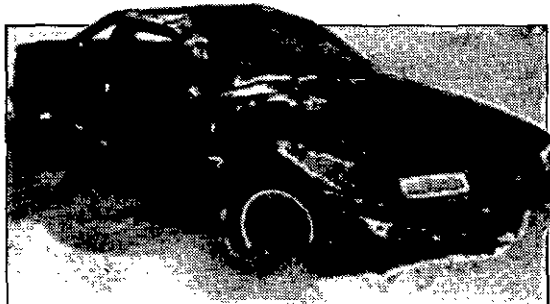


Fender benders up 100% in Bethlehem

By Mel Hyman

Vehicular accidents, both personal injury and property, are up more than 100 percent in Bethlehem for the first six weeks of this year.



This 1990 Chevrolet slid off Route 9W in Bethlehem Monday morning, rolled over and landed right side up again.

Statistics on file with the Bethlehem Police Department show that 128 accident reports have been logged through Feb. 9. Over the same period in 1993, only 62 reports had been filed.

Before accessing the accident information from departmental computers, Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt predicted a 30 to 40 percent increase. Even he was surprised by the actual total.

"It's not unusual to have four, five or even six accidents a day," he said, reading from the printout. "On Feb. 9, there were eight."

Fortunately, there have been no fatalities in what has been one of the worst winters on record. The double whammy of sub-zero temperatures combined with near-record snowfalls has resulted not only in an abundance of fender benders, but traffic snarls and short tempers as well.

"We've had a lot of complaints that people are not stopping for red lights, but continuing on through the intersections," Vanderbilt said. "All that does is exacerbate the situation."

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Bridge St. man: Swap rails for happy trails

By Mel Hyman

Bridge Street resident Tim Melita read all the recent newspaper articles about possible use of the old D&H rail line for a traffic bypass from Delaware Avenue to New Scotland Road, and got a bright idea.

Why not start a push for recreational use of the old railroad bed if and when Canadian Pacific Railway Co., owners of the line since 1990, decides to abandon the railroad right-of-way?

After all, he reasoned, who wants more highways in Delmar?

Melita said he did a little survey of the residents on his street and found nothing but enthusiasm for his proposal: a walk, jog and ride (bicycle, that is) path from New Scotland Road to Delaware Avenue, and possibly beyond. The railroad tracks are only a matter of yards from many of the homes on Bridge Street.

To that end, Melita has decided to organize a citizens group comprised of local residents, educators, conservationists and public officials interested in moving from rails to trails.

"I'm hoping it will be a really diverse group," Melita said. "Anyone interested in turning the old railroad line into a safe place for people to ride, walk and jog can contact me. I'd like to put out a counter document to what LUMAC came up with."

Town officials have been eyeing the railroad tracks for quite some time for use as either a bike path or roadway. The recent report made by the town's Land Use Management Advisory Committee

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All work and all play



The Agnetas, Michael, 3, Shauna, 2, and Kasey, 6, take advantage of winter's bounty. Paul Parker, inset, of the Bethlehem Highway Department has a different perspective, however.

Photos by Hugh Hewitt and Elaine McLain

Business a bit sick when roads slick

By Mel Hyman

The winter of '94 it appears has been a mixed bag for merchants at the Delaware Plaza.

"It hasn't been terrible," said Casual Set's Town & Tweed owner Peter Weissman. "Obviously, traffic is off on those days when people don't come out because of the snow. Except for the broken pipes and flooding, it would have been a pretty fair season."

Strangely enough, it's been the spring fashion line that has been the big seller at Casual Set thus far. But that's because people want the latest in fashions when they travel to warmer climes for a respite from snowy upstate New York, Weissman said.

Just a few doors away, the manager of the Friar Tuck Book Shop was singing those wintry morning blues. "Except for

last Wednesday, I don't think we've had an average day this winter," said store manager John Dooly. "Usually with the slightest prediction of snow, people go to the Grand Union and that's all. We've had three or four days where we had to close early because of the lack of people."

It hasn't been the cold that's deterred shoppers so much, Dooly added, because "This town is pretty hardy that way." Still, "in a town where almost everyone drives," when the roads are slick, the retailers are sick.

"It's slowed things down a bit," said Joseph Lewanda, vice president of LeWanda Jewelers, "but we still do a fair

amount of repair work. And we process a lot of special orders as well. When it all is said and done, you could say we've weathered the storm nicely."

Except for last Wednesday, I don't think we've had an average day this winter.

John Dooly

good business. When the weather gets you down, people often like to go shopping for something that makes them feel good — like jewelry."

"Basically, we've been doing OK, except for the last week when it really hit us hard," said Walt Curley, manager of Records 'N Such. But "even when it got bad for a few days, we made up for it the day after. It's been fairly steady compared with the same time last year."

Party at the Pit



Lisa Ricciardelli, left, Becky Minor, Suzanne Hillinger and Jimbo O'Keefe share good times at a Valentine's Day party at the Bethlehem Middle School. *Hugh Hewitt*

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Cops make DWI arrests

State and local police arrested four people recently on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Robert J. O'Toole, of Old Ravena Road, Selkirk, was apprehended after a traffic stop on Route 144, state police said. He was processed and issued an appearance ticket returnable in Bethlehem Town Court.

Christopher J. Borowiec, 22, of Magnolia Terrace, Albany, was apprehended after a traffic stop in Bethlehem, state police said. He was processed and released pending a future appearance in Bethlehem Town Court.

hem Town Court.

John Layaou, 25, of Voorheesville, was apprehended after a traffic stop in Bethlehem, state police said. He was processed and released pending a future appearance in Bethlehem Town Court.

Jennifer MacDonald, 29, of 584 Delaware Ave., Delmar, was stopped at 1:42 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, for speeding on Delaware Avenue, Bethlehem police said. She was processed and released pending a March 1 appearance in town court.

Friday night basketball launched by task force

The Bethlehem Community Partnership is responsible for a new sports program for youth. Starting on March 4, there will be open basketball for high school students from 8 to 11 p.m. on Fridays.

A \$1 admission will help to defray the cost of supervision by the town Parks and Recreation Department. Fred Powers, BC director of athletics, will also help supervise the program.

The school district will provide the funds to pay for custodial costs. The lower gym will be used for the program.

Start-up money to be used for supervision costs will come from the High School Activity Fund, which was donated to Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited several years ago.

The task force cited BC sophomore Joe DiAngelo for garnering student support for the Friday night activities.

The program was designed by a partnership task force. The task force is now trying to determine if there is interest in summer basketball at the town park.

Those who would like to mount an evening basketball program should call Nan Hinman at the town Park at 439-4131.

The winter basketball program will run through Friday, April 15.

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BC plans proposition for natural gas buses

By Dev Tobin

New buses for the Bethlehem Central School District will be cleaner and cheaper, if voters approve this year's bus-buying proposition.

The BC school board reviewed transportation at a budget workshop last week, including a plan to borrow about \$475,000 for five 65-passenger buses, one 30-passenger bus, one 20-passenger bus and three seven-passenger Suburbans.

With the help of a federal grant, the district proposes to buy the five large buses as refurbished natural-gas-fueled vehicles, said Bob Peters, transportation supervisor.

The grant would provide just over \$70,000 if all five are purchased, Peters said, and state aid would further reduce the impact on the taxpayers.

A representative of Matthews Buses, which would supply the large buses, said that the refurbished buses are new except for the chassis, axles and wheels and would save the district substantially in fuel and maintenance costs.

As additions to his regular budget, Peters proposed a new head mechanic's position, two new half-time bus drivers and a new half-time dispatcher.

Peters explained that much of his time is taken up with supervising the district's four mechanics, whose workload has increased with the growth of the district's bus fleet in recent years.

Besides supervising the other mechanics, the new head mechanic would also be a working mechanic, Peters noted.

The new bus drivers are needed because of the expected enrollment growth of more than 100 pupils in the middle school, he said.

Also new next year will be federally-mandated drug testing for all bus drivers, without any federal money to pay for the tests, Peters said.

He estimated the first-year cost of the drug testing at more than \$5,000, since every driver will have to take the \$50 to \$60 test as part of his/her annual physical.

In addition, the law mandates random testing of half the drivers annually, and testing new hires, drivers involved in accidents, and those who fall under "reasonable suspicion" of using illegal drugs, Peters said.

The district will also consider installing video camera monitoring systems in buses to limit vandalism and other behavior problems.

"I know it would pay for itself" in reduced vandalism of seats and seat belts, said Peters of the system's \$10,750 cost.

The board also reviewed the operations and maintenance budget, where proposed additions include a new grounds person position, repairing paving, curbs and walkways at the middle school, replacing two grounds mowers, repairing bleachers and doors at both high school gyms, and increasing parking at the bus garage and Clarksville and Slingerlands elementary schools.

The school board meets again tonight (Wednesday, Feb. 16) at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting and to review special education and BOCES spending in the 1994-95 budget.

Town slates traffic meeting

A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, to discuss the four transportation options proposed for the Tri-village area by Bethlehem's Land Use Management Advisory Committee.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting at town hall is geared specifically toward the residents of Groesbeck Place, according to Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky, although all other town residents are welcome to attend — particularly those who might

be affected by the creation of a bypass between Delaware Avenue and New Scotland Road.

Attending the meeting will be Dave Jukins, senior transportation engineer with the Capital District Transportation Committee.

The options that will be discussed include:

- Making road improvements to Delaware Avenue between Hudson Avenue and Kenwood Avenue.

- Using the old D & H railroad line for a roadway extending between Delaware Avenue and New Scotland Road.

- Construction of a roadway from Delaware Avenue — somewhere between Groesbeck Place and Hudson Avenue — out to New Scotland Road or Cherry Avenue Extension.

The fourth option would be "doing nothing at all," Lipnicky said. "The bottom line is that future conditions, such as the actual growth in traffic, the future of the railroad and neighborhood pressures, will determine which option we choose."



Cheryl MacCullough, principal of Clarksville Elementary School, and Vicary Thomas, co-chairwoman of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited's auction, show off the fundraiser's centerpiece — a quilt designed and crafted by the school's staff. Elaine McLain

Auction features Clarksville quilt

By Susan Graves

The Clarksville Elementary School staff will have special ties to the BOU auction this year.

In a project that covers the goal of community building in the schools, Principal Cheryl MacCulloch said the staff decided this year to make a quilt to offer in a drawing with the proceeds going to Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

"We have several quilters on our staff, so the idea evolved quite naturally," she said.

Teachers Robin Sarnacki and Barb Grapka then selected the materials and fabric, which were paid for by the staff. On three consecutive Sundays in the fall, Clarksville staffers got together for four-hour stints to piece and sew and tie the queen-size quilt.

The leftover scrap material was even used for two other items that complement the quilt. Grace Petruska, of the school's clerical staff, made a bow for a large wicker

basket, and Grapka made a pillow using the nine-patch pattern on the quilt.

"It was really fun," said MacCulloch. "I was amazed we could do it all on three Sundays."

About 20 members of the staff worked on the actual quilting, and many others contributed time or money.

"It was an opportunity for people to contribute other talents, it was something we wanted to do as a staff," she said. "It was a great project to allow everyone to become involved in some way."

"It's a very special project, and we decided to have a special drawing," said Vicary Thomas, co-chairwoman of BOU's annual auction.

A limited number of tickets will be available at \$5 each. The quilt, pillow and basket will be on display at the Bethlehem Public Library this month, she added. Tickets are available from BOU board members and at Laura Taylor Ltd. in Delaware Plaza.

"BOU gives our kids healthy lifestyle alternatives, and that's something the school community cares a great deal about," MacCulloch said.

"When I first heard about the Clarksville quilt, I was really overwhelmed — it's such a large commitment in terms of time and energy and money for materials. Such of gift of themselves is really amazing," said Holly Billings, BOU president.

This year's auction will be on Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria.

All proceeds are used by BOU to provide drug- and alcohol-free activities for Bethlehem youth.

BOU also sponsors lectures on parenting and offers grants to individuals and groups who develop educational programs and safe alternative activities.

To make a contribution to the auction, call Cyndi Reilly at 439-3481. The auction is BOU's only yearly fund-raising activity.

Grease fire destroys Bender Lane house

By Mel Hyman

Precious time was lost last week when a Bender Lane resident tried to smother a basement fire on his own.

By the time firefighters arrived at 208 Bender Lane on Tuesday, Feb. 8, it was too late. Flames had already spread to the main floor of the 1950s ranch house, according to Elsmere Fire Chief Richard Webster, and the building was fully involved.

Local firefighters were on the scene from 2 to 8 p.m. extinguishing the flames, but the structure could not be saved.

Officials said the blaze began when a fat fryer was left unattended in the basement.

"We made attempts at an interior attack," but to no avail, Web-

ster said. "If you leave a pan of grease unattended, once it overheats, you have a problem. It doesn't even have to be a fat fryer."

If you leave a pan of grease unattended, once it overheats, you have a problem.

Richard Webster

Owner Lillian Sigsby was home at the time with her adult son, who escorted her out of the house and tried to put out the fire once he smelled smoke and saw flames in the basement, Webster said.

But the flames had spread

beyond the point where a fire extinguisher could prove useful. "Then he tried calling the fire department, but the phone lines were burned out."

The son was forced to run to a neighbor's house, about a quarter mile away, to call for help.

It's difficult to say how much time was lost, but it could have been crucial.

"Fire doubles itself every minute," Webster explained.

Firefighters on the scene suffered minor cases of frostbite, but no serious injuries.

About 50 to 60 Elsmere firefighters responded, assisted by firefighters and equipment from the Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Selkirk fire departments.

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Town may seize estate for Orchard Park water

By Dev Tobin

A year after drilling a test well for a proposed Orchard Park Water District, the town of New Scotland is one month away from initiating condemnation proceedings against heirs of the Hilton estate.

Since the test well was successful, the town has been trying to buy about six acres of land between Smith Lane and Hilton Road from the estate for a wellfield.

The town can seize the land through an eminent domain proceeding, and would have to pay a fair market price for the condemned land, but has been trying for almost a year to negotiate an agreeable price with attorneys who represent the heirs.

Many private wells in the Orchard Park area are contaminated with methane, iron and salt.

Supervisor Herb Reilly wanted to give the lawyer for the estate, Joshua Effron of Delmar, until March 2 to respond before beginning condemnation, but Councilwoman Victoria Ramundo (elected in November) asked that the board delay until its March meeting so she could "get up to speed" on the issue.

"The residents are extremely concerned that nothing has happened," Reilly said.

"We've been fooling around with this for God knows how long," added Councilman Richard Decker. "We should go on the record that we are ready to move."

Former Councilman Craig Shufelt questioned why wells on the former Tall Timbers golf course, now the Larned gravel mine, are not being considered as a supply for Orchard Park.

Reilly said that continuing mining operations made those wells unavailable. In the past, Reilly has also expressed concern that the Tall Timber wells are in

the floodplain of the Vly Creek.

The board agreed to hold off initiating condemnation until its March 14 meeting.

In other business, the board approved the following schedule for senior citizen property tax exemptions: for those with incomes under \$16,500, 50 percent exempt; for incomes of between \$16,500 and \$17,100, 45 percent exempt; for incomes of between \$17,100 and \$17,700, 40 percent; for incomes of between \$17,700 and \$18,300, 35 percent; for incomes of between \$18,300 and \$18,900, 30 percent; for incomes of between \$18,900 and \$19,500, 25 percent; for incomes of between \$19,500 and \$20,100, 20 percent; for incomes of between \$20,100 and \$20,700, 15 percent; and for incomes of between \$20,700 and \$21,299.99, 10 percent.

The percentage exemptions and income limits are the same as last year, but seniors (at least 65 years old) must apply each year before March 1 for the exemption, said Decker.

Any senior with questions about the program or the application form, can contact Decker through the supervisor's office at 439-4889.

The board also formally retained Roger Cusick of Cusick, Hacker & Murphy to defend a lawsuit filed against it by the Cole-Layer-Trumble Co., which reassessed the town last year.

CLT sued for the balance of its fee (\$19,128) and for \$250,000 in damages for defamation, claiming that a memorandum by David Murphy (of Cusick, Hacker & Murphy) that was circulated by town officials was defamatory.

Town Attorney John Biscone noted that the town's insurance carrier would cover defense costs, and that the carrier had approved hiring Cusick.

The royal treatment



Kathy Agneta of Delmar had plenty of company while doing her errands last weekend. Three-year-old Michael, 2-year-old Shauna and 6-year-old Kasey go along for the ride.
Elaine McLain

Chamber offers dental insurance

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is offering its members a dental insurance program.

The plan covers \$1,000 in expenses per person each year. It includes a \$50 yearly deductible per person, or \$150 per family. Preventive services are covered 100 percent, and 80 percent of basic services are covered.

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Seniors must file for tax exemption

Applications for partial property tax exemptions for senior citizens must be filed by Tuesday, March 1, at the assessor's office.

The real property tax law authorizes any county, city, town, village or school district to enact a local law granting a tax exemption of up to 50 percent to persons who qualify.

To qualify for senior citizen exemption, one of the owners of the property must be at least 65-years-old and have owned the property for two years. The combined income of the owners must fall in the range of \$16,500 to \$22,000.

For information, call the New Scotland Town Hall at 439-5721 or the assessor's office at 765-3355.

Winter break set

The Voorheesville Central School District will observe mid-winter vacation from Monday, Feb. 21, through Friday, Feb. 25. Classes will resume on Monday, Feb. 28.

Lifeguard course planned at high school

A 10-week Red Cross life guard course will be taught by Dick Freyer at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School pool beginning Tuesday, March 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.

This 30-hour program is being offered to strong swimmers who can swim approximately 500 yards in 10 minutes. The students are also responsible for completing a certified CPR and first aid course.

Upon successful completion of the courses, the students will be able to qualify for lifeguard positions.

For information, call the high school at 765-3314.

Paperweights on display

A paperweight collection will be on display at the Voorheesville library throughout the month.

Lois Crounse, has collected

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these unique items for 38 years during her travels with the New Scotland senior citizen trips to places in California, Virginia, Canada and more.

AARP volunteers to give tax help

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) trained volunteers in association with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will provide free tax assistance and counseling to senior citizens at the library.

Individuals are requested to bring in their federal and state income tax forms, any statements, receipts or other pertinent 1993 information. One hour appointments are available on Wednesday, Feb. 23, and Wednesday, April 6.

To make an appointment, call 765-2791.

Meals program seeks volunteer driver

A volunteer is needed to deliver for Meals on Wheels. The organization is looking a dependable person who will deliver meals to local residents.

For information, call Ruth Matrese at 765-658.

Scouts planning annual heritage tea

Local Brownies, Daisies and Girl Scouts are planning the annual heritage tea for Sunday, March 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Senior citizens from the New Scotland area are invited. International foods, culture and costume will be featured.

For information, call Lois Crounse at 765-2107.

AARP schedules February meeting

Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has slated a chapter meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. at the town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The meeting will address the topic of state and federal legislation.

Tax assistance available locally

Tax Counseling for the Elderly will offer free tax assistance and help prepare simple income tax returns for elderly, low income, handicapped and disabled individuals on Feb. 22; March 1, 8, 22, and 29, and April 5 and 12.

To schedule an appointment, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

'Home Alone' workshops set

A family education program called "Home and On Your Own Training" will be offered on Thursday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 15, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The workshops, sponsored by Bethlehem Networks Project, School's Out Inc., Bethlehem Central schools, and the Bethlehem Police Department, will help prepare fourth- and fifth-grade children and their parents for times when youngsters must manage on their own.

Participants can select one two-hour session to attend. There is no cost. For information, call 439-7740.

Snowshoeing set at Five Rivers

A family snowshoe walk is set for Thursday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will teach basic snowshoe techniques and history.

The cost is \$3 per family. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Sunday breakfast planned at Elks

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge on Route 144 in Selkirk will serve breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the lodge. The menu includes scrambled eggs, toast, sausage and bacon, waffles, home fries, french toast, juice, coffee and milk.

For information, call 767-9959.

Historical group to hear speaker

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association will hear guest speaker and museum guide Jean Loubex on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Little Red School House on the corner of Route 144 and Clapper Road in Selkirk.

Loubex will give a slide presentation on "The 19th Century Hudson River School House." The program is free and open to the public.

For information, call 767-3052.

Board sets meetings

The RCS board of education will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Ravena Elementary School on Mountain Road.

The board will hold a public forum on Monday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the middle school, Route 9W, Ravena. No agenda is prepared for this meeting. Residents have the opportunity to express

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concerns, make comments or constructive criticisms with regards to school programs or operations.

Those who wish to participate should submit a request prior to the meeting. Written inquiries should be directed to the RCS Board of Education, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk 12158.

For information, call 767-2513.

Family movie night set

The A.W. Becker Parent Teacher Association will present a full length Disney movie on Friday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at the school on Route 9W.

The cost is \$1 per person. Refreshments will be available.

For information, call 767-2511.

PTSA sets program

Bob Fisk of Bob Fisk Insurance Agency will discuss the topic of "Insurance When Your Children Drive" at the RCS Parent Teacher Student Association's meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

For information, call 756-2155.

Park brochure available

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department spring program brochure is now available at Bethlehem Town Hall, Bethlehem Public Library and the Elm Avenue Park office. Brochures will not be mailed.

Spring programs include tiny tot swim, early aqua fitness, youth stroke improvement, several aerobics classes and more. Programs are open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District.

CPR Alert is a day program designed to certify as many resi-

dents as possible in adult CPR. Local instructors will be teaching the class at no charge but request that all participants bring a donation to the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

The course is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, at Bethlehem Town Hall.

Participants can choose 8 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

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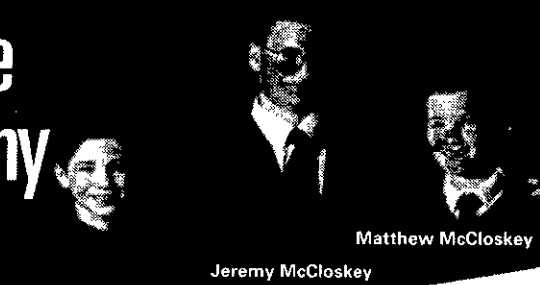
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Matters of Opinion

Honorable men, simpler days

Next Monday will be a holiday, respite for many from the enforced rigors of a difficult winter; a day for a variety of personal pursuits, of skiing, of shopping, of sleeping. Relatively seldom will the free time provide occasion for retrospection about the men who are being memorialized on this "Presidents' Day."

Time was when the nation could afford to pause to honor Abraham Lincoln on his own day and George Washington on his, but this ultimately proved to be too great a strain on patriotism in such a short month. So when all the national holidays were scrambled and came up Mondays, Presidents' Day was created.

Mr. Lincoln was just turning fifty-two (not a great deal older than Mr. Clinton) when he was en route to Washington to take up the presidency, that February of 1861. On the long ride east from Springfield, he stopped the train at a Chautauqua County hamlet to meet a little girl, Grace Bedell, who had written to him about growing a beard. (He had acted on the suggestion.) Farther along the route, he stopped off in Albany. The great-grandparents of some who are reading these lines very possibly saw and heard him speak at the old Capitol. In subsequent years, his birthdays came at somber periods of wartime, and only at his very last birthday—just two months before he was slain—was the news from his generals encourag-

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ing. (Did any of them write of light at the end of the tunnel?)

The war and its immense human toll grieved the President, but it is not recorded that, persuaded of its need, he shrank from the cost in "American lives."

President Washington was in the second year of his second term, two-hundred years ago this month (as is related in the U.S. Capitol Historical Society's 1994 calendar). Early in February of 1794, he had asked for information about starting an agricultural society in Pennsylvania. A week later, shortly before he became sixty-two, he wrote out detailed instructions for repairs to his home in Alexandria.

Not long afterward, he authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, to borrow up to one—*one*—million dollars. That was indeed a very large sum, and to the former general who had observed one birthday commanding a tattered corps of hungry men at Valley Forge it must have seemed an immense investment in his country's future.

He was to die some five years later, still in his mid-sixties, an early victim of the want of a comprehensive national health-care policy.

Cheers for Iron Mike

Admittedly, it will be a partisan event, and its proceeds will go into a political war chest, but the party saluting Albany's County Executive next Tuesday evening will capture the ungrudging notice of numerous appreciative citizens who couldn't afford to be caught dead there.

Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., after slightly more than two years in office, has turned the county's business into an increasingly efficient, effective, and admirable enterprise. As his Point of View column in last week's Spotlight noted, he was swept into office on a tide demanding change.

He has labored diligently and, as his State of the County address on Monday night itemized (having been previewed in his Point of View), the results to date have been gratifying: "We have a new and better structure of government," he related. "We are getting a handle on the costs of providing mandated services; and we are looking at ways to improve our overall performance. The state of Albany County is much improved over 1992."

Mike Hoblock deserves the commendations and congratulations he will be receiving Tuesday night.

Can summer be far behind?

Among the very best of all the good news in last week's edition of The Spotlight was Martin Kelly's word that auditions have begun for a comedy that will have a two-month stand during the summer of 1994.

Opening night is now only about twenty weeks off, perhaps even less. There's always a silver lining, even though sometimes it looks more like a snow cloud.

Just as cheery, in its way, was Marty's revelation that another summer dinner thea-

ter is preparing to rush the season with a St. Patrick's doubleheader just a month from now. Featured on the 17th will be: "A Great Day for the Irish."

And by the way: They all laughed at the groundhog's shadow two weeks ago—but he hasn't been wrong since, has he? As for those TV prognosticators, they can be glad they live in a relatively humane age. In olden times the ruler would have ordered such seers to the gibbet forthwith.

Sense amid the snow

The plows pile winter's gifts into embankments high above the old country lanes that we nowadays call streets. Sidewalks are buried, too, sending walkers and joggers into the roadways. And at corners, the junctions of plowing's effects create walls that hamper drivers' visibility.

Until those piles can be somewhat leveled, by thawing or otherwise, they call for extra caution by drivers (and also by pedestrians).

Absence of clear sightlines becomes an unusual hazard for which special awareness is advisable.

Similarly, poor visibility resulting from precipitation, overcast skies, and shortened daylight hours call for drivers' response to the law which mandates headlights on at certain hours and under certain conditions (wipers on—lights on!).

Middle School's budget seen at critical point

Editor, The Spotlight:

On March 2, the Bethlehem Central school board will hold a meeting which will focus on budget issues for the 1994-95 school year. For several reasons, this meeting will be of paramount importance to anyone who will have a child attending the Middle School next year.

The enrollment bulge which appeared a few years ago in the elementary schools is now hitting the Middle School. As it is currently staffed, the school cannot satisfactorily serve the projected increased enrollment. Additional staff is needed: how many additional teachers remains an open question.

One particular solution under consideration by the board is troubling. That proposal would create a team composed partly of sixth-graders and partly of seventh-graders.

This serves the best interests of neither grade. Keeping each grade separate is imperative for several reasons. Socially, either the sixth-graders will be isolated from the sixth-graders on the

Vox Pop

other teams or the seventh-graders will be isolated from their peers. Neither is desirable. Sixth-graders need to make the transition to Middle School as smoothly as is possible. Being placed on a team with seventh-graders may be intimidating for many of them.

In order to keep the sixth- and seventh-grades separate, the district would need to hire six additional teachers. The mixed-team proposal would require fewer additional teachers. Each resident must assess whether the benefits outweigh the cost.

We urge residents to take the time and make the effort to let the board know your opinions and concerns on this issue by attending the March 2 meeting. The decisions made at that time will greatly determine the success of the school year for a great number of children. They deserve our consideration and an appropriate education.

Christine L. Prudente

Kathy Decker

Delmar

New Scotland's roads consistently cleared

Editor, The Spotlight:

An article in *The Spotlight* of Feb. 2 about the Town of New Scotland highway crews has motivated me to take pen in hand.

My family has lived on a town-maintained highway in New Scotland since 1945. Ever since Bethlehem Central's buses started door-to-door pick-up (sometime around 1950), the town has done a magnificent job of snow and ice control. Even on days when the schools were closed, the Town's plow and spreader truck has the road ready for safe travel before daylight.

The key to their current success over storms of "earlier days"

is that they now plow (and sand) before deep-drift build-up, anytime during day or night, rather than waiting until the storm is over.

I might add that my route to work also travels over highways maintained by Albany County and the Town of Bethlehem. All three agencies do an outstanding job for keeping their pathways to the city travelable and safe for the motoring public: Mike Hotaling and his crew are certainly to be congratulated.

Ray MacKay

Slingerlands

Editor's Note: Mr. MacKay is Superintendent of Thruway Maintenance for the Thruway Authority.

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Your Opinion Matters

A modest solution for winter

Just last evening, while sitting as close as possible to the fireplace, I read a review of a book which argued that Winston Churchill had it all wrong: Instead of promising to fight the Nazis on the beaches and to the last man in 1940, he should have done business with Hitler.

The Englishman who expounds this theory explains that Britain's steadfastness under Churchill had resulted in a prolonged war that sapped the country and left it vulnerable economically to exploitation by Europe and especially by the United States. We took advantage of England's weakness to shove her aside and displace her as the No. 1 power.

I suppose that, additionally, for all we know now there might have been no Princess Diana. Instead of a Greek, Elizabeth would have married a warm-hearted German and produced a terrific line of kinder instead of the miseries (and miniseries) that developed. And who knows what would have happened in the U.S.: No fourth term for FDR; there would have been a President Dewey, after all. You take it from there.

But that's not my message today. I take my text from the author's proposition that everything should have been turned on its head, including history.

If that is a tenable idea, then I take this opportunity to propound a truly revolutionary thought—

Will Esquire make it, after all?

Just a bit over sixty years ago, a man named Arnold Gingrich launched a new magazine in the very heart of the Great Depression and it still comes out every month under the same title, "Esquire." It was (and is) a "men's magazine," but its fundamental characteristic was as an outlet for good writers (despite its then racier side with "the Petty Girl" and other—for the '30s—shockers.)

"Esquire" has had its ups and downs in these six decades, more downs than otherwise. A few years ago it was acquired by Hearst, where revivifying efforts have been less than successful. Very recently a new editor was signed on: Edward Kosner, who has an excellent reputation from "Newsweek" and "New York." He is quoted as saying that he wants to make "Esquire" again a forum for top-drawer writers. His first issue in which he alone will have made the say on contents will be the one dated March. The outcome will be awaited with interest by many, and with concern at Hearst which now has a loser on its hands. The desperation is suggested by an annual subscription for \$7.97, against a \$2.50 single-copy price.

It was the February issue that I decided to pick up on the newsstand. "Esquire" ordinarily is not my cup, and February surely is not the issue that would have changed my view. At best, it's a

one that seems certain to sweep the country like "No new taxes" and "Reinvent the government."

Part of my inspiration is drawn from the nearby fireplace. It is all that stands between me and an icy end. Or so it seems.

Uncle Dudley

We unimaginative tribe of Americans, intent on doing precisely what we have been instructed to do (our Teutonic heritage coming through) never consider the unimaginable. We are as stolid as the Iroquois, and look at them now—nothing left but casinos.

In winter, we pretend that everything is perfectly ok, and that all we are entitled to do is keep on plugging along, regardless of 23 below and windchill twice as bad, and snow that just keeps on coming and coming. We send the youngsters off the regularly scheduled school sessions, only to be forced to recognize—in the form of "Snow Days"—that something is amiss. We congregate in offices where sniffles and coughs are passed about freely. We schedule breakfast meetings that no one can get to. We put on programs of entertainment from grammar-school playlets to symphony concerts. We slither along on impassable roads trying to perform what we are given, by tradition, to per-

ceive as our duty.

Instead, we should be content by the fireside—or perhaps in Palm Springs or Sea Island.

As you may have gathered by now, what I am leading up to in my modest proposal is that we turn the calendar upside down. Winter's months should be the times when nothing is expected of us. We can vacate the premises, with a mass migration to warmer climes or just tuck in snugly.

Rather than tramping miserably through the drifts to reach some spot where we really don't want to go (except that tradition and a misplaced sense of "responsibility" dictates), we would schedule shows and concerts and schools and testimonial dinners only from April to October, maybe early November. That's when the Legislature would meet, too. Winter sessions were arranged originally for the convenience of the farmers; now there's no more than one farmer left in the establishment.

We would be able to enjoy life doing both the things that have to be done, or that pleased us to do them, in decent circumstances rather than miserable ones. In a word, we could figuratively and literally remove our hair shirts, and enjoy ourselves. After all, are we any less smart than the bears?

mixed bag. What part of it is Mr. Kosner's can't be known here, but I would like to hope that the islands of what I consider readable

Constant Reader

copy may foreshadow an upturn under his editorship. These islands are few, and the rest of the issue is trash.

I read a piece about IRS audits because who isn't somewhat interested in this agency (especially when we have a kind of prototype, the health-care monster, looming in the near distance). But it turned out to be only nominally informative and disappointingly sketchy, ending in a wry but essentially pointless long anecdote

I also read a longer bit by the magazine's guy in Washington, Walter Shapiro, who wrote about President Clinton's growing use of the clichéd "bully pulpit" of his office. (His noted speech in Memphis employed words that "convey more passion than anything uttered from the White House since Peggy Noonan was president.") This leads Mr. Shapiro to considering the President's approach to violence and crime; here he wonders how far Mr. Clinton will be brave enough to go. ("The gun lobby and the polls still scare the President, even as he tries to inoculate himself politically by portraying

himself as the kind of red-blooded boy who couldn't have survived puberty without his .22")

A much longer article about Oliver North and his abhorring campaign for the U.S. Senate in Virginia was colorful and detailed, perhaps a bit over-written. As for Iran-contra, "it's the best thing that ever happened to North—having brought him fame, money, martyrdom.... It's his coonskin cap."

Mr. Kosner or a predecessor has signed up a huge stable of "contributing editors" (free-lancers who "edit" nothing)—thirty-five of them, including such names as Pete Hamill, Peter Maas, George Plimpton, Robert Sherrill, Gay Talese, Tom Wolfe. Two of the bunch, Mike Lupica and Robert Lipsyte, talented writers, actually contribute short pieces which I found possible to leave alone.

Otherwise, the issue's big feature is a "special section" on "The Twenty-first Century Woman," a discussion of sorts typified by this: "The new women's movement embraces sex as a way out of the quagmire of political correctness." It's downhill from there. Elsewhere, look for an article on "How to Make Love to a Woman," by a woman who does. Or "The High-brow Smut of Nicholson Baker." And on and on, with fragments of obscenities littering the literary offerings like abandoned land mines in Somalia.

Finger-imaging saves public welfare funds

The contributor of this Point of View is a member of the Albany County Legislature from Colonie, representing the 15th District, which takes in Loudonville, Menands, and Watervliet.

By Gavin J. Donohue

After many documented incidents of individuals committing welfare fraud in New York State, the Legislature in 1992 authorized Rockland and Onondaga counties to initiate demonstration projects to determine the cost-effectiveness of an automated two-digit finger-imaging identification system. This state-of-the-art technology is intended to prevent welfare fraud and multiple enrollments of home relief recipients.

Point of View

At present, a proposal to introduce this system in Albany County is before the County Legislature.

The finger-imaging process is a simple, non-invasive system whose operation is similar to a scanner at a check-out counter or office photocopier. The client places an index finger into a transparent canal. The scanner generates a digitized print along with a computerized photograph of the client. If an identification match is found within the system, a further investigation is initiated by Social Services personnel to validate the application of an individual who may already be enrolled under a different identity.



However, the client will not be removed from the home relief program based solely on a match without a follow-up investigation by the Social Services fraud unit. In addition to the finger identification component of this technology, the system has the capability to take color photos of each enrollee. This will simplify the investigative process and facilitate identification of possible welfare cheats.

The state requires that finger images captured for this system be used for Social Services purposes only and not shared with any other agencies, including law enforcement.

Pilot project in two counties saved \$678,000 in a year by preventing multiple enrollments

This technology was first introduced in Los Angeles County, and saved taxpayers an estimated \$5.4 million in the first six months of operation. "Computerworld" reported that the Los Angeles County system identifies approximately thirty individuals a month who are attempting to double-dip and beat the overburdened welfare system. The system is expected to save the taxpayers of Los Angeles County an additional \$20 million by October 1995.

The New York State Department of Social Services has released a report assessing the effectiveness of the pilot program in Rockland and Onondaga counties. According to the report, this pilot project proved to be cost-effective with a 4.5 to 1 benefit-to-cost ratio and saved an estimated \$678,000 in one year between the two counties.

Another vital component of the State Social Services report was a survey of clients' attitudes. It revealed that 93 percent of 265 clients surveyed believed that the process was not an inconvenience and 95 percent believed that their finger images were for public assistance purposes only and would not be compared to the records of any other governmental agency.

The state report also documented that this technology could save state and local governments \$46.2 million if the system were implemented statewide. Unfortunately, the State Assembly is unwilling to take this important step.

Currently, Local Law B for 1994, which I am sponsoring, is under consideration by the Albany County Legislature.

This proposed law would institute the finger-imaging technology for Albany County's home relief population in an effort to eliminate welfare fraud. Regrettably, a number of my colleagues

Matters of Opinion

66 years of banking ends as no-account

Editor, The Spotlight:

Who is robbing who?

Willie Sutton, the famed bank robber, was asked "Why do you rob banks?" His answer was simply: "That's where the money is."

It seems the situation is no different today; you can drive from Delmar to Elsmere and pass three Key Banks on one street (Delaware Avenue) in one mile. There were four, but one was closed recently.

I first started banking as a young child in 1927 at the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company (now a Key Bank) and it was the only bank within miles in any direction.

On Friday, Feb. 4, I stopped at a Key Bank branch in Glenmont, just three miles from the row of Key Bank branches in Delmar, to pay my telephone bill and cash my pension check. It being the beginning of the month, there was a waiting line so when I got to the young male teller I laid the bill and check down and asked to cash the check and pay the bill. The teller did that and handed me my change. With a line behind me, I went to a side counter and counted my change. To my disbelief I had a "paid" bill and a full cashed check. I did think about keeping the extra \$45.41, but I was brought up to be honest so I went back in line and finally got to the same teller, and laid down the "paid" bill and the money. He looked at the bill and said, "This bill is paid," so I said "Would you count the money?" He did; and then remembered. "Oh!" he said. "I punched in that you paid your bill and then paid you for your check."

He thanked me for coming back and said that he would have been in trouble at 3 o'clock when he had to balance out, and the mis-

take would have been hard to find. I did feel good about doing the right thing.

On my way home, I stopped at

'I did a dastardly thing by drawing 5 checks in a month'

the post office and was surprised to find a letter from Key Bank. Knowing it could not be a thank-you note that quickly, I went right home and read my letter.

I have an "Advantage Money Market Account." As was explained to me years ago when I opened the account, because it is a money market checking account it pays high interest—but you may draw only three checks a month, or you will be assessed a modest amount.

I admit I did a dastardly thing by drawing five checks against my account and I should be warned—but *thirty dollars*? I received only two dollars and forty five cents interest for the month and the balance was from three hundred to three thousand dollars during the month.

In all my sixty-six years with the bank I have never written a check for insufficient funds; my record is spotless and I was steamed about the letter.

I went right away to a Key Bank and talked to an assistant manager of the branch; I showed him my letter, and said I thought it was a large fine for a checking account. Thirty dollars!—when I was younger, I worked a week for that much money. He said "You do not have a checking account; you have a money market account." I asked how I could write checks for years

on an account that was not a checking account?

He said a money market account draws very high interest and is not a checking account. I checked the billboard in the lobby and found that my account did not pay the highest interest and told him so. Then he said I did not have a money market account but rather an Advantage account that you can write checks on.

Well, we played Abbott and Costello ("who's on first?") for some time. He said it was not a checking account and not a true money market account (after he had said it was). I contended it was a checking account because I wrote checks on it for years but that it wasn't a money market account because it did not pay the highest interest.

Well, after a while I could see I wasn't going to win and said "So be it." He sure did not have a nice bedside manner and in fact he was rather short with me, I thought.

After all those years with the institution I didn't deserve any consideration.

I went to another bank just a few feet away and found they were paying much more interest on a checking account with no restrictions on the number of checks you write as long as you have money in the account.

Now, was it explained wrongly to me when I opened the account? Or were the rules changed since then? Or are the customers always wrong? When I asked the assistant manager if a mistake was made, he said the computers and the bank do not make mistakes. I then reminded him of the young man at the other branch, and that they do make mistakes. He said the young man was only a teller and they make mistakes.

That's why I opened this letter with "Who's robbing who?"

It seems "The Bank" is doing very well in these hard times if they can have so many branches in such a short distance.

James Dunn

Clarksville

Welfare

(from page 6)

argue that finger-imaging of welfare clients is stigmatizing and demeaning.

This is not the case. For a host of reasons, New Yorkers are fingerprinted (ink pad and all), as opposed to finger-imaged. All members of the armed forces, operates of employment agencies, hand gun owners, police officers, school bus drivers, and employees in the securities exchange industry are fingerprinted. Even members of Governor Cuomo's staff of 200 are fingerprinted as a qualification for employment. Fingerprinting is considered acceptable in most social circles as a safeguard against criminal activity and as a mechanism to properly identify individuals.

If anyone should feel degraded by finger-imaging it is the taxpayers who support a system of social service that is rife with fraud and abuse.

On Jan. 20, a Washington County woman was arrested and

Recipients who need services are most victimized by cheats

charged with illegally receiving \$10,489 in welfare payments between 1989-91 when she lived in Saratoga County. During this two-year period she had four different aliases. In 1992, a Brooklyn woman with twelve separate forms of identification was arrested for collecting \$313,000 in welfare benefits since 1985.

Taxpayers are not the only ones who suffer as a result of fraud and waste in the welfare system. Perhaps the most victimized of all are the recipients who genuinely need these services to recover from economic hardship. What is truly demeaning is a welfare system that tolerates criminal activity and poor management.

I am quite certain that taxpay-

ers of Albany County would appreciate a system that removes criminals from our welfare rolls and helps build trust and faith in our system of helping the neediest.

Albany County has budgeted \$9,650,000 this year for home re-

Albany County could experience net saving of \$240,000 in first year of operation

lief. Social Services experts have estimated that Albany County has a 3 to 5 percent fraud ratio. If that figure is correct (as 4.3 percent was correct for the Onondaga and Rockland County experiment), Albany County would save approximately \$414,950 in the first year of operation. Since the technology has been projected to cost the county between \$150,000 and \$200,000, the net saving for the county is estimated at \$239,950 in the first year.

I strongly believe that Albany County should acquire this technology and move ahead with an aggressive system to eliminate fraud and wasteful spending. At a time when the county is tightening its fiscal policies, it is critical to demonstrate to the public at large, and taxpayers in particular, that measures are being taken by government to root out fraud, waste, and corruption.

Obviously, finger-imaging is not a panacea for New York's social welfare problems, or an answer to reforming the system, but it does promise progress in an area of government that desperately needs help. Finger-imaging will elevate the level of accountability in the home relief program and, I hope, it will make our system of public assistance more dignified and honest.

As the Albany County Legislature debates this issue I encourage all residents to persuade their legislators to support implementation of this program to protect public funds and increase confidence in our welfare system.



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Concerned parent asks HS safety reassurance

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a taxpayer in the Bethlehem Central School District, I am rather concerned. My husband and I would like to know what is happening in the high school with the administration.

On Jan. 11, I called Dr. Hunter's office and asked to speak with him. I was told that he was busy. I asked if he would please return my call. I was assured that he would. The following day I had not heard from him, so I decided to stop by the school and speak with him personally. He was busy again and I was reassured that he would definitely get back to me.

It was finally on Jan. 28, seventeen days later, that I heard from Dr. Hunter. I had a real concern about safety in the school and felt

I should talk to Dr. Hunter about it.

I do not consider that our belated telephone conversation provided a satisfactory response to that concern. I have heard nothing further about it, now more than a month after my inquiry began.

My husband and I thought it was the responsibility of the principal to return calls to parents if they had concerns, not ignore them. What are the responsibilities of the administrator of the high school? Isn't returning phone calls in a timely manner part of his responsibility as a principal?

Feura Bush Linda L. Bathrick
Editor's note: Dr. Hunter states that he previously called Mrs. Bathrick but failed to reach her.

Republicans' photos evoke negative image

Editor, The Spotlight:

For a long time I have facetiously referred to *The Spotlight* as the right arm of Bethlehem's Republican town government. Your Jan. 26 issue provided the strongest confirmation yet of my hunch. Never before in this publication have I seen such a flagrant, unabashed celebration of all things Republican.

I am referring to the grandiose photo montage comprising all of page four of that issue. Under the innocuous headline "GOP comes home to the Normanside," I found a display of partisanship which belies any claim *The Spotlight* may make to being an objective piece of journalism. Six large pictures of the festivities at the town Republicans' annual winter fundraiser clearly announced this publication's view, which apparently is no less than worship of the pillars of Bethlehem's Republican party. Pardon my iconoclasm, but I found this gushing account repulsive to that quaint notion of an impartial press which a few of us still accept as valid.

As executive news editor of the University of Rochester *Campus Times*, I can unequivocally say that such a biased report of events has no place in a publication which claims newspaper status. Our editorial board, which consists of students, not professional journalists as *The Spotlight* presumably

employs, would never allow this kind of free publicity into a newspaper. I must condemn you for your failure to adhere to journalistic objectivity.

While Bethlehem has a long history of Republican rule, *The Spotlight* must not take this as a license to dismiss or disregard the views of dissenters. If you disagree with me on this point, may I suggest a change of name to *The Bethlehem Republican Newsletter*.

Stephen J. Bradt

Rochester

Editor's note: The photo coverage of the Republicans' event was routine for a well-attended community-wide occasion. With adequate notice, *The Spotlight* endeavors to provide appropriate attention before and after such gatherings. This obviously includes affairs arranged by the Democratic party. Matthew J. Clyne, chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee, when asked to comment on Mr. Bradt's letter, said that he considers *The Spotlight's* coverage of the party to be "more than fair" during his chairmanship. Mr. Bradt certainly is entitled to his own view of our political coverage, but he badly errs in equating this with, as he says, dismissing or disregarding the views of dissenters. *The Spotlight* endeavors to adhere to a policy of presenting all views impartially and fairly.

Parent-liability flyer's producers are commended

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a member of the Community Partnership communication task force, I would like to thank you for the coverage given to our Parent Liability flyer. It is important that we all have an understanding of the legal ramifications regarding under-age drinking.

I personally want to thank Kristi Carr for her tremendous contribution of condensing and designing (and persistence) with the flyer. Thanks also go to Dr. Loomis and the school district for funding, supporting, and distribution; to Mr. Burdick also for getting it to the Middle School parents; and to the attorneys who contributed. We have requests from other communities, school districts, and agencies for copies.

At this time, the training video is well on its way to completion. This will be used by businesses for their new employees on the sale of alcohol and proper identification of the buyer. A special thank-you to the Glenmont Grand Union for participation in using the store, employees, and support of the video from the beginning.

As the saying goes, "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

Marge Kanuk
Communication/Education
Task Force,
Community Partnership

BC's JV skaters post enviable first season

Editor, The Spotlight:

In early November, BCHS joined the growing ranks of area high schools with hockey programs when its non-league Junior Varsity team skated into its inaugural season. In the weeks that have followed, the team has posted an impressive 3-2-3 record against J.V. squads from CBA, La Salle, and Albany Academy. It is coached by a faculty member, Tom Gladd and a volunteer assistant, Charlie Lynk. The twenty-seven member co-ed squad has as its home rink the Albany County Olympic Training Facility.

The hockey program grew out of the interest of a committed group of parents and other hockey fans. In January 1993, the group began laying plans for development of hockey at BCHS, drafting proposals, researching budgets, and working closely with the school board and district administration. Efforts paid off when, in June, the school board okayed the concept of a team, with the proviso that it be self-funded since the budget had been completed for the school year.

This led to a major and successful fund-raising effort in cooperation with other self-funded sports in the Bethlehem district. When the results were tallied, the parents' group, which has since formalized itself into the Bethlehem Hockey Boosters, had raised enough to guarantee that any high schooler who wanted to play be on the team, and the Eagles were on the ice.

Support for the fledgling program from students and the community has been strong. The team plans to find a solid niche in the high schools sports scene during the rest of its premier season and in the years ahead.

Remaining games are scheduled for February 16, 18, and 28.

Delmar Arnold (Bud) Mosmen

Cheers for 'Cinderella,' applause for director

Editor, The Spotlight:

My sixth-grade daughter just finished the Middle School play "Cinderella." She had a wonderful time and met lots of new friends from all grade levels, and I also have met some new friends.

The one person who stands out in my mind was Frank Levitt, the director. He not only had a lot of patience with the children, he really enjoyed working with them. I want to publicly thank Mr. Levitt for making this experience an enjoyable one.

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Matters of Opinion

LaVere and Mary Fuller inspired The Spotlight

Editor, The Spotlight:

Once and for all I would like *The Spotlight's* readers to know that the Fuller family had a bigger part in the making of *The Spotlight* than people keep writing about. I am referring to the Feb. 9 article, "Spotlight continues to keep up with the times."

This publication was the brainchild of my father and mother, LeVere and Mary Fuller. They made up the dummy, which I have in my files in my basement, and

brought it to Tracy Walsh to see if she would like to back them in a publication such as this. Since they have both passed away and cannot write about this, I feel that I should. This April my father will have been gone 20 years and my mother passed away the next year in October.

We did everything on *The Spotlight* out of our house on Delaware Turnpike except for the printing. My father did the typesetting plus the editing; he didn't just start

Editor's note: The Spotlight is pleased to be able to publish this clarification on our history and thus to set the record straight. Over the intervening years, some of the early details became lost to successor publishers. Now this letter becomes part of the record establishing

doing that in 1960, and my mother and sister Kathy did the pasteup and I helped them do the collating and addressing; in fact, my grandmother wrote the addresses by hand in the very beginning. Our telephone number was the one people called to put in classified.

The Spotlight was not the only publication that they ever did.

ing the Fullers' integral role in creating a newspaper and thus establishing an essential community service. We salute LeVere and Mary Fuller, and also Kathy, Carole, and Susanne for their inspired labor of love and all that it has set in motion.

Back in the '40s they had "Town Talk" (I have some copies), plus "The Midget" and "Surburbia." Also in Massachusetts they had a couple: Berkshire Post and another I can't remember.

I just want everybody to know that the Fuller family had an awful big part in starting *The Spotlight* because as far as I'm concerned we were *The Spotlight*.

Susanne (Missy) Fuller Smith
Feura Bush

Words for the week

Mixed bag: An assortment or mixture, especially of diverse elements, types of people, etc., brought together at random.

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Fund-raiser success
for nursery school

Editor, The Spotlight:

The parents and children of Tri-Village Nursery School in Delmar express sincere appreciation to all the businesses and individuals in our community who so generously donated goods and services to our recent fund-raiser. The funds from this effort will help enrich the learning environment of our children. We thank *The Spotlight* for coverage of the event, as well as Dr. Michael Looney for volunteering to provide his unique brand of wonderful entertainment for the children.

In addition, we thank the following businesses for their contributions: Delmar Convenient Express, Dominick's, Toll Gate, Carvel, Stewart's Mangia, Little Bit of Italy, Little Caesar's, Pizza Baron, Pizza Hut, Feura Bush Tavern, Vinnie's Pizza, Brockley's Kmart, Shop-n-Save, Price Chopper, Sam's, Glenmont Discount Beverage.

Without the generosity of everyone noted above, we would not have had a successful event—thanks again.

Donna Raffaele
Nancy Phelan

'Disrespectful' watch
called objectionable

Editor, The Spotlight:

Radio commercials are heard for "Clinton Watches"—so named for the likeness of the President of the United States on its face. The watch operates counter-clockwise.

For those so inclined, the idea may have a humorous ring. It also tends to have a disrespectful turn. What, to me, makes it especially objectionable is the "Made in China" inscription.

I am not a supporter of the Clinton presidential policies, but patriotic spirit moves me to encourage action that can stem the sale and distribution of this un-American article.

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Party set to celebrate presidents' birthdays

Children in kindergarten through grade-two can kick off school vacation week at the library with a party celebrating the birthdays of presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln on Monday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m.

Discover facts and fables about George and Abe, hear stories, play games and decorate cupcakes at the party. RSVP by calling 439-9314.

School-age children are invited



to view the film, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. No registration is needed to see this full-length two hour and 45 minute video version of the first of the *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Marilyn Schroeder and the Poppy Doodle Puppets will present their own version of the fairy tale of "The Frog Prince" on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m.

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Children in grade-three and up are invited to the library for an hour of fun learning magic tricks on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. Everyone will learn a new trick and have a chance to perform it. Register by calling the children's room at 439-9314.

All library programs are free and open to the public.

The new edition of the library's publication "Preschool Possibilities" is now available in the children's room. The directory of nursery school and day care centers serving Delmar and surrounding communities is revised annually by children's room assistant Polly Hartman.

Each listing in the 14-page booklet includes the school's address and phone number, director's name, enrollment, ages of children served, hours of operation and school calendar. Ask for a free copy at the children's room desk.

Crystal Tompkins of Delmar is displaying cat collectibles in the children's room this month's "Children's Author of the Month" display. The display highlights Anne Rockwell, who has written more than 40 books for young readers.

In the adult reference area, Mary Bardwell of Delmar is exhibiting a sketch of Abraham Lincoln and facsimiles of contemporary newspaper accounts of the assassination of Lincoln in the *New York Herald* of April 15, 1865, and of the death of Washington in the *Continental Intelligencer* of Jan. 4, 1800.

Anna Jane Abaray

Lodge slates Sunday breakfast

Onesquethau Lodge 1096, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will host a breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 20, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The all-you-can-eat meal costs \$4. For information, call Bernard Smith at 439-8633.

Parents begin plans for '94 graduation party

A parents' group has started planning for Graduation Celebration '94, a post-graduation party open to all graduating Bethlehem High School seniors.

The event's goal is to provide a safe, alcohol-free celebration for graduating seniors with music, games, prizes and refreshments.

Parents interested in helping can contact Pat Biche at 439-2763 or Joyce Thomas at 439-5187.

Piano students play at library

Students of Delmar pianist Morey Hall recently presented a recital at the Bethlehem Public Library.

The students were Richard Rowley, Alexander Vaughn, Johanna Marvin, Lisa Lee-Herbert, Maria Catalano, Veronique Ory, Beth Lee-Herbert, Sara Dorman, Seth Odell, Carolyn Peters, Laura Braunstein, Elizabeth Roberts, Ben Odell, Matthew Reuter, Elizabeth Marvin, Alison Laufer and Kevin Renaud.

Fish fries set in New Salem

Four fish fry dinners are planned for Fridays, Feb. 18, March 4 and 18, and April 1, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the New Salem Fire House on Route 85A in New Salem.

Dinners include a fish fry, salad, coleslaw and beverage. Meals cost \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children under 12. For information, call 765-2231.

Terrarium workshop slated during vacation

School vacation is coming up next week, and the library is planning some special activities for children who might be at loose ends.



Youth services librarian Meg Hughes will run a terrarium-making workshop for school-age youngsters on Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 21. Children should bring a clear two liter soda bottle if possible.

The workshop "How Does Your Garden Grow?" will run from 10:30 until 11:15 a.m. in the community room.

Just so everybody's happy, parents with younger children can attend the regularly scheduled story hour at the same time in the other half of the community room.

Story hours are also held Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Registration is not required.

Storyteller Bill Cliff will be on hand on Wednesday, Feb. 23, for a Winter Song and Story Fest.

School age children are invited in to hear folktales and tunes from Africa, India and Europe beginning at 2 p.m. The program will last approximately 50 minutes.

For adults, Memoir Writing is scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. The sessions end on Saturday, Feb. 26.

The Writers Group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

Voorheesville school district residents who would like to run for a seat on the library board of trustees can stop by the circulation desk to pick up a petition. Petitions need a minimum of 25 signatures and must be returned by Friday, April 8, to Gail Sacco, library director. The election will be on May 1.

The library will be open for regular hours on Presidents' Day.

For information, call 765-2791.

Christine Shields

Tri-Village Squares sets birthday dance

Members of the Tri-Village Squares are hosting the annual birthday party square and round dance on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Ken Down will be the caller and Dolores Randall will be the cuer.

For information, call Jean or Ken Marriott at 439-4875.

Village Stage sets auditions

Auditions are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19, at the Bethlehem Town Hall on 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, for the Bethlehem Village Stage presentation of Neil Simon's play "Promises—Promises."

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SPORTS

Eagles end regular season with a 13-1 record

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem boys varsity swim team finished its season strongly, defeating its last five opponents, including its biggest win of the year over state power New Hartford.

The team warmed up for the New Hartford meet with easy victories over Queensbury and Albany Academy. New Hartford ran into an inspired Eagle team that, while only winning four of 12 events easily defeated New Hartford by the score of 103-83.

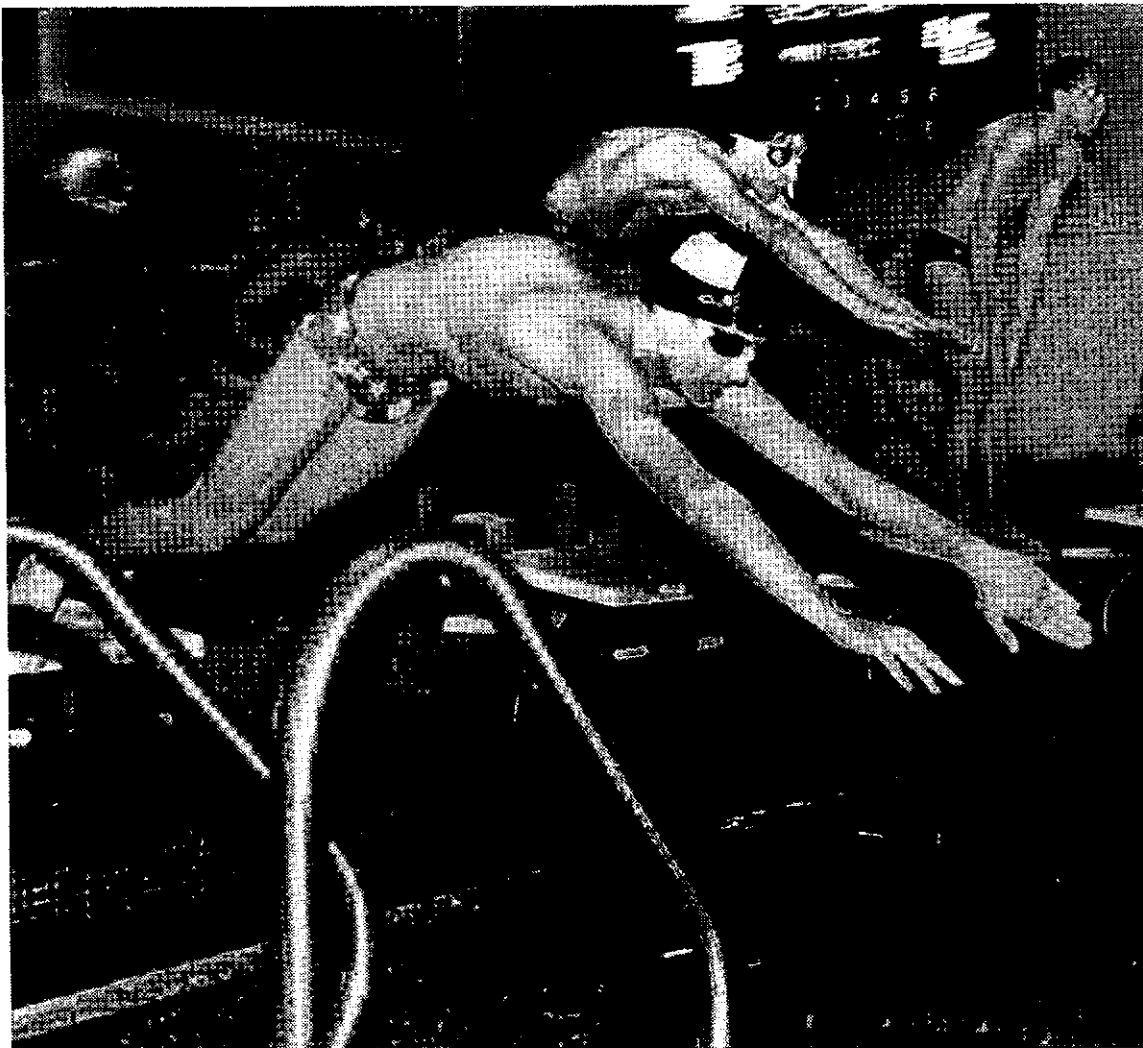
Both teams were at their best as pool records were set in the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle Relay.

Adriaan Denkers, Colin Izzard, Patrick Gallagher and Mark Kanuk shattered the BCHS pool record in the 200 medley with a time of 1:41.25.

In the 200 freestyle, the New Hartford team set a pool record.

Also gaining first place finishes for the Eagles were Izzard in the 100m breaststroke, Denkers in the 100m backstroke and Matt St. Lucia in diving.

After their victory over New Hartford, the Eagles defeated Troy 110-76 on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Again Bethlehem's depth was the key, as the team only won five events, but had numerous second and third place finishes to secure the victory.



BC junior Nathaniel Dorfman prepares to part the waters during last week's meet against New Hartford. The Eagles finished the season with a flourish as they get set to enter sectional competition beginning on Friday, Feb. 18.

Seth Hillinger

Winning for BC were John Mead in the diving competition, Jon Church in the 200m Freestyle and the 500m freestyle, and Dan Mawhinney in the 100m Backstroke.

The 200m Freestyle relay team of Gallagher, Colin Izzard, Mark Kanuk and Church won, as did the 400m freestyle relay team of Denkers, Bill Leary, Mick Turner and Church.

BC closed out its season with an easy victory over Shenendehowa on Friday, Feb. 11, with 20 swimmers qualifying for sectionals, including first time qualifiers Zack Medwin, Greg Teresi and Ben Samuelson-Jones.

Coach Ken Neff was very pleased with his team's 13-1 finish. "Our team gave a supreme effort against New Hartford. We did not have one sixth place finish in the entire meet.

"Our second and third place finishes won us that meet. We also got a big lift from our divers, an area where New Hartford defeated us last year. Our depth has been our advantage all year. Our last few meets have been a total team effort."

The Eagles' only defeat this year came at the hand of Tappan Zee.

Sectionals are Friday, Feb. 18, and Saturday, Feb. 19. In the meantime, Neff will select his team to attend sectionals.

Bullets place 3rd in soccer tourney

The second week of the "Mostly Off-The-Wall" soccer tournament at Bethlehem Central High School featured the Under 12 and 12B boys' teams.

Bethlehem's Under 12A team, coached by Bill Cooper, took third place in the tournament with 10 teams competing. The Bullets defeated the Ballston Spa Blasters 6-0, the Niskayuna Heat 1-0 and tied Cobleskill 1-1. They lost to East Greenbush 1-0.

Bethlehem advanced to the semifinals, but lost there to Oneonta, which won the championship game against Lakehill. Bethlehem won the consolation game against Cobleskill 4-0.

Former grid star receives scholarship

Former Bethlehem football star Mike Gambelunghe has been awarded an athletic scholarship to Hofstra University on Long Island.

Since graduating from BC in June 1993, Gambelunghe has been attending Worcester Academy in Worcester, Mass., where he was named most valuable player of the prep school football team.

Gambelunghe, who holds the career rushing record for BC, will also play baseball at Hofstra.

Outstanding goalkeeping by Ben Barrowman and Dan Tripp led the team's defense with Luke Haskins and Steve Troiano. A strong offensive attack was paced by Tim Cooper, Matt Cardamone, Mike Cardamone, Kevin Hotaling, Benji Felson and Dan Heim.

The Bethlehem tournament will feature the Under-14 girls and Under-10B boys on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Pop Warner meeting

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Voorheesville boys show signs in life in wins over Waterford and Cohoes

By Kelly Griffin

The Blackbirds conquered Cohoes last week to bring the boys' record to 3-12 in the league, rolling into their final week of regular season play.

"Friday night, we played the most physical game we've had all year," said coach Skip Carrk. "We were also very consistent, which I've been stressing to them as something that is very important to accomplish going into these last five games."

Despite shooting 6-17 from the foul line and committing 22 turnovers, Vville still was able to put Cohoes away.

"I credit our defense, our strength on the boards, and our ability to hit the open shot with the victory," said Carrk. "And also the fact that it was a total team effort; everyone contributed."

A marked improvement in the 'Birds' free throw percentage helped decide the outcome of the game. Vville made 27 out of 33 from the foul line. This was their best showing all season.

Dave Burch led the way with 18 points and eight rebounds. Josh White had 15 points and seven rebounds, while Thom Larossi and Steve Halligan combined for 10 points and nine rebounds from the small forward position.

"Both Thom and Steve did a really great job for us inside," Carrk said.

On Saturday, more team basketball by Voorheesville overcame Waterford, which had just earned two big wins earlier in the week. "They were pumped up," said Carrk. "We knew that we were going to have to work hard against them. They are one of the hottest teams in the league right now."

The 'Birds' defense also played a large role in the victory. "We held one of their key players, who is among the top scorers in the league, to merely nine points," said Carrk.

White finished with a game-high 22 points and 12 rebounds, which included hitting 14 of 15 foul shots. Junior guard Adam Keller chipped in with nine points, and Burch contributed eight points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots.

This week, Voorheesville closes its season against Albany Academy at home on Thursday.

BC girls still in hunt for gold division title

Luck ran out for the Bethlehem girls basketball team against Columbia last week as the Eagles dropped a close decision on their home court.

The final score was 53-49. Karena Zornow led BC with 16 points and Sheila McCaughin

added 15. It was a nip-and-tuck game throughout. It was second time this year BC has lost to Columbia — a team it is battling for the top spot in the gold division of the Suburban Council.

The Eagles fared better on Wednesday, Feb. 9, as they defeated Guiderland 52-32. Point

guard Katie Sherwin had 12 points as did McCaughin.

BC closes its regular season this week with games against Shaker and Burnt Hills. The last time BC faced Burnt Hills, another gold division title contender, it eked out an overtime victory.

Laura Del Vecchio

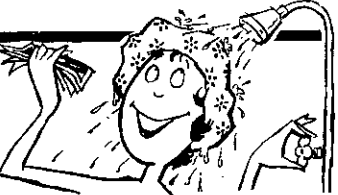
Fitness for teens at Southwood Club

Friday nights will be tennis and fitness nights for area teenagers at Southwood Tennis and Fitness Club on Route 9W, behind the Howard Johnson's, in Albany.

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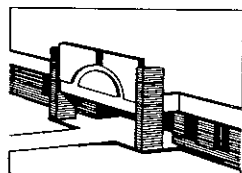
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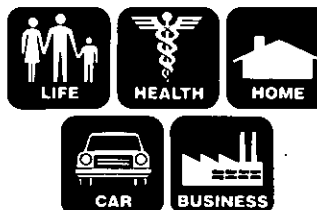
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BC makes them close, but no cigar

By Ted Hartmann

Bethlehem's record fell to 4-14 overall and 3-10 league after dropping two road games against Gold Division teams.

The Eagles' first loss came against neighboring Guilderland by the score of 64-54. BC's next opponent, Columbia, shot very well and pulled away with a 75-54 victory.

In both games, Bethlehem stuck with the competition for the majority of each game. This year, it has been common for the Eagles to give good teams a hard time, but then fail to finish strong. The most recent example was the Columbia game, in which Bethlehem was outscored 22-8 in the fourth quarter.

"The losses have hurt our confidence in winning, but we know we've played well in stretches," said coach Jack Moser, adding that the team's record has

Basketball

overshadowed good play by a number of players.

Senior point guard Rob Kind, who posted 17 points against Guilderland, has exceeded all expectations and become a potent offensive threat by creating off the dribble.

Captain Matt Follis, also a senior guard, has maintained a 14-point scoring average throughout the season and is among Section II's leading three-point shooters. He scored 16 points against Guilderland, as did junior center Eric Gill.

Gill, sophomore Joe D'Angelo, junior Jason Gutman, and senior captain Jon Gould have all rebounded well and provided a solid Eagle front line. Sophomore Sean Berry has shot well from three-

point range to add Bethlehem's offensive attack.

One of the reasons the strong performances have been squandered is poor foul shooting. Bethlehem shot only 4-for-20 from the line in the Guilderland game. In the final minutes of many games, the Eagles have come up empty-handed in 1-and-1 situations.

Due to Bethlehem's poor record, the team will play a high-seeded school if they choose to go to sectionals. "The team will vote whether to go (to sectionals) by Wednesday," said Moser.

Assuming the Eagles play in the post-season, Moser may decide to call up one or two junior varsity players.

Bethlehem will play its final regular season game against Burnt Hills at home. The game was originally scheduled for Friday night, but has been changed to Thursday.

Steve Myers narrowly misses perfect game at Del Lanes

Bowling honors for the week of Feb. 6 at Del Lanes—

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Records fall for Dolphins during mid-winter meet

A number of Delmar Dolphins turned in outstanding performances at the Schenectady Swim Club's Mid-Winter Meet recently at the University at Albany pool.

Many Dolphins finished in the top 10 of their respective events. Courtney Arduini won the 8-and-under girls 50 yard butterfly event in 42.82 seconds, more than two seconds ahead of her nearest competitor. She was second in the 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke, and fourth in the 100 freestyle.

Other outstanding 8-and-under swimmers included Emily Fong, who was third in the 50 breaststroke and sixth in the backstroke. Larissa Suparmanto took fifth in the breaststroke, eighth in the 50 freestyle and ninth in the 100 freestyle.

First year Dolphins Elizabeth Boyle, Caitlin Kerrigan and Kristin Link showed great potential, with Kerrigan taking seventh place in the breaststroke, and Link seventh in the backstroke and sixth in the 50 freestyle.

Boyle had a strong performance in the 50 freestyle, reducing her previous personal best time by nearly eight seconds. The 8-and-under girls relay team finished a close second to Schenectady.

Among the 8-and-under boys, Rick Grant was sixth in the 50 freestyle, backstroke and butterfly, and eighth in the 100 freestyle. Scott Solomon was fourth in the 100 freestyle. Joseph Cardamone was eighth in the breaststroke and ninth in the butterfly.

Patrick Shaffer had a personal best time placing seventh in the breaststroke. First year Dolphin Michael Blendell had personal best times in all his events.

Representing the 9 and 10-year-old girls, Kathleen Shaffer finished eighth in the 50 butterfly. Becky Corson was 10th in both the 100 freestyle and butterfly. Sarah Kundel scored a personal best in the 50 freestyle.

Among the boys in this age group, Thalys Orietas was sixth in the 50 freestyle, seventh in the backstroke and ninth in both the individual medley (IM) and the breaststroke.

Swimming with the 11-12 age group, Lisa Fong was third in the 100 freestyle, fourth in the 50 freestyle, fifth in the IM and sixth in the backstroke. Elyse McDonough was fourth in the butterfly and seventh in the backstroke. Beth Malinowski had a fine performance in the 50 freestyle.

Brian Dowling was second in the butterfly, fourth in the IM, 50 freestyle and breaststroke. Chris Shaffer was fifth in the butterfly and backstroke and seventh in the 100 freestyle. Bob Pasquini had a remarkable performance in the IM, improving his previous time by more than five seconds, for an eighth-place finish.

Top finishers in the 13-and-over age group included Maggie Tettelbach, who was sixth in both the 50 and 100 freestyle, and 10th in the 200 IM. Nadine Maurer was eighth in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke. Erika McDonough was ninth in the 100 backstroke. Cailin Brennan finished fifth in the 200 butterfly, sixth in the 100 butterfly and 10th in the 200 freestyle.

Among the boys, Reid Putnam took third in the 200 backstroke, sixth in the 100 backstroke and 10th in the 200 freestyle. Steve Corson was sixth in the 200 breaststroke. Sean Boyle was 10th in the butterfly.

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club is holding its "February Freeze Meet" on Sunday, Feb. 27. Several prizes will be raffled off at the meet, including a ski weekend in Keene, N.H., a television and a boom box.

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□ Benders

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The worst area for traffic this winter has been the Route 85 corridor, Vanderbilt said. During morning rush hour in particular, Route 140 (Cherry Avenue Extension) is backed up "well past McCormick Road," Route 85 is backed up "well past the Tollgate" and cars are backed up at the Blessing Road/Blue Cross intersection.

"It's bad in the summer, but horrendous in this weather," Vanderbilt said.

In their attempt to make up delays caused by the bad weather, drivers often are not as careful as they normally would be. Case in point, Vanderbilt noted, was a tractor-trailer driver who attempted to make a sharp right turn up a steep incline just over the Normanskill Bridge in Albany last week.

The truck never made it, which was not surprising given the condition of the roads. The truck slid back down the hill, straddled the roadway, and blocked traffic on



Lt. Richard Vanderbilt

Delaware Avenue coming into Albany from Bethlehem.

Other stress areas for drivers this winter have been Route 9W, where traffic is often stacked up from Howard Johnson's to the Stewart's and beyond during the morning commute. And, of course, Delaware Avenue.

Many drivers have been slowing down or stopping once they get across the bridge into Albany because of numerous potholes

along the stretch of Delaware Avenue in front of Graceland Cemetery.

City road crews have been out patching the road on a regular basis, Vanderbilt said. "It's not nearly as bad as people have come to expect."

On Monday, Feb. 14, police were swamped with accident calls as drifting snow caused four accidents just on Route 9W.

□ Trails

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gives new impetus to the idea, however.

The draft master plan for the town prepared by LUMAC suggested four different options for dealing with growing traffic congestion along Delaware and Kenwood avenues.

One of those options involved using the D&H rail bed for a new roadway between Delaware Avenue and New Scotland Road. That would siphon some of the traffic off Delaware. But Melita, along with many others, believes that laying down more asphalt is not the answer.

However, a Canadian and Pacific official said recently that there are no plans to abandon the stretch of rail line running from Voorheesville, through Bethlehem and out to the Port of Albany.

At the same time, CP real estate and industrial manager John Denison noted that the tracks are only used maybe four or five times a week for shipments from the Port to the Northeastern Industrial Park just west of Voorheesville.

Canadian Pacific's plan for the rail line depends on its remaining economically viable, according to Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky. When the economics change, so could the company's game plan, which now includes trying to abandon a 12-mile stretch of unused track between Voorheesville and Delanson.

Bridge Street resident Ken Young said he supports Melita's initiative and thinks it would be great if someday he could hop on his bike and ride from Slingerlands down to Ben & Jerry's on Delaware Avenue.

Just last week he used the tracks to go cross country skiing from Slingerlands out to Voorheesville and back the other way almost into Delmar.

"They don't plow in between the rails," Young said, so at the beginning of the season the snow was pretty high. But some snowmobilers started using the bed, which packed down some of the snow, he said, and it's been great skiing ever since.

"I don't think building more roads is the answer" to the traffic problems in town, Young said. Should the rail bed someday be converted to a roadway, it would "ruin the feeling of the whole area. ... Slingerlands is one thing, but there are a lot of homes in Delmar close to the tracks.

"I would take a bus into Albany if there were more available," he added. "I think we need to meet as a town and put this idea on the table."

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Getting your Irish up

Irish wolfhounds 'gentle giants'

By Susan Graves



n Irish wolfhound is likely to top a Shetland pony both in height and in speed. And the wolfhound, with his smiling eyes, most likely is an even-tempered, well-mannered animal and a credit to his breed.

But the Irish wolfhound is more than that, especially to devotees of the breed that has been part of folklore, poetry and art for centuries. Just ask owner/breeder Terri Raeder, who can talk about Irish wolfhounds for hours at a stretch.

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Terri Raeder's dogs Boris and Irish wolfhound Tiger are good pals despite their difference in size. Raeder has five other wolfhounds at her Feura Bush home.

Elaine McLain

What's in a name? It's all Greek to basset hound lover

By Hugh Hewitt

One parallel between buying the car and dog of my dreams was the waiting period between making the decision and taking possession. In the first instance, I absolutely had to have the new car last week, so when the salesman said the wait would be three months I canceled the order.

It was different with the dog. I knew that I wanted a male basset hound from the same line as the basset I'd seen at the dog trials in Ballston Spa. I agreed to wait, impatiently, though, for the artificial insemination to take and the gestation period to be completed. And the puppy was 7-weeks-old before I could see him and take him home.

The basset I saw at the dog trials was named Pascal. His face, coloring, ears, little crooked legs, and big paws like marshmallows combined to make a puppy that any basset hound lover would love.

One of the vet's females had been bred to Pascal's father, and there was a good chance that one of the puppies would have the coloring I liked. The bargain was sealed. Then the period of waiting began. Had the artificial insemination taken? At last, she was sure that a blessed event, probably blessed events, were in the offing, since some bassetts have half a dozen or more puppies in a litter. But only one puppy was born alive. I'd said that I wanted the first male



Ecoute up! Fergus is all ears to hear the story of his name.

of the litter, and lo and behold, the one survivor was a male with the desired coloring.

How to name a dog? Simple. Just pick Spot, Fido, or, the name of Columbo's basset, Dog. But I thought that since my basset puppy was coming from a kennel in Galway, and we have pleasant memories of a trip to Galway, Ireland, an Irish name would be eminently more suitable. After a bit of thought, however, I realized that Sean and Seamus were the only male Irish names I knew.

Sean was ruled out immediately because it has only one syllable. Someone told me that a dog's name should have two syllables, the first with more emphasis than the second. In this way, the name would be different from the one-syllable words commonly use when communicating verbally with a dog, such as down, off, sit, and heel. Apparently, dogs are aware of syllabic stress and of the number of syllables in words.

Seamus filled the bill, but I wanted to have several names to choose from. So I went through *The Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names* and made a list of all the male names which met the requirements.

Some of the possibilities were Aidan 'fire,' the name of a seventh-century Irish monk of Lindisfarne. Then came Aengus, Aonghus 'one choice,' the name of a ninth-century saint who was bishop of

Clonagh. And so on, including Bearrach 'spear,' Cuimin meaning 'crooked,' Caomghin 'comely birth,' and Eochaidh 'horseman,' which had been the name of several early Irish and Scottish kings.

Although those and other names seemed to have two syllables, since I couldn't pronounce them I wasn't sure which syllables should be stressed. One of the Irish names, though, stood out in my mind as the best of the lot. It was Fergus. The meaning of the name, 'super-choice,' may have influenced my decision because that's exactly what the puppy was, I felt. And so Fergus was named even before I'd seen him.

Just when Fergus had become used to his name, my cousin visited us and nodding sagely said, "Oh, yes, basset, a French word for a French dog." A French dog? Bassetts are, it turns out, a French breed. Basset comes from the word, bas, which means low. Voila! A basset is low dog, as in low to the ground. After all of that cogitation, Fergus should really have had a French name. Of course, Fergus' step-brother was named-Pascal.

Back to the dictionary. A short session yielded such French names of Aubrey, Benoit, Chauncy, Denis ... But it was too late. I didn't want Fergus to develop a split personality. Nor did I want to go through all the names in the dictionary again. Besides, we like the name Fergus.



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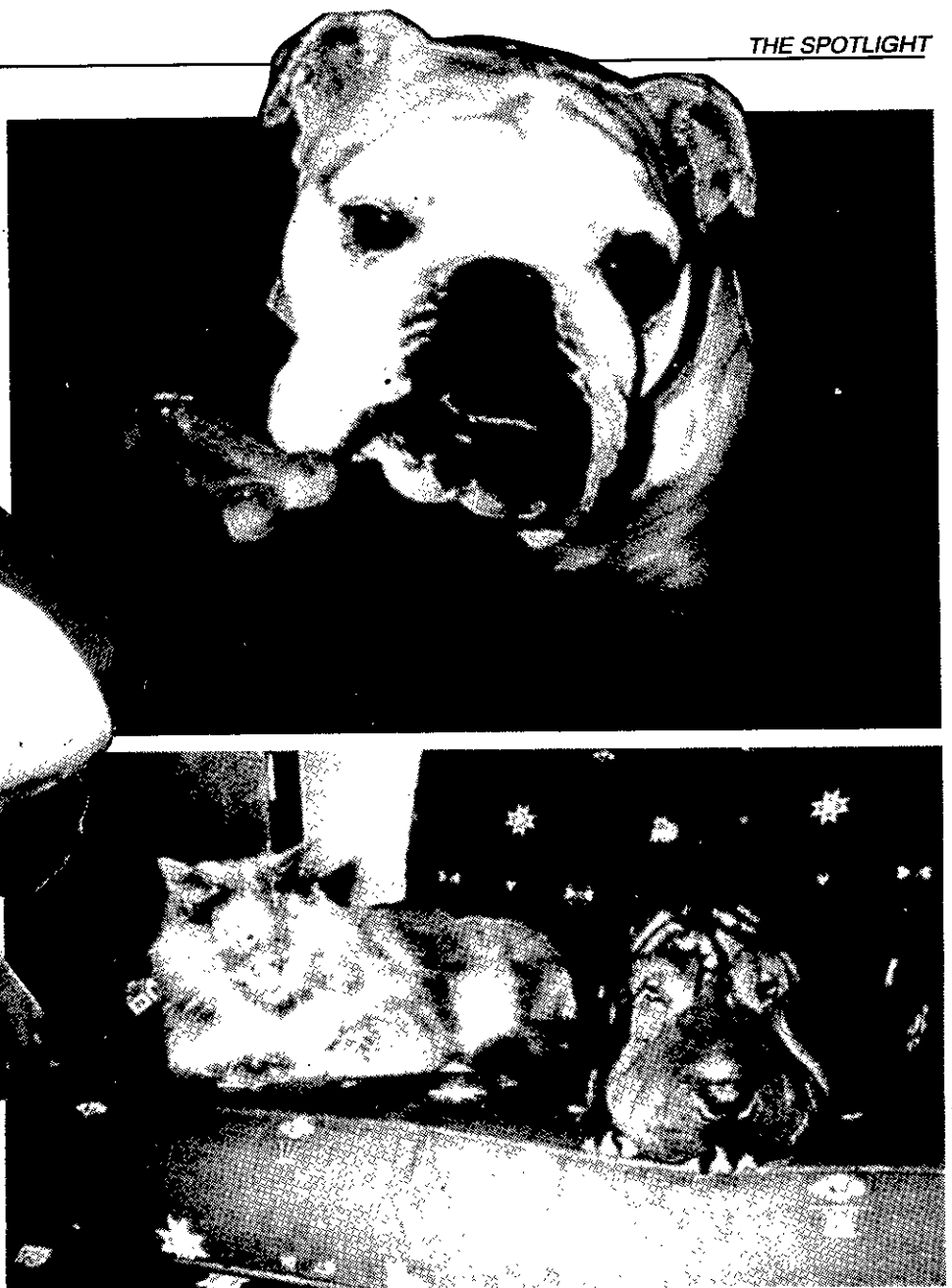


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Wolfhounds

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Raeder said she has been hooked on wolfhounds since she was a child reading stories that featured the animal known for his great size, hunting ability and loyalty.

"I read romantic stories like Prince Valiant — a lot of Vikings had packs of them," she said, "so when I turned 40, I realized, 'I've never had an Irish wolfhound,'" and that just had to change.

But that realization was all it took to start Raeder on what has become a full-time interest and really more of a full-time passion in her life. She and her husband, Philip, now own Wolf Rock in Feura Bush where they raise the canine "gentle giants."

"The first time you meet one, nothing will have it but that you will have one," she said.

But for Raeder, one was just the beginning. Today, six wolfhounds grace her home along with Boris, a diminutive breed known as a 'monkey dog,' or affenpinscher. Although considerably shorter than his Irish housemates, Boris is long on heart and as contentious a guard dog as his fellows.

For Raeder, "Wolfhounds are like peanuts, you can't have just one."

On average, a male wolfhound weighs from 140 to 150 pounds and a female about 120. The breed minimum height standard is 30 inches for a female and 32 inches for a male. But to get a real picture of just how tall they are, consider Tiger, Raeder's largest dog who can easily reach just about wherever he pleases.

"When you've got a big dog, he can take things right out of the sink," she said. (And to prove a point for this interview, Tiger obliged, even though he is usually discouraged from using the kitchen sink as his water bowl.)

But Irish wolfhounds aren't for everyone, she cautions. "I went through an extensive interview process (before she bought her first Irish wolfhound) ... and those who care don't just sell to anybody." Further, Irish wolfhounds are expensive — Raeder charges \$1,000 a puppy. "But I don't think it's expensive because the reward overcomes the expense," she said.

After her first wolfhound, Fiona, her love of the breed has brought her to the dog show circuit, where her dogs have captured many trophies and firsts. Raeder said Fiona taught her a lot about the breed. "We brought her home, and she grew and she grew and she grew."

Wolfhound puppies weigh about 1 pound at birth and are about 100 pounds when they are six months old.

"Fiona taught me the most about wolfhounds — their wonderful temperament, and heart problems, bone cancer... It was the dearest and most tragic experience."

The dog died when she was 6, but that led Raeder to her own philosophy about the breed and how to avoid acquiring a dog with a short life span. "There are breeders who breed strictly for art objects, but there are breeders who look at other things, so when I finally thought about genetics and breeding, I considered health history and temperament," she said.

Through her experience in breeding the dogs, she said, an added bonus are the friends she has made. "You don't sell a puppy, you make a new friend."

Raeder's second wolfhound, Wyston, taught her what it means to be a winner in the show ring. "In his first dog show, he wins everything in sight," she said. That first experience hooked her into the circuit. Ultimately, showing the Irish wolfhounds prompted her to buy a motor home to travel the circuit, which is a sub-culture of its own.

Wyston, too, helped to promote the idea of "therapy dogs" at local hospitals and nursing homes.

Tiger today carries on that work with the Canine Company (which Raeder co-founded) and is a frequent visitor at residences such as Our Lady of Hope, Eden Park in Troy, Good Samaritan in Delmar, hospitals and schools. "Initially, there were a lot of barriers" to dogs entering nursing homes or other institutions, "but it just grew," to become an accepted practice, she said.

Wolfhounds are also something of international ambassadors: Raeder has made many friends, particularly in England and Denmark, through common interests in the breed. "When I go to the world show in June, I'll be seeing these people."



Terry Raeder joins three of her Irish wolfhounds, Tiger, Drucilla and Misty for a family portrait. Susan Graves

And if this isn't enough, Raeder said about 90 percent of what she does is involved with a "rescue" operation for dogs who can no longer be shown, but need good homes. Raeder also writes a column in a national dog magazine, the Irish Wolfhound Quarterly.

Raeder, currently, has no puppies available, and only two of her dogs are capable of being bred, but she said she would be happy to share her knowledge with anyone who is considering getting acquainted with the Irish wolfhound.



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Michael Biernacki and Shara Smith
**Smith, Biernacki
 plan June wedding**

Shara Smith, daughter of Robert and Marcia Smith of Voorheesville, and Michael Joseph Biernacki, son of Frederick and Diane Biernacki of Voorheesville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School. She is employed by Niagara

Mohawk Power Corp. as a meter reader.

The future groom is also a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School. He is part-owner of FMJ Contractors in Albany.

The couple plans a June 11 wedding in Clarksville Community Church.

Births

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Stephen Victor Seitz, to Kim and Karl Seitz, Slingerlands, Jan. 13.

Boy, David Robert Knauer, to Joanne and William Knauer, Glenmont, Jan. 13.

Boy, Kevin Roy Haskell, to Linda and Donald Haskell, Feura Bush, Jan. 13.

Girl, Alexandra Lorraine Zerillo, to Sandra and Robert Zerillo, Slingerlands, Jan. 14.

Boy, Nathan Harris Crawford, to Stacy Gentile and Harris Crawford, Voorheesville, Jan. 16.

Girl, Kayla Nicole Brooks, to Jennifer and William Brooks, Feura Bush, Jan. 16.

Girl, Karen Elizabeth Segerberg, to Michele and Paul Segerberg, Selkirk, Jan. 19.

Library open on Presidents' Day

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will be open for normal hours on Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Kathy and Bill Drapeau

Burger, Drapeau wed

Kathy Ann Burger, daughter of Melvin and Ann Burger of Niskayuna, and William John Drapeau, son of Norman and Ann Drapeau of Delmar, were married Oct. 30.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas Ondra and Father James Cribbs in Lisha's Kill Reformed Church, Colonie, with a reception following at the Edison Club, Niskayuna.

The maid of honor was Colleen Lloyd, and bridesmaids were Mary Anne Skavina and Diane Drapeau-Foyer, the groom's sister.

The best man was Norman

Drapeau Jr., the groom's brother, and ushers were Edward Burger, the bride's brother, Scott Foyer, the groom's brother-in-law, Mark Correia and Karl Manne.

The bride is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and Siena College. She is a supervisor for the Albany CPA firm of Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Binghamton. He is employed as a New York State trooper.

After a wedding trip to Antigua, the couple lives in Niskayuna.

McKaig named Woman of Year

The Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club recently named Viola McKaig of Voorheesville as "Woman of the Year."

McKaig, a member of the club, is the outgoing district director of the women's club. She is a co-

owner of Universal Auto in Albany. She is a member of the Albany Lions Club, the Credit Management Association of Northeastern New York and the Festival Celebration Choir of the Capital District.

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Jessica and Eric Farbent

Bartkus, Farbent wed

Jessica Bartkus, daughter of Lawrence and Maureen Bartkus of Clarksville, and Eric Farbent, son of Floyd and Margaret Farbent of New Windsor, Orange County, were married Oct. 2.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Cribbs in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar. A reception followed in Jack's Oyster House, Albany.

The maid of honor was Amy Alexander, and bridesmaids were Sara Bartkus, the bride's sister, Tara Farbent, the groom's sister, Kerry Finnerty and Stacy Mendelsohn.

The best man was Scott Hughes,

and ushers were Michael Farbent and Stephen Farbent, the groom's brothers, Damian Bartkus, the bride's brother, and Jordan Fredorko.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Plattsburgh. She is employed as a counselor for Wildwood Programs.

The groom is also a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and is an environmental program manager at Analytical Laboratories of Albany.

After a wedding trip to the Poconos, the couple lives in Ballston Spa.

Local students make dean's lists

The following local college students were named to the dean's lists at their respective schools for the fall semester.

Albany College of Pharmacy — Craig Weinert of Glenmont.

Bucknell University — James Fraser of Delmar.

Dean Junior College — Justin O'Connor of Delmar.

Elmira College — Alison Ragone (honors scholar).

Hartwick College — Lea Foster, Lynn Meade and Tracy Stephens, all of Voorheesville.

Hudson Valley Community College — John C. Thomas of Elmsmere.

LeMoyne College — Kevin Taylor of Voorheesville.

SUNY Oswego — Jonathan Meester of Glenmont (president's list) and Katherine Brand, Crystal Fournier (president's list), Stephen Hunsberger and Rebecca Smith, all of Delmar.

Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications — Eliza Gregory of Glenmont.

University at Albany — Daniel Goldstein of Delmar.

University of Delaware — Jennifer Singerle of Slingerlands, Heather Parmenter of Voorheesville, and Amanda Conway, Matthew Kratz and Matthew McGuire, all of Delmar.

University at Stony Brook — Kathleen Stornelli of Delmar.

Wofford College — Ross Englisbe of Slingerlands.



Gus and Tricia Holden

Asprion, Holden marry

Tricia Asprion, daughter of Barbara Asprion of Glenmont and Francis Asprion of Roscoe, Sullivan County, and Gus Holden, also of Glenmont, were married Oct. 23.

Father Jim Belogi performed the ceremony at St. John's-St. Ann's Church, Albany. A reception followed at the Pegasus Restaurant, Coxsackie.

The matron of honor was Terri Picarazzi, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Victoria Picarazzi, the bride's goddaughter, Mary Picarazzi and Courtney Asprion, the bride's nieces. Another niece,

Kristine Asprion, was junior bridesmaid.

The best man was Bud West, and ushers were Bill Asprion and Chuck Asprion, brothers of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended Albany Business College. She is employed as a messenger for the state Legislature.

The groom is a graduate of Raleigh-Durham High School in North Carolina. He is a truck driver for the Fort Miller Co.

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

Ravena church lists weekly events

Grace United Methodist Church on 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravena, has announced its schedule for this week.

The junior choir will rehearse today, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. The TOPS club will meet at the same time. Al Anon will meet at 7 p.m. and an Ash Wednesday service will also be held at that time.

Chancel choir rehearsal is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17. Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday school will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20. Morning worship will start at 10:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour at 11:30 a.m. The Grace Ringers will rehearse at 7 p.m.

An Alcoholics Anonymous meeting is slated for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21.

The Crop Walk '94 recruiter rally is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call the church at 756-6688.

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DAR slates antique show and sale

The Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor its 23rd annual antique show and sale Saturday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave.

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Obituaries

Jane Pennock

Jane A. Breslin Pennock, 77, of Delmar, died Sunday, Feb. 6, at Helen Ellis Hospital in Tarpon Springs, Fla., while visiting her daughter.

She was a lifelong Capital District resident.

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

She was the widow of William W. Pennock Jr.

Survivors include a son, William Pennock of Guilderland; three daughters, Jane Casswell of Tarpon Springs, Marjorie Lennon of Dunedin, Fla., and Linda Rochefort of Dayville, Conn.; a brother, Thomas Breslin of Colton; 16 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Hearley & Son Funeral Home, Guilderland.

Mary D'Anza

Mary Mangine D'Anza 84, of Burdett Avenue in Troy and a former Delmar resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, at her home.

Born in Italy, she had lived in the Capital District most of her life, including 30 years in Delmar.

Mrs. D'Anza was a tax examiner for the state Department of Taxation and Finance for 10 years. She later assisted her husband with his Albany law practice.

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

She was a former member of the Delmar Progress Club and the Kenwood Braille Association.

She was the widow of Vincent D'Anza.

Survivors include two sons, William D'Anza of Rochester and Robert D'Anza of Voorheesville; a sister, Lena Filippone of Albany; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, with burial in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Arrangements were by the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Rensselaer County, 8 North Lake Ave., Troy 12180.

Karen Shaver

Karen A. Shaver, 37, of Selkirk died Wednesday, Feb. 9, at her home.

A former Schenectady resident, she had worked at Cappiello Dairy Products in Schenectady.

Survivors include her parents, Mary Ann and Norman Bearss of Selkirk; two sisters, Linda St. Amour of Essex Junction, Vt., and Charlene North of Palisade, Neb.; and her grandmother, Mabel Rich of St. Albans, Vt.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church, Ravena.

Spring burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Coeymans.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home, Ravena.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Dorothy Flansburg

Dorothy Croote Flansburg, 79, of North Main Street in Voorheesville, died Monday, Feb. 14, at her home.

Born in Clarksville, she had lived in Voorheesville for many years.

Mrs. Flansburg had been a core maker at the Albany Casting Co. in Voorheesville from World War II until the early 1960s. She then worked for the state Department of Motor Vehicles as a special registration clerk.

She was a member of the Guilderland Senior Citizens.

She was the widow of Harold Flansburg Sr.

Survivors include a son, Harold Flansburg Jr. of Voorheesville; a daughter, Joyce Sullivan of Tribes Hill, Montgomery County; three sisters, Elsie Montanye of Esperance, Sarah Pollack of Schenectady and Ethel Moltrup of Sprakers, Montgomery County; three brothers, John Croote of Schenectady, Harry Croote of Florida and Robert Croote of Roanoke, Va.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at the family's convenience under the direction of the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance.

Auxiliary to host four fish fries

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Company 1 on Maple Avenue in Selkirk, will host four "Friday Nite Fish Fries" on Feb. 18, March 4 and 18, and April 1. The events will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The menus include a fish fry, french fries, cole slaw and beverages.

The cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 5.

Hempstead to address art association

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association is planned for Thursday, Feb. 17, at 6:45 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Mark Hempstead will be the featured speaker. He is a freelance artist and composition supervisor for *The Spotlight*.

Animal tracking at Five Rivers

An indoor/outdoor program on animal tracking will be offered on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The cost is \$3 per family. For information or to register, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Extension to host bee-keeping class

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will sponsor a bee-keeping program for beginners on Thursday, March 10, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the William Rice Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

There will be a \$2 fee. For information and to register, call 765-3500.

Businesswomen set dinner meeting

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold a meeting at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar on Wednesday, March 2, beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

For information, call 439-3916.

Library celebration



Three-year-old Daniel Savage of Delmar gets help from his mother Joan during a Valentine's Day celebration at the Bethlehem Public Library. Elaine McLain

NEW SCOTLAND

Neighbors question junkyard proposal

By Dev Tobin

Does Alfred Cook own a pre-existing automobile junkyard, or merely a collection of junk cars illegally stored on his Dunbar Hollow Road property?

At its January meeting, the New Scotland planning board heard Cook describe the junkyard, which he said he had moved twice at the town's behest, as dating back to the 1950s (before the town enacted a junkyard ordinance).

Cook wants to move the junkyard again, making it even less visible from the road, and get a junkyard permit. But neighbors, the Albany Water Board, and the town ordinance may stand in the way.

At a public hearing before last week's meeting, planning board members got an earful of complaints about Cook's current operation from James Shelmerdine and Ralph Thompson (representing the Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club), mainly concerning access to their properties.

"If I can't get to my property, it's wrong," said Shelmerdine, noting that Cook's proposed junkyard site would block a road into his 40 acres. The road does not belong to Cook just because he bought land on both sides of it, Shelmerdine said.

Cook maintained that Shelmerdine was told his land was landlocked.

Thompson said the 230-member club was "very much opposed" to Cook's plan to relocate the junkyard astride the road.

Mark Hood of the Albany Water Board said that since the proposed junkyard is within the watershed of the Alcove Reservoir, water board representatives would need to inspect the area to determine if the junkyard site is near any tributary streams that feed the reservoir.

Hood added that under federal and state regulations, junkyards, whether in a reservoir watershed or not, must account for all fluids, including oil and antifreeze.

Cook may need to get a variance for the new site, since the proposed site does not predate the town's adoption of a junkyard ordinance in 1961, according to planning board attorney Michael Mackey.

Cook said in 1973 he bought the parcel north of Dunbar Hollow Road where he wants to move the junkyard.

"If the junkyard is located on a parcel acquired after 1961, then it's a new junkyard," Mackey said.

Given the new information and neighbor opposition, Planning Board Chairman Robert Stapf moved to continue the public hearing at the board's March 8 meeting.

In order to determine when Cook bought the various parcels in the area, and whether he owns the access road to Shelmerdine's property, Stapf asked Cook to provide the town building inspector with the deeds to his property.

Death Notices

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'Vacation Daze'

Children's theater offers entertainment for school break

By Mel Hyman

So — the kids are going to be home for a week. What do you do to keep them from being bored and yourself from going crazy?

One suggestion is to try "Vacation Daze" at the Steamer 10 Theatre in Albany. It won't take up the entire Presidents' Week, but it will provide some relief and, quite possibly, some cultural edification for both parents and kids.

This is the fourth year that Steamer 10 is providing a weeklong schedule of events geared to children and meant to coincide with the school break, and all indications are that it's going to be the best yet.

"We tried it as an experiment in '91 and we were hoping to get half houses," said artistic director Ric Chesser. "We ended up having to bolt down the last row of seats."

"We've added a little more each year and tried to change the performances each year. We want to expose them to a variety of the performing arts."

Highlighting this year's schedule is ventriloquist Steve Charney and his pal Harry, direct from their popular public radio show "Knock on Wood." Charney, the only performer slated for three performances at the

renovated firehouse in midtown Albany, is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"When I book the shows, I'm looking for high quality performers who could appeal to both children and adults," Chesser said. "Our breakdown is about 60-40, with kids in the majority. We're the only theater in the state producing shows for kids and families on a weekly basis."

Steamer 10 started on a shoestring and gradually has carved out a niche for itself in the Capital District theater circuit. A regular recipient of funds from the state Council on the Arts, the theater was recently awarded \$35,000 from NYSCA — \$20,000 of which will be used to purchase sound equipment and a new theatrical lighting system.

The Theatre 10 season currently runs from October through May. There are plans to remain open for the summer, but first the theater needs to raise about \$12,000 for an air conditioning system.

Chesser, who does just about everything from publicity to set design to booking, received his theatrical training from Goddard College in Vermont during the early '70s. He admits to putting in a huge amount of time for a relatively modest remuneration, but if he were in it for the money he probably would never have embarked on this non-profit venture.

The rest of Steamer 10's vacation week lineup includes:

- *The Ivy Vine Players on Monday, Feb. 21.* Grian MacGregor and her entourage of rod puppets are sure to keep an audience enthralled.

- *Blues musician James "Sparky" Rucker, on Tuesday, Feb. 22.* Rucker, who hails from Knoxville, Tenn., sings and tells stories about the past. He uses a variety of instruments, including guitar, harmonica and spoons.

- *Magician Jim Snack on Wednesday, Feb. 23.* Snack employs sleight of hand, cards and disappearing objects to mesmerize his audience.

- *Fresh Wry Story Theatre on Thursday, Feb. 24.* A collection of actors brings folk tales from around the world to life.

Steamer 10 is located at 500 Western Ave., near the intersection of Madison and Western avenues and West Lawrence Street. Except for Charney's 3 p.m. show on Friday, each performer will appear at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Chesser suggests calling ahead for reservations, since the theater only seats 112.

On the subject of seats, they all came from the former Hellman movie theaters on Washington Avenue. They're soft, plush and they tilt back.



Magician Jim Snack, above, is part of a top-notch lineup of talent set for Albany's Steamer 10 Theater during a special "Vacation Daze" series of daytime performances starting Feb. 21. Snack's Feb. 23 shows, scheduled for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., will be followed up by the on-stage antics of Steve Charney and Harry, below, on Feb. 25. Charney, host of public radio's locally produced "Knock on Wood" kids program, will appear three times, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Dancing debut



Newly formed Choreographers Asylum will stage a showcase of new dance works by independent choreographers at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Playhouse at 15th Street, Troy, on Friday, Feb. 18, and Saturday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors, but the group will shave \$1 from the price in exchange for the donation of a non-perishable food item. For information, call 426-8985.



If the kids still have extra time on their hands, the Junior Museum in Troy is also offering a number of vacation workshops. The schedule includes:

- "The Fool and the Flying Ship" is slated on Monday, Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m. at Hudson Valley Community College, Troy. The family performance is designed for kids of all ages.

- "Animal Communications" will be offered on Tues-

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ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

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"STEEL MAGNOLIAS"

by Robert Harling, Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Springs, through Feb. 19, \$14 and \$12. Information, 587-4427.

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Roustabout Players, Roustabout Playhouse, First United Presbyterian Church, 1915 Fifth Ave., Troy, through Feb. 26, \$10. Information, 274-1707.

"NORTH SHORE FISH"

by Israel Horowitz, Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, Feb. 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26, 8 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 senior citizens and non-Siena students, free for the Siena community. Information, 783-2431.

"JOURNEY SHARED"

story of one woman's struggle with cancer, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Feb. 18 and 19, 8 p.m., Feb. 20, 4 p.m., \$9, \$7 senior citizens and students. Information, 438-5503.

PERFORMANCE

"Our Young Black Men Are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care," presented by the American Program Bureau, Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville, Monday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m., \$3. Information, 783-2431.

"WENCESLAS SQUARE"

by Larry Shue, Capital Repertory Company, Albany, Feb. 18 through March 20. Information, 462-4531.

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Italy's premiere chamber orchestra, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Sunday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m., \$17 and \$20. Information, 273-0038.

"KING CANTATA"

concert featuring local gospel church choirs, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, Thursday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. and noon. Information, 270-2363.

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Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, Saturday, Feb. 19, 6 p.m. Information, 270-2008.

"BIG BAND '94"

featuring Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians, The Pied Pipers, and Gary Crosby, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m., \$25.50, \$20.50, and \$18.50. Information, 346-6204.

DANCE

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, Wednesdays, Feb. 16 and 23, 7:30 to 10 p.m., \$3.50. Information, 459-2888.

SQUARE DANCE

Heidelberg Twirlers, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, Friday, Feb. 18, 8 to 11 p.m. Information, 382-7874.

CHOREOGRAPHERS ASYLUM

showcase of works by independent choreographers, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Playhouse, 15th Street, Troy, Friday, Feb. 18, and Saturday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m., \$6, \$4 senior citizens and students, \$1 off with a donation of a non-perishable food item. Information, 426-8985.

DANCE FLURRY FESTIVAL

Hudson Mohawk Country Dancers, Farnsworth Middle School, Guilderland, Feb. 18 through 20, \$35 for full festival, \$28 for Saturday and Sunday only, \$19 for Saturday only, \$10 for individual morning or evening sessions. Information, 438-3035.

LECTURES

"POETS IN PERSON"

reading, listening, and discussion series on modern poets, William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, Wednesdays, Feb. 16 and 23, 7 p.m. Information, 458-9274.

"AFRICAN AMERICANS IN RURAL UPSTATE NEW YORK"

slide presentation, New York State Museum, Albany, Saturday, Feb. 19, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

"THE STATE OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA"

by Dr. Benjamin Clancy, assistant professor of history/political science, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Friday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5128.

POETS

MATTHEW GREEN

poet, Humanities Lounge, Union College, Schenectady, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Information, 388-6172.

OPEN MIND/OPEN MIKE

POETRY NIGHT

hosted by Mary Panza, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

FILM

"SHORT CUTS"

Robert Altman's 1993 adaptation of Raymond Carver's stories, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1:30, 4:30, and 8 p.m., balcony, \$3 and \$2 children, downstairs, \$2 and \$1 children. Information, 382-1083.

"GETTYSBURG"

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Sunday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m., balcony, \$3 and \$2 children, downstairs, \$2 and \$1 children. Information, 382-1083.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 9, 1994, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BENDER LANE EXTENSION TO WATER DISTRICT NO. 1, WITHIN SAID TOWN AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.

RECITAL

WHEREAS, following preparation of a map and plan for the establishment of the Bender Lane extension to Water District No. 1 (herein called "District"), in the Town of Bethlehem (herein called "Town"), in the County of Albany, New York, consisting of the construction of a new water supply system, including, without limitation, buildings, land or rights in land, original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor, and after a public hearing duly called and held, the Town Board of the Town determined, that it is in the public interest to establish the Bender Lane Extension to the District, and ordered that such extension be made and that the estimated total cost of improvements therein is \$300,000;

"WE'RE BACK! A DINOSAUR'S STROY"

animated feature, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Feb. 21, 1 and 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 22, 2 and 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 23, 1 and 6:30 p.m., balcony, \$3 and \$2 children, downstairs, \$2 and \$1 children. Information, 382-1083.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS"

starring Charlie Sheen, Klefer Sutherland, and Chris O'Donnell, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Feb. 21, 3 and 8 p.m., Feb. 22, 4 and 8 p.m., and Feb. 23, 3 and 8 p.m., balcony, \$3 and \$2 children, downstairs, \$2 and \$1 children. Information, 382-1083.

"PAUL CÉZANNE: THE MAN AND THE MOUNTAIN"

Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Sunday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m., \$3 adults, \$1.50 senior citizens and students, free for museum members. Information, 463-4478.

LEGAL NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the State of New York has also determined that the public interest will be served by the establishment of said extension and that the proposed extension will not be an undue burden upon the property therein; and

WHEREAS, the order of the State Comptroller making those determinations has been presented to the Town Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, New York (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all members of said Town Board), as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Albany, State of New York, shall issue its serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$300,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, to finance the specific object or purpose hereinafter described.

Section 2. The specific object or purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed by the issuance of such serial bonds is the establishment of the Bender Lane extension to the District consisting of the construction of a new water supply system, including, without limitation, buildings, land or rights in land, original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor, all in accordance with the map and plan prepared by J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., competent engineers duly licensed by the state of New York, on file in the office of the Town Clerk. The proceeds of such obligations are hereby appropriated to such purposes.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the estimated maximum cost of such purpose as heretofore determined by the Town Board is \$300,000 and that no money has heretofore been authorized to the payment of the cost of such purpose and the Town Board plans to finance the cost of such purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of the obligations authorized by this bond resolution. The payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this resolution shall be paid by the assessment, levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District on an ad valorem basis, in the same manner and at the same time as other Town charges.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the purpose described in Section 2 is a purpose described in Subdivision 1 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of such purpose is forty (40) years.

Section 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation

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.

ART OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY: SELECTIONS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, through Feb. 20, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

ASPECTS OF LOCALITY

regional art from the '20s, '30s and '40s, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., through March 6. Information, 463-4478.

LITERARY THEMES IN JOHN ROGERS' SCULPTURE

featuring 16 John Rogers sculptures, The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, through April 10. Information, 792-1761.

LEGAL NOTICE

notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said serial bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said serial bonds, shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said serial bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the serial bonds and any notes in such year, and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year. If the Town incurs any cost with respect to the purpose described in Section 2 prior to the issuance of any such serial bonds or any such bond anticipation notes, the Town expects to utilize general or special fund revenues to pay such cost and intends to reimburse itself therefor for such costs with the proceeds of such serial bonds or such bond anticipation notes. This declaration of intent to reimburse is made pursuant to the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18 and is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent under such regulations.

Section 6. Subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Serial Bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewal of such notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and the power to sell and deliver such serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of such Town to any such serial bonds or such bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

Section 7. This resolution shall be published in full by the Town Clerk of such Town together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law and such publication shall be in a newspaper having a general circulation in said

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Weekly Crossword

"Presidential Pairs"

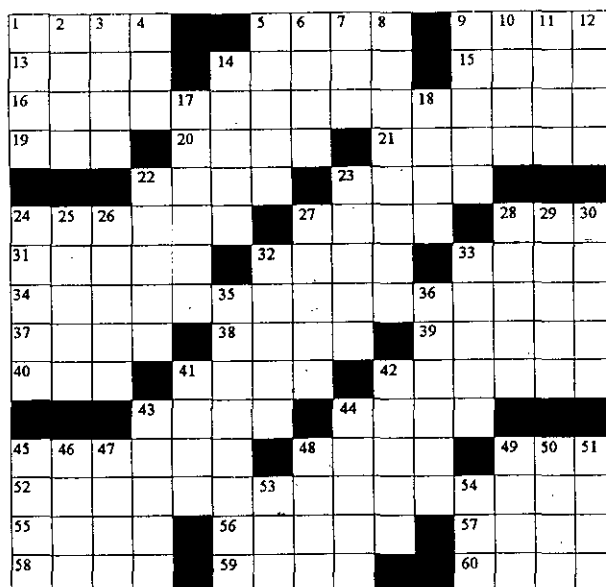
By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Tiny hole
- 5 Panda, e.g.
- 9 Golf shot
- 13 Medical subj.
- 14 World War I battle site
- 15 Appraise
- 16 The Grants
- 19 Soap ingredient
- 20 Byron's before
- 21 Most uncouth
- 22 Latin poet
- 23 Jekyll's opposite
- 24 Small piano
- 27 Prepared
- 28 Author Clancy
- 31 Laser printer need
- 32 Penalty
- 33 Actor Dastagir
- 34 The Jacksons
- 37 Summer treats
- 38 Skills
- 39 Hangman's knot
- 40 Critic Reed
- 41 Conway and Tiny
- 42 Consents
- 43 Table scraps
- 44 _____ gin fizz
- 45 TV's "A Current _____"
- 48 Spirit
- 49 Aves.
- 52 The Washingtons
- 55 To be in Paris
- 56 Greek colonades
- 57 Enthusiasm
- 58 Accomplishment
- 59 Mends
- 60 Write down

DOWN

- 1 Peter and Mary's partner
- 2 Alone
- 3 Actress Martha
- 4 UFO drivers
- 5 Stationed
- 6 Spans of time



- 7 Ms. Landers
- 8 B-B gun
- 9 Unrefined
- 10 Nathan _____
- 11 Inflammation suffix
- 12 Irish fuel
- 14 Deserve
- 17 Harsh
- 18 Patron of hopeless causes
- 22 Outstanding people
- 23 Poker holdings
- 24 Step
- 25 Mr. de Leon
- 26 List of topics
- 27 Money makers
- 28 Nevada resort
- 29 Fat
- 30 Horse & donkey offspring
- 32 Large gardens
- 33 Twenty
- 35 Tip recipient

- 36 African country
- 41 Math subj.
- 42 College grads.
- 43 Rowed
- 44 Coke and Pepsi
- 45 Like a good wine
- 46 Lavish party
- 47 Golfer's cry
- 48 Winter weather word
- 49 WWII City in France
- 50 The one farther away
- 51 All there
- 53 Devoured
- 54 Stimp's companion

"VALENTINE ADVICE"

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AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
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ALBANY COUNTY
PARENTING WORKSHOP

Wednesdays through March 23, sponsored by Effective Parenting Information for Children, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 11 to 3 p.m. Information, 462-6531.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP

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

PROFESSIONALS OF COLOR LECTURE SERIES

"From Black Male to Black Manhood—Rap, Violence and Multiculturalism, The College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5128.

ALBANY RIVER RATS VS. MONCTON

Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$6 for ages 18 and under and those with a college ID, \$10 for adults. Information, 487-2100.

FREE COMPUTER LITERACY TRAINING

sponsored by Club 55 Plus Job Center on Wheels, Latham Circle Mall, Latham, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 459-5622.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information.

FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Cross Church, Western and Brevator avenues, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

for those who care for Alzheimer's patients, Royce House, 117 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, 1 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

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.

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 17**
ALBANY COUNTY
FREE COMPUTER LITERACY TRAINING

sponsored by Club 55 Plus Job Center on Wheels, Latham Circle Mall, Latham, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 459-5622.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUND RAISER

to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, stairclimbing race, up 42 flights in the Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Entry fee, \$35 per person or \$105 per three person co-ed relay team. Information, 489-2677.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

University Heights Health Care Center, 235 Northern Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

"BUSINESS WRITING SKILLS"

breakfast seminar sponsored by the Guildland Chamber of Commerce, speaker will be Donna Clement of Benchmark Courses in Effective Communication, Albany Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Cost, \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Information, 456-6611.

HEALTH CARE SEMINAR

"Personal Investing and Financial Planning Strategies," sponsored by Health Care Managers Association of Northeastern New York, The Desmond, 600 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Cost, \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. Information, 761-5351.

"AM I REALLY NEUROTIC"

mental health lecture given by John R. Thibodeau, Ph.D., Diocesan Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 489-4431.

FORMER HOSTAGE TO SPEAK

longest held American hostage in Lebanon Terry Anderson on political reform in New York, Moot Court Room, Albany Law School, 80 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$4. Information, 463-4312.

INFORMATION SESSION

on graduate program at the Empire State College of the State University of New York, Northeast Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 587-2100.

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.

COURT OF APPEALS DINNER

Albany County Bar Association's 94th annual dinner honoring the Judges of the Court of Appeals, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, Information, 445-7691.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
"FOR MOTHERS ONLY"

support group for new mothers, Bellevue ... The Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-9464.

STUDENT ACTIVISM SPEECH

by activist and philosopher Angela Davis, Union College, Memorial Chapel, Union Avenue, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 388-6172.

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 18**
ALBANY COUNTY
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

B'Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS

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

MOTHERS' DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Larry Shue's last play opens Friday at Capital Rep

Former actor Larry Shue made quick off-Broadway fame with two outrageous American comedies, *The Foreigner* and *The Nerd*. Then, he turned to Europe for inspiration and wrote *Wincelass Square* shortly before his untimely death in a plane crash while in his mid-forties.

The Capital Repertory Company, Albany's Equity theater, is the latest troupe to produce this comic, and often poignant play, which opens Friday, Feb. 18.

Shue places an American theater professor and a student in Czechoslovakia in 1974 as a new wave of political change was sweeping the country around a playwright named Havel. The professor is influenced by the changes he finds at this visit as compared to his previous visit in 1968.

Shue builds vignettes that brings the change to the professor quite vividly and being a man whose craft was honed off-Broadway with its economic constraints, the playwright uses two actors to play the eight or more supporting characters.

Vince Corey plays the professor and Rex Young will play the student. Corey is best known to soap opera fans as Father Vocek in the ABC-TV daytime drama, *Loving*.

Young has appeared in plays in New York and worked in Midwestern Shakespeare festivals. He's also appeared in the TV series, *Designing Women*.

Lee Brock and Seth Barrish will play the numerous supporting characters. Brock appeared last season at Capital Rep as Cholo in *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* while Barrish directed *Greetings* during the past Christmas season at Capital Rep.

Mark Dalton, artistic associate at Capital Rep, is staging the production which previews tonight (Wednesday) and Thursday. The show runs through March 20.

Tickets and information are available at 462-4534.

Heritage Artists prepare come back for summer season at SPAC

Like a boxer who's knocked down often but never really counted out, Heritage Artists, a troupe which began 12 years ago at the Cohoes Music Hall and ceased operations in bankruptcy in 1992, is planning a three-week season in July at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

President William Grattan of the Heritage Artists' board announced last weekend that the group is raising the \$80,000 needed to produce a new revue, *Hot 'n Cole*, at the Little Theater on the SPAC grounds, beginning July 7.

He also announced that the troupe had paid off or were forgiven more than half the \$360,000 debts which forced it into bankruptcy in 1992. Grattan indicated that he hoped to pay down more of the outstanding \$120,000 debt with a productions like *Hot 'n Cole* and special benefits.

Presently, Heritage Artists has not been able to produce at the Cohoes Music Halls since renovations by the city are underway.

David Holdgrive who has served as the group's artistic director at long range, is co-author and will stage the revue which features the music of Cole Porter.

New York Telephone, Wellcare and Key Bank are helping in the funding of this production, based on the theater's new thrust of being a regional theater by playing at various venues, including The Egg in Albany.

Ticket availability will be announced later in the spring.

Delmar actor heads cast

in Schenectady *Man of La Mancha*

Richard Harte of Delmar will play the Cervantes/Don Quixote role in the Schenectady Light Opera Company's production of *Man of La Mancha*. He has directed and appeared on stage previously for the group and is a veteran of almost 40 years of performing in the area.

Man of La Mancha opens March 4 and plays for three weekends in the Schenectady Opera House. Tickets and information are available at 355-1699.

Around Theaters!

Key For Two, British farce at the Roustabouts Dinner Theater, First United Presbyterian Church in Troy, through Feb. 26 (272-2771).



Martin P. Kelly



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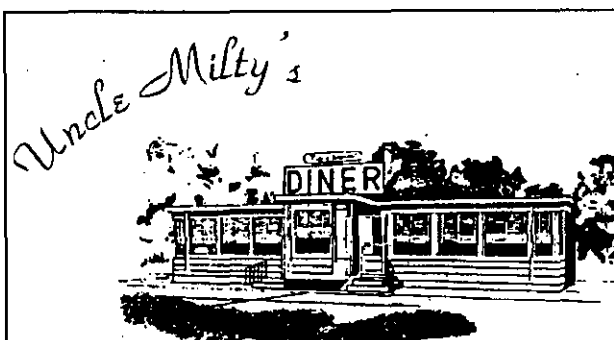
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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 16
BETHLEHEM

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

BC SCHOOL BOARD
90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. 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.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

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

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.

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

EMBROIDERS' GUILD OF AMERICA
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 393-7347.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 477-4476.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 17
BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION
lecture featuring illustrator Mark Hempstead, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:00 p.m. Information, 765-9341.

LA LECHE LEAGUE
breastfeeding support group, to discuss "Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby," 7:30 p.m. Information and location, 439-5254.

CERTIFIED NURSERYMAN PROFESSIONAL REVIEW SESSION
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

PESTICIDES FOR THE HOMEOWNER
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 7 to 8 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 2 p.m. Information, 767-3052.

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.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON
for members, guests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 18
BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

FISH FRY
sponsored by ladies auxiliary of Selkirk Fire Co. #1, Maple Avenue, Selkirk, 4:30 to 7 p.m., \$4.50 for adults, \$2 for children.

FISH FRY
New Salem Fire House, Route 85A, 4:30 to 7 p.m., \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$3 for children under 12. Information, 765-2231.

AUDITIONS
for Bethlehem Village Stage presentation of Neil Simon's "Promises, Promises," town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 to 10 p.m.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES
annual Birthday Party, Square and Round Dance, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-4875.

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 19
BETHLEHEM

AUDITIONS
for Bethlehem Village Stage presentation of Neil Simon's "Promises, Promises," town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 1 to 4 p.m.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

PROGRAM ON COYOTES AND FOXES
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 20
BETHLEHEM

BREAKFAST
Onesquethau Lodge 1096, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 a.m. to noon, \$4. Information, 439-8633.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

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BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery provided, evening fellowship, 7 p.m., 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Bible lecture, 9 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 767-9059.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

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Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult 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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
church school, 9:45 a.m., worship services, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9976.

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.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
85 Elm Ave., Delmar: worship services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School and bible classes at 9:15 a.m.; nursery care; coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

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, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 765-2354.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

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Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

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worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m., 68 Mapole Ave. Information, 765-2895.

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

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 21
BETHLEHEM

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.

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.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

NEW SCOTLAND

"HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW"
terrarium-making for school-age children, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

4-H CLUB
home of Marilyn Milles, Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2186.

Vacation

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day, Feb. 22, at 9:30 a.m., for ages 6 to 12. The program will focus on the amazing ways that animals talk to each other.

• A "Magical Birthday Extravaganza" is planned on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 9:30 a.m., for all ages. M.J.'s Magic will present tricks and illusions to help celebrate the museum's birthday.

• Paul Strausman will perform stories and songs for the whole family at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24.

• "Rainforest Writing" is slated on Friday, Feb. 25, at 9:30 a.m., for ages 8 to 13. Local author Alex Siy will help participants write a story inspired by the rainforest.

The programs cost \$7 per person (\$5 for museum members) and parents can

attend the magic show and the Strausman concert at a cost of \$2 per person, \$1 for museum members. The museum, located at 282 Fifth Ave., Troy, will also be open for extended hours, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., during vacation week. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

For information, or to register for the workshops, call 235-2120.

Another option for the week that is both educational and entertaining is the Henry Hudson Planetarium in Albany. The facility, located at the corner of Broadway and Clinton Avenue, will offer a children's show called "The Little Star That Could," at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 23, 24 and 25.

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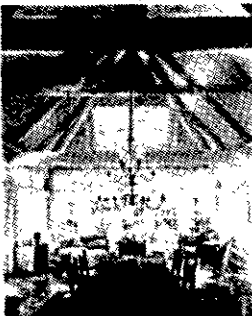
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Town and published in Delmar, NY, in the County of Albany and State of New York. The validity of such serial bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for such purposes for which such Town is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section 8. The Town will comply with the applicable provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act before any contracts are entered into, any expenditures are made or any obligations are issued for the purpose to be financed with the foregoing obligations.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

NOTICE

The bond resolution published herewith has been adopted on February 9, 1994 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Albany, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice or such

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obligations were authorized in violation of provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Dated: February 9, 1994

(s) Kathleen A. Newkirk
Town Clerk

(February 16, 1994)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
WATER DISTRICT NO. 1
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**CONTRACT NO. 7
BENDER LANE WATER
EXTENSION**

Separate sealed proposals for Contract No. 7 for the Bender Lane Water Extension to Water District No. 1 of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, consisting of the construction of approximately 4,800 linear feet of 10 inch diameter ductile iron water main, with appurtenances, located along Bender Lane in the Town of Bethlehem, will be received by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, at its office in the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Tuesday, March 08, 1994, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Plans and Specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, PE, LS, LA, P.C., Consulting Engineers, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above addresses.

A deposit of \$50.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders, which sum will be refunded only to those submitting

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a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the return, in good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board.

The bidder to whom the contract may be awarded shall attend at the said opening place of the said bids, with the sureties offered by him, within seven (7) days after the date of notification of the acceptance of his proposal, and there

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sign the contract for the work in triplicate. In case of his failure to do so, or in case of his failure to give further security as herein prescribed, the bidder will be considered as having abandoned the same, and the certified check or other bid security accompanying his proposal shall be forfeited to the Town.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York.

(s) Kathleen A. Newkirk
Town Clerk

Dated: February 9, 1994

(February 16, 1994)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Elmwood Park Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 7, 1994, did resolve to accept bids for the purchase and installation of an air cleaning sys-

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tem for the Elmwood Park Fire District fire house, located at 589 Russell Road, Albany, New York 12203. Said air cleaning system will be used to collect and remove diesel fumes from fire fighting apparatus which is housed within the fire house at 589 Russell Road.

All bids should include alternate means of financing to be provided by bidder including payments spread over a three, four and five year period.

All bids will be opened by the Board of Fire Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, 1994, at 7:00 p.m.

Copies of the plans and specifications for the air cleaning system may be obtained from the fire district treasurer/secretary, William Cleveland at 294 Schoolhouse Road, Albany, New York 12203, or by calling him at the aforementioned address at (518) 869-6996.

All bids should include a non-collusive bid statement pursuant to Section 104(d) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

BOARD OF
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ELMWOOD PARK
FIRE DISTRICT

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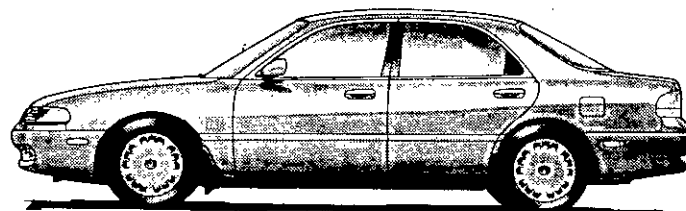
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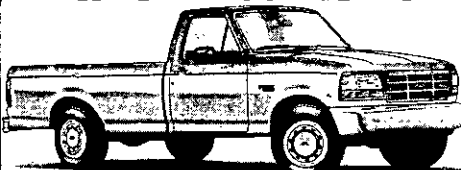


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