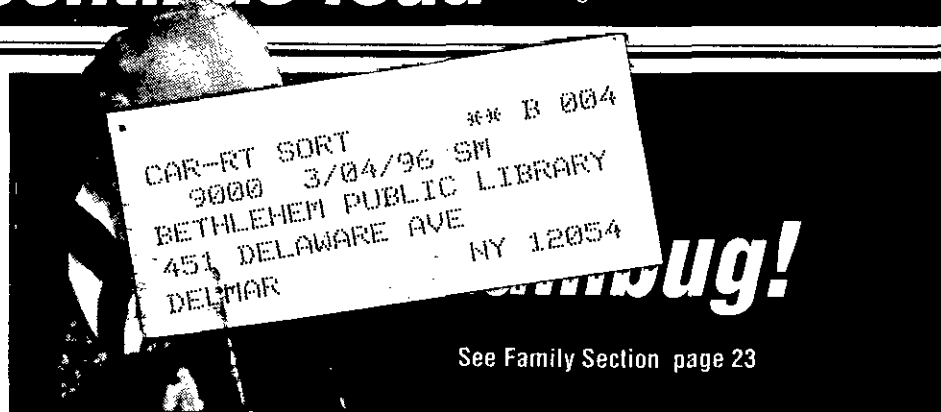


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What goes 'round comes 'round for Dems

By Dev Tobin

At the New Scotland Democratic party caucus in July, John Egan praised party Chairman Michael Burns before Egan nominated Clare Decker to replace Supervisor Herb Reilly at the top of the Democratic ticket.

"It's time we in the Democratic Party recognize the outstanding job our chairman has done," said Egan, transportation commissioner under former Gov. Mario Cuomo. "The record stands for itself — 100 percent of the town board is Democratic."

Last Tuesday's election results changed that, as only 40 percent (two out of five) of the town board will be Democrats as of Jan. 1.

Following Burns' lead, a solid majority of Democrats at the caucus supported Decker over Reilly, dumping the longest-tenured Democrat on the town board (18 years) for a councilwoman who had been appointed to fill her late husband's seat six weeks earlier.

Decker finished a poor third to

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Residents slam VTA demands

Board urged to stand fast on spending

By Katherine McCarthy

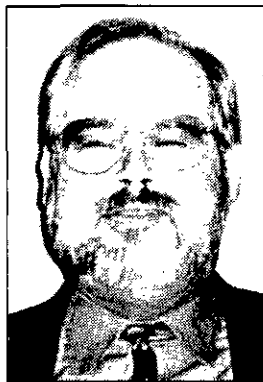
Monday's school board meeting in Voorheesville was a lesson in economics, labor negotiations, tax bases, statistics and local politics for a large and vocal audience.

Teachers in Voorheesville are working their third school year without a contract, and neither the school board nor the teachers are hopeful that negotiations will resolve the impasse.

Following a rancorous discussion about college recommendations from teachers (see accompanying article), Jack McKenna, father of four Voorheesville graduates and one still in school, explained the basic points of labor negotiations, pointing out that in this case, "Everybody's wrong and nobody's right. People on both sides are using the students. If this were a labor negotiating class, neither the board nor the teachers would get a passing grade."

His final suggestion that both sides "lock yourselves into a hotel room and not come out until you reach an agreement" drew a long round of applause.

Nick Faraone of the of the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association supported the board's position, urging them to not compromise on what they know to be fair.



Cole



Coffin

In times of layoffs and wage increases between 2 and 3 percent, Faraone called the VTA's proposed increase of 5.9 percent annually "unrealistic."

He pointed out that even without a contract, teachers are still getting pay increases, and reminded them that 70 percent of teachers' salaries are funded by local property taxpayers.

He urged the teachers to "pursue your lofty disputes elsewhere and make room

V'ville teachers will write college recommendations

By Katherine McCarthy

Teachers at Clayton A. Bouton High School are writing college recommendations for seniors, and will continue to do so, despite working without a contract for more than two years.

The emotionally charged issue opened a long and sometimes rancorous portion of the public comment segment of Monday's school board meeting.

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for teachers who would like to teach here."

Parent David Gibson echoed this sentiment, pointing out that as a working professional, he had never had a contract. He told the board, "You should work hard at this, but you are better off with no contract

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Holding the line key to win

Kansas: Raw deal on ballot line

By Mel Hyman

Democratic County Legislator George Kansas believes he got a raw deal from the Albany County Independence Party.

Kansas believes the same Independence Party line that helped deny Democrat Theresa Barrowman a seat on the Bethlehem town board also helped his Republican opponent David Young win last week's election for a seat in the county legislature from the 34th district.



Kansas

What irks Kansas is that he was assured by Independence Party Chairman Larry Rosenbaum that the party would endorse him in his re-election effort. And later on, he claimed, the rug was pulled out from beneath him.

"I asked them for their endorsement," Kansas said, "and they gave me every indication that it would be forthcoming."

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Independence leader liked GOP stand

By Mel Hyman

The Democrats' handling of the water situation in Bethlehem was a major reason the county Independence Party decided to support the entire Republican slate in Bethlehem this year.



Rosenbaum

The endorsements affected several close races in town, all of which went to the Republicans — most notably the county legislative seat held by Democrat George Kansas.

County Independence Party chairman Larry Rosenbaum readily admits that his fledgling organization had its most profound effect on the supervisor's race in New Scotland (won handily by incumbent Herb Reilly running primarily on the Independence Party line) and the supervisor, townboard and county legislative contests in Bethlehem.

While Independence Party leaders were

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Sara Richardson, left, a junior at the Lab School, and Emily McGrath, a senior, explain benefits of the program to visitors at a recent open house. Doug Persons

Parents, teachers, students sing Bethlehem Lab School praises

By Susan Graves

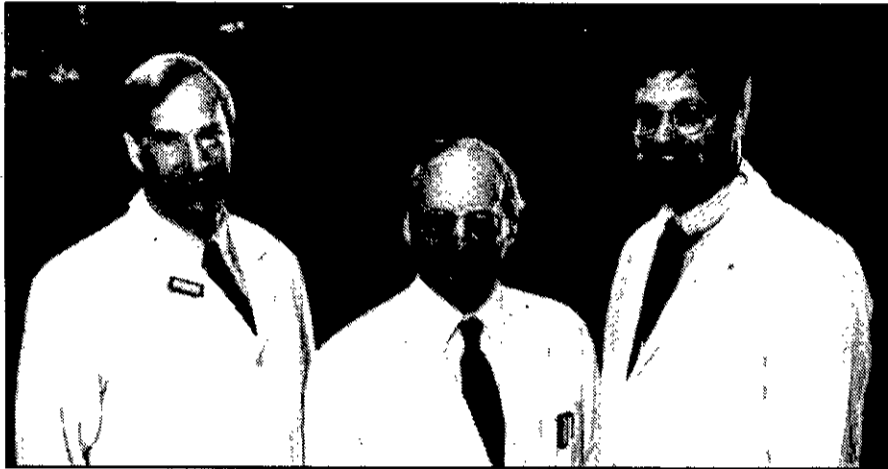
Next June, the first Bethlehem Central High School class to have gone through all three years of the Lab School will graduate, and at least two of the parents couldn't be happier about the experience.

Nancy Martin and Lorraine Lang are fervent about the benefits of the Lab School, where hands-on learning, independent thinking and teamwork are fostered.

Martin said the traditional program "was not working" for her son, and the family decided "look for an alternative," which they found in the Lab School.

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North Road contamination wanes

Residents, town still want water service extended

By Dev Tobin

There has been a "considerable amount of dilution" of an underground gasoline spill in the North Road area outside Clarksville, according to engineering consultants who made public a four-inch-thick report last week.

At a meeting of the New Scotland water advisory committee, John Roberts of Environmental Products and Services said that his firm's report had found "a general downward trend" over the past four months in groundwater levels of methyl tert butyl ether and acetone, chemical constituents of gasoline.

For example, the level of MTBE in the well shared by Joyce Domermuth and John Kimmey (who first detected the pollution in late May) peaked at 15,000 parts per billion (ppb) on June 13, and had fallen to 2,600 ppb by Sept. 27.

And at the William O'Rourke well on Upper Flat Rock Road, MTBE levels were measured at 8,100 ppb on June 13, and 1,100 on Sept. 27. The state standard for the maximum concentration of MTBE in drinking water is 50 ppb.

The report said that, even with carbon filtration systems installed by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, MTBE was detected in Kimmey's well at

20 ppb on June 26, but that the "break-through" was not detected in several July and August samplings, then was recorded at 4 ppb on Sept. 27.

The report also establishes that the underground plume of pollution has spread northward about 1,000 feet from the Kleen Resources/Domermuth property, which the report confirms is the source of the contamination.

Roberts said that while the plume is not shrinking, neither is it expanding.

Residents of the affected area want the state and the "responsible parties" (Kleen Resources and/or the former Domermuth Environmental Services) to fund an extension of the Clarksville Water District up North Road as a permanent solution to the groundwater pollution problem.

The state has pledged \$200,000 from its Oil Spill Fund for the extension, which town consulting engineers have estimated will cost about \$500,000.

Given that the Clarksville district has an *ad valorem* charge of \$4.45 per thousand of assessed value to pay off construction bonds, the extension would be fiscally impossible if the residents charged for its construction costs.

At the meeting, Dean Sommer,

an attorney retained by the town, pressed Roberts and state officials as to whether the spill was recent or related to a spill that occurred in the late-1980s.

"If this came from an unreported spill at Kleen Resources, it opens up another legal opportunity for the residents" to recover damages that could fund the water district, Sommer said.

Roberts said that his firm's research found "nothing conclusive" about when the contamination occurred.

Based on the report and future sampling, the state Department of Health will recommend that bottled water no longer be supplied to homes where the untreated well water meets drinking water standards, and might also discontinue supplying bottled water to homes where the carbon filters "are efficiently removing contamination," according to a fact sheet given to residents.

"It's not anything we're rushing into; it's something we're looking into," said Claudine Rafferty of the health department.

The plan to reduce bottled water service "sounds rational, but we hope you provide people with answers to the uncertainties" about whether their well water is safe to drink, Sommer said.

Reed questions Breslin's budget numbers

By Mel Hyman

Reports that the 8.5 percent tax cut proposed last month by Democratic County Executive Michael Breslin may go up in smoke have County Legislator Robin Reed blowing off some steam of her own.

The Selkirk Republican lashed out at Breslin, who won a landslide victory last week in his bid for a full, four-year term, charging that he understated expenditures in his 1996 budget because he was hell-bent on offering a tax decrease in an election year.

"This is pitiful. Ken Ringler's prediction of a December surprise was right on the mark," Reed said. "There have been rumors among Democratic legislators that Breslin and his office didn't clear their budget with certain department heads before it was submitted."

Ringler, who made an unsuccessful run for county executive on the Republican line, scoffed at Breslin's announcement of an 8.5 percent tax cut during the campaign, calling it an election-year ploy.

Breslin frequently highlighted the tax decrease in his campaign advertising and literature.

I don't care what Robin Reed says. She had no comment during the budget hearings this summer, and ... she wasn't at the (budget) hearings last week.

Michael Breslin

"They (Breslin's budget advisers) were almost in a state of panic to get (the tax decrease) to 8.5 percent," Reed said. "This is another example of Mr. Breslin and his back room boys deceiving the public and betraying their trust."

Reports that Breslin's budget might undergo significant changes surfaced last week during legislative budget hearings.

"I'm shocked," Breslin responded. "It sounds like she's advocating for more expenditures, and less of a tax cut. I don't care what Robin Reed says. She had no comment during the budget hearings this summer and from what I recollect, she wasn't at the (legislative budget) hearings last week."

Department heads from the

departments of public works, probation and mental health requested additional spending totaling nearly \$1 million during the budget hearings last week before the county Audit and Finance Committee.

Legislature Chairman Charles Houghtaling, D-New Scotland, said Reed's criticism was premature since additional budget hearings are scheduled, and "There is always dickering back and forth" during the budgetary process.

Reed's interpretation of events is "her choice. After all, she is part of the opposition.

"I'm positive some adjustments will be made," Houghtaling said, "but this is an old story." The final 1996 budget passed by the county legislature would be "very close" to the one submitted by Breslin, he predicted.

That's wishful thinking, according to Reed. "I see the (Democratic-controlled) Legislature putting a lot of money back in the budget; the county executive will veto it; and the Democrats will override his veto. That way everybody comes out looking squeaky clean. But in the end, they will have to answer to the voters."

Breslin said if county legislators try to add expenditures to his budget, "They'd better identify other areas of savings. I resent (Reed's) remarks, coming from someone who hasn't participated up to now."

While Breslin won the executive's race handily, Republicans picked up three seats in the Legislature, cutting the Democrats' majority to 22-17.

BC sets info sessions on \$14.8M bond issue

The Bethlehem Central School District will provide residents with information on the proposed \$14.8 million bond issue, set for a vote Dec. 13, in several ways, including:

- The November issue of *Highlights*, the district newsletter (which was mailed to residents on Nov. 13)

- A series of the public information sessions hosted by the district (see schedule below)

- District representative are available to visit local organizations to present bond issue information (call Superintendent Leslie Loomis at 439-7098 for an appointment)

- Loomis, Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent for instruction (439-3102) and Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business (439-7481) are available, their schedules permitting, to answer questions over the phone.

Public information sessions are slated on: Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the district offices, 90 Adams Place; Monday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at Elsmere Elementary School, 247 on Delaware Ave.; Monday, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Slingerlands Elementary School, 25 Union Ave.; Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Clarksville Elementary School, Olive Street; Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane; Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the district offices; Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave. and at Glenmont Elementary School, Route 9W; and Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave.

The bond issue will also be discussed at the Wednesday, Dec. 6, school board meeting at 8 p.m. at the district offices.

Reilly, Ramundo spar over insurance ethics

By Dev Tobin

Meeting less than a week after voters returned Supervisor Herb Reilly to office as an independent, the New Scotland town board unanimously approved the \$3.4 million budget Reilly had proposed without debate.

But the political rift between Reilly and Councilwoman Victoria Ramundo, a leader of the movement to deliver the Democratic supervisor nomination to Councilwoman Clare Decker instead of Reilly, continued.

Ramundo and Decker questioned whether Reilly had sought a formal opinion in writing from the state comptroller's office regarding the propriety of his relationship with the Ten Eyck Group insurance agency that handles the town's business.

Reilly has a small book of insurance business which has been serviced through Ten Eyck for more than 10 years. Ten Eyck has been the town's insurance agent for all of that time, and Reilly maintains that he has been advised that the relationship is not a conflict of interest by auditors from the state comptroller's office.

Based on an independent legal analysis secured by Ramundo, Decker had charged during the campaign that Reilly's relationship with Ten Eyck was a conflict of interest, and that he had not made a proper disclosure of it.

Monday Reilly said that a state auditor had read a memo to him in August that stated there was no conflict. Reilly said he had requested a copy of that memo, rather than a formal opinion.

Ramundo said that she will send

a letter this week asking the comptroller for a formal opinion on the matter.

Ramundo also refused to sign several bills, and voted against a transfer of funds, normally routine matters taken care of at the end of board meetings.

In other business, the board approved raising the sales tax revenue estimate by \$40,000, then spending those funds on legal and engineering work related to the North Road gasoline spill and on increased solid waste fees.

Reilly noted that sales tax revenue for the first three quarters was already up \$39,000.

In another matter, Reilly reported that the second well for the Northeast Water District was scheduled to be drilled this week, and that the district's application was being reviewed by the state comptroller's office.

The board also approved 1996 budgets for the Voorheesville Ambulance (\$43,221.50), the New Salem Fire Department (\$123,000), the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department (\$102,500), and the Onesquethaw Volunteer Ambulance (\$36,300).

And the board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Doreen Moak, who has worked as a clerk for the assessor and the building department for 15 years.

Reilly said that Moak has asked that her unused sick days be applied to Moak's payments for family health insurance.

Reilly noted that state retirement system rules apparently do not allow such a reimbursement for unused sick days.

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Board OKs budget

The Bethlehem town board last week approved Supervisor Sheila Fuller's 1996 budget with only a slight change from the spending plan first unveiled in late September.

Overall spending in 1996 will total \$20.8 million — down from \$20.9 million this year — and the property tax levy will decrease an average of 2.7 percent.

That means homeowners with property assessed at the town average of \$130,000 would pay \$387.48 in town taxes next year compared with \$398.30 in 1995.

The only budgetary adjustment worthy of note, according to town Comptroller Judith Kehoe, is the appropriation of an additional \$10,000 in the police department line item for vehicles. That expenditure will not affect the tax levy, however.

Non-unionized town employees will receive a 3 percent raise in 1996. The union representing the police department has not yet settled with the town.

Leaders of the union representing police dispatchers did reach a tentative contract agreement with the town last week for the same 3 percent increase given regular town employees.

Bethlehem residents will also see a slight reduction in their water and sewer taxes next year. The general water district tax rate will increase 4 percent to \$.70 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Water rates for residential users will remain at \$1.07 per thousand gallons, while industrial users will see an increase to \$1.25 per thousand gallons in 1996.

Sewer taxes will fall from \$.46 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in 1995 to \$.45 next year.

Thieves nab cash, register

At about 4:20 a.m. on Nov. 6, the attendant on duty at the Big M Truckstop in Glenmont left his work station to pump some gas.

When he returned some three minutes later he discovered his cash register missing. Inside of the register was more than \$2,000 in cash plus several hundred in checks. The attendant told police he had counted his drawer only a half hour before.

The attendant told police he had been conversing with a man who had been hanging around the

truckstop since 11 p.m. Sunday night and that the person had probably seen him count out the cash in the register.

The onlooker was accompanied by two friends, the attendant said.

When police arrived, they noticed that the electrical cord to the cash register had been cut and that some phone lines had been slashed as well.

"Apparently, someone took the register right out of the building without anyone noticing," said Sgt. Joseph Sleurs.

HEAR support group to meet at library

HEAR (Hearing Endeavor for the Albany Region) will meet today, Nov. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Edith Waltzman, the group's president, will discuss the various problems hearing-impaired people face in communicating. Marilyn Frantsov, an audiologist, will answer any technical questions.

HEAR is an advocacy and support organization for people with hearing loss.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Breast cancer group to meet in Delmar

The Capital District Breast Cancer Coalition will meet on Monday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

The group serves as an advocate on policy matters related to breast cancer, including environmental, insurance and research issues.

For information, call Cay McEneny at 439-5359.

DAR slates lecture on Susan B. Anthony

The Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet today, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Shirley Carman, national chairwoman of the DAR Conservation Committee, will speak on "Susan B. Anthony, Woman of the Year."

La Leche League to discuss feeding

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

For information and meeting location, call 439-5254 or 475-0240.

Burkhard claims Dems provided zero support

By Mel Hyman

It was a low-key campaign this year for Democrat Bill Burkhard, who lost by almost 500 votes to Republican incumbent James Ross in the county's 34th Legislative District.

So low-key, in fact, that there were no Burkhard lawn signs around Delmar or Elsmere and no

We told him he could have some money, but he never followed up. He never pursued it. It's that plain and simple.

Matt Clyne

advertising in the local paper. — more or less necessities when running for office.

Burkhard said he hadn't planned on this scenario, and it just worked out that way because no campaign funds were provided by the town Democratic committee.

When he accepted the nomination to run against Ross back in May, Burkhard said "certain indications were made (regarding party funding) that never materialized."

Burkhard said when it became apparent early this fall that town Democratic chairman Matt Clyne had a different set of priorities and nothing would be spent to upset Ross, he balked at paying the freight himself.

He said he dipped into his own pocket last year to pay for mailings and literature for his town board run when funds that were supposed to be forthcoming from the town Democratic Committee never arrived.

Burkhard said that's why he

tried to make sure there was some stated support this time around.

Even without a campaign to speak of, Burkhard did manage to attract 1505 votes compared to the 1988 votes tallied by Ross, a former minority leader in the Legislature.

Ross, 61, was returned for another term in the Legislature, where he has served for the past 12 years.

Clyne acknowledged that Burkhard had to "dig into his own pocket" during his 1994 campaign for town board, but said, "unfortunately, nothing could be done about it.

"Last year, we (the town Democratic Committee) just didn't have the resources," Clyne said. "We didn't raise that much money."

But "as far as this year," Clyne said, "We told him he could have some money, but he never followed up. He never pursued it. It's that plain and simple.

"We told him we'd pay for his signs and his literature, but he never came to us with what he needed," Clyne said. "It's unfortunate, because I thought he could have won that race."

Burkhard estimated it takes \$3,500 to \$5,000 to run effectively for local office. His actual expenses this year came to zero.

A former chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee, Burkhard led the party when former Councilman Bob Burns became the first Democrat this century to win a board seat.

"The way things turned out in town," Burkhard said, "it's entirely too much of the same. We made no inroads at all.

"Without electing someone to one of the top offices such as supervisor or town board," Burkhard continued, "you can't expect a get a Democrat into one of the lower offices," such as receiver of taxes or highway superintendent.

Burkhard declined comment on whether Clyne should continue on as party chairman.

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Kansas

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But it never arrived. Instead, Rosenbaum threw the party's support behind Young, along with all the other Bethlehem Republicans seeking the Independence line in townwide and countywide races this year.

Kansas, who upset longtime Republican county legislator W. Gordon Morris in 1992 by about 200 votes, said he realized early on the importance of having a second line on the ballot to combat Young, who ended up with three extra lines (Conservative, Independence and Freedom).

In Young's case, the extra lines were essential to his victory. On the Republican Party line, Young tallied 1,618 votes, while Kansas rang up 1,698 on the Democratic line.

But Young picked up 138 votes from the Conservative Party line, 94 from the Independence Party line, and 15 on the Freedom Party line, to provide the winning margin of 145 votes.

"It was closer than what we expected," Young said, "but even one vote will do. It's not easy to unseat an incumbent."

"It was a long year. We started very early, going back to the middle of July when we began going door-to-door," he said. "People have got to see you and know who you are. We squeezed it out."

Delmar attorney Joseph Glazer, who was actively involved in the Kansas campaign, said Kansas was treated unfairly by Rosenbaum.

"There were meetings with Larry Rosenbaum and his com-

mittee in pursuit of that line," Glazer said. "Initially they were interested because of George's independence from the party. We were actually told during a phone conversation that George could feel free to put the (Independence Party) logo on his literature."

"Within a matter of days that (promise) was reneged upon," Glazer said. "George jumped through all the hoops he needed to. It made the difference in this election, almost across the board. If you subtract the Independence Party line from the Republican candidates, then Barrowman gets in, and maybe Matt (Clyne) as well."

Young said he wasn't convinced the Independence Party line by itself made the difference in the election. "All of the extra lines helped."

Independence Party leaders were "very clear as to why they were endorsing me," Young said. "A big part of it was my background and my experience as a budget analyst with the state Senate. Plus we got along. Larry Rosenbaum liked some things about my background."

Young estimated that he spent between about \$6,500 on his campaign, with little financial assistance coming from outside the town. "We had a big fund-raiser last spring. It was money well-spent," he said.

Kansas said he planned to "take a break" from politics to concentrate on his law practice and spend time with his children.

Church launches concert series

The Bethlehem Community Church is planning a series of concerts in a coffee house setting beginning on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the church on 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

Concert coordinator Dale Meyer said the concerts were initiated because "We see a need for something where young people can get together and have a good time."

And this Saturday's concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. should fill that need for young and old alike. "I think it will be a fun event for the young and the young at heart ... It's a venue all ages can come to," Meyer said.

Local artist Aaron Jenkins and his band, West End Rufus, will perform folk and acoustic rock, with selections from Jenkins' latest recording, Lamplighter.

Jenkins, a Bethlehem native, has performed "up and down the East Coast," said Meyer.

To complement the entertainment, gourmet coffees, teas and frozen fruit drinks and home-made confections will be available.

Upcoming concerts will be scheduled after the first of the year, Meyer said.

There is no admission fee, but a donation of \$3 is suggested.

All members of the community are invited.

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Susan Graves



Aaron Jenkins and his band West End Rufus will perform at the Bethlehem Community Church on Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Name recognition vital

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The race for county executive, won by Democrat Michael Breslin, was a clear indication that name recognition countywide is important.

Other vital factors are an effective incumbency and money.

While Republican Kenneth Ringler was a very respected supervisor in the town of Bethlehem for two terms, he had little impact on Colonie, the largest town by far in the county.

Despite its large Republican registration advantage, Breslin had about 400 votes more in Colonie than Ringler.

In Bethlehem, running against Breslin, an incumbent from Delmar, Ringler lost by almost 800 votes

Since taking office in January, Breslin has moves taxpayers have wanted. He cut county staff and promises more cuts. He has reduced the budget and promises a tax decrease.

This is a difficult test for an opponent even with Ken Ringler's credentials. It's especially difficult considering also that the Republicans gave him about a third of the money Breslin had in the campaign.

While the Republicans examine the results and perhaps learn from this election, we congratulate Mike Breslin on his victory and urge him to fulfill his pledges to cut property taxes, trim county expenses and bring about more efficient government.

As for Ken Ringler, a talented administrator, we hope that this defeat will not deter him from serving again as an elected official.

Small parties count

What is the lesson learned in the recent election, particularly in New Scotland and Bethlehem? Dual support of a candidate by several parties is not understood by everyone.

Small parties are willing to support a candidate with similar interests although nominated by a major party (Democrat or Republican). They also provide a refuge for an incumbent turned loose by his own party.

For example, in New Scotland, incumbent supervisor Herb Reilly overcame a snubbing by his own Democratic Party to win re-election solely on the Independence Party line.

This same Independence Party helped Republican Bethlehem supervisor Sheila Fuller when it supported her as a shield against Democratic Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings who, they said, "seemed to be holding Fuller hostage" over a water system for Bethlehem.

Small party support is a subtlety candidates have to keep in mind in the future.

Meanwhile, we congratulate Ms. Fuller and Mr. Reilly on their re-elections and hope that the voters' faith in them will be rewarded by efficient and effective government.

Bond issue examined

With the elections completed, it's time to get involved with the Bethlehem Central School District's proposed bond issue vote for \$15 million.

Scheduled for Dec. 13, the vote involves money for repairs to the school buildings, kindergarten class consolidation, and installation of technical equipment for students.

The 20-year bond proposal needs citizen input during the next month at public meetings. The first will be held Thursday (Nov.16) at 7:30 p.m. at the school district's offices in Delmar.

A second will be held Monday (Nov. 20) at the Elsmere Elementary School on Delaware Avenue. We urge you to attend these meetings to become fully informed on this bond issue.

Residents pitch in for Thanksgiving

By Lauri Rosmarin-Plattner

The writer of this Point of View, a resident of Slingerlands, is a board member of Equinox and co-chairperson of the Equinox Thanksgiving Dinner Committees.

Only eight days until Thanksgiving, and the Equinox Thanksgiving Dinner Committee has worked for months to orchestrate this traditional event.



The tradition dates back to 1969 when a group of SUNY students organized the first annual community Thanksgiving dinner to come together in support of one another to prepare and share a meal so that no one would be alone on Thanksgiving Day.

Two hundred people gathered that first year. This year, our 26th, we will serve 5,000 people—4,000 of whom will have meals delivered from The Knickerbocker Arena. The other 1,000 will dine at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany.

The Equinox mission remains the same today, committed to providing a Thanksgiving dinner to anyone within the Capital District (25-mile radius of Albany) who is homeless, home bound or simply lonely.

Our Thanksgiving Day mission is an extension of our year round efforts to help those in need. Equinox Community Services Agency provides shelter, counseling, advocacy, support and prevention services through programs which include a youth shelter and a domestic violence Shelter. At Thanksgiving we extend our reach to the community so that no one goes hungry or is alone for the holiday.

Equinox coordinates the "food-raising" and fund-raising efforts for the dinner while organizing more than 1,000 diverse volunteers to prepare, serve, deliver and cleanup. No donation

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is too small, and of course no donation is too large! We are just as delighted with a family or an individual arriving at the church with a few pies, a turkey or a ham as we are with an office group or organization pooling their resources to bring crates of food.

Volunteers come from all walks of life. The Bethlehem Shaker Key Clubs are two of the many school groups that participate annually. This will be Shaker High School students' 16th year so they know the routine: freshmen—garbage, sophomores and juniors—pickles and olives, seniors—pies! Offices and retail stores send groups of employees. Dedicated individuals and families from all over the Capital District come year after year to peel, slice, cut, dice, scrub dishes and pots, deliver meals and much more.

My family has been volunteering for 10 years.

The first year at the Church, a wonderfully chaotic place to be on Thanksgiving Day, I realized that so much of the work needs to be done before Thursday

Those who have volunteered and donated food will be gratified to have taken part in this wonderful tradition of giving on Thanksgiving.

morning. Volunteering at the Church on Thanksgiving Day is the most requested placement, so our volunteer needs for that day are filled weeks in advance.

Coordination begins in September. Cooking starts the Monday before Thanksgiving at First Presbyterian Church and Trinity United Methodist Church. Cooking at the Knickerbocker Arena (our take-out component headquarters) begins Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. We need cooks, food preparers and pan washers during

the day Monday through Wednesday. Beginning Wednesday morning at least two of the cooking sites work through the night until after the Thanksgiving meal is served. Night owl volunteers are always welcome. Friday is the big clean-up day, perhaps our greatest volunteer need.

The second year, I cooked turkeys, and then we delivered meals to Albany and Quaker Street (that's a town!). The recipients thanked us profusely for taking time from our holiday celebration to bring a meal to their home. It was a modest effort by us that was enormously appreciated.

To deliver meals, volunteer drivers arrive at the Knick at 9 a.m. They choose a pack of cards that designates how many meals they will deliver. The Knick is set up in assembly line fashion from fruit to gravy to main course containers as well as cartons to help carry the meals. The volunteers advance from station to station until they have everything needed to begin delivering the meals. This is a wonderful component of the dinner to involve young families. What better way to bring a touch of joy into a sick, elderly or home bound person's day than a child's smile.

We totally depend on the community to make this meal happen. The community provides the food, the labor and the energy—like the piano players who have been entertaining at the church for 10 years, or the overnight chefs who have been cooking turkeys for 11 years, or the committee members who have remained involved for 26 years.

Every year, the task of obtaining ingredients for the meals becomes more difficult. In the past, businesses that were able to give us 10 cases of an item can only give three or four. Many more businesses and families are facing difficult times which causes our donor base to shrink and our dinner needs list

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to grow. We need to plan and buy early. Thanksgiving is only eight days away and we still need ham, turkey (thawed as of Nov. 20) squash, celery, apple and pumpkin pies, oranges, bananas and apples to name a few items. Cash donations are very essential, too.

We know that the community will be supportive in continuing

to share and care for one another, and we look forward to the 26th dinner's opening prayer on Thanksgiving Day, that magical moment when the sit-down dinner is ready to be served.

Those who partake of the meal will give thanks for the generosity of the community. Those who have volunteered and donated food will be grati-

fied to have taken part in this wonderful tradition of giving on Thanksgiving. And Equinox will be content to have helped those in need.

The dinner is from 1 to 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church at 362 State St. To volunteer to help, make donations or request a meal, please call Equinox as soon as possible at 434-0131.

Davis thanks voters for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

With the 1995 election having ended just hours ago, I feel compelled to thank the voters of the town of Bethlehem for their support.

Visiting several thousand homes in North Bethlehem, Slingerlands, Delmar, Elsmere, Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem these past months was a highlight of our door-to-door campaign.

I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to meet the many residents who asked meaningful questions, expressed opinions on various significant issues,

and offered suggestions as well as kind words of encouragement.

I also wish to express my deep appreciation to the many people who worked so hard in our campaign effort.

Without the support of each and every one, our victory would not have been possible. I am grateful.

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I look forward to fulfilling my commitment to continue serving the community diligently, responsibly and compassionately as a town board member.

Doris M. Davis

Delmar

Come to RCS meeting

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a parent and a taxpayer in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district, I have been keeping up with the events that have taken place at the middle school and the high school over the last several weeks.

In talking to other parents, administrators, and school board members, I've become aware of conflicting accounts, not only of events, but the manner in which they are being dealt with. I feel there is a growing discontent in the community that needs to be heard by the

administration and the school board.

On Monday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. the school board is meeting at Becker School. I urge parents, students, and taxpayers to come and make their views and concerns known.

I think the board and administration put in long hours to make our system work, but they need to be informed of how the community feels about the issues affecting our children's daily lives.

Linda Cross

Ravena

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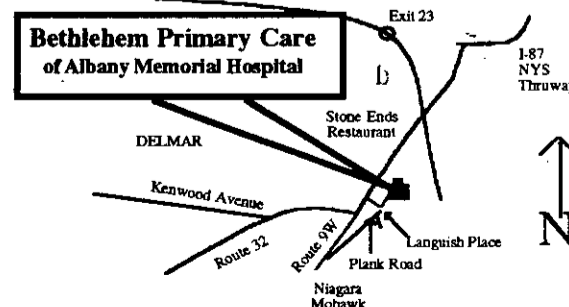
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'Grass roots' voters send message to political party bosses

Editor: The Spotlight:

The residents of New Scotland have witnessed with this past election a trend that should send a message to the political party bosses in town.

The "grass roots" voters of our town are a lot more sophisticated, intelligent and informed than either one of the major political parties gives them credit for. Gone are the days when party leadership was able to throw out information to the voters which was inaccurate and non-truthful and take for granted that their propaganda was going to be believed because of the voters lack of knowledge regarding the issues. Gone also are the days that party bosses can strong-arm their party member-

ship into supporting and voting for candidates selected by the bosses who will carry out their personal vendettas or agendas.

The New Scotland Democratic and Republican leadership needs to be cleansed. The enrolled "grass roots" members of both of these parties needs to take back their party and get rid of the current leadership. These leaders are out of touch with their membership and has misled their hand picked committee members with their own personal agendas regardless of the cost to the party as a whole.

The Democratic party chairman in New Scotland was quick to mail out a letter to all enrolled Democrats in which he insisted that the caucus which selected

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the Democratic candidates was "open, honest and fair".

What he failed to mention was that a phone tree was conducted before the caucus in which selected enrolled Democrats who would slant the outcome of the caucus were called and told about the date, place and time of the caucus. If the Democratic party chairman really wanted an "open, honest and fair" caucus, he would have seen to it that every enrolled Democrat was either notified by mail or by phone of the caucus date, place and time and of the intentions of a small minority of Democrats to "dump" Herb Reilly at the caucus for what the chairman called in his letter candidates whose "character and quality we should be proud of."

Democrats in New Scotland

need to decide what type of party they want to belong to— one which is open and accountable to all enrolled Democrats, or one which makes decisions behind closed doors without seeking any input from its enrolled members.

Or, do they want one which is represented by committee members selected by the enrolled membership like they do everywhere else, or one in which the committee people are selected by the bosses who use their patronage relationship with them as a means of making certain that their positions are supported by those committee people whom they select.

Or finally, do they want one which is in touch with all of the enrolled members and communicates with them, or one which caters to a chosen few who have the greatest influence in county and state politics and who could really care less about our town except whether or not they get

what they deserve and the hell with the little guy.

The time has come for the Democrats in our town who are disgusted with how the Democratic party has been operating to stand up and be counted. Don't fear the consequences as a result of your speaking for what you want the Democratic party in New Scotland to be. It is obvious from the results of the election that there are other Democrats in our town who feel the same way that you do, and who are disgusted with the direction that the Democratic party is headed.

Insist and support new leadership that will accomplish the change that we are in such desperate need of. We need to put in place a process that will better take into account the desires and wishes of all the Democrats of New Scotland. I strongly encourage New Scotland Democrats to support such a process when proposed, and at the same time, I hope that their Republican counterparts will begin a process of their own within their party so that our town government and its elected officials will be accountable to the people and not the parties who nominated them.

Joseph M. Cotazino, Jr.
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Election thanks

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Editor, The Spotlight:

With Bethlehem elections completed for 1995. I wish to thank all the voters who showed their confidence in me by giving me the opportunity to serve them on the Bethlehem town board for the next four years.

While traveling our town from barbecues in South Bethlehem, carnivals in Glenmont, bike and safety days in the Tri-Village to strawberry socials in North Bethlehem, I met so very many gracious and interesting people.

Four months of door-to-door visits allowed me to get to know many of you. I have listened to your comments and concerns. This information will be valuable as we mold our town's future. Observing so many beautiful gardens and innovative home improvements was a bonus.

I thank all the volunteers and campaign workers who supported me through the hot summer days and rainy Saturdays you made my victory possible. Most important, I promise the residents I will work very hard to fulfill my commitment to serve you as your representative.

Bob Johnson

Delmar

Impact statement missing in Slingerlands

Editor, The Spotlight:

The town board is considering approval of the application to establish a Planned Commercial District in Slingerlands in response to citizen demand to bring in another supermarket.

As a citizen, I feel cheated by the fact that an Environmental Impact Statement was not done. It doesn't matter that I live in Slingerlands or that have successfully arranged to move my children's bus stop to account for the heavy traffic along New Scotland Road. The town simply feels that an Environmental Assessment is equivalent to an Environmental Impact Statement and in their opinion "No significant impacts" were associated with the rezoning.

An Environmental Impact Statement is required when impacts have been found during an initial environmental assessment. This step in the SEQR review is to assure citizens that measures would be enacted to

mitigate these impacts. The town does admit to impacts, but in their view they are not significant. They did not even fill out Part 2 of their Environmental Assessment "Project Impacts and their Magnitude".

However, in a letter dated 12/19/94 to the town, the Army Corps of Engineers "strongly recommended" that the development of the site be carried out in such a manner as to avoid as much as possible any impacts to any waters of the United States.

They identified "5.9 acres of wetlands, a small portion of which lies outside the property line, but within an area that may be impacted for a road right-of-way." An Environmental Impact Statement would explain how they would go about avoiding any impact to our water system.

A EnCon wildlife biologist in a letter dated 1/4/95 to the town found "deer-vehicle collisions currently a problem on roadways in the immediate vicinity of

the site and may increase associated with increased traffic volumes" due to the fact that "the ravines and uplands...in this vicinity are heavily used by white-tailed deer."

The planners say they do not anticipate any impacts to historically significant structures and wrote off the structure on the site as being "abandoned" yet the State Historic Preservation Office has asked that impacts to the historic buildings, while not listed on the National Register, be considered. Just because a building is abandoned, doesn't

mean it has no cultural significance. Most archeological studies are done on abandoned sites. An Environmental Impact Statement would address this.

An Environmental Impact Statement would assure complete disclosure, evaluate, comment on and set forth mitigation measures. It would address alternatives. Maybe the town board has its mind made up. I ask, why didn't the board request one in anticipation of citizen concerns? Do they care?

Name submitted

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Congrats to New Scotland voters

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to congratulate the majority of New Scotland voters for their intelligence and insight. They refused to be swayed by distasteful and mean-spirited allegations aimed at candidates and their families. Instead they elected a supervisor with a proven record of achievement who is in touch with the needs of the entire township.

The New Scotland Democratic leadership should be embarrassed about removing Herb Reilly from its ticket and especially embarrassed at their reasons for doing so.

Their attempts to cater to an elite minority favoring more restrictive zoning for their own personal gain, has resulted in a bitterly divided party in dire need of repair.

It is clear that New Scotland's Democratic Party chairman is out of touch with the majority of registered Democrats in New Scotland. Accordingly, he should resign his position and allow the people who have spoken to chart the future course of the Democratic Party in New Scotland.

Midge McGraw-Bulgaro
Voorheesville

A teacher responds

Editor, The Spotlight:

In recent weeks, Voorheesville School Board meetings have been volatile. Faraone and Burns, among others, have been "stoking the coals" of taxpayer resentment and the teacher-assembly passions. What nerve we teachers have for wanting a salary commensurate with our performance and the community's ability to pay, see fact finder report and/or Getnick/Gold student researched report of last spring.

I guess I should be happy after 25 years of service to know that minutes from Voorheesville Central High School, teachers make \$6,000-\$8,000 more with similar experience and credentials. After all, Faraone, it must be these suburban districts have

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working condition challenges not found at Voorheesville. The contention by Burns that the union has conspired against the senior class by withholding letters of recommendation is off base. Many teachers have been involved with these, as well as giving support with the essay requirements some schools require. I wonder, if the critics, understand or care about the climate this negativism brings.

It's probably naive on my part to expect many residents who chose Voorheesville for its schools, or those for whom it has been a given, to come to the board meeting and state we're proud of the school, its students and staff and don't mind paying to keep it this way.

I'm not so naive to think the nay-sayers will shy away from voicing their resentments. If the board feels these individuals are the community, any resolution is going to be a long time coming.

Tom Kurkjian

Albany

Educational cuts target New York children

Editor: The Spotlight

This fiscal year, Congress has voted to slash federal funds to education by \$4 billion nationally, for a total of \$36 billion over the next seven years. Make no mistake: these cuts target our children. The cuts will halt the

very priorities that parents say they want most: improved learning of basics, a safe school environment, and access to higher education for all high school graduates, not just the wealthy.








Over 789,500 of New York's children will be denied the extra

schooling they need to develop basic reading, writing, and math skills. Quick-fix solutions to fiscal problems reveal a massive failure of imagination or a cynical disregard for children.

Gregory S. Nash,
President, NEA/NY

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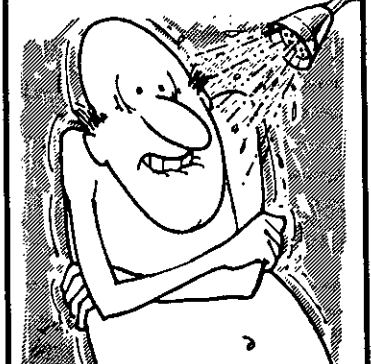
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Reilly deputy urges New Scotland Democrat chair to resign

Editor, The Spotlight:

Mike Burns, the chairman of the New Scotland Democratic Party and engineer of this year's disastrous Democratic election effort, should resign his position immediately.

This conclusion is supported by a brief review of pre-election activities, the campaign and the election results.

That Herb Reilly, arguably the most successful Democratic vote getter in the history of the town, was shunned by the party, is ludicrous. That he was subjected to an orchestrated public political hanging (i.e. the Democratic caucus) was humiliating.

Although Mike Burns recently wrote that "the caucus was open, honest and fair," the caucus never should have been orchestrated the way it was. A willing town chairman should have the foresight and skill to negotiate and compromise to prevent the prescription for disaster that could result from embarrassing a sitting popular incumbent.

Instead, Mike Burns wrote the prescription.

The caucus caused New Scotland voters to shake their heads in disbelief as they reflected back on the Reilly record of supporting the party.

They surely recalled the lonely days, when Herb and the late Ken Tice carried the party torch in an otherwise Republican dominated town.

The average Democrat knows that the "Reilly coattails" were a huge contributing factor in the Democratic sweep of the town board in the 1993 election.

In this context, the caucus made no sense and smacked of political cronyism. The town chairman should be held accountable.

As if a political hanging were not enough, the town chairman sat idly by as a fringe element of the party launched a political witch hunt. Their spurious charges of town insurance improprieties were an ill-con-

ceived attempt to make Reilly look like the New Scotland equivalent of Ed McDonough. (Ed. note: former Rennselaer County Democrat chairman)

New Scotland residents again shook their heads in disbelief. They know Herb as a man of integrity, hard working and devoted to honest and open government. Mike Burns allowed this character assassination to happen on his watch.

He should be held accountable.

The election results were predictable. Voters in New Scotland are an intelligent group. They saw the shenanigans of the town chairman and the party's fringe element as preposterous.

The results of these ill-con-

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ceived activities was that the most popular Democrat in the history of the town was now running as an underdog! Second, the Reilly "coattails" were curtailed significantly as enough disgruntled Democrats forced to vote for Herb on the Independence line, were not about to vote for the Democratic town board candidates.

How disastrous was the election? The party leadership's candidate for supervisor received about 20 percent of the vote (while Herb Reilly received over twice as many votes on the Independence line), both town

board seats were lost, and the chairman could not even convince any of several qualified potential candidates to run for the important positions of town clerk and town justice.

This is not acceptable to town Democrats, the vast majority of whom saw through the charade and follies and voted for Herb Reilly.

Mike Burns clearly does not represent the views of the majority of Democrats. If he sincerely

cares about the future of the New Scotland Democratic Party, he should resign immediately.

Then the vast majority of Democrats who rallied around Herb Reilly on Election Day should begin a search for a new Chairman—a search that should be spearheaded by the person that they rightfully view as their true leader—Herb Reilly.

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"I never saw my son work as hard, on his own, but also as a team member," said Lang, a member of the Lab School Parents Support Group.

Martin said the Lab School students learn to respect one another, and really get to know the other students and the teachers in the program.

The school was conceived by BCHS teacher and lab school "spark plug" Jim Nehring, who is delighted with the progress of the innovative approach to learning. "It's definitely met my early expectations," he said.

And to use one of the traditional measures of an academic institution's success factors — college acceptance — the Lab School is on firm ground, he said.

All 10 of last year's graduates were accepted by their first-choice colleges, he said. Nehring said that even though Regents diplomas are not awarded to Lab School graduates, they had no problem being accepted at state colleges.

Lab School students develop a portfolio, selections of their best work, as part of their college applications, said Nehring.

"The portfolio says so much more than a list of grades," said Martin.

Lang said one basic difference at the Lab School is the absence of bells. Lab School students work in blocks of time.

"It's a whole different atmosphere," said Martin, adding that the Lab School is "like a school within a school."

Nehring said the school has

generated considerable interest throughout the area. "We've had an incredible number of visitors," he said.

Still, there is some confusion about what the Lab School is, said Nehring.

"During the first few years, our image was very volatile," Nehring said. "People wondered if the school was designed for special ed students or gifted students."

According to Nehring, the answer to those questions is yes, since the Lab School is designed to be a microcosm of the larger school, representing students of all abilities.

BC junior Matt Clement said he chose the Lab School because he felt it offered new and different experiences. He also said the senior internship was a selling point

for him. In terms of his experience at the Lab School, he said, "You get out of it what you put into it."

"Another good thing is classes are smaller, and the teachers get to know you personally," Clement said. "And from what I hear, it's (Lab School) supposed to be a lot more like college. It's an early start on organizing yourself."

Senior Amanda Crosier said she chose the Lab School because "I liked the idea of being able to have more control over my education." Crosier, like Clement, said there is a lot more work in the program, but that "I feel that it's been pretty empowering."

Crosier, who plans to become a doctor, said part of her college portfolio will contain a research paper she did as part of a team project on women.

Crosier studied breast and uterine cancers and received a 6 (the highest mark possible) from a panel of examiners, who judged student projects. Teachers, school board members and community representatives sit on the panel.

At the Lab School, Crosier said, "We're learning for the sake of learning, and I feel good about my achievement in science."

Junior Alvaro Alarcon believes as a Lab School student, he is able to "direct my education in the way I want it directed."

All the students feel the Lab School population is more heterogeneous than the larger BC student body. And that quality has been a plus, they agree. "I've developed a respect for students with different interests," Crosier said.

The parents agree that although the Lab School does not measure proficiency by grades, its demands are stringent. If a student does not attain a certain level of achievement, remediation is required. "I feel they've grown to accept a lot of responsibility for their education," Martin said.

The parents support group is hoping to help recruit 30 new Lab School students to replace the 30 that are expected to graduate in June. Currently, there are 72 students attending the Lab School, which has a capacity of about 100.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, there will be an in-school presentation about the Lab School, and a program for parents is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

For information about the Lab School, call Nehring at 439-4921.



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Rehearsals are held Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

The choir, which is under the direction of Kathleen Bragle, is open to pupils in grades three through six.

The church is located on Adams Street in Delmar

For information, call Bragle at 439-3158.

Delmar student earns environmental award

Nathaniel G. Sajdak of Delmar was recently named a recipient of the ESF Environmental Excellence Award.

The award was established by the State University of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) to honor students who have combined strong academic performance with a commitment to and leadership in resolving environmental issues.

Sajdak was one of 38 high school award recipients from around New York state.

Learn to get involved in Middle School

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School Parents in Education will meet tonight, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the large group room.

The program is "How to Get Involved in the Middle School."

On Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the library, the RCS PTSA will present "College Applications and Financial Planning."

This is an especially important meeting for parents of juniors and seniors. Come and learn how to apply for financial aid, to find out whether you qualify and find out how to look for the best possible education for your child.

Also on Thursday at 7 p.m., the FOCUS parents will meet at the senior high school.

Scouts and Cubs conduct food drive

Boy Scouts from Troop 67 and Cub Scouts from Pack 67 will be collecting food at part of a "Scouting for Food" drive.

To arrange to donate non-perishable foods such as spaghetti, canned tuna, soups and fruits, call Pat Hamilton at 756-9408.

State comptroller to visit RCS

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, state

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Comptroller H. Carl McCall will visit the RCS Hands-On Government class. Thanks to Tim Tucker for arranging the visit.

Students to perform in all-state festival

Congratulations to Melinda Denn, Rebecca Feuerbach and Andrea Myers, sopranos; Karen Buckley, Emily Janssen and Ludmilla Kolodiytchuk, altos; Richard Byerwalters, James Gorham and Allan Kampchik, basses, for being selected to participate in the New York State School Music As-

sociation Area All-State Festival.

The festival will be at Saratoga Springs High School on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18.

Artists to visit

Thanks to an arts-in-education grant that the high school received this year, several artists will be visiting to showcase their work.

RCS students attend fall forum in NYC

In a continuing effort to learn more about issues such as integrated curricula, scheduling, effective student participation in leadership activities, several students and faculty travelled to New York City for the fall forum of the National Coalition of Essential Schools.

Thanks to Jen Jones, Dominic

Foster care program set at RCS high school

Families Reuniting Families has slated an information session today, Nov. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School on Route 9W in Ravena.

The program, "...Help Raise a Child," will cover family foster care. Families Reuniting Families encourages the community to support and recruit local foster families.

For information, call Jo Hepinstall at 447-7519.

Selkirk man joins investment firm

Stephen Bellacqua of Selkirk recently joined the investment advisory firm of Reichenthal, Family & Agel.

For the past seven years, he has served as a registered investment representative with the Alvest Program at Albank.

MONEY MATTERS

by Thomas E. Brockley

First Vice President - Investments, Prudential Securities

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Financial experts agree that a strong and successful investment program usually is founded on sound investment principles and reflects your personal needs and objectives. One sound strategic approach to structuring a successful portfolio is called asset allocation. Simply stated, this strategy focuses on establishing diversification that is consistent with your personal investment needs and risk tolerance.

Risk tolerance is perhaps the most important factor in the asset allocation process. If your tolerance is relatively low, you may appreciate larger allocations of cash equivalents (Treasury bills, short-term CDs and money market mutual fund shares, for example) and good quality fixed income securities. Conversely, a greater risk tolerance may mean that you'll favor more equity orientation in the portfolio, along with a willingness to accept more volatility in return for potentially higher returns.

In addition to your risk tolerance and investment objectives, other personal factors that should be closely examined when building your portfolio include your age, cash flow, portfolio income needs and your tax bracket.

In terms of the asset allocation process, age is significant because it impacts the type of investment strategies you may wish to consider.

As an example, an older investor may be more concerned with safety and income in his portfolio. On the other hand, this same investor may wish to protect his portfolio against the eroding power of inflation, and therefore may be interested in growth-oriented investments.

Naturally, capital and income needs, along with current cash flow, must be considered in order to help you build a portfolio with enough liquidity and income to make necessary expenditures without disrupting your investment plans.

Once you've decided on an investment strategy and have created a viable portfolio, you should be sure they continue to reflect your investment goals and keep working hard for you. You can do this by monitoring the progress of your investments.

This means more than simply checking the closing prices of stocks or mutual funds when the mood strikes you. On a regular basis — monthly or quarterly — you should check what's been happening to your stocks and mutual funds. At the conclusion of each year, compute the total return for each of your stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Also annually, you should compare your securities with other measures of market activity, such as the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Your financial advisor can assist you with all these comparisons.

These periodic reviews may prompt you to make some changes in your investment portfolio. As companies' fortunes ebb and flow with new management, products and services, so, too, do the returns on investments in their stocks. In addition, other factors may encourage you to make changes in your portfolio, including:

Your Age: As indicated earlier, growing older can be a strong incentive to change course. Your changing financial needs, objectives and strategies could dramatically change the makeup of your portfolio over the years.

The Economy: The economy affects some securities more than others. Relating the performance of your stocks and mutual funds to the economy — and where it seems to be headed — may be a reason for evaluating your investments.

Other Factors: Other events that may have an impact on the makeup of an individual's investment portfolio include significant political changes, major tax reforms and international developments like trade agreements and political instability.

There's little doubt that a well planned personal portfolio that is reviewed and "fine tuned" on a periodic basis is a key to meeting your financial objectives and remaining in a healthy "fiscal" condition. Working closely with your financial advisor to achieve these results is another.

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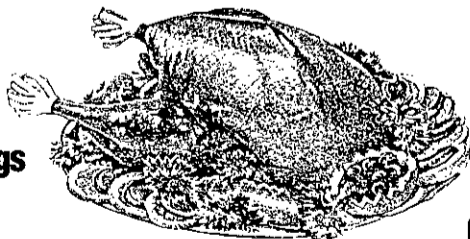
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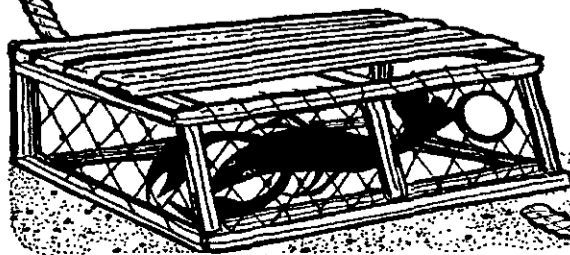
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Special Thanksgiving service

The churches of New Scotland invite everyone to a community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street.

Music will be by the community choir, under the direction of Ken George. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Baked ham dinner set

The New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85 will dish up a baked ham dinner on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, pie and beverages are on the menu.

The dinner costs \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children age 5 through 10. Children under age 5 eat for free. Reservations are not necessary.

Tree bazaar to benefit church mission work

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Dionysians to perform one-act plays

The Voorheesville Dionysians will present "Director's Showcase, A Night of One Act Plays" on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The plays include "High Window" by Vern Powers, "Variations on the Death of Trotsky from All in the Timing" by David Ives, and "Kaleidoscope" by Ray Bradbury.

Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for senior citizens and students.

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

Order yearbooks now

Pupils at the elementary school can place orders for this year's yearbook through Nov. 19. The cost is \$10, and checks should be made payable to the Voorheesville PTA.

Early dismissal set

Elementary school pupils will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, due to parent conferences.

Schools to close for Thanksgiving recess

Schools will be closed for the Thanksgiving recess from Nov. 22 to 24.

Planners slate hearing

The Voorheesville planning Commission will hold a public hearing tonight, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Vagand Enterprises' plan to build a 10,000-square-foot building adjacent to the SuperValu is in the agenda.

Legion to serve breakfast

Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, Nov. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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

Village discontinues emergency line

The village of Voorheesville has discontinued its fire emergency phone line. Residents should now dial 911 to report a fire.

Friends United plan holiday sale

The Friends United holiday sale is set for Friday, Nov. 17, from 3 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the historic Slingerland House at 1983 Indian Fields Road (Route 32) in Feura Bush.

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For information, call 768-2993.

Holiday decorating courses

The Voorheesville continuing education program is offering two holiday mini-courses.

Lara Hladun will teach students how to make a fresh holiday boxwood tree in either Victorian or traditional style on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 7 to 10 p.m., in Room 138 at the high school.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the tech lab at the high school, Hladun will make traditional and Victorian kissing balls.

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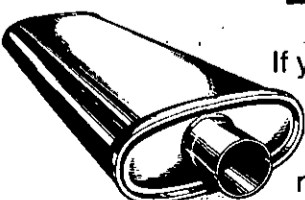
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Pumpkin lady



Kate Capozzola of Delmar poses with the pumpkin she fashioned for the Village Shoppe's Halloween carving contest. *Doug Persons*

Children's week programs on tap

The library is celebrating national Children's Book Week from Nov. 13 through 19. In keeping with this year's theme, "Bound for Discovery," the library's youth services department has scheduled an exciting array of programs for children of all ages this week.



Children, ages 6 and older, can enjoy "A Visit with Laura Ingalls Wilder" on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. Actress and storyteller Lonna McKeon will use costumes and artifacts to bring alive life on the American prairie as she retells stories from the "Little House" book series.

This program is made possible through a grant from Poets and Writers, New York State Council on the Arts, through the Upper Hudson Library System. Registration is required.

Toddlers are invited to the library on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 10:30 a.m., or Monday, Nov. 20, at 10:30 a.m., for "Yummy in My Tummy," a story and craft program celebrating Thanksgiving.

Children will hear stories about food, learn finger plays and help make a delicious snack mix. Children, ages 22 through 35 months and an accompanying adult are invited. Registration is required.

Representatives from the Little Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza will visit the library on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m., to present "Season's Bounty—Gifts for Giving."

They will team up with library staff to recommend this year's best book and video holiday gift buys for children. Little Book House will offer convenient purchase of the hottest titles. The program is geared for adults. To attend, RSVP by calling the library.

To register for a program or for more information, call the youth services desk at 439-9314.

The library's Book Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the modern drama, *Six Characters in Search of an Author* by Luigi Pirandello. New members are always welcome. Call the reference desk at 439-9314 to reserve a free copy of the current title.

The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and on Friday, Nov. 24. The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving.

Polly Hartman

Delmar church sets Thanksgiving service

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, located at 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar, will hold a Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Town library planning 'Yummy Thanksgiving'

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will host "Yummy Thanksgiving," a story and crafts program for toddlers, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and Monday, Nov. 18 and 20.

Children will hear stories about food, learn fingerplays and help make a snack mix.

Toddlers 22 to 35 months old are invited, along with an accompanying adult. For information or to register, call the library at 439-9314.

Voorheesville church planning holiday sale

The Voorheesville United Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville has scheduled a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Handcrafted gifts, baked goods and plants will be for sale. Lunch will also be served.

For information, call Barbara Cureau at 765-2693.

Glenmont church serving roast beef

The Glenmont Community Church at 1 Chapel Lane in Glenmont has slated a roast beef dinner on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The dinner will cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5 to 12. There will be seatings at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Reservations can be made by calling 465-3992 before Monday, Nov. 13.

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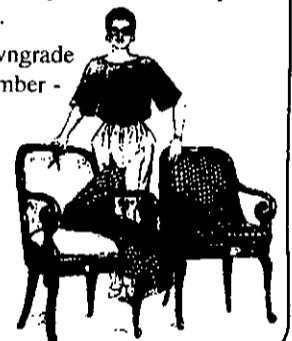
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Historic Albany plates are in the showcase this month. The classic blue and white beauties depict-



ing various area landmarks are on loan from Barbara Jeffers.

Lifestories workshop will be concluding its fall session on Saturday, Nov. 18. Prospective writers who would like to join the group should call 765-2791 to register for

the winter session beginning on Saturday, Jan. 6.

The library will close on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and on Thanksgiving Day. It will reopen on Friday, Nov. 24, but there will be no story hour that day.

Voorheesville librarians have prepared an arrangement of books on the art of holiday entertaining.

If you are a first time turkey-dinner maker and can use some basic advice or an experienced cook who wants something out of the ordinary, the display should be able to help.

Books on home decorating and gifts and crafts are also featured.

Award-winning author Jennifer Armstrong will be at the library on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The Friends of the Library will be selling her books, and Armstrong will be available for a book signing beginning at 2 p.m.

Parents and grandparents might find that an autographed book is the perfect gift for that special young reader in the family.

The library board of trustees will meet on Monday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Barbara Vink

Essay contest announced

The New Scotland Historical Association is once again sponsoring the E. Dayton Joslin History Prize for the best history essay by a seventh-grader in the town of New Scotland.

This year's first prize will be a cash award of \$50. Second and third prizes will be \$25 and \$15, respectively. Fourth prize will be a signed copy of *Voorheesville, New York: A Sketch of the Beginnings of a Nineteenth Century Railroad Town*, by Voorheesville Village Historian Dennis Sullivan.

The essay can be about any aspect of the history of the town of New Scotland that is of interest to the student: its settlement, a particular industry, a key event or a person who has had an influence on the development of the town.

The essay should be no more than 500 words or two double-spaced typewritten pages. All essays must be typed. Students can consult parents, teachers, or other resource people only for the final copy edit, for correction of grammar and spelling.

The essay must be completed and mailed to NSHA, P.O. Box 541, Voorheesville 12186-0541 by Wednesday, Nov. 22.

The contest judges will be municipal historians and teachers Robert Parmenter and Sullivan. Winners will be notified by Dec. 15. They will receive their prizes at the February meeting of the historical association.

The prize is named after teacher, principal and school board member Joslin who influenced Old Hellebergh author Arthur Gregg to dedicate his life to local history. The historical association is offering the award to encourage student interest in researching and writing local history.

Evening of short plays set in V'ville

The Voorheesville Dionysians will present "A Night of One Act Plays" on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School auditorium on New Salem Road in Voorheesville.

Admission cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for senior citizens.

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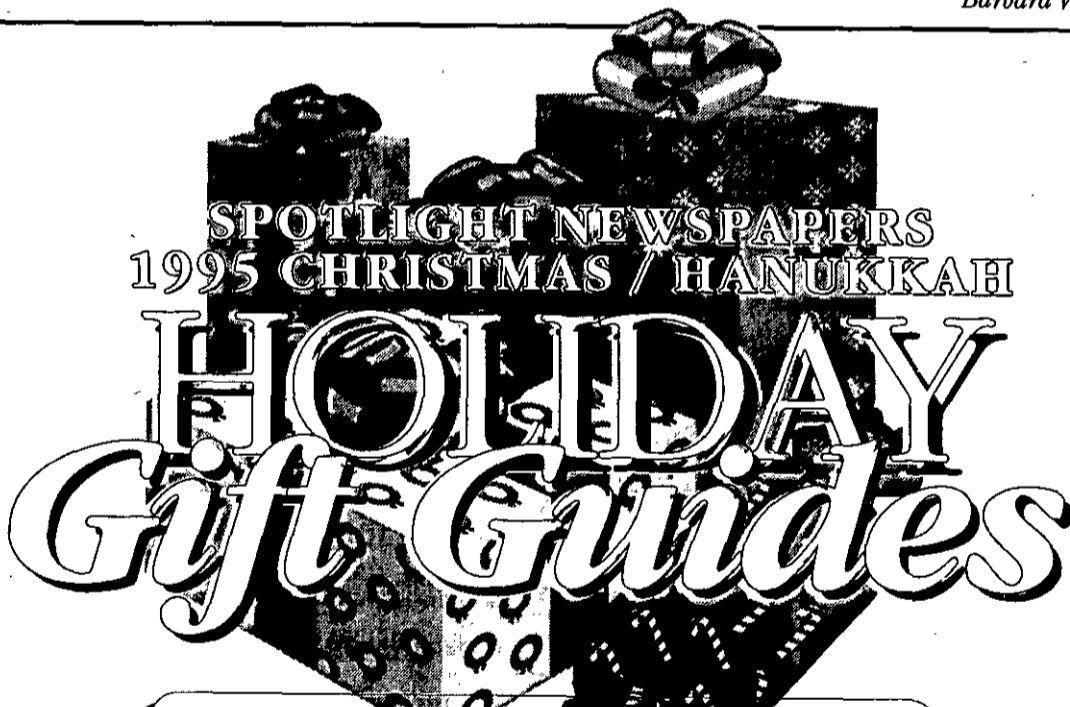
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Quilters to sponsor several workshops

Several workshops are scheduled for the next meeting of the Capital District Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America.

The meeting will be held today, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Ruth Narahara will present "Shashiko," the art of Japanese quilting. Fran Ripley will present "Pulled Thread" and Anita Ford will present "Embellishing with Beads."

For information, call Nancy Schlegel at 477-4511.

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Toastmasters to meet at Delmar church

The first meeting of the Delmar Toastmasters Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. today, Nov. 15, at the Delmar Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

For information, contact Ray Bell at 439-0871.

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Local wind ensemble to play in Delmar

The Capital Region Wind Ensemble will present a family concert on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The ensemble is a 45-piece band comprised of music educators from the Capital District, including George Smith and Dave Beck,

who both teach in the Bethlehem school district.

The program will feature a variety of music ranging from Richard Rodgers' march, Victory at Sea, to J.S. Bach's Fantasia in G Minor. It will be approximately one hour in length.

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Sports

BC girls swim team second only to Shenendehowa

By Jill Dugas

The Bethlehem girls swim team finished second in the Section II, Class A swim championships last weekend — their best showing in the last 10 years.

"It was a team effort that got us

to that position," said coach Sandy Banas. Losing only to Shenendehowa, the girls finished with a 9-1 record and won the Southern Aqua League Championship.

"There was an outstanding effort by everyone this year," said Banas. The team was led by senior

captains **Cailin Brennan, Shauna Dowd and Sara Haskins**. During the season, five school records were set as well as one pool record.

The medley relay of **Erika McDonough, Meagan Tougher, Brennan and Maggie Tettlebach** set a school record.

Maggie Wolfert set records in both the 200 and the 500 yard freestyle. **Nadine Maurer** and **McDonough** set records in the 100 yard breaststroke and backstroke, respectively.

Discussing the team's depth and versatility, Banas said, "At any

given meet this year, I could count on everyone to do well and to swim where needed to help the team."

Quickly fitting in and contributing points to the team were nine first year varsity swimmers — **Angella Rosetti, Galena Rubotsky, Susie Toms, Heather Barclay, Shannon Bennett, Liz Hart, Merri Rice, Erin Riegel, and Leah Sadjak**.

Four girls are also moving on to the State Championships — **Wolfert, McDonough, Maurer and Tougher**. Sectionals proved to be a very exciting meet with a number of close races.

In the 100 yard breaststroke,

Maurer and Tougher placed second and third, finishing just behind top seed **Katie Kemp (Shaker)** to qualify for the States.

McDonough finished third in the 200 yard Individual Medley, while **Maurer and Tougher** qualified for the consolation round. **Wolfert** won and **Sarah Hotaling** placed fifth in the 500 yard freestyle.

McDonough and Hotaling placed fourth and fifth in the 100 yard backstroke. **Lisa Eaton** finished 16th in diving, while **Tettlebach and Jessi Fein** made the consolation round in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle.

In the 100 yard butterfly, **Dowd** placed fourth, **Brennan** placed seventh and **Clarissa D'Ambrosio** qualified for the consolations.

Other girls swimming in the sectionals were **Diana Kelley, Riegel, Shannon Tougher, Kelley Banagan, Katey Link, Kim Lenhardt, Rubotsky, Maggie Erlich, and Toms**.

Also contributing to a great season were **Lynne Iannacone, Ali Voetsch, Jill Dugas and Tara Rooney**.

Under the guidance of new diving coach **Elin Popkoski**, every diver made the sectionals. Divers this year were **Sarah Pettit, Eaton, Jill Pappalardi, Sara Haskins, and Meghan Fleming**.

Providing wonderful support to the team were managers **Melissa Dominelli, Sonia Jenkins, Johanna VanGhendt and Lisa Goldberg**.

Volleyballers optimistic

By Kim Harvey

In what might have been an exhausting season filled with disappointments, the spirit of the game kept the Bethlehem girls varsity volleyball team going this fall.

While the girls won only three of their 15 games, many of the matches were close and could have gone either way.

Their success was due in part to senior **Katie Flynn's** serves and the teamwork of **Megan Sellnow, Amy Tierney and Jen Prior**. **Leigh Stevens** watched from the sidelines with an injured arm, along with senior **Gayle Chaifetz**, who broke her ankle before the start of the season.

"They were still part of the team though," said senior **Jeanna Bel-**

lizzi. "The team was really tight" throughout the year.

Perhaps this is why the girls can still say it was a good season, despite their record. Team spirit played an important role. Before important games, the girls could be seen in the halls of BCHS sporting "psych-up outfits," which were thought up by senior team captains **Nicole Roth, Marcy Finkel and Krissy Westfall**.

Although the underclassmen will miss five of their teammates who will be graduating in June, they are looking forward to next year. The 1996-97 season promises another chance for the team to improve its record, as well as for juniors **Mary Abba and Jen Gould** to demonstrate their talent and dedication to the game.

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Bethlehem group stars for LaSalle

Five Bethlehem residents played on LaSalle Institute's undefeated 1995 modified (seventh and eighth grade) football team.

They were **Joe Donnelly** of Slingerlands; **Tom Regal, Dan Santola and Jonathan Santola** of Delmar, and **Ross Simard** of North Bethlehem.

The team finished 6-0 and recorded the first-ever undefeated season in modified football at LaSalle.

All five boys formerly participated in Bethlehem Pop Warner football.

Sunday swims open to town residents

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will hold Sunday recreational swims through Nov. 19 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Fees are \$1.25 for youngsters ages 5 to 13 and \$2.50 for swimmers ages 14 to 64. Those under 5 and over 64 swim for free.

Swimmers must be residents of the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District.

First shot at Capital District championship in 23 years

Bethlehem Condors catapult into Super Bowl

The Bethlehem Pop Warner Condors gained a berth in the Capital District Super Bowl game with a 20-0 thrashing of the South Colonie Giants on Sunday.

The Condors became the first Bethlehem team in 23 years to reach the Super Bowl with their win in the Junior PeeWee divisional championship game against the Giants.

The game matched Bethlehem's high octane offense against a South Colonie defense that had not yielded a single point during the regular season.

However, the Giant defense turned out to be no match for the relentless Condor offense.

Zach Brandow electrified the overflow crowd late in the first quarter with a 60-yard touchdown run and the Condors never looked back.

Anthony Livreri then capped a 96-yard Bethlehem scoring drive with a crunching touchdown run to give the Condors a 14-0 halftime lead.

Tisko rolls 300 game

John Tisko bowled a perfect game in the men's division during the week of Nov. 5 at Del Lanes:

Senior Circuit Men: Joe Marino 245; Harold Singer 551 triple; and Harold Eck 839 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: Eleanor Moak 190 and 505 triple; and Doris Aupperle 181 and 510 triple.

Men: Tisko 300; Steve Soulis 715 triple; and Rich Cullen 973 four games.

Women: Sharon Carson 255 and 660 triple; Kathy Hoffman 579 triple; and Kathy Novak 759 four games.

Junior Classic: Brian Belmjan 255 and 819 four games; and Jason Wagner 279.

Juniors: Joseph Stapleton 199 and 575 triple; Sam Pitts 200 and 461 triple; Erin Fagan 203; and Kim Ivy 168 and 419 triple.

Preps: Nick Kallner 159 and 433 triple; Stephanie Pitts 165; and Jennifer Unser 168 and 449 triple.

Soccer signup slated

Registration for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Youth Soccer Club travel team is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in the RCS Middle School cafeteria on Route 9W.

Players must bring a small, wallet-sized picture. The registration fee is due at the time of signup.

The cost of registration is \$35 per player. If a full uniform needs to be purchased, the cost will be \$45. The travel team is open to all RCS-community children who have played several seasons of recreational soccer.

For information, call Laurie Fleter at 756-8569 or Gerri Roth at 439-8585.

Pop Warner

Brandow added an insurance touchdown in the third quarter to complete the scoring.

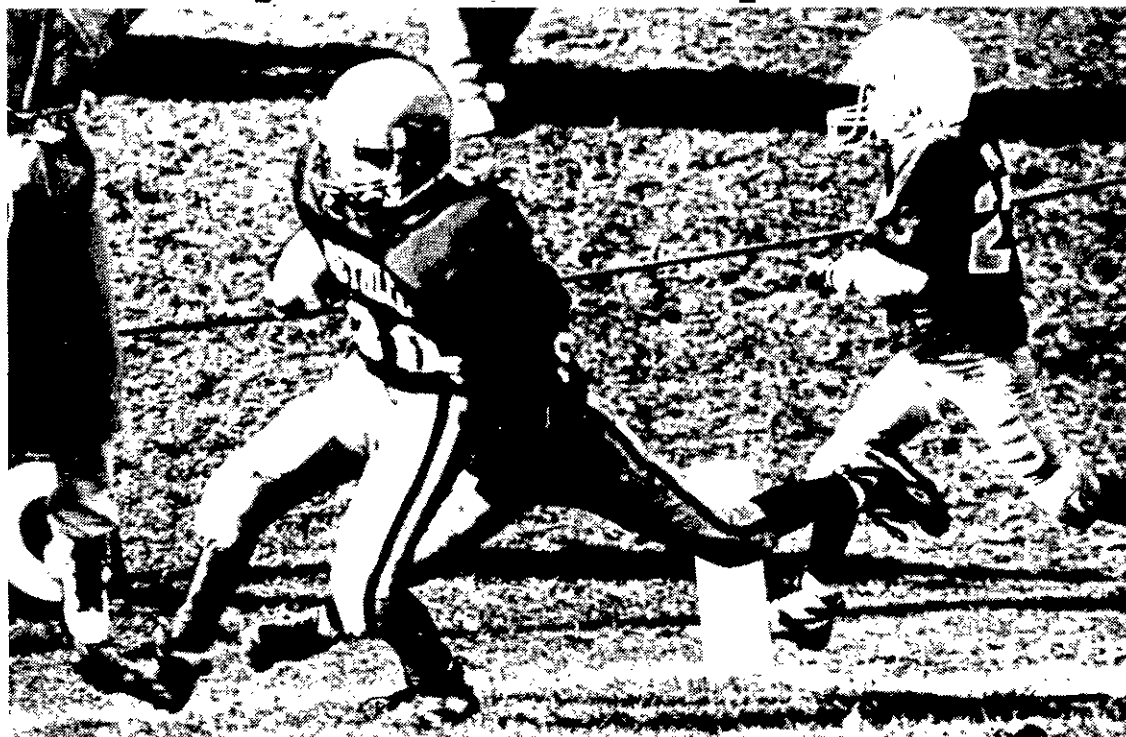
Bethlehem head coach Keith Ortale praised his offensive linemen for their blocking on key plays throughout the game.

On defense, timely interceptions were made by Mike Oliver, Jason Gerasia and Josh Goldberg.

Condor defensive coordinator Cliff Nolan emphasized that that solid defensive line play by Don Ballard, Devin Nolan, Shane Connors and Nick Radko consistently stifled any hopes that the Giants had for a comeback.

Other Condor contributors this year included Joe Berrios, Jason Hoogkamp, Shawn Bukowski, Josh Goldberg, Jeff Beach, Matt Carroll, Josh Rucinski, Tim Moore, Mike Oliver, Paul Traynor, Ryan Eder, Brendan Rhatigan, Steve Bestler, Josh Mack, Greg Pankow, Peter Gilbert, Mike Martino, Brett Boyd, Greg Bestler and Chris Regal.

Vincent Berghede, Brian Nolan, Will Ryan, Brendhan Allard,



Bethlehem's Anthony Livreri heads for paydirt during the Condors' rout of the South Colonie Giants on Sunday. The Capital District Pop Warner Super Bowl game is slated for Saturday. Doug Persons

dice, Brendan Daley and Bob Bestler also helped the Condors during their quest for a title.

The Condors will take on the South Colonie Redskins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the West Albany Field in Colonie for the Capital District PopWarner championship.



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Demands

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than a bad contract."

Tom Krajewski, another parent, asked specific questions regarding salaries and increases. More than 30 percent of the teachers have more than 24 years experience, and their median salary is \$46,554.

According to Board President John Cole, the board's current offer is a 12 percent increase over five years, whereas the teachers are asking for 25 percent over the same time period. His projected costs at the end of five years would be \$905,985 under the board's proposal, and \$3,129,083 under the teachers' proposal.

"This is a difference of \$2,223,098," he said. "A weekend in a hotel room won't solve this problem."

Richard Mele, Voorheesville Teachers Association president, said the teachers did not verify these figures, and teacher Greg Robinson directly challenged Cole to "tell the truth" regarding negotiations and offers on the table.

Teachers, parents and students all spoke of the dedication of the Voorheesville teachers, which Krajewski said "irked" him. "In the real world," he said, "with zero dedication, you go nowhere. You're dedicated, we're dedicated. I'm tired of hearing this word. I assume the teachers do a good job; I expect this dedication."

Joseph van Alphen quoted from the state Education Department's 1995 report to the governor, saying that Voorheesville's per pupil

cost of education is 18 percent higher than Bethlehem's, where teachers recently settled for a 3.75 percent increase, including increment. He recommended zero retroactive pay for Voorheesville teachers, and increases of 2 to 3 percent for the coming years.

Marie Sbardella, parent of four children, attributed her children's success to great teachers. "My daughter is going to be a surgeon because a teacher once told her she made a great incision. You are worth \$100,000 a year, but I can't pay that."

After losing her state job, Sbardella works as a bus aide in Guilderland for \$6.65 per hour. "You teachers should look in the mirror and say, 'Thank you, God, for all I have.' You've got kids in the palm of your hand, and you're making good money. Should you get more? Yes. Can we afford it? No."

Librarian Carol Kademas urged taxpayers to possibly consider merging with another district. "You can't have a small school district without high school taxes."

Board member C. James Coffin stressed how difficult it is to maintain a good district in a small community. He said he had no problem supporting higher pay, if it reflected reality, and argued for an end to comparisons, saying the board would stop tax rate comparisons if the teachers would stop salary comparisons.

He asked teachers to put down their picket signs, take off their buttons, and come to the table. "That will change the attitude in this community," he said. "There must be some give and take."

Write

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Board President John Cole immediately sought to put the issue to rest, but parent and coach Bob Burns accused him of moving too fast to do so, naming teachers John Sittig and Chris Maestro as the center of this controversy.

Superintendent Alan McCartney later explained that Sittig had made a remark to a group of students about not writing recommendations after feeling pressured by a parent to move quickly.

Cole publicly commended Sittig for his teaching ability, advisory and coaching capacities, and the fact that he has missed only half a day of school in 17 years.

McCartney said that Maestro had told a class of ninth-graders that he wouldn't write recommendations.

"But then he wrote three," McCartney said. "He shouldn't have said that, but we dealt with it. It's done."

Voorheesville Teachers Association president Richard Mele said, "The teachers are in compliance with the Taylor Law. They have written and will continue to write recommendations."

"This process that has gone on so long is killing this district."

Privately, Mele said the anxiety regarding college recommendations could be blamed directly on the board.

"By prolonging the negotiations, feelings of anger and frustration build, which start firestorms like this," Mele said.

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favorably impressed by Kansas early on in the year, a subsequent interview with Republican challenger David Young gave the selection committee cause to rethink its stand, Rosenbaum said.

A major concern of the Independence Party countywide is the lack of a cooperative approach to the distribution of water resources.

After interviewing Young and Republican county executive candidate Kenneth Ringler, Rosenbaum said it became apparent that the "Democrats had made a big issue of what may have been a non-issue (the town's new \$13.9 million water system)."

If there was an issue with water, the committee felt it revolved around the fact that (former Albany) Mayor (Thomas) Whalen had held Ken Ringler hostage on water," Rosenbaum said, which was similar to the way "Jerry Jennings seemed to be holding Sheila Fuller hostage."

Back in August, Jennings said while he was confident a deal could be worked out with Bethlehem for a supplementary water supply, he would not participate in contract negotiations until after the election.

Fuller interpreted this as the Democrats' effort to keep the water issue alive so that it could be used against her in the general election.

"We were convinced that if (Democrat) Matt Clyne was elected, he would strike a sweetheart deal with Mayor Jennings that would not be in the interests of Delmar," Rosenbaum said. "When we saw it as an attempt to extend the (Albany) Democratic machine out to Bethlehem, it became difficult for us to back Kansas."

Rosenbaum denied that he ever told the Kansas campaign that the Delmar Democrat could feel comfortable putting the Independence

Party endorsement in his literature.

"Untrue," Rosenbaum said. "George's people talked to us early on about his endorsement, and I was personally favorably disposed toward George because I knew the people in his campaign."

But it was not his choice alone, Rosenbaum continued. And other factors went into the decision to back Kansas' opponent, including Young's "real enthusiasm" to try and implement a Reading Partners program — another major initiative of the local Independence party

Kansas said the Independence Party flip-flop is still a mystery. "I think the reasoning behind the Independence Party endorsing the former chairman of the Young Republicans, compared with my proven record of independence, just doesn't make sense."

"The whole thing was clearly a pretext for some vendetta (Rosenbaum) has against the city Democrats," Kansas said.

Just because the Republicans haven't traditionally run Bethlehem doesn't mean they should be thrown out of office, Rosenbaum countered.

"If it ain't broke, then don't fix it," he said. "We came to the conclusion that the Republicans were doing an excellent job, and we didn't see it as a Republican machine out there. Instead we saw it as good government."

And finally, the most important part of the endorsement process, Rosenbaum said, was that the candidate approach the party and request its backing.

"Wouldn't it have been nice if Matt Clyne had picked up the phone and given us a call?" he asked.

Clyne acknowledged not taking the Independence Party seriously, and never bothering to seek its endorsement for the Democratic town board slate.

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Partnership forms new task forces

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This quote is part of an evaluation of the Bethlehem Community Partnership day-long workshop on Saturday, Nov. 4. It was a cold and blustery day, but warm and cozy at Thacher's Restaurant for 30 community members who participated in this productive gathering.

It was a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet old and new friends. Participants were enthusiastic about their accomplishments.

We brainstormed about several community problems and selected several we were interested in tackling. Five task forces were formed and created action plans to address the problems. The goals of the task forces are to: strengthen families, create a marijuana information sheet, form a local mentoring project, increase youth activities and enhance adolescents' respect for each other.

Thank you to the dedicated community members who made the day a success. And welcome to our new members: Jules Kerness, Jim Schwab, Jill Rifkin, Wendy Lefkovich, Cathy Decker and Kathy Catlin.

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Vlastelica, Ruslander wed

Lisa Ann Vlastelica, daughter of Daniel and Jane Vlastelica of Congers, Rockland County, and Dr. David Matthew Ruslander, son of Robert and Claire Ruslander of Delmar, were married Oct. 7.

The ceremony took place at the home of friends of the couple in Willow Spring, N.C.

The matron of honor was Lynn DePelligrini, the bride's cousin, and the best man was Michael Ruslander, the groom's brother.

The bride is a pharmacy technician at the College of Veterinary Medicine of North Carolina State University, where she is also a student.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Cornell University and Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. He is a visiting assistant professor of veterinary oncology at the College of Veterinary Medicine of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.

The couple lives in Raleigh.



Jo-ann and James Buff

Renz, Buff marry

Jo-ann Renz, daughter of Thomas and Caroline Renz of Mesa, Ariz., and James Bradley Buff, son of Frank Buff of Loudonville and Janice Mayer of Colonie, were married Sept. 9.

The Rev. Ed Golding performed the ceremony in St. Catherine's Church in Middleburgh, and the reception followed at the home of relatives in Blenheim, both in Schoharie County.

The matron of honor was Donna Kelly, and bridesmaids were Jennifer Renz, the bride's sister, Beverly Buff, the groom's sister, and Luann Becker and Melissa Shultes, the bride's cousins.

Michael DeWeese and Brian

Milanese were best men, and ushers were Esco Buff, the groom's brother, Matthew Hinkley, the bride's cousin, and Randall Kelly.

The bride is a graduate of Columbia High School, Hudson Valley Community College and The College of Saint Rose. She is employed as an advertising representative by Spotlight Newspapers in Delmar.

The groom, also a graduate of Columbia High School and Hudson Valley, is employed as a computer programmer by Fleet Bank in Albany.

After a wedding trip to England, Ireland and Wales, the couple lives in Middleburgh.



Kevin Mitchell and Amy Thompson

Thompson, Mitchell to marry

Amy Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Cliff and Maggie Thompson of Glenmont, and Kevin James Mitchell, son of Janet Morris of Delmar and the late James Mitchell, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and The College of Saint Rose.

She is employed as a social worker by the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy. He is self-employed as owner of Mitchell's Property Maintenance in Slingerlands.

The couple plans a December 1996 wedding.

Dunston earns honors from state recyclers

Sydney Dunston of Dunston Bros., 2468 Delaware Turnpike in Voorheesville, was recently honored by the 180-member Automotive Recyclers Association of New York for his service as the association's 1995 president.

He was honored at the association's 34th annual convention and trade show at the Owego Treadway Inn in Owego.

Dunston was presented with a plaque commemorating his service during the convention's concluding dinner and installation of new officers.

Little Book House staff giving holiday gift tips

Representatives from The Little Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza will visit the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. to present "Season's Bounty — Gifts for Giving."

They will team up with library staff to recommend this year's best book and video holiday gifts for children of all ages. The Little Book House will offer convenient purchases of the most popular titles.

For information, call 439-9314.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church sponsors Holy Land pilgrimage in January

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, in conjunction with Rev's Tours, will lead an overseas pilgrimage to the Holy Land this winter.

tional and religious. Stops will include Jerusalem and other parts of Israel, along with additional side trips to Rome and the Vatican, as well as Egypt.

For information, contact Rev. Richard Reynolds at 767-2281 or 767-9953.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo.

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Community Corner



Friends United hosts craft show

Friends United will host a holiday craft show on Friday, Nov. 17, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Slingerlands House on Route 32 in Feura Bush.

Among the items for sale will be Victorian dolls and dresses, Christmas ornaments and antique hankies.

For information, call Carol Parker at 768-2993.

Obituaries

Alma Skidmore

Alma Angela McLaughlin Skidmore, 81, of Herber Avenue in Elsmere, died Monday, Nov. 6, at the Good Samaritan Home.

Born in Los Angeles, she was a longtime Capital District resident.

Mrs. Skidmore was a language teacher at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville. She had also taught at the Junior College of Albany for six years before she retired.

She was a member of the Delmar Progress Club and a director of the club's literary discussion groups.

She also wrote many opinion columns for the former *Knickerbocker News*.

Survivors include her husband, Willard Evans Skidmore; two daughters, Nancy E. Spader of Dunmore, Pa., and Judith S. Ancombe of Voorheesville; a son, David Evans Skidmore of Water-town, Mass.; two sisters, Norma Hill of Seal Beach, Calif., and Eileen Harris of Greensboro, N.C.; and a grandson.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the NAACP, the National Organization for Women, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Winfield Ormsbee

Winfield Ormsbee, 62, of Delmar died Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in South Bethlehem, he had lived in Delmar since 1951. He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. Ormsbee was a salesman and truck driver for Albany Welding Supply for 30 years. He was also a truck driver for the Bethlehem Highway Department since 1982.

He was a member of Delmar Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Loux Ormsbee; a son, David Ormsbee of Schenectady; two daughters, Joanne Wendell of Delmar and Lori Youngman of Colonie; three brothers, Clyde Ormsbee of Haltom City, Texas, Allan Ormsbee of White Plains, Westchester County, and Leonard

Ormsbee of Hoosick Falls; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, 12 Mildred Lane, Latham 12110.

Gladys Ginett

Gladys F. Ginett, 81, of Selkirk died Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

Born and educated in Chazy, Clinton County, she was a longtime Capital District resident.

Mrs. Ginett had been a cook at Green Meadow School in East Greenbush. She was also a maintenance worker at Park Lane Apartments in Menands before she retired.

She was the widow of Erwin Ginett.

Survivors include three sons, Wayne Ginett of East Greenbush, Brian Ginett of Menands and John Ginett of Selkirk; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services were from the Chicorelli Funeral Home and St. James Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Mathilda Elliott

Mathilda Wyga Elliott, 68, of Brown Rigg Road in Feura Bush, died Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Born in Monroe, Mrs. Elliott sold Christmas trees at Scotch Hill Acres farm. She was a member of the state Christmas tree growers association.

She was the widow of Richard Elliott.

Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia K. Elliott of Feura Bush; a brother, John G. Wyga of Arizona; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Jerusalem Cemetery in Feura Bush.

Lynn H. Hoolihan

Lynn H. Hoolihan, 96, of the Albany County Guardian Society Home, a former Delmar resident,

died Wednesday, Nov. 8, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born and educated in St. Albans, Queens, she lived in Maplewood, N.J., before moving to Delmar in 1951.

Mrs. Hoolihan owned and operated the Dorothy Lynn shop in Delmar for 17 years.

She was an avid bridge player and a member of local bridge clubs.

She was the widow of Robert E. Hoolihan.

Survivors include a son, Robert M. Hoolihan of Brick Township, N.J.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Hans Funeral Home in Albany.

Mrs. Hoolihan donated her remains to the anatomical gift program at Albany Medical College.

Edith Farnsworth

Edith Farnsworth, 70, of Albany, a former Glenmont resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Glenmont, she was a lifelong Albany area resident.

She was a homemaker and a communicant of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Albany.

She was the widow of Donald Farnsworth.

Survivors include two sons, Richard S. Boice of Ravena and Kevin M. Boice of Albany; a daughter, Donna L. Farnsworth of Albany; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Chicorelli Funeral Home in Albany and the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

Burial was in the Holy Spirit Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Church of the Holy Spirit, 57 Hurlbut St., Albany 12203.

Rosa Lee Crawford

Rosa Lee Crawford, 63, a former Voorheesville resident, died Friday, Nov. 10, at the Albany County Nursing Home.

Born in Tallahassee, Fla., she had lived in Voorheesville for many years before moving to Altamont.

Mrs. Crawford was a homemaker. She had worked for several years as an apple picker at Indian Ladder Farms.

She was the widow of William D. Crawford.

Survivors include four daughters, Maggie Rodriguez, Mary Griffen and Dolores Crawford, all of Fort Myers, Fla., and Joann Crawford of Schenectady; two sons, William Crawford of Guilderland and Harris Crawford of Voorheesville; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, 9 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville.

Bernard C. Parker

Bernard Clarence Parker, 77, of Shady Grove Park in Selkirk, died Sunday, Nov. 12, at his home.

Born in Lexington, Greene County, he was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathryn Stahl of Porter Corners and Dorothy Parker of Delmar; five sons, Kenneth Parker of Coxsackie, James Parker of Deltona, Fla., Leon Parker of Selkirk, Karl Parker of Delmar and Paul Parker of Watervliet; two sisters, Vera Linendoll of Saratoga Springs and Mary Jane Woodman of Al-leghany, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be today, Nov. 15, at 10 a.m. from the Meyers Funeral Home, 741 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to the Selkirk Volunteer Ambulance, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

George Hernandez

George A. Hernandez, 75, of Glenmont died Friday, Nov. 10, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Alpine, N.J., he was a longtime resident of Glenmont.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Hernandez worked as an allocation chief for the state Energy Department in Albany for 14 years before he retired. He had formerly worked for Richfield Oil and British Petroleum in New York City.

He was a member of the Masons in New Jersey and the Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar.

He was a communicant of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Kraemer Hernandez; two sons, George A. Hernandez of Germantown, Tenn., and Paul R. Hernandez of Kennewick, Wash.; a daughter, Cynthia A. Gordon of Maineville, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

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

Joseph Hennessey Sr.

Joseph W. Hennessey Sr., 71, of Glenmont died Monday, Nov. 12, at Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Born and educated in Troy, he was a graduate of Troy High School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater. He was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

Mr. Hennessey was employed as a refrigerator mechanic for the

Tri-City Refrigeration Co. in Watervliet before retiring in 1980.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Troy.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, the Plumber and Steamfitters Union Local 7 for 42 years, and the Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar. Mr. Hennessey was also a life member of the Vagabond Club.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta L. Brooks Hennessey; five sons, Dr. William J. Hennessey of Glenmont, Bernard J. Hennessey of Clifton Park, and Joseph W. Hennessey, Steven M. Hennessey and Richard A. Hennessey, all of Troy; a daughter, Bridget Smith of Schenectady; two brothers, William Hennessey of Schenectady and Bernard Hennessey of California; a sister, Mary Fisher of West Sand Lake; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were scheduled for noon today, Nov. 15, at the Daniel D. Purcell Funeral Home, 510 Pawling Ave., Troy.

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

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Albany County Unit, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

St. Thomas to host Thanksgiving service

"An Ecumenical Thanksgiving in Song and Word" will be hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 35 Adams Place in Delmar.

The choir will feature 120 singers from various local churches, including St. Thomas the Apostle Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Community United Methodist Church of Slingerlands, the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, the Bethlehem Community Church, the Unionville Reformed Church, the Delmar Reformed Church, the Lutheran Church of Delmar and the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

For information, contact Barbara Kelly at 439-0716.

Bethlehem chamber to meet this month

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has slated its monthly general membership meeting on Thursday, Nov. 30, at noon at Howard Johnson's on Route 9W in Albany.

A program on the "information superhighway" will be presented at the meeting.

Reservations are required. Lunch costs \$12. For information or reservations, call the chamber at 439-0512.

Five Rivers tracking white-tailed deer

A program on white-tailed deer will be offered on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Death Notices

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

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

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.



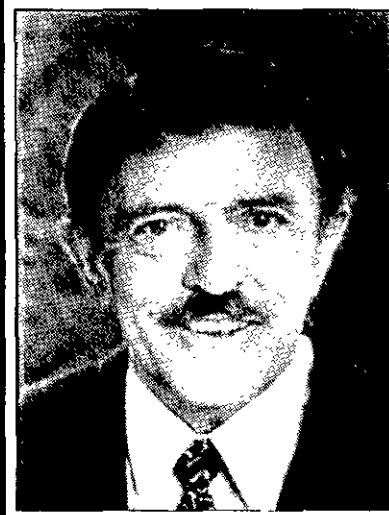
John Astin returns to the Palace Theatre as "Ebenezer Scrooge" in Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol" for a one-week run, Nov. 22 to 26. Tickets for children under 12 are \$12.50 while the regular ticket prices are \$14.50 to \$24.50.

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Family Entertainment
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Astin reprises role of Dickens' 'Scrooge'

By Zack Beck

"Bah humbug!" As the holiday season creeps in on the Capital District, a century old classic will return to the Palace Theatre stage for the third consecutive year.



The Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol," will run for one week only. The performances, produced by Christmas Carol Inc., are sure to entertain and delight theatergoers of all ages. According to Bob Goepfert, executive director of the Palace, audiences will undoubtedly be dazzled by the production. "The set is

magnificent — you walk in and it's breathtaking, it's just this Dickensian village before your eyes," he said.

If not the timeless story line or elegant set, the single key factor that will attract people to the play is the return of Academy Award nominee John Astin. Astin, who is best known for his portrayal of Gomez Addams in the television show, "The Addams Family," will again play the starring role of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Goepfert feels that his presence will draw many people from all over the area. "Last year, everyone who left was impressed not only with John Astin's performance, but John Astin as a person," he said.

"I was afraid at first, if anyone who saw it would want to see it again, but we're not only getting people who want to see Astin in it again—we're getting people

who regret not seeing Astin's original moving performance."

Complementing Astin on stage will be a professional troop of actors, 80 percent of whom hail from the Capital District. Returning from last year are locals Don Perkins (playing roles of Marley and Fezziwig), John Richard Allen (Bob Cratchit), and Ann Marie Acquilano playing the part of Belle. Ballston Lake native Nicole Brzecinski will debut in the role of Tiny Tim.

Starting at the Palace Theatre, located on 19 Clinton Ave., the show will run from Nov. 22 to Nov. 26., Wednesday through Saturday shows will be at 7:30 p.m. and there will be 2 p.m. showings from Friday to Sunday.

Goepfert is optimistic about this year's production. "Hopefully, we'll turn a profit so we can do it year after year after year."

In an effort to provide quality entertainment to entire families, ticket prices are relatively low. Regular adult prices run from \$14.50 to \$24.50. Children under 12 are admitted to all performances for \$12.50.

Tickets to all performances are available at the Palace Theatre Box Office (465-4663) or through TicketMaster (476-1000).

Certainly one of the key factors that will play a major role in the production's success is timing. The pre-Thanksgiving performance dates are just right Goepfert said. "I can't think of a better show to talk about what the holidays are really about. It's the kind of show that should set the mood for the holiday season, and it really is a good, good show."

Capital Rep gets around Equity with stage full of characters

One of the problems over the years at the Capital Repertory Company in Albany has been the need to hire only Equity actors and then finding plays where a small number of actors are needed.

It's affected seasons and productions, but now new artistic director Maggie Manicelli-Cahill has found an answer, *A Tuna Christmas* which opens tonight, Nov. 15, at the Market Theater in downtown Albany.

The wildly, satiric comedy has 24 characters but only two actors who portray all the roles. This sequel to *Greater Tuna* still takes place in the third smallest town in Texas. Don't try to find it on the map because it exists only in the minds of the two writers, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams, the out-of-work actors who wrote the comedy in 1981 and have been well-to-do actors ever since.

They played radio disk jockeys on a small station and recreated scenes involving some of their listeners and other townspeople. Now, in *A Tuna Christmas*, the writers have taken the concept a step further, and, according to reports, they are writing another version, *Red, White and Tuna*, for production in several years. Talk about a retirement plan.

In Albany tonight, Michael Mastro and John Tillotson play the radio personalities who, over a two-hour period, do quick costume changes, vocal tricks and characterization switches to play both men and women. The actors in these two plays earn their money but can't complain. The authors have done the two shows almost 3,500 times.

A Christmas Tuna plays through Dec. 10 with seven performances a week, Tuesday night through Sunday matinee.

Reservations and information available at 462-4531.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Heritage Artists plays benefit for its existence November 20

The ghostly presence of Heritage Artists floats into the Cohoes Music Hall on Monday, Nov. 20, for a benefit performance of *That Old Plaid Magic*, a cabaret based on last summer's success, *Forever Plaid*.

The original cast which appeared in Saratoga last summer will again appear for this benefit with \$60 tickets to bolster the treasury of the troupe which once called the Cohoes Music Hall home.

Billing itself as "upstate New York's only not-for-profit professional company dedicated to keeping musical theater alive and well," the Heritage Artists company is nomadic in nature. The Cohoes Music Hall has too many drawbacks, mainly economic, to be called its home so the company keeps alive by doing several benefit performances during the winter with a production in the summer.

Reservations and information available at 235-7969.

The Nutcracker featured by two local ballet companies first week of December

Early in December, two local ballet companies, both staging *The Nutcracker*, will compete for audiences in Albany and Schenectady. Both will be using principal dancers from the New York City Ballet Company.

The Capital Ballet Company of Albany will open first on Friday, Dec. 1, in the only evening performance. It will have

matinees on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3, at 1 p.m. Capital Ballet will have the Albany Symphony Orchestra accompany dancers Wendy Whelan and Nilas Martins of the New York company with an augmented cast of local dancers and children. Tickets and info at 465-4663.

Next out of the box is the Northeast Ballet Company's version of the 103-year old ballet featuring New York City Ballet principal dancers, Kyra Nichols and Philip Neal.

Three performances will be given at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady. This is the eighth consecutive season the company has staged the famous ballet at Proctor's and as usual, it will have dozens of local children dancing smaller roles.

Performances will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.

The Nutcracker follows a young girl's dreams on Christmas Eve.

Darlene Myers, founder of the Northeast Ballet, is also directing this production. Tickets and info at 346-6204.

Now, in case that's not enough of *The Nutcracker*, the Albany Berkshire Ballet Company will present its own production of the famed ballet Friday and Saturday, Dec. 23 and 24. More about that production later.



Martin P. Kelly

Around Theaters!

Anything Goes Cole Porter musical through Sunday, Nov. 19, at Temple Gates of Heaven, Schenectady (374-8173) ... *The Crucible*, Arthur Miller play, at Columbia Greene Community College, Hudson through Sunday, Nov. 19, (828-4181).

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"TOMMY"
Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., \$29.50. Information, 346-6204.

"INTO THE WOODS"
Foy Theatre, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, Nov. 16 to 18, 8 p.m., Nov. 19, 2 p.m., \$12. Information, 783-2527.

"SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARVES"
The Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, Nov. 18, 1 and 4 p.m., \$10. Information, 473-1061.

"FRANKENSTEIN"
adapted by Tim Kelly, R.P.I. Playhouse, 15th Street, Troy, Nov. 15 through 17, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 276-4710.

"TUNA CHRISTMAS"
comedy extravaganza, The Market Theatre, 11 North Pearl St., Albany, Nov. 15 through Dec. 17, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7 p.m., Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sundays, 2:30 p.m., \$18. Information, 462-4534.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, Nov. 22 through 26, Wednesday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday, 2 p.m., \$14.50. Information, 465-4663.

"MACHINAL"
directed by Phil Soltanoff, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, through Dec. 3, \$7. information, 584-5000.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER
guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, Nov. 18 and 25, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

BLUE JEANNE BLUE
Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

JULIE WILSON
Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., \$23. Information, 473-1845.

MITZI GAYNOR SHOW
song, dance and comedy, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., \$28.50. Information, 346-6204.

MEDUSA PLEASURE WORKS
Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

THE BEVERWYCK STRING BAND
Masonic Temple, 138 Maple Ave., Altamont, Saturday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., \$6. Information, 765-2815.

MARILYN KEISER
organist, Cathedral of All Saints, 62 S. Swan St., Albany, Sunday, Nov. 19, 4 p.m. Information, 439-9238.

WINTER HEAT
jazz quartet, Old Forge Center for the Arts, Route 28, Old Forge, Saturday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 369-6411.

BEATLEMANIA
listening party, Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Albany, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 12:01 a.m. Information, 482-5816.

SCHENECTADY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Sunday, Nov. 19, 3 p.m., \$15. Information, 346-6204.

CAPITAL CHAMBER ARTISTS
portrait of Joseph Haydn, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, Saturday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 458-9231.

HERBS FOR THE HOLIDAYS
demonstration on use of herbs, Schuyler Mansion, 32 Catherine St., Albany, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 434-0834.

BOB BLACKBURN'S PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP
featuring works by black artists, East and West Galleries, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Dec. 31. Information, 463-4478.

READINGS

POETS FORUM
hosted by Lori Anderson, Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Albany, Sunday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

FILM

"JUNGLE FEVER"
directed by Spike Lee, The College of Saint Rose, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

EVENING WITH SHARKS
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VISUAL ARTS

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works by Ida Gertrude and Dorothy Lathrop, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Dec. 31. Information, 463-4478.

"THE NEW AMERICAN GHETTO"
photographs by Camilo Vergara, New York State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 8. Information, 474-5877.

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ART CLASSES
watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, 44 Hoffman Drive, Latham. Information, 783-1828.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
presented by Shaker Heritage Society, Anne Lee Nursing Facility, Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m., \$15. Information, 456-7890.

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Dems

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Reilly, who ran on the Independence Party line, and Republicans won the two town board seats on the ballot, so the Democrats failed to win a single town board seat for the first time in more than 20 years.

Now, Reilly's supporters are calling for Burns to resign after what one calls "this year's disastrous Democratic election effort."

For his part, Reilly said Burns "is going to have to step down — he helped, or at least permitted, this whole fiasco to take place."

Reilly said he was "pretty much frozen out by the leadership" in late spring, and was surprised that Decker, with Burns' help, had organized a petition drive to win the Conservative line for supervisor.

"The committee hadn't had any meetings and he (Burns) never contacted me, but he was out working against me," Reilly said.

In a campaign letter to Democrats, Burns stated that Reilly had "refused to commit to running for re-election, ... (and) Clare Decker came forward and offered to run."

"I followed the direction of my committee, and went to an open caucus," Burns said.

It would be up to the town committee, not Reilly's supporters, to make a change at the Democrats' helm, Burns said.

"It's not time for me to step down just because a few of Herb's supporters want me out," Burns said. "When it's time for me to

move on, I'll know."

"We have to get more people involved and attract good candidates (for 1997)," Burns said. "We'll bounce back as a party."

Democratic Councilman Edward Donohue, who lost his seat this year, said he thought Burns

"was looking to leave in a year or two," though he doubted Burns would want to be forced out.

But Donohue, who is also a committeeman, said that New Scotland Democrats "need someone to devote the time necessary to hold the party together."




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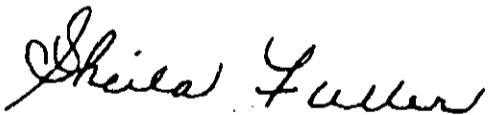
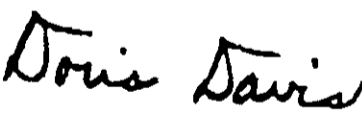
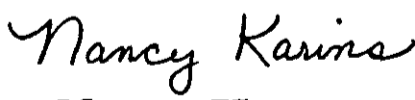

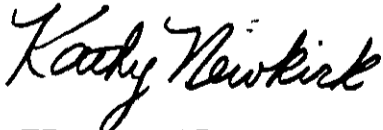

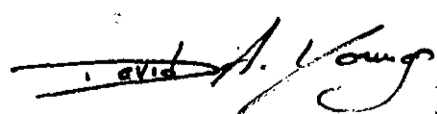



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