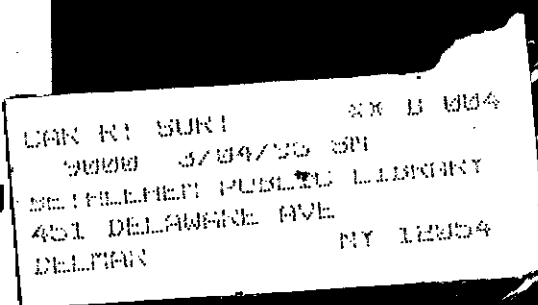


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BC's Jullie Donnaruma and Dan Aycock as Lady Macbeth and Macbeth seem oblivious to the witches who accost them with their wiles.

Players tackle Bard's 'most dangerous' play

By Susan Graves

Frailty is certainly not the only trait of The Vincent J. Crummles Acting Troupe at Bethlehem High School. The award-winning company is tackling its first tragedy ever in its six-year history, and the members chose Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, dubbed the Bard's most dangerous play.

"It's a very difficult play with a cursed history," said James Yeara, BC director and teacher. But despite its reputation, Yeara is clearly excited about this production. "It's really phenomenal the way the kids are tackling this play," he said.

The students selected *Macbeth* in June and have been honing it for performance since September. In November, they performed at the Fall Festival of Shakespeare sponsored by Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Mass. Yeara said the students earned a standing ovation for their efforts and praise from Kevin Coleman, director of education at Shakespeare & Company.

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Republicans mull over executive choices

By Mel Hyman

Former Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler will be making his mind up in the next few weeks whether he will try to succeed Republican Michael Hoblock as the next Albany County executive.

If his decision is in the affirmative, he stands a good chance of receiving the Republican nomination, according to Republican County Chairman Dennis Buchan.

As it stands now, the candidates with the most support are Ringler and Albany County Legislator Peter Crummey, who serves as the Legislature's minority leader.



Ken Ringler

"Those are the two who have been most frequently mentioned" by party workers, Buchan said. "Each of them has their

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Countdown under way for V'ville SuperValu

Longtime vacant market to open Jan. 7

By Dev Tobin

Thirty days and counting.

Jim and Elaine Nichols plan to open their SuperValu supermarket on Maple Avenue on Saturday, Jan. 7, about 10 and a half years after Grand Union closed the market in Voorheesville Plaza.

The couple, who moved up from Sullivan County with their five children, are busy supervising the final fitting out of the store and training of employees.

"We have new walls, floor and ceiling — it's basically a new building," said Jim Nichols, a 30-year veteran of the grocery business.

Produce cases have arrived, and this week, the store will receive its first shipment of groceries, Jim Nichols said.

The 20,000-square-foot store will offer fresh produce, meats, seafood and deli, along with a scratch bakery and a hot food takeout service, Fresh and Fast at Five.

"There are not enough days in the week for all the specials we have in mind," Jim Nichols said.

As the grand opening nears, he emphasized that the new store will provide "customer service that people haven't seen in a long time."

The store's "common-sense layout" will help customers get in and out quickly, and a small map/grocery list will be available to help acquaint people with where things are in the store, Jim Nichols said.

Three employment fairs filled almost all the positions in the store, except for some key management jobs, Elaine Nichols said. Training for the 20 full-time and 55 part-time employees begins this week.

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Elsmere McDonald's to take break

Restaurant to close for renovation

By Mel Hyman

The McDonald's restaurant on Delaware Avenue in Elsmere is tentatively scheduled to close from Jan. 1 until about the middle of March.

Store owner Dan Formica said as soon as he is issued a building permit from the Town of Bethlehem he will begin preparations for what he described as a major renovation of the 24-year-old facility.

"We'll be gutting the interior and only leaving the four walls," he said. A totally new kitchen will be built that will allow for faster service and more efficient production.

In addition, the restaurant's playland will be enlarged including installation of a two-level tubular slide for kids. To accommodate the larger playland, restaurant seating will be reduced slightly, although customers should find the new seating arrangement more comfortable, Formica said.

"It will be a very modern facility," he said. "We may even have a cappuccino corner with flavored coffees if I can fit it in."

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McDonald's owner Dan Formica

DWI arrest near site of 1979 fatal accident

Driving while intoxicated is a crime that is all-too familiar to residents of Bethlehem.

The problem was highlighted again last week as a local resident was arrested on a felony DWI charge only a few hundred feet from where he was convicted of criminally negligent homicide and DWI — 15 years ago.

As reported in last week's *Spotlight*, Scott M. Boice, 35, of 11 Adams Place, was arrested for DWI on Saturday, Nov. 26, near the intersection of Adams Place

and Kenwood Avenue.

Fifteen years ago, on the evening of July 4, 1979, Boice was riding a motorcycle under the influence of alcohol when he slammed into a pedestrian attempting to cross Adams Place near the same intersection.

Elizabeth Crosby, 28, of Harrison Avenue, Delmar was declared dead on arrival at the hospital as a result of injuries suffered when the motorcycle hit her.

Boice served time in state prison on the homicide charge,

according to Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan.

Almost 10 years later to the day, on July 3, 1989, Boice was again arrested on a drunk driving charge, which he pleaded guilty to in Albany City Court.

While overall the DWI problem has been abating over the past few years, the problem of the repeat offender remains extremely serious, according to Albany County Stop-DWI coordinator Denis Foley.

"The irony of (the Boice) case

is that 30 percent of those arrested in Albany County are repeat offenders. Many of our alcoholics and hardcore drinkers don't stop for anything, and don't take their probation or their treatment seriously."

Correction

Because of an editorial error, Gabriel Koroluk's name was misspelled in last week's edition.

Koroluk, representing Bethlehem Central High School, is one of the winners of the Tawasentha Chapter DAR Good Citizens Award for 1994-1995.

Police arrest three

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

Thomas A. Reinhardt, 32, of Box 393, North Road, Greenville was stopped at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, for failing to drive within the pavement markings along Route 32, police said. He was also charged with DWI and release pending a future appearance in town court.

Mark J. Mayone, 34, of 2 Frangella Ave., Coeymans, was stopped at 3:05 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, for speeding on Route 14, police said.

He was also charged with criminal impersonation, aggravated unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and DWI. He was released pending a future appearance in town court.

Carlos Santiago, 39, of Bethlehem Terrace Apts., Slingerland was stopped at 4:55 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, after police responded to report. He was charged with driving without a license and DWI. He was released pending a future appearance in town court.

Delmar post office extends hours

The Delmar Post Office will extend its hours on two weekends.

On Saturdays, Dec. 10 and 17, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18, the office will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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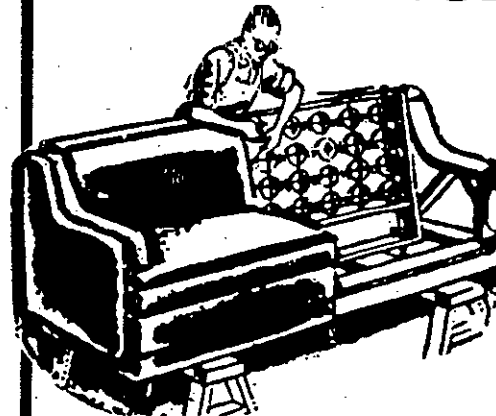
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Howard Hyer of the Bethlehem Highway Department helps Dillion Eder of Tri-Village Nursery School get up close and personal with a very big truck.
Theresa Barrowman

ARC says no to V'ville group home

By Dev Tobin

Officials of the Albany County Association of Retarded Children knew they had to overcome neighbors' fear of the unknown when they proposed a group home for four mentally retarded adults in the Voorheesville subdivision of Salem Hills.

But they didn't expect that their own fear of the neighbors would scuttle the project.

Less than a week after meeting with 40 Voorheesville residents on Thanksgiving eve, agency officials withdrew their plan to establish the group home on Deerfield Court because of "almost irrationally vociferous opposition" from a handful of neighbors, according to Edward Lukomski, ARC's executive director.

Lukomski said "There was a lot of swearing and some threats" in the informal talks with neighbors following the meeting.

"Something in my gut made me feel very uncomfortable," he said. "Regardless of what we did, it seemed that there would be individuals who would never accept us."

Lukomski said that the loudest and most vehement objections came from near neighbors of 214 Deerfield Court, a four-bedroom raised ranch which the agency had an option to buy.

"We had to make a determination as to whether we wanted to subject our people to that," he said. "We didn't want to expose our people to needless insensitivity."

Lukomski said that ARC still had a state approval for a four-person group home, but the agency would not be "actively looking in Voorheesville" for an alternative site.

"We can choose our neighbors now," he added.

Voorheesville thus remains, for now, the only area municipality without some kind of group home. Village officials were surprised by the ARC withdrawal.

"I can't believe they haven't experienced this level of opposition before," said Mayor Edward Clark. "I'm absolutely amazed they went away. I can't explain it except to take at face value what they (ARC officials) said."

Since the village has no group homes, "It is likely some agency will be knocking on our door in the near future," Clark added.

Clark said that the village could convene a committee to recom-

mend the best place for a group home, but that that committee's choice would likely run into unhappy neighbors elsewhere.

"If we propose (an alternate site), then we would have more control, but I don't know how it would be any easier for us," he said. "I'd like to know if anybody has any ideas on how to do it."

A neighboring ARC official called the Albany agency's decision "not the way we would have reacted to local opposition."

James Flanagan, executive director of the Rensselaer County ARC, which has sited more than a dozen community residences, said, "The next time, the word is out that the more vocal people are, the better chance they have of defeating" a group home proposal.

"Once a residence is open, our experience is that the neighborhood opposition disappears," he added.

Egan wins Swyer award

By Dev Tobin

John Egan of New Scotland was honored last night for community involvement during his more than 30 years in the top echelon of state government.

Egan received the sixth Lewis A. Swyer Community Renaissance Award from The College of Saint Rose at a ceremony and reception at the Peter Kiernan Plaza in Albany.

Egan is currently commissioner of the state Department of Transportation, and has previously served as executive director of the state Dormitory Authority (headquartered in Delmar) and commissioner of the state Office of General Services.

Saint Rose President Louis Vaccaro said that Egan was nominated by several people because he is "a true contributor to the renaissance of the Capital District and the entire state. He does his job well and always goes beyond what's expected."

Vaccaro said that Egan's commitment to public service extends beyond his job to service on the boards of many local non-profit organizations, including the Albany County Historical Association and the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation.

Egan's career in state civil service began in the boiler room of Dannemora state prison more than 40 years ago. Today he is in charge of 12,000 employees at a \$5 billion agency whose work affects every New Yorker.

The DOT position is similar to his previous jobs, especially in getting projects done on time and on budget with minimum disruption to the public, Egan said.

"We put a strong emphasis on cooperation, partnership and acceleration of projects to reduce inconvenience," Egan said.

A local example of that is the Patroon Island Bridge resurfacing, he said.

"DOT people and the contractor worked hand-in-hand to finish that job well ahead of schedule," he said, adding that the project's



John Egan

progress was effectively communicated to the public through an information campaign that included road signs, message boards, meetings, direct mail and radio announcements.

Wherever he's worked, Egan also has been an enthusiastic booster of the people who work in state government.

"The key to success is people — managing, motivating and recognizing them. The people make it go," Egan said.

Egan said that the award is particularly meaningful to him because of his friendship with the late Lew Swyer, a local developer and philanthropist.

"I'm deeply honored to have my name associated with Lew Swyer, who was a confidant, counselor and very dear friend," Egan said.

Egan said that he worked with Swyer while he was at OGS, setting up leases for office space at Executive Park in Guilderland and One Commerce Plaza and the Ten Eyck in Albany.

Egan's future at DOT is uncertain, as he serves at the pleasure of the governor. He said he had not had any contact with the Pataki transition team.

"I look to the future with optimism," he said. "If you don't, you shouldn't be in public service."

Orchard Park water moves forward

By Dev Tobin

The Orchard Park Water District would more than double in size, if it includes a proposed new 170-lot subdivision on the site of the former Tall Timbers golf course.

But the water district may also be delayed yet again, as the subdivision winds its way through the town's approval process.

The town's water committee met last week to consider the next step in the formation of the Orchard Park Water District, north of Route 85A and east of Route 155.

New Scotland is in the stretch run of eight years of work to bring water to Orchard Park, where many private wells are contami-

nated with iron, salt and methane.

A recent 72-hour pump test of a potential production well showed sufficient quantity and quality for the district, which could be built in 1996, if all goes well, according to Water Committee Chairperson Bob Cook.

"If we get this started, it will go," Cook said of the district formation process, which includes getting support from residents representing 51 percent of the value of property in the district.

C.T. Male Associates, the town's engineering consultant, will prepare cost estimates that must be included on the district formation petitions.

The engineers' estimates will be ready by January, and will include figures for a basic district in Orchard Park, and for extensions along Route 155 and Normanskill Road.

The engineering firm will also prepare cost data for an Orchard Park district that may be connected to the Tall Timbers subdivision.

Bob Iovinella and Wayne Smith said that the Tall Timbers project, with its own water system based on already-drilled wells, would complement the Orchard Park district.

Iovinella said that the subdivision was on hold for the past few years while the property west of Hilton Road was a gravel mine operated by William Larned &

Sons. The mining is now complete.

The larger district would provide economies of scale, especially since a water tank on the Tall Timbers property could provide pressure for the Orchard Park district, in place of an expensive hydropneumatic pump system.

"We can work together to get this district done," Iovinella said.

The current production well near Orchard Park would not be sufficient to provide back-up for the larger district, so another well would have to be drilled, said Kirk Moline of C.T. Male.

While there are obvious benefits to a larger district (including a greater likelihood of the district extending to Normanskill Road), Cook cautioned, "There are a lot of unknowns here. We're not the planning board, and don't know what they will say about this project."

Supervisor Herb Reilly emphasized that building the Orchard Park system should not be delayed "inordinately" while the Tall Timbers project goes through the town's approval process.

"The prime thing is to go forward, bringing water to people who are there and have problems," Reilly said.

The financial picture for the district is helped by a \$150,000 fee from the Larned mining operation, and the work to date has been covered by \$80,000 in legislative member items.

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Boat launch prospects rise with notice of \$10K grant

By Mel Hyman

Plans to construct a bonafide, state-of-the-art boat launch on town-owned land in Henry Hudson Park have received a boost thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Hudson River Foundation.

The money will be used to defray the estimated \$60,000 that it will cost to construct a dock, a cement ramp and a parking lot for 30 to 40 cars.

Town funds have already been budgeted for the project, but Bethlehem parks and recreation Administrator Dave Austin said he still plans on seeking additional grant money to help reduce the cost to the town.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has been asked to help design the boat launch. Austin said he has filed the necessary permit applications with EnCon so that as soon as approvals are given construction can begin — hopefully in 1995.

For several years, the town leased land just north of Henry Hudson Park for a narrow strip of land where a handful of water enthusiasts could drag in boats and deposit them in the river. That arrangement soured in 1992, however, when an adjoining property owner blocked access to the launch by placing large granite blocks across the entrance.

That's when town board members decided that it might be best to end the lease arrangement and try to develop a "decent" facility on town-owned land, according to Councilman Ted Putney.

The old launch never really worked out because "You could get stuck in the mud at low tide" or have your boat damaged by the rocky shoreline, Putney said.

Putney, who lives just a short distance away on Van Wies Point, said one provision of accepting grant money for the project is that use of the boat launch not be restricted to town residents.

The launch should prove to be an excellent asset for people living along the Route 9W and Route 144 corridors, Putney said. "I'm very much in favor of it."

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Guests of honor



Bernie Kaplowitz and his wife, Kathleen, enjoy a light moment during a special tribute to the longtime Bethlehem Republican Committee Chairman last Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Century House in Latham.

Doug Persons

More review planned for BCMS plays

By Dev Tobin

In response to parent concerns about a performance of Stephen King stories, Bethlehem Central Middle School Principal Stephen Lobban and "interested volunteer teachers" will work with the volunteer parent committee in selecting "appropriate" dramatic material in the future, according to BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

"We want to provide the best theater available," Loomis said. "The principal, teachers and parents are the best judges of what is appropriate for the middle school level."

Several parents had complained about, and kept their children out of, a recent performance of "Ghost Stories," based on three King stories. In another matter, Loomis

said that he would report to the school board tonight (Wednesday) on how he planned to improve the district's method of forecasting future enrollment.

The principal, teachers and parents are the best judges of what is appropriate for the middle school level.

Leslie Loomis

"We've been underestimating enrollment, and will consider a different methodology that will yield higher numbers, but may also cause some problems," Loomis said.

For 1994-95, the district esti-

mated at 2.4 percent increase in enrollment, while the actual figure was 4 percent, he noted.

Loomis will also present "real-life data of recent residential developments" to show how new houses impact on enrollment.

"A large amount of new housing starts may send the district over the brink" in terms of building new classrooms or a new elementary school, Loomis said.

"We're doing everything we can to avoid another wave of expensive capital expenditures," he said.

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Mild weather speeds bridge project

By Mel Hyman

Mild fall weather has helped put construction of the new Delaware Avenue bridge over the Normanskill slightly ahead of schedule.

Originally, the new Route 443 span was scheduled for completion by late summer 1995. But the lack of precipitation and warm temperatures during October and November have helped push the timetable ahead so that the new structure should be open to traffic by midsummer.

That doesn't mean there still won't be some finish work needed, but at least commuters will be treated to wider lanes, a smoother ride and easier access to Albany and the great beyond.

The substructure support system has been completed and workers are now erecting the structural steel for the deck, said project engineer Bill Piurek of the state Department of Transportation.

"Hopefully that will be completed around the first of the year and we'll shut down until early spring," he said.

Removal of the old bridge still in use should begin "around this time next year" and will continue through the winter of 1995-96. "It's good winter work," Piurek said. "It shouldn't be a problem taking it down in cold weather."



Crews at work on the Delaware Avenue bridge over the Normanskill hope to have the structural steel portion of the project completed by Jan. 1. Doug Persons

Piurek also said he's satisfied that traffic has been kept moving and delays are now fairly minimal. Unlike the old bridge, which was deteriorating and beyond the point of making useful repairs, the new span will be much stronger, he said.

The ride for commuters should be much smoother because drainage will be vastly improved, and the span will not be susceptible to potholes like the old one was. Moreover, the lanes will be slightly wider and the alignment with Delaware Avenue will be better.

The new bridge is expected to cost between \$10 and \$15 million. About 18,000 vehicles a day now cross between Albany and Delmar using the Delaware Avenue bridge.

Slingerlands man named to Memorial Hospital post

By Mel Hyman

Medicine and health care are under intense scrutiny these days.

No one knows that better than Dr. Harold Sokol of Slingerlands, recently appointed head of the Department of Internal Medicine at Albany Memorial Hospital.

A specialist in pulmonary and critical care medicine, Sokol also holds appointments at Albany Medical Center Hospital, Child's Hospital and St. Peter's Hospital.

Besides his hospital duties, he is an assistant clinical professor of Medicine at Albany Medical Hospital.

Speaking about the widely publicized mistakes made at Albany Medical Center recently, Sokol insisted that the "vast majority of the people who work in hospitals really care about their patients."

"I agree that unfortunate things happen, but we forget the number of things that do go right."

People are starting to realize that physicians are not infallible. "I think my own patients have a more realistic view and no longer think I'm god-like."

In his new position, Sokol will oversee all the internal medicine practitioners at Memorial, setting policies and procedures for them. "I'll be trying to make Memorial work as efficiently and effectively as possible."

If patients have problems with the level of care they're receiving at a hospital or from their doctor, they should speak up, Sokol said. "They're part of the team. If they have a question or comment they should make it. They may jog a thought out of their physician" that



Dr. Harold Sokol

wouldn't have occurred ordinarily.

With the nation's political leaders focused on ways to improve the health care delivery system, Sokol said it was crucial that the parts of the delivery system that work well should be retained and not scuttled.

There's no question that some reforms are needed, he said, such as assuring the disenfranchised full access to the system.

"No one is arguing about universal health care coverage. The question is how do we implement it."

It also should be stressed that no one is refused health care services when they come into a hospital, Sokol added, or at least that should never be the case.

"If I found out that anyone on my staff threw someone out in the cold, they'd have to pay for that one."

Outage causes two-hour delay at middle school

Mini-blackout strikes Monday morning

Residents in about 500 Delmar homes woke up without power Monday morning after a circuit breaker failed in the Delaware Avenue substation.

Electric service went out at 5:49 a.m. and resumed at 9:14 a.m., according to Nick Lyman, spokesman for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.

"It was not a case of overload at that time of day. It was probably a piece of equipment that just gave up the ghost for some reason," Lyman said.

The utility company called in crews earlier than usual to attend to the problem, he added.

Power was also turned off for about five minutes at 1 p.m., so NiMo crews could complete the repair.

It was not a case of overload at that time of day. It was probably a piece of equipment that just gave up the ghost for some reason.

Nick Lyman

"Sometimes, when you make an immediate fix, you make changes in the system that are not designed to be permanent," Lyman said, explaining the planned out-

age, which was announced over area radio and television stations.

The blackout also affected Bethlehem Central Middle School, causing a two-hour delay.

"We found out about it at about 6:45 a.m., and immediately called the media as we would for snow emergencies," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

"Clearly, we're not going to bring in students without electricity," he added.

Dev Tobin

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Matters of Opinion

Get involved

Last week the headlines in the *Colony Spotlight* were enough to make you cry.

Editorials

"Police see rise in LSD use," "Students face charges in bomb incident," "More arrests expected in beer bash." Each story detailed the arrest or anticipated arrest of high school students—for selling or possessing LSD, marijuana and hashish, for planting bombs at the home of another teenager, and for the Halloween evening break-in and beer bash at an unoccupied home on Albany-Shaker Road. In all, 40 teenagers were charged, many with felonies.

It is hard to imagine the students involved in each incident did not expect to get caught. What is more plausible is that they gave no real thought to the consequences of their actions. And that should be no surprise, since we raise our children in an atmosphere of gratuitous violence and random action, moral guidelines not included. Commercial TV routinely warns parents of profanity and, increasingly, partial nudity. The evening news should be R rated. In more and more homes both parents must work and thus accept a diminished role in their children's upbringing. The reach of teachers and school administrators ends at their campus' borders. The influence of churches continues to decline.

For the past few years, however, parents in Bethlehem, convinced teenagers actually appreciate firm, fair and logical codes of conduct, have supported efforts to tighten school discipline. They also have begun to involve themselves in the non-school life of the town's youth. These parents, representing all areas of the community, believe it takes the whole community to raise a child, that adults need to clarify, then enforce, their expectations and that the most significant forces on a child's development still originate in the home.

Finally, they believe that a consistently positive message will encourage consistently positive behavior. Working through organizations such as Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the Community Partnership, they try to deliver that message: we care.

So far, there have been no studies of, and no statistics developed on how well Bethlehem's approach is working, if indeed it is working at all. But if the pages of *The Spotlight* are any measure, headlines like the ones above have all but disappeared.

Egan honored

New Scotland's John Egan, head of the largest state transportation and public works organization in the country, was honored by The College of St. Rose last night with the sixth annual Lewis A. Swyer Community Renaissance Award. The award is given for "having significantly improved the quality of life in the Capital Region." In addition the citation says Egan was selected "because of his dedication to the people of New York state, his stellar record of public service and his contributions to many not-for-profit organizations in the area."

Mr. Egan's career started 40 years ago in the boiler room of a state prison. He went on to head of the state's Dormitory Authority and the Office of General Services before assuming his present post. He also sits on the boards of the county's Historical Society and of St. Peter's Hospital Foundation. The recognition of the Swyer Award is well deserved.

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local interest. Letters are subject to editing in keeping with our rules of fairness, accuracy, style and length. All letters must carry the writer's signature, address and phone numbers. Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams Street, Delmar NY 12054. Letters may be faxed to 439-0609.

Attack exploded American impulse toward isolationism

Pearl Harbor awoke sleeping giant

The contributor of this week's *Point of View*, a World War II veteran, writes a weekly theater column for the *Spotlight Newspapers*.

By Martin P. Kelly

We were a group of 16-year-olds returning from a Sunday afternoon sandlot football game on New York City's East Side. As we approached our neighborhood, we called out to a friend at a tenement window: "What's the Giants' score?"

The answer was strange: "They bombed Pearl Harbor!"

"Who bombed Pearl Harbor?" "Where's Pearl Harbor?" were the replies to this unexpected answer to a question about a pro football score on Dec. 7, 1941.

This was the way a group of teenagers were introduced to their involvement in World War II. Within two years, all the members of this ragtag football team were in the various armed services spread around the world as this country moved from its 1930s isolationist posture to stand as a world power.

The attack by the Japanese Imperial Navy on the Hawaiian naval and army outposts on that Sunday ended an age of innocence for this country. Even though the American armed forces had saved the Allied cause in World War I, the nation as a people drew back to its own shores and tried to keep out of world affairs during the 1920s and 1930s.

When it refused to join the League of Nations in the early 1920s, the United States doomed that effort to bring nations to a conference table rather than war rooms.

As the war clouds grew darker during the 1930s when Japan's armed forces invaded China, Italy took over African territories and Germany marched through Central Europe, this country remained aloof from the troubles even though feeling some of the effects.



Point of View

America was deep in an economic depression so that all its efforts were turned inward to help itself. Yet, there were men, President Franklin D. Roosevelt among them, who understood that the European continent was in danger of being overrun. When Britain began suffering severe bombing by German air fleets in 1939 through 1941, a Lend-Lease program was devised by Roosevelt to supply arms to Britain. It was a guise to get around a strong isolationist group in Congress.

Had not Pearl Harbor occurred, what would have been the outcome of World War II? This has been the speculation of historians for more than 50 years. Some believe we would have entered eventually while others are convinced we would have permitted Hitler to take over Europe and England while this country maintained a cautious neutrality.

We'll never know because that attack on Pearl Harbor aroused a nation as the battles at Bunker

We had crossed a line. Despite efforts of some people in this country and in Congress, this country could never again remain isolated from the affairs of the rest of the world.

Hill and the Alamo as well as the sinkings of the Maine and the Luisitania. All of these events gathered people together as one in an effort to preserve the nation and to curb aggression.

Some say it was a mistake on Japan's part to attack Pearl Harbor because it awoke a sleeping giant. Certainly, the surprise attack was aided by a complacent American military that still slept late on Sunday mornings and worried about officers' club dances and polo matches. There were even cavalry regiments still in the army in 1940 when the aggressive forces in Europe and Asia dis-

played the effects of tanks, planes and heavy artillery.

There were friends of mine who joined the National Guard in 1940 because there were no jobs and found that they had to use wooden rifles in training because the units didn't have enough regular equipment.

It's one of the miracles of factory production that within a short period of time, often months, more than 11 million men could be outfitted for war once the attack was made that Dec. 7. The cavalry horses were put to pasture and whole divisions of tanks were built that tore through Europe, led by men like General Patton.

But, we had crossed a line. No longer, after victory in August of 1945, could this nation draw back to its shores. Begun by Roosevelt before his death and carried on by President Harry Truman, the efforts to establish a successor to the League of Nations were successful when the United Nations set up its home in New York City.

Despite efforts of some people in this country and in Congress, this country could never again remain isolated from the affairs of the rest of the world.

This involvement has been costly, in war in Korea and in Vietnam as well as the Marshall Plan that helped to feed and rehabilitate a war-ravaged Europe in the late 1940s.

Still, the responsibility placed upon the shoulders of Americans since that fateful day in 1941 is one that cannot be ignored. The nation is made up of people from all parts of the world with emotional ties to their native countries. Despite their allegiance to this country, they cannot forget those who are part of their heritage.

As important, with the incredible development of technology, often credited to wartime requirements, the world has been drawn closer together. More than ever, we are dependent upon one another for our livelihoods and often

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Your Opinion Matters

Frosh squashed 'em all

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Nov. 9 the Bethlehem Central High School freshman football team completed a perfect 7-0 season with a victory over Shaker High. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the team's 39 young men.

Also, I'd like the members of this community to recognize this great achievement. These young men, with the added stress of a new school, teachers and other distractions, accomplished something that has not been done since the fall of 1975. I was a member of the last undefeated frosh football team under coach Terry Ulion. This fact has had a great impact on my feelings towards this school, the coaches and especially the players. Their record aside, I have not had the opportunity to work with such hardworking, goal minded, coachable and driven young athletes since I began coaching in 1984.

I'd like to thank the coaching staff at BC, John Sodergren, John Furey, Dave Sodergren and John DeMeo for giving me the chance to enjoy and work at coaching

Board watcher bored

Editor, The Spotlight:

It's been four months since the water hearing but we can still read about it in *The Spotlight*.

The contracts are signed. The work is progressing, and life goes on. Do we have to read about it ad nauseam? Are you going to drag it out until next election? Is it going to outlive the O. J. Simpson trial?

Marie N. Capone

Delmar

Kelly

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our very existence.

Ironically, the military effort by Japan to take over this country was thwarted, but its industrial acumen accomplished what its war machine couldn't. Most, if not all of us, have VCRs, microwave ovens, television sets or computers built in Japan or using components made in that country. We need only drive a few feet on the highway to see a Japanese built or designed automobile, if we're not driving one ourselves.

This economic "invasion" has spurred our own efforts and much of our technology is indebted to the Japanese efforts even as they have benefited from some of our scientific developments, the computer chip among them.

Significant also is that during the past week Congress approved the GATT treaty, which binds 126 nations to drop or cut tariffs on goods traded between countries. As Congress was voting, so too Japan's Parliament was approving the same treaty.

Despite the criticism of some, the GATT treaty is further recognition that the United States is unequivocally meshed with world affairs and cannot draw back from that position.

The die was cast 53 years ago today.

Letters

again. Special thanks to Jeremy Klugman, my assistant coach, who did an outstanding job in his first football coaching experience.

Also, the parents and their tireless support of their sons at each and every game. I remember how much it meant to me and I'm sure it means the same to the boys. And to be members of BC's 1994 undefeated frosh football team, I look forward to watching you progress as young men and as football players. We learned how to win this year and we did it with class. Good luck for the remainder of the year, get on the weights and we'll see you in August.

Mike DeAngelis

Head Modified Football Coach

BCHS Class of 1979

Sale helps kids, whales, DARE

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Thursday, Oct. 27, Mrs. Cox's fifth grade class held an ice cream sale for our school.

We had many parent helpers who volunteered to scoop the ice cream and the fifth graders delivered it to the classrooms. We bought the ice cream from Ben & Jerry's and everyone worked hard to make the sale a success. Almost every student in our school bought ice cream that day to support our fund-raiser. As a result, we raised over \$250.

At assembly on Friday, Nov. 4, we presented a check for \$150 to officer Ray Linstruth for the D.A.R.E. program. The money will be used to benefit the children in the Bethlehem Central School District. We also gave a \$100 check to Mrs. McKenna for "Save the Children." This organization provides food, clothing and other necessities to needy children around the world. The remaining money was used to "Adopt a Whale," which supports research to save whales all over the world.

Thank you to all of the students and staff at Hamagrael for their support and help. Thank you to all of the parents who made the sale possible. And, thank you to Ben & Jerry's for letting us purchase the ice cream at a discount price.

Mrs. Cox and 5C

Beep, beep

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to Brendan O'Brien's letter titled "Cyclists vs Drivers" in the Nov. 30 issue—there already is a fitness trail at the Town Park. It is a fairly unknown trail because it is in a remote area. Besides, there are a lot of people who take walks at odd times. It is your job as a licensed driver to avoid them. And if all else fails, honk your horn!

Steve Troiano

age 11

Delmar

School promises to monitor theater offerings

Editor, The Spotlight:

Concerning your story last week on "Parents Object to King Play" I would have preferred that you publish my brief letter to Dr. Leslie Loomis expressing concern for the welfare of Bethlehem Middle School children rather than the presentation you made of my concerns.

When I wrote to Dr. Loomis my intent was to alert him to a situation that needs closer monitoring. The presentation of Stephen King works was rated PG but parents were not given enough information to use parental guidance. Approximately 20 parents, including a teacher, did discover that the presentation was of Stephen King's works and they kept their children away from the performance.

I first learned of the Stephen

King performance when I was with a group of people, including attorneys, state bureaucrats, business people and full time mothers. Not one of that group considered King's writings appropriate fare for children. After all, how much horror can be removed from a Stephen King work and still call it his work? And the rating of PG is a clue that the presentation was not appropriate for all children.

You mentioned my background in teaching but did not mention the more pertinent experience as the long-time supervisor of a Child Protective Service in a down-state county and later as a worker in the State Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect. I have seen thousands of reports of child abuse and neglect and I have taken scores of parents to Family Court and did not lose a single

case in Family Court. From that perspective, I evaluated the information presented to me and concluded that there was enough to be concerned about to bring it to the attention of the school authorities. Lest anyone jump to the wrong conclusion, I am not alleging abuse or neglect but am concerned about the harm that can be done when horror is presented to relatively unsuspecting, defenseless young minds.

Following a conversation with Dr. Loomis, I understand that closer monitoring of material to be presented in the theater arts will occur and that the selection committee will be broader based. I am satisfied with that response to my concerns

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Scout benefit benefits hungry

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank everyone who supported Boy Scout troop 75's 21st annual Sportsmart.

Its success will enable our troop to fund our programs for another year as well as make substantial contributions to the Bethlehem Food Pantry and the United Methodist Pantry.

In particular I want to thank the Bethlehem Central School District for the use of the high school, and the Bethlehem Police Department for traffic control. Thanks also to D.A. Bennett who came through in a pinch for us.

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The First United Methodist Church, our sponsor, has been unswerving in its support for all that we do. We can never thank them enough.

Thanks to our patrons without whom there would be no Sportsmart, and finally, thanks to all the Scouts for their industry and effort. We look forward to another productive year and to seeing all our friends again for Sportsmart '95 on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Nancy Fenster

Wife dodges speeder but cat is killed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Walking along the side of River Road (Route 144) in search of our lost cat on Sunday, Nov. 20, my wife was almost killed when a car, swerving at high speed to pass another car, passed within inches of her. A muscle twitch and my wife would have been a statistic.

Sadly, we did find our 10-year-old pet had become a statistic to this road. Moreover, in piecing it all together, we learned that our cat had pulled his own broken body off into the brush to die while the person who hit him did not even stop, attempt to find his

owner or see if he was still alive on the roadside.

But this is the mentality of the majority of drivers on this lawless road. With no regard for residents, animals, school buses or other drivers, they are hell-bent to be the first to Ravena or to Albany. How many mornings does someone passing unsafely risk his own and others' lives merely to be one car ahead at the inevitable lights in Albany?

In October a van load of children about to turn left into Samaritan Shelter was rear-ended and knocked off the road by a driver

who could not stop in time. On Nov. 18 there was an accident, and Nov. 17 two cars were totaled when one car swerved in an attempt to avoid a deer. Each driver admitted to driving "55 to 60 miles per hour"—in a posted deer-crossing zone—during hunting and mating seasons.

Nothing deters these Lebanon Valley wannabes. The last *Spotlight* listing of speeds for those arrested for DWI on this road were 81 and 89 miles per hour. Why would anyone drive that speed on a two-lane country road? Because they can know they can drive that speed with little risk of being caught!

A few years ago, a Department of Transportation official told a neighbor it was all a matter of politics and nothing would be done until the politicians went to bat with the Department of Transportation for a lowered speed limit, a light at Wemple and River roads, and more enforcement. Our lives should take precedence over politics but, if that is what it takes, then this is a call to our local officials to stop waffling about "quality of life" and restore that quality to River Road.

Anthony G. Burt

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Volunteers preparing community holiday meal

By Susan Graves

If you haven't already made plans for your holiday meal, it's not too late to reserve a seat at the annual Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner.

The Christmas Day event, in its seventh year, is sponsored by local churches and the Bethlehem Senior Services department.

The dinner will be served at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, and take-out orders will also be available, said Susan Otis, volunteer chairwoman for the event.

About 50 volunteers from the community work on the dinner. "It's two or three hours out of the day — and well worth it," Otis said. It's also an opportunity for families who aren't able to be with relatives to break bread with friends and neighbors in the community. About 150 guests are expected this year.

"It's available for people who otherwise would be alone and for volunteers it's a way to give back some of the goodness" this community enjoys, Otis said. "We have lots who come back year after year," she said of both the volunteers and the people who attend.

Some volunteers are hosts or hostesses at the family-style meal, which helps to break the ice, Otis said, while others help with food preparation and cleanup in the kitchen.



Susan Otis

"We're still looking for volunteers," Otis said.

Dinner is served at 2 p.m. and will be preceded by a hospitality hour at 1:30. One of the pastors from the sponsoring churches gives the blessing before the meal.

This year, Nancy and Ed McEwan are in charge of decorations, and the St. Thomas confirmation class will make the centerpieces for the tables, which some of the lucky diners will take home with them.

Job Corps students cook the turkeys and hams, and all the food is donated for the meal. There is no charge for the dinner, but free-will offerings will be accepted.

To make a reservation for the dinner, call town hall at 439-4955 or Otis at 767-2074.

St. Matthew's to present annual Christmas bazaar

St. Matthew's Catholic Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the church on Mountainview Road in Voorheesville.

The holiday event features more than a dozen booths, offering plants, books, baked goods, needlecrafts, woodenware, Christmas decorations and ornaments and a variety of handmade items.

The ever-popular under \$1 booth is a great place to find stocking stuffers or gifts for mom and dad.

Youngsters will be able to visit Santa and have their picture taken with him. There will also be face painting, games and craft activities for the younger set.

A cafe will offer a variety of food and a secret auction will add to the festivities.

One of the highlights of the day is a drawing for items made by local artisans. A handmade quilt, a large and lovable bear family, a handmade wooden writing desk, a basket of wine and trip for two to Atlantic City are among the prizes.

Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased at the bazaar or from any church member.

Parking and admission are free. Karen Finnessey and April Koska are this year's chairwomen.

For information, call Lyn Stapf at 765-2451.

BCHS parents group to meet this week

An informational breakfast conducted by BCCO, the parents' association of Bethlehem Central High School, is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8, at 8 a.m. at the high school on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Parent resources and guidance will be discussed.

For information, contact Susan Malbin at 475-0236.

Business club slates Christmas party

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold its Christmas party today, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Steuben Athletic Club in Albany.

For information, contact Helen N. Smith at 439-3916.

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Book triggers postcard campaign

By Mel Hyman

A lot of publicity accompanied recent publication of *Guns, Crime, and Freedom* — a book by Wayne LaPierre of the National Rifle Association that focuses on the so-called myths underlying the growing gun control movement in the U.S.

A postcard campaign aimed at area publications like *The Spotlight* seeks to generate additional publicity for the book. Numerous Delmar residents who sent in cards say their interest in the gun control issue goes beyond the book, however, to what they contend is a country gone awry.

"The problem is the whole criminal justice system," said Clayton Relyea, 86, of Delmar. "It's out of whack. There ought to be stiff penalties for any use of a gun in a crime. But you don't control crime by banishing all weapons."

"The government has never

been able to bar anything," Relyea said. "Liquor, dope or guns."

Guns have been a hobby "for all my life," he said. "I won a gold medal in high school for drawing a German Lugar pistol. I've been target shooter all my life."

"And I've never been a hunter.

The way I feel about is that the U.S. government has gotten us into this mess by allowing too many unnecessary guns out on the street.

Lyle Van Dyke

Anything you get you end up having to take off the horns and feathers," he quipped.

Lyle Van Dyke of Delmar also blames the U.S. government for allowing the crime problem to get out of hand and then penalizing law-abiding people by overregulating their right to possess fire-

arms.

"The way I feel about is that the U.S. government has gotten us into this mess by allowing too many unnecessary guns out on the street," he said. By allowing virtually anyone to take out a li-

cense for gun sales, you end up with thousands of people "selling from the trunk of their cars."

At the same time, Van Dyke, who belongs to the Turnpike Rod and Gun Club in Westerlo, said he doesn't agree with every position taken by the NRA.

"A lot of these assault weapons should not be allowed on the street. They should not be sold or available to people. That's the only thing I have against the NRA."

Spot lends a hand



Barbara Pats helps Rebecca Simeone read a book at the I Love Books store in Delmar while Spot the dog (Melissa Steen) looks on.
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Christmas party planned

The United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem Church are planning a Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

There will be a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. Bring a grab bag gift marked his or hers.

Devotional leader for the event will be Rose Mayo, who will also be conducting the program.

The theme is "Finding Christmas Today." Spouses are invited. Ada Court, Laurie Gracelon, Alice Haskell and June Tidd will be the hostesses.

For information, call 767-9953.

Fire auxiliary to host children's holiday party

Christmas bells will be ringing once again when the Coeymans Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary hosts its annual children's Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m.

Infants and children up to and including age 10 will receive a gift from Santa.

For information, call 767-9545.

Senior citizens plan Christmas dinner

The senior citizens' Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m.

Final drawing for the "20" week club will take place. Santa will be attending, plus many door prizes.

Make reservations now by calling 756-8593.

Board seeks input on smoking policy

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board is seeking reactions

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and suggestions about a smoking policy proposal at its Monday, Dec. 19, meeting. The proposal is expected to be adopted at the board's Jan. 3 meeting.

Written comments should be addressed to William Schwartz, Superintendent of Schools, 26 Thatcher St. Selkirk 12158.

Driving course set at Grange Hall

A defensive driving course will be offered tonight and Thursday, Dec. 7 and 8, at the Ravena Grange Hall in Coeymans Hollow.

Class will be from 7 to 10 p.m. both nights. For information, call Bob Payne at 756-6551.

Fire company meeting

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Company and auxiliary will meet tonight, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 767-9545.

La Leche League to meet next week

La Leche League of Delmar, a breast-feeding support group, will meet on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

"Nutrition and Weaning" will be the topic of discussion.

Call 439-5254 or 475-0240 for the meeting location.

Tasty tea treats



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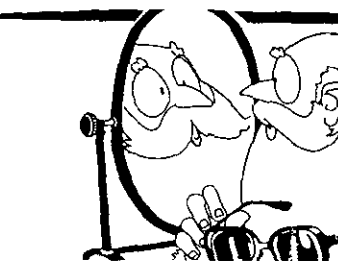
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Voorheesville winter concert scheduled tonight

The Voorheesville school music department has announced the schedule for this month's concerts.

Tonight, Dec. 7, is the elementary school's winter concert. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium.

The high school's winter concert is set for Wednesday, Dec. 14, and the junior high's program is on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

The community is invited to attend these free concerts.

St. Matthew's bazaar features homemade items

St. Matthew's will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church on Mountainview Road.

The event features booths offering a variety of handmade items, baked goods, plants and books. Food will also be served. Children

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can have their picture taken with Santa, play games and make crafts.

This year's drawing includes beautiful items crafted by local artisans. Chairpersons Karen Finnessey and April Koska invite everyone to attend this year's bazaar.

PTA to discuss emergency safe homes

Creating a network of "safe homes" for children to use in an emergency will be discussed at this month's PTA meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school. The guest speaker will be Peter Fish.

The PTA is selling Entertainment books, which make perfect holiday gifts, for \$40 each. They can be purchased at the high

school office or by contacting Karen Belgiovine at 765-2194.

Printer needed for in-school banking

In-school banking through Cohoes Savings Bank will start Feb. 1. A computer has been donated for the banking program but a pin feed printer is still needed.

Contact Nanette Bub at 765-4357 if you can help.

River Rats on agenda for PTA family night

Voorheesville PTA family night, with the Albany River Rats is Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Arena.

The River Rats will play the Binghamton Rangers. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$6 for children.

For tickets and information, call Marc Minick at 473-1364.

Seniors planning holiday bash

Acatered holiday bash is being planned by the New Scotland Senior Citizens Club for Wednesday, Dec. 28 at noon.

The cost is \$5.50 per person.

To reserve a place, call Agnes

Tucker at 765-4427 as soon as possible.

Zoning meeting tonight

Voorheesville's Zoning Board of Appeals meets tonight, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Scouts earn horse badges

Girls from Junior Girl Scout Troop 162 recently earned horse lover badges at the Otterness Farm in Altamont.

Sonya Otterness taught the Scouts about the care and feeding of horses.

The Scouts also cleaned stalls and learned to identify the parts of a saddle and bridle.

Jenica Abram, Ashleigh Berger, Jaime DiBona, Kay McGinty, Christine Pappas, Sarah Samson, Lesley Stefan, Amanda Taylor, Joamy Herzog, and Binky Sayer participated in the program.

V'ville school board slates meeting Dec. 12

The Voorheesville board of education's regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Town board to meet

The New Scotland town board meeting is set for Monday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the town hall on Route 85.

RCS schools raise senior tax exemptions

Income levels which exempt senior citizens from a portion of their property taxes have been raised by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education.

The new scale allows a 50 percent exemption for those with incomes of \$17,500 or less; 45 percent for incomes of \$17,501 to \$18,500; 40 percent for incomes of \$18,501 to \$19,500; 35 percent for incomes of \$19,501 to \$20,500; 30 percent for incomes of \$20,501 to \$21,400; 25 percent for incomes of \$21,401 to \$22,300; 20 percent for incomes of \$22,301 to \$23,200; 15 percent for incomes of \$23,201 to \$24,100; and 10 percent for incomes of \$24,101 to \$25,000.

Those eligible should apply to the town assessor's office by March 1. For information, call 767-2514.

Christmas tour to aid food pantries

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Association of Churches will present a Christmas House Tour on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 6 p.m.

A variety of elaborately-decorated homes and a church will be highlighted in the communities of Coeymans, Ravena, Selkirk and South Bethlehem.

Tickets cost \$7 in advance and \$8 on the day of the tour. They are available at local churches. All proceeds benefit church-sponsored food pantries.

Conference focuses on credit card trends

A video conference on "Putting Consumers in Charge: Credit Education Strategies" will be presented at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville today, Dec. 7, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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A reception by the Friends of the Library will follow the performance. The concert is free and open to the public.



In honor of his birth on Dec. 16, 1770, the program will be devoted to the works of Ludwig van Beethoven and other composers he influenced.

Violinist Rob Taylor, Susan Navarro on viola and cellist Nathaniel Parke will be featured.

St. Cecilia's performs a full repertory of chamber music in the Capital District's finest concert venues, including the renowned Troy Music Hall. St. Cecilia's is also the orchestra for the Berkshire Opera Festival.

The performance is one in a series of "Concerts in the Key of Winter" being sponsored by the Upper Hudson Library System, a state-funded, cooperative agency serving Albany and Rensselaer counties.

Other concerts are scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Colonie Town Library and on Dec. 16 at the East Greenbush Community Library. Call 437-9880 for information.

Also, on Monday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m., TV 31/Bethlehem, the library's public access cable TV station, will show an award-winning educational video, "The

Empowerment Project."

The program, produced by area resident Brenda McMahon, won a third place award at the third annual Reel Visions Gay and Lesbian Film Festival.

The Empowerment Project is a Capital District organization dedicated to fighting violence against women. The 10-minute video focuses on a Project workshop that uses crime prevention, safety education, and martial arts skills to teach women self-defense, and instill a sense of self-confidence and self-awareness in workshop participants.

Airing tonight, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m., is a special edition of "TV-31 Presents..." featuring the verse of area journalist Bruce Williamson. Williamson's humorous poems were recently published in a collection titled "The Verse Things I Ever Did" by Golden Quill Press.

Williamson is a veteran TV anchor and newsman. He also worked as media relations director with the New York State School Boards Association for 11 years.

Williamson wrote and delivered his own commentaries on radio and TV, and was a regular contributor to the political spoofs featured in the Legislative Correspondents Association variety show held annually in Albany.

TV 31/Bethlehem, which is staffed by and located at the library, is the public access station serving the towns of Bethlehem

and New Scotland via Cablevision. Residents who would like to produce a video of their own are invited to contact program coordinator Gregg Clapham at 439-9314.

Anna Jane Abaray

Animal tracking set at Five Rivers center

A program on animal tracking is planned on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 10 a.m. at the Five Rivers Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will lead participants on an outdoor walk to look for signs of wildlife.

For information, call the center at 475-0291.

Marketing group taps Delmar woman as VP

Melody D. Burns of Delmar has been promoted vice president of Strategic Market Group of Albany.

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Food for Fines begins this year on Thursday, Dec. 15, and runs through Jan. 15. Each dollar of overdue fines up to a maximum of

\$3 can be paid with a donation of non-perishable food for local distribution through the St. Matthew's Human Concerns Committee.

Snuggle Up for Winter is the theme of the story hour set for Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Snuggle up in your jammies and bring the family for cozy stories.

There will be an artist's reception for Carol Schlageter on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.

There will be no Nimblefingers meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Barbara Vink

Bethlehem church sets Christmas concert

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar will be the site of a Christmas concert on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Performers will include local residents David and Penny Van Deusen, Jennie Moak, Beth Kebea, and Diane and Michael Mineau. They will sing holiday

standards such as "Winter Wonderland," "Do You Hear What I Hear?," "White Christmas," and "Silent Night."

The free event will be produced by dvd productions. Refreshments will be served.

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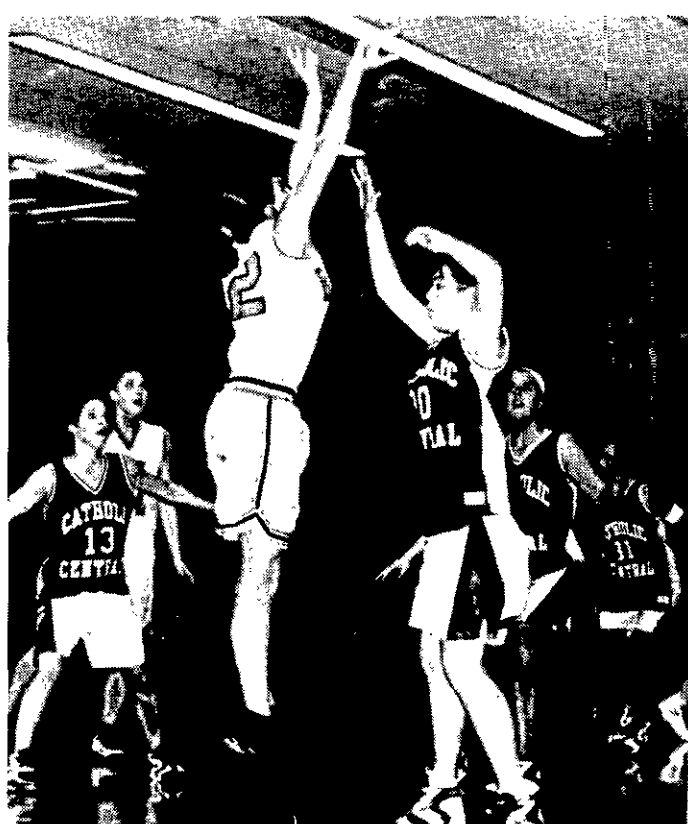
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Sports

It's all in the wrist



BC freshman Meghan Selnow goes up for a jump shot during the Eagles' 55-46 loss to Catholic Central on Friday. *Brian Berry*

BC lapses prove fatal

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem boys basketball team suffered hard luck in its opening games at the Colonie Raider Roundball Classic this past weekend, dropping two heartbreakers to Gloversville and Colonie.

In the opening game, Bethlehem led Gloversville for two-plus quarters before tiring and letting Gloversville take the lead. Bethlehem battled back to take the lead 48-47 on Chris Wenger's three-pointer late in the fourth quarter.

However, their hopes were crushed when Cal Robinson buried an NBA-range, three-pointer with six seconds remaining to give Gloversville, the eventual tournament champions, a two-point victory.

The Eagles were led by senior Jason Gutman and junior Joe D'Angelo, who each poured in 12 points.

The consolation game was not so pleasing. The Eagles ran into an angry Colonie team, which had lost to LaSalle the night before on its home floor. The Garnet Raid-

ers came in to the game on fire, and denied multiple Eagle comebacks.

Bethlehem closed the gap to 30-27 late in the third quarter, before Colonie went on a 12-1 run to put the game away. Colonie shot 66 percent in the game and went on to win 58-36.

Gutman scored 11 points for Bethlehem and was the team's representative on the all-tournament team.

While disappointed, coach Chuck Abba commended his team's effort. "I'm very disappointed. However, we have to continue to work hard.

"These games don't count in the league standings, and they showed us what we have to work on.

"We played two-and-a-half excellent quarters in each game. We need to try to improve and not come unglued."

The Eagles make their home debut Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the lower gym in a Suburban Council matchup versus Scotia.

BBC starts anew

The Bethlehem Basketball Club, with 304 participants from grades 5-8, commenced its sixth season on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the BCMS gym.

In the NBA division, the Sonics, led by Ryan Venter's 16 points, christened the BBC season in a 52-37 victory over the Knicks, who were led by Brendan Griffin's 10 points.

Pat Hughes, with 19 points, inspired the Bulls in a 45-28 victory over the Spurs, despite Jon Caplan's 10 points.

Josh Meyer's aggressive 16 points hoisted the Nuggets over the Warriors, 32-14. Popping jumpers from within the paint for 16 points, Caleb Bacon energized the Suns 52-37 win over the Hornets, even with Calvin Brown's 19 point effort.

In the ACC, Mike Carney led all Sunday scorers with 23, as Clemson upended Duke 45-22. Chris Sherin's 10 points highlighted Wake Forest's 41-33 tussle over a Mitchell Lane-led North Carolina.

In a barn-burner, Georgia Tech, behind Gregg Ciprioni's 13 points knocked off Florida State despite Ryan Sweeny's 14. Finally, Mike Pascone's eight-for-eight effort at the foul line iced Maryland's 34-26 victory over Virginia, notwithstanding Dan Rosenthal's 18.

In Big East competition, Syracuse, with Todd Roberts, edged St. John's 29-27. Miami, with 12 by Paul Wolfert, beat Pitt, 39-26. Georgetown, in a total team effort defeated Villanova 25-17. And in the division finale, Matt Vnuk's 11-points made Boston College a winner, 40-31, over Providence.

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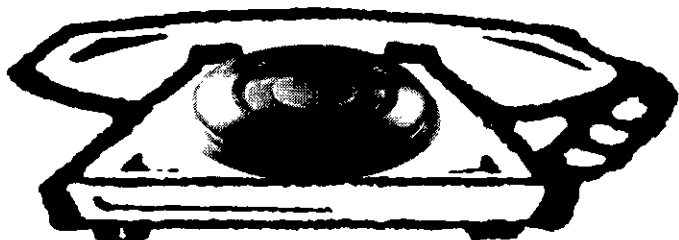
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U-10 boys win title

The Bethlehem Rangers U-10 soccer team captured first place in the Clifton Park Soccer Club Thanksgiving Weekend Indoor Soccer Classic held at the Charbonneau Recreation Center in Round Lake. Eight teams competed in the division.

The Rangers finished with a perfect 6-0-0 record for the day. The Rangers march to victory began with a 4-2 win over the Saratoga Sparks. Goals were scored by Andrew Blickensderfer on a blast from mid-field, by the agile Tony Cassaro and by Doug DeMarco and Matt Glannon on outstanding positional play.

The pivotal game of the tournament followed when the Rangers met the Clifton Park Aces. The game was tied at 3-3 with 13 seconds left when Matt Glannon blasted his deflected shot by the goalkeeper for a heart-stopping 4-3 win.

Bob Barrowman played a huge game for the Rangers while scoring two goals. Scott Braaten and Dominic Ciprioni played outstanding defense in limiting the scoring opportunities by Clifton Park.

Bethlehem next faced the quick Malta Mad dogs and prevailed with a 8-4 win. The Rangers displayed solid team play and passing which resulted in five different players scoring including tenacious David Medvesky and the speedy Brendan Tougher.

The first round of the playoffs saw the Rangers meeting the developing Bethlehem team coached by Jeff Gonzalez. The Rangers were lead to an 8-0 win by Brenden Ennis who controlled much of the play and made numerous passes to open teammates.

The Bethlehem Rangers next met the tough Malta Mad Dogs and escaped with a hard fought 4-2 win. Goals were scored by Bob Barrowman, Tony Cassaro, Doug DeMarco and Matt Glannon.

The championship game kicked off at 10 pm and saw the Rangers again meeting the Clifton Park Aces. The Rangers confidently executed their speed and passing game on their way to a decisive 8-3 win.

Bethlehem skaters earn first victory.

The Bethlehem hockey team (1-2) finally settled down and earned their first win last Friday.

Playing at home (Albany County Hockey Rink) they squeezed out a 4-3 victory over Troy. BC was led by John Czajka who scored two goals. Captain

Brad Mattox and center John Quilan scored one each.

Joel Dzekeiorius did well in goal stopping 36 shots. Contributing on defense for Bethlehem were Ethan Drake, Keven Galaher and Mike Esmond.

Bethlehem dominates its tournament foes

By Ted Hartman

The Bethlehem wrestling team started their season on an impressive note Saturday.

The Eagles hosted Albany High, Albany Academy, Schenectady and Ravena in the Bethlehem Dual Meet Tournament and won all four matches for the overall title. Bethlehem defeated Albany 54-16, and then outwrestled Albany Academy 63-12.

Schenectady lost to Bethlehem as well, 69-3, to set the stage for the championship match. Ravena was no more of a challenge, however, and the Eagles captured the title, 63-10.

Junior Jason Greer won all four of his matches at 132 pounds by pinning each opponent. Nat Beyer, also a junior, won all of his matches at 177 pounds.

The third junior to win all of his matches was Jon Wagner (119 pounds), who had two decisions, a technical fall over and a pin.

Wrestling

Representing the senior class, Steve Demerest (138 pounds) and Matt Carotenuto (155 pounds) both wrestled well.

Demerest was undefeated for the afternoon with four pins and Carotenuto finished with three pins.

Sophomore Eric Kotlow had three wins with two decisions and a pin. Matt Wagner won four times wrestling at 98 and 105 pounds, respectively.

Junior Hank Tripp (167 pounds) and senior Chris Britton each had two wins.

"We had some early season mistakes that were bound to happen, although overall I thought we wrestled pretty well, with good intensity," said coach Mike Poplaski.

Star bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Nov. 27 at Del Lanes—

Senior Circuit Men: Jim Compson 234; Harold Singer 563 triple; and Ken Decker 821 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: Dolores Seh 201 and 504 triple; Shirley Thibaudeau 183 and 468 triple; and Agnes Neumann 164 and 468 triple.

Men: Willie Boughton 278 and 745 triple; Mickey Grady 715 triple; and Ken Decker 821 four games.

Open basketball scheduled at BC


Open basketball nights are scheduled for Saturdays at Bethlehem Central High School in the lower gym.

High school students who live in Bethlehem or attend Bethlehem schools are invited for an evening of fun and exercise.

Basketball is slated on Dec. 10 and 17 from 8 to 11 p.m.

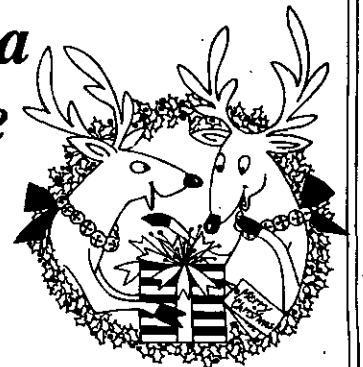
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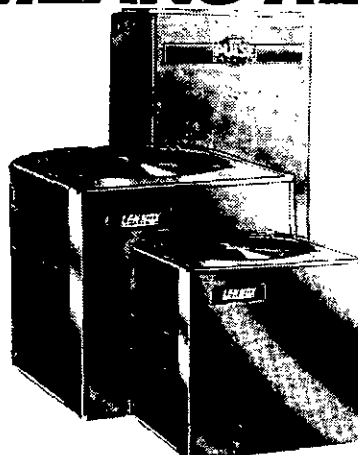
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Lady Birds' strong 'D' helps top Averill Park

By Josh White

The Voorheesville girls basketball team opened its season with a convincing 44-32 victory over Averill Park.

Relying on their strong defense, the Lady Birds forced 21 Averill Park turnovers. In addition, sophomore Kristen Person scored 15 points and freshman Jane Meade netted 11 points.

The Lady Birds displayed their aggressive defense by allowing their opponents only eight points in the first half.

After jumping out to a 11-6 first quarter lead, the Lady Birds were ahead 16-8 at halftime.

Scoring 28 second half points clinched the victory for the Lady Birds (1-0). Also, the Lady Bird defense didn't allow one Lady Warrior to score in double figures.

"I thought we played well enough to win," said head coach Jack Adams.

"We need to play a lot better to compete with some of the other teams in our league. The first five games will be an adjustment pe-

riod for the team.

"I felt we played solid, aggressive defense in the first half," he continued. "We were not as stingy as we should have been in the second half."

"Offensively, we missed a lot of open layups," said Adams. "In our fourth quarter offense, we made good decisions and had solid execution. Also, we shot the ball well."

Adams felt positive about his team's effort in their first game, but stressed there is room for improvement.

"I give credit to our team because they hung tough under pressure, but there are things we need to work on."

The Lady Birds travel to Lansingburgh on Friday, Dec. 9.

Rasowsky places 3rd

Avi Rasowsky, 11, of Glenmont recently placed third in the Troy Turkey Trot mile run for elementary school students on Thanksgiving Day.

Rasowsky finished with a time of six minutes, 42 seconds. He attends Hebrew Academy.

Team effort propels V'ville boys

By Kelly Griffin

The Blackbirds' 67-54 win over Averill Park last Friday put a smile on the face of coach Voorheesville Skip Carrk.

"I'm very happy," he said. "The game was a true team effort."

The key to the boys' early success appears to be their new, improved running game.

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Skip Carrk

"We have a more aggressive press this year," said Carrk. "We are able to do this because we have a lot of good guards."

"In years past, we would score two or four points off the (fast) break. Friday, we got a large percentage of our points from the running game."

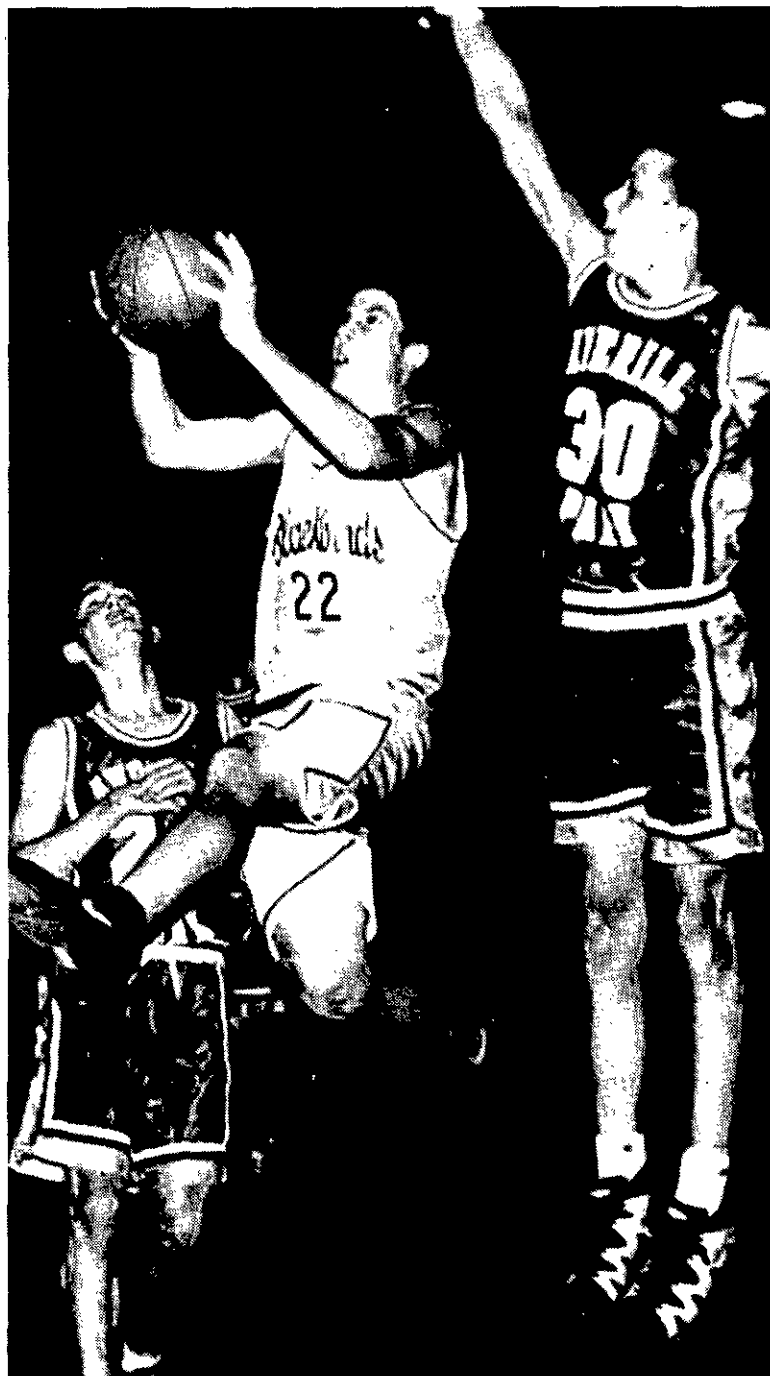
V'ville was 12 for 19 on its fast break attempts, scoring 24 points.

Six-foot, seven-inch center Dave Burch led the 'Birds with 23 points, 13 rebounds and five assists. Adam Keller also had five assists, while scoring 16 points.

Mike Beadnell chipped in with 10 points and eight rebounds. As a team, Voorheesville made 11 steals.

"We are pleased to get that game under our belts," Carrk said. "But Averill Park is not the most skilled team we will play. The games will get tougher as we go along."

The 'Birds host Lansingburgh at home on Friday, Dec. 9.



V'ville junior Mike Beadnell drives for the basket during the Blackbirds' successful season debut against Averill Park. Jonathan Getnik

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Dangerous

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in Lenox, Mass. Yeara said the students earned a standing ovation for their efforts and praise from Kevin Coleman, director of education at Shakespeare & Company. "I can't believe this is a high school troupe. Their verse speaking was excellent and their sword battles were realistic and frightening. I've never seen witches conceived so; they were amazing," Coleman said. The students learned battle techniques from actress Heather Frenz and Yeara, a certified actor combatant.

Yeara said Dan Aycock and Julie Donnaruma, who play Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, work extremely well together on stage, lending "a real scope to the relationship" of the heinous couple. "The two of them really blow me away," Yeara said.

He also gives kudos to the rest of the cast and crew. "I can't speak highly enough of these kids."

The Crummles troupe has won regional and national awards for acting and overall production. Members of the troupe have won the English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Recitation three years in a row, Yeara said.

Another first this year is that students in several English classes got a sneak preview of the play. "Here's an extra-curric that's tied into the curriculum," said Yeara. "The play sort of exploded into the classroom."

Anne Connolly, who teaches composition, said her students are going to write reviews of the performance, and "You can't write a review unless you know the material." To help the students understand the material, Aycock and Yeara, who writes reviews for *Metroland* magazine, visited the class,

she said.

Terri Goldrich is also excited about the way students in her non-Regents English class reacted to *Macbeth*. "They were intrigued; they got a feel for it," she said. After the students viewed one of the film versions of *Macbeth*, they wrote about one of the play's themes and related it to their own lives, Goldrich said. "They wrote about incredible things, I am so proud of them."

And "Without parent support, there wouldn't be theater here," Yeara added.

Performances begin on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. (Senior citizens are invited to this performance free of charge.) The 7:30 p.m. curtain continues through, Saturday, Dec. 17. A special 2 p.m. matinee will be on Sunday, Dec. 11. Yeara and Company invite members of the audience to eat heartily (and donate whatever they can) at the performances since all the ticket money from last year's production was stolen. Yeara said the troupe had just \$25.33 in its coffers at the beginning of the school year.

Tickets are \$4 for students and \$6 for adults and can be purchased at Ben & Jerry's at Main Square or at the theater.

For information about *Macbeth*, call Yeara at 439-4921.

Choices

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own strengths.

"Ken's executive responsibilities in Bethlehem are a very strong asset in the county executive job, because you're dealing with a lot of budgetary issues."

The fact that Ringler was born and raised in Albany and still has ties there would also be a factor in his favor, Buchan said. "I think we'll be making some type of decision in the next few weeks."

Hoblock, the current county executive, will step down from the office on Dec. 31 to become the next Senator from the state's 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Albany County. Although the Democratic majority in the county Legislature will control the process to appoint his successor for the remaining year left in his term, the minority will also submit a name for consideration.

The person selected by the Republicans this month will also likely be the party's choice to run for the post next November, according to Colonie town GOP chairman Harry D'Agostino.

"Whoever is the choice will get 100 percent support from Colonie. As soon as the appointment (of an interim county executive) is made, we'll be forming committees and starting a 10-month campaign to take the seat back."

Buchan also said that the party's choice would be equipped with "whatever it takes to run a full-fledged campaign."

"It's been heart-warming to see the number of people both inside and outside the political arena who have encouraged me to run," Ringler said. "I'm going through the decision-making process right now and I expect to make a decision before the end of the year."

Ringler, 46, declined to run for a third term as town supervisor in 1993 because of personal and business considerations. Since leaving office, however, he has expressed interest in returning to politics — first as a candidate for the state Assembly and now as a possible candidate for county executive.

The state Assembly seat that he was eyeing never became available because incumbent John Faso (R-Kinderhook) dropped his bid to run for state comptroller when party leaders prevailed on him in May to let Conservative Herb London run instead.

Crummey said he also had not made a decision about running for the \$80,000-a-year job (budgeted 1995 salary), although he added that his top priority was making sure that a qualified Republican succeeded Hoblock.

A Loudonville resident with his own law practice in Albany, Crummey has served three years in the county Legislature. "There's no

question that people stop me on State Street (in Albany) and talk about (the county executive job) all the time," he said, but "I'm not fighting with Ken Ringler or anyone else for the job."

"I've been in the middle of this for several months now, but does that mean I must be the candidate in November 1995? I don't think so."

Hoblock said he's been too busy "closing up one shop and opening another" to get involved in the selection process for his successor. At the same time, he vowed to campaign aggressively for the Republican candidate next fall, whether it's Ringler or Crummey.

"I've talked to both of them, and I know both of them very well. It's important for us to have a strong candidate. We've come a long way in three years and I have a stake in seeing that the momentum we've established continues."

The interim county executive to be named on Jan. 1 will likely be a Democrat since they enjoy a comfortable majority in the county Legislature. Exactly who that will be, however, is anybody's guess.

Former Justice Leonard Weiss, chairman of the Albany County Democratic Committee, said the committee would be meeting within the next 10 days to choose a successor to Hoblock.

Secretary of State Gail Shaffer is one of several candidates being considered, he said, along with Assemblyman Ron Canestrari.

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The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1984, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Bethlehem Public Library celebrated the donation of a Kawai grand piano by Robert and Virginia Birchenough of Slingerlands with a recital. Performing were Findlay Cockrell, Rhonda Ballou, Joyce Chen and William Jones.

- New Eagle Scouts in Bethlehem were Damien Switzer of Glenmont and Andrew LaBarge of Delmar.

- Dr. Robert Alexander of Delmar received the Frank J. Sindelar Award for Outstanding Leadership from the New York state affiliate of the American Heart Association.

- Several local women were elected officers in the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary, including Darlene Duff of Elsmere, president; Donna Welker of Voorheesville, second vice president; Carolyn Day of Delmar, financial secretary; Sheila Mears of North Bethlehem, director; and Rose Shea of Elsmere, director.

- Joseph Thomas retired from the Delmar Post Office after 30 years as a local mail carrier.

- Following a change in state law, the income limit for senior citizen partial property tax exemptions was raised to \$13,500 by local towns and school districts.

Local recovery center nets \$10,000 grant

Bethlehem's Silkworth House has received a \$10,000 grant from the the Community Foundation for the Capital District.

The house is a unique, democratically-run home for women recovering from alcohol and substance abuse. Residents are allowed to have their children live with them at the home.

Rightmyer completes basic Army training

U.S. Army Private Michelle L. Rightmyer, daughter of Noreen and Robert Rightmyer of Glenmont, graduated from basic training Nov. 3 at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Rightmyer is doing her advanced training at Fort Bliss, Texas, where she will be stationed for eight months.

Englisbe studying in France this fall

Ross Englisbe of Slingerlands, a junior at Wofford College, is spending the fall semester in France. He is studying at the Institute d'Etudes Europeennes in Nantes.

Englisbe, son of Wynn and Barbara Englisbe, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.



Charlene Kelly and Scott Griffin

Kelly, Griffin to marry

Charlene Lynn Kelly, daughter of Gerald and Deborah Knight of Delmar, and Scott Robert Griffin, son of Howard and Carole Griffin of Goshen, Orange County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is attending Albany College of Pharmacy and the Union College Graduate Management Institute.

She is employed as a pharmacy intern by CVS Pharmacy in Delmar.

The future groom, also attending Albany College of Pharmacy and the Union College Graduate Management Institute, is employed as a pharmacy intern by CVS Pharmacy in Troy.

The couple plans a May 18, 1996 wedding.



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Deborah and Peter Martin

Pangburn, Martin marry

Deborah K. Pangburn, daughter of Elbert and Sandra Pangburn of Glenmont, and Peter Joseph Martin, son of Stanley and Barbara Martin of Plainville, Conn., were married Oct. 22.

The Rev. Warren Winterhoff, performed the ceremony in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with a reception following at Shaker Ridge Country Club, Colonie.

The maid of honor was Heidi Meyer, and bridesmaids were Beth Kelly and Elizabeth Lamb.

The best man was Raymond Zashut, and ushers were Steve

Doherty and Paul Womelsdorf.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Alfred University. She is employed as a registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit of Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn.

The groom, a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University, is employed as an underwriter by Sorema N.A. Reinsurance Co. in Hartford, Conn.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple lives in Middletown, Conn.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, James Clinton Mudge, to Jeffrey and Deborah Mudge, Delmar, Oct. 20.

Boy, Patrick Joseph Curran IV, to Kathy Ann and Patrick Curran, Slingerlands, Nov. 7.

Girl, Rachelle Khari McDonald, to Sandra McDonald, Selkirk, Nov. 7.

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Emily Ann Faraone, to Janet and Nick Faraone, Voorheesville, Nov. 8.

Samaritan Hospital

Boy, Brian James Bushey, to Debbie and Jim Bushey, Delmar, Nov. 14.

Fuller takes turn reading to children

Bethlehem Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller will be the guest reader at the next meeting of the Hamagrael PTA's Children and Parents Enjoy Reading (CAPER) group.

The meeting is slated for Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Hamagrael school on McGuffey Lane in Delmar.

CAPER, an evening of story-reading by Hamagrael students and parents, is held every month.

For information, call 439-4905.

Andrus to take part in dance showing

Brett Andrus of Delmar, a junior at Alfred University, will take part in the university's Informal Dance Showing.

The showing offers a chance for dancers and choreographers to exhibit their work for the first time.

Andrus is majoring in art and design.

Business club slates Christmas party

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold its Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Steuben Athletic Club in Albany.

The Sound System singers of Bethlehem Central High School will entertain.

For information, contact Helen N. Smith at 439-3916.



Kevin and Loran Kundra

Wasserstrom, Kundra marry

Loran Beth Wasserstrom, daughter of William and Anne Wasserstrom of Delmar, and Kevin Patrick Kundra, son of Peter and Rosalie Kundra of Yardley, Pa., were married Nov. 5.

The Rev. John Kirwin performed the ceremony in St. Mary's Church, Albany, with a reception following at the Desmond Hotel, Colonie.

The matron of honor was Andrea Wyatt, and bridesmaids were Kimberly Kundra, the groom's sister, and Lainie Keslin.

The best man was Kristopher Kundra, the groom's brother, and

ushers were Douglas Wheeler and Josh Gladstone.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is an attorney with the Philadelphia law firm of Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel.

The groom is a graduate of Colgate University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is an attorney with the law firm of Mason, Briody, Gallagher & Taylor, Princeton, N.J.

After a wedding trip to France, the couple lives in Holland, Pa.

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BCHS students present Macbeth

The Vincent J. Crummles Acting Troupe at Bethlehem Central High School presents *Macbeth* Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 8-10 and Dec. 15-17, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m., at the high school, 700 Delaware Ave.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students, and are available at Ben & Jerry's in Main Square and at the theater.

For information, call 439-4921.

Obituaries

Harry H. Sheaffer

Harry H. Sheaffer, 74, of Delmar died Monday, Nov. 28, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, N.C.

He was born in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Sheaffer was the comptroller for the town of Bethlehem from 1961 to 1975. He was town supervisor from 1975 to 1977.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post and the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Hepler Sheaffer; a son, Lee R. Sheaffer of Charlotte; a sister, Delores Breedlove of Chardon, Ohio; and three grandsons.

Services were from the Delmar Presbyterian Church in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Presbyterian Church Memorial Gift Fund.

Carl G. Clark Sr.

Carl G. Clark Sr., 76, of Orlando, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Nov. 28, at his home.

Born in Detroit, he had lived in Delmar and Canaan before moving to Florida.

Mr. Clark was a business administrator for the Delmar Reformed Church and a social worker at Berkshire Farms in Canaan before he retired.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Orange County Reserve Firefighters Association, both in Orlando.

Survivors include his wife, Rosann W. Clark; a daughter, Mary Rebecca Black of Tampa, Fla.; a son, Carl G. Clark Jr. of Mount Dora, Fla.; a sister, Jeanne Dole of Lake Bluff, Ill.; a brother, Clinton R. Clark of Bloomfield Hill, Mich.; and two granddaughters.

Services were from Woodlawn Cemetery in Orlando.

Arrangements were by the Woodland Memorial Park and Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Orange County Reserve Firefighters Association.

Teresa M. Szelest

Teresa M. Szelest, 67, of Delmar died Sunday, Nov. 27, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany.

Mrs. Szelest was a former treasurer of the Polish Community Center. She was a member of the Polish American Club and the auxiliary of the Joseph A. Zaloga American Legion Post.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Szelest; three sons, David Szelest, Bruce Szelest and Glenn Szelest, all of Delmar; a daughter, Regina Frederick of Delmar; and a granddaughter.

Services were from the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home and St. Casimir's Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Gene B. Gould

Gene B. Gould, 55, of Harwich, Mass., and formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Nov. 28, at Cape Cod Hospital.

Born in Lowville, Lewis County, he was a longtime resident of Delmar. He spent the summers in Harwich and moved there permanently three years ago.

Mr. Gould was a government bond broker on Wall Street for 28 years until he retired. He then owned and operated the Harwich Sports Pub.

He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include his former wife, Doris Law Gould of Harwich; two sons, Bruce B. Gould of Boston, and Davis S. Gould of Harwich; a daughter, Christine A. Gould of South Harwich; a brother, Harry P. Gould of Kingwood, Texas; four sisters, Jane Allen of Lyons Falls, Lewis County, Mary G. Markham of Englewood, Fla., Nancy G. Carr of New York City and Heidi M. Schultheis of Somerville, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Doane, Beal & Ames Funeral Home in Harwich.

Contributions may be made to the Nick Gould Memorial Fund to benefit Harwich Athletics, Cape Cod Bank & Trust Co., 536 Main St., Harwich Port, Mass. 02646.

Eleanor Humes

Eleanor Humes, 89, of Dale Street in Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Albany, she moved to Voorheesville many years ago.

Mrs. Humes was a homemaker. She was the widow of Robert S. Humes.

Survivors include a son, Robert D. Humes of Voorheesville, and a sister, Florence Andrews of Gunderland Center.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home and St. Matthew's Church, both in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Nellie Herrick

Nellie E. Herrick, 92, of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in England, she lived in the United States for more than 50 years.

She worked at Sterling Drugs in Rensselaer for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Herrick was the widow of Albert Herrick.

Survivors include a niece and several nephews and her close friend, Barbara Surprenant of Delmar.

A graveside service was at New Scotland Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Riverview Funeral Home in Troy.

Contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels.

Regina Donato

Regina McManus Donato, 74, of Font Grove Road in Slingerlands, died Saturday, Dec. 3, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Brockton, Mass., she lived in Slingerlands for 46 years.

Mrs. Donato worked for the state Department of Taxation and Finance for several years.

She was a communicant of Christ the King Catholic Church in Westmere. She was active with the Literacy Volunteers of Albany for several years.

Survivors include her husband, Louis Donato; two daughters, Rosemary LaMarre of Slingerlands and Diane Haffey of Glenville; four sons, Robert Donato of

Albany, Andrew J. Donato of Reno, Nev., David C. Donato of Delmar and Philip M. Donato of Feura Bush; a sister Rita A. McManus of Slingerlands; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were from Christ the King Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Literacy Volunteers of Albany, 20 Rensselaer St., Albany 12202.

Helen Norton

Helen MacIntosh Norton, 83, of Lee Avenue in Slingerlands, died Friday, Dec. 2, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Rotterdam, she had been a housekeeper in Albany area homes before she retired in 1991.

Mrs. Norton was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in McKownville and its Lutheran Missionary League. She was a former member of the Helderberg Twirlers, the Colonie Elks and Does Square Dance Club and the Latham Circle Squares.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen White of Slingerlands and Marilyn Rafferty of Queensbury; two sons, Robert H. MacIntosh Jr. of Voorheesville and Lawrence I. MacIntosh of Westerlo; a sister, Harriet Dexter of Greeley, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Colonie.

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

Correction

Because of an editorial error, two survivors in Mathilde Honikel's obituary were omitted in last week's edition. Mrs. Honikel is also survived by two daughters, Tina Honikel and Karyn Honikel, both of Slingerlands.

Good Samaritan to host open house

The Good Samaritan Nursing Home at 125 Rockefeller Road in Delmar will host its annual open house and "An Olde Fashioned Christmas" today, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call the nursing home at 439-8116.

SuperValu

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For new SuperValu employee Mary Ann Weidman of Selkirk, her commute will have a "been there, done that" quality about it, since she had worked at the Voorheesville Grand Union before it closed.

"I'm anxious to start work," said Weidman, who will be the produce manager.

Village officials remain positive about the project.

"As we get nearer the opening, we're very excited about it," said Mayor Edward Clark. "I only regret that they couldn't get it open before the holidays."

Clark added that he thinks "Most people in the community will do what they can to support the store."

Break

(From Page 1)

Formica, who purchased the franchise in 1982, said he expects the new design to remain viable well into the 21st century. "It should get me to retirement," he quipped.

Plans are also in the works for a new McDonald's restaurant on Route 9W across from the Glenmont Plaza, Formica said. Tentative plans are for the store to open in mid-1995, although the town planning board still has to consider the company's application and issue the necessary approvals.

V'ville to host community concert

The Voorheesville Community Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave.

A program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music will be performed.

For information, call 765-2895.

Chamber of commerce offers health coverage

Members of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce have the opportunity to enroll in the WellCare Health Plan effective Jan. 1 through the chamber.

WellCare offers benefits that include coverage for office visits, baby and child care, hospitalization, mammography screenings, vision tests and prescription drugs.

Costs are \$499.32 per quarter for single coverage and \$1265.31 per quarter for family coverage. For information, contact Brenda Lee at 446-0200.

Mothers to get advice on picking a preschool

Mother's Time Out, a Christian support group, will meet on Monday, Dec. 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Patti Grady will talk about the process of choosing a preschool.

For information, call the church at 439-9929.

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TREE FOR ALL

Choosing an evergreen

By Tom Murnane

So your family is ready to buy a Christmas tree. The only thing is, no one can agree on which kind to buy — a Fraser fir, a Scotch pine or a blue spruce. So what's the difference, anyway?

Plenty, according to two local Christmas tree sellers from Latham and Delmar.

How long you want to keep the tree inside your home or what kind of tree ornaments you use should help determine the type you purchase, the sellers said. Ultimately, however, both conceded Christmas tree purchasing all boils down to personal preference.

This preference can be shaped by what other folks buy, family traditions passed from one generation to the next, or even by having to settle for what's been left over in the store because you waited until Dec. 23 to buy the tree, they said.

The hot seller these days is the Fraser fir, cousin to the balsam fir and the former top-selling and still-popular Douglas fir, said Ken Sipperly of Sipperly Brothers Landscaping in Latham.

Both trees are known for their sturdy, full branches — particularly the new Fraser strain — which is important if heavy ornaments are to be used.

As to why Frasers have so quickly overtaken the other golden oldies, such as the venerable Scotch pine, the answer is simple, Sipperly said: "Frasers hold their needles the longest of any tree."

Brian Watkins, store manager for the Garden Shoppe in Glenmont, agreed with Sipperly.

"You take your balsams, Frasers, Scotch pines, Douglas firs, they have longer needle retention. If they are freshly cut, they'll last a long time," he said.

Some folks enjoy the aromatic lemon scent the Douglas fir gives off when it is first brought inside a warm house, Sipperly said.

The blue spruce, on the other hand, loses its needles very quickly, both veteran tree sellers conceded.

"They're gorgeous, but not very good at lasting very long," Sipperly said. As an indication of how far from grace both the blue spruce and the Scotch pine —

which was popular until about 10 years ago — have fallen, Sipperly said he sold only five of each last year, while selling more than 700 Douglas firs. Sales of Frasers were even higher, he added.

Except for the Scotch pine, all are short-needled trees, he said. "With Scotch pines, with their longer, thicker needles, you're gonna prick yourself," Watkins said. "Nobody wants Scotch pines or blue spruces anymore."

"And if you want to have a blue spruce, the closer you get to Christmas, the better off you are, Watkins said — something for you procrastinators out there to keep in mind.

Prices can also be the difference between a tree finding a nice warm home or being eligible for the Land of Misfit Toys.

Prices can be influenced by when the tree was cut and how the tree was "sheared," or trimmed, back on the plantation, Sipperly said.

"If the tree is sheared properly every other year, chances are you'll get a nicer, fuller tree instead of a Charlie Brown tree," he said, noting that a properly sheared 6-foot-to-8 foot tree, which might take eight to 10 years to grow, would cost between \$20 and \$40.

Preferences change every few years, which is why demand for balsams waned after five or six years in the 1970s, Sipperly said.

"Most of them are grown in Canada and are cut too soon, and by the time they reach the market, they're not as fresh as some of the other varieties."

As for those of you who are too lazy to go out and find a tree, you can always follow another great American tradition: Buy an artificial one.

ABOVE: The Garden Shoppe's Brian Watkins gets ready to sell another Fraser fir last Saturday.

Doug Persons



Tips for helping make your tree last longer

- Before the tree is brought in, cut one inch off the end of the tree stem to open up the pores. This allows water to be readily sucked up, which helps the tree retain its needles.
- Use warm water the first time the tree is watered.
- Make sure the base is large enough to hold enough water.
- To help keep the pores open, toss in about six aspirin — yes, aspirin — tablets each time you water the tree.

Christmas tree safety tips

- Don't hang candles on Christmas trees. Believe it or not, some people still do it.
- Use smaller lights rather than big lights, which create less heat. "If the tree is on the dry side, and you're using larger, hotter lights, these are the ingredients that could lead to a fire," the Garden Shoppe's Brian Watkins said.
- If you are leaving your house unattended, **UNPLUG THE LIGHTS!**

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

'Tis the season for *The Nutcracker*; two companies schedule performances

The Albany Berkshire Ballet company and the Northeast Ballet Company have scheduled performances of *The Nutcracker*, the traditional ballet presentation at Christmas. Both appear on the weekend of December 17 and 18.

At the Palace Theater, the Albany Berkshire Ballet company will feature Samuel Abramian who trained and performed with Russia's famed Bolshoi Ballet company. He came to Canada in 1989 to perform in that country and the United States. He is paired with Paula Weber who is the company's principal dancer and has worked in a number of Midwestern ballet companies.



Martin P. Kelly

Again this year, the company will include local child dancers along with the professionals who have been recruited from Las Vegas, Kansas, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Chicago.

The large company is choreographed by artistic director Madeline Cantarella Culp who has been staging this particular ballet for more than a decade. Some new set pieces have been prepared for this year's production by Robert Boland, the company's set designer.

Performances will be given at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 17 and at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 18. Tickets and information available at 465-0681.

Two members of the New York City Ballet will dance the leading roles in the production of *The Nutcracker* at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady when the Northeast Ballet Company presents the well-known ballet.

Krya Nichols and Philip Neal will be the leads in the two acts and four scenes of *The Nutcracker* and will be supported by 100 professional dancers and area children.

Nichols became principal dancer in the New York City Ballet in 1979 while Neal achieved that status in 1992.

The two dancers will perform the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her cavalier.

This production is choreographed by Darlene Myers. Tickets and information available at 346-6204.

Alice in Wonderland opens in Saratoga December 16

The annual holiday production of Home Made Theater this year will be Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice in Wonderland*. Performances will be given for two weekends.

Michael Burns who adapted the story for the stage is also directing this production which will be performed in the Spa Little Theater in the Saratoga Spa State Park.

Performances will be given December 16, 21, 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. and on December 17 and 18 at 3 p.m.

Information and tickets available at 587-4427.

Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize play continues at Schenectady playhouse

Tonight, Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers* opens for its second and concluding week at the Schenectady Civic Players' Church Street playhouse.

The recipient of Simon's first and only Pulitzer Prize award, *Lost in Yonkers* is semi-autobiographical dealing with two youngsters left with their grandmother while the father seeks a job down south. The boys are cared for by a 35-year old childlike woman who has never left home.

A play in which Simon manages to evoke laughs and tears at the same moment, *Lost in Yonkers* has been staged by Carol Jones for the Schenectady production.

Andrew Bryce and Zachary Hutchins play the two youngsters while Christine Henry-Sendra performs the 35-year old woman. Jean Kestenbaum portrays the stern grandmother who brings fear into the hearts of the young boys but whose love for them is apparent.

The set has been designed and built by John Mountford with Barbara Mountford doing set decor. Lighting is by Richard Jones.

Performances will be tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets and information available at 382-2081.

Around Theaters!

Inspecting Carol, new Christmas comedy at Capital Rep through December 18. (462-4534) ... *A Tale of Cinderella*, new musical fairy tale through December 21 at Schacht Hall, Russell Sage College, Troy (274-3256) ... *A Little Night Music*, Sondheim musical through Sunday at the Schenectady Light Opera House (377-5101).

THEATER

"INSPECTING CAROL"

by Daniel Sullivan, Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 18, \$16 to \$23. Information, 462-4531.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

starring John Astin, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, through Dec. 11, \$22.50 to \$32.50. Information, 1-800-848-4874.

"THE THREEPENNY OPERA"

by Bertolt Brecht, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, through Dec. 10, \$8, \$6 senior citizens and students. Information, 442-3995.

"A TALE OF CINDERELLA"

New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 21, \$15 adults, \$13 senior citizens and students, \$8 children. Information, 274-3200.

"A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC"

Schenectady Light Opera Company, Opera House, 826 State St., through Dec. 11, \$15, \$7.50 children. Information, 377-5101.

"THE HOBBIT"

Masque Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Dec. 9 to 19, 2 and 8 p.m., \$7.50, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 270-7170.

"THE SHEPHERD'S PLAY FROM OBERUFER"

Spring Hill Waldorf School production, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m. Spring Hill Waldorf School, 122 Regent St., Saratoga Springs, Sunday, Dec. 18, 4 p.m., \$4. Information, 584-7643.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., \$20.50, \$10.50 children. Information, 346-6204.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER

lute and guitar player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, Dec. 10, 17 and 31, 7 and 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

ALBANY PRO MUSICA

St. Patrick Church, 519 9th St., Watervliet, Sunday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, Lark Street, Albany, Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 816 Union St., Schenectady, Sunday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m., \$12 and \$10. Information, 356-9155.

HOLIDAY MUSIC POTPOURRI

featuring area school bands and choirs, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Dec. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

MELODIES OF CHRISTMAS

holiday music performed by the Empire State Youth Orchestra and Youth Chorale, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 9 and 10, 7 p.m., and Dec. 11, 3 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

CAPITOL CHAMBER ARTISTS

Doane Stuart Chapel, South Pearl Street, Albany, Saturday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., \$15, \$8 students. Information, 458-9231.

CAPITOL HILL CHORAL SOCIETY

to perform Handel's "Messiah," Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second Streets, Troy, Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$15 and \$13. Information, 273-0038.

"A CHRISTMAS SALUTE"

performances by Capitaland Chorus/Sweet Adelines International, Yankee Doodle Band, and the Uncle Sam Chorus, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Sunday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., \$6. Information, 237-4384.

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

CONCERT
First Presbyterian Church, Willett Street, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 11, 10:15 to 11:40 a.m. Information, 449-7332.

MATTHEW HERSKOWITZ

classical pianist, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Tuesday, Dec. 13, noon. Information, 273-0038.

CRYSTAL GAYLE AND EDDIE RABBIT

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m., \$25.50 to \$36.50. Information, 346-6204.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR

to perform Saint-Saens' "Christmas Oratorio," Westminster Presbyterian Church, 262 State St., Albany, Sunday, Dec. 11, 10:15 a.m. Information, 436-8544.

JOHN KIRK & TRISH MILLER

folksingers, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 434-1703.

ST. CECILIA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Monday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Information, 437-9880.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

University-Community Symphonic Band and University Percussion Ensemble, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Monday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m.

REGGIE'S RED HOT FEET WARMERS

reggae band, Barnes & Noble, 20 Wolf Road, Colonie, Sunday, Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m. Information, 459-8183.

KENNETH KROTH

organ recital, The Cathedral of All Saints, South Swan Street, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 11, 4:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 436-0543.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

featuring musical groups of The College of Saint Rose, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Madison Avenue, Albany, Sunday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., \$7, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 454-5231.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

holiday concert, Genet School, Route 4, East Greenbush, Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$6, \$4 senior citizens and children. Information, 392-1792.

MENDELSSOHN CLUB

yuletide concert, Hart Theater, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Friday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 359-8863.

UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

public concert, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Sunday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

DANCE

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holiday story told through original dance, music, and theatre, eba Dance Theatre, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Dec. 8, 9 and 16, 10:30 a.m., and Dec. 10, 2 p.m., Empire Center at the Egg, Dec. 15, 10 a.m., \$7, \$5 children. Information, 465-9916.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITION

for staged reading of "Mary of Scotland" by Maxwell Anderson, WAMC studios, 318 Central Ave., Albany, Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 489-2086.

AUDITION

for role of Miss Forsythe in Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3 to 5 p.m. Information, 274-3485.

AUDITIONS

for Schenectady Light Opera production of "Nunsense," Opera House, 826 State St., Schenectady, Wednesday, Dec. 14 and Friday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. Information, 381-4530.

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SCHENECTADY PLANETARIUM

"A Star for Santa's Tree," 1:30 p.m., "Winter Constellation Show," 2:30 p.m., and "A Star of Wonder," 3:30 p.m., Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, through Dec. 31. Information, 382-7890.

HOLIDAY SALE

Iroquois Museum, Caverns Road, Howes Cave, through Dec. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 296-8949.

Weekly Crossword

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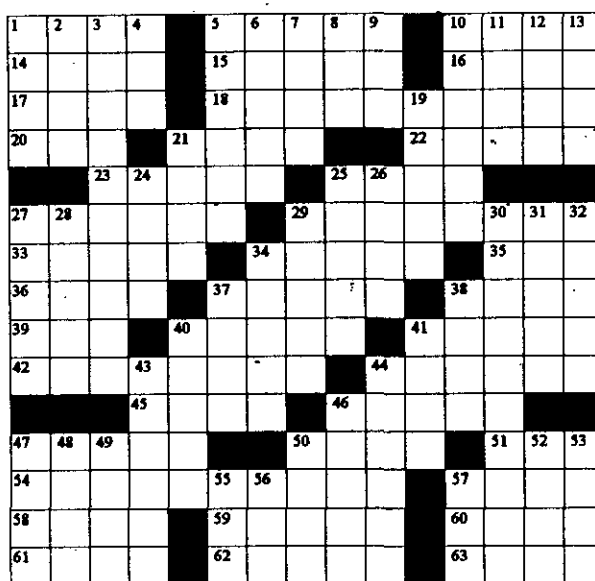
By Gerry Frey

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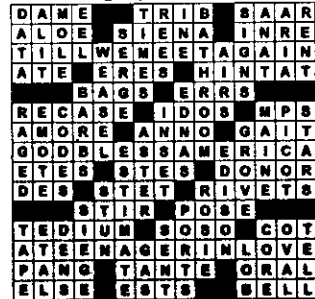
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focusing on questions adults have about returning to college, Sage Evening College, Sage Albany Campus Center, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

CASTA

meeting of the Capital Area Ski Touring Association, a cross-country ski club, German-American Club, Cherry Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-2275.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

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

FARMERS' MARKET

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

SENIORS LUNCHE

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

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB

Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Road, Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

INFORMATION SESSION

for prospective adult students, The College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 454-5143.

"JOY, HUMOR, AND LAUGHTER"

holiday program for senior citizens, Nelson House, 5 Samaritan Road, Albany, 2:15 p.m. Information, 436-4018.

"BREAST CANCER AND RECONSTRUCTION"

seminar by Dr. Debbie Kennedy, The Child's Hospital, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 to 8 p.m. Information, 487-7377.

ENTITLEMENT ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

"Ways to Safely Manage Your Elderly Clients' Money," Corning Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Information, 433-9011.

LYMPHEDEMA SUPPORT GROUP

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

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

mildly affected support group, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 427-0421.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

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

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.

INFORMATION SESSION

on Empire State College, Hudson Valley Community College, 80 Vandenberg Ave., Troy, 4 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

SCHEENECTADY COUNTY
WRITING WORKSHOP

for advanced fiction writers, room 210, Proctor's Arcade, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 381-8927.

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.

INFORMATION SESSION

on Empire State College, Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Ave., Schenectady, 5 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER**
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ALBANY COUNTY
FARMERS' MARKET

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

INFORMATION SESSION

on graduate program of the Empire State College of the State University of New York, Northeast Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 587-2100.

CONSULTING ALLIANCE

monthly luncheon meeting, Stanley Landgraf to speak on "The Capital Region as Seen from the Standpoint of the Center for Economic Growth and the Tech Council," Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany, noon to 2 p.m. Cost, \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Information, 446-1817.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Capital District chapter, board room of St. Peter's Hospital, South Manning Boulevard, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-2436.

THE QUEST

a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

FARMERS' MARKET

Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Gynecologist Dr. Margaret Craven to give "An Update on Hormone Replacement Therapy," Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, noon to 1 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

HISTORY LECTURE

history professor Darlene Clark Hine of Michigan State University to speak on "Culture, Consciousness and Community: The Making of an African-American Women's History," College of Saint Rose Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5157.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

service for family and friends of those who have died at St. Peter's Hospital in the past three months, St. Peter's Hospital, South Manning Boulevard, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1602.

FARMERS' MARKET (June 23 to Nov. 17)

Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 7**
BETHLEHEM

"OLDE FASHION CHRISTMAS"
and open house, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 125 Rockefeller Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

HOLIDAY MIXER
annual Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce mixer, Normansgate, 46 Yorkshire Lane, 5 to 7 p.m. Information, 439-0512.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
of the Bethlehem Business Women's Club, Sound System of Bethlehem Central High School will perform, Steuben Place, Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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

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

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

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 8**
BETHLEHEM

SHEILA FULLER
Bethlehem supervisor to read at CAPER evening of stories, Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4905.

INFORMATIONAL BREAKFAST
sponsored by BCCO, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 8 a.m. Information, 475-0236.

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

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

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY
firehouse, Adams Place, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., child care available for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

WRITERS GROUP
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 9**
BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

ARTIST RECEPTION
for Carol Schlageter, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10**
BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

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

BIRD FEEDING PROGRAM
Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Road, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

WRITING WORKSHOP
focus on lifestyles, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Mountainview Road, Voorheesville, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 765-2451.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 11**
BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m., \$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR
highlighting decorated houses in Coeymans, Ravena, Selkirk and South Bethlehem, 1 to 6 p.m., \$8, \$7 in advance.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP
for people caring for frail or elderly relatives, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 3 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:50 a.m., nursery provided, 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, 9:30 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.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 COMMUNITY CHURCH
worship service and Sunday school, 10:30 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.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

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

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

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.

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
worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
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.

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
worship services, 8:30 and 10 a.m., church school and nursery care, 10 a.m., children's choir, 11:15 a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

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

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 12**
BETHLEHEM

ST. CECILIA ORCHESTRA
to perform at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 437-9880.

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.

SUNSHINE SENIORS
covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W. Information, 439-7179.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN BOARD
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

VOORHEESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD
large group instruction room, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Route 85A. Information, 765-3313.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 13**
BETHLEHEM

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

DELMAR ROTARY
Days Inn, Route 9W. Information, 482-8824.

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

NEW SCOTLAND

PLANNING BOARD
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

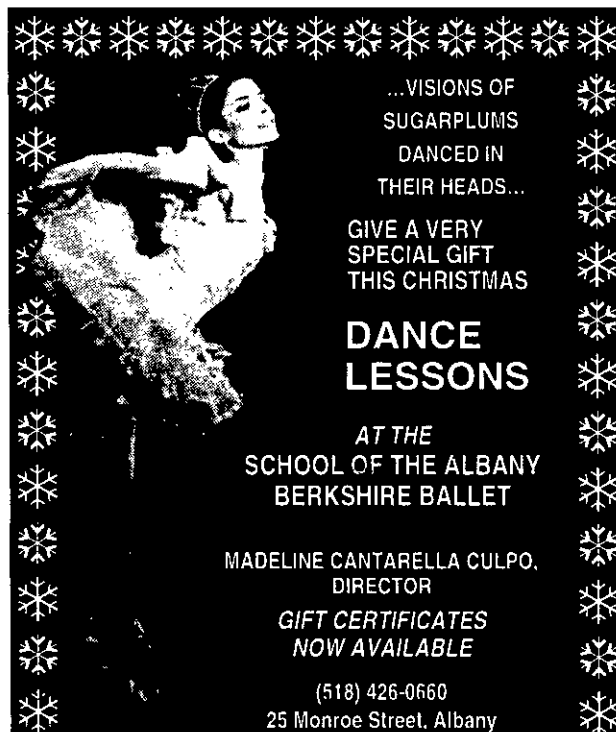
**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 14**
BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 5:30 to 11:45 p.m. Information, 459-9048.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.



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Information, 785-9640.

RED MEN
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere,
7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

SECOND MILERS LUNCHEON MEETING
First United Methodist Church,
428 Kenwood Ave., noon.
Information, 439-6003.

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

ZONING LAW REVISION COMMITTEE
town hall, 7 p.m. Information,
765-4072.

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

4-H TEEN COUNCIL
Cornell Cooperative Extension,
Rice Extension Center, Martin
Road, 7:30 p.m. Information,
765-3500.

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.

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

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 15

BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School,
700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.,
\$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Route 144 and Clapper Road,
Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 767-3052.

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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.

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.

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to
11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.,
child care available for morning
session, 201 Elm Ave.
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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bible study, 10 a.m., children's
choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir,
7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave.
Information, 439-4328.

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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 DECEMBER 16

BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School,
700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.,
\$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

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breastfeeding support group to
discuss "Nutrition and Weaning,"
7:30 p.m. Call 439-5254 for
meeting location and
information.

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17

BETHLEHEM

"MACBETH"
Bethlehem Central High School,
700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.,
\$6, \$4 students. Information, 439-4921.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,
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archaeology lab, Route 32
South. Information, 439-6391.

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on natural holiday decorations,
Five Rivers Center, Game Farm
Road, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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Sunday school and worship
service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill
Road. Information, 438-7740.

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Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.,
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worship service, 11 a.m.,
followed by coffee hour,
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Information, 767-9953.

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worship service, church school,
nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship
and coffee, 11 a.m., adult
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service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery
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Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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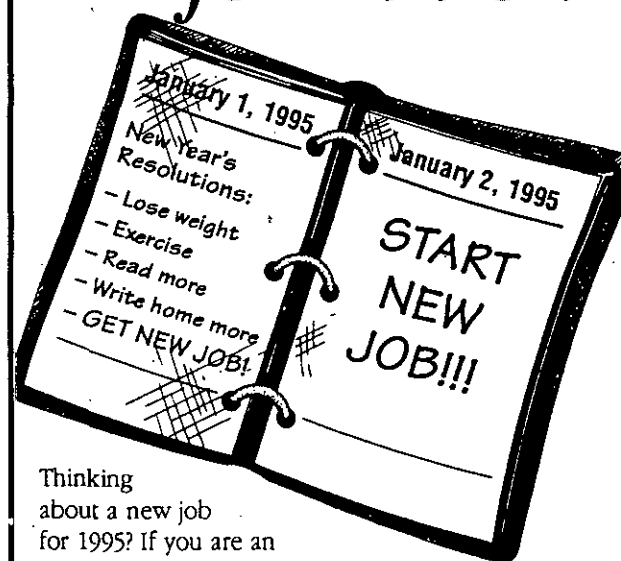
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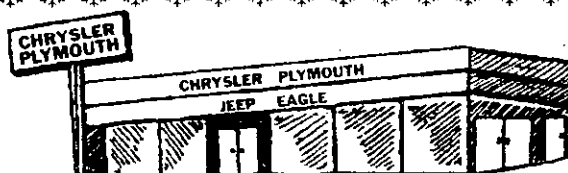
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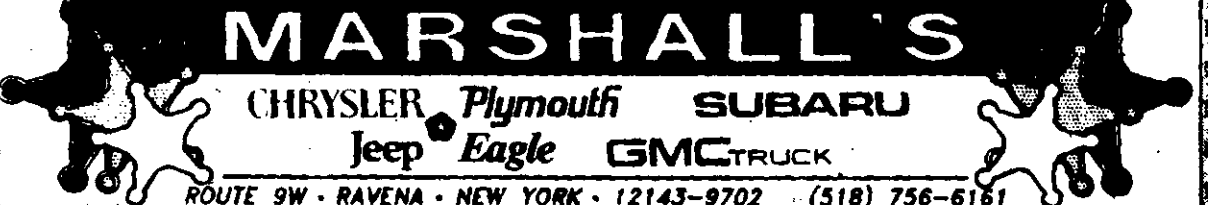
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