed by his determination to address and resolve the fiscal, social, and infrastructure issues in our county."

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Owner checking out vacant market

By Dev Tobin

A long-vacant supermarket in Voorheesville may reopen with the help of the village and the town of New Scotland.

At its meeting last week, the town board voted to pay for one quarter of the cost of a market survey for the former Grand Union store on Route 85A, which closed in 1984.

The survey, to cost about \$4,000, will be conducted by the Scrivner Company, a Syracuse food wholesaler interested in developing the site. The owner of the building, Robert Wiggand of Vagand Enterprises, will put up half the survey costs, and the Voorheesville Village Board will discuss whether to put up the other quarter at its meeting Tuesday, Feb. 23.

In a letter to town Supervisor Herb Reilly, Scrivner Director of Sales John Jaconski estimated that the store would employ up to 60 people and have sales in excess of \$6 million.

"This store would offer a full line of groceries, quality fresh meats, produce, a deli and hot foods department plus an in-store bakery," Jaconski said.

Voorheesville is a wonderful area, and I know a store will do well there.

Robert Wiggand

The store would be independently owned under a franchise agreement, with Scrivner putting together the financing and providing merchandise for the new owner, Reilly explained.

"This would help the town by increasing the tax roll and adding jobs, especially for young people," Reilly said.

If Scrivner decides not to go through with the new store, the market survey will belong to the

village and the town.

"One way or the other, this will put to rest" whether or not the area can support another market, Reilly said.

Village Mayor Edward Clark said there was "a general community distress that the building sits there unused. A lot of people want something there."

The building is inspected every year and meets village codes, Clark said.

The store was vacated by Grand Union as the New Jersey grocery chain moved to larger sites of up to 60,000 square feet in the 1980s, Wiggand said. The Voorheesville store is just over 20,000 square feet.

"Voorheesville is a wonderful area, and I know a store will do well there," Wiggand said.

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Middle School musicians to perform at council concert

Forty-nine Bethlehem Central Middle School pupils were selected recently to perform in the Suburban Council Music Festival on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

Seventh and eighth-grade pupils include: Jennifer Abelson, Sarah MacDowell, Jessica Sundram, Matthew Cook, Seth Fruiterman, Elizabeth Marvin, Bradley Pryba, Brian Strickler, Trafton Drew, Jeremy Muhlich, Jessica Fein, Amy Guzik, Andrew Jukins, Emily Prudent, Sarah Svenson, Amy Venter, Jennifer Hahn, Lauren Rice, Anneliese Vogel, Sarah

Kennedy and Jeffrey Mapes.

Also, Scott Strickler, Corey Whiting, Kelly Bitner, Sarah Hughes, Thomas Smith, Sarah Bigelow, John Bragle, Nicole Fowles, Ashley Gall, Laura Gluchowski, Hally Gutman, Kathryn Lange, Sarah Searle-Schrader and James Slingerland.

Sixth-graders include Heather Axford, Susannah Gordon-Messer, Elizabeth Jukins, Cullen Blake, Daniel DiPaola, Tobias Cushing, Jennifer Leary, Ryan Venter, Thomas Eaton, Matthew Fitting, Justin Friedman, Daniel Pierce, Jill Matthews and Cory Reid-Vanas.

NS seniors plan Thousand Islands trip

The New Scotland seniors citizens group is planning a trip to the Thousand Islands on Sunday, May 30, to Friday, June 4.

This trip will include the Clayton-Ogdensburg area, with a stay at the Riverside Hotel in Alexan-

dria Bay. A boat ride, dinner, entertainment and a visit to Cherry Island and Eisenhower Locks are also being scheduled.

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Girl Scouts get it together

By Susan Graves

Last year was a banner year for Junior Girl Scout Troop 642, and this year the Scouts are hoping to further broaden their horizons.

The 10 girls in the troop made a wall hanging to illustrate the meaning of the three Rs — Recycle, Reduce and Reuse — and their message has gotten area-wide, award winning attention. The banner has traveled to Bethlehem Town Hall and back again, the middle school, the Hudson-Mohawk Riverwalk and the Altamont Fair where it won a first prize for a community service project. It was also featured in a TV evening news report on the Riverwalk.

Troop leader Connie Wilbur said the banner has also been used as a teaching tool in all five of the district's elementary schools.

So with all the exposure, there's no place to go but up and that's exactly what the Scouts are doing.

Wilbur said the banner has been entered in a national contest on community service project. "We're going for it," said Wilbur, who added that the troop has also written to Hillary Clinton in the hopes of securing a visit to her new home.

Sharon Fisher, Bethlehem recycling coordinator, said she initially talked to the troop about the project. At the time, the Scouts were looking for an environmental project. "And I was looking for some way to educate people on questions they ask the most about," she said. From there, the Scouts and Fisher decided to make a banner.

Each Scout was asked to bring



Girl Scouts Nicole Privitera, Amy Wilbur and Becky Parafinczuk kneel in front of a display on recycling created by the members of Troop 642. Elaine McLain

something that illustrated the meaning of the three Rs. Several girls brought in items — including tote vs. plastic bags — to show the value of reuse.

Fisher said the wall hanging that she has used in many recycling teaching exhibits has been very useful. "It attracted people's attention," she said.

Closer to home, the troop is planning a visit to the Women's History Museum in Seneca Falls in the spring. "It's a great group of girls who also do a buddy program where each is matched up with a senior citizen," said Wilbur.

Troop 642's banner will be on display at town hall throughout the month.

The Spotlight remembers

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

- The Bethlehem Central School District faced a \$100,000 reduction in state aid as it began work on the 1983-84 budget. School Board President Bernard Harvith said the district has "no place to go if we have serious financial trouble" in the approximately \$15 million spending plan. Despite residents' complaints, the district continued its policy of not providing data on the prospective tax rate increase because, "if you go to a bottom line too early, you scare the public," Harvith said.

- Commenting on the school budget process, Editor Thomas McPheeters wrote, "As a forum for public participation and enlightenment, budget work sessions have in the past left something to be desired. ... Withholding tax rate information for fear of 'scaring' the voters seems wrong-headed and, ultimately, self-defeating."

- The Bethlehem Town Board agreed to sell the historic Adams House on Delaware Avenue to the state Association for Retarded Children for \$115,000.

- Country singer Mirinda Staats of South Bethlehem, "a complex mixture of fifth-grade child and experienced entertainer," according to Barbara Pickup's story, released her first album.

- The Bethlehem Central wrestling team's record fell to 7-1, as it lost its first match of the season to Shenendehowa. Wayne Peschel earned the only pin for BC, and Rob VanAernem, Paul Callanan, Dan Carlson, Andy Tomlinson, Chris Essex and Dave Boettcher won decisions.

Spotlight introduces new feature

Starting in this week's edition, *The Spotlight* will have a separate listing for religious services at churches and synagogues around the area. Please direct any additional information or changes in service times to Susan Graves, managing editor, 439-4949.

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Matters of Opinion

Charter revision: the task ahead

"I wish I'd had it back in August," County Executive Michael J. Hoblock remarked last week, speaking of the report of the county charter commission which presumably is to be handed in this month—six months later.

The Executive himself submitted a proposed charter in draft form last April, and the commission had been studying all the issues nearly as long.

Early indications are that the commission's nine members (seven appointed by the County Legislature, two by the Executive) will be taking a moderately broad and enlightened view of charter revisions. We should expect that these will more appropriately align duties and responsibilities between the two governmental branches and thereby take steps toward a more efficient and effective government.

But, as Mr. Hoblock's comment suggests, timing is also of the essence. A year ago, he was hoping that agreement could be reached on a new document that could have been put before the county's voters for approval last November. As it is, a year's delay at best has ensued.

A call to do 'our part'

Though the import of the emergency may not seem as evident, President Clinton's Wednesday evening address on his economic program does have some of the suspense associated with President Roosevelt's inaugural sixty years ago. (Or his fireside chats in the national emergency of that period, or his "date in infamy" speech of Dec. 8, 1941; or of President Kennedy's missile-crisis cliff-hanger in 1962.)

The nation's dilemma of how to solve overspending, under-employment, accumulated debt, and all the subsidiary issues is, in its own special way, as critical as any of the crises that earlier Presidents have placed before us.

Will the country's attention be riveted so

Midway, sideshow, and main tent

Some readers of the newly issued souvenir program for Bethlehem's 200th anniversary observance will pause a long time at one striking photo. The New York Central's West Shore Train 8 is steaming in to Selkirk on a July morning in 1951 en route to Weehawken. The small frame depot is shaded by a single elm. Passengers waiting to board have just left a DeSoto that stands nearby. Within moments you'd be able to hear the authoritative call of "Board!"

But though that fascinating picture emphatically speaks of days gone by in our town, it's really only one facet of a major, most worthwhile endeavor by the Bicentennial Commission.

In the book's 42 pages you'll find even more significant aspects of Bethlehem's first official 200 years:

- Four pages of important dates compiled by Marie Carlson, ranging from Henry Hudson's anchoring near here on Sept. 17, 1609, to the 1793 legislation establishing the Town of Bethlehem, to the first telephone service (1886), to designation of Bethlehem as a "first-class town" (1941), down to full-valuation assessment in 1991.

Editorials

The Executive says he will study the commission's proposals carefully, as he certainly should. He will be applying his test of whether the draft will rectify the long-standing failing of the present charter: "Everyone in charge, but no one in charge." Modifications of viewpoint and language are possible, and even quite probable. Negotiations to attain broad agreement both on basics and on perfecting detail seem inevitable—and are sure to be time-consuming.

Thereafter, one of the biggest tasks will remain: Informing and educating the voters about the charter's provisions—and persuading them to accept the need for change.

Months must be allowed for that necessity before we all go to the polls and say "Yes" or "No" next Nov. 2.

All the next steps are important, and the forthcoming report will be arriving none too soon to allow for a thorough, objective, and successful revision process from here on.

keenly tonight when Mr. Clinton goes before Congress to outline and explain his program? We should hope so.

It is a tremendous burden of leadership that the President is assuming. The good wishes of virtually all Americans must be with him in that endeavor.

The success of the national effort that he will be describing will be dependent upon many elements—beginning with the realism and plausibility of what he envisions, but certainly entailing the readiness of citizens of all persuasions to help carry that burden.

The slogan of FDR's NRA in that earlier emergency was "We Do Our Part!" It seems a good-enough watchword these six decades later.

- Five pages of maps; the story behind the forthcoming Bicentennial History; and five pages of names of supporters of the effort.

- And most fittingly of all, for a souvenir that will serve its primary purpose for months to come, a full dozen pages enumerating the almost endless events that will begin on March 12 in a colorful opening ceremony plus no fewer than 37 performances and events in 15 different locations that evening.

- Other highlights will include "Family Day" on Sunday, July 4 and the Big Parade on Labor Day (Sept. 6)—there must be just about 76 trombones in the five bands. More than two dozen groups and organizations are already signed up, the program informs us.

- And then, of course, there'll be all kinds of exhibits, lectures, concerts, plays, tours, auctions, races, barbecues, flower shows, and musical events throughout the spring and summer.

The job that the Bicentennial Commission under Bob Hendrick has taken on, and accomplished in such fine style, is evident throughout the program. This handsome product, incidentally, has a price fitting for 1893 if not for 1793—one dollar!

Assessor's thoughtful plan just went awry

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is not my usual custom to respond to letters to the editor, but I feel I must make an exception in this instance, and reply to part of Mr. Bibbins' letter to the Town Board and *The Spotlight* of Feb. 10.

In an effort to keep townspeople aware of the progress of our impending re-valuation I organized two public informational meetings for Feb. 2 and Feb. 3 at Town Hall, and in light of declining attendance in past meetings, I employed a direct mailing to all property owners, using the most economical means available—bulk rate.

Having these cards posted one week in advance, I felt that would be sufficient to ensure adequate delivery to all but out-of-state zip codes. Such was not the case.

At the time of mailing I discovered a typographical error in one phone number, and at this point made a conscious decision to go forward with the meetings as scheduled. To reprint the cards would have taken too long to make use of the reserved Town Hall meeting room.

As cards were received, it became obvious by calls received that I had underestimated the response, which was overwhelming. At the meeting Tuesday night the hall was quickly filled beyond capacity, with the same result Wednesday. To have changed the meeting place at either time would have resulted in even further confusion. At both meetings, I publicly apologized for any inconvenience inadvertently caused. It was, and is still, my intent to assist and inform any who wish to listen, or ask questions.

This series of meetings was not part of a contract, nor was it mandated by any agency, but simply a courtesy provided by me. It was neither "arrogance or ignorance," but a simple miscalculation as to attendance that has caused such furor.

To accommodate those who

Vox Pop

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were turned away, I have scheduled a further meeting on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, and as always my phone and office are open to all who seek answers or assistance.

In closing I again apologize to those who suffered any inconvenience. There are no "dark and ugly things" to hide and I only wish to "accomplish" one thing: a smooth transition from old inequality to new fairness for all.

Richard P. Law III

Slingerlands

Assessor

'Bethlehem Revisited' now due out by April

Editor, The Spotlight:

The final version of "Bethlehem Revisited" required 501 pages—more than originally anticipated. For this reason, the Bicentennial History Committee decided to print the book in hardcover rather than as a paperback.

There will be no further cost to people who purchased 680 books during the prepublication sale, but the additional pages and hard cover required us to increase the price to \$29. This is only \$4 more than previously advertised, and a much better bargain than our original offer.

The shift to a hard cover added several weeks to the production schedule and the book is now expected to be shipped from the bindery in Rochester in late March or early April. A notice of its availability will appear in *The Spotlight* when we're sure it has been shipped.

We think it is worth waiting for and expect you will agree when you browse through the first full-length history of Bethlehem.

Floyd I. Brewer

Senior Editor

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Your Opinion Matters

Spare the Rodham and spoil . . .

I was more than moderately amused by the remark made by one columnist about the Clinton Administration being afflicted with a case of "creeping Rodhamism."

But don't get me wrong, I am a strong admirer of Hillary Rodham Clinton, and wish her the very best, especially for success in her huge undertaking of identifying the ways to reform the health-care system of the U.S. Everyone has a stake in that little problem, and we should be following her efforts with hopeful bursts of applause long before the assigned "hundred days" are up.

But what should we call her beyond the point of using her chosen full name? She obviously doesn't wish to be known as "Mrs. Clinton," and she clearly has rejected being simply "Hillary Clinton" the way that the recent First Lady was just called "Barbara Bush." To refer to her as "Hillary" would be too flip, if not indeed overly familiar.

In a mixture of respect and cowardice, you've noticed, the media are employing the three full names: Hillary Rodham Clinton. In most respects, this squares with a certain perspective that I'll outline shortly.

But I guess that it is the quick emergence of that preferred identification as soon as her husband entered the Oval Office that seems to bug some people, inasmuch as throughout the campaign she was merely the two-name cookie-baker.

Even her husband has recently resorted to introducing her by all three names. That has created

jokes about a henpecked President by some TV comics.

Otherwise, as I mentioned, she (you will note that I'm using pro-

Uncle Dudley

nouns to avoid giving offense by employing the wrong name-tag) is not really out of step with a lot of tradition relating to First Ladies.

Hillary Rodham Clinton. Mary Todd Lincoln. There!—three names do fit together quite nicely, don't they? Certainly a bit more formal than Dolly Madison or Lemonade Lucy Hayes. Or Betty Ford, Pat Nixon, Lady Bird Johnson (*oops*—three names there, after all). Or Mamie, Bess, or Jackie. Perhaps they just didn't have a political agenda.

On the other hand, you can find numerous instances in which the President's wife has been quite frequently referred to by her maiden name as well as her husband's.

Just the other day I read a footnote from a biographer of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. Mrs. Wilson, you recall, is generally believed to have become Acting President for nearly two years after Woodrow Wilson suffered a series of strokes when his proposed League of Nations met with less than acclaim after the Great War. The biographer points out that this strong-minded First Lady insisted on being known as Edith Galt Wilson (even though Galt actually was the name of her first husband rather than her own maiden name).

To some degree, Mrs. Wilson—if I may call her that!—set the style for her next few successors in the White House.

President Harding's wife was Florence Kling Harding, and she was a strong personality, too. Calvin Coolidge's wife was Grace Goodhue Coolidge, and I remember that she was referred to that way quite often. She was succeeded by Lou Henry Hoover. There the little tradition ended.

Some see a parallel with Rumpole of the Bailey and 'She who must be obeyed'

because—to follow the style—FDR's wife would have been known as Eleanor Roosevelt Roosevelt. It was "Mrs. Roosevelt" who became the world's First Lady for many years.

Some Presidents' daughters have adopted the three-name designation, also. You have no trouble recalling Alice Roosevelt Longworth (daughter of Teddy and wife of a man who became Speaker of the House—though perhaps not of his own). One of President Taft's daughters was Helen Taft Manning in her professional life.

So Hillary Rodham Clinton has some history on her side, name-wise. I suppose that those (including White House staff) who don't want to bother with the tongue-twisting tripleheader can always resort to just plain "Her," in the manner of those with stepmothers and mothers-in-law.

The massacre of a magazine

The question of the week is how much tolerance *Si Newhouse* will prove to have, finally, as his friends object to what his new editor is doing to "The New Yorker," and when they ridicule the product and essentially himself.

The Feb. 15 issue, which really is last week's, is a good case in point—starting with its hideous cover. Before I try to describe it, let me mention that the editor and artist require 250 words in an unprecedented explanation on page 6 to defend the artwork and try to explain its purpose.

The cover—which has aroused a flurry of criticism, some of it quite heated—is unusual in numerous respects, beginning with the tomato soup background that would dominate the presentation if it were not for the subject matter. A strikingly outsized drawing features a man, bearded and wearing a hat, and a woman of notably dark skin. The eyes of both are closed, their lips are in contact, the hair dress of each is in keeping with ethnic types: a Hasidic man and a Black woman.

The page 6 defense notes that this is the first cover done by the artist, Art Spiegelman, who then explains that it's "a metaphoric embrace" on the cover and is in-

tended as his "Valentine card to New York, a wish for the reconciliation of seemingly unbridgeable differences in the form of a

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symbolic kiss." He wishes—naively, he concedes—that people closed off from one another by anger and fear (Serbs and Croats, Hindus and Muslims, Arabs and Israelis, West Indians and Hasidic Jews) could somehow just "kiss and make up." There's more, but probably that's enough said about his repulsively ugly work, characterized by a crudity of style and expression.

The next most striking element of this issue of "The New Yorker" is the obvious extent to which staffing and outside contributors have altered during Ms. Tina Brown's incumbency in the editor's chair.

To people long familiar with "The New Yorker," week after week for years, the names of Thomas Beller, Harold Brodkey, James B. Stewart, Sidney Blumenthal, Jeremy Treglown, Michael Crawford, T. Coraghessan Boyle, Anthony Lane, Paul Griffiths, Verlyn Klinkenborg, Nicholas Christopher, Mark Strand, Sandy

Solomon, David Freeman, and David Seidner do not strike many familiar notes, if any. But these are the names that dominate the issue's Contents pages and the text-and-art pages that follow.

Hallmarks of the old "New Yorker" are disappearing rapidly. The end-of-column snippets from other periodicals to which generations of the magazine's staffers added witty punchlines, are all but gone; just one in this issue. The cartoons now are outnumbered by other drawings and photographs which never would have appeared before the present editorship.

Among the articles my attention went to Mr. Blumenthal's (he's the new-age version of Rover's and Drew's Washington dispatches) long piece (eight pages) seeking to establish the Clintonesque theory that Zoe Baird's troubles really lay in the need of various Senators to recreate themselves after their performances in the Anita Hill matter. Do you know the word "conflated"—as in "The public conflated her with her corporate clients"? Or, "Clinton (was) just beginning to connect his synapses with those of Washington." Incidentally, Mr. Blumenthal makes a major error in writing about Senator Joe Biden's personal life.

Conflict is normal—but it can be constructive

The contributor of this Point of View is the State Director of the Community Dispute Resolution Centers Program for the Unified Court System of New York State. He started the program in 1981.

Dr. Christian has worked in the field of criminal justice for the past 30 years. He has a master's degree in criminal

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justice and a doctorate in social science from the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. He and his wife, the former Bernice Ann Koppy, have two sons, Craig, a junior at Notre Dame, and Andy, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School; and a daughter, Jen, a sophomore there. Their home is in Glenmont.

By Thomas F. Christian



We human beings are complicated individuals. We all bring our past experiences, both good and bad, to help solve present problems. Because we see things differently, we have the tendency to disagree with the perception of others.

This can create conflict, but conflict is normal. It is what we do with the conflict that can be the problem.

Conflict can create opportunities to sit down and talk with each other, listen to each other and, yes, even learn from each other.

Family members, relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances and, often times, strangers can disagree on a point of view—but if they are given an opportunity to communicate clearly, they not only can resolve a problem, they can even gain wisdom from the experience.

Today, people are quick to go to extremes when faced with conflict. We may stop talking to a relative or neighbor and it can last for years. A questionable experience with a merchant may lead one to no longer patronize that business, or even to discourage others from using that mechanic, dentist, or store.

The New York Court System is in the business of helping people find a forum to resolve disputes through centers available in every county

This style of conflict management is called avoidance. Sometimes it can be effective but, for the most part, it is not.

The other extreme is to confront the other person. We usually start by verbally letting that person know how we feel. This can even lead eventually to physical violence. Such an approach may, at the drop of a hat, cause a call to the police, or a threat to sue.

Avoidance and confrontation are the two ways we Americans use most often to deal with conflict and they are normally the worst solutions. There is a better way.

Conflict can be constructive rather than destructive. People can cooperate and work together to solve the problem. If the parties cannot reach a mutually agreeable solution through their own efforts because of past history, emotional involvement, or personality clashes, they can sit down with a neutral third person called a mediator.

The New York Court System is in the business of helping people find a forum to resolve disputes. The court has established community-based dispute resolution centers and they are available to every citizen in all 62 New York counties.

The service is normally free. The mediation can be scheduled quickly at a time and a place convenient to all parties. You don't have to take time off from work. The discussions are confidential, so you won't have to air your dispute in a public courtroom or find your name in your newspaper.

If there are damages, restitution can be part of the agreement. Last year, over \$2.5 million was paid to New York citizens.

The mediators in these neighborhood justice centers are volunteer citizens from all walks of life. They include housewives, business people, students, lawyers, and Ph.D.'s. They attend a minimum of 25 hours of classroom training taught by a court-certified trainer. After successfully completing an apprenticeship, they become mediators. Monitored by the program, they

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Legislator challenges colleagues to respond

Editor, The Spotlight:

When I heard County Executive Mike Hoblock's State of the County Address, I was impressed by his determination to address and resolve the fiscal, social, and infrastructure issues in our county. Your editorial, "A summons and a mandate," identified the only means of effectively ad-

Elsmere Fire Co. A disclaims solicitor

Editor, The Spotlight:

Someone has been calling on businesses in the Elsmere Fire District and using the name of Elsmere Fire Co. A., Inc., to solicit funds or ads for a book to be published by the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association.

I wish to make it clear that this individual is in no way associated with, or authorized to represent, the Elsmere Fire Company or Department. I advise merchants that any solicitation of funds for an ad or donation for the Elsmere Fire Company will be conducted by a member of the company who carries an Elsmere Fire Department picture ID card.

In addition, our annual donation drive is conducted in the fall of each year and is preceded by a letter on Fire Company letterhead.

The Elsmere Fire Company is taking steps to see that this misleading solicitation activity is terminated by the organization responsible. We regret any inconvenience it might have caused.

The membership of the Elsmere Fire Company A, Inc., are appreciative of the continuing support we receive.

Robert C. White
President

dressing these compelling issues. We need "effective collaboration" between the County Executive and the County Legislature.

I plan to advance effective collaboration by recommending that each legislative committee be charged to carefully review the State of the County Address and submit a report to the Legislature on the issues and recommendations that are within the committee's purview. The committees' reports would set forth a plan of action to respond to the County Executive's concerns. The committees should also be required to submit a detailed schedule for a timely response by the Legislature.

This process and the committees' report would use the State of the County Address as an instrument of change and effective collaboration.

Robin J. Reed

Selkirk

Ms. Reed is a Republican member of the Albany County Legislature representing parts of Bethlehem and Coeymans.

'Warm Delmar Welcome' for visiting performers

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a seven-year resident of Delmar, I have often been impressed by the community spirit among the business-owners in our town. Their generosity to all sorts of organizations and "good causes" really makes our community an especially nice place to live.

Recently, the Armadillo Café joined the ranks of the generous givers by donating delicious Mexican-style dinners to the three members of "Up With People" who

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receive quarterly training.

Instead of neighbor versus neighbor, mediation is neighbor helping neighbor. If the complaining party and the respondent agree to mediate, the result is that nine out of ten reach an agreement. The mutual agreement is a binding contract. Because the process is voluntary, parties to the dispute are more willing to honor their agreement.

Disputes to be mediated can range from a barking dog or a loud stereo to disagreement on property lines, boyfriend-girlfriend issues, landlord and tenant differences, small claims matters, and interpersonal disputes.

If you take a person to court, one of you will lose and you may have an enemy for life. If you go to mediation, you both can win with a mutual agreement.

In Albany County, the Dispute Mediation Program is at 130 Ontario Street, Albany 12206. The telephone is 463-3686. A call to the director, Sheri Lynn Dwyer, may save a relationship.

Remember, conflict is normal. It is what you do with conflict that can determine the future.

were being hosted by my family. We all ate at the Armadillo, and Ken and Debbie Fuentes, co-owners, came over to meet our guests and extend a warm Delmar welcome.

I am certain that the three young performers left our area with an especially warm feeling of friendship, and, as their hostess, I wish to extend appreciation to the Armadillo Café.

Lois Caulfield

The Spotlight welcomes letters on matters of interest. Letters may be edited for taste, style, fairness, and accuracy.

Guns prevent crimes, gun owner maintains

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to comment on Uncle Dudley's recent attack on gun owners, couched in quotes from a previous article in *The Spotlight*.

First, and almost as an expected aside, Uncle Dudley states that one of the youths involved in the recent shooting in Colonie had made "... a down payment on a machine gun ..."

This is so completely absurd as to discredit Uncle's position. Machine guns have been illegal since the '30s—there is no such thing as the civilian purchase of a machine gun. At least get the facts in order before the ranting begins.

As to myself, I am a gun owner. As such, I absolutely reject the suggestion that gun owners are "lovers of guns and violence" who prostitute the Second Amendment to "... own, carry, and use (emphasis added) arms. As a gun owner, I do not "love guns" (any more than I "love" pliers or screwdrivers) and I certainly don't love violence—I resent the suggestion that I do.

I am sick and tired of being the liberal twits' whipping boy for every violent act, however tragic, that takes place. The gun prohibitionists' theory is that if I, as a legal and law-abiding gun owner, will give up my gun, then by some sociological osmosis, twenty miles down the road, a doped-up punk will refrain from sticking up a Stewart's, and killing the clerk. Reality check. Reality check—life's not like that.

I live in a rural location, and have learned that I have to rely first on myself to protect me and my family. Accordingly, in my home I have fire extinguishers strategically located. The local fire department does not feel I am trying to take away their job. Similarly, I have a gun in my home; the police do not feel I am trying to take away their job. As to that, responsible police agencies will admit that they cannot at all times

protect citizens—sadly, all too often they cannot adequately protect themselves. As a point of interest, in my home I have more invested in fire extinguishers than in firearms.

A gun is a tool to do a job, nothing more or less. However, in our TV-driven society we glorify violence and guns, because it sells. More prosaic tools don't sell—can you imagine a movie entitled "Boyz On the Sawhorse" or "Plumber III (starring Eddie Schwutzennummer)"? This is with all proper respect for the necessary and honorable profession of carpentry or plumbing.

Let me state my position on this matter clearly—I am not a member of the NRA, nor a hunter (though I have nothing against either). Many gun owners take the self-effacing position that "We are really nice guys, we mean no one any harm, please don't hurt us, please don't pass any laws that threaten our gun ownership, we are willing to let you pass laws that are restrictive, etc., etc."

Well, not me. I have never told anyone, "You ought to get a gun" so why do those who hate guns try to interfere in the lives of lawful gun owners? You don't want to have a gun—fine, but don't tell me what to do. Studies have shown that gun use by legal gun owners has prevented substantial crime against citizens. Similarly, many citizens have been deprived of the necessary means to defend themselves against criminal acts, by the gun prohibitionists. Literally thousands of law-abiding citizens have been killed, raped, robbed, maimed because the gun prohibitionists have prevented them from having adequate means of defense. The blood of these people is on the hands of those who prevented them from protecting themselves. You dream-world idealists, who would have everyone believe that if you only think in a "huggy-kissy" mode peace will automatically follow, you are getting people killed, raped, robbed, and maimed every day. Their blood is on your hands.

Their blood is on your hands. Sleep well.

Philip K. Raeder, Jr.

Feura Bush



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Many pitch in, clean flooded dental office

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Sunday, Feb. 7, following sub-zero cold the previous night, a water line that had frozen and burst thawed and poured water for hours onto the second floor of our professional building at 840 Kenwood Avenue in Slingerlands.

The problem was discovered only when a fire/smoke detector on the first-floor ceiling, many feet away, filled with water and shorted out.

While the damage done by the hundreds of gallons of water that spilled and spread through the two floors to the basement will be months in the repairing, the speed with which we were able to recover and start seeing patients has been almost unbelievable.

Dr. Harold Wilson and I give our sincerest thanks to the many members of the community who made this possible. We thank the Slingerlands Fire Department for

their prompt response, quick thinking, and good advice. Also the same for Building Inspector John Flanigan, the Bethlehem Police, and the representative of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. The repairs done right away by D. A. Bennett plumbers were critical, as were the services near dawn by Leland Martin, electrician.

Especially deep thanks to Tim Barrett of Delmar Carpet Care for working through the night extracting 90 gallons of water from the first-floor carpets alone. This let us continue to serve our patients with only one hour of lost appointment time! And of course, thank you to those patients who did re-appoint and to our staff for pitching in. Thank you all.

What a great community to be a part of.

Joseph J. Hart, D.M.D.

Slingerlands

Parties should take a position on waste

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Feb. 3 issue of *The Spotlight* reported that the Bethlehem Work on Waste organization feels that Bethlehem Town officials have been doing little to resolve the solid waste problem. The Town Supervisor responded by saying they don't know what they are talking about, with one board member essentially saying the Town administration will handle the problem.

The June 1992 incinerator referendum was supported by Town officials and rejected by the electorate. Residents have a number of concerns:

1—Garbage pick-up discontinued two years ago. Either pay private haulers or pay for disposal after a five-mile haul to Rupert Road. Couldn't the Town provide more accessibility for garbage disposal?

2—Solid waste reduction—No townwide effort. Those communities that charge on a per-bag basis found an immediate 25 percent reduction in waste.

3—Bethlehem's solid-waste

code—Public hearing held in 1992 on a proposed hearing. What is the status? What have we spent to date on legal and consulting fees?

4—Landfilling—The Town's engineering study showed disposal costs ranging from \$28 to \$50 per ton dependent on size of landfill. What is more beneficial to the town; i.e., disposal costs at \$28 per ton in our own landfill instead of paying ANSWERS \$68/ton.

The comment by the Supervisor that BWOW knows nothing about the solid waste issues applies equally to other board members, as well as the community at large.

BWOW has raised legitimate concerns. With the departure of two and maybe three Town Board members next year it appears most desirable to have the political parties take a stand.

In the meantime we can only hope for information on these serious environmental and economic concerns. Unilateral decisions without community input will be a disaster.

Delmar

Sherwood Davies

Words for the week

Conflate: To combine or mix (two variant readings into a single text, etc.)

Snippet: A small, snipped piece; small scrap or portion, specifically of information, a book, etc.

Synapse: The minute space between a nerve cell and another nerve cell, a muscle cell, etc., through which nerve impulses are transmitted from one to the other.

Restitution: Giving back to the rightful owner something that has been lost or taken away; restoration. Also, a making good for loss or damage; reimbursement. A return to a former condition or situation.

Metaphor: A figure of speech containing an implied comparison, in which a word or phrase ordinarily or primarily used of one thing is applied to another. As: the curtain of night; all the world's a stage.

Wow! BWOW wins spirited defense

Editor, The Spotlight:

Supervisor Ken Ringler's disparaging comment about Bethlehem Work on Waste spokesperson ("As usual, Betsy Lyons is talking about things she knows nothing about"), which appeared in the Feb. 3 *Spotlight* article, "BWOW: Waste Should Be Issue," is just the latest example of the arrogance of power and the legacy of lassitude of Bethlehem's town leadership. It is especially ironic because Ms. Lyons' well-respected expertise on municipal solid waste has been developed over a decade of hard work and study; Mr. Ringler's comment just doesn't wash.

Over the past four years, many (although thankfully not all) of the town's elected officials, appointees, and employees have expressed similar contempt for those of us citizens who study solid-waste issues on our own time and work hard to bring the fruits of our labors to the attention of the town government. Despite our efforts, the entrenched town leadership continues to avoid developing an intelligent, responsible approach to solid waste in Bethlehem.

Supervisor Ringler claims in the article that behind-the-scenes efforts have been underway to resolve the town's solid-waste problem. Maybe. But maybe not.

RCS Middle School pupils remember a beloved teacher

The following was received by *The Spotlight* from six seventh and eighth-grade pupils of Arlene Comithier, their English teacher at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School. Mrs. Comithier, who had taught at the school for more than 15 years, died on Feb. 8. The letter was signed by Christa Diacetis, Brenda Engel, Lillann Green, Emily Janssen, Melanie Relyea, Lisa Thompson.

*In loving memory of our English teacher, Ms. Comithier:
Ms. Comithier the teacher, the friend that she was.
Hardworking and understanding, all because
she thought we were special in our own way.
She wanted us to do our best each and every day.
To reach our goals, she wanted us to strive.
She wanted us to keep our dreams alive.
We came to school like it was just another day
But people were acting in a strange way.
We met in the library and heard the sad news,
And many of the students got the blues.
In our hearts she'll never fade away.
We'll think about her every single day.*

What has been made available for public review? Nothing positive. Following his Energy Answers debacle, culminated by a stinging defeat at the polls in June, the Supervisor in effect disbanded the town's Solid Waste Task Force. And he continues to ignore BWOW's model comprehensive solid-waste plan. As an example of the town's haphazard approach to solid waste, we recently have learned that the town has been dumping the majority of the town's yard waste on North Street without a valid permit. And we thought such yard waste was being composted!

Perhaps the problem is not

Supervisor Ringler personally. Whenever one party remains in power for a long time—whether the Democratic Party in Albany or the Republican party here in Bethlehem—a fiefdom mentality develops. Regular citizens are ignored and denigrated. Perhaps, this explains why, in last November's election, Town Attorney and Republican Party chair, the person behind the throne so to speak, failed to garner a majority of votes—finishing third in Bethlehem behind two Democrats—in the Supreme Court judgeship race. Clearly, residents recognize that it is time for a change.

Saul A. Rigberg

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Laberge bridge bill puzzles supervisor

By Dev Tobin

Two months after negotiating a compromise bill with Laberge Engineering & Consulting for work on the Clarksville Water District, the New Scotland Town Board questioned a \$9,900 bill from the Colonie firm for work on the Onesquethaw Creek bridge.

"I thought this was dead and buried," said Supervisor Herb Reilly.

Back in 1978, a town garbage truck destroyed the bridge, Reilly recalled. The county agreed to rebuild the bridge if the town paid the design costs.

"In the end, the county used a preconstructed steel bridge instead of the wood bridge designed by Laberge," Reilly said.

Laberge had a contract for \$30,000 for the design work, and was paid \$28,000 by the county, who was reimbursed by the town, Reilly noted.

The current bill is for design work on the approaches, which Reilly maintained was not part of the design contract.

At last Wednesday's meeting, the town board instructed Reilly to write to Laberge requesting documentation of the bill and the contract authorizing the work.

In other business, the board tabled consideration of new subdivision regulations that give the

building inspector authority to approve minor (up to four lots) subdivisions.

The board scheduled a public hearing on the new regulations for Wednesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The board also discussed the effect of the pending town-wide revaluation on veterans' property tax exemptions.

Veterans who elected to take the eligible funds exemption currently pay no town or county taxes if their mustering out pay equalled or exceeded their fractional assessment, Reilly explained.

In another matter, the board authorized town attorney John Biscone to begin eminent domain proceedings against the Hilton estate for about four acres of land surrounding a proposed well for the Orchard Park Water District.

The town found what appears to be a potable supply for Orchard Park in a test well at the end of Smith Lane. The water district would serve approximately 60 residences in the area whose private wells are contaminated with salt and methane.

The board also scheduled a public hearing for 7 p.m. on March 10 on a proposed water district for the Palisades Park subdivision (the old Indian Ladder drive-in) owned by Peter Baltis.

Royal Court



Megan Gallagher, seated left, Zachary Eck, Joey Brehm, Colleen Rarich, Becky Thorman, Robert Flynn, top row left, James Terry, Robyn Henderson and Ali Henderson, pupils at the Slingerlands Nursery School, sang songs and handed out cookies to residents of the Good Samaritan Home last Friday. Walter Whalen and Helen Scherwood served as king and queen for the celebration. Elaine McLain

Father Daley to address lenten study group

Now in its third decade, the Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study series, sponsored by the 18 churches of the Tri-Village area, continues to attract a diverse audience.

The theme of the 1993 series is "God's Promises for Peace." The program will be held on Wednesdays, March 5 through March 31, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Del-

mar. Registration and light refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. The presentation by area pastors in from 10 to 11 a.m.

Participating area pastors are the Rev. James Daley, Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, on March 5; the Rev. Mark Bratrud, Full Gospel Fellowship, on March 10; the Rev. Dawkins Hodges, First United Methodist Church, on March 17; the Rev. Thomas Ken-

dall, Unionville Reformed Church, on March 24; and the Rev. Lar Deyss, Delmar Presbyterian Church, on March 31.

To arrange for child care or information, call Lois Caulfield, program coordinator, at 439-8411. If Bethlehem schools are closed, the Bible study program will be cancelled.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Residents and businesses can participate in new voluntary reuse and recycling opportunities for old telephone directories and/or polystyrene (Styrofoam) molded forms.

New NYNEX phone books will be arriving soon, and the old ones will be discarded. Last year, more than 6.5 tons of books were voluntarily recycled by residents and businesses in Bethlehem in a collection last March.

This year, there will be recycling bins for telephone books (and multiple listing books) at town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, and at the Rupert Road Transfer Station in South Bethlehem. The books will be collected from Monday, March 15, until Friday, April 2.

Directories should be put in the bin without plastic bags. They should not be mixed with any other recyclable paper and cannot be put curb-side for recycling in Bethlehem.

Clean Styrofoam molded forms, used for packaging items such as

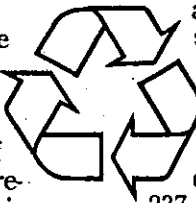
radios, computers and TVs, can be reused by two companies in the area.

Shelter Enterprises, located at 8 Saratoga St., Cohoes, will accept white, tape-free, shaped forms. Colored forms are not acceptable. Shelter Enterprises is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information, call 237-4100.

Affordable Shipping at 904 Broadway, Albany, in the Kimberly-Scott Building, is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will accept styrofoam packaging forms as well as styrofoam "popcorn or peanuts." To recycle an extremely large quantity, such as a truckload, call ahead at 436-4655.

Polystyrene packaging "peanuts" are still welcome at Data Systems Supply, 264 Delaware Ave., Delmar, and Mail Boxes, Etc., with locations throughout the Capital District.

For information, call the Recycling Hotline at 767-9618 from 8 a.m. to noon.



Delmar CHP plans course on parenting

The Community Health Plan will offer a nine-session Systematic Training for Effective Parenting program beginning Friday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Delmar Health Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The STEP program is based on principles of mutual respect, cooperation and open communication between parents and children.

Spaces are open to both CHP members and non-members on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$39 for members, \$66 for non-members, \$57 for member couples, \$93 for non-member couples, and \$75 for member/non-member couples.

The registration deadline is Feb. 23. For information, call 783-1864, extension 4444.

Students to compete in mock trial contest

Students from Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will participate in mock trial tournaments sponsored by the Albany County Bar Association on five Thursdays, Feb. 25, March 11, March 18, March 25 and April 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the Albany County Courthouse.

Winners will go on to participate in the state tournament in May.

Library seeks poets for performance day

The Voorheesville Public Library at 51 School Road is seeking poets to participate in a poetry performance day on Saturday, March 13.

To schedule a reading, call 765-2791.

Take a break, recreate!

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a wrestling clinic for youth in grades three to nine beginning Monday, Feb. 22.

The program will run Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for six weeks from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School. Varsity wrestling coaches will conduct the clinic.

Transportation will be available from the elementary schools to the middle school, and children must be picked up by 5:30 p.m.

For information or to register, call 439-4131 or visit the park office. The program is open to residents of the town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District.

Learn adult CPR

Town of Bethlehem residents can take a half-day program to learn adult CPR on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 8 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

The fee is \$10. To register, call 439-4131.

Bethlehem chamber slates breakfast computer program

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a breakfast program on "Computers and Your Business" on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Howard Johnsons on Route 9W in Albany.

Chamber member Brad Biondo of Future Enterprises will discuss

how businesses can profit with the help of computer software and hardware.

The cost of the breakfast is \$8. Today, Feb. 17, is the registration deadline.

For information, call 439-0512.



Medical, Health & Dental Services



viewpoint on addictions

by Gene Stone, CSW

Approaching the Impaired Employee

If a colleague or a subordinate at work has a drug or alcohol problem, you can't afford to ignore it. Employees who are impaired are a threat to safety, productivity and morale. The problem will not go away by itself.

If you "cover-up" for the impaired employee, you're not helping. In fact, this keeps the person from confronting his or her own problem and seeking help.

Approaching a co-worker about a problem is never easy. If your company has an employee assistance program (EAP), call the counselor and find out how you might be able to help. If your company doesn't have an EAP, call a treatment program or professional counselor for advice in approaching the impaired employee.

It's very important to remember that alcohol and drugs aren't the only

cause of employee impairment. Stress, financial, marital or family problems can affect people in similar ways.

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Racers zoom into hall of fame

By Mel Hyman

When Delmar resident Ollie Palmer was building his reputation, stock car racing wasn't the safest pastime in the world.

It still isn't. But it was a heckuva lot more dangerous back in the old days when tracks were not that well lit, and cars had few of the safety features they have today.

The heyday of stock car racing might be considered the 50s or 60s, which is when Palmer sometimes raced four times a week at area dirt tracks. In those days, there used to be race tracks just about everywhere you looked. Now they are few and far between.

"In my biggest year, I won 13 features on the short tracks in the non-Ford division," Palmer recalled. "I've had numerous accidents. My last ride was at Fonda in 1964 when I flipped seven times and the car was demolished. I felt this was the time to retire."

The thrills and chills returned for a brief time recently when Palmer, along with Selkirk resident Cliff Wright, were inducted into the New York State Stock Car Association's Hall of Fame. More than 600 people crowded into the Polish Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 6, for the event.

The purses back then were nothing to get excited about — maybe \$50 or \$100 for the feature race. But it was enough to buy some new tires and help pay for the maintenance. Just keeping that '37 Chevy coupe in good racing condition was about all you could hope for, Palmer said.

For car owner/mechanic Cliff Wright, Saturday night stock car



Cliff Wright, left, and (Jolly) Ollie Palmer display the plaques given them during their recent induction into the New York State Stock Car Association's Hall of Fame. Palmer hails from Delmar and Wright lives in Selkirk.

Wright, who retired from the Thruway Authority in 1986 after 34 years, said he was "going crazy" just before he retired from the racing scene in 1969. "We were out there four nights a week, and I was working full-time."

But the final straw came in February 1968 when a driver that Wright used to handle was killed

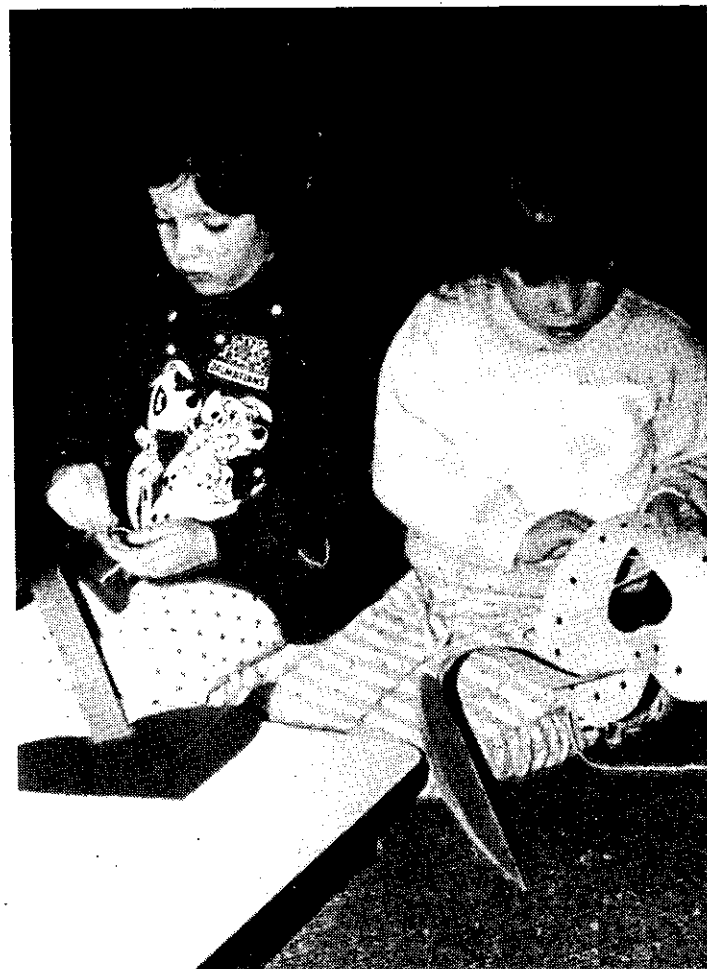
in a stock car race in Daytona Beach, Fla. The late Don MacTavish was trying to make it in the big time after making a name for himself locally, Wright recalled sadly.

"We weren't obligated to the driver anymore because he got killed. We decided it was time to bow out."

Wright's best year was 1964 when he won track championships at the Fonda, Malta, Plattsburg and Victoria speedways. "We had a lot of help from family and friends working on the car and good sponsors like Toll Gate ice cream (Slingerlands) and Universal Auto Parts," he said.

"I pulled Ollie out of two wrecks," Wright said with a smile. "The tracks were nothing like you find today."

Sweethearts



Three-year-old Anna Crucetti of Delmar, left, and Jessica Starr, 4, of Feura Bush, create a Valentine's basket at the Bethlehem Public Library. Elaine McLain

R-C-S readies for building vote

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Feb. 23, to voice their opinions on renovations to the elementary buildings.

Voting will be at the senior high school on Route 9W in Ravena, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old and has been a resident of the RCS school district

for at least 30 days prior to voting day is eligible.

The R-C-S Board of Education will host a public forum on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the senior high school.

The meeting, which has no prepared agenda, is scheduled to allow board members to hear residents' comments and criticisms.

For information, call 767-2514.

Correction

In an article on Stuyvesant Plaza's Londonderry Cafe in last week's Progress supplement, the reporter implied the name of the establishment had been changed. The restaurant's new owners, who took over operations last July, have not changed the name of the business.

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R-C-S pupils named to honor roll

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School has announced the high honor roll and honor roll pupils for the second-marking period of the 1992-93 school year.

Grade-six high honors: Jeffrey Andritz, Minard Carkner, Erin Collins, Matthew Collins, Crystal Conrad, Cara Davis, Heather Doyle, Melissa Eissing, Courtney Endres, Melissa Eng, Christina Fahrenkopf, Michael Fernald and Junette Figueroa.

Also, Elizabeth Fox-Solomon, Christopher Glassanos, Kristyn Gordon, Benjamin Hafensteiner, Raquel Haldane, Michael Hamilton, Daniel Kowalski, Nancy McClumpha, Michael Montesano, Kara Mosher and Richard Nestlen.

Also, Amy Nevins, Daniel Ostrander, Rebecca Ostrander, Virginia Peterson, Colleen Prior, Tammy Quenneville, Gordon Ryan, Michael Sengenberger, Amanda Sickles, Raymond Tiberia, Emily Whale and Rebecca Whipple.

Grade-seven: Adam Ayers, Judith Beachler, Christopher Brown, Donald Cross, Rebecca Curley, Devon Davis, Christa Diacetis, Jason Dilwith, Valerie Elston, Mark Foulger and Brianne Francolini.

Also, Sarah Gardner, Christopher Gnip, Elyse Griffin, Adam Hallenbeck, Emily Janssen, Melanie Jeune, Jennifer Jones, Tammy Jordan, Erin Kittle, Timothy LeBlanc, Rebecca Marshall, Daniel Morgan and Thomas O'Connor.

Also, Justin Parmalee, Debra Percival, Melanie Relyea, Kathleen Roark, Katie Seaburg, Lisa Thompson, Terry Turner, Holly Whitney, Meredith Wyche and Krista Zimmer.

Grade-eight: Robin Best, Corey Blakesley, Karen Buckley, Anthony Carrk, Karina Case, Sara Cross, Brenda Engel, Amy

Francisconi, John Frangella, Matthew Frese, Nicole Futia, Melissa Goodman, Shaelyn Hales and Matthew Hamilton.

Also, Rebecca Hotaling, Christopher Kullman, Christopher Luchkiw, Ian MacCallum, George Marathakis, Kevin Mastriano, Lucas McCullough, Matthew McDaniel, Kimberly Messenger and Michael Music.

Also, Carrie Nettuno, Robert Nieves, AnnMarie Nuite, Michael O'Connor, Laura Pietropaoli, Shana Rock, David Schwartz, Stacy Sebert, Benjamin Seeger, Eric Skiff, Jessica Stanton, Mary Wilson and Megan Wilson.

Grade-six honor roll: Eric Brugeman, Stephanie Dardani, Ryan Doherty, Shannah Ernst, Anthony Fahrenkopf, Alyssa Filkins, Dominic Granato, Gary Jones, Danika Kapusta, Danielle Kellam, Noah Lamoree and Michael Lintner.

Also, Angela Marathakis, John McNeilly, Nicole Melius, Nichole Moore, Christopher Music, Timothy Nevinger, Katie Orsino, Daniel Papas, William Raup, Jason Reuter and Aaron Rice.

Also, Jarrod Rivituso, Michael Salisbury, Andrew Scott, Deborah Seufert, Smita Shah, Samantha Skiff, Jennifer Teller, Anthony Tucker, Jennifer Whydra, Sabrina Wilson and Paul Yackel.

Grade-seven: Harley Alderson, Megan Bailey, Shana Bender,

Brad Berletic, Veronica Blendell, Melinda Borcsok, Joshua Bradley, Marcus Coles, Courtney Connell, Krista Domery, Brent Dragon, Johnny Edick, Miguel Figueroa, Jennifer Frese, Justin Hausman, Crystal Hildebrandt and Crystal Hotaling.

Also, Sarah Houle, William Jobmann, Emily Keenan, Alana Keir, Amanda Krzykowski, Preston Lambert, Amy Maki, Cheryl Matott, Ryan Merritt, Meghan Mullarkey, William Murphy, Andrea Myers, Sarah Newton, Jessica Norton and Sean Ostrander.

Also, Michael Palmatier, James Rarick, Ami Rivera, Eden Roe, Brian Shear, Jason Silvano, Leandra Slater, Nicole Stott, Zachary Tice, Asia Tierney, Darcel Turner, Kevin VanDriel, Jose Vasquez, Rachel Wells, David Wolfe, Jason Wright and Matthew Wright.

Grade eight: Amber Boice, Andrea Boyajian, Kerri Brugeman, Maria Caminos, Richard Cobb, Jason Danz, Mark Deyo, T.J. Driscoll, Gina Ferrusi, Stephanie Gasiorowski, Melissa Granato, Tonya Haldane, William Hargis, Kelly Johns, Jennifer Jones, Shawn Kelly and Jason LaDayne.

Also, Pamela Maxstadt, Celeste Merritt, Charles Mohr, Michael Oathout, Andrew Papas, Michael Patounas, Aaron Quigley, Jevon Sebring, Kash St. Pierre, Casie Vagele, Katherine Witbeck and Michelle Wright.

Book signing



BCBS graduate John Hennessy was at the Friar Tuck Book Shop in the Delaware Plaza on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his highly acclaimed book, "Return to Bull Run." *Dev Tobin*

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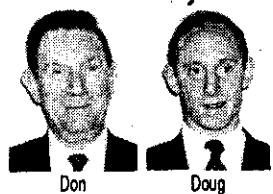
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Legion breakfast slated RCS residents to cast ballots on 'additions vs. renovations'

The American Legion Post 1493 on 31 Voorheesville Ave. is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, french toast, sausage, juice and coffee.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

V'ville students visit historic sites in Spain

Several students from the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School are visiting Spain this week.

The group, accompanied by Robert Streifer, chairman of the international department, includes Dawn Appleby, Heather Blanchard, Rebecca Bryden, Rebecca Coffin, Nicole LaMora, Cynthia Law, Bonnie Polzin, Wendy Reynolds, Hannah Spence and Jennifer Staph.

The students will visit Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Cordoba, Seville, the Prado Art Museum, Alhambra Palace, the Royal Palace and the home of El Greco.

The students will return on Feb. 20.

AARP to sponsor free tax counseling

Trained counselors from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will provide free tax assistance to senior citizens at the Voorheesville Public Library on South Main Street.

The sessions are scheduled on five Wednesdays, from Feb. 24 through April 7, between 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Participants should bring their federal and state income tax forms, statements, receipts and other tax information from 1992.

Appointments are required, and can be made by calling 765-2791.

NEWS NOTES

Voorheesville

Susan Casler
765-2144



Info meeting planned on property assessment

An informational meeting on town assessment of property is scheduled tonight, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. at the New Scotland Town Hall.

For information, call the assessor's office at 765-3355.

Notre Dame band to perform at high school

The University of Notre Dame Concert Band will perform at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students or senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased at the high school on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., or at St. Matthew's Catholic Church and First United Methodist Church after services.

For information, call Sandy Gibbs at 861-6723, or the high school at 765-3314.

The concert is sponsored by the Voorheesville Friends of Music. The group's next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 22, in the high school music room.

St. Matthew's hosts fund-raising party

St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville will host a Stan-Home Gift Gallery Home Party on Saturday, Feb. 20, following the 5 p.m. Mass.

The party will last until 8 p.m.

The event will benefit the pilgrimage to Denver for the World Youth Conference from Aug. 11 to

Residents of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District will decide on "additions or renovations" in a referendum scheduled on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the senior high school gymnasium on Route 9W in Ravena.

Any U.S. citizen, 18 years or older, who has been a resident of the RCS district for at least 30 days prior to the vote is eligible to cast a ballot.

Because absentee ballots will be allowed in this election, residents must show identification at the polling place. Acceptable IDs, which must show the resident's name and current address, include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill or a voter registration card.

School board slates open forum session

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education has scheduled an open forum on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W in Ravena.

At this open agenda meeting, residents will be able to ask questions on any topic. Questions can be submitted in advance by calling the board offices at 767-2513.

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REACH support group to hear guest speaker

The RCS REACH parent support group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the senior high school library on Route 9W.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Susan Baum, a full-time faculty member at the College of New Rochelle. Baum's presentation will focus on "High Ability/Learning Disabled Students ... A Puzzling Paradox."

The lecture will provide information on identifying high ability/learning disabled students, curricular implications and the parents' role. For information, call 767-2511.

Becker publishing center to make book covers

Pupils at Becker elementary will have their works published again this year at the school's publishing center.

Donations of wallpaper to be used as book covers are needed. A volunteer cover-making workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the school.

For information, call 767-2511.

Pupils to sing and dance at Music Mania concert

Groups of pupils from Pieter B. Coeymans and A. W. Becker elementary schools and the RCS middle school will have a mid-winter Music Mania Concert on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school auditorium on Route 9W.

Singing, dancing and "Orff" percussion instrumentals will be presented.

Feura Bush Library plans kids' crafts program

The Feura Bush Library, lo-

cated in the little white schoolhouse on Route 32, will have a winter "crafts for kids" program on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to make paper bouquets of spring flowers. Supplies will be provided by the library and the program is free and open to the public.

The "crafts for kids" program is scheduled on every third Saturday of the month. For information, call 439-2948.

Library plans program for college bound students

Susan Montigue will present a young adult program at the Ravena Free Library on 106 Main St. tonight, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

The topic will be "Choosing and Paying for College." Students and parents are welcome to attend this presentation on life after high school graduation.

The preschool story hour continues with "Grandparents are Great!" on Thursday, Feb. 18, and Saturday, Feb. 20, at 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers and siblings are invited to hear stories about all kinds of families.

Tax night has been scheduled at the library on Monday, Feb. 22, beginning at 6 p.m. Fran Curley of Curley's Tax Service will check completed forms and answer tax-prep questions.

Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 756-2053.

AARP to sponsor tax prep help for seniors

Senior Projects of Ravena has scheduled three free tax assistance days for area seniors at its Bruno Boulevard location.

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Residents to share Alaskan adventure

"Definitely off the beaten track," is how Jane Kadish and Meryl Norek describe their July 1992 trip to Alaska's Pribilof Islands.

The two Slingerlands residents will show slides of their Alaskan adventure on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the library.



"The Pribilofs are not your typical vision of Alaska," Norek said. "There are no glaciers, forests or mountains. There are no trees. The tundra is soft and spongy and in full bloom during July's 21 hours of sunlight."

The program will focus on St. Paul's Island, located in the Bering Sea off the coast of Alaska. The travelers reached the island after a two-hour flight in a small plane from Anchorage.

"The only other people on the plane," Norek said, "were a team of professional wildlife photographers and some really avid bird watchers from New Zealand."

The island is the summer home

of a variety of wildlife, including more than 700,000 seals and 191 species of birds. Kadish and Norek photographed seals, puffins, arctic foxes and reindeer.

The slide program is open to the public and will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Second and third-graders who want to chase away the winter blues can attend the library's annual summer camp in winter program on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m.

Children are invited to bring sleeping bags and flashlights, sit around the camp fire and hear scary stories, munch trail mix, sing camp songs and compete in silly contests.

To register, call the children's room at 439-9314.

Anna Jane Abaray

Area women join visiting nurse staff

Lori Kunkel of Bethlehem and Francesca Victor of Voorheesville recently joined the staff of the Visiting Nurse Association.

Grant to help fund programs

The library was fortunate to receive a decentralization grant from the New York State Council on the Arts to fund a series of HANDS ON! programs for children in grades three and up.

Designed to teach new and usable skills, the workshops will feature area artists and educators doing what they do best.

The series kicks off on Satur-

Children in grades three and up should also enjoy a paper making workshop on Friday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m.

The program will provide an opportunity to create a notebook with handmade paper covers. Registration is required.

Younger children can grab their favorite bear and join Young People's Librarian Meg Hughes for a Teddy Bear's Picnic during story hours this week.

Sessions beginning the week of Feb. 22 will have "Hats off to Hats!" as a theme. Put on your funniest chapeau and join us. Story hours are on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

day, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. with an origami workshop led by Barbara Bennett. Children will have an opportunity to create their own 3-D piece utilizing the ancient Japanese art of paper folding.

Other upcoming programs include: magician Jim Snack on Saturday, March 20, at 2 p.m., sculpture and construction with Holly Desmond Debes on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. and a two-session jewelry making workshop with Lesley Keeble on Wednesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 3, at 2 p.m.

Still to be scheduled is a program on cartooning and creative writing. Watch for details.

All programs are free and open to the public. Enrollment is limited. Call 765-2791 for information.

Academy appointments announced

Three local residents were recently nominated by Congressman Michael R. McNulty to attend U.S. Military academies.

Tara Trossbach of Voorheesville was selected for the Military Academy at West Point. Ryan Boyle of Slingerlands was nominated to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and John P. Newton was selected for the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

McNulty nominated 26 students from the 23rd Congressional District for the four military academies.

Next week also brings an eclectic assortment of programs for adults. Library quilters and nimbefingers needlework groups meet on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. through March.

Seniors can take advantage of free tax counseling provided through the AARP on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Call for an appointment, still available on Feb. 24, March 10 and 24 and April 7.

The Writer's Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. Call Barbara Vink for information. The group will repeat its annual Poetry Performance Day on March 13.

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change? A new bride
looks back on
the big day.*

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Right photographer puts memories in focus

By Kathleen Shapiro

Long after the cake has been eaten, the flowers have wilted and the dresses have been packed away, the photographs recording the excitement of a wedding day will still be around for decades to come.

When all is said and done, the person capturing those images on film probably spends more time with the newlyweds than anyone else on their wedding day, making the photographer one of the most important people at the ceremony. With that in mind, it's important to choose the right person for the job.

The best advice, say industry experts, is to start the search early on, consulting friends, getting referrals and making appointments to meet with four or five different photographers and get a sense of the styles and prices available.

"Meet with them first," cau-

tioned photographer Lynn Finley, who shoots weddings in addition to the portrait and exhibition work she does out of her Delmar studio. "If you don't like them, it doesn't matter how good their pictures are. It won't work."

The better the rapport with the photographer, the better the experience for everyone involved, emphasized Finley.

"The photographer is going to be around all day, and if you don't like them, you're going to start resenting their presence," she said. "If you like them, it's more comfortable and a much better experience."

Choosing a photographer based on personality and the quality is a better bet than counting pennies, most advisors agree. Couples who make the decision to give up an extra floral arrangement or party favor and put the money toward a top-notch photographer are more likely to get ex-

actly what they want than those who cut corners.

"So many people make a mistake with the price by going for quantity," said Albany photographer Joe Elario, who has shot thousands of wedding photos over

traditional poses and candids over the rigid formality found in many wedding albums. Couples should trust their eye and go with a photographer whose work they admire. "You'll know it when you see it," he said.

like, I wouldn't look any further," said Finley.

A photographer should be booked at least one year in advance, particularly if the wedding is being held in June, September or October, which are typically

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the past several years, earning him spots in *Town & Country* magazine and a reputation as one of the premier wedding photographers in the Capital District.

Follow your gut instinct, advises Elario, who favors more relaxed

It pays to shop around, said Elario, who sometimes cuts prices for clients by offering them the prints without the expensive albums that tend to jack up the cost of many wedding packages.

"After the florists and the clergy and the limo driver are gone, you're still going to be dealing with the photographer," he said. "There's a lot of association there, so be comfortable with who you pick."

Above all, be reasonable, added Finley. "Some people come in with notebooks in their hands and they're just exhausted," she said. "I don't think you have to go through all that."

Talk with the photographer, and look at both finished albums and unedited proofs, she advised, since the proofs may give a better overall sense of their individual style. "If you find someone you

"crunch months" when hordes of couples decide to rush to the altar.

"Some dates are premium dates, and you're going to pay a price for them," said Elario. Couples on a tight time schedule might consider having the ceremony on a Friday or a Sunday, rather than holding out for the traditional Saturday wedding. Some photographers may even adjust their prices and charge less for an alternate day, he added.

Once a date is set and a photographer is decided on, get a contract. Having everything set in writing helps avoid misunderstandings about what will be included in the package and how much money will be spent.

"The price shouldn't escalate as things go on," said Finley, who suggests couples discuss the option of having the photographer stay overtime and the costs in-

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volved in case they change their mind and want a few extra shots on the big day.

In addition, couples should make a list of shots they want and discuss those with the photographer ahead of time, she said. When dealing with larger studios, customers should also make sure the photographer they meet with is the one who will be shooting their wedding, since work is often contracted out to freelancers.

Communication is paramount, agreed Elario. "I encourage the bride to call me three or four times beforehand just to discuss things," he said. After five years of snapping photos at high society weddings and casual backyard ceremonies across the country, he usually prefers to meet both the bride and the groom before the actual day to get a sense of their personalities and what kind of shots they're looking for.

Couples should decide ahead of time whether they want formal or candid shots, or a mix of both. Black and white photos and sepia-toned prints are beginning to gain popularity, but it can be difficult to find photographers in the Capital District who provide those options, said Elario, who offers both styles in addition to regular color prints.

After the florists and the clergy and the limo driver are gone, you're still going to be dealing with the photographer.

Joe Elario

Customers who want very large photos might also want to consider hiring someone who shoots in a larger format than 35 millimeter, said Finley. Once the photo is blown up, the difference will show, she said.

A how-to primer for honeymoon photos

Every bride and groom wants tangible memories of their honeymoon. Whether you sail to the Caribbean, take a trip to Europe or spend a cozy week at a country inn, the best way to keep your memory clear is to snap sharp photos.

Here are some photo tips to help make your honeymoon pictures better, easier and more fun.

- **Take along a minimum of equipment.** The ideal camera is one that packs neatly into the corner of a suitcase. You'll want a camera that doesn't weigh a lot or require many accessories. One ideal choice is one of the lightweight 35mm compact zoom cameras with a built-in flash.

- **An auto-everything camera is faster, easier and a lot more fun.** Just drop in the film, the camera loads itself, advances the film and rewinds. Autofocus ability gives you crystal-clear, sharp images every time.

- **Shoot in a wide angle position for panoramic pictures.** A wide angle setting is the best when you want to take stunning sunsets or group photos.

- **Take along plenty of film.** At least five rolls — often it's several dollars more at the honeymoon spot and the film you need might not be available.

- **Don't put your camera through X-ray checkpoints.** Ask attendants to inspect your equipment by hand — X-rays can ruin your film.



When choosing someone to shoot their wedding, couples should keep in mind that photographers have their own individual styles, ranging from posed formals to casual candid. Albany photographer Joe Elario blends traditional and spur-of-the-moment poses for portraits like the one above.

Invitations set personalized tone for wedding

Wedding invitations can coordinate with a couple's wedding plans.

For a formal ceremony, black ink on heavy white or cream paper stock is appropriate.

The invitation can coordinate with the bride's color scheme, using colored ink and envelope liners.

To personalize the invitation, the couple can include excerpts

from poems, songs or scripture.

If the wedding is on or near a holiday, the invitation can reflect the occasion, such as with holly sprigs for Christmas, hearts for

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- It is improper to open gifts at the reception.
- The bride should write a thank-you note as soon as possible, but not on cards that say "Thank You." When wives work full time, husbands should carry their fair share of the task of writing thank-you notes.
- Gifts from the immediate family of either the bride or the groom should never be returned or exchanged, as feelings could be easily hurt. (The exception to this, of course, is if there are duplicate gifts.)
- When an engagement is broken or a wedding does not take place, the gifts must be returned with brief and tactful notes of explanation.
- Both bride and groom give their attendants some lasting memento of the occasion. Silver, gold or crystal is often used.

Expectations can mar marital bliss when spouses are less than perfect

Many jokes blame the mother-in-law for undermining marital happiness, but author Charlie Michaels believes we are our own worst enemy.

"When we marry, we are so anxious to demonstrate our love for our partner that we work at being even more 'perfect' for them by trying to become the ideal spouse," she said.

Unfortunately, our image of the ideal may differ significantly from our spouse's. From a lifetime of movies, TV and observation, each of us develops a unique concept of what married life will be like and how a wife and husband "should" behave in any situation.

We work at pleasing our partner by acting out the role of ideal spouse as we imagine it, she said. Sometimes, as we work to become what we think is expected of us, we sacrifice the very qualities that attracted our spouse in the first place: a life-of-the-party become quiet and reserved; a casual person cleans obsessively; or a financial conservative spends lavishly.

The quest to become an ideal spouse is one of the main reasons that the reality of married life is often at odds with the couple's expectations. In their book, *Avoiding Wedding Aftershock or I Like You Even Better Now That I Know You*, Michaels and husband Mike

Brown call the disorientation this causes "wedding aftershock."

"No matter how wonderful your marriage, some things will be different than expected — so every couple will experience some wedding aftershock," Michaels warns. "Most of it can be eliminated by replacing your ideal images with a realistic profile of your partner and your life together."

It sounds like a simple process, but where do couples begin? *Avoiding Aftershock* guides couples step-by-step, helping them identify their unique expectations on a variety of topics ranging from "Morning Routines" to "Things You Can Do to Show Me You're Sorry."

Individual wants and needs are shared and agreement is reached on how differences will be handled. Mutual expectations are summarized in a "Marriage Pact," which is not a legal document but a daily guide for putting wedding vows into practice.

Brown points out that in most marriages, it takes years to learn what your spouse expects from you and your relationship. "If

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Consultants can create coordinated weddings

When making wedding plans, confusion can mount as fast as the bills.

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Gifts for newlyweds should capture dreams

One gift idea for newlyweds is to consider personalized baskets that capture their future dreams.

For instance, if the couple wants to build a house in the woods, a tool chest filled with an electric screwdriver, a book of house plans and a subscription card to a design magazine, can express confidence in their future together.

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Bridal hairdo can be done at home

According to Brenda Lewis, a New York City-based wedding consultant, a growing number of brides are opting to style their hair for the big day themselves.

The trend is due in part, she said, to the increasing availability of professional quality at-home hairstyling aids.

Lewis offers the following advice for those who want to achieve professional-looking results at home:

- Start by flipping through bridal magazines for hairstyle ideas. Clip out examples of styles which will work best on your length and type of hair.
- Shop around and select your headpiece early. The hairstyle you choose will depend upon the style and shape of your headpiece — and you need to make sure they work together.
- Practice makes perfect! Experiment with a variety of styling products like mousse and gels to determine which work best to help you achieve the look you want.
- Pay attention to the time required to create your style. You'll want to leave ample time on the wedding day to get your style picture perfect.
- Make sure your hairstyle is also functional. You'll be busy on your wedding day — and your style has to withstand all the action.
- Keep it simple. Be your natural, beautiful self.



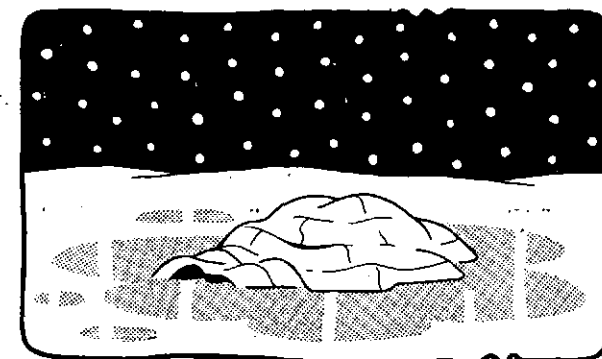
These simple wedding-day hairstyles can be created at home by the bride and her mother, using over-the-counter products such as mousse, gel and hairspray. The bride's hair was set on rollers and dried, while her mom's style was created with hot rollers.

Faulty mattress can mar repose for newlyweds

Newly-married couples can look forward to spending one-third of their lives on their mattress and foundation.

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- Wear comfortable shoes you can remove easily for lying down.
- Lie down and stay there. You can't judge support and comfort by sitting on an edge or lying down for a few seconds. Don't be shy. Get on the bed with your partner, lie on your side. Make sure your hips and shoulders are comfortable?
- Get the whole story. Request literature, study the information on display, read the label and insist that the salesman tell you about the product features.
- Shop for the best value, not the lowest price. You can always find "bargain bedding" at rock-bottom prices, but it's no bargain when it comes to getting a good night's sleep.
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Individual tastes add spark to senior wedding ceremonies

By Mel Hyman

There doesn't appear to be any one type of ceremony when it comes to getting married at 55 or 60.

About the only thing certain these days is that more and more seniors are remarrying or renewing vows. And it's all done with style and flair.

Having a second, third or even first marriage when you're an older adult "used to be a hush-hush thing," said Laura Taylor, owner of the Laura Taylor jewelry and dress shops in Stuyvesant Plaza and Delaware Plaza. "Nobody wanted to make a big fuss out of it."

As times change, people change, and for most seniors considering marriage nowadays, Taylor says, the theme seems to be celebration. "They figure it's going to be the last one, so why not go a little overboard."

"People are saying 'why not?' They figure it's going to be the last one, so why not go a little overboard."

That doesn't necessarily mean a long, flowing wedding gown or a reception at the Omni. Most women choose an outfit ranging in price from \$125 to \$200, Taylor said. It may not be a dress from the Jessica McClintock bridal line, but it's sure to be tasteful.

Elizabeth Huntley, a harpist who

does business locally as *The Lyric Harp*, notes that an increasing number of people are renewing their wedding vows and doing it in a traditional manner.

"By the time someone gets to a mature age it seems they're no longer embarrassed at doing things the way they want to," Huntley said. For the wedding ceremony, that generally means a processional by Wagner on the way into the sanctuary and the *Wedding March* by Mendelssohn on the way out.

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Huntley often hires a flutist and cellist to accompany her on harp when she plays for weddings.

Seniors wishing to renew their vows usually do so on their 25th or 30th anniversary, says Marietta Hanley, manager of the Grand Entrance bridal shop in Latham. For these special occasions,

women normally rent their gowns at a cost ranging from \$99 to \$150, depending on the dress.

With a \$600 or \$800 price tag, these dresses are too expensive to buy if you're only going to use them once," Handley said. "We also sell shoes that we dye to go along with the dress and the jewelry is rentable.

"Occasionally the celebrants will request an informal headpiece with beads or pearls," she added.

Large wedding parties are not normally the case even though there could be a sizable number of people in attendance since many seniors have amassed quite an extended family by age 55 or 60.

The ceremony is basically for the family, Huntley explained. Children or grandchildren often play a part by serving as wedding attendants.

When it comes to a honeymoon, there's not much difference between young couples and older couples, according to

Doris Pence, president of Delmar Travel Inc. "People want (their trip) to be nice. They go deluxe."

"Most older couples will go to Hawaii or on a cruise to the Caribbean," she said. "We've even had people fly to Hawaii and exchange their vows over there. People are pretty imaginative today."



"Yes, I know you gave last month. But that was for the wedding. This is for the divorce."

Sixpence tradition crosses the Atlantic

"Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue... and a lucky sixpence for your shoe."

And a lucky sixpence for your shoe? Most American brides know the first few lines of this traditional poem, and a little history will explain the often forgotten last line.

When the sixpence was introduced to England in 1551 by King Edward VI, it soon became a popular coin and was considered lucky as well.

The carrying of a coin by brides is a very old tradition thought to ensure future wealth and good fortune for newlywed couples. Therefore, it was natural that the "lucky" sixpence became the coin carried by brides, from the Victorian era, when the "white wedding" was popularized, to the present time.

Modern English brides have kept the tradition with lucky sixpence coins over 100 years old still being passed down from mother to daughter in British families.

Not surprisingly, as more American brides have learned the story of the sixpence, this wedding tradition has become popular in the United States as well.

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Marriage means bumps for longtime friendships

Sometimes single friends feel envious when a couple gets married, or they may fear losing a close relationship.

These emotions can cause guilt feelings in the engaged couple. However, there are some ways to deal with single friends that can even strengthen the relationship.

The neglected friend. With two career schedules to juggle and limited time to spend together, most newlyweds find it difficult to justify going out with single friends alone. Even staunch allies may feel deserted or relegated to the sidelines.

Two single friends often have a different relationship when one marries. The single person can feel left behind, even though they are genuinely happy the friend is moving on.

What's important to the continuity of the friendship is for both to talk about the changes. Even a 10-minute phone call or short note can appease hurt feelings.

The jealous friend. The "man shortage" has created a number of single women. Wedding plans may make them feel jealous, even hostile. However, recognizing and understanding the reasons behind those feelings can help hold them to a minimum.

Displays of wedding gifts may

be seen as showy or bragging. Instead of dwelling on plans for the future, the newlywed should focus on the friend's ideas, new job or mutual hobbies.

The valuable new friend. In time, the new husband and wife realize that they can't fulfill each other's every need, so they begin to seek out other people to enjoy interests and hobbies that their spouse doesn't share — a passion for ballet, or a penchant for flea markets.

Outings can enrich a marriage, increase energy and enthusiasm and provide new experiences to relate.

The venerable old friend. Reviving an old friendship can also fill a need for continuity. Friends often share a history that predates the couple's relationship, and reminiscing over old photographs and stories is much more fun with someone who was there.

The "nothing in common" denominator. It's important to understand that while friendships are valuable, drifting apart is also a part of life's process. Interests and needs are constantly being honed, and some relationships are no longer rewarding.

In order to hold on to a good friend, it's important to make an effort to appreciate each other's life choices, needs and interests.

Thoughts on matrimony for love birds

A happy marriage is a long conversation which always seems too short.

— Andre Maurois

By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll become happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

— Socrates

Love is much nicer to be in than an automobile accident, a tight girdle, a higher tax bracket or a holding pattern over Philadelphia.

— Judith Viorst

Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution.

— Mae West

Marriage is hardly a thing that one can do now and then — except in America.

— Oscar Wilde

Marriage is the ultimate goal of love.

— George Sand

Marriage. The beginning and the end are wonderful. But the middle part is hell.

— Enid Bagnold

By the time you swear you're his, Shivering and sighing, And he vows his passion is Infinite, undying — Lady, make a note of this: One of you is lying.

— Dorothy Parker

Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.

— Phyllis Diller

It's hobbies you pursue together, Savings you accrue together, Looks you misconstrue together — That make marriage a joy.

— Stephen Sondheim

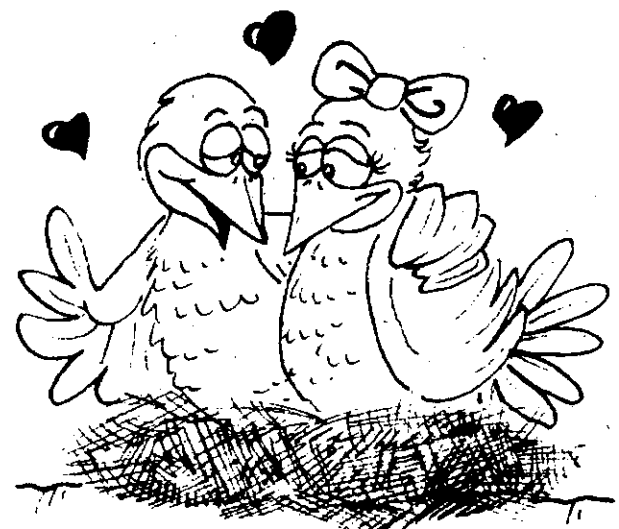
I gave up a throne for the woman I loved.

— The Duke of Windsor

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Recession has silver lining for flatware sales

With people spending more time entertaining at home, sterling flatware is rising to the top of the "most wanted" list for today's brides and grooms.

While sales of other luxury items have fallen during these economic times, sterling flatware sales are up. That's because consumers become more value conscious during tough times, purchasing traditional, quality products of investment potential and longevity. For generations, silver flatware and other articles have been passed down with a sense of pride and family history.

But lifestyles and attitudes have changed. Today's sterling-ware is for every day — a casual gathering with friends or a romantic dinner for two. Choosing particular patterns is a matter solely of personal preference.

Shopping tips

• **Sterling silver vs. silver plate** — With sterling silver, you get the value inherent in a precious commodity and the look of luxury. While prices vary for individual patterns, the quality of sterling is uniform. A "sterling" stamp means the piece meets the U.S. standard for solid silver: 925 parts silver to 75 parts alloy, such as copper, for added strength.

Silver-plated flatware is made of an alloy of nickel, copper or brass, coated with a layer of pure silver. Although it is less expensive than sterling and has the sterling "look," it will wear out in time, and professional replating is expensive.

• **Sterling flatware costs** — Despite popular conceptions, you don't have to be born with a silver spoon in your mouth to afford sterling silver. Most patterns cost from about \$120 to \$250 for a four-piece place setting in the "American" or "place" size. For those who prefer the larger "continental" or "dinner" size, prices start at about \$300 per setting.

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• **Pattern fashions** — When selecting a pattern, determine your personal taste and style: traditional or contemporary, ornate or simple. There is a variety of patterns to choose from: classic baroque, rococo, provincial and English eighteenth century, traditional American patterns, modern Scandinavian and contemporary designs.

• **Choosing a pattern** — In addition to examining its appearance, hold pieces, comparing weight and balance from each pattern. Study the shapes of spoon bowls. Fork tines should be even and have rounded edges.

Look at the lines and contour of the piece. Are the edges smooth? Is the finish even? Pattern should be clean and precise. It should be comfortable in your hand and feel neither too large nor too small.

• **What to get first** — Depending on budget and entertaining needs, most silver collections consist of four to 12 place settings, plus several serving pieces.

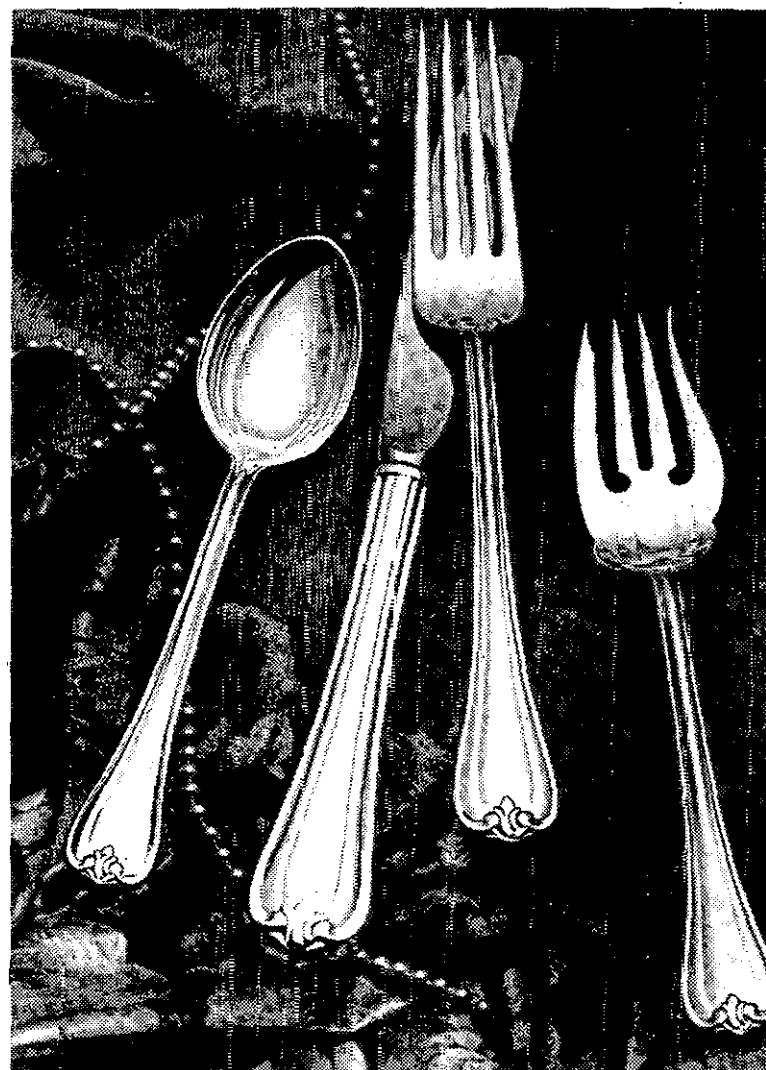
An individual place setting may comprise of four, five or six utensils. The four-piece setting includes a knife, fork, salad fork and teaspoon. The five-piece has an individual butter spreader as well.

• **Sterling servers** — There is no rule whether serving pieces must match the flatware pattern; it's a matter of personal choice. Some essential and multi-purpose serving accessories include a cold meat fork, tablespoon, pierced serving spoon, gravy ladle, pie server and sugar spoon.

• **Care and storage** — Don't be afraid to dine with sterling daily; it will last forever. Constant use prevents tarnish, and tiny scratches incurred over the years actually enhance the patina or finish, which is an integral part of silver's charm and character. Remember to rotate pieces so the patina develops evenly.

If used regularly, sterling needs to be polished just once or twice a year. Any non-abrasive brand-name paste or liquid polish will do, but chemical dips should be avoided.

Clean sterling promptly after usage, especially after contact with eggs and acidic foods. Wash flatware in hot sudsy water, followed by a rinse in hot clear water, and dry with a soft cloth. Then store in a tightly closed drawer or chest lined with a tarnish-proof cloth.



Sterling silver flatware like the pieces shown above are often a lifetime purchase. Individual settings range in price from \$120 to \$250 and come in an increasingly diverse selection of styles and patterns. Those with a more frugal sense of dinner decorating may choose less expensive silver-plated flatware, which is made of an alloy of nickel, copper or brass and coated with a layer of pure silver.

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Plan to coordinate flowers with wedding dresses and site

Today's bride may plan her wedding and reception six months to a year in advance. For that reason, the perfect time to think about flowers is when your bridal attendants order their dresses.

Organizing well in advance assures you of having the flowers you want. At least two months before the big day, visit your local florist for recommendations on colors and hues which will work best for your tastes and design needs. Try to match up the mothers' corsages with their dress colors.

Before consulting the florist, you may want to complete this checklist:

- Familiarize yourself with the site of the ceremony — church, synagogue, hotel or home.
- Ask the church custodian the length of the aisle so the florist can supply the correct length runner. Also, remind the ushers it's their job to put it down just before the ceremony.
- Visiting the reception site is important. First, note the promi-

nent colors of the room. Count the tables to be set so you can order centerpieces accordingly. Remember, the wedding cake can be decorated with fresh flowers. A small bouquet at the top instead of the usual bride and groom.

- A thoughtful way to end the ceremony is for the bride and groom to present a single long-stemmed rose to their new mothers-in-law.

Bride looks back with 20-20 hindsight

By Susan Graves

Newlywed Carol Kendrick Stuart thinks her wedding was as close to perfection as possible. Still, having gone through the rigors of planning the biggest event of her life, she has some advice for couples getting ready to tie the knot.

First of all, she suggests allowing enough time to get everything done. Six months might be enough time, but with booking the church, reception hall and hiring a band or a DJ, a year offers a better chance toward getting everything done the way the couple wants.

Further, "I enjoyed a full year of shopping," she said. She also has a few wistful thoughts about the best time of year to get married. Stuart, who was married to her husband, Mark, in October last year, sometimes wishes she had opted for a spring "or maybe a Christmas" ceremony.

She also said a bride might want to consider the time of day. "With an evening wedding, you have more time to relax with the bridesmaids. ... I missed out on that," she said, because she chose an afternoon ceremony instead.

In addition, an evening wedding means there might be more leeway as far as the reception goes. "That way you're not locked into the country club's schedule." Because Stuart's booking was in the afternoon, "everybody had to be out by 5 o'clock." Knowing that made her a little nervous, even though everything went smoothly and no guests were made to feel uncomfortable.

"The DJ really summed every-

thing up at the end of the afternoon," she said.

Financing is another important consideration that should be determined long before the walk down the aisle. Though it's common for both parents of the bride and groom as well as the couple to contribute to the expenses, Stuart believes it's a good idea to firm up just who's responsible for what ahead of time. "Get it out on the table and then decide where you want to put your money."

Some considerations to help save in one area and splurge on another should be thought out beforehand. In Stuart's case flowers fell toward the bottom of her priority list. "What you can do is use the bride's and the bridesmaids' flowers on the head table," at the reception and that saves money on expensive arrangements. What's most important, however, said Stuart, is budgeting. "It's got to be worked out early."

And another piece of advice is to include something that makes the wedding unique. "Do something to personalize the ceremony."

For Stuart, the personal touch was the bagpiper that greeted

guests at the church. "Many people will remember our wedding because of that," she said.

Something as simple as a different type of song for the couple's first dance can also help personalize the wedding. "Why not something fun for the first dance?"

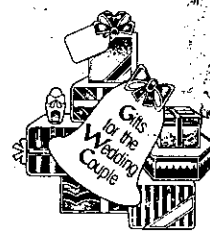
And after the wedding, she said, it's not written in stone that couples fly off to a faraway honeymoon spot. "I would recommend a short closer-to-home trip," before a longer honeymoon later on. "This is something more and more couples are doing — sometimes the honeymoon has to be delayed."

That can be a blessing in disguise, giving the couple time to get settled in their apartment, time to relax and a chance to write out thank-you notes. "That worked out wonderful for us," she said.

But most important, said Stuart, is telling people — photographers, DJs, florists — "exactly what you want. Remember, you're paying them."

Yet, for all her Monday morning quarterbacking, Stuart really wouldn't change a thing. "I'd do it all over again, I had so much fun.

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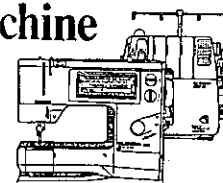
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The following guidelines can help you choose the finest-quality cultured pearl jewelry you can afford, plus help coordinate accessories with the tone of your skin and design of your gown:

- Look for a bright, clear luster and a deep inner glow.

- Try to choose pearls that are relatively free of surface blemishes. Cracks, bumps or blisters can detract from the beauty and shorten the life of the pearl.

- Off-the-shoulder or scooped-neck gowns are best accentuated by one-to-three strand princess- or choker-length cultured pearl necklaces.

- High- or closed-neck gowns are best highlighted by long strands of pearls to create a smooth, slim silhouette.

- Women with light and fair complexions tend to look best in cultured pearls with a slight rose tint.

- Dark hair and skin tones are complemented by cultured pearls in creamy, off-white shades.

Just as cultured pearls are perfect for adorning the bride on her special day, cultured pearl jewelry is a wonderful keepsake for members of the bridal party. Pendants,



Pearl accessories — earrings, necklaces, rings and embroidery — are the most popular form of bridal jewelry, according to a recent survey.

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Over 20 percent of U.S. households are now "blended" families, with more than 1,300 new stepfamilies being added every day.

Recent studies show that the "average" American family may include as many as eight parents and numerous children. These complexities can make remarriage an emotional event for all family members.

Bride's magazine offers these suggestions for smoothing over the transition from single parent to strong stepfamily.

Before the wedding: Planning a life together is important for every couple, but for a stepfamily, it is essential. Topics that can create conflict in marriage — how time, money, and energy will be spent — become even more serious with added family members.

Other conflicts can result from differences in temperament, backgrounds and traditions. The best forum for working out such con-

flicts is the family meeting, where each member expresses his or her feelings and needs while everyone contributes possible solutions.

Before the marriage, parents should also discuss what role the stepparent will play in the child's upbringing. "Some of the most successful stepparents have seen their role as similar to that of a camp counselor, an adult who shows interest and affection yet provides leadership," said Carol Brady, a Houston, Texas, clinical psychologist.

During the wedding: It's important to include children in the wedding as much as possible. For example, the children's names can be included on the invitation, announcing the formation of a "new family." At the reception, the children's favorite music can be played.

During the actual ceremony, children can be attendants or altar boys, ring bearers or flower girls. The vows of the bride and groom

might be followed by a family vow or a prayer of family unity with each member adding a line, phrase or some other contribution.

A child can take the place of a deceased family member. For example, if the bride's father has passed away, her child might escort her to the altar.

Even a child who seems to have adjusted to the idea may feel insecure on the wedding day. Assign a close relative to reassure and give hugs when needed throughout the day.

Children who feel uncomfortable with the idea of participating in the ceremony can be included in other ways. They can be given seats of honor, or their names can be mentioned in a special prayer.

After the wedding: Children should not go on the honeymoon. However, the parents' return should be celebrated with a date for the whole family — such as tickets to the theater or a sporting event.

Address finances before wedding

Being honest with a prospective mate about attitudes towards finances has an impact in whether a marriage succeeds.

Although many surveys indicate that money disputes are common, and a leading cause of divorce, few couples talk in advance about how they want to handle money.

Experts advise that couples should try to resolve pocketbook issues before getting married. Expect conflicts in personal financial styles, but work to resolve them

with understanding, compromise and communication.

The best approach to managing family money is to share in all decisions from budgeting to investing. Not only is this the most equitable approach, but it could also be vital if one spouse should die or become incapacitated.

Newlyweds should establish a household budget, and work to set aside money for savings and investment. Couples should also establish clear investment goals, and tailor their savings strategies accordingly.



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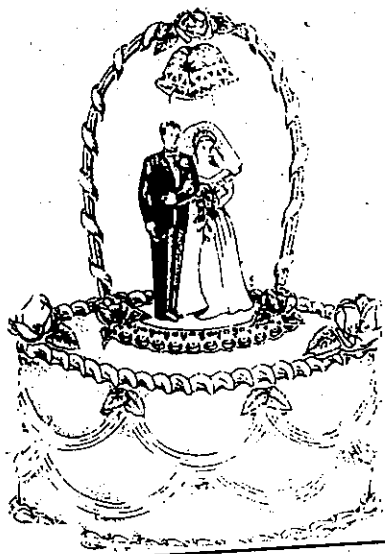
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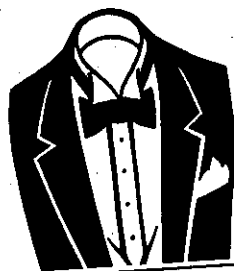
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SPOTLIGHT ON

SPORTS**BC boys swim team wins 21st straight title**

By Emily Church

Despite a postponement of two days because of snow, the Bethlehem boys swim team captured their 21st straight sectional title on Sunday, Feb. 14 at the RPI pool.

BC had at least one finalist in every event, and five swimmers made it to the state championships to be held at the University of Rochester on March 12 and 13.

The 200 medley relay team of Rory Fay, Colin Izzard, Pat Gallagher and Ryan Beck qualified for the state meet.

Beck qualified in the 50 freestyle and 100 breakstroke, Fay in the 100 freestyle and Izzard in the 100 breaststroke. Joe Schneider qualified in diving.

The boys finished their 1992-93 regular season with wins over Section II opponents Shaker and Queensbury to continue their 24-year unbeaten record in dual meets.

At the outset of the season, the Shaker High School team was expected to unseat Bethlehem. But as the showdown drew near, it became clear that the Eagles had a shot at winning and they took advantage of their opportunities by scoring a 112-74 victory on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

"It was a weird season in that on paper in the beginning, Shaker was favored over us," Coach Ken Neff said. "We tried to work ourselves up for it. It is a young team and we got really excited, but Shaker just didn't hold up."

John Church had a close race against Shaker's Mike Houlihan, pulling ahead to place second with a time of 1:52.64. Tom Leyden and

Ryan Green finished fourth and fifth, respectively. In the 200 individual medley, Gallagher placed second, clocking a 2:06.24. Mark Kanuk and Billy Leary followed, placing third and fourth.

Beck, Izzard and Fay finished 1-3-4 in the 50 freestyle, Beck winning with a 23.27.

BC's divers had a strong meet, with Joe Schneider placing first, followed by Tim Bearup in second and Brad Fitzgerald finishing fourth, to pace the Eagles to a 49-29 lead after the diving.

Bethlehem picked up the pace after diving, as Gallagher won the 100 butterfly in a personal best of 56 seconds. Leary and John Brookins finished third and fourth, respectively. Fay swam a strong 100 freestyle, placing second with a personal best time of 51.10.

The 200 freestyle relay, expected to be the race of the meet, went easily to Bethlehem, as the team of Gallagher, Fay, Izzard and Beck smashed the Shaker pool record by two seconds, finishing in a 1:31.

Izzard, Beck and Kanuk wrapped up the individual events by sweeping the 100 breaststroke, Izzard winning with a time of 1:03.

The regular season ended with an easy victory over Queensbury on Thursday, Feb. 4. Jeff Rosenblum swam a strong 100 freestyle, clocking a 56.2 and Fay swam a best time of 58.5 in the 100 butterfly. The 200 freestyle relay bettered its time to 1:30.5, beating the BC pool record.

Josh Malbin swam a 58.2 leg in the 400 freestyle relay, making it 24 people who have broken the minute barrier this season.

V'ville star shufflin' off to Buffalo

By Greg Sullivan

Voorheesville's premier guard Cortney Langford has accepted a full scholarship to play Division I basketball at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Langford, a senior in her fourth year as a varsity starter, was also recently named one of America's top 50 high school guards.

She attributes much of her success to her involvement with AAU basketball during the summer and off-season, when she traveled with her AAU teammates to Washington, D.C., and Tennessee to compete in national-level tournaments.

Langford is captain of Voorheesville's girls varsity basketball team, where she has used her overall basketball savvy to wow the crowds for the past four years.

"My three-point shooting and my defense are probably the best parts of my game," she said.

That, along with her ability to finish the fast break, have made Langford a potent scoring threat.

Langford is also an excellent tennis player, winning the Colo-



Cortney Langford

rad Council championship in three of the last four years, while being ranked in the top eight of Section II for the last three years.

Despite this, she decided to pursue her basketball career next

year at the collegiate level. She was recruited by several Division I schools like Providence and LaSalle, but decided to accept the scholarship to UB.

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Frosh girls have season to remember

Last week, the Bethlehem freshmen girls basketball team put the finishing touches on a Suburban Council championship season with a 17-0 record.

"This is a team that players, parents, school, community and coach can be proud of," Coach Jess Braverman said.

The team possessed a unique blend of the ingredients that make a championship season possible. They demonstrated strong athletic ability on the basketball court and excelled in all elements of the game.

Their outside shooting deflated opposing zone defenses. During the course of the season, BC made 23 three-point field goals. Under the basket, BC withstood the challenge of the taller front lines of teams like Gunderland and Shenendehowa.

Defensively, BC frequently shut down the offenses of opposing

teams. In one game, they prevented an opponent from making a field goal for the entire game. In their 17-game season, BC averaged more than 29 steals a game.

Bethlehem's passing skills moved the ball around the court quickly and effectively. During the season, several referees observed that the team could easily be mistaken for a varsity squad.

The girls epitomized the scholar-athlete ideal, with several achieving high academic honors while taking the most advanced courses BCHS offers.

Co-captains Abby Smith and Laura Del Vecchio led the team in spirit and on the court. Smith finished the season with 111 points and 110 rebounds. Del Vecchio had 151 points, 84 rebounds, 45 steals, and a 40-foot, game winning three-pointer to defeat Gunderland.

Point guard Nicole Conway, a seventh-grader, scored a team-

leading 182 points and also led the team with 125 steals.

She scored 12 of her game-high 21 points in a 24-point, fourth-quarter comeback that propelled BC to a thrilling 55-51 win over previously-unbeaten Shenendehowa.

Bethlehem's balanced attack also included 77 points from seventh-grader Laura Dicker and 60 points from eighth-grader Leigh Stevens.

Under the basket, Krissy Westfall and Ayana Bakari each pulled down 75 rebounds. Bethani Berrings' inspired play in the Shenendehowa game was a key element in the victory.

BC enjoyed depth in the backcourt from Susy Mannella, Marcy Finkel, Amy Tierney and Winnie Corrigan, and in the front court with Jessica Barnes, Kate Doody and Liz Rymski.

Girls hoop squad on track for sectionals

By Jamie Sommerville

The BC girls basketball team last week (10-3, 13-5) added another win to their already stellar record.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Eagles defeated Columbia 45-39 in what had to be one of the best played games of the year.

Both Sheila McCaughin and Karen Zornow scored six points in

the second period to give Bethlehem the upper hand in the game. Zornow had 17 points and 14 rebounds while McCaughin had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"We played hard and we had a lot of good shots. It was a good win," said Coach Bill Warner.

Due to the snowstorm, Friday's game against Shaker was rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16. A win

would tie Bethlehem with Burnt Hills for the Gold Division title.

When Warner was asked about his overall reaction to the season, he said, "We were a strong team this year and I think that we've surprised a lot of people."

Warner noted that Sectionals begin at the end of February and he predicted a very successful post-season.

Bethlehem Soccer Club sets tourney dates

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's 7th Annual "Mostly Off the Wall" Indoor Soccer Tournament will continue on the following dates at

Bethlehem Central High School, Delaware Avenue, Delmar:

- Feb. 18 — under-14 girls and under 10B boys.
- March 7 — under-14A boys and under-10A boys.
- March 14 — under-16 boys

and under-10 girls.

- March 21 — under-8 mixed and under-14B boys.

Anyone who would like to volunteer time can call Mirca Slater, Chuck Hatstat, Lynne Thibdeau or Mary Ellen Walsh.

BC gymnasts bow to Shen

Bethlehem concluded its regular season with an away meet on Feb. 4, against the powerful Shenendehowa team. BC was defeated 130.85-110.8.

The team was led by eighth grader Heather Mann and junior Brigid Carroll. Mann did an excellent job in the all-around, scoring a 30.6. She tied for third place on the uneven bars and finished fifth on the vault. She tied for fifth place on the balance beam.

Carroll performed well against Shenendehowa scoring 8.4 on her floor exercise, which earned her second place. She also did well on the uneven bars with a score of 7.0.

Sectionals, which were scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13, at Shenendehowa High School, were postponed due to snow. They will take place on Feb. 27, at a location yet to be determined.

Laura Del Vecchio

Spikin' it



Voorheesville foreign exchange student Erwan Lad-sous goes up for a hit during a recent non-league game. Coach Rich Melnyk's Blackbirds are 2-2 in the Patroon Conference and 3-9 overall. Dave Bibbins

Top scorers at Del Lanes

Bowling honors for this week, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

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Sr. Cit. Women — singles: Ruth Logan 185, Cindy Erickson 184; triples: Ruth Logan 488, Terri Price 471.

Men — singles: Gary Neumann 278; triples: Rob Zinzow 674; four game series: Paul Yakel 944.

Women — singles: Peg Were 232, Beverly Koegel 231; triples: Jo Ann Lowe 624; four game series: Peg Were 849.

Jr. Classic

Maj. Boys — singles: Joe Mazuryk 264; four game series: Joe Mazuryk 899.

Maj. Girls — singles: Heather Selig 218; four game series: Heather Selig 812.

Jr. Boys — singles: Dave Rose 256; four game series: Dave Rose 855.

Bowling

Prep Boys — singles: Michael Westphal 160; triples: Michael Westphal 431.

Prep Girls — singles: Danielle Pope 224; triples: Danielle Pope 483.

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Bantam Girls — singles: Lindsay Dougherty 145; triples: Lindsay Dougherty 369.

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Last year, 110 skiers raised \$20,000 for the Center for the Disabled. Some of the center's 11,000 clients are also able to participate in the event with the aid of adapted ski equipment.

For information about registering for the event, call 437-5608.

Dolphins finish 6th in Starfish meet

January was a busy month for the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club as members attended three area meets.

Of the 22 teams at the three-day A-V Starfish Trophy Invitational meet at RPI, the Dolphins finished sixth in team points.

Swimmers who ranked in the top three for individual point standings in their age groups included Becky Corson, third place in 8-and-under girls; Elyse McDonough, second place in 10-and-under girls; Brian Dowling, first place in 10-and-under boys and Steve Corson, second place in 11-12 boys.

Dolphins brought home many medals for the top eight finishers in each individual event.

Among the 8-and-under girls, Becky Corson was second in the 100 individual medley (IM) and 50 breaststroke, third in both the 50 and 100 freestyle, fourth in the 50 backstroke and 50 butterfly. Kathleen Shaffer was third in the 50 butterfly and eighth in the 100 freestyle.

Representing the 10-and-under girls, Elyse McDonough was second in the 100 IM and 50 backstroke, third in the 50 and 100 freestyle, 200 IM, 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke, and fifth in the 50 butterfly.

Ten-year-old Brian Dowling established five meet records in winning the 200 and 100 IM, the 50 butterfly, the 100 backstroke and the 100 butterfly in a National "AAAA" time. He was second in the 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke.

Among the 11-12 year old girls, Maggie Tettelbach was fifth in the 50 backstroke. Steve Corson, enjoying his final meet as a 12-year-old, won the 100 butterfly in a time

of 1:09.38. He finished in second place in the 200 and 500 freestyle, 200 IM, third in the 100 IM and 100 breaststroke and sixth in the 100 freestyle.

Scott Strickler was second in the 100 and fourth in the 50 backstroke, fifth in the 100 and seventh in the 50 freestyle. Sean Boyle was fifth in the 500 freestyle and sixth in the 200 IM.

The boys 11-12 medley relay team of Steve Corson, Strickler, Tim Corson and Boyle captured first place.

Swimming with the 13 and 14-year-old girls, Erika McDonough was sixth in the 400 IM. Nadine Maurer was seventh in the 100 breaststroke. Cailin Brennan was eighth in the 1,000 yard freestyle. Medalists among the 13-14 boys included Reid Putnam, who was fifth in the 100 backstroke.

Other Dolphins who turned in outstanding performances at this meet, including many personal best times, were Courtney Arduini, Joseph Cardamone, Sara Gold, Rick Grant, Lynne Iannacone, Emily Kaplan, Kate Link, Todd McCoy, Tara Ornoski, Kelly Roberts, Chris Shaffer, Scott Solomon, Brian Strickler, Larissa Suparmanto and Andrew Zox.

Also in January, the Starfish Club hosted its annual Long Distance Meet at Voorheesville High School. In the boys and girls 200 IM, Elyse McDonough and Brian Dowling were first place winners. Dowling was second in the boys 200 freestyle and McDonough third in the girls' event. Dowling was also second in the senior 200 butterfly. Sean Boyle was second in the 11-12 boys 200 IM and fourth in the 500 freestyle.

Among the 13-14 girls, Cailin Brennan was third in the 1,000

freestyle and 200 backstroke. Erika McDonough was second in the 400 IM.

Finally, the Schenectady Swim Club held its annual Midwinter Invitational Meet at Burnt Hills High School. Medals were awarded to the top six finishers in each event.

Becky Corson won the girls 8-and-under 50 freestyle and was second in the 50 breaststroke, 50 butterfly and 100 freestyle. Kathleen Shaffer was third in the breaststroke, fourth in the 50 backstroke and fifth in the 100 freestyle. Thalys Orietas was fourth in the boys breaststroke and 50 freestyle and fifth in the butterfly.

Brian Dowling won the 10-and-under boys 100 IM, was second in the 50 butterfly, 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle and fourth in the 50 freestyle.

Among the 11-12 year olds, Maggie Tettelbach was third in both the girls 50 and 100 freestyle. Scott Strickler was second in the 100 backstroke, and fourth in both the 50 and 100 freestyle. Tim Corson was sixth in the 100 butterfly.

Chris Shaffer, Andrew McCoy and Jeremiah Vancans had strong individual performances for the Dolphins.

Boys team falls to third

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem boys basketball team (6-7, 7-11) fell to third place in the Suburban Council Gold Division last week after losing 63-49 to the division-leading Columbia Blue Devils.

BC opened up a 15-10 lead after the first quarter, led by Matt Follis with five points and Mike Pellettier with four. But Columbia outscored the Eagles in the second period, 20-3.

"In the second quarter we shot one for 14 and we gave up too many offensive rebounds and put-back baskets (points scored after an offensive rebound)," BC coach Jack Moser said. "(Columbia's) Tommy Mraz had 10 points in the second quarter and all those were on put-back baskets."

The Eagles opened the second half with a 7-0 run to cut Columbia's lead to five points. After a Columbia time-out, the Blue Devils

opened up a 13-point lead with about one minute remaining in the third quarter.

Pellettier led a Bethlehem comeback attempt in the final period with 10 points. The comeback fell well short as Columbia made eight of 10 foul shots, most after the Eagles went over the foul limit with 2:10 remaining in the game.

Pellettier led the Eagles with 19 and Chris Macaluso added 16. Follis did not score after the first quarter.

The Eagles' Friday night game versus Shaker was delayed until Thursday, Feb. 18 at Bethlehem because of a snow storm.

Moser said Bethlehem will be seeded anywhere from fourth to seventh in the nine team sectionals. The Eagles will most likely play Albany or Bishop Magin in the first round on Feb. 23 or 24.

Kid's Carnival to benefit SoccerPlex

The Bethlehem Soccer Club is sponsoring "Kid's Carnival" on Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

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Cable

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would speak to Kehoe this week about the situation. "We'll see what we can do. I don't have one of my sets connected to Cablevision, and I still get five stations. When they can clip you for a dollar, they will."

A-R marketing manager Will Kuebler said that it "wasn't really true" that all five channels could be obtained with just a pair of rabbit ears.

"My understanding is that depending on your location, or if you live in an apartment building, you may be able to get only one channel," he said.

More changes in cable programming for Bethlehem and New Scotland can be expected in the foreseeable future. Either Sports Channel or the MSG channel might be eliminated from the family package, according to A-R general manager George Smede.

With a multi-million dollar upgrade of the system scheduled to begin this June, the monthly rate for the family package will probably increase before the end of this year, Smede said.

The new fiber optics system will allow subscribers to receive up to 77 channels when the system becomes fully operable in

December 1994.

The town board last week approved a change in ownership for A-R Cable. The new influx of cash from a New York City-based investment company will allow the technical upgrade to proceed without a hitch. Service will also be extended to some sparsely populated areas of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

Gunner cautioned Smede at the board meeting that continually rising rates for cable TV would put an increased burden on seniors living on fixed incomes. "For some people, that's their only form of entertainment," he said.

Gunner questioned the company's policy of disallowing senior discounts on the family package if a senior also subscribed to premium channels like HBO and Cinemax.

The town board approved a 10-year franchise agreement with the company last fall. A-R Cable Services, formerly known as Adams-Russell, has been serving the town since 1976.

Monthly charges have risen dramatically over the past several years to the point where Bethlehem residents pay one of the highest cable bills in the area.

Panel

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parents and the community, who she thinks must ask not only what they can do for their own children, but everybody else's as well.

Prenoveau is hoping for a good turnout at a special Victim Impact Panel set for Thursday, Feb. 25, at Bethlehem Central High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Martin agrees involvement is very important for all parents regardless of whether their children drink or not.

"If parents come, they can use it (ideas from the panel) as a dialogue with kids," Prenoveau said.

Albany County Stop DWI Coordinator Denis Foley of Delmar wholeheartedly favors parental attendance at the special panel. "I think parents should come because there is a problem of underage drinking and driving in Bethlehem. The kids have access to cars, and the rural two-lane highways have the highest fatality rates."

Victim panels, he argued, create a link that make people more responsible. "What was once condoned as inappropriate behavior is a dangerous and deadly crime. ... Our number one crime in Al-

bany County is drunk driving," Foley said.

He believes parents also have to change their own behavior since they are the principal role models for their children.

"I realize people in Bethlehem are exceptionally busy and it's hard to take an extra hour and a half to do anything, but this is an event that can actually pay a dividend."

The first victim panel in the area was held in Bethlehem Town Court in 1989 with about 12 people in attendance. "I think there were more guests than offenders," said Foley. Offenders will not be at the

because we care and want to share the impact the intoxicated driver has had on our life. ... We're here in hopes that what you hear with your ears, you will listen to with your hearts."

The victim panels are charged with emotion and tend to totally capture the audience.

For nearly two hours, surviving family members tell their grievous stories.

In recalling the death of her daughter Kathleen in 1989, Linda Campion says, "A DWI crash not only kills a victim, it kills a whole family."

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Betty Martin

special panel next week. Since the first panel, the numbers of offenders ordered by judges to attend them have increased so dramatically, they can no longer be held in Bethlehem because of lack of space.

Although no two victim panels are alike, they are all emotionally charged. "We all come with our own agenda," said Martin, who sometimes participates and sometimes acts as a moderator on the panels. "Our behavior is really based on our feelings."

Martin said what most parents want most of all for their children is for health and happiness and peace in their lives, but "We have behaviors in direct conflict with that."

At the most recent impact panel in Guilford last week, Martin summed up the reason why she and others were willing to share their painful stories. "We come

"A victim panel has a life of its own, it's really an art form," said Foley. "It hits home. There's something in the psyche that connects."

That connection is borne out by the improving recidivism rate in Albany County. Only 1 percent of the first-time DWI offenders are rearrested for drunk driving versus 7.5 percent statewide. "We seem to be affecting the first time offender," Foley said.

Parents in Bethlehem cannot afford to deny that drinking and driving is a serious problem in the community, panel participants say.

"What we need is to have families and the community feel in control and to be informed about those things putting them at risk," Martin said. "At a victim panel, we're not asking people to feel sorry or cry, but for a certain sharing of strength."

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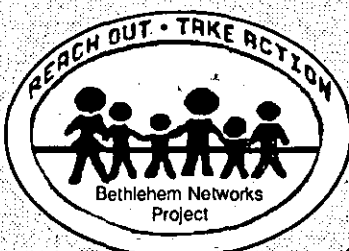
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Beverly LaRock and Robert Lissandrello

LaRock, Lissandrello to wed

Beverly Ann LaRock, daughter of Beverly and Herbert LaRock of Voorheesville, and Robert Francis Lissandrello, son of Marie and Paul Lissandrello of Waterbury, Conn., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and Maria College in Albany. She

is employed by Stewart's in Voorheesville.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sayville High School on Long Island and is employed as an assistant manager for Cumberland Farms in Schenectady.

The couple plans a May wedding.

Methodist church hosts ham supper

Trinity United Methodist Church, Route 143, Coeymans Hollow, will host a ham supper on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The menu will include roast fresh ham, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, apple sauce, rolls and homemade pie. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7.50 for adults and

\$3.50 for children ages 12 and under.

The youth fellowship will be collecting canned goods for the hungry in conjunction with the meal.

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Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Emily Noel Evans, to Susan and Glenn Evans, Feura Bush, Dec. 24.

Boy, Zachary Thomas Jones, to Mary Ann and Thomas Jones, Voorheesville, Dec. 25.

Boy, Noah Andrew Rubin, to Lois and Richard Rubin, Glenmont, Jan. 18.

Girl, Jessica Louise Ballard, to Karen and Donald Ballard, Delmar, Jan. 17.

Girl, Amy Kathryn Cookfair, to Melissa and Tim Cookfair, Delmar, Jan. 25.

Girl, Samantha Lynn Hammond, to Sharon and Charles Hammond, Selkirk, Jan. 25.

Boy, Ryan Jeffery Kitchen, to Deborah and Jeffery Kitchen, Delmar, Jan. 29.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Demerise Eileen Tighe, to Janice Hofaker-Tighe and Kevin Tighe, Burden Lake, Dec. 21. Maternal grandparents are Al and the late Eileen Hofaker of Delmar. Paternal grandparents are William and Helen Tighe of Glenmont.

Samaritan Hospital

Boy, Steven Edward Goebel, to Sarah and Paul Goebel, Delmar, Jan. 20.

St. Clare's Hospital

Girl, Kate Margaret Mitchell, to Denise and David Mitchell, Voorheesville, Feb. 1.

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Raymond Brands and Ann Louise Howell

Howell, Brands to marry

Frederick and Eleanor Howell of Delmar announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Louise, to Raymond K. Brands of Glenmont, son of Edward and Tina Brands of Sussex, N.J.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the bride-to-be earned her bachelor's in elementary education from SUNY Geneseo and her master's in reading from SUNY Albany. She is a

teacher at Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar.

The prospective groom is an engineering graduate of the University of Michigan and earned his master's in management from the Florida Institute of Technology. He is employed as an engineer at the Watervliet Arsenal.

The couple plans a May wedding.

Community Corner



Squares to swing at birthday dance

Tri-Village Squares will sponsor its birthday dance on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Participants should bring a white elephant gift. Refreshments will be homemade cakes.

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Obituaries

Judith Swire

Judith Marks Swire, 55, of Hague Boulevard in Glenmont died Monday, Feb. 8, at her home.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, she received a bachelor's degree from Hunter College and a master's in literature from the State University of New York at Albany.

She was director of marketing for Prentice Hall Legal and Financial Services in Albany at the time of her death. She was a member of the American Marketing Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Alisa Swire of Petaluma, Calif.; her mother, Goldie Finkelstein of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; and a brother, Robert Marks of Cooper Mills, Maine.

Services were from Levine Memorial Chapel, 649 Washington Ave., Albany.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Albany.

Judith Longley

Judith Longley, 55, of Glenmont died Sunday, Feb. 7, at her home.

She was a longtime Capital District resident. She attended the State University at Albany.

She was employed as a receptionist at GE Plastics in Selkirk from 1989 to 1992.

Mrs. Longley was a communicant of Our Lady of Angels Church, Albany.

She was a professional member of the American Federation of Astrologers and a member of the National Association for Transpersonal Psychology. Mrs. Longley was also a National Rifle Association certified pistol marksmanship instructor.

Survivors include her husband James F. Longley Sr.; two daughters, Honey-Jo Kelly of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, and Jeri Ellen Cerutti of Winchester, Mass.; a son, James F. Longley Jr. of Glenmont; her parents, Ralph and Helen Degener Fowler of Colonie; a sister, Ruth Harding of Colonie; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Our Lady of Angels Church.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Leila Fowler

Leila Groesbeck Fowler, 77, of Delmar, died Monday, Feb. 8, at Memorial Hospital in Albany.

A longtime Albany resident, she graduated from Albany High School and Mildred Elley Business School in Albany. She had recently moved to Delmar.

Mrs. Fowler worked in the meat department of the Grand Union supermarket in Elmsmere before retiring in the 1970s after 30 years of service.

Mrs. Fowler was an active member of the Latham Bible Baptist Church.

She was the widow of the Rev. Wilford Fowler and Frederick Palmer Sr.

Survivors include two sisters, Helen Wiegand and Hazel D'Ascoli, both of Delmar, and a brother, Edgar Groesbeck of East Greenbush.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Salem in the spring.

Contributions may be made to the Latham Bible Baptist Church, 495 Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham 12110.

M. Kathryn Westgate

M. Kathryn Westgate, 89, formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, at Keith Hill Nursing Home in Grafton, Mass.

She had lived in Delmar from 1974 to 1984, before moving to Massachusetts. Born in Albany, Mrs. Westgate lived in Rensselaer from 1910 to 1974.

She worked for 44 years as a principal account clerk for the state Department of Social Services in Albany.

A communicant of St. Mary's Church in North Grafton, Mass., she was a former member of St. John's Church in Rensselaer and its Mothers Club.

Mrs. Westgate was the widow of Carroll P. Westgate Sr.

Survivors include a son, Carroll P. Westgate Jr. of North

Grafton; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Mary's Church, North Grafton. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands. Arrangements were by Roney Funeral Home in North Grafton.

Contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Center, ACC 709, Massachusetts General Hospital, 14 Parkman St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

Diana K. Miller

Diana K. Miller, 87, of Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville, died Monday, Feb. 14, at her son's home.

Born in Worcester, Mass., she had lived in Worcester for 20 years and then spent 50 years in Sunnyside, Queens, before moving to Clarksville recently.

She graduated from the Forsythe School for Dental Hygien-

ists in Medford, Mass., in 1927. She was a dental hygienist in private practice for a number of years in New York City and later for the New York City Board of Health before retiring about 20 years ago.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Central Synagogue in New York City and its Senior Club and Hadassah.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Miller of Clarksville and Richard Miller of Natick, Mass.; a daughter, Joyce S. McKenney of Richmond, Maine; two brothers, Lewis Kaplan of Falmouth, Mass., and Samuel Kaplan of Woodstock, Conn.; a sister Gertrude Maier of Los Angeles; and four grandsons.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Perlman Funeral Home, 1026 Main St., Worcester.

Burial will be in B'nai B'rith Cemetery in Worcester.

Unocal

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on the site in case it was offered for sale. At the time, the company gave no firm indication it was abandoning its plan.

Many Selkirk and Cedar Hill residents are probably relieved that the proposal is dead, said planning board member Richard Olson, who lives in South Bethlehem.

A lot of people worried about the noise that would result from scores of truck idling in the parking lot all night, Olson said. The prospect of added truck traffic along Route 396, which bisects the Village of Selkirk, also was a major concern.

On the other hand, "There were a few who favored it because of the 70-odd jobs it would have created."

The company acquired the parcel in three stages starting with an initial purchase in 1972. First presented to the board in September 1990, Unocal was looking to break ground this spring.

Besides the traffic problem and the wetlands issue, town planners questioned the need for a 73-foot sign near the Thruway to advertise the truck stop. The Thruway does not normally allow highway signs to exceed 45 feet.

One plus of the project appeared to be the company's promise to construct a 1.6 mile extension of the town sewer district to serve the new facility.

"We've yet to receive formal notification of their withdrawal," said planning board chairman Martin Barr.

Harold Williams, president of

SAFER (Selkirk Association for All Residents), said he was happy with the final outcome.

"It's an old area of town," he said. "Across the street from there are some historical farms. I'm sure there's something more compatible that could go in there, such as a housing development or some kind of light industry, that would not diminish the quality of life."

V'ville officials hope NiMo will move lines

Although the scientific community disagrees about the harmful effects of electromagnetic fields (EMF) from power lines, parents and staff from Voorheesville Elementary School who attended last week's public forum want the lines behind the school moved.

"NiMo indicated it was open to looking at options for moving the lines, possibly to the far end of the playing fields," said VES Principal Edward Diegel.

More than 300 concerned parents turned out for the forum last Tuesday to hear local scientific experts give varying views on the dangers of EMFs from the 115 kilovolt and 34.5 kilovolt power lines that are less than 100 feet from both the school building and the new creative playground.

"It's good for the community to have a chance to express their opinions and hear from experts in the field," Diegel said.

Many parents urged the utility to err on the side of safety and move the wires despite the lack of agreement in the scientific community.

Superintendent Alan McCartney announced that a task force of parents, staff and community members would work with the utility company to get accurate measurements of the EMFs in the school and outside.

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Generals vs. Globetrotters: Can the tide be turned?

By Eric Bryant

Picture this resume: Basketball coach, 14 years experience with a professional traveling team. Played against some of the world's most talented ballplayers in locations around the globe. Career record, approximately 0-3,220.

For Washington Generals' coach John Ferrari, losing a basketball game isn't a minor setback, it's a way of life. For 14 years he's coached the team taunted and tamed by the Harlem Globetrotters and this Sunday at the Knickerbocker Arena, he'll once again lead the Generals on the elusive quest for success against the Houdinis of the Hardcourt. Wish him luck. It's been 22 years since the Generals' last victory.

Contrary to popular belief, the Washington Generals are not part of the Harlem Globetrotter organization. Although the team was founded in 1951 by current owner Louis "Red" Klotz at the suggestion of Globetrotter founder Abe Saperstein, the Generals have had separate coaching and management staff ever since.

"Very simply, we're contracted to arrive every evening and be the opposition," the coach said.

According to Ferrari, the Generals recruit from the college and semi-professional ranks through a loose network of former players, coaches and friends of the organization. For a young ball player, the prospect of world travel and playing the game they love has a strong allure.

"It's a great opportunity if you love to play basketball and you want to couple that with travel. And it's travel like no other group in the world does. As I tell my

players, if you stay with us a couple of years, you're guaranteed to circle the globe at least once," Ferrari said. "In the last five years, we have been behind what was the Iron Curtain several times. We were in Sarajevo less than two years ago. We've been to Russia, Israel, anywhere you can lay down a basketball floor."

Just in the past two years, Globetrotters and Generals alike have had audiences with Pope John Paul II, King Hussein of Jordan and other international dignitaries.

Even so, it has to be tough for a player to get psyched up for a team with a 3,000-game losing streak.

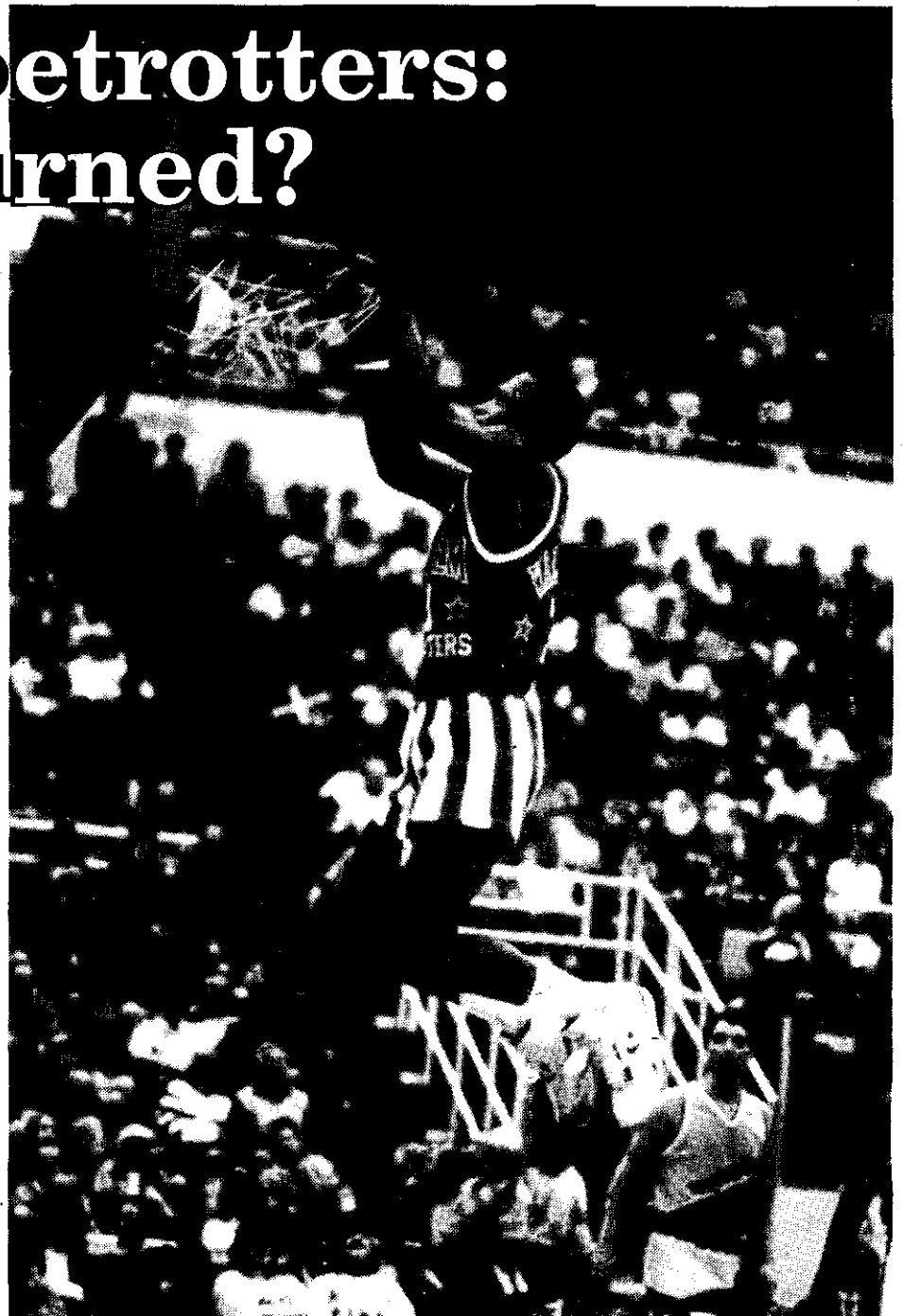
"What do I tell the team before each game? I tell them to try their best," he said. "Not every minute on the floor is comedy. A fair amount of the evening is basketball and when that occurs, we try our very best. An evening with the Trotters is supposed to be both comedy and basketball and both teams take very seriously both parts of that. ... When it's time to play basketball, we're playing the best basketball we can play."

But still. ... 0-3,000? The fix has to be in somewhere.

"We have never, ever, been told to lose," Ferrari said emphatically. "We've been up by 10 or 15 points in certain games, and on several occasions, lost by just one point. If we have an opportunity to come down with the last possession and hit a three-pointer to win the game, we're going to try it."

Ferrari's association with the Generals came as a stroke of luck. "I just tell people I married into it," he said.

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This Sunday night, Feb. 21, the Harlem Globetrotters and their longtime foes, the Washington Generals, will take to the hardcourt at the Knickerbocker Arena.

West Mountain ski races to benefit Ronald McDonald House

By Kathleen Shapiro

Capital District residents will have a chance to race down the ski slopes and raise money for charity next weekend during West Mountain's Fifth Annual Ski Fest to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Albany.

With activities designed to attract experts and casual skiers alike, the Glens Falls event has been a big draw for both families and corporate teams over the past several years. Last year, the ski fest raised roughly \$30,000, said Ronald McDonald House spokesperson Cheryl Ritchko.

"A lot of people don't race," said Ritchko. "Some just come because they like to ski."

Whatever their skill level on the slopes, most guests attend the event to show their support for the local Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing for families of seriously ill or injured children receiving treatment at area hospitals. The ski fest is one of a number of fund-raisers held throughout the year to support the home.

"A lot of money comes in from the racers," said Ritchko. Every team of four pays a registration fee of



West Mountain will host a ski-fest to benefit Ronald McDonald House, Saturday, Feb. 27.

\$500. Junior racers 18 and under pay \$50 each to enter.

Skiers who just want to enjoy the slopes pay \$65 for adults and \$35 for juniors 18 and under. Children under five are admitted free. The price includes an all-day lift ticket, free hot and cold drinks all day, a buffet dinner, dancing to the music of Bobby Dick & the Sundowners and a chance to try out "hot tech" trends like boogie boards and other top-notch ski equipment.

All racers will be presented with "goody bags" containing T-shirts, headbands and other gifts, said Ritchko. Guests will also be eligible for raffle prizes, including ski equipment, CDs and West Mountain lift passes.

Although the races do draw some of the area's best skiers, each event is broken down according to skill level, said Ritchko, so no one has to feel overwhelmed.

"You don't have to be an expert racer," she said. "Sometimes it's just fun to test what a real racing trail is like, and West Mountain isn't so big that it's too scary."

"We encourage skiers of all levels to come up," she added. "Some people may think it's a little intimidating, but it's not like that. It's just a fun place to be for the day."

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FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

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Q. At what age should I take my child to the pediatric dentist for the first time?

A. Let the first tooth, which will surface between six and twelve months, remind you that it's time to see your pediatric dentist. Though this may seem early, 40% of toddlers between the ages of two and three have some inflammation of the gums and/or cavities. Be sure to get advice on tooth cleaning, pacifiers, fluoride and preventing tooth injuries for young walkers.

Q. If our water supply is fluoridated, should my child also use a fluoridated toothpaste?

A. Absolutely. It was once believed that dietary fluoride (fluoride taken into the body through food and water) was more effective than topical fluoride (fluoride applied to the teeth with toothpaste, mouth rinses or in-office fluoride treatments). Today, professionals maintain that both sources of fluoride are equally influential in preventing tooth decay. Toothpaste provides daily fluoride boosts that are necessary in keeping your child's teeth cavity-free.

Q. Is it possible to get too much fluoride?

A. Parents often worry about too much fluoride, a condition which can cause fluorosis. Your pediatric dentist will assess the amount of fluoride your child is receiving from drinking water, toothpastes, mouth rinses and in-office fluoride treatments and also will consider the need for a dietary fluoride supplement.

The tiny percentage of children who incur severe dental fluorosis typically consume over-fluoridated water on a regular basis or eat their toothpaste. The

U.S. Public Health Service assures us that water fluoridation is safe and effective.

Confirm with your dentist, or your local water company if necessary, that your community observes the Environmental Protection Agency's standard for optimum water fluoridation (0.7 to 1.2 parts per million). It's also a good idea to teach small children to use a pea size amount of toothpaste for brushing, not snacking.

Q. What are dental sealants?

A. Dental sealants protect the chewing surfaces of back teeth where most cavities occur in children are found. Made of clear or shaded plastic, sealants are painted onto the tiny grooves and depressions in the molars. By "sealing out" food and plaque, sealants reduce the risk of decay. They are quickly and painlessly applied to any baby teeth and permanent teeth that, in the dentist's opinion, are likely to have decay on the biting surface. Sealants must be checked periodically and replaced when necessary, though they generally last for several years.

Q. Can all children benefit from dental sealants?

A. Studies show that 4 out of 5 cavities in children under age 15 develop on the biting surface of back molars. Molars commonly decay because plaque accumulates in the tiny grooves of the chewing surfaces. Though fluoride works to prevent cavities on the smooth surfaces of the teeth, it is not as effective on the biting surfaces of back teeth. Sealants prevent the cavities that fluoride cannot effectively reach. As a preventive mechanism, sealants are an important part of a cavity-free generation.

Q. When should I begin caring for my child's teeth?

A. Brushing actually begins before she is capable of doing it herself. A wet cloth or gauze effectively cleans gums and removes plaque after nursing and establishes a good habit early on. Gentle brushing with a soft bristle brush begins with the first tooth and flossing, when most primary teeth are in.



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This article is part 1 of a 3 part series.

Dance at the museum



The evolution of popular American dance will be demonstrated during a special presentation at the State Museum on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 and 3 p.m.

AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17**
ALBANY COUNTY
STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

"Life in the Winter Forest," New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 children. Information, 474-5877.

"RECOVERY FROM ANXIETY AND PANIC ATTACKS"

workshop, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$18. Information, 489-4431.

"FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN IN PORTRAITS"

"Art Talk" series, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ADULT FIRST AID/CPR COURSE

two-part session, Feb. 17 and 24, Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

MS SELF-HELP GROUP

7 p.m. Call MS office for meeting location, 427-0421.

"ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE"

symposium, Sage Albany Campus Center, Room 224, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 445-1724.

"UNITED NATIONS: WHAT ROLE IN THE NEW WORLD?"

Great Decisions '93, discussion and action program, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon to 1 p.m. Information, 475-1326.

BABYSITTING

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

SQUARE DANCE

St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

SCHENECTADY
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 18**
ALBANY COUNTY
RECYCLING SEMINAR

sponsored by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 456-6611.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

breast-feeding support group, meeting, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-1774.

HOMESTYLE DINNER

Watervliet Ancient Order of Hibernians, 1021 Ninth Ave., Watervliet, 6 to 8 p.m. Cost, \$4.50 adults, \$3 children.

OPEN HOUSE

Albany Academy and Albany Academy for Girls, Academy Road, Albany, 8:30 a.m. Information, 465-1461.

STRANGE AND DISGUSTING TALES

stories for children with the Snickering Witches, New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 children. Information, 474-5877.

SENIOR CHORALE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

BABYSITTING

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

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 19**
ALBANY COUNTY
"FIRST IMPRESSIONS"

Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

THE WORLD HOP

musical tour through the world for children, New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 children. Information, 474-5877.

SENIORS LUNCHE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

MOTHER'S DROP IN

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
BROOKS CHICKEN BARBECUE

Stanford United Methodist Church, 1569 State St., Schenectady, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Cost, \$6.50 adults, \$4 children. Information, 372-9201.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 20**
ALBANY COUNTY
PET ADOPTION CLINIC

sponsored by the Capital District Humane Society, Supernal Pet Motel, 480 Hudson River Road, Waterford, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 587-1891.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Greenbush Reformed Church, Hayes Road and Route 9, East Greenbush, 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Information, 233-0797.

COLUMBIA COUNTY
EAGLE WATCH

Nuffen Hook Reserve, Stockport Flats site, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Information (914) 758-5193.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
HUDSON MOHAWK INDUSTRIAL GATEWAY BREWERY TOUR

tour of Brown and Moran Brewing Company, 10 a.m. Cost, \$8 for non-members, \$6 members. Reservations required, 274-5267.

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 21**
ALBANY COUNTY
HOOP EXTRAVAGANZA

featuring the College of Saint Rose, Harlem Globetrotters and Capital Region Pontiacs, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

TALES FOR TOTS

stories for preschoolers and kindergartners, New York State Museum, Albany, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 474-5877.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington Avenue, Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
"UNDERSTANDING OUR COMPANION ANIMALS"

two-part film series, Feb. 21 and 28, Shenendehowa Public Library, Clifton Country Road, Clifton Park, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 877-8678.

**MONDAY
FEBRUARY 22**
ALBANY COUNTY
"SURVIVING WITH CANCER"

support group for adult cancer patients and their families, Albany Medical College, division of medical oncology conference room, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 262-6752.

"PARENTING: THE PRESCHOOL YEARS"

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 452-3455.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Former area residents continue success in television, Hollywood

Two former Albany residents in recent weeks have been in entertainment news, one with a potential new television series and another as director of a new movie in production.

William Devane will be finishing his nine-year stint on *Knots Landing* when it ends its long TV run in May. But, the former Albany native who left the area 30 years ago to make his mark in theater, has been given a contract by ABC Television to develop a new series for himself.

Devane will be executive producer in control of the series. For Devane, it is a position he's long been after since he arrived in Hollywood some 19 years ago.

Then, a frustrated actor who had some success in New York (Bobby Kennedy in *MacBird* and the lead in *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*), took his family to Hollywood with enough money to keep them in fast food on the drive across the country.

Within a year and a half, he had a multi-million dollar contract to star in the series, *From Here To Eternity*. But, disputes caused the series to fold and he moved from film to television until he played President Kennedy so effectively in *Missiles of October* on TV.

Despite his success, he had difficulty with control of his own destiny and finally landed on *Knots Landing* in a sustaining role for some good money. Now, as that series draws to a close, he can look forward to a new show in which he will be given some measure of control.

About 20 years ago, another Albany native, John McTiernan, Jr., graduated from Albany High School with a string of theater ventures which stamped him as a promising actor. Yet, he wanted to direct film, so he went to New York University. From experimental films to low-budget movies, McTiernan, son of a retired State Department of Transportation lawyer, grew in prominence and for the last half-dozen years has been a force in action films, notably *The Hunt For Red October*, the chilling submarine movie.

Now, he's directing Arnold Schwarzenegger in a new action spoof where the muscular star is doing a takeoff on action movies. With McTiernan's background and sense of humor, Schwarzenegger should have a field day in this film due out at the end of the year.

CATS production proves phenomenal success in fifth visit to Proctor's

There's a mystique about the production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *CATS*, the musical which is still running on Broadway after ten years. Last week, in its fifth appearance at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady over a period of eight years, *CATS* managed to sell out for three performances, a total of almost 9,000 seats.

The production remains as fresh as when first seen and the current performers are as talented as their forebears. The fast-moving depiction of cats living in a junkyard as a metaphor for human differences, offers a variety of dancing that is often breathtaking.

Low cost movies flourish at Proctor's Theater

The return of second-run movie houses in the area, most notably the Northway Mall's multi-plex theaters, brings to mind that Proctor's Theater in Schenectady has been having successful runs of second run movies for years. The difficulty is that the screenings have to be done during days when no other events are playing.

Chaplin, the new movie by Richard Attenborough, starring Robert Downey, Jr., plays this Sunday (Feb. 21) through Thursday (Feb. 25.) for a total of nine screenings.

Prices are \$2 and \$3 for adults (the higher figure is for the balcony) and children (12 or under) \$1 and \$2. Senior citizens are \$2 at all times. Call 382-1083 for info.

Around theaters!

Shirley Valentine, British one-woman comedy with Anita Gillette, at Capital Repertory Theater in Albany, through Mar. 14. (462-4534)... *Come Blow Your Horn*, Neil Simon's first comedy, at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, through Sunday, Feb. 21, (463-3811).



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BETHLEHEM
DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
ANTIQUITY STUDY GROUP

"show and tell" of sewing and needle work, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-5236.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO
American Legion Post 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

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

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

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32. Information, 439-6391.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
Normansville Country Club, Salisbury Road, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

NEW SCOTLAND
MOUNTAINVIEW
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 477-4476.

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 18
BETHLEHEM
COMPUTERS AND YOUR BUSINESS

hot buffet breakfast, sponsored by Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Howard Johnson's, Route 9W, 7:30 to 9 a.m., cost \$8, reservations by Feb. 17. Information, 439-0512.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON
for members, guests and membership applicants, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND
NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 19
BETHLEHEM

SNOWSHOE WALK
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 475-0291. Information, 439-0512.

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Selkirk, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

PAPER MAKING WORKSHOP
grades three and up, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 20
BETHLEHEM

BIRTHDAY DANCE
sponsored by Tri-Village Squares, bring white elephant gift, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-7571.

ICE FISHING
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 21
BETHLEHEM

FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 22
BETHLEHEM

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

DELMAR KIWANIS
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 23
BETHLEHEM

INFANT AND CHILD CPR
two-session course, Community Health Plan Delmar Health Center, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 to 10 p.m. Cost, \$15 CHP members, \$27 non-members, \$25 member-couple, \$47 non-member couple, \$36 member/non-member couple. Information, 783-1864, extension 4444.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 1 to 6 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

DELMAR ROTARY
Days Inn, Route 9W. Information, 482-8824.

NEW SCOTLAND

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE BOARD
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 24
BETHLEHEM

"THE FEMININE FACE OF GOD"
Lenten breakfast for women, speaker: Patricia Store-Sears, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

"SPACE FOR GOD"
first session of seven-week evening course, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

MAKING CHANGES
job interviewing workshop, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

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NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE
22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

Weekly Crossword

"NCAA Contenders"

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 *Crimson Tide*
- 5 Substance of a cell; Comb. form
- 10 Locale of Anna's King
- 14 Winglike
- 15 Hawaiian porch
- 16 Decorated tin piece
- 17 *Duke*
- 19 Debtor
- 20 Long time
- 21 Charlotte & Norma
- 22 Comfort
- 24 Wagers
- 26 Behaves theatrically
- 28 Utilizes
- 30 Walk faster?
- 33 Speaks carelessly
- 36 Standard & _____
- 38 Formerly Clay
- 39 Confined
- 40 *Hurricanes' School*
- 41 Let stand
- 42 Hearing aid
- 43 Horse or bean
- 44 Bed linen
- 45 Goblet
- 47 Bone; Comb. form
- 49 Leotards
- 51 Fall
- 55 1992 Wimbledon Champ
- 57 Rip
- 59 Decompose
- 60 Virginia Senator
- 61 *Hoya's School*
- 64 Mr. Guthrie
- 65 Repent
- 66 On the ocean
- 67 Was
- 68 Backs of the neck
- 69 German articles

DOWN

- 1 Infants
- 2 Allocate
- 3 _____ Loa: Hawaiian
- 4 Exist
- 5 Delight
- 6 Wash
- 7 Herb
- 8 Gal of song
- 9 *Tigers' School*
- 10 Wide scarfs
- 11 *Cyclones' School*
- 12 Actor Baldwin
- 13 Simple
- 18 Apparel
- 23 Baseball catcher Mel & family
- 25 Actor Russell
- 27 What the cow cow says?
- 29 Small piano
- 31 Robert _____
- 32 *Panthers' School*
- 33 Special: Abbrev.
- 34 Jacob's wife
- 35 Not assessable
- 37 Cereal grain
- 40 *Wolverines' School*
- 41 Dog's name
- 43 Swine
- 44 Retail business establishment
- 46 Capital of Portugal
- 48 Theatrical platforms
- 50 Small porch
- 52 Ordinary language
- 53 Let down
- 54 Heating vessels
- 55 Saudi
- 56 Veep
- 58 Sea eagle
- 62 Timetable abbrev.
- 63 Bit

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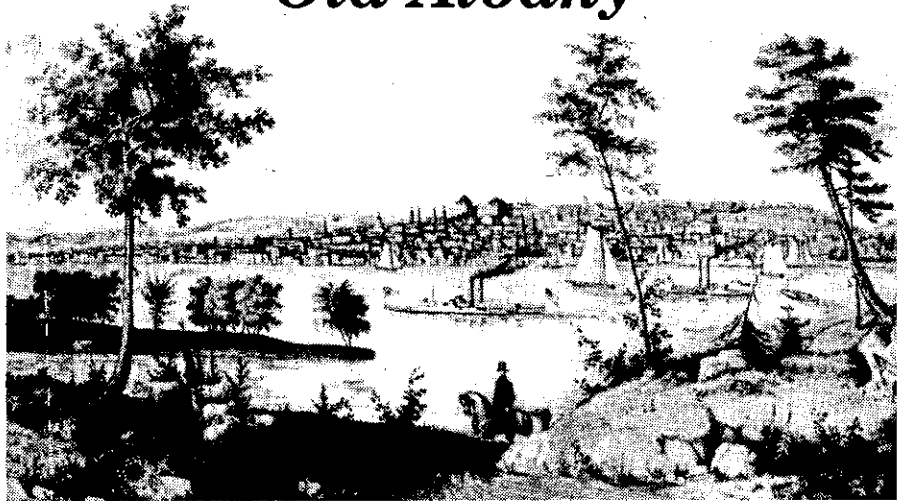
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Globetrotters

(from page 23)

While working in the business and operations end of the Harlem Globetrotter organization for several years, Ferrari met and fell in love with "Red" Klotz's daughter. Wedding bells led to the coach's towel when "Red" asked Ferrari to coach the team. That was 14 years ago and Ferrari has been at it ever since.

"Sometimes you wake up and you have no idea where you are. That's actually quite common. But on the whole, it's an interesting life," he said. "I try to get back home once every three weeks to see my three young daughters. When I'm away, they tell their teacher 'Dad's on the road.'"

Will the Generals continue their incredible string of losses or perhaps make history by beating the Trotters Sunday? One thing is certain. Where the Globetrotters go, the Generals will follow.

In the words of "Red" Klotz, "Jackie Gleason has Art Carney, Abbott has Costello. And the Globetrotters got us."

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John Ferrari

The Generals and Globetrotters will square off Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Knickerbocker Arena at 2 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the Knick box office, Ticketmaster outlets or charge-by-phone at (518) 476-1000. Tickets are priced at \$9, \$11 and \$14. Children under 12 receive a \$2 discount.

Flowery adornment



Jamie Gibbs, a landscape architect and interior designer, will conduct a slide and lecture presentation on "Decorating with Flowers," at the New York State Museum in Albany on Friday, Feb. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The program is scheduled as a complement to "New York in Bloom," the museum's second annual flower show, which will run Feb. 26 to Feb. 28.

THE SPOTLIGHT GUIDE TO RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CHURCHES

Baptist

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH worship service, Sun. 10:15 a.m., and Sun. school, 9:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road. Info, 475-9086.

Christian Fellowship

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Sun. school and worship, Sun. 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Info, 438-7740.

Christian Scientist

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST service and Sun. school, Sun. 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-2512.

Community

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH worship service, Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. school, 9 a.m.; evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave. Info 439-3135.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Sun. school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, Sun. 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Info, 768-2916.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Sun. school, 9:45 a.m., Sun. service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Info, 439-7864.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH worship service, church school, Sun. 10 a.m.; fellowship hour, adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Info, 439-1766.

Episcopal

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Info, 439-3265.

Evangelical

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH bible hour for children and adults, Sun. 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Info, 765-3390.

Greek Orthodox

ST. SOPHIA CHURCH Orthos Sun. 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m., 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Info, 489-4442

Lutheran

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH worship services, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sun.

school, 9:15 a.m.; nursery care, 8 a.m. to noon, 85 Elm Ave. Info, 439-4328.

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH worship meeting, Sun. 11 a.m., Bethlehem Grange Hall 137, Route 396, Beckers Corners. Info, 235-1298.

Methodist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR worship, Sun. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m. to noon, 428 Kenwood Ave. Info, 439-9976.

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

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sun. school, 9 a.m.; morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m.; 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Info, 756-6688.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sun. school, 9:30 a.m., worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Info, 767-9953.

Pentecostal

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sun. school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Route 85, New Salem. Info, 765-4410.

Presbyterian

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH worship, church school, nursery care, Sun. 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sun., 585 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-9252.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND worship, Sun. 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Info, 439-6454.

Reformed

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH worship and Sun. school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 386 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM church school, Sun. 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Info, 767-2243.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH worship, Sun. 11 a.m., nursery care provided; Sun. school, 11 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane. Info, 436-7710.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH Sun. school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Info, 732-7047.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH worship service, Sun. 11 a.m., nursery care provided, corner Route 85 and Route 85A, New Salem. Info, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH worship, Sun. 9:30 a.m., Sun. school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Info, 768-2133.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH Sun. school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Turnpike. Info, 439-5001.

Roman Catholic

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE Masses, Sat. at 5 p.m., and Sun. at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Info, 439-4951.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Masses, Sat. at 5 p.m., and Sun. at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview St., Voorheesville. Info, 765-2805.

Other

FAITH TEMPLE Sun. school, 10 a.m.; worship, 7 p.m., New Salem. Info, 765-2870.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH morning worship, Sun. 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Info, 439-4314.

SYNAGOGUES

Reform

B'NAI SHOLOM Fri. services, 8 p.m., 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Info, 482-5283.

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH 100 Academy Road, Albany. Info, 436-9761.

Conservative

CONGREGATION OHAV SHALOM New Krumkill Road, Albany. Info, 438-7858.

TEMPLE ISRAEL Fri. services, 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. and sundown, 600 New Scotland Ave. Info, 468-7858.

Orthodox

CONGREGATION BETH ABRAHAM JACOB Sat. services, 8 a.m., Sun. 9 a.m., 380 Whitehall Road, Albany. Info, 489-5819.

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Sale of 1984 Lincoln Town Car (VIN #1LNBP96F5EY619315) owned by William L. Hils, to the highest bidder will take place on Friday, 3/5/93, at Neenans Garage, 90 Industrial Park Road, Albany, New York 12206 at 9 a.m.
(February 17, 1993)

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OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk
TOWN CLERK
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