

spent a long day Tuesday dealing with winter's first big storm. Elaine McLain

## **Houghtaling to lead** county legislature

### . By Dev Tobin

Democrats in the Albany County Legislature have picked a new leader -Charley Houghtaling of Feura Bush.



Houghtaling acknowledged that he wasn't "the first or second or third to be asked" to challenge Harold Joyce of Albany for the post of majority leader.

In a caucus Sun-

day, Joyce withdrew his name Houghtaling from consider-

ation, paving the way for Hough-taling's official ascension to the majority leader's mantle Monday.

Houghtaling, 60, a 10-year veteran the Legislature, owns and operates Houghtaling's Market in Feura Bush. He said his perspective as a small business owner would help him tend to the "business of the Legislature."

Houghtaling said he will review committee assignments over the next few weeks and speak personally with all the committee chairmen.

"There's a lot of work to be done, especially with the changes in the charter" approved by the voters in the 1993 elections, Houghtaling said.

Houghtaling added that he had a good relationship with new Republican minority leader Peter Crummey of Loudonville. "I think we can work together," he said. □ HOUGHTALING/page 11

## **Bethlehem faces** big pension bill

By Mel Hyman

Town Comptroller Judith Kehoe estimates that Bethlehem will need to ante up about \$2 million for back payments to the state and local retirement system.

For a town like Bethlehem, with an

annual budget of about \$8 million, that could end up being a real burden for local taxpayers. Town officials, however, have begun putting money aside for the payback so the impact on the town budget will not be too severe.

Bethlehem is not alone, of course. All across the state, municipalities will be asked to chip in because the state recently lost a lawsuit pertaining to its handling of the pension fund.

"The governor and the Legislature, in

their infinite wisdom," devised a new formula several years back in which part of the annual payment into the retirement system would be deferred, said former Supervisor Ken Ringler.

The state was looking to save money by

reducing its own con-

tributions, Ringler

noted, while munici-

palities were ostensibly

smaller annual pay-

ments on behalf of their

benefiting by making

We felt this was a gimmick and sooner or later we'd have to pay it back.

### Ken Ringler

But the state's public employee unions, concerned about the long-term health of the pension fund, took the state to court and had the revised formula overturned.

.employees.

Thus all the money that Bethlehem and other municipalities saved since 1990 will □ PENSION/page 16

## **Developers fall out** and head to court

### By Mel Hyman

Delmar Village, a controversial subdivision approved in 1989 after five years of public wrangling, is about to enter a new phase - the courts.

Bethlehem developer Briand Parenteau filed a multi-million dollar lawsuit last month against HMC Associates, the owners of Delmar Village, for breach of contract and fraud. The principals of HMC, Albany real estate developer Norris MacFarland and state Sen. Howard Nolan, D-Albany, have been seeking to develop 232 apartments and 56 single family homes on a 92-acre tract between Orchard Street and Delaware Avenue.

Parenteau had a contract to purchase approximately 45 of the 92 acres and develop 56 single family homes on the parcel. He is seeking \$10 million on both the breach of contract and fraud charges plus □ DEVELOPERS/page 16



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launched her first year in office Monday with a promise to "encourage debate" as ameans of finding solutions to the thorny issues facing the town.

In brief remarks made to a packed audience in the courthouse chambers of the town hall, Fuller expressed her desire to continue the tradition of ex cellence in government that has been our inheritance," and to "improve that which needs improvement.

It appears that she will need little help in encouraging debate as neighborhood groups in town have already started to press their agendas.

Fuller acknowledged that she plans to sit down with some residents of Rural. Place this week to discuss their strong



New Supervisor Sheila Fuller (left), Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk and new Councilman George Lenhardt get down to business Monday. opposition to the siting of a gourmet have recently banded together to file a delicatessen at the corner of Rural Place lawsuit against the town for its approval and Delaware Avenue. of Manning's Menu at 273 Delaware The residents of this Delmar street FULLER/page 16

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## Kiwanis looking to boost club membership

### By Susan Graves

With only 17 members, the Kiwanis Club of Delmar is spread thin given the number of community projects it is involved in and supports.

But Mark Becker, who joined the club last year, is hoping this year's membership drive will bolster the ranks of the service group. "Membership really dropped down," over the years, said Becker, who is working on the membership committee.

Of the 17 current members only about 11 are active. No women currently belong to the Delmar group, but anyone who lives or works in Delmar is welcome to join. Kiwanian Dom DeCecco said the club is "trying very hard to attract women."

DeCecco, who has been a member for two years, particularly likes the Kiwanis because it devotes a great deal of time and energy to two groups he is particularly fond of — children and the elderly:

For Becker, joining the Kiwanis was an opportunity to "get involved in something." He chose



Members of the Delmar Kiwanis Club are hoping to attract new members. During the Christmas holiday, club members from left, Mark Becker, Curt Matterson, Tom Hyde and John Geurtze aka Santa, hosted a party for children and helped out as bell ringers for the Salvation Army.



the Kiwanis because he said he remembered they had sponsored his troop when he was a Boy Scout. He vividly recalls the late Charlie Fritts, who was a scout leader, and the dinners and special events the the Kiwanis sponsored.

And today, despite the dwindling numbers, Delmar Kiwanians are involved in a host of activities. During the holidays, club members were bell ringers for the Salvation Army, sponsored a Christmas party for children at the Normanskill Community Church. The Kiwanis also sponscr the Key Club at the high school, participate and contribute to the annual bike rodeo and Toys for Tots and host a one-ring circus at Elm Avenue Park. "It's very hard fund-raising," for all the activities, said Becker. The club also donates equipment such as wheelchairs and special tables to the Bethlehem Senior Citizens office and finances the purchase of Christmas food baskets. In addition, club members spend time with senior citizens in town.

Roger Mead, Kiwanis president, admits the group is not a large one, but said he's hoping to encourage people who might be interested "to see what it's all about." There will be special membership meeting on Monday, Feb. 14, and all are welcome. Kiwanis was formed in 1915 by Joseph Prance in Detroit, Mich. Today, there are about 300,000 members who belong to 8,000 clubs in 71 countries. The original name was the Benevolent Order of Brothers, which was changed after one year to Kiwanis, derived from an Indian term 'Nun Keewanis,' which translates roughly to self expression.

The Delmar Kiwanians meet on Mondays at 6:15 p.m. at the Days Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

### V'ville woman listed in serious condition after auto crash

A Voorheesville woman remains in serious condition in Albany Medical Center Hospital after an accident at the junction of Blessing and Krumkill roads last week.

Deborah J. Stow, 39, of 254 Dorset Court, incurred multiple injuries on Wednesday, Dec. 30, when the vehicle she was a passenger in was struck by a vehicle driven by Rachel Lee, 21, of Clarksville, Bethlehem police said.

Stephen M. Stow, 32, also of Dorset Court in Voorheesville, suffered back and neck injuries from the accident.

He was released from Albany Medical Center on Friday.

Lee, who was not injured, was ticketed for failing to obey a stop sign. The accident occurred at 7:45 a.m. when Lee attempted to make a left turn from Blessing onto Krumkill and struck the Stow vehicle, which was traveling east along Krumkill, police said.

Police Officer Keith J. Becker investigated.





## All-Dem NS board sworn in Delmar man helps 🖀 Bosnian refugees By Dev Tobin

The November election results became official Saturday, as New Scotland's first-ever all-Democratic town board took office.

Judge Anthony Cardona, pre-siding justice of the Appellate Division's Third Department, swore in Supervisor Herb Reilly, re-elected to his fourth two-year term, and freshmen town board members Edward Donohue, Scott Houghtaling and Victoria Ramundo.

Houghtaling and Ramundo won full four-year terms in the November election, and Donohue will serve the two years remaining on the term of John Sgarlata, who resigned in May after relocating out of the area.

Reilly said he expected "a lot more cooperation" from the new board members in their common goal "to make the town a better place.'

Cardona also swore in Democratic Town Justice Thomas Dolin and Republicans Corinne Cossac (town clerk), Michael Hotaling (highway superintendent) and Marilyn Holmberg (receiver of taxes), all of whom were reelected.

In a brief organizational meeting following the swearing-in ceremony, the new board appointed Ann Dieckman to a seven-year term on the planning board, replacing Ann Richards, whose term expired.

Richards was then named as planning board liaison to the Helderberg Escarpment Committee.



Election night smiles turned into New Year's Day oaths for New Scotland town board members, from left, Victoria Ramundo, Scott Houghtaling, Herb Reilly and Ed Donohue.

The board made two appointby Law.

ments to the zoning board of appeals - Judy Wing, for a fiveyear term, replacing Larry Cross, whose term expired, and Fred Carl to a two-year term, replacing Scott Houghtaling following his election to the town board.

The board also re-appointed Bob Stapf as chairman of the planning board and Bud Danckert as chairman of the ZBA.

In a move that may raise Republican hackles, the board appointed Patricia McVee, Reilly's account clerk, as a part-time assistant to Assessor Richard Law.

Reilly and Law clashed several times last year over the reassessment project compiled by Cole-Layer-Trumble and coordinated

Reilly said he merely wanted to get the assessment roll "straightened out" so it is ready for this year's review and appeal process. He added that McVee's computer expertise would be helpful to the assessor's office.

In another matter, the board re-established the Water Committee to advise on proposals for new water districts in town. The committee includes Bob Cook, Glenn Pfleiderer, Mark Dempf, Kevin Phelan and Robert Hampston.

The board also decided to move up its regular monthly meeting from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m., still on the second Monday of the month. And the board named The Spotlight as

### By Susan Graves

Wanted: Two bedroom apartment in Bethlehem for Bosnian/ Bronx refugees.

Senada Delic and her three children, Amir, 13, Damir, 9, and Emina, 3, driven from their Balkan homeland by war, are desperately seeking refuge in a community where they can feel safe.

Delic, whose husband was killed in the Bosnian war, is currently living in the Bronx. During the two months they've been in the United States, life has not been kind to the young widow and the children. Amir has been beaten up and Senada is concerned about the education her children will receive here.

She has also been harassed because of her inability to speak English. Delic, who had been affluent by Bosnian standards, had to relinguish her home and all her possessions when she left the country.

But Delic left Bosnia because, "The kids had no food - basically for the sake of the children, she had to leave," said Abu Nazem, who along with his wife, Millie, have been trying to relocate Bosnian refugees.

The Nazems of Delmar are working with the Bosnian Refugee Resettlement Project of the Islamic Center in Schenectady, which has helped 27 refugees find homes here.

She's very concerned about her kids," said Abu Nazem, who heard about Delic from a former New York City policemen of Bo-

snian descent, who now operates a pizzeria in Albany.

"He contacted us and said, 'Can you help this woman?" Nazem said. Avdo Methajic and his family arranged to have her visit here with the hopes of finding affordable housing for the Delics.

'Our main concern is to find a place for her - we're looking for something in the \$450 range," Nazem said.

### The kids had no food ... she had to leave.

### Abu Nazem

"She has no help --- nothing, no parents—she's avery, very dignified lady." who had been a lawyer and a judge in Bosnia, Nazem said. He said when she learns English eventually, she would like to be able to go to school here, but that now her concern is for the children.

"Any help we can get for this woman would be much appreciated. She's been basically on the run for five months. And, since she arrived here, she's had trouble," partly because she does not speak English and partly because of living conditions in the Bronx, Nazem said.

For Nazem, Delic's story is a reminder that misfortune can happen "to anybody."

Anyone who may be interested in helping the Delics can call the Nazems at 439-4399.

## BCHS students want to open high school for weekend fun

### By Dev Tobin

There's nothing to do in Dullmar" is a common complaint of local teens, many of whom use the lack of engaging activities as a ready excuse for weekend drinking

While the Bethlehem area does not have a mall congenial to teen hanging out, it does have a large high school building sitting empty during most non-school hours.

A group of students, parents and teachers is working to change that by having an "Open High

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School" on weekend nights with a variety of activities.

"I don't think all students want to go out and drink, but there just isn't anything else to do," said BCHS sophomore Denise Herm.

"At the high school, there could be a whole bunch of things going on at one time - sports, drama, music and food," she said.

Herm noted that the open high school could be like an indoor Bethlefest, an all-day outdoor festival held at the high school last spring.

"People can have just as much fun as at Bethlefest," she said. "But we need to really get students involved in planning it."

The group will meet again Monday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. in Room 46 of the high school, and hopes to get "input from all the social groups in school," Herm added.

The open high school idea evolved from brainstorming during a Bethlehem Community Partnership overnight retreat last fall at the Omni Hotel in Albany, according to Nan Hinman, assistant administrator of the town parks and recreation department.

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"We kept hearing that teens go to drinking parties because there's nothing else to do," Hinman said.

The involvement of students in planning the open high school is key, Hinman said. "If adults try to organize and run the event, the kids just won't be interested."

The open high school would ideally be "a fun, safe place for kids to go with their friends on weekends," and would be open for one weekend night a month to start, Hinman said.

Although some details need to be worked out, the school district basically supports the open high school initiative, said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

"The open high school is a valuable option for students to be pursuing, and the district wants to be a partner in it," said Loomis, adding that the school board would have to approve any additional district expenses (e.g., for custodial staff) that the project may incur.

Loomis noted that the proposed open high school would have to be scheduled around other school and community groups who currently use the school after hours.

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## **Beverwyck buys land** for future expansion

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It's only been open four months, but plans to expand the new Beverwyck retirement community in Slingerlands are already in the works

An additional 44 acres adjacent to the present 34-acre campus off Krumkill Road were recently purchased by the Albany Guardian Society and The Eddy, two nonprofit organizations that banded together to develop the \$20 million Beverwyck complex. The new acquisition will enable Beverwyck to more than double over the next several years. The campus now includes 86 one and two bedroom apartments with enhanced services that allow senior citizens to continue to live independently. Fifteen cottages, clustered in five groups of three units each, were opened along with the apartments last September.

Our next step will be to fill up the remaining residences and plan the phases for our eventual build-out of the community," said Beverwyck executive director Gerald Stryker

Phase Two of Beverwyck is not expected to be developed before 1998, Stryker added

The recently-opened facility is about 64 percent occupied. Stryker said this was an excellent start for the community, which he described as a model for the state in terms of the campus layout and the range of services provided. The community will ultimately include 210 apartments, 15 cottages and a community services building that will house a variety of social, recreational and medical programs.

More than half of the additional acreage will remain undeveloped and set aside for nature trails. "It's a wonderful, wooded area with the (Krumkill) creek going through it," Stryker said. "It will help the campus keeps its rural character. With so much development going on here in Slingerlands, it will be nice to have an area that looks somewhat like it did five years ago."

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By Mel Hyman

## the town's official newspaper.

Troopers make

bike theft arrest

State Police at Selkirk arrested

an Albany man recently for alleg-

edly stealing a motorcycle from

the front yard of a residence on

Ralph M. Polk, 18, of Second

Ave., was charged with petit lar-

ceny in connection with the theft,

which occurred in September

1993. The motorcycle has been

recovered. The arrest was made

Route 9W in Glenmont.

## Challenger wants to wake up fire district

### By Mel Hyman

A last-minute write-in effort by former North Bethlehem fire chief Frank DeCerce netted him 19 votes in his quest for a spot on the board of fire commissioners.

But it still left him 15 votes behind the 34 tallied by Phil Schweppenhauser, board chairman and one of the founding commissioners of the North Bethlehem Fire District.

"I was approached by a number of people at the last minute,' DeCerce said, "so I gave it a shot. Maybe this will wake some people up'

DeCerce said he fully expects to be elected to the board at some future point. If he feels a commissioner isn't doing the job, he promised to "come out early and campaign for the job.

"I have my own feelings" about how the district should be run,' he said, declining to be more specific.

"What made it ironic is that (DeCerce) signed my nominating petition more than two weeks before the election," Schweppenhauser quipped. "From that I assumed he thought I was doing a good job.'

In seeking his third, five-year term on the board, Schweppenhauser said he found the unpaid position exciting and interesting.

"I enjoy working for the district and watching it grow," he said. "I probably got on a number of people's bad lists when we tried to get bonding for the firehouse back in '86. It took us three votes and each time we scaled it back so it wouldn't cost so much."

The final price tag on the Russell Road firehouse was \$475,000. "It's not like we have a \$900,000 building like they have in Guilderland or a \$1.2 million facility like Niskayuna. We have a no-frills building and it suffices."

Everything in the district is



Re-elected Chairman of the North Bethlehem Board of Fire Commissioners Phil Schweppenhauser defends the department's spending priorities. Mel Hyman

here."

done aboveboard, and the public is welcome to attend any of the monthly board of fire commissioner meetings, Schweppenhauser said.

He acknowledged that North Bethlehem has "probably the highest tax rate in the town,' mainly due to debt service incurred by the firehouse.

"But it's starting to go down slowly now because of all the construction going on around

The 1994 fire district budget is \$179,000. "We try to do one project a year," Schweppenhauser said. "That way we know it will get

done. For this year we're looking to level off the field behind us and perhaps put up a pavilion." The board of fire commissioner

meetings are held at the firehouse on the last Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. They are open to the public.

1994 will be Det. John Cox, vice-

### ABethlehem man was arrested on New Year's Day for allegedly driving while intoxicated, State Police said.

by Trooper Daniel Hart.

Patrick Merritt, 25, of Miller Ave., was apprehended at 5:15 a.m. after a traffic stop on Route 9W. He was charged with DWI and released pending a Jan. 11 appearance in town court.

The arrest was made by Troopers Daniel Hart and Robert Missenis.

Also, sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol arrested three men Dec. 23 on Font Grove Road in New Scotland for using a spotlight to hunt deer.

Gerald Weidman, 30, of Payne Road, Coeymans, George LaMountain, 28, of Ravena, and Kevin Seibert, 3,1 of Selkirk, were charged with violating state environmental conservation law by using a spotlight while in possession of a forearm and within 500 feet of a residence.

The three men were issued appearance tickets for town court on Jan. 13.

### **BOU seeks volunteer** to copy newsletter

**Bethlehem** Opportunities Unlimited is searching for one or two volunteers to work on its newsletter.

A volunteer is needed to copy the newsletter during lunch time at General Electric in Selkirk for one-halftoonehouronceamonth. A volunteer is also needed to fold, label, sort and mail the newsletter, which should take two to three hours monthly and can be done at the volunteer's home.

For information, call 475-1316.

### **Historical association** to sponsor lecture

A slide show and lecture has been slated for Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Österhout Community Center in New Salem.

Charles Gehring will present The Secret History of Peter Stuyvesant." The lecture is sponsored by the town of New Scotland Historical Association.

For information, call 765-2071.

### **BOU** slates meeting

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited has scheduled it next meeting for Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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recently re-elected president of president; Officer Robert Hellithe Bethlehem Police Officers' grass, secretary; Officer Joseph Union, Local 3364 of AFSCME Mosca Jr., treasurer; and Officer Council 82. Christopher Pauley, delegate-at-

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## **Neighbors organize** against compost plant

ing to oppose the siting of a composting facility on Waldenmaier Road

In keeping with the planned closure of the North Street landfill, Bethlehem officials this year are looking to develop a six-acre parcel at the junction of Route 32 and Waldenmaier Road for a brush and composting facility.

Not so fast, say residents living in the sparsely populated area. A petition will be presented to the town board on Wednesday, Jan. 12, asking for a study of alternative sites for the facility.

"We have a lot of concerns," said group spokeswoman Susan Martin. "No one has addressed the questions of odor, drainage or the proximity of the site to the

A neighborhood group is form- Elm Avenue Park, which is very close by. Our hope is that the town board will at least put the brakes on this until we can get an environmental study done.

> Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said the proposal is not etched in stone, although Waldenmaier Road appears to be the best spot for the facility.

> The town purchased the property at Waldenmaier and Route 32 several years ago to use as a dropoff point and transfer station for recyclables. Since the site is no longer used for that purpose, it is available for other uses.

But before plans for the facility can move ahead, the town must first acquire additional land surrounding the former Waldenmaier meat packing plant, Secor said.

## **RCS** seniors get tax break

The Ravena-Coevmans-Selkirk Central School District has raised the cap on the income a senior citizen can earn and still be eligible for a tax break, allowing more senior citizens to get a tax deduction on their school taxes.

The tax exemption may be taken by anyone 65 or older who owns property within the district and earns \$21,300 or less. The previous cap was \$19,800.

Those with incomes up to \$16,500 are eligible for a 50 percent exemption. Those earning \$16,500.01 to \$17,100 are eligible for a 45 percent exemption. Those earning \$17.100.01 to \$17,700 are eligible for a 40 percent exemp-

### **Five Rivers schedules** guided plant walk

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Five Rivers Environmental **Education Center on Game Farm** Road in Delmar is planning a guided walk on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m.

Center naturalists will lead the walk along some of Five Rivers' trails to study plant life, focusing on natural history, uses and legends of dried wildflowers, trees and shrubs.

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

### **Quilters to meet**

Quilters United In Learning Together will meet on Friday, Jan. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the United t Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmàr.

Shirley Hedman will lead the general meeting, which will be followed by a workshop on planning, cutting and sewing a Star of Bethlehem, using pasted paper in place of fabric.

For information, call Stella Muzicka at 283-0522.

tion. Those earning \$17,700.01 to \$18,300 are eligible for a 35 percent exemption. Those earning \$18,300.01 to \$18,900 are eligible for a 30 percent exemption. Those earning \$18,900.01 to \$19,500 are eligible for a 25 percent exemption. Those earning \$19,500.01 to \$20,100 are eligible for a 20 percent exemption. Those earning \$20,100.01 to \$20,700 are eligible for a 15 percent exemption. Those earning \$20,700.01 to \$21,300 are eligible for a 10 percent exemption.

To apply for an exemption, seniors must apply to the town assessor before Feb. 28.

### Bethlehem chamber offers phone bargain

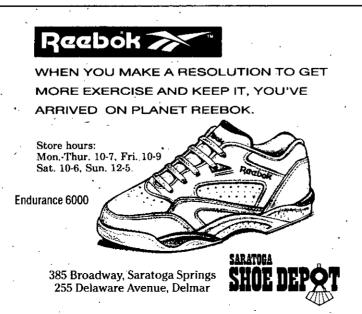
Commerce, in proclaiming January "Cellular Bargain Month," is offering members a deal to save \$50 per cellular phone line after paying full price for the first line.

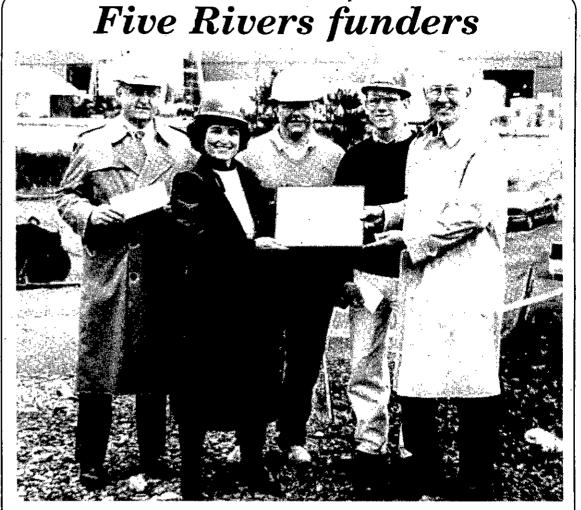
The chamber will waive the first year \$50 annual administrative fee per individual member on able credit rating are eligible for subsequent phones placed on the the deal. For information, call Chamber Cellular Plan, after the NYNEX Mobile at 452-8491.

on the first phone.

If the chamber does not save a customer money, it will pay for the removal of the cellular phone.

Only chamber members in good standing with an AAA verifi-





The school program of Five Rivers Ltd. got a big boost recently from Bechtel Corp., builders of the Selkirk Cogen facility. Presenting a \$5,000 check to James Tate of Five Rivers Ltd. (right), are, from left, Richard Wheeler of Bechtel, Lorraine Smith of Selkirk Cogen, James Johanson of Bechtel and Richard Coburn of Selkirk Cogen. Elaine McLain

### Bethlehem sets winter parking rules for town streets

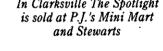
in handicapped zones, especially Bethlehem residents are reminded that there is no parking on town streets and highways between the hours of 1 and 7 a.m.

with the onset of bad weather. This has become a serious problem recently, particularly in the shopping plazas, Sleurs said.

vehicles that are illegally parked

in violation of the winter parking ordinance or the handicapped parking law, Sleurs said.

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at P.J.'s Mini Mart





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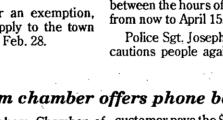
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## The Bethlehem Chamber of customer pays the \$50 annual fee

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## Matters of Opinion

THE SPOTLIGHT

## Make charter reform work

After more than a year and half of exposition, argumentation, and persuasion, the longsought revision of the Albany County Charter was approved in November by the voters. It was a victory particularly for County Executive Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., who came into office two years ago carrying the reform banner high. But more generally, and more significantly, the vote was a victory for the county's residents who finally found their voice in requiring that many provisions of the old, slanted document be replaced by certain clauses generating a new efficiency.

Both the Executive and the Legislature gained strength in the revisions. The Executive will now be better able to assume responsibility and accept accountability for the way the county government works on a day-today basis. That office as of this week will have better control over many personnel policies, including the hiring decisions in top departmental jobs. The Executive likewise will be more capable of making his judgment they gave their approval to reform.

## Editorials

stand up against a testy legislature, by virtue of extending his veto powers.

The Legislature, on the other hand, is given tools-which, it must be hoped, will be employed effectively-to guard its own prerogatives and thus preclude some future. travesty such as it experienced in the Coyne years, when the Executive repeatedly went out of control, charter or no.

The struggle for revision and reform became essentially bipartisan, despite some laggards who resisted all the way to the end. Now it is up to men and women of good will, in both parties, to work together in the interest of helping assure that the new charter's provisions are employed as fully and effectively as the county's voters expected when

## Honor for Houghtaling

For the first time in the Albany County Charley Houghtaling fits the chairman's role Legislature's three decades, its chairmanship is passing out of the city of Albany and into our territory.

It is a pleasure to note that the Democratic majority in the Legislature wisely selected one of its most respected members, Charley Houghtaing, to mend an internal rift and question of who should have the decisive role in legislative proceedings.

in New Scotland, is well suited for the responsibility by experience, reputation, and temperament. A legislator since 1983, he has reserved judgment on many of the issues that have embroiled other lawmakers-including the leaders of his own party-in. fruitless squabbling.

than some other aspirants, and also in part November and is taking his seat there this because he is so well regarded by colleagues, week.

like a glove. He will be a worthy successor to Harold Joyce, whose latest loss of position and prestige is one more price of his ill-fated candidacy for his party's nomination for Mayor of Albany last year.

The many friends who wished Mr. Houghtaling well in his recovery from a serious provide a wholly appropriate answer to the illness in recent years will be especially pleased by this new distinction.

It seems probable that few, if any, legisla-Mr. Houghtaling, a resident and merchant tors are as well known to their constituents. His retail business happens to be strategically located within the 38th legislative district, which embraces the Town of Westerlo and most of New Scotland beyond Voorheesville.

His enviable reputation is further reflected. incidentally, in the fact that his son Scott was Partly because he is less controversial elected to the New Scotland Town Board in

## Work counsel : a library service

Not really coincidentally, both the Bethlehem and Voorheesville public libraries are just getting under way with very timely outreach efforts: job counseling.

Using funds channeled through the Upper Hudson Library System, and largely originating in the U. S. government, the libraries have recruited experienced career counselors to meet one-on-one with individuals seeking employment or contemplating a to the client. Both libraries are to be comjob change.

In Voorheesville, the hour-long sessions start this evening and will be available through March. Emphasis will include interviewing skills, job search, and preparation of a resume. In Bethlehem, similar topics are to be covered on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

The sessions are offered without charge mended for providing such a service.

## Choosing a town board person

carries a significant responsibility into its Democrat, perhaps not-could lend crediregistered in November, they presumably open enough to offer a modicum of represenwill be shut out once more from receiving tation to the under-represented. consideration when the existing Town Board members elect their newest colleague.

It surely is the prerogative of the (now barely) majority party to work its will under prevailing regulations. Whether or not this is

Bethlehem's Republican committee, ap- the wisest policy for the long run is another parently intent on limiting its search for a matter. An objectively independent voice and fifth Town Board member to one of its own, vote on the board-perhaps an enrolled sessions later this month. Despite the nearly bility both to the board's proceedings and to 50 percent vote the Democrats' candidates a partisan organization which showed itself

> That latter category includes, of course, women. Most recently, the Town Board included two women among the five members. As of now, that number is reduced to one.

## Thoughts on writers in a tumble of words

### By Mike Larabee

Writing is thinking," a college professor of mine used to say. Though I struggled through his courses, I learned a great deal along the way; he had a reputation among the undergraduates in SUNY Albany's political science department for a remarkable ability to bring to life insights with an almost magical clarity and suddenness. Poof! Plato pulled from a hat. Ta-dah! Rousseau sawed in half.

Twice a week, I left his lectures with my head spinning. I walked across the wind-swept grounds of the campus toward my apartment nearby, stopping again and again to capture on paper thoughts that stepped forward from the swirl. The sturdiest and surest of those ideas became the foundation for later arguments on paper, where his point was proven: The gaps in my thinking weren't closed until I took up the assignments themselves. I learned as I went, and I learned as I wrote.

Nothing I learned from him about politics sticks with me today like that statement: "Writing is thinking." He meant it, too. Completion of those classes called for more writing than almost any other I took while meandering toward my degree. "If you want to find out if you really know what you think you know, try and write about it," was the message. Only then are half-baked opinion and incomplete understanding flushed from their lurking places in the dusty corners of the human mind.

Lately, though, it's been more the reverse for me. I've been thinking about writing. As I look back on the last few editions of The Spotlight, I am thinking about the things that brought me here, made me glad I'd come and finally

The writer of this Commentary, a member of Spotlight Newspapers' editorial staff for a four-year period ending this month, is now a freelance writer and editor.

*Commentary* 

tempted me toward the door. I am thinking about language, and I am thinking about people who have made it their life's work.

It is heady stuff. I walk in a haze. My mind is lost in the reeling, swirling world of words that encircles the hands-on, physical world like a cover of clouds, in alternating turns shaping and shrouding the landscape like a magician's cape.

I cannot think about writing now without thinking about the writers here. Their voices, sometimes clear and apparent, more often obscured by the newspaper reporter's veil of fact and form, are our sense and substance. If you read us, you know them, and if you've read us long, you've been privileged to a parade of talents, some young, some not, marching past on careers taking shape along zig-zagging courses that brought them here for a time, then took them away.

It happens too fast, but it's a price we pay. It's a devil's bargain. Hyper-local by definition, small by nature, our newspapers face an uphill battle while competing against larger media for skilled writers. When we get them, it's usually with an understanding that sooner or later they are likely to leave us for new challenges and higher stakes. What's surprising, then, is not how many good ones we've lost, but how many we've managed to keep.

The reporters at our paper literally breathe life into our pages. The product that arrives at newsstands and in mailboxes is their words made flesh, week-in and week-out their diligence on display.

At The Spotlight, we pay attention not just to the heights of each □ WRITERS/page 8



## **Your Opinion Matters**

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## Whistle while you work

Akind of cousin of mine, whom Akind of cousin of mine, whom we kids knew as Aunt Mame Uncle Dudley (honest) was one of the country's earliest radio performers. She had a program on the local station out in Jamestown which consisted of her whistling the day's tunes. I doubt that she ever was a match for Bing Crosby or Elmo Tanner in the whistle category, as perhaps witnessed by the fact that she never did get on the networks. This was, mind you, seventy years ago.

Aunt Mame was versatile, for she was the stringer correspondent in her little hamlet for the Jamestown Journal. She would write things like, "Jessie was confined to her home with the la grippe." I can still hear my mother giggling over that one.

The whistling aside, I am indebted to Aunt Mame for having shown some of the rest of us the free and easy ways of the professional journalist. Writing seems to run in the family.

I myself am also indebted, in a sideways sense, to Edward Bok, who was quite a noted editor in his early-20th-century way. He must have been successful at it, too, because he built the object known as the Bok Singing Tower in Florida. When I was a mere tad, my Uncle Frank sent a postcard that showed the singing tower in lots of color and splash. At that point, I decided that I should become a journalist, too. 

I started practicing at it, and still am so engaged, on the theory that practice will eventually make perfect. There was a slow start: on the high school weekly paper, all they let me do was be the treasurer. For the paper at college, I didn't ever make the staff except for reporting on some games. Inglorious but persistent.

I believe I mentioned that this seems to run in the family. Witness, two of the offspring have been really and truly pros at this business of prose.

And now a grandson, age seven, is engaged in writing a book, which he is dictating to his mother. Unless the plot has changed, I understand that the title is to be you will appreciate it, as well.

This thought is taken from a

back-of-the-book page titled "A

Woman's Place Is at the Helm,'

which thoughtfully closes out the

1994 edition of "Money Guide,"

an offshoot of the very successful

monthly "Money" magazine. The

comment is attributed to a Pitts-

burgh woman who operates a \$5

million travel consulting business.

when the U.S. House of Represen-

By the turn of the century,

She goes on to say:

progress."

"Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Bathtub." What he wanted most for Christmas was a lot of paper. An objective observer, studying him in action, commented something like. "He'll never win a basketball scholarship, but he'll be the editor of the paper in high school." Needless to say, perhaps, there's a great deal of pleasure for Grandfather in this kind of thing.

The greatest daily pleasure, however, is in the opportunity to

'I suppose that writing a newspaper column is much like preparing a fine meal: you pour your. heart and soul into the task, taking the time to do it right, only to watch it be devoured in minutes. All that's left are delicious memories.'

–Pierre Franey

read the work of really top-drawer journalists-Maureen Dowd, Tom Friedman, Frank: Rich, Frank Clines, for example every day in The Times. The other morning I happened across a gem that made my day. It was in an unexpected place, one that ordinarily I don't read, Pierre Franey's culinary column.

It fit nicely into the context of his writing about certain dishes that day, but it went far beyond in possessing a special meaning for people like me who undertake to turn out a column more or less regularly. You'll find it here, duly credited, and one of these days you probably would see it also posted on various walls where I inhabit.

M: Franey' little musing will carry lots of meaning for columnwriting folks around the country asit is repeatedly reprinted. I hope

The New Year is an appropriate time for reflection and resolution. Many of us conduct a self-analysis of strengths and losses, opportunities seized or missed, action that we might have taken and didn't—or the ones

Town's history provides

This Point of View was contributed by the new

both small and large: to lose weight, exercise,

study, or work harder, slow down, speed up,

renew a commitment-in short to make our-

limited to individuals. Now is a particularly ap-

for the community of Bethlehem as we begin

and rewarding experience. "Bethlehem Revis-

ited." a publication of the town's bicentennial

commission, is an excellent vehicle for starters.

A simple walk or ride around town can be even

present and is certainly prologue for our future.

One finds on such a trip well-kept homes,

farms, gardens, trees and flowers, courteously

services to meet our needs, houses of worship,

If you can make an analogy to the human

body, I would suggest that the litany just described

The heart and soul of the body Bethlehem

and what gives us our being is the people, each

of you, your families, and your friends and

neighbors. Regardless of our station in life,

Bethlehem's citizens are concerned, respon-

The evidence is abundant. All of our people.

ties something which enriches another and thus

enriches us all. A call or visit to a sick or home-

bound friend, coaching or teaching our youth,

service organizations, our effective and tireless

volunteer fire companies, those who bring their

assisting our seniors, the many established

time and talents to organize or serve on a

committee addressing a specific problem-

these are just some demonstrations of this

The collective qualities and their results

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without supportive funding, and the catch-all of

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clearly have been present over the past two

hundred years and abound today, making

voluntarily add to their own daily responsibili-

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schools, a multi-faceted library, and more.

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Consideration of Bethlehem's past is a rich

This type of self-analysis is healthy and is not

a pattern for future

Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem.

**By Sheila Fuller** 

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Supervisors' views of 1994

that we did take and would have been better We then engage in resolving to be better in a

New Scotland keynotes: cooperate and produce

The contributor of this Point of View is beginning his fourth term as Supervisor of the Town of New Scotland

### By Herbert W. Reilly, Jr.

On Nov. 2 the people of New Scotland sent a clear message to Town

Hall-they want a cooperative and productive administration.

They elected candidates with varied backgrounds and educations. The new board members come from both ends of the town and we will also be fortunate to have the women's point of view and voice.



 Victoria Ramundo brings the drive that has made her a dedicated State employee and a recent graduate of Albany Law School.

• Ed Donohue provides many years of public service from the library, Village Hall, and Elks.

· Scott Houghtaling is from the hamlet of Feura Bush and brings expertise in financial matters.

With these new board members and the two years of experience from Councilman Dick Decker, we pledge to bring good government to good people.

### The most pressing questions on most people's minds are taxes and water.

On the latter, the board has established a water committee to explore feasible solutions to very real problems. It is difficult to believe, but some existing homes are not marketable because of a lack of sufficient quantities of potable water. This committee is made up of people with engineering backgrounds who represent all areas of the town.

Early 1994 should see the signing of an agreement for an option to explore for water on a six-acre parcel of land at the end of Smith Lane. We hope this project will produce water for Route 155, Orchard Park, Route 85-A, and Forest Road. The committee will seek meaningful discussions with Guilderland about a water source for the area along Wormer and Normanskill Roads.

The voters of New Scotland have spoken clearly on the issue of taxes-their biggest concern is fairness. To this end, every effort will be made to ensure that data collected on real property is accurate and is properly entered into the assessor's computer system.

To help facilitate this, I will be the liaison between the Town Board and the assessor. My account clerk, Pat McVee, will share her time with the assessor's department. Her skills with computers and record-keeping will go a long way toward correcting and updating this material. Future plans call for locating of this office at Town Hall, where it will be handicapaccessible.

This past year saw the completion of the administrative portion of the zoning ordinance and new subdivision regulations. Early 1994 should see a new master plan and substantial work on revising the present zoning map.

The highway department will be replacing one of its older trucks with a new vehicle and snow plow. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Hotaling, the transfer station is scheduled to be

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## Follow your instincts "Yes, there is discrimination

five years ago the No. 1 complaint among women was their difficulties in raising capital to start a business; now, it's their problems in getting capital to expand. That's

ness says half the businesses in the country will be run by women (today it's a third), lots more things will have changed in our favor."

This businesswoman, who as a single parent had her first child at 16, offers several items of advice: "Knock off the superwoman stuff; accept that all parts of our lives interweave; always project confidence; look on learning as a lifelong pursuit that's essential to success; always be optimistic.... I have always tried to see possibilities where others see ob-

## against women. But remember,

tatives committee on small busi-

### Constant Reader

Bethlehem a community in which one chooses to live. We are a community of choice. What of the future? I wouldn't be much of a public servant if I weren't prepared to provide a lengthy list of problems confronting us. They are there-and they are formidable. I would include, in such a list, solid-waste management, consideration of

## **Iatters** of Opinion

### Writers

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week's body of news, but to its breadth as well. That responsibility falls to our writers. They find out what they don't know, filling in the gaps. Murder or minutiae, it's all in our paper because it all happens in Bethlehem and New Scotland. On my way out, I want to sing their praises. Look at the masthead, read their names. You'll won't find any group anywhere than they do.

In her book "The Writing Life," poet and essayist Annie Dillard tells of a well-known writer cornered by a college student. "Do you think I could be a writer?" the student wanted to know.

"I don't know," the writer replied. "Do you like sentences?"

pages. "Writing is thinking," after all. Read any edition of any newspaper — unbelievably, now even your community newspapers and you'll see that we can all use a little more of that.

Make no mistake - the world of words is a world of work, but the things that are built there last like little else. Personally, I grumble as I head for my keyboard: I am a lazy thinker, an object at rest tends to remain at rest. that balances the two much better But Oh! The thrills and spills of a mind prodded to motion! I know of no place where time falls away so fully, where the future is less limited and my heart more full of faith, than the middle of a sentence.

> Start one yourself, and you'll see. Possibility, resolution. Start, stop. Open, close. Not so much like a door, but the muscular valves of a pumping heart. Open, close,

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right. You don't have to be a writer by vocation to be affected by the glory of sentences. Me, I'm mad for sentences. Whether or not I ultimately continue my own writing professionally after leaving writer turns to thinker. A flow of Spotlight Newspapers, I'll con- words forever fuels something tinue to champion their cause until bigger, like the body of a living poetry supplants football on Sunday afternoon TV and our side- purposefully toward parts unwalks are paved with journal known.

I like that, but it's not quite open, close: Where are we going now? The sentences land one on top of another. Each successive thought arrives with a history and a future. An accumulation is underway. Something new is born, the thing in motion, a being striding

## ] Reader

(from page 7) stacles." Her story was related by Leslev Alderman.

It was interesting, as I worked my way through "Money Guide," to realize that perhaps 80 percent of the contents is written and/or illustrated by women-and a fair share of the specific business examples are concerned with women entrepreneurs. (But then I glanced at the issue's masthead, and found that the first eleven names are all males'.)

Throughout, the material was interesting to me-and, I'm sure, would be of potential value to almost anyone who directs a business enterprise.

young businessman in Denver problems that confront a town needed \$1 million to expand. So he "called on his friendly neighborhood banker for a loan. "At one point, I leaned across the table and said, "Doug, we're pioneers down here."

"He looked at me and said, Well, John, we bankers believe that the pioneers get the arrows and the settlers get the land." (Nine rejections later, he found enough money.)

That is in an article by Vanessa O'Connell, "The Six Best Ways to Raise Cash." Another I particularly liked was "Timely Ways to" Cut Your Taxes": a dozen items that I believe many smaller entrepreneurs might not have considered, as rounded up by Mary Sprouse.

Similarly, useful observations are made in "Cut Your Health Costs," with specific ways and means enumerated by Echo Montgomery Garrett.

Making the point that "To prosper in today's lackluster economy, you must adopt the latest techniques for finding and keeping handleon recycling-how to serve customers," an article on the field the most people in the most ecoof selling by Sally White, "Market- nomical way. The refuse contract

ing Strategies That Get Results" uses specific cases to establish these ideas: Identify your best customers; build lasting relationships; share your customers with other businesses; spread your message in many ways; know your customers' buying habits; stand out from the crowd; write letters to customers; devise creative promotions."

In the latter category there's the example of the young man who runs a bottled-water business. When Milwaukee's water supply

## Fuller

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A great deal of thought, effort. There are numerous telling and teamwork will be required to direct quotes, too, such as this: A deal with these and all the other such as ours.

> It wasn't my intent to minimize these issues, but rather than attempt to provide solutions here, I would prefer to address the manner in which I propose to deal with the town's operations.

> In recent years, I have perceived what I consider to be an illness or an attitude invading our system that is unhealthy. That illness is an apparent willingness to divide ourselves over single issues. Each time change is suggested by anyone, an advocacy group springs up, positions are staked out, voices are raised, and the issue becomes "us against them," to the total exclusion of all that we have in common. In any

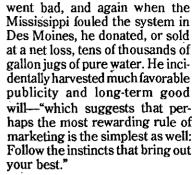
> > Reilly

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open an additional afternoon each

The board is still trying to get a

week.



I counted 13 major articles and many sidebar pieces which make the issue a real goldmine-especially at a cover price of \$3.95.

issue, a number of valid reasonable viewpoints can and should be considered. Some change is necessary for appropriate growth, improvement, and the provision of necessities; change is not inherently bad.

Consideration, cooperation, deliberation, and rational thinking are the qualities that bring about good decisions.

The excellent town staff-and I and all members of this administration-will continue to be available to discuss any reasonable argument. It is my intent to solve problems in a way that sheds more light than heat.

Therefore, it is my resolution to continue the tradition of good government that has been our inheritance, to preserve that which is good, improve that which needs improvement, and do what is best for Bethlehem.

I wish you all a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

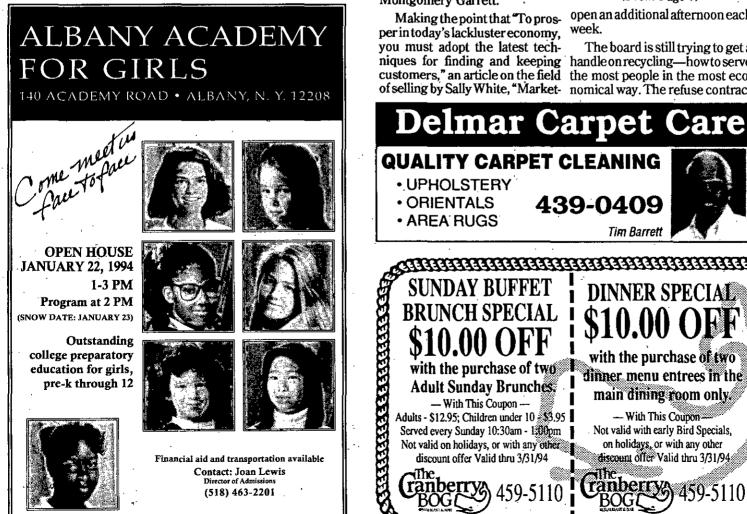
will be up for renewal, and based upon the low number of complaints, residents seem to like this service.

A summer recreation program is on the schedule again this summer and the ice-skating program in the parks seems as popular as ever. Hats off to Harry Duncan and his assistant, Mike.

Chester Boehlke has to be given a lot of credit for his efforts in stemming the '93 rabies epidemic. This problem seems to be easing off, and New Scotland residents should take some com-

Last but not least, you will see continued cooperation between





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## **Your Opinion Matters Rural Place sues town** on approval for deli

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Dec. 16, an "Article 78 Proceeding" was filed in State Supreme Court against the Town of Bethlehem on behalf of the Rural Place Residents Association. The proceeding was filed in response to the town Planning Board's approval of John Manning's siteplan application to convert a residence at the corner of Rural Place and Delaware Avenue from residential to commercial use as a delicatessen.

We believe that the town acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner by granting site plan approval for Mr. Manning's proposal prior to resolution of specific zoning problems, site-plan requirements, and traffic safety issues. We are disappointed in our town officials' lack of responsiveness to our neighborhood's concerns.

On Oct. 5, Rural Place residents presented their objections to the Planning Board. We expressed concerns about lack of on-site parking, impaired traffic flow, and pedestrian safety issues. We also identified visual impacts and sanitation concerns, all of which threaten to degrade and diminish the quality of life on our narrow and dead-end residential street.

A take-out delicatessen and food catering service on our street is incompatible with the intent of town zoning codes and sound planning principles.

The Planning Board met again on Oct. 19. We were not informed (as promised) that the Manning proposal was on this agenda and were denied the opportunity of continued participation in the review. Only when a Spotlight reporter called to inquire our reaction to the board's approval of the project, did we learn the

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proval given.

Disappointed with the decision, review the application file. We elected and appointed officials. were told the file had been misplaced. Later, when the file was located, we learned to our amazement that several pages were missing. Several visits to town offices and a filing of a Freedom of Information Request were needed John Mladinov's life to obtain the complete record.

We then petitioned Supervisor Ringler and Supervisor-elect Editor, The Spotlight: Fuller to intervene on our behalf. Mr. Ringler, a former Planning Board member, was less than helpful. Ms. Fuller never responded. Building Inspector John Flanigan posted a perfunctory response.

Our efforts over several months to obtain relief from our elected and appointed town officials were simply exercises in futility. In pursuit of a fair and just resolution we retained attorneys Ralph nership experienced in municipal zoning law. The neighborhood's decision to pursue judicial review was reached early in December after months of good-faith efforts to obtain a fair and thorough hearing at the town level.

In summary, we bear Mr. Manning no ill will. We feel. however, that establishment of a New York State Commissioner of catering service and take-out deli- Commerce, 1967-74

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catessen as described in his proposal is not an appropriate business for a quiet residential neighborhood. We do not believe the proposal complies with town zoning or site-plan requirements.

The town's decisions will now meeting had occurred and ap-be reviewed in Supreme Court. It is through the judicial process now that we seek a fair and just resolution heretofor denied us by our

> Mark Peckham and AnthonyUmina for Rural Place Residents

## still an inspiration

Thank you for your warm and well-written obituary in the Dec. 29 issue for our neighbor, John Mladinov.

It was very well done, and I am sure it was welcomed by John's wife, Barbara, and her family. Hopefully, it tempered the bitter cold of our recent holiday season.

I would like to add only a small piece to your excellent obituary: John's abilities, dedication, and Mancini and John Hayko, a part- productivity have been, and will continue to be, the strongest possible inspiration to young (and older) professionals in New York State public service!

> Thank you, John Mladinov! Neal L. Moylan

Delmar

Editor's note: The writer was

St. Thomas School pupils improve on state CAR report

### By Dev Tobin

The results of this year's **Comprehensive** Assessment Report for St. Thomas School in Delmar, based on tests taken in the 1992-93 school year, show continued improvement, almost to the point of perfection.

The Comprehensive Assessment Report, required by the state Education Department, analyzes several tests to find out how well public and private school pupils are learning basic skills such as reading, writing and math. The report, based on tests taken during the previous school year, is usually released in December.

As with the 1991-92 report, every St. Thomas pupil scored above the state reference point in the pupil evaluation program tests, which measure third-grade reading and math, fifth-grade writing, and sixth-grade reading and math.

On the program evaluation tests, given for science in the fourth-grade and social studies in the sixth- and eighth-grades, the fourth-graders scored in the fourth (or highest) quartile and the sixth- and eighth-graders scored in the 99th percentile.

In the 1991-92 report of program evaluation tests, the sixthgraders were in the 98th percentile and the eighth-graders were in the 82nd percentile.

St. Thomas eighth-graders also improved dramatically in the numbers taking and numbers passing the Math Sequence I Regents test. Last year, 94 percent (17 out of 18) passed, compared to the previous year, when 71 percent (five out of seven) passed the high school-level exam.

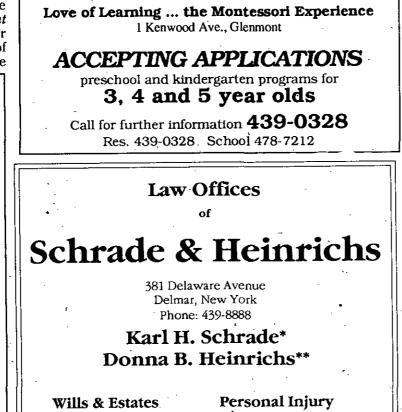
Some people hear Regents and cringe, but we like to give students who are ready for it the opportunity to take the ninthgrade test and get it behind them," said Sister Mary Frederick, principal of the kindergarten through eighth-grade school.

Perfection (100 percent passing) was the rule for the Spanish second language exam and the preliminary competency tests of reading and writing, taken by eighth-graders.

"We are very pleased with these results, which show that our students work very hard," said Sister Mary Frederick.

St. Thomas teachers perform an item analysis of each test, to determine whether individual or several pupils need more work in a particular area, she explained.





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## Changing of the guard in Bethlehem



It's been a Republican party for the last week in Bethlehem. Supervisor Sheila Fuller received the oath of office from former Town Justice Roger Fritts on Monday, top left, and afterward former Supervisor Kenneth Ringler was cited by Fuller for his service to the town, top right. On Wednesday, Dec. 30, Ringler was feted by town employees who graciously presented him with a batch of momentos, bottom right. What Ringler plans to do with the gavel, ballot box and construction hat remains a mystery.

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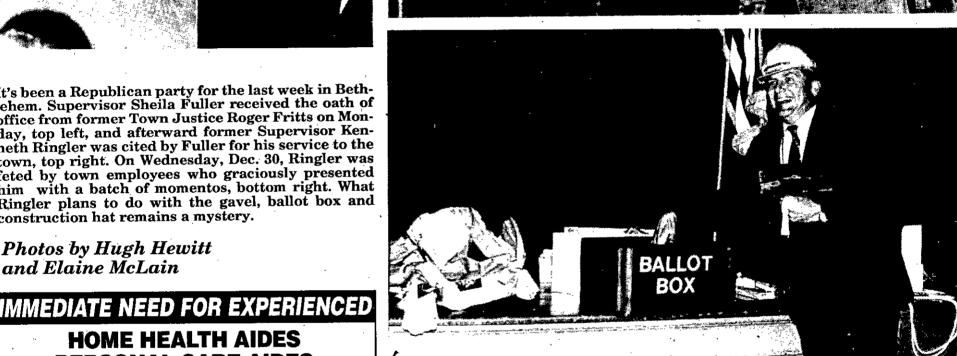
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### Middle school slates 'Night at the PIT'

The next "Night at the PIT" is slated for Friday, Jan. 14, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Chaperones are needed for the evening. Also, a large chalkboard and a microwave are wanted for the PIT.

For information, call 439-6885.



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## **Story times slated**

session for preschool children begins on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

In-person registration for story times will be on Monday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. Telephone registration begins at 1 p.m. the same day and continues until all sections are filled.

Children meet with their storyteller once a week. Story times for



toddlers, children 22 months to their third birthday accompanied by an adult, will be on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., and Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m.

Storytimes for preschoolers ages 3 and 4 are slated for Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Advanced listeners ages 4 1/2 to 6 can choose Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Two special storytimes not. requiring registration will be offered on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. These drop-in programs are geared for children ages 3 to 6 and their families.

Toddlers have 20 minute sessions that run for five weeks. Three to 6-year-olds have 30-minute sessions that last until March 31. There are no storytimes during school vacation on Feb. 22 to 24, or on days Bethlehem schools close or open late due to inclement weather.

During storytime, youngsters hear the best in children's literature and are introduced to outstanding graphic art in picture books. There is also time for songs, games, rhymes, finger plays and flannel board stories. For a child new to storytime, it's helpful if parents can arrive a few minutes early and introduce the child to the library, the storyteller and the storyhour room.

Check in at the table near the story hour room and allow time to hang up coats, greet triends, and get name tags. After the program, children enjoy selecting a book to take home, all by themselves.

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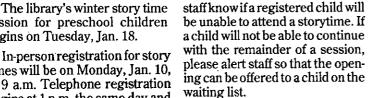
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The fun continues on Sunday, Jan. 9, as young explorers take off for a "Space Venture." Children ages 3 through 6 are invited to explore outer space with stories and songs, then take a walk on another planet. Please bring an empty cereal box for a craft.

Register by calling 439-9314 and meet us on the launchpad.

### Anna Jane Abaray **Five Rivers schedules**

**'Project Wild' session** Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar, has scheduled a "Project Wild" teacher workshop for Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, will intro-duce "Project Wild," environ-mental education activities emphasizing wildlife in learning design.

"Project Wild" is designed to build basic understanding of ecological principles with active games and discussion. Participants will receive a Project Wild manual containing more that 80 activities and other environmental teaching materials for classroom use.

"Project Wild" is sponsored nationally by the Wildlife Society, the National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In New York, it is sponsored by the state Department of Environmental Conservation and has received funds from Return a Gift to Wildlife contributions from state tax

Participants should dress for call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

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The Democrats currently hold a 24-15 edge in the Legislature. Houghtaling is the first Democrat from outside the city of Albany to serve as majority leader of the Legislature.

Assemblyman Jack McEneny, who represents part of Albany and all of New Scotland, noted that many prominent political posts are held by Democrats from outside Albany, including congressman, county clerk, sheriff, two of the three coroners and the party chairman.

'There's been a willingness by city Democrats to accept suburban leadership," said McEneny, who is also a local historian.

Houghtaling was selected to lead the Legislature's Democrats in part because he "is very decent and down-to-earth and totally without enemies," McEneny said.

While he said he was "very happy" to see one of his constituents rise to the top post in the Legislature, McEneny added that he was not happy with the treatment of Joyce by party leaders.

"It just smacks of vindictiveness," McEneny said. "He got 49 percent of the vote in the (Albany mayoral) primary — that's not exactly a splinter group.'

### Stantons selected for farmers award

Tim and Colleen Stanton, who own and operate a farm in Feura Bush, were selected as this year's "Outstanding Young Farmers" in the state, in a competition held in Batavia, Geneseo County.

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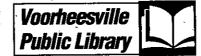
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Artist Ann Warren is displaying an unusual exhibit of sea garden collages at the library this month.

The works are unique in that they are crafted entirely from raw materials gathered from the shallow waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

Warren, who divides her time between Elsmere and Nantucket, was inspired to try this very differ-



ent art form after seeing specimens of preserved seaweed while taking a botany class at Mount Holyoke College.

The collages must be done underwater so that the kelp, algae, and seaweed harvested are pliable enough to form into scenes of sea flora.

A member of both the Bethlehem Art Association and the Artist's Association of Nantucket, Warren has previously shown with the two groups and at the Bethlehem Public Library.

The works can be seen this month during the library's regular hours, weekdays from 10 a.m. until9p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library's new job counseling service is up and running with individualized appointments available mornings, afternoons and evenings during January, February and March.

Susan Montague will be on hand to provide expert advice that includes topics pertaining to the job search personal career inventories, or employment interviews depending on each person's needs.

□ Houghtaling Collages on display Appointments must be made to use the service and can be made by calling the reference desk at 765-2791

> Patrons should plan an hour for the session.

> Parents and children searching for some fun and diversion during these cold winter evenings will want to take advantage of a special evening story hour on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Starry, Starry Night beginning at 7 p.m. will feature stories and a craft with a celestial bent. Join us for some stellar entertainment.

Regular story hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 17, with the winter schedule.

Food for Fines continues through Jan. 15. During this period, patrons with overdues can pay them off, up to a maximum of \$3 total, by using one canned good per dollar owed. All food collected will be distributed to local families through the Human Concerns Committee of St. Matthew's Church.

Christine Shields

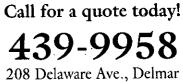
### MS self-help group to meet at library

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Albany County will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The Tuesday meeting will begin at 2 p.m. and the Wednesday meeting at 7 p.m.

For information, contact Katy DePorte at 439-2146.







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## Good deeds indeed



Kelly Fuchs, left, Sheena Loughlin, Shawna Woodworth, Lindsey Fuhrman, Alex Leckerling, Amie Lytle, Andrea Burriesci, Danica Feustel, Bridget Griffin and Laura Baboulis, members of Girl Scout Troop 83 of the Delmar Reformed Church, made some model houses for the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Hugh Hewitt

## Local students cited in YWCA essay contest

Several local students were recently named winners in the 14th annual African-American History Essay Contest, sponsored by the Albany YWCA. Winners were chosen from more than 700 entries.

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Area winners included two Bethlehem Middle School students, Larissa Blustein and Rebecca Minor. Minor wrote about Katherine Dunham and Blustein on Sojourner Truth.

Also selected were Pillar O:to and Tracy Roberts, both students at Bethlehem Central High School. Otto wrote on Alex Haley

and Roberts on Richard Wright. Caitlin Deighan, who attends Slingerlands Elementary School, won for her essay on Oprah Wir frey.

The winning students will attend a recognition ceremony on Feb. 15 and will appear on local television channels during February.



## **Kiwanis Club sponsors** blood pressure clinic

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will sponsor a blood pressure clinic at the First United Methodist Church on 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

The clinic, which will be in the social hall, will be open to the public.

### V'ville school board to meet Monday

The Voorheesville School Board of Education will meet on Monday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School cafeteria.

The policy on interscholastic sports will be discussed.

For information, call 765-3313.

### Parenting workshop set at elementary school

The Voorheesville Elementary School PTA will offer an Effective Parenting Information for Children Workshop at the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

For information, call Linda Wolkenbreit at 765-3314.

### Driver ed course scheduled for students

Although driver education has been eliminated from the curriculum at the high school, a noncredit course will be offered this month.

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Students must complete 24 hours in the car and 24 hours in the classroom. Upon completion of the course, students will receive a blue card and be able to obtain a discount on their parents' car insurance.

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

### **Register tape program** extended by markets.

Grand Union supermarkets' Apples for the Students program has been extended until Saturday, Jan. 15. The Price Chopper program will continue until Feb. 6.

Both the high school and the elementary school are collecting register tapes. In the past, these programs have made it possible for the school to obtain computers, band and athletic equipment, VCR machines, software and other items.

For information, call 765-3314.

### **Doane Stuart School** to offer scholarships

The Doane Stuart School will --offer two academic scholarships to students entering ninth-grade in September 1994.

The first place award will be a \$1,500 scholarship and second place will be a \$750 scholarship, both renewable for grades 10, 11 and 12.

The scholarship exam is scheduled on Jan. 29.

For information, call Pamela Dearstyne, director of admissions, at 465-5222.



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## BC girls use defense to top Catholic Central

### By Laura Del Vecchio

SPOTUGHTION

The Bethlehem girls basketball team (4-0, 8-0) took first place in the Lady Crusader Tournament held at Catholic Central High School last week.

In their first game on Tuesday, Dec. 29, the girls walked over Saratoga Catholic High School, 75-40. Senior co-captain Sarah Mineau led BC with 16 points, while Sheila McCaughin scored 15. Sophomore Kiley Shortell added 13, including three, threepointers.

The final game against unbeaten Catholic Central of the Big 10 division was a nip-and-tuck affair until Bethlehem pulled away slightly during the second half.

Despite the fact that two of their starters fouled out, BC managed to hold on for the victory, 48-40. McCaughin led BC

Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 26 at Del Lanes-

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with 15 points. Junior Karena Zornow had 10 points and fiveblocked shots on defense.

McCaughin was named MVP of the tournament and Mineau was named to the all-tournament team.

"The team really picked up their defense," said coach Kim Zornow. "They didn't score as many points as they are capable of scoring in the second game, however, they kept playing tough defense and the defense won the game."

Zornow expects tougher competition down the road against Columbia, Saratoga, Burnt Hills, Shenendehowa and Amsterdam. She wants the team to "keep stepping up their play and be ready for all of their games."

BC takes on Columbia this Friday in an away game.

### VanAlstyne falls one pin short of 300

Men:Bill VanAlstyne 299 and 1069 four games; Roy Raybine 277 and 707 triple; and John Zupan 730 triple.

Women:PegWere 279 and 906 four games; Sue Herzog 236 and 599 triple; and Debbie Westphal 226 and 553 triple.

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The Voorheesville girls basketball team improved their overall record to 5-2 last week with a 53-42 win over Greenville.

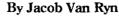
> The Birds had defeated Greenville in their first game of the season, but this was a much different opponent.

> Although the Birds won by 11, they did not play an excellent game, according to coach Nadine Bassler. "It was not one of our better performances. They (Greenville) have improved a great deal and we were happy to get the victory.

> Although the 'Birds did not play their best game as a team; there were some outstanding performances turned in by individual players. Kelly Griffin led the team with a season-high 16 points. "It was her best game of the season," said Bassler

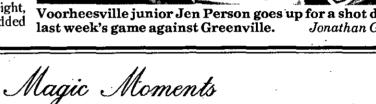
> excellent game with 15 points, including three, three-pointers, Jen Person chipped in with eight, while Megan McCartney added six.

## VV girls coach not thrilled with win



Voorheesville junior Jen Person goes up for a shot during

Jonathan Getnick



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## Eagles lose to V'ville, but salvage consolation

### By Ted Hartman

Despite losing to Voorheesville 43-42, Bethlehem was able to come away from the Helderberg Holiday Tournament with a victory.

The Eagles defeated Ichabod Crane 62-59 in the consolation game to improve their overall record to 2-5. The Eagles pulled out to a 44-30 lead at the half. The second half saw the Bethlehem lead trimmed to one by the end of the third quarter due in part to poor foul shooting. The victory was salvaged by Eagle offensive rebounds, with John Gould collecting the lion's share.

Senior Matt Follis poured in 21 points to lead the Eagles in scoring. Follis sank four, three-pointers and frequently found teammates off outlet passes. His shot block with 30 seconds left and a one-point Bethlehem lead gave the Eagles possession of the ball and secured the win.

Senior Rob Kind added 10 points and played excellent defense. "Rob Kind has been our most consistent performer on defense," said coach Jack Moser.

Sophomore forward Sean Berry, who has become an important contributor, scored 15 points.

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"I've worked hard to get my game to where it is," he said, "but I realize that there are areas where can still improve. The biggest difference between the freshman. and varsity levels has been defensive intensity."

Commenting on the team's loss to Voorheesville, Moser said, "We thought we would have an easy game. We were out-hustled. Also, you can't shoot in the 20 percent range and expect to win. We've had spurts this season where we've taken a lot of good shots that just don't fall. When we're thinking about our shots falling we end up also dropping the ball a lot.

"Our pride was hurt by the loss," he continued. "We told them not to worry about the score and worry about effort (going into the Ichabod Crane game). I thought Sean Berry played much better. Matt Follis rebounded from an off night. I also thought our board work was much better.'

Junior guard Aaron Thorpe summed up the Eagles' victory over Ichabod Crane. "We exeucted well in the first half. We started out slow in the second half, but we pulled it out."

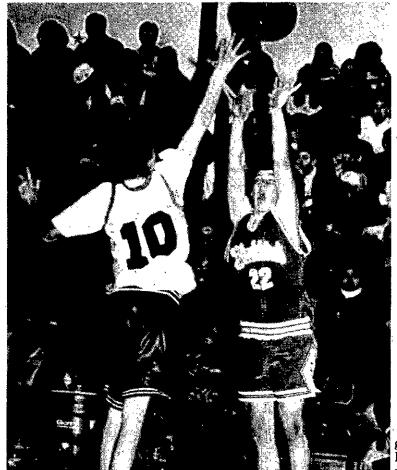
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V'ville sophomore Michael Beadnell tries for two during last week's tournament action. Jonathan Getnick

### **Delmar girl honored** by athletic association

Sara Donnaruma of Delmar, a student at the Albany Academy for Girls, received several honors from Section II of the state Public High School Athletic Association for her achievements on the school's soccer team.

Donnaruma was named to the First Team of the Central Hudson Valley League for Class D, to the All-Section II Team for Class D, and to the All-State Team for Class

### Delmar woman named 'Coach of the Year'

Delmar resident Elizabeth Hemstead, athletic director at the Albany Academy for Girls, was recently named "Coach of the Year" in Class D of Section II of the state Public High School Athletic Association.

Hemstead received the honor for her work as the school's soccer coach.

### BC grad earns post

David C. DeCecco, son of Slingerlands residents Dominick and atricia DeCecco, has been named director of public relations of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind.

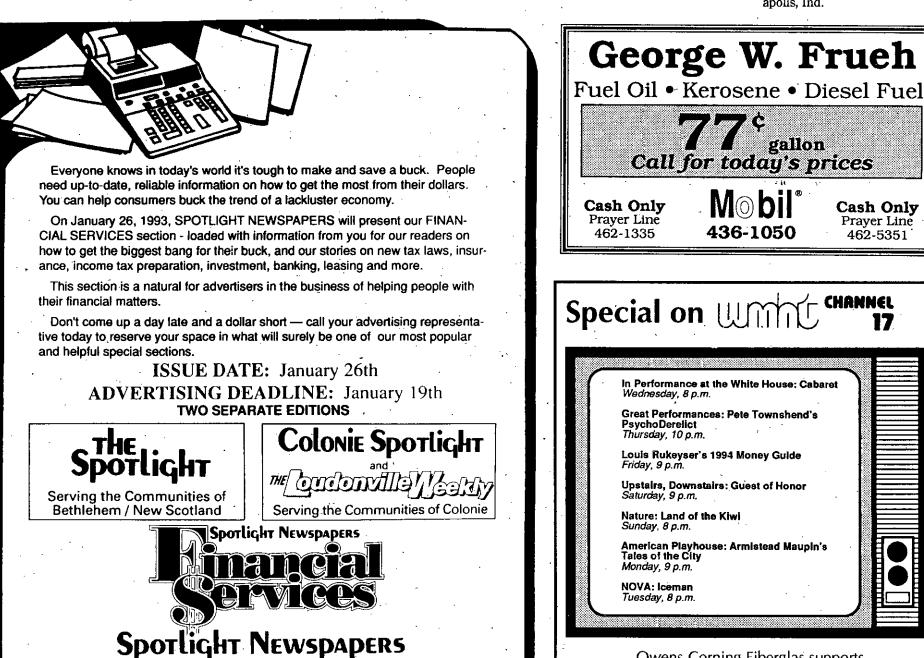
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Karyn Weinert, daughter of and ushers were Craig Weinert, Gary and Pat Weinert of Glenmont, brother of the bride, John Holoday and Brian J. McKenna, son of John McKenna of Delmar and Meritta McKenna of Schenectady, were married Aug. 7.

Father Jerome Massimino performed the ceremony at Siena College, with a reception following at The Desmond, Colonie.

Laurie Mendelson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Dawn Moore, Carol McKenna and Kathleen Hensel. The flower girl was Brigid Willigan.

McKenna, brother of the groom, gerlands.

and Patrick McKenna. The ring bearer was Dylan O'Connor.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from The College of Saint Rose. She is a school teacher in the Albany City School District.

The groom is a graduate of Linton High School, Siena College and The College of Saint Rose. He is a teacher in the Bethlehem Central School District.

After a wedding trip to Martha's The best man was Andrew Vineyard, the couple lives in Slin-

### Seventh-grader named student ambassador

Joey Gutman, a seventh-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, was recently accepted as a delegate for the People to People Student Ambassador program to represent Bethlehem in Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Student ambassadors are expected to share their overseas experiences with schools, civic clubs and service organizations when they return.

The tuition for the program is \$3,385, including meals and transportation. Gutman is seeking help with his goal to raise the money to be able to participate in the program. An account has been established at Albany Savings Bank for donations.

### State hospitality unit elects Delmar man

Arthur Copeland of Delmar was recently elected vice chairman of the state Hospitality and Tourism Association Bed and Breakfast Council, a not-for-profit organization representing businesses and individuals in the lodging and attractions industry.

Copeland is the owner and director of American Country Collection, Reservation Service Organization.

### Fryer named to post at Yale University

Glenmont resident Gary Fryer has been appointed to the expanded position of director of public affairs and special assistant to the president of Yale University.

He was formerly press secretary to Governor Mario Cuomo.

Fryer and wife Joanne Segal Frver plan to relocate to the New Haven area.

### Mail weddings, engagements

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### Kailash and Michael Kendrick Kendrick, Ratanji wed

Michael Kendrick, son of Pat Ratanji, sister of the bride. and Anne Kendrick of Delmar, and Kailash Ratanji, daughter of Dava and Jumuni Ratanji of Toronto, were married Sept. 18.

Judge Thomas Breslin performed the ceremony in the Pruyn House in Colonie, where a reception followed.

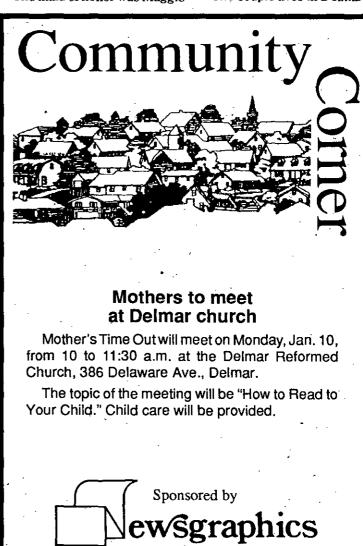
The maid of honor was Maggie

Matthew Labarge was the best man.

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The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and works for the state Department of Transportation in Voorheesville,

The couple lives in Delmar.



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### O'Brien, Glazer to wed Gayle A. O'Brien of Delmar, attorney with the Albany firm of daughter of William and Margaret Rubin & Shang.

O'Brien of Albany, and Joseph A. Glazer, son of Richard Glazer of Westchester and Patricia Glazer of Rosendale, Ulster County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Albany High School, SUNY Albany and Albany Law School. She is an Blessed Sacrament in Albany.

The prospective groom is also a graduate of SUNY Albany and Albany Law School. He is an attorney with the Albany County Department of Social Services.

The couple plans a May 21, 1994, wedding in the Church of the

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## **Obituaries**

### **Richard Rudolph**

Richard K. Rudolph, 79, of Hunter Road in Delmar, died Sunday, Jan. 2, at the Stratton Veterans Ad-

ministration Medical Center Hospital, Albany.

Born in Al-Mr. bany, Rudolph lived in Delmar since 1938. He was a salesman for

Marvin Millwork in Watervliet for many years retiring in 1973. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Rudolph

Mr. Rudolph was a founding member of and past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus 3442 in Delmar. He was also a past Faithful Navigator and member of the Fourth Degree, Right Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Looney Assembly in Albany.

Mr. Rudolph was also a member of the Blanchard American Legion Post and communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, both in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Y. Filkins Rudolph; four sons, Richard Rudolph II of Charlton, Charles Rudolph and Michael Rudolph, both of Selkirk, and Thomas Rudolph of Delmar; and nine grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, with burial in Graceland Cemetery, Albany

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home; Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, Adams Street, Delmar 12054.

### Else Pilhofer

Else Hass Pilhofer, 81, of Delmar, died Thursday, Dec. 30, at her home.

Mrs. Pilhofer was born in Cologne, Germany.

She was employed in retail sales and was a buyer for the former John G. Myer department store in Albany. She later worked for the store's successor, Denby's department store, until her retirement in 1976.

Mrs. Pilhofer was a member of

the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was the widow of Leonard

Pilhofer. Survivors include a son, Leonard Pilhofer of Ravena; a

daughter, Linda Davies of Delmar; and four grandchildren. Services were from Bethlehem

Lutheran Church. Burial was in Chestnut Lawn

Cemetery, New Baltimore. Arrangements were by the

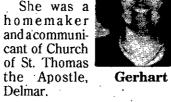
Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Contributions may be made to

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave, Delmar 12054.

### Lisa Gerhart

Lisa Corrine Lussier Gerhart, 43, of Daniels Street in Slingerlands, died

Tuesday, Dec. 28, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. She was a homemaker



Survivors include her husband, R. John Gerhart; a daughter, Amanda Gerhart; her parents, Wilfren and Corrine Lussier of Pittsfield, Mass.; and a brother, Matthew Lussier of Simi Valley, Calif.

Services were from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Contributions may be made to

the charity of one's choice.

### Elizabeth Barton

Elizabeth Wright Barton, 90, of Delmar, died Thursday, Dec. 30, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Albany High School and Mildred Elley Business School. She lived in Delmar for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Barton was a secretary many years ago for Rose & Kiernan Insurance and more recently for the Niagara Mohawk Power

## **Death Notices**

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

### Corp. She retired in 1965.

She was the widow of Edward

Barton Survivors include a cousin and her dear friends, Pat and George Hartman and family of Selkirk.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to

the Delmar Rescue Squad. 71

### **Marion Martin**

Marian Southwick Martin, 67, of Feura Bush, died Monday, Jan. 3, in Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Berne, Mrs. Martin was a lifelong area resident.

She worked as a babysitter in her own home for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Martin was a member and deacon of the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, and wasalso a member of the Onesquethaw Fire Co.

Survivors include a son, David Martin of Feura Bush; two daughters, Linda Miller of Delmar and Sharon Feldmann of Berne; a brother, Lawrence Southwick of Feura Bush; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Jerusalem Reformed Church, with burial in Memory's Garden, Colonie.

Calling hours are 6 to 8 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) in the Fredendall Funeral Home, Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush 12067.

### Andrews

William E. Andrews, 75, of Troy, the stepfather of Spotlight managing editor Susan Graves, died Monday, Jan. 3, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Green island and was a graduate of Catholic Central High School. He also attended Siena

He was employed as a cost accountant at Nashua Corp in

Mr. Andrews was a World War II Navy veteran, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters aboard the USS Rodman

the Purple Heart. He was a former member of

Survivors include his wife, Mary Olive McCormick Andrews; two sons, William M. Andrews of Troy and Dr. Michael P. Andrews of California; a daughter, Susan Graves of Brunswick; a sister, Kathleen Pulenskey of Green Island; and two grandchildren.

Services will be 9 a.m. Thursday in the John H: Clinton Funeral Home, 256 Washington St., Troy. Calling hours will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Troy.

Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Memorial Fund, 3039 Sixth Ave., Troy, 12180.

## **Developers**

### (From Page 1)

another \$10 million in punitive damages.

Parenteau, who has been building homes in Bethlehem since 1972, declined comment on the suit. He also refused to say whether he holds out hope for ever developing the property, although he might have given some indication of his thoughts in the court papers filed in Albany County Court.

Parenteau is seeking to have the expiration date on his purchase option extended from Dec. 31, 1993, to Dec. 31, 2000.

Plans for Delmar Village were first unveiled in 1984. It was a source of contention right from the start as neighbors organized under the banner of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning to oppose the project.

The project review involved 40 town meetings, hundreds of hours of analysis by town planners and four nights of public hearings on the developers' environmental impact statement.

Project manager Paul Hite, a land surveyor from Delmar, said the main problem with the project has been MacFarland's and Nolan's inability to find anyone willing to purchase and develop the land set aside for the apartments.

Originally, "The apartments were supposed to be built by a company from Texas called the Alliance Group," Hite said, but the "protracted approval process" apparently dissuaded them and They kind of walked away."

Because of the weak market conditions over the past few years, HMC has been unable to find another developer for the apartments, Hite said.

As a result, MacFarland and Nolan have been unwilling to sink \$700,000 or \$800,000 into building the half-mile extension of Fisher Boulevard from Orchard Street to Delaware Avenue, Hite said.



### (From Page 1) Ave:

Fuller, who won a razor-thin victory over Democrat Matt Clyne in November, will have an all-Republican board to help carry out her policies.

Also taking the oath of office prior to Monday's meeting were two new members of the town board. Republican Councilmen George Lenhardt and Ted Putney, who finished first and second respectively in November, are both embarking on four-year terms.

Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk, Town Justice Peter Bishko and Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, all Republicans, were sworn in to new terms in office.

The road extension was a condition attached by the planning board that had to be met before the issuance of any building permits. "When you're looking at spending \$700,000 in start-up costs before you even have the apartments built, that's a lot of money,' Hite said.

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Located on a beautiful stretch of land south of Bethlehem Central High School and not far from the New Scotland town line, Delmar Village is still a viable project, according to Nolan. "At some point in time, it will happen."

As to when that might be and whether the lawsuit threatens to doom the project, Nolan said he had to decline comment on advice from his attorney.

Parenteau is alleging in his lawsuit that he lost the ability to purchase and develop the single family homes because of HMC's failure to post the financial security for construction of the extension of Fisher Boulevard.

He also charges that HMC purposely sought to delay the project in order to forestall Parenteau's purchase of the 45 acres he held an option on so that the entire parcel could be sold to a third party.

## Pension

(From Page 1) have to be paid back.

"At the time, we were very concerned because we felt this was a gimmick and sooner or later we'd have to pay it back," Ringler said. Eventually, the courts agreed that the state was "possibly putting the fund in jeopardy."

To ease the impact on taxpayers, the town board last month voted to set aside \$500,000 from the town's estimated 1993 budget surplus for the pension fund payback.

"Sometime in the spring of '94, I expect we'll find out exactly what we owe and what the payback schedule will be like," Kehoe said. The first payback is not expected until December 1994.

"If we put aside some more next year we'll be even better off,' she said. But that assumes the town ends 1994 with a sizeable surplus again.

The town makes annual pays ments into the state retiremenk system on behalf of about 200 fulltime employees. The bill is received each December and for the past several years the lump sum payment has been about \$200,000.

The annual lump sum payment expected to in cantly over the next few years because of a new formula the state has come up with, Kehoe noted.

State Comptroller H. Carl McCall, who supported the unions' lawsuit, said he was pleased to be returning to the "same type of level payments that the state and local governments were making before ... this imprudent budget-balancing mechanism" was instituted.

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## Winter landscape wide open to cross country skiers

### By Eric Bryant

There's some snow on the ground and there's more in the forecast, so it's time to get those cross country skis out of the cellar and get ready for some wintertime exercise.

"Probably the best all-around aerobic exercise," according to Prevention magazine, cross country skiing offers all the elements of a well-rounded fitness activity. It emphasizes both arm and leg motion, and even the most moderate striders can gain aerobic benefit if they keep at it for 20 minutes or more.

In addition to its obvious health benefits, it's also a great way to explore winter's quiet beauty. Away from the rest of the world, it's just you and the snowcovered landscape.

Ski trails are accessible at town parks, forest preserves, golf courses, wildlife areas — just about anywhere there's a few miles of open space and a dearth of "No Trespassing" signs. With the variety of areas to choose from, the landscapes for skiers to explore stretch from the vistas of New Scotland's Thacher Park to the snow-swept dunes of Colonie's Pine Bush. country skiing during the winter months. The farm, which is located halfway between the villages of Altamont and Voorheesville on Route 156, grooms trails through its orchards. The trails, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., provide a fine view of the Helderberg Escarpment. Maps are available at the farm store. No rentals are available.

• The New Course at Albany: The former Albany Municipal Golf Course has long been a destination for local sledders and cross country skiers during winter. Located off New Scotland Avenue in the city

of Albany, the New

Course has 10 ki-

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workers at the Consaul Road course groom several miles of trails following a heavy snowfall. Skis, boots and poles are available for \$13 a day for adults, \$7 for those age 9 and under. For those 10 and over, a \$2 fee is charged to ski at the course on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

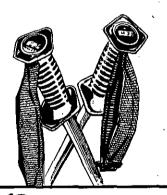
> • Mohawk-Hudson Bikeway: Meandering some five-and-ahalf miles in the town of Colonie and an additional four miles in Niskayuna, the summer bikeway provides trails for snowshoers and skiers. It also provides some

blanket. Access to the preserve is from Route 155, just south of the State Employees Federal Credit Union building. The entrance is off Pine Pitch Drive, near the end of Frontage Road, the access road running parallel to Washington Avenue Extension. Nature Conservancy officials say access to the Route 155 parking area may be a bit treacherous during winter because of a steep incline. They urge caution or an alternative parking site.

• Five Rivers Environmental Center: The New Scotland-based state environmental center has a variety of trails and several are perfect for the beginning cross country skier. The North Loop, for example, winds through two-and-a-half miles of varied terrain, but the trail is generally quite level. Maps are available at trail heads.

The center is located off Game Farm Road, which intersects Delaware Avenue just past Bethlehem Central High School. The center trails are open to the public from dawn until dusk. No rentals are available.

Those who haven't skied cross country recently may be surprised at the number of equipment advances made in the last half decade. With today's gear, the days of ankle twisting and choosing waxes are over. A quality total adult ski package can be purchased for less than \$200.



Here's a rundown of several locations in Albany County which offer cross country trails or allow cross country skiing. Some areas provide rental skis for a fee and groom trails for skiers. In other spots, you're on your own.

• John Boyd Thacher State Park: One of the most popular local destinations for cross country skiing, Thacher Park is located in the town of New Scotland, off Route 157. The park stretches across the ridge of the Helderberg Escarpment and provides an often stunning view of the upper Hudson Valley.

Hopp Field, normally a recreational area with hiking trails during the summer months, is designated especially for cross country skiing during the winter. Other trails throughout the park are also available for skiing.

Brochures, trail maps, bathrooms and a warming hut can be found at Hopp Field. Thacher Park is open from 8 a.m. to dusk for skiers.

Ski rentals are not available but there is no fee for using the trails.

• Indian Ladder Farms: Perhaps best known for cider doughnuts and family activities during apple-picking season, Indian Ladder Farms also hosts cross

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groomed trails for beginners, intermediate skiers and experts. A warming hut is also located on the trails.

"We've got some beautiful terrain out here," said course groundskeeper Scott Gallup. "Last year, with all the snow, we had hundreds of people out."

Gallup said the groomers will not start working until there's a little more snow on the ground. "We usually don't take the grooming equipment out until we have about six inches. At this stage, it would just press the snow down and it would melt faster."

There is no fee for skiing at the course, and no rentals are available. Maps can be picked up in the restaurant.

• Town of Colonie Golf Course: Rental skis are available at the Colonie golf course, and that's one of the reasons it's a popular destination for skiers. Although it had not yet opened for business as of last week, nice views of the Mohawk River.

The trails are groomed periodically throughout the winter and are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no fee and parking is available at the Colonie Town Park on Schermerhorn Road.

• The Pine Bush: Albany's Pine Bush is also a haven for cross country skiers who wish to see a pine barren wrapped in a snowy



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### THEATER SAMUEL BARTOS

### I HATE HAMLET

romantic comedy by Paul Rudnick, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, paywhat-you-will previews Wednesday, Jan. 5, and Thursday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m, regular

### performances Jan. 7 to Jan. 23 Cost, \$10, \$5 students. Information, 462-1297 OLEANNA by David Marnet, Capital

Repertory Company, Albany, Jan. 7 to Feb. 6. Cost, \$16 to \$23. Information, 462-4531. SNATCHES/SINS OF OMISSION one-woman show by Holly Hughes, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, Jan. 8, 8 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 473-1845.

### FREE PUBLIC TOUR

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Jan. 8, 10 a.m. Information, 382-3884. MUSIC

### MICHAEL BOLTON

Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$35 and \$22.50. Information, 487-2000.

### OUT OF CONTROL

rhythm and blues band, 5 Corners Pizzeria, Broadway and Princetown Road, Rotterdam Friday, Jan. 7, 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Information, 797-3939.

### **CP**<sup>-</sup>TELETHON

television showcase of many local performers, WTEN-TV 10, Sunday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Information, 489-8336.

### SWING DANCE

First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., Albany, Friday, Jan. 7, 8:30 p.m. Cost, \$7. Information, 463-1622.

### SQUARE DANCE

Heldeberg Twirlers, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, Friday, Jan. 7, 8 to 11 p.m. Information, 382-7874.

### **CALL FOR ARTISTS**

CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER creative and technical positions open for Albany Civic Theater's summer children's production. Information, 731-8269.

### AUDITIONS

for March production of "A Piece of My Heart," by Shirley Lauro, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Monday, Jan. 10, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m. Information, 462-1297.

for Masque Theater, April production of "The Elephant Man," by Bernard Pomerance, Maureen Stapleton Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Monday, Jan. 10, and Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-4961.

for Schenectady Civic Players production of "Look Homeward Angel," Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St. Schenectady, Jan. 11 and 24, 7 p.m. Information, 382-2081.

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### CLASSES

TS and ENTERTAINMENT

DANCE FOR ADULTS eba Center for Dance and Movement, Lark and Hudson streets, Albany, winter session beginning Jan. 10, running through April, 2. Information, 465-9916

### FREE GROUP VOICE LESSONS Capitaland Chorus/Sweet Adelines International, Trinity Episcopal Church, 115th St. and 4th Ave., North Troy, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

Information, 383-8051. LECTURES LOOKING AT MODERN ART

lecture/video series, The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, Thursdays, Jan. 6, 13, and 20, 7 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

ART TALK focusing on 19th-century. landscape painter George Inness, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 12:10 p.m. Information. 463-4478

### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT Civil War Manufacturing in the Upper Hudson River Valley, **Rensselaer County Historical** Society, 59 Second St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

### SLIDE LECTURE

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: The Civil War In Art," New York State Museum, Albany, Saturday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877. PANEL DISCUSSION of David Mamet's drama "Oleanna," sponsored by the Times Union and the Institute for Theater, Capital Rep, Albany, Sunday, Jan. 9, 4 p.m. Information, 462-4531



### "IN THE LINE OF FIRE" starring Clint Eastwood, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady; Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 7, 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9 p.m. Cost, downstairs; \$2, \$1 children; balcony, \$3, \$2 children. Information, 346-6204.

### "DR. BETHUNE"

area cinematic premiere, starring Donald Sutherland. Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St. Schenectady, Saturday, Jan. 8, through Friday, Jan. 14. Cost, downstairs; \$2, \$1 children; balcony, \$3, \$2 children. Information, 382-1083.

### **FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**

TALES FOR TOTS storytelling, Sesame Street exhibit in Metropolis Hall, New York State Museum, Albany, Sunday, Jan. 9, 2 to 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877. "WHAT A RELIEF" prints and printmaking techniques, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington

Ave., Albany, Sunday, Jan. 9, 2 to 4 p.m. Cost; \$4 per family, free for museum members. Information, 463-4478.

### **VISUAL ARTS**

**"MIRRORS: REFLECTIONS OF** SOCIETY AND SELF" New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. Information, 474-5877

**"A GATHERING OF ANGELS"** multimedia collection, Visions Gallery, Pastoral Center, Roman Catholic Diocese, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, through Jan. 28, Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 453-6645



TRAVELHOST TRAVEL AGENCY 439-9477

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The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, through Feb. 20, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 792-1761. FROM MUSIC HALLS TO MOVIE PALACES" New York State Museum. Albany, through Jan. 5. information, 474-5877. **ARTISTS OF THE MOHAWK-**

**"ART OF THE TWENTIETH** 

**CENTURY: SELECTIONS FROM** 

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HUDSON REGIONAL INVITÀTIONAL" Leslie Urbach Gallery, Albany Center Gallerles, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through Jan. 7, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

### EXHIBIT

paintings and drawings by Andrew Boardman, Upstairs Gallery, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through Jan. 7, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

### **"RESPONDING TO TWENTIETH CENTURY ART"**

free guide book offered by the Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, Jan. 4 to 30. Information, 792-1761. EXHIBIT

### works by humorist and illustrator Don Madden, Spencertown Academy Gallery, Route 203, Spencertown, Jan. 8 to Feb 2, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 392-3693, GALLERY TOUR

"Outfitting the Parlor: 19th Century Decorative Arts," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Friday, Jan. 7, 12:15 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

### GALLERY TOUR portraits, photographs, and artifacts related to Troy Civil War generals John Wool and Joseph Bradford Carr, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy,

Thursday, Jan. 6, 12:10, 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. Information, 272-7232 . 16 as? EXHIBIT recent works by Anne Carter

### Downey and Nicholas Warner and a video presentation curated by Richard Povall RCCA: The Arts Center, 189 Second St., Troy, Jan. 7 to Feb. 10. Information, 273-0552.

**"ASPECTS OF LOCALITY"** regional art from the '20s, '30s, and '40s, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Jan. 8 to March 6. Information, 463-4478. EXHIBIT

recent paintings by Barbara Hayward Clark and Anne Peterson, William K. Sanford Town Library, Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, through Jan. 31. LITERARY THEMES IN JOHN **ROGERS SCULPTURE**\* featuring 16 John Rogers sculptures, The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, Jan. 8 through April 10. Information, 792-1761.

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Troy, Tuesday, Jan. 11, noon.

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Fountain Restaurant, 283 New

Scotland Ave., Albany, Jan. 7 and 8. Information, 439-2310.

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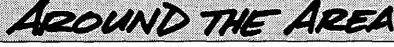
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p.m. Cost, \$3.50. Information, 459-2888.

### alumni concert to celebrate the orchestra's 15th anniversary AUDITIONS season, Schenectady High School, The Piaza, Schenectady, Sunday, Jan. 9, 3 p.m. Cost, \$8. Information, 756-

DANCE SQUARE DANCE Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, Wednesday, Jan. 5, and Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 to 10



WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY

### ALBANY COUNTY FREE COMPUTER LITERACY TRAINING

sponsored by Club 55 Plus Job Center on Wheels, Albany Housing Authority, 4 Lincoln Square, Albany, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. information, 459-5622. FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT ORIENTATION Parsons Child and Family

Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2600

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP** GROUP

United States Government Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital Plaintree Activity Room, seventh floor, wing C, 113 Holland Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 427-0421

### GREATER CAPITAL AREA ALUMNI NIGHT

The College of Saint Rose Campus Activities Center gymnasium, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Cost, \$4 for adults, students are free Information, 454-5282

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HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455

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Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3455

NON-IMPACT AEROBICS Wednesdays through Feb. 23, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Cost, \$22. Information, 452-3455

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information

### SENIORS LUNCHES Albany Jewish Community

Center, 340 Whitehall Road Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY "GETTING STARTED" an early pregnancy class. Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

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WINTER SCHEDULE

SQUARE DANCE Single Squares of Albany. Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS** MEETING Glen Worden School, 34

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



### **ALBANY COUNTY** FREE COMPUTER LITERACY

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breast-feeding program, especially for couples, babies welcome, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave. Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m Information, 439-1774. ADULT STUDENT INFORMATION

### SESSION information session on College of Saint Rose's 35 undergraduate and 18 graduate programs, Campus Activities Center, 420 Western

Ave., Albany, 6 p.m Information, 454-5143. ALBANY CAMERA CLUB "Mountains, Glaciers and Fiords

 Exploring Chile's South Land, basement of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, 901 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-3709

### MENOPAUSE MINUS THE MYSTERY

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$20. Information, 452-3455

**FARMERS' MARKET** corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIOR CHORALE Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651

### SENIORS LUNCHES Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651

INFORMATION SESSION semi-annual "Look Us Over Night," on more than 50 degree programs at Sage Evening College, Sage Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave. Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2246

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF **HOPE HOUSE** meeting, support group for

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

### **RENSSELAER COUNTY**

**BREAST-FEEDING PREPARATION CLASS** Believue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$15 per couple. Information, 346-9410.

### SARATOGA COUNTY SARATOGA SPRINGS HUNTING

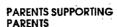
AND FISHING SHOW second annual, through Jan. 9, includes "Birds of Prey" and "World of Reptiles," Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs, 676-9900.

### SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**"OVERSIZE EXERCISE"** every Thursday evening or every Saturday morning exercise program for "Big Beautiful Women," Bellevue Hospital, Schenectady, 5 to 6 p.m. Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Information, 346-9410.



ALBANY COUNTY YOGA AND RELAXATION Fridays through Jan. 28, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 9 to 10 a.m. Information, 452-3455. LAMAZE WEEKEND GETAWAY and Jan. 8, sponsored by Bellevue Hospital, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Colonie. Information, 452-3455. SENIORS LUNCHES Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651



### for parents caring for children with social, emotional or behavioral problems, Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany, Delaware Avenue, Albany, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 434-0439

MOTHERS' DROP IN Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church,

Quail Street, Albany , 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897. RENSSELAER COUNTY

### FAMILY DINNER AND SERVICE each family should bring a

salad or main dish Congregation Berith Sholom, 167 Third St., Troy, 6:30 p.m. Information, 272-8872

### SARATOGA COUNTY

CHILD CARE SPEECH Cheryl Schoonmaker, Capitai District Child Care Coordinating Council, "How to Find Child Care that Meets the Specific Needs of Each Family, Saratoga Chapel, Round Lake Road, Round Lake, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 885-6764.



### ALBANY COUNTY

STAR SHOWS The Little Star That Could" and Albany: New Star on the Hudson," The Henry Hudson Planetarium, 25 Quackenbush Sauare, Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 434-6311

**CIVIL WAR SLIDE LECTURE** Harold Hotzer, "Mine Eves Have Seen the Glory: The Civil War in Art," New York State Museum, Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877

CLEAR CLUTTER SUCCESSFULLY led by Helen Volk, educator and owner of Beyond Clutter Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost, \$22. Information, 452-3455.



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program, Heroes Under 5 Foot Sun., Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. This program salutes heroes from Tom Thumb to the Little Prince.

**Around Theaters!** 

I Hate Hamlet opens Fri., Jan. 7 at the Albany Civic Theater. (462-1297)

### Two Broadway hit musicals to play area theaters

By Martin P. Kelly

Two hit musicals which won Tony Awards will appear at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady and the Palace Theater in Albany within the next six weeks.

La Cage aux Folles, the extravagant musical by Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein, returns to Proctor's Theater in a new touring production Jan. 17 and 18.

Based on a French play about the love affair between a night club owner and his female impersonator star, the musical has appeared on three separate occasions at Proctor's in the past 10 years.

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Now, the newly-mounted production is touring the country with Lee Roy Reams as the outrageous star of the French transvestite re-

vue. Reams, a busy Broadway per-Martin P. Kellv former, has toured the country during the past 15 years in a variety of musical comedy roles. Tickets and information at 382-3884.

Another popular musical, Dreamgirls, is now touring in a new production and will play at the Palace Theater in Albany Fri., Feb. 11. This story of a black women's singing trio achieving success and then suffering conflict has echoes of the Supremes although everyone connected with the original production denied it. Miki Howard stars in the production. Info/reservations available at 465-4663.

### Capital Repertory Company opens David Mamet's drama, Oleanna

When the Capital Repertory Company opens David Mamet's controversial drama, Oleanna, Fri. (Jan. 7) it is prepared to offer audiences the opportunity to further discuss the play's subject matter...

Mamet, a thought-provoking playwright, deals with sexual harassment, a topic which has grabbed its share of the headlines in recent years.

In Oleanna, a college student brings this charge against a professor and the stage is set for serious conflict.

The Capital Rep troupe has scheduled three panel discussions following the 2:30 matinee performances on each of three Sundays, Jan. 9, 16 and 30.

Co-sponsored by The Times Union and the Institute for Theater, the discussions bring together experts from the legal, academic and business communities to discuss the subject matter of Oleanna.

Free to the public and especially convenient for matinee audiences attending the play, the first discussion on Jan. 9 will feature Richard Kohn, a lawyer who frequently handles sexual harassment cases; Tricia Foscato, M.D., a psychotherapist who deals with abuse victims; professor Mary Helen Moses of Albany Law School and Richard Heffern, another lawyer who specializes in harassment cases. Other experts will sit on the panel on Jan. 16 and 30. Information and reservations at 462-4534.

January appearances at The Egg feature performance artists

Two women performance artists highlight the Jan. program of events at The Egg.

Holly Hughes returns after her successful engagement last season to present her one-women show, Sins of Omission. Described as brash and blistering, her monologues have captivated audiences. Hughes appears at 8 p.m. this Sat., Jan. 8.

Another artist, Karen Finley, deals with social injustices in her performance that includes sensitive material and nudity. Her one-woman show, A Certain Level of Deceit on Sat., Jan. 29 at 8 p.m., has been described as a "wake up call to America."

The Egg also presents Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown Sat., Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. with his band, Gate's Express.

A quintet of dancers in the Iso Dance Company appear

The Little Theater of the Deaf also presents a matinee

Info and reservations for all shows at 473-1845.

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### WEDNESDAY JANUARY

## BETHLEHEM

BC SCHOOL BOARD 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

### BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

### 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

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

### **BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB** Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233** Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886. SOLID ROCK CHURCH

evening prayer and Bible study, 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

### ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood

Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181 **BETHLEHEM BUSINESS** WOMEN'S CLUB

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, 6 p.m. CASTA MEETING Capital Area Ski Tourina Association, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 7 p.m. Information, 489-2275.

### NEW SCOTLAND

JOB COUNSELING appointment required. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 or 8 p.m. Information, 765-2791. **VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** village hall, 29 Voorheesville

### Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692

### NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS Wyman Osterhout Community

Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109. AL-ANON MEETING First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8

### p.m. Information, 477-4476. MOUNTAINVIEW **EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH** evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155. Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8: p.m. Information, 489-6779. FAITH TEMPLE bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85

Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,

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South. Information, 439-6391.

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New Scotland Road.

Information, 439-1766.

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school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour,

Information, 439-2512.

provided, 555 Delaware Ave.

Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship

provided, evening fellowship, 7

p.m., 201 Eim Ave. Information,

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY

worship service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information,

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

United Pentecostal Church,

Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Ave. Information, 439-8280.

First Reformed Church of

Information, 489-6779.

p.m. Information, 765-2870.

### THURSDAY 6 JANUARY

### BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC. self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. information, 439-9976. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503. **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. **AA MEETINGS** Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Deimar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS CHURCH town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship 12:30 p.m. Information, 439and coffee, 11, a.m., adult **NEW SCOTLAND** education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave.

Information, 439-9252. DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH Sunday school and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243. **GLENMONT REFORMED** 

CHURCH Sunday school and worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951. ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. SOLID ROCK CHURCH worship service, 11 a.m., 1

Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314

**NEW SCOTLAND BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m. Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086 FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem, Information, 765-2870. ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN

CATHOLIC CHURCH Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Foura Bush. Information, 732-

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**ONESQUETHAW REFORMED** CHURCH worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush.

Information, 768-2133. UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN **NEW SCOTLAND** worship service, 10 a.m., church

school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m., 68 Mapole Ave. Information, 765-2895,

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH worship service, 9:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m. nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville Information, 765-3390.

### CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m. followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916

MONDAY ] () JANUARY

### BETHLEHEM

MOTHER'S TIME OUT child care provided. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

MOTHERS' 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 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

SUNSHINE SENIORS covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W.

Information, 439-7179. **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. WILDFLOWER STUDY GROUP Flve Rivers Environmental. Education Center, Game Farm. Road, 7 p.m. Information, 489-5368

### **NEW SCOTLAND**

TOWN BOARD town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889. QUARTET REHEARSAL United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

### **VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF** EDUCATION

cafeteria, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Route 85A, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3313.

### TUESDAY JANUARY

### BETHLEHEM

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057 TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 á.m. to 6

p.m. BINGO

at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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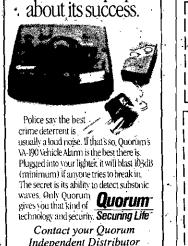
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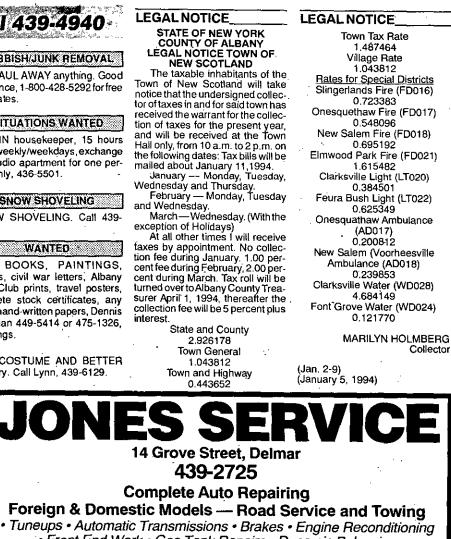
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