

A hound joins the force

Bethlehem's newest crime fighter, a bloodhound named Belker, made his debut in impressive fashion Friday, sniffing out a suspected arsonist two miles away from the scene of a Rockefeller Rd. fire.

Belker is owned by Colin Clark, supervisor of the Bethlehem police detective office. Belker is not officially a police dog, but the 17-month-old has been readily adopted by members of the 32-man town force, many of whom have been helping Clark train him.

"We've been working with him for the last nine months," said Clark Friday, after the capture.

The barn fire at 46 Rockefeller Rd. started at approximately 9 a.m. Friday, and by the time units from Delmar and Elsmere were on the scene it was fully involved. A caretaker for the owner, Mrs. Isabel Johnson, told police there had been an earlier breakin — and a small fire — the previous Monday.

Damage to the barn and its contents — two sail boats and some farm equipment — was estimated at more than \$100,000. One fire fighter, Bob Irish of Elsmere, was treated for smoke inhalation at Albany Medical Center.

At the fire scene, Officer Stephen J. Demarest saw tracks leading away from the rear of the barn and immediately called for Clark and Belker. The dog picked up a scent, followed it about two miles along the railroad tracks to a junk yard on Rt. 144 in Albany. There he stopped at a metal hut.

Inside police found a 13-year-old Albany boy, who was arrested and charged with arson fourth degree and burglary third degree. The youth, whose name was withheld because of his age, was placed in the Highland Farms detention center pending a March 17 court date. Other charges are pending, but unless the boy is treated as an adult he will come under the jurisdiction of Albany County Family Court and will not face criminal charges.



Bethlehem Police Officer Stephen Demarest teamed with Belker to make an arrest in Friday's Rockefeller Rd. barn fire.

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Clark said he expects that Belker, still a youngster himself, will have numerous opportunities in police work, not only in catching criminals but also in helping track down missing persons. Usually,

Clark said, bloodhounds are trained in pairs, but he hasn't decided yet whether he's up for a second hound.

"They're not much as house pets," he said.

VOORHEESVILLE

Candidates are quizzed

By Tom Howes

This has been an unusually lively political year in Voorheesville — one major issue is still unresolved — and with the village board election just days away, interest in the candidates and their positions is considerable.

Two of the four board seats (not counting the mayor's) are up for grabs and village voters will choose between three candidates Tuesday, March 15. Voting at the Village fire hall is from noon to 9 p.m.

The challenger, Charles Arthur, is employed by the State University as associate director for personnel operation for the Research Foundation.

Incumbent Joseph (Larry) Dedrick is a plumber and steamfitter, former fire chief, and active in many civic and recreational organizations. He is seeking his second term as village trustee.

Fellow incumbent Richard Langford is employed by Suburban Propane and is running for a third term on the board.

Efforts to set up a forum for the candidates to discuss the issues were unsuccessful, so *The Spotlight* polled the three individually on the major issues in the village.

Question: Since there will be no referendum on whether residents of the village want sewers, will you take a position on the issue before the election. If so, what?

Arthur: Right now I feel that question needs a two part answer, both parts of which involve people with problems. Those people who have sewers now have problems with that system, and for those people who don't have sewers, the plan is appropriate at this time because their situation needs to be addressed now, particularly the Pleasant St. area.

I see two options for the Voorheesville 'old village': seek to have sewers extended from the Rosen-Michaels plant up to Pleasant St., or undertake a cluster septic

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The job hunt: library group makes it easier

By Vinny Reda

The past week for the members of the Job Club reads like that of many of the growing ranks of unemployed across America. "I had a few interviews — very nice, but they didn't have anything for me right now," said John, a male nurse — "without portfolio."

"I plan on sending them thank you notes for the interviews in a few days."

"You should send them a day or two after your interview — no later," said Karen Mahar by way of instruction, as she looked to all other nine members who showed up at Bethlehem Public Library's Wednesday morning Job Club.

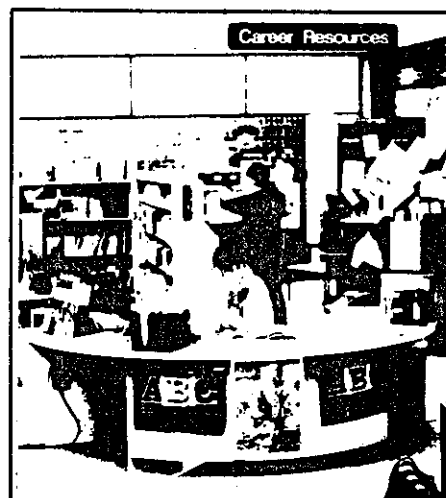
Counseling, consoling and occasional confidential employment leads are the advantages these job seekers may have

over many of their fellow, out-of-work countrymen, because of the Job Club.

They are new to the job hunt. A few have been laid off. A few women have had husbands laid off and are now seeking to help the family financial condition. A few others had jobs in other areas before their husbands were transferred to the Capital District. ("How come you never hear of men out of work because their wives got different jobs?" laughed one woman.)

When they came here they found the area was not the oasis amid recession they had once heard. Groups for the unemployed have sprung up in Schenectady and Albany as well, although they are not as ongoing or as open to new members each week as is Delmar's Job Club.

"We first go over what has happened to us this week, and we discuss how we feel



about it and suggest ways that interviews might have been improved," said Ms. Mahar, the group's counselor who provides this and other services for

libraries in the Upper Hudson Federation group.

"Then after that first half hour or 40 minutes, we deal with those people who feel they need to work on resumes or interview techniques. The last thing we do is goal setting, the objectives we will have for the coming week. Eventually I'd like to see us break down into small groups to move fully discuss particular needs."

Observed in just one morning, it appeared the Job Club satisfied a need for shared experiences — no matter how frustrating — as a minimum accomplishment. But it offered more concrete assistance as well.

"I had a couple of good referrals this week — thanks to Judy and Elaine here," said Robert, a mechanical technician

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system. That means several individual systems run into dry wells — which is something the study (Clough, Harbour wastewater facilities plan) didn't address, and should be reviewed.

I view the Clough Harbour plan as a 'master plan' which could be done on an incremental basis. So far it has been presented as an all or nothing choice.

The basic sewer system we have right now could be extended into several areas relatively easily. The 'master plan' really is a little bit of an overkill.

Dedrick: I can't take a position on that because I'd have to have more input from the villagers. I intend to vote according to what the people in the village want.

Langford: There is no referendum because there is no money — nothing to vote on. Unfortunately, we can only vote on the whole thing, and because there is no federal money available the project isn't viable. That question was answered at the hearing.

Q: Should the village go ahead and attempt to take over the Salem Hills Filtration Plant?

Arthur: The record on that is clear. I was instrumental in having the rate-payers submit a petition to the village board as well as to Clough Harbour as a part of their study. The petition was signed by a substantial majority of the

qualified voters in Salem Hills, and therefore the idea of a 'referendum' is ludicrous in light of the public record.

The filtration plant in village hands is a viable asset. As is, the situation is economically detrimental to the people using it, and also politically detrimental to the board members.

Dedrick: Yes, to save the taxpayers dollars and to reunite the village. The old village and Salem Hills have been bickering and fighting over this for some time.

Langford: Yes, we are doing that right now. The action is nothing to do with the old village problem, we're acting independently. And when any facts come out, the Salem Hills people will have the opportunity to vote because they are the users.

Q: What other issues do you see in this campaign? Your position?

Arthur: There are a couple of other issues. One is the communication between the board and the people. It is not as good as it might be. They should find ways to get the message across to the whole village, not just those who attend meetings, or ask questions. We need accountable individuals.

If I wasn't running there would be no opposition, no referendum on what the board has been doing. The election will be partially representative of the people's

satisfaction with the board members' communication with them.

The second issue is lack of planning. I know there is a master plan on the books, but even it doesn't seem to be well thought out. Any sewer system that runs down Maple Avenue, for example, would probably destroy the maple trees, which give the area its character.

Voorheesville is a good place to raise kids. It has a good educational system and reasonable services. I'm interested in maintaining the character of the village.

Dedrick: I don't see any other issues. Really, the village is in fine shape and I hope to keep it that way.

Langford: The only other issue is what kind of job the village board is doing for the village. Some things could be better, but that would be true whatever people or program were involved. But I would be happy to pit Voorheesville's situation against any other village in the state in terms of tax dollars and services.

Q: Why do you feel you are qualified to be a village trustee?

Arthur: I've attended meetings and my impression is I could do as well or better than some of the people there. Although I've never held political office, I have held top positions in many organizations. I have experience in business training, developing policy and planning for the future — skills that could be used to good advantage on the board.

10 years to go

The Town of Bethlehem will observe, but not celebrate, its 190th birthday on Saturday. The town was created by act of the New York State Legislature on March 12, 1793, from the original Town of Watervliet in a break from the Albany Regency.

Philip Van Rensselaer of Cedar Hill was the first supervisor. Thomas V. Corrigan of Delmar is the 45th.

When I see 5-0 votes at board meetings, no questions, no public analysis, I wonder whether these skills exist. I'm sure they do, but they could be improved.

Dedrick: I could go on for three to four days. I've put a lot of time into the village, serving for over 15 years. I've served in the fire department and I've been its chief. I have also helped out with the ambulance service, and have done a lot of work with the youth in the village. I am interested in village matters, will continue to be, and therefore feel I am qualified.

Langford: I've lived here ever since I was six or seven. This is not a matter of having a college degree. It's a matter of your sensitivity and commitment to the village people and the village as a whole.

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□ The job hunt

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(only first names will be used here in order to avoid any possible hinderance to job searches).

Elaine and Judy both smiled. Their situations are easier right now than Robert's. Said Elaine, "I'm looking for something in public relations, something with a future. My husband has a job and we have three kids in college on tuition and loans. I can't afford to take any job that will cancel out the financial aid."

Judy's predicament had ended. "Things came together for me this week," she announced, saying she was being hired as an interior designer. "I also could have had an editorial writing job, but I felt funny about that one, so I turned it down."

"Where was that job?" said Joan, who was at her first meeting. It turned out the job was one she had once had.

"It became very boring after a while. I realized it was going nowhere."

"You know," said Judy, "that's the feeling I had. Gee, now I feel so much better having turned it down."

Not all the stories are near happy endings yet. Robert had flown out to Milwaukee for an interview with a company that had seemed very anxious for his arrival. "They called me Dec. 15 to come right out on the 17th. Then on the 16th they called and said make it the 20th, and stay four days."

Robert told them he would not miss Christmas Eve with his family and went for three days. He not only did not get the job, he still had not been reimbursed the \$600 for the trip.

"They're always in a rush to see you, but never to give you back your money."

Another first-time member, Annette, also an interior designer, had had an interview at a furniture store. "A disaster," she called it. "My interviewer was walking out as I was walking in. I'm sick and I'm going home," he told me.

"I told him I had an appointment with him so he dragged himself back in, and all during the interview he kept saying 'you know, I really don't want to be here' and 'I really don't want to be doing this'."

She had questions about interviews, while Joan declared, "I really would like some help in writing a resume. And I also want help with interviews. I wonder, am I asking too many questions or too few?"

In the second hour, while Joan got her resume lesson, Robert was videotaped being mock interviewed by Mahar. It was played back for him, and often stopped by the counselor, at one point where she had asked about his relevant past work.

"See?" she said, "you could have told

me that yourself. You have to come across with a little more elaboration on your answers. Don't be a 'Yes-No' person."

"You sit back too far," said Carol, another new member, a former bacteriology lab technician who was also once a model.

"Yes," said Karen, "kind of low key. I'm not picking up any enthusiasm."

"And you may need that," said Pam, one of the original members of the group when it began in mid December in 1982. "The trouble is often that not everybody you meet will be good at interviewing."

"Right, don't wait for him to ask you everything," said Ms. Mahar, running the tape again, then stopping it. "See, you waited there for me to ask you if you're not working. Don't wait for me to ask you the key questions."

"And don't even say you're not working. Say what you are doing to keep ahead in your field."

"But really, overall, you did pretty well — but more enthusiasm!"

"Yeah," said Robert, "the laid back part is hiding the fact of how afraid I am."

Goals were set in the final 15 minutes of the two-hour session. One member promised to come up with a portfolio by Monday. Carol said she would give all her new friends lessons on posture and body language for interviews. Some leads were given by friends of Caroline, a former Job Clubber who was hired for a management job in the State Legislature. And for Judy, it was "my farewell session."

"I want to say that job hunting is the most exasperating and humiliating thing you can go through. But I want to tell the new members that knowing there's a support group like this that you can go to makes everything bearable."

Pancake theft arrest

A Delmar man accused of stealing money from a Stewarts Ice Cream Store last September turned himself into Bethlehem police Thursday.

Edward J. Simon, 30, of 85 Cherry Ave., who police said had been living in the Buffalo area since shortly after the Sept. 12 theft, faces a felony charge of grand larceny second degree. He was lodged in Albany County Jail pending a Tuesday date in Bethlehem Town Court.

The amount of the Sept. 12 theft from the Stewarts store, then at its Delaware Ave. and Elsmere Ave. location, was not disclosed. According to police records at that time, a clerk opened the store safe on a Monday morning to find 11 pounds of pancake mix in the bags that should have held the weekend's receipts.

Neighborhood association forming

Residents of Delaware Ave. in Delmar have tentatively formed a neighborhood association which, according to spokesperson Sandi Hackman, will strive to represent homeowners in the area bounded by Delaware, Kenwood and Cherry Aves., as well as adjacent property.

Last fall a group of residents along Delaware Ave. and adjacent streets formed a coalition to institute legal action against the Bethlehem Board of Appeals, taking the board to court over its decision to grant a variance that would have allowed legal offices in a residential section of Delaware.

But Jess Turner, who owned the property at 399-401 Delaware and who was granted the variance, withdrew his

application shortly after the residents' appeal had been filed, claiming the litigation was a hardship that defeated the original purpose of the variance request.

Many of the members of this original coalition have formed the core of the new neighborhood association, which will be gathering in room 204 at Bethlehem Town Hall at 8 p.m. on March 14.

Present will be Marc Brandt, executive director of the state Association for Retarded Children, which has purchased the Adams House from the town. Brandt will speak and answer questions from residents.

Job hunting strategies

Job-hunters can find help at a free "Job Search Strategies" workshop offered at the Bethlehem Public Library. The six sessions will be Tuesday evenings beginning March 15. The workshop is intended to help participants learn to market themselves through resumes, cover letters and interviewing techniques. Attendance will be limited. Registration is due by Monday by calling the library, 439-9314.

Meeting date changed

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will meet at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. There will be no meeting on March 16, the board's regularly scheduled meeting night, because of lack of a quorum.



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Boards take tough look at 2 Zautner projects

By Vincent Potenza

Builder G. William Zautner seems to win all of his legal battles with the Town of Bethlehem, but that doesn't necessarily mean his projects have clear sailing.

Last week, the Bethlehem Board of Appeals, following an order from the state Supreme Court, adopted a resolution granting Zautner a special exception that will allow him to construct five four-unit apartment buildings on Beacon Rd. in Glenmont. The court order overturned an earlier board decision and was the result of an appeal by Zautner.

But the board was informed by its attorney, Donald DeAngelis, that the court order allowed the board to stipulate conditions and safeguards for the proposal, and last Wednesday the board did so.

Those conditions and safeguards included a four-foot chain link or stockade fence around the back of the entire parcel to the rear building line, six-foot evergreens four feet apart on the sides of the end lots, eight parking spaces per building located in the rear of each site, no common driveways for any two adjacent buildings, subdued lighting timed to go off at 11 p.m. and brown siding for the buildings' exteriors.

The board also added stipulations prohibiting any parking on Beacon Rd. or lawns and required a dumpster for each building to be located in the rear.

The board further stipulated that every one of the conditions and safeguards for the entire property must be met before the building inspector would issue a certificate of occupancy for any one building, and gave Zautner two years to complete development.

Another Zautner appeal — and victory — was the subject of some debate the previous night at a meeting of the Bethlehem Planning Board.

The proposal this time was Elsmere Homes, Zautner's plan to build two duplexes behind two existing duplexes on Elsmere Ave. and adjacent to the Bethlehem Cemetery.

The board, against the advice of its attorney, originally denied the proposal in November of 1981 following a lengthy and unanimously opposed public hearing on Oct. 6 of the same year. But Zautner

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appealed and the decision was overturned in court some months later.

The bone of contention at last week's meeting was not the subdivision itself — that's ready for final approval — but the board's additional power of site plan approval, which it has for all new residences of two units or more.

Zautner never came before the board for the development's site plan approval. Building Inspector John Flanigan accused the board of "jerk[ing] around" Zautner by waiting until the proposal was ready for final approval before asking for a site plan.

Board members countered by stating that Zautner had to know he'd be subject to site plan approval for the development, and the plans he'd submitted for the subdivision were inadequate for that purpose. He'd have to give them more, board members said.

Flanigan insisted that the board wasn't being fair, that in fact it was forcing Zautner to file two maps for the proposal, and that the board was "jerk[ing] it out from under him at the last minute."

This elicited a response from board member T.E. Mulligan that Flanigan was "abusing the board. We're told this is the way to go, and then later we're told we're wrong. What are we here for?"

Finally a compromise was reached that would allow Zautner to add the needed information — building location, fencing and vegetation — to his original subdivision plans.

Addition unopposed

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals held a public meeting last Wednesday night for Joseph C. Bogdanowicz, 1605 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, who requested a variance from the percentage-of-lot-occupancy provision of the zoning ordinance so he could construct a 20 by 30 foot addition to his home. No one in attendance spoke in opposition to the proposal.



Lisa Brennan, left, and Brian Costello were among 65 St. Thomas School students who read 983 books during a six-month contest that culminated with a pie eat-off of top readers. Lisa, tenth biggest reader, was fastest pie-eater. Tom Howes

Pies all around

The next best thing to a pie-eating contest might be the pie "reading" competition conducted recently at St. Thomas School for fourth and fifth graders. Readers were honored at an awards assembly Friday that also included the real thing — a pie-eating contest.

In the reading competition, students earned a cardboard piece of pie under a point system for each book read. For example, three books in the Chocolate Cream Pie-Mystery category would earn a student a slice of cardboard chocolate cream pie. The top ten point scorers got to compete in the pie-eating.

During the six-month contest, 65 students read 983 books. Kathy Leonard, a fourth grader, was the top pie "reader" with 174 points. Al Moak followed with 170 points, and close behind were Sean Gallogly and Dean Wickham, who earned 162 points each. Margaret Eck, Jenny Snow, Amy DeGaetano, Brian Costello, Scott Smith and Lisa Brennan were the others in the top 10.

Births



Albany Medical Center

Girl, Lea Marie, to Mike and Patti Cavelieri, Voorheesville, Feb. 4.

Boy, Daniel Joseph, to Lawrence and Vida Alvy Greenwald, Voorheesville, Feb. 6.

Girl, Allissa Victoria, to Dr. and Mrs. Gary Niehaus, Delmar, Feb. 14.

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Patrick John, to Geraldine and John Carey, Voorheesville, Dec. 22.

Girl, Sara-Melissa Kaitlin, to Marieanne Purcell and Jeffrey Conklin, Selkirk, Jan. 14.

Girl, Ashley Rose, to Laurie and Butch Levine, Delmar, Feb. 2.

Boy, Steven Thomas, to Christine and E. John Haack, Glenmont, Feb. 11.

Boy, Luson Alcisis, to Michelle Winston and Gresford Lewishall, South Bethlehem, Feb. 14.

Girl, Erika Liesl, to Mildred and Gregory Stahl, Delmar, Feb. 14.

Girl, April Marie, to Cindy Geraldson and John Zboray, Selkirk, Feb. 14.

Boy, Kevin Michael II, to Bonnie and Kevin M. Furlong, Slingerlands, Feb. 15.

Boy, Benjamin, to Sharon and Richard Felson, Delmar, Feb. 16.

Girl, Amelia Ruth, to Martha and Stephen Wing, Clarksville, Feb. 19.

Boy, Christopher James, to Wendy Repass Suozzo and James Suozzo, Slingerlands, Feb. 21.

Girl, Amy Lynn, to Kathrine and Richard Gordon, Selkirk, Feb. 21.

Welcomes new members

A covered dish supper will top off the American Legion Auxiliary's monthly meeting and initiation ceremony for new members on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040. Members should bring a hot dish and their own place settings to the dinner-meeting.

For dining details, call Mary Acker at 465-5006.

AARP notes birthday

The Tri-Village chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will celebrate its 10th anniversary at a luncheon on Tuesday, March 15, at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, at 12:30 p.m. For details, call Constance Maercklein at 439-4070.

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Budget comment time set

By Caroline Terenzini

At a 12-minute regular business meeting last Wednesday, Bethlehem Central school board President Bernard Harvith agreed to allot 15 minutes for public comment at the beginning of the district's remaining budget work sessions — March 16, 19, 23 and 30. The work sessions have traditionally not been a public forum, but board Vice President Sheila Fuller pointed out that with no business meetings scheduled between March 16 and the board's vote on the budget April 5, opportunities for public comment to the full board were effectively eliminated.

The date the board is to vote on the budget that will be submitted to district residents was changed to Tuesday, April 5, from April 6 because of a conflict with the annual meeting of the Board of

Cooperative Educational Services.

During the budget work session, which drew 11 observers, the board looked at the transportation, insurance and debt service areas of the district's 1983-84 budget plan. Hard pressed to come up with a salable tax rate increase, the board tentatively decided to skip the purchase of three new buses on the district's long-term replacement schedule and instead to repair three currently out of commission. Board member Robert Zick objected that "we'll save a nickel this year and have to replace six or seven next year," but the \$87,000 reduction in the budget draft looked too good to his colleagues.

The board also weighed the value of an outlay of \$1,500 for program time on the South Colonie School District's computer that would speed the bus routing

currently done by Transportation Supervisor Gardiner Tanner. In the end board members agreed it would be money well spent.

Harvith argued for trimming the estimate on gasoline and diesel fuel prices from \$1.04 and \$1.09 per gallon respectively, saying, "We don't want to ask the taxpayer for a penny more than we have to." But a majority of the board favored the more conservative projection.

Business Administrator Franz Zwickl-bauer reported that while an engineer had said shifting along the hall stairway at the Middle School posed no immediate hazard, some \$20,000 will have to be spent before long to correct the problem.

Board member John Clyne suggested the district explore the possibility of hiring an efficiency expert. He cited the example of Ellis Hospital in Schenec-

tady, and said the possibility of spending some money in order to save more "intrigues me." Harvith contended that the only way of increasing productivity in a school is to increase the class size, but he agreed that the district should explore the possibility.

When the board looked at its own modest portion of the budget, board member Marjory O'Brien joked: "Look, they left the salary line out!" Bethlehem school board members are not paid.

Band concert

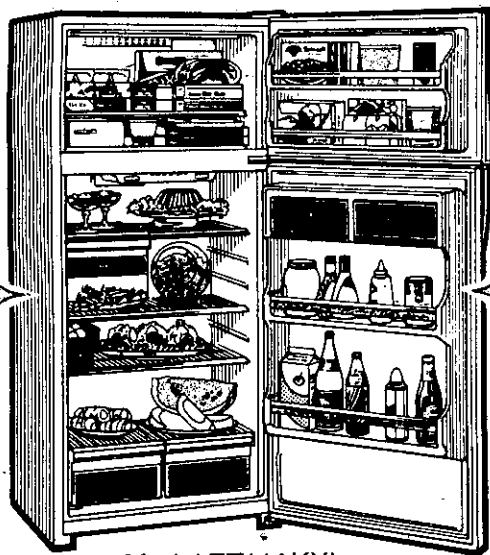
Some 494 student instrumentalists will orchestrate their efforts for Bethlehem Central's district-wide band concert on Thursday, March 17, at 8 p.m. in the high school's lower gym. Admission is free.

Ithaca College music professor Edward Gobrecht is the "guest conductor in residence" who will lead band members between the ages of eight and eighteen as they play everything from Irish tunes to Sousa marches.

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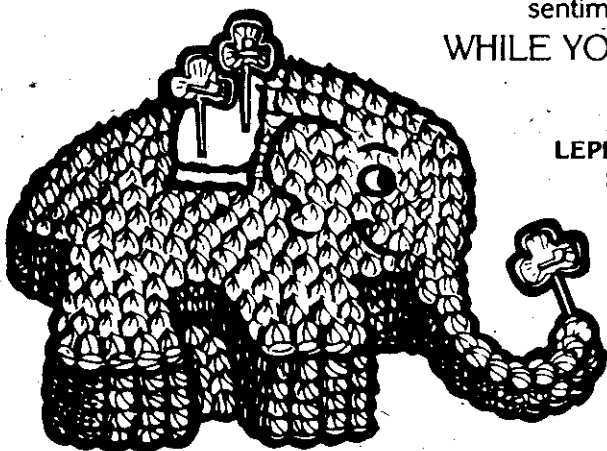
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Waste transfer site is approved

It might have been a rerun from last summer. Again the Bethlehem Town Board had come up with a site for the solid waste transfer station, and again the neighbors were unhappy.

But last Wednesday's special meeting was different. This time the board had a deal in hand, to buy the old Waldenmaier meat packing plant on Rt. 32 near Waldenmaier Rd. for \$125,000. And, as one neighbor noted sadly, "There's not enough of us."

After answering as best as they could to the sometimes bitters questions of the handful of neighbors the board unanimously approved the purchase from Wendell and Mary Williams.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said after the meeting that the town will spend another \$250,000 to outfit the building as a transfer station, but that the use of town labor and some scaling down of the building modifications had cut about \$150,000 off the original cost estimates. The town will not start work, except for some demolition and cleaning up, until the state budget is passed and the state aid situation is clearer, Corrigan said.

The other possible delay would be if the neighbors who oppose the purchase can gather the necessary 650 valid signatures to force the town to hold a referendum. Under state law, opponents

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have 30 days from the date of purchase, and the signatures must all be of voters registered in Bethlehem as of the last election, and must be witnessed.

A tall order, but one neighbor, George Fortulakas of Waldenmaier Rd., said Wednesday he intends to circulate referendum petitions and Friday he was at town hall to check out the proper procedure.

Fortulakas was the most outspoken neighbor at the Wednesday night meeting, calling the transfer station "a dump" and protesting that it was being "rammed down our throat."

Corrigan had sent letters to the neighbors informing them of the town's intentions, but because he had been ill the week before the letters didn't reach their destinations until the day of the meeting.

Last summer, the town board had been forced to hold a special informational meeting for residents of the Elm Ave. East and Dowerskill Village area after reports that the transfer station would be put at the nearby town garage. Several hundred people attended that meeting, and the Dowerskill residents presented

their arguments against a transfer station in impressive detail.

James Gleason, president of the Dowerskill group, was present Wednesday night, although he did not take a position on the new site. Corrigan asked him for his reaction to a similar transfer station in Schenectady, which the Dowerskill group visited. "Very impressive," Gleason said. "And everything you said about it is true."

Corrigan told the Waldenmaier Rd. group that they had the town's promise that the transfer station would be clean and well operated. It will be screened by vegetation and the town will not use the rest of the building for other purposes, he said.

"Anywhere it goes in town we face the same problem," Corrigan said. "But I want to emphasize that the decision was not based on the sparsity of the population. Add another \$25,000 (to the Williams' price) and we'd probably go across the street."

Other town board members noted that the meat packing plant is zoned commercial, and suggested that other possible uses — including a return to being a meat packing plant — could be more offensive to neighbors.

"I don't see what can be gained by waiting," said Councilman Robert

Hendrick as he called for the vote.

The board also approved the sale of the Adams House on Delaware Ave. to the New York State Association for Retarded Children, which will use the historic building as its headquarters. That sale, for \$115,000, is also subject to a permissive referendum and before the deal can be completed the new owners must get a variance for parking from the town's Board of Appeals.

Photos available

The framed photographs of New England scenes that have been on exhibit at the Bethlehem Public Library are now available to the public.

The works of Chuck Theodore of Lisbon, N.H., the pictures were purchased with proceeds from the 1982 spring book sale. Each picture may be borrowed for four weeks and special bags for carrying them are available. The photographs are in various sizes and include mountain scenes, seascapes, still lifes and seasonal subjects.

Blood pressure clinic

There will be a free blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and again from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

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New numbers, health issue cloud NiMo coal conversion

By Linda Anne Burtis

Oil prices are coming down but will coal smoke be going up the stack at Niagara-Mohawk's steam station in Glenmont?

That question remains up in the air even as the utility took another tentative step in its attempt to gain state approval to burn coal. On Feb. 16 NiMo circulated new, considerably higher construction cost figures that anticipate a \$282 million price tag by 1987, when the conversion would be completed. This amounts to a 76 percent increase when compared with the \$160.4 million cost in the original proposal.

"The recent change in the oil market is going to have an impact on this case," according to John Mavretich, an aide to Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey who is familiar with the NiMo proposal. Plummeting oil prices makes coal conversion "a very painful process for these guys," Mavretich said.

Despite the fact that Department of Environmental Conservation and the

Department of Public Service have received new figures, Robert O'Brien, spokesman for Niagara Mohawk, insisted there were no new numbers because the company is still analyzing costs.

In addition to economics, NiMo has come under new pressure regarding public health. On Feb. 3 Administrative Law Judge Daniel Louis ruled that public health is a serious consideration in these proceedings. This decision shifts the burden of proof onto the utility. The company will have to "bear the consequences if a negative public health finding were made," said Louis. NiMo "had no comment on this ruling," according to O'Brien.

Review of the utility's proposal to convert to coal came to a halt on Jan. 25 at Bethlehem Town Hall. At that conference, NiMo attorney Michael Murphy informed Judge Louis that the original cost estimates needed to be updated, but that the company was considering withdrawing the proposal. Louis has set no time limit on the company to provide new information.

One problem is that the new numbers are incomplete. They relate only to construction costs and do not address production costs savings. This would include operation and maintenance, plus costs to the ratepayers for the coal conversion. Carl Peckman, an economist at the Department of Public Service, said he is "pretty anxious to see what the rest looks like." Peckman said NiMo has been "passive, at best, on their coal conversion plans."

Until those figures are made available, regulators will be unable to assess the impact of conversion on ratepayers. William Lilley, of the Department of Public Service, suggested that the complete set of figures will serve as a barometer for the company's intentions. High numbers may serve as "a good excuse to back off and go home and forget it," Lilley said.

NiMo's O'Brien raised the possibility of canceling the project. When questioned about the new cost figures he replied, "There is no question whether the thing is going to be done, so the numbers may be academic."

The ruling to include public health as an issue means that questions related to health impacts from breathing SO₂, NO₂ and respirable particles may be raised. EnCon and the DPS attorneys argued that evidence of public health hazards

from coal-burning utilities should be part of the record of the proceedings. The League of Women Voters, Environmental Planning Lobby and the Sierra Club spoke to the urgency of public health impacts but couldn't afford to be part of the proceedings. The state Department of Health has not been investigating this proposal. However, when informed of the ruling, Dr. William Stasiuk at that agency said, "We'll take it under advisement."

Exhibits photographs

Allen Yarinsky of Delmar will have an exhibition of his photographs at the Learning Resources Center at Hudson Valley Community College during March. The more than 300 photographs in the exhibit, titled "South End Albany," depict an Albany that has largely disappeared with construction of the Empire State Plaza.

Yarinsky, director of quality assurance at Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute, Rensselaer, has exhibited previously at the Schenectady Museum, the College of Saint Rose, Bethlehem Central High School, and the Sterling-Winthrop Institute. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Troy college, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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For Joni, ballet is everything

By Lyn Stapf

Mention the word dance to most teenagers and their minds are immediately filled with thoughts of crowded rooms, whirling lights, and blaring rock music. Mention the same word to Joni Petre and suddenly visions of sugar plums dance in her head — the fairy variety from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." To Joni dance means ballet and "ballet means everything!"

This weekend will mark a milestone in the career of the talented 14-year-old daughter of Garry and Jeannie Petre of Voorheesville as she dances her first major role with the Berkshire Ballet when they appear Saturday at Proctors Theater in Schenectady.

Fourteen is an impressive age to be honored with such an important undertaking, except that this young ballerina has spent the better portion of her short life in pursuit of her goal.

Joni began her life of dance at three when she started studying tap with teacher Jack Ferrara of Schenectady. By the age of eight the now well seasoned performer "fell in love" with ballet — a romance that has guided her step ever since.

Studying with Bogah Follette of the Classique Studio in Delmar, Joni accumulated a number of valuable experiences over the next few years, including taking part in several ballet sessions at Skidmore College and



Joni Petre

dancing with the New York City Ballet during the summers of 1980 and 1981. Finally last year she reached the important decision that to attain her goal it would be necessary to study full-time with a professional ballet company.

Logically the Berkshire Ballet was the obvious choice, since she had been a member of the junior company for several years and well understood the professional benefits of studying under

Madeline Cantarella Culp, the artistic director of the troupe. Also, according to Joni's mother, "the Berkshire was the only real regional ballet to provide Joni with the performing schedule she desired," an extremely important factor since "performing is her forte."

Jeannie Petre, a dancer in her own right who has choreographed much of the PTSA variety shows over the last few years, states that her daughter loves every minute of performing, but the rewards are preceded by much hard work. Joni's rigorous schedule is matched by few of her age group. Formerly an honor-roll student at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High, Joni now attends ninth grade classes at Pittsfield High School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. while in residence with the ballet.

After-school four-hour daily rehearsals add to her heavy schedule with additional practice time before a performance lasting well over six hours nightly. Such a routine leaves little time for her former outside interests of ice skating and playing the clarinet, but to the budding ballerina the sacrifice is worth the price of success.

Saturday evening, when the Ballet presents, "Le Divertissement", a sampler of classical, contemporary, modern and jazz works, Joni will be dancing one of the major roles in a "pas de deux" entitled "An Afternoon of Sundays," a new work choreographed by Francis Patrelle, of the Berkshire Ballet. At that time the long hours of work and sacrifice she has invested will start paying off with interest.

Six years of quilting

Q.U.I.L.T. (Quilters United in Learning Together) will celebrate its sixth birthday at its meeting on Friday, March 11, at 10 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The meeting will focus on Irish quilts, and members are asked to share their green quilts and projects.

For details, quilters should call Jackie House at 482-0752.

One more Regents winner

Judith Suter, a Bethlehem Central High School senior, is a Regents scholarship winner. Her name was left off the list of winners sent to *The Spotlight* by the State Education Department.

Voorheesville News Notes



Lyn Stapf 765-2451

Voorheesville is Victorious and the Blackbirds are the best! The Voorheesville Sports Club invites the community to show their support for the many fine athletic groups at Clayton A. Bouton High School by attending its third annual pancake breakfast to be held this Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon at the high school. Proceeds from this fund raiser will be used in supporting the many fine sports programs at the high school. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from members of the sports group.

If you've never "been across the sea to Ireland", but would still like to take part in some "wearing of the green" then take note — members of American Legion Post 1493 and their guests are invited to attend their annual St. Paddy's Day dinner dance on Saturday, March 19, at the legion hall. A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by music for dancing by D.J. Hank Piquette. Reservations are requested and tickets are \$8 per person. To obtain more information or make reservations, call the legion hall at 765-4712.

American Legion Post 1493 of Voorheesville has just received its charter to form a Sons of American Legion group and will be accepting members and charter members up until the end of March. In order to be eligible the applicant's father or grandfather must either be an active legionnaire or be deceased and have served in the military during a wartime period. Those interested in more information are asked to call Legion Commander Odle Bradon at 765-4981, or the legion hall at 765-4712.

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a Passover supper on Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The candlelight dinner is symbolic of the Last Supper and will feature foods that would have been used at that time. During the course of the meal various people will recite phrases attributed to those present at the original gathering. Women of all faiths are invited to attend.

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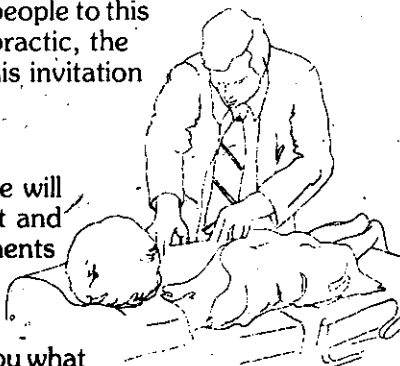
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There will be a general meeting of the Voorheesville PTSA this evening (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Guest speaker will be Dr. David Nevin, a clinical and child psychologist, who will discuss "changing psychology and how they are affecting our children at home and at school." The community is invited to attend.

A word to those who still have not joined PTSA — it's never too late. Those who would like to join but cannot attend the meeting may contact Sheila Glock at 765-4725.

The Helderview Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. Kay Weeks of the Cooperative Extension service will be on hand to give a slide presentation on wild flowers. For information call Kazy Gainor at 765-2516 or Shirley Greene at 482-5445.

This week at the high school the "halls" are alive with the sound of music as students celebrate "Music in the School Week" by presenting live music in the lobby daily before classes begin.

Speaking of high school music, the concert and stage bands have been invited by Assemblyman Richard Connors to perform before the legislative bodies on Wednesday, March 16. The bands, under the direction of Frank McDermott, are scheduled to present a pops concert in the well of the Legislative Office Building between noon and 1 p.m. The public is invited. This is the seventh time the groups have been honored with this invitation.

Not to be left out, a group of elementary school students also received an invitation this month to take part in the eleventh annual New York State Alliance of the Arts festival. Nineteen

students in grades 3 through six sang, danced and clowned at the Legislative Office Building on Wednesday, March 2.

Those taking part were Samantha Jones, Zachary Kendall, Jeff Nall, Tammy Loewy, Melissa Lennon, Lori Wood, Tracey Stevens, Liz Heinrich, Karen Deeley, Alison Mellinger, Kety Ramsey, Gayle DeDe, Lyra Colfer, Alexandria Kinnear, Brett Seyboth, Ben Schwartz, Mike Haaf, Troy Johnson and Joe Kramer.

33 years of service

Thursday, March 24, will mark 33 years of community service by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland. The Kiwanis Club was officially organized on March 23, 1950, at a meeting held at Osterhouts Restaurant, which used to be at the top of the hill above New Salem. Since 1957 the club has met at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church every Thursday night.

The 33rd anniversary will be celebrated by the 49 present members of the club at a regular dinner meeting on Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. All the past presidents of the club and all alumni members still living in the area are invited to attend. Of the 33 presidents who have led the club, 25 are still living in the area.

The speaker will be Gerald T. Hennessey of Schenectady. A Kiwanis lieutenant, Hennessey is a past Kiwanis lieutenant governor for the Mohawk Division and is now the parliamentarian and chairman of laws and regulations for the New York District of Kiwanis International.

'Storytime' on Channel 8

A television series designed exclusively for elementary school children premiered last week on cable channel 8, originating from Bethlehem Central High School. The weekly half-hour program will feature a different story each Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The first story was "The Little Prince," and Doug Cross of the high school's media center said, "We're looking forward to sharing with you some of the exceptional children's stories in circulation today."

District to expand computer services

By Tom Howes

The Voorheesville school district will spend approximately \$25,000 on computers, software and related materials if the 1983-84 draft budget is approved in its current form.

The figure was included in a special report prepared by Superintendent Werner Berglas for the school board. The report outlines current uses of computers in the school district, specifies proposed computer purchases, and sketches future plans for the department.

Berglas circulated his report at a supplemental finish-the-budget board meeting held Tuesday, March 2.

Of the total amount, \$15,000 will be spent on new equipment. Three Commodore computers will be bought to augment the 12 units already owned by the district. Together with a letter-quality printer (bought with federal funds), the units will comprise an effective educational system for elementary school use, according to Berglas.

In addition to the Commodores, the district will buy 10 machines — probably Radio Shack units — and a compatible printer for secondary level instruction of word processing and computer literacy.

Included in the report but not in the \$25,000 figure are two micro-computers and one printer the district will acquire through federal funding. Berglas plans to use the computers for administrative work only, but will convert the printer to do double-duty with the elementary level Commodore system.

Almost \$5,000 will be used to enlarge the storage capacity of the Commodores, and to equip them with dual-disk drive. (This allows the instructor to use two separate programs simultaneously, increasing flexibility in the classroom.)

The department will be overseen by a permanent district-wide committee on computer education in operation. Members are teachers, supervisors and administrators with interest in the field.

Their purpose is to recommend short-range goals, curricular needs, equipment needs, staff in-service needs and other related topics. They will report to the board of education.

Currently, 13 teachers drawn from the school's various departments are teaching computer-related courses. Students from grades 4 upward are exposed to computers in a wide variety of instructive situations.

One benefit of the instruction has already become apparent. Teachers and advanced students are writing their own programs, reducing the number of canned programs the district has to buy. Berglas said.

In other action, the board approved a capital fund expenditure of \$20,000 to replace a broken network of plumbing valves in the high school. Designed to turn water on or off, the valves enable performance of spot maintenance without disrupting water supply to the entire plant.

Also included in the \$20,000 are funds to move the nurses office to a central location in the school.

Slides on beekeeping

A program on bees and their importance to New York State will be presented at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, March 12, at 10 a.m. "The Sweet Side of the Honey Bee" will examine the lifestyle of New York's most economically significant insect, using slides and exhibits of bee equipment and products. This indoor program is free to the public.

Welcome spring

Children over the age of six can celebrate the vernal equinox with stories, songs and drawings at a special Bethlehem Public Library program on Wednesday, March 23, at 4 p.m.

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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



The annual Pops Concert will be presented at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School gymnasium Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m. Performing ensembles include the senior band, senior chorus and stage band. This year's concert will also include selections from "Finian's Rainbow," which is being presented at the high school on March 25 and 26. An added highlight will be the performance of a movement from the jazz suite for the flute and piano featuring Sally Campbell and Carole Youmans.

Reserved seating tickets will be available from all band and chorus members. General seating tickets will be available at the door. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Refreshments will be sold by the Senior High Honor Society before and during the concert. The public is cordially invited to attend this special evening of the winter music season.

Several of the girls from Cadette Girl Scout Troop 51, Selkirk, are working as program aides with younger troops. By putting in at least 25 hours of volunteer work with a younger troop, plus attending two training sessions sponsored by the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, they will be entitled to the silver leadership award.

Girls involved in the junior aide program are Candi Drobner, Christin Long and Celia Shubert, working with Brownie Troop 307 at Becker School; Mary Prime and Tina McDonald, with Junior Troop 97 at the Selkirk Fire House; Wendy Hobb and Lisa Mayo, with the Brownie Troop at the Children's Center in Ravena; Michelle Layman, with Brownie troop 189 at the New Baltimore Reformed Church; Rebecca Schacht, with the Brownie troop 165 at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church and Cheri Van Alstyn with the Brownie troop 161 at the Congregational Christian Church in Ravena.

Mrs. Charlotte Wilcoxon, research associate with the Albany Institute of History and Art and specialist in ceramics, will give a slide-lecture on "Chinese Export Porcelain" at the March 17 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association at 8 p.m. in the Cedar Hill School House Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk. Mrs. Wilcoxon has recently returned from a trip to the Netherlands where she spoke at a ceramics conference held in Amsterdam. She has been interested in and has researched Chinese export porcelain for more than 40 years. It was one of the favorite types of ceramics used in this area in Colonial times, being very popular and relatively inexpensive.

The public is invited to attend and may bring their own Chinese export porcelain for others to look at and for Mrs. Wilcoxon's comments.

The young Tiger Cub Scouts of Selkirk were recent guests of Selkirk Fire House No. 1. Thanks to Fire Chief Rich Gudz, Giles Wagoner Jr., Michael Jordan, Chris Stanton, Kenny Layman, Johnathan Janssen and their fathers enjoyed viewing the emergency vehicles and a tour of the facility.

Linda Schacht, representing the Bethlehem Ambulance Service, and Dave Bratt, representing the firemen, welcomed the second grade cubs and provided information about the equipment for the boys.

Delicious pancakes and sausages are just a portion of the inviting menu offered by the Junior Grange for the Pancake Breakfast to be held this Sunday, March 13. Serving will begin at 7:30 a.m. continuing through 1:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Grange Hall, Route 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk. Completing the menu will be juice, apple sauce, eggs, toast, milk, gravy and hot beverage.

Proceeds from the breakfast help pay

for the Junior Grangers materials for projects and their field trips. Tickets are available at the door.

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Bethlehem Genealogy Group at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. The group will meet at the Cedar Hill School House Museum located on Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk.

Mr. Edward Osborn will speak on genealogical research in England.

The Bethlehem Subordinate Grange will hold their regular monthly meeting March 12 at the grange hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk. Plans for the celebration of the up-coming 109th birthday of the Bethlehem Grange will be discussed at the meeting, which begins at 8 p.m.

Please save your old newspapers! The youth of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church are conducting a paper drive. Collection time will be announced at a later date. For information call Mary Dusheck 767-3400.

Monday, March 14, the 'Sunshine' Senior Citizens will hold their regular monthly meeting. A potluck dinner will begin the program at twelve noon at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. All seniors of the area are invited to attend.

Ravena Projects of Ravena menu for March 10 through March 17 is; Thursday, March 10, Sautéed liver with onions, potato pancakes, beets, ice cream; Friday, corn chowder, cheese omelet, over brown potatoes, broccoli, chocolate pudding; Monday, beef Stroganoff over noodles, apple juice, mixed vegetables, ice cream; Tuesday, veal parmesan, ziti with tomato sauce, pineapple juice, tossed salad and fruit cocktail; Wednesday, roast pork with gravy, apple sauce, hash browns, potato, cauliflower au gratin, jello with sliced bananas; Thursday, hot turkey sandwich with gravy, cranberry sauce, baked sweet potato, green peas and onions, pineapple.

RCS Senior High honors

The high honor roll (average 90 percent or higher) for Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School for the second quarter:

Grade 9

Tina Boyere, David Brown, Theodore Endreny, Elizabeth Hunter, Debra Lawrence, Rhonda Newton, Divina Pannone, Tina Patterson, Brian Stumbaugh, Lynmarie Wass De Czege, Mary Wickware and Stefanie Zetterlund.

Grade 10

Lisa Allegretta, Meridith Bryant, Christina DiPerna, John Dwyer, Dawn Flint, Susan Gleason, Andrew Guthrie, Leon Lamoy, Eric Mastrangelo, Lisa O'Brien, Stephen Oliver, Kendra Reich, Rebecca Ross, Patricia Sandgren, Cheryl Scalzo, Roger Sevilla, Steven Vasto, Beth White and Garth Wright.

Grade 11

Janet Bourguignon, Rhonda Bombard, Daren Brown, Jennifer Bull, Richard Christoph, Thomas Christopher, Kristen Daley, John Frazzetta, Heather Frueh, Lisa Fullum, James Golding and Tracey Griffin.

Also, Melissa Helo, Joanna Hunter, Robert Johnston, Susan Libertucci, Lisa Morse, Dinh De Tran, Tuyen Kim Tran, Laura Smith, Lina Mizener, Dawn Traver, Deanna Tiberia, Michele Wade and Kyle Zolner.

Grade 12

Teri Biernacki, Christine Broader, Deborah Broderick, Christopher Bryant, Sally Campbell, Howard Countaway, Noe Cuzdey, Diana Delp, Elizabeth Fink, Stephanie Francois and Pamela Hallenbeck.

And, Wendy Hoose, Anthony Judware, Melanie Miller, Owen Mudge, Linda Nunziato, Francis Pomakoy, Gregg Pomakoy, Michael Rockenstire, Tammy Strauss, Allyson Valentino, Christa Vasto and Carole Youmans.

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Residents support ambulance district

A tax-supported ambulance district to replace the all-volunteer Bethlehem Ambulance Service is, judging from the comments at a public hearing Wednesday, an idea whose time has come.

The hearing, conducted by the Bethlehem Town Board, clears the way for the passage of a local law setting up the new district, which will cover the area served by the Selkirk Fire District. The board must pass the legislation by May 1 to meet the deadline for next year's tax rolls, according to Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

The volunteer service, with its constant pressure to raise funds, "is just getting to be more than we can do," said Charles Wheeler, one of the organizers of the move to a tax-supported service. The ambulance service recently purchased a new ambulance for \$45,000 and is still paying part of that bill, he noted.

Norma June, another volunteer, told of braving dog bites and cars to collect small donations to keep the service going. "What bothers me is the unevenness of it all," she said. "We found that the people who can afford it least are doing the most."

New Equinox office

Project Equinox, the Albany-based counseling center that last year opened a satellite office in Delmar, is moving further south with a new satellite office in Ravena.

The office will be in St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St., and will be staffed by appointment. Persons wishing to meet with a trained counselor may call 434-6135.

Project Equinox provides counseling to persons having difficulty with living situations, including counseling for drug and alcohol abuse situations. Fees are on a sliding scale.

The organization was persuaded to set up the satellite office by a group of concerned school officials, led by Kathy March, principal of Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School, according to Susan Cox, counseling director for Equinox.

Budget vote date set

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education has scheduled the district budget vote for June 22. Voting will take place from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Senior High School. The district's annual meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, at 8 p.m., also at the high school.

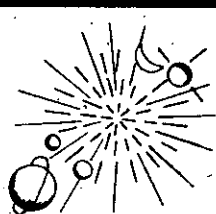
Monday the board will have a preliminary budget meeting at which it will set up a schedule of budget sessions. The public is welcome at all budget meetings, Superintendent Milton Chodack said.

At its meeting last Monday, the board approved use of Becker School as the polling place for a redrawn election district.



Members of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization have been invited to see the musical, "The Boys From Syracuse," on Wednesday, March 23.

Tickets to the musical are free and there will be a charge of \$1 to cover the cost of bus transportation. Those who wish to attend must pre-register by signing the sign-up sheet during the Senior Citizens Organization regular weekly meetings, held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Bethlehem Town Hall.



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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Mon.-Fri. 1-4:30 p.m. Call 439-2238.

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Project Equinox, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

Elsmere Boy Scout Troop 58, Thursdays throughout school year, 7:30 - 9 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 8 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday noon - 4 p.m., Saturday 8 - noon.

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Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, third Monday at Bethlehem Public Library, except June, July, August and December, 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village FISH, 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year 'round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m., second Wednesday of month.

Slingerlands Fire District, second Wednesday at Slingerlands Fire Station, 8 p.m.

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Lutheran Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens and Shut-Ins Income Tax Assistance, sponsored by AARP, Wednesdays through April 13 at Key Bank community room, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free, no appointment necessary.

Clarksville Boy Scout Troop 89 meets Wednesdays at Clarksville Community Church, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2977.

Bethlehem Garden Club, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1 p.m.



Rachel deVries, poet and novelist, will read from her work at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bethlehem Public Library. Co-director of the Women's Writer's Center in Cazenovia, N.Y., she is the author of *An Arc of Light*, and a new novel, *Tender Warriors*, as well as numerous poems. A reception will follow the reading.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Town Board, on extension of Elmwood Park (North Bethlehem) Fire Districts to parts of Guilderland and New Scotland, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Second Millers, second Wednesdays, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m., except June, July and August. Reservations, 439-3569.

Tri-Village Lenten Bible Study, Rev. John Macholz speaker, Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group, on stenciling, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club, 8 p.m.

Voorheesville PTSA, psychologist on "Changing Families and How They Are Affecting Our Children at Home and at School," Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Bethlehem Memorial VFW Post 3185 meets second Thursday of month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary meets second Thursday of month, except July and August, at the firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Candy-Making Course, Voorheesville High School, 7-9:30 p.m. \$5 fee. Registration, 765-3314.

Voorheesville Babe Ruth Registration, Voorheesville High School, 7-9 p.m.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire Department Auxiliary, wear uniforms or dark skirts and white blouses, at the firehouse, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, to see movie "Picnic," Bethlehem Town Hall, 1:15 p.m. Free.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Heldervue Garden Club, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

Video Training, first of two sessions at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free. Pre-registration, 439-9314.

Senior Citizens and Shut-Ins Income Tax Assistance, sponsored by AARP, Thursdays through April 14, at Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4 p.m. Free. Sign up for appointment at Bethlehem Senior Citizens meetings.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens meet every Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Church Comedy Show, Bethlehem Community Church, 7 p.m.

Churchman to Speak, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville Babe Ruth Registration, Voorheesville High School, 7-9 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Party, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville. Tickets \$7, call 765-2439.

Recovery, Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30.

Q.U.I.L.T., Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Information, 482-0752.

Pops Concert, R-C-S High School gymnasium, 8 p.m.

Pre-School Storyhours, Fridays and Mondays at Voorheesville Public Library at 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

St. Patrick's Day Party, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Fellowship Game Night, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

Steamship Historical Society, Key Bank community room, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3335.

Beekeeping Instruction, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Delmar, 10 a.m. Free.

Woods Walk, guided tour of Five Rivers Environmental Center land, 2 p.m. Free.

Film "Oliver," Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Free.

Las Vegas Night, sponsored by American Legion, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies, "The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad," Bethlehem Public Library at 2 p.m. Free.

Writer of the Month, with poet-novelist Rachel deVries, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Voorheesville Booster Club, Voorheesville High School, 8 a.m.-noon. \$2.75 adults, \$1.75 children.

Bible Film, "Cain and Abel," Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Christian Music Concert, Dorothy Green and "New Covenant Singers," Bethlehem Community Church, 7 p.m. Free.

Junior Grange Pancake Breakfast, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Y.E.S. on "Perspectives," Joan Perry, director of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, is guest on WNYT's "Perspectives" program, 11:30 a.m.

North Bethlehem Pancake Breakfast, at the firehouse, Schoolhouse Rd., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Tax Form Preparation Program, for long form, County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. \$2 registration, 765-2874.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

School Budget Discussion, coffee with Bethlehem school board Vice President Sheila Fuller and district administrator to discuss budget, Mondays 10 a.m.-noon, 31 Albin Rd., Delmar. Public welcome.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATER

"Don't Drink the Water" (Woody Allen's comedy staged by Riverview Productions), St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, March 11 and 12, 7 p.m., March 13, 5 p.m. dinner. Reservations, 462-3822.

"You Can't Take It With You" (Pulitzer Prize-winning play performed by ESIPA), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, opens March 13. Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

"The House of Blue Leaves" (John Guare play directed by Doug Delisle and starring TV anchor-reporter Benita Zahn), Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, March 16-20, 23-27. Tickets, 462-1297.

"Miss Julie" (Strindberg's classic staged by SUNYA Theater Department), Performing Arts Center, March 15-19, 8 p.m. Reservations, 457-8606.

"The Homesteaders" (a "New American Play" presented by Capital Rep), Market Theater, N. Pearl St., Albany, through March 20, Tuesday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office or theater box office, 462-4534.

"I Love My Wife" (musical comedy on sexual revolution), Schenectady Light Opera Company, March 10-13, 8 p.m.

MUSIC

"Music from Mariboro" (chamber music by Mendelssohn, Hindemith and Brahms), Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, March 9, 8 p.m.

Prague Chamber Orchestra with piano soloist Boris Krajny perform classical Czech music, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 10, 8 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office, Music Hall box office, 235-6831.

Northeast Symphonic Band in concert, of popular American music from 19th and 20th centuries (celebrates opening of "Oom Pah Pah: The Great American Band" at State Museum), Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 10, 8 p.m. Free, with refreshments.

Empire State Youth Orchestra (Bach, Virgil Thompson and Brahms), SUNYA Performing Arts Center, March 13, 3 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office and at the door.

New Arts Trio (Haydn, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky), SUNYA Performing Arts Center, March 14, 8 p.m.

University-Community Symphony Orchestra, soprano Anne Turner soloist, SUNYA Performing Arts Center, March 15, 8 p.m.

DANCE

SUNYA Footworks (annual review of student choreography), Performing Arts Center, March 11 and 12, 8 p.m.

FILM

"Summertime," starring Katherine Hepburn, presented by Tri City Women's Center at Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, March 14, 8 p.m.

"Don Juan" with John Barrymore and Mary Astor, Albany Public Library, March 15, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Art at the Plaza film series, "Lichenstein" and "Every Child," Meeting Room 6, Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 16, 12:10 p.m.

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Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Village Artists, artists interested in painting in various media, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Slingerlands Community Church, October through April. New members welcome.

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Job Search Strategies Seminar, Tuesdays through April 19, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free.

Blood Pressure Clinic, third Tuesday of month, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lodge F&AM, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

AARP 10th Anniversary Luncheon, noon, First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-4070.

Delmar Rotary meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

Adult Book Discussion Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

Voorheesville Village Elections, candidates for board seats are Joseph Dedrick, Richard Langford and Charles Arthur, Village Firehouse, noon - 9 p.m.

Passover Supper, for women of all faiths, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Reservations by March 11, 765-2895 or 765-4156.

Legion Auxiliary, covered-dish supper, initiation and regular meeting, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget work session on handicapped, BOCES, guidance, library, in-service, Educational Services Center, Adams Place, Delmar, 9 p.m., following business meeting at 8 p.m.

Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village Lenten Bible Study, speaker Rev. Warren Winterhoff, at Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delaware Ave., at 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Eve Celebration, St. Thomas School auditorium, with Chris Boland Step Dancers and an Irish sing-along, 7:30 p.m.

Embroiderers' Guild, "Feast of Food and Fashion," Delmar United Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

Job Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

Delmar Fire District regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

La Leche League, informal discussion group for mothers interested in learning about pros and cons of breastfeeding, third Wednesdays, home of Ellen Poczik, 93 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. (From Jan. 6 to June 2, from Sept. 15 to Dec. 1.)

Bethlehem Elks Lodge meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays (third Wednesdays during July and August).

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Firehouse No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Video Training Program, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free. Preregistration, 439-9314.

After-school Movies, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m. Free.

American Legion Luncheons for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

Band Concert by Bethlehem Central musicians, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

Book Fair, Clarksville Elementary School, through Tuesday.

Food Stamp Certification Program, for new applicants, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9:15 a.m.-noon.

Albany Audubon Society, "Tall Grass Prairie in the Northeast?" Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

"Chinese Export Porcelain," slide lecture by Charlotte Wilcoxen, Bethlehem Historical Association, Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Catholic Liturgy Coordinator to Speak, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m.



The State University at Albany's Performing Arts Center will be the scene Sunday, March 13, for a 3 p.m. concert by the Empire State Youth Orchestra, which includes six Bethlehem Central students and one from Voorheesville. The program includes Brahms' Symphony No. 4.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Albany Roundtable Luncheon, presentation by Downtown Development Corp., Student Center annex, noon, \$6. Reservations, 474-5842.

Noon History Lecture, "Hoag's Corners—Early Industrial Complex of Rensselaer County," State Museum, 12:10 p.m. Free.

"Double Jeopardy," impact of ethnicity, race, class and sex on women at work, Russell Sage College, Troy, free. Information, 270-2395.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

A.A.U.W. (American Association of University Women), cross-cultural patchwork group, home of Terry Kusama, 10:30 a.m. Information; 482-3839 or 459-1391.

Cattlemen Meet, Capital District beef cattlemen hear Cornell specialist on "Alternatives in the Beef Business," Guilfordland Key Bank, 7:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Film, "Decades of Decision: The American Revolution and The People vs. Job Shattuck," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 12:10 p.m. Free.

Fruit Tree Pruning Program, Colonie Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., 7-9 p.m. Free.

"Thursday Topic" Lecture, "Biofeedback as Treatment for Pain," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Motor World, four-day exhibit of major automotive lines, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Free.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Doane Stuart Founders' Day, service with student, faculty and alumni speakers, school chapel, Rt. 9W, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Gardening Tips, Garden Way Living Center, 102nd St. and 9th Ave., Troy, 1 p.m. Free.

ABC Career Day, college graduates give workshops for students (present and prospective) and their parents, Albany Business College, 130 Washington Ave., 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Local History Lecture, "Harmony Mills and the Cohoes Textile Industry," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 10 a.m. to noon. Free.

Eckankar, open discussion on "The Paths to God and How to Prepare Them," Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 2nd St., Troy, 2 p.m. Information, 272-0680. Free.

Women's Workshop, two-day seminar on "Sources of Hope in the Nuclear Age: A Despair-Empowerment Workshop," at First Presbyterian Church, Albany, 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. \$8-\$15 contribution. Registration, 465-0719.

Historic Family Clothing Seminar, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$12 registration, 463-4478.

New Baltimore Ham Dinner, New Baltimore Reformed Church, 4:30 p.m. take-out, 5 p.m. sit-down.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Women's Workshop, First Presbyterian Church, Albany, 1-6 p.m. \$5-10 contribution. Registration, 465-0719.

Free Contradancing, music by Saratoga's "St. Regis String Band," State Museum, 2-4 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

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On Monday and Tuesday of this week people from all over the country met in Washington, D.C., to lobby for a mutual freeze in nuclear arms. The threat of nuclear war is the great issue of our time, because nuclear destruction would affect every living thing on the face of the earth; indeed the earth would be uninhabitable.

This is an issue that we do not like to think about, because it is so huge and so threatening that we just want to put it out of our minds. Yet not to think about it is to move closer to destruction. People are sometimes afraid to deal with the issue because they think that they do not have enough information, or because they are afraid of the Soviet Union, or because they think that to question defense policy is to be disloyal; or they put it out of their minds because they feel that they can't do anything about it. The fact of the matter is that one is not being disloyal to question something that threatens to destroy not only our beloved country, but the very world.

What's more, we are not helpless. Our government is still responsive to the people, when people make their thoughts and feelings known. Moreover, there are more people in favor of a freeze than are opposed to it. The polls indicate that 75 to 80 percent of Americans are in favor of the freeze; last summer when the freeze was voted on in Congress it lost by only one vote.

Sometimes the point is raised that "we can't trust the Russians". Thomas Merton, that great contemplative monk and thinker of this century, wrote, "The root of war is fear..." It is our fear of the Russians that could undo us. Actually, nobody is asking anybody to trust anybody. We are talking about a freeze on both sides that is verifiable; we now have the technological know-how to verify such a freeze.

One of the dangerous errors into which

we have fallen is to think that we can trust our computers and missiles. It is common knowledge that we were only six minutes away from nuclear destruction when a defective computer chip malfunctioned and set our missile system into readiness. We were only six minutes away from launch when the error was corrected. If our weapons had been launched, even by error, the action would have been picked up by the Soviet Union and they would have responded in kind. This madness must be stopped while it is still possible.

We must stop putting our trust in computers and missiles, because statistically it is only a matter of time before they will do us in. Isaiah said to his people, "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord!" (Isaiah 31:1)

One of the great sins of our country today is the failure to believe that God really does work in the lives of people and that if we act with reason and with faith, God will work with us to bring peace. We are today living in a period of grace, during which the awful instruments of death and destruction have been held back. But if we persist, then the Lord will allow us to bring upon ourselves the deeds of death and destruction, the seeds of which we are now sowing.

The situation has become even more dangerous today, because the administration now is talking about a first-strike capability. This puts the whole world on a hair trigger. There is also talk of fighting and winning a nuclear war; such talk is nothing less than madness. The jet streams are such that radioactive material would be carried around the world. Millions of us would die from radioactive material, from our own bombs, which would be brought back

and dropped on this country, as well as on other countries around the world.

Moses said to his people words that are applicable to us today: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse, therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live." (Deut. 30:19) What can you do if you choose life? I offer the following suggestions:

- Write, telephone, or telegraph your representative and senators and urge them to vote for the freeze. Do that today! The vote is coming up very soon.
- If you wish to become more informed a good basic book is *Stop Nuclear War! A Handbook*, by David P. Barash, Ph.D., and Judith Eve Lipton, M.D., published by Grove Press. It's available in paperback.
- Become part of a group that studies and works for peace. Such groups are found in churches, synagogues and in the larger community.

This is the period of grace. We still have a chance to redeem the earth if each will do his or her part. The words of Edmund Burke are particularly apt, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing."

St. Patrick's fun

The St. Thomas Altar-Rosary Society will sponsor a St. Patrick's Eve celebration Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Entertainment for the evening will include the Chris Boland Step Dancers and an Irish sing-along. Irish coffee will be served with other refreshments. The evening is open to all members of the community.

Church hosts singers

The New Covenant Singers will combine with singer-songwriter Dorothy Green for a Christian music concert Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Community Church, Elm Ave., Delmar. The Singers are based in Feura Bush. The concert is free.

Lenten Bible study

Rev. Warren Winterhoff of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be the speaker at the March 16 Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study held at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave. Fellowship and coffee start at 9:30 and at 10 Rev. Winterhoff will discuss, "Who is Jesus — The Lamb of God." Child care will be available.

Headmaster to speak

Loudonville Christian School will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Arthur Hill, headmaster of Lexington (Mass.) Christian Academy, and administrator and teacher at Wilmington (Del.) Friends School for 16 years. The public is invited. Reservations, 434-6051.



Chris Holder

Hamagrael to host artist

Chris Holder and his Schenectady-based Children's Performance Tours will present their show at Hamagrael school on March 15. The program is sponsored by the Home School Association as part of the arts-in-education program.

Children's Performance Tours has been bringing arts-in-education programs to schools since 1977, and includes participatory performances in storytelling, music, pantomime and folklore designed to get the children involved. Children first learn how various arts techniques are executed and then experiment with those techniques, first in the performance itself and later in classroom, curriculum-based workshops.

Chris Holder has been a professional actor for 15 years and has been a New York Foundation for the Arts' artist-in-schools for three years.

Stage 700's musical set

Opening night jitters are setting in for the 43-member cast of Stage 700's fourth annual all-school musical, "The Boys from Syracuse." The Bethlehem Central High School drama club will give a special free performance for senior citizens on Wednesday, March 23, and the play will run Thursday through Saturday, March 24 to 26, for the general public. The curtains of the BCHS auditorium will rise at 8 p.m.

Seating is preassigned: \$4 for prime orchestra seats and \$3 for the sides and back. Tickets are now on sale at Record Town in Delaware Plaza, the BCHS box office and by mail order through the high school.

Julie Ann Sosa

Camera club meets

The Delmar Camera Club will meet next Tuesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere Avenue, Delmar. Featured at the meeting will be a slide lecture by Sara Whitecomb on the "Fjords and Mountains of Norway." The theme for the evening's slide and print competition will be "Signs and Advertisements."

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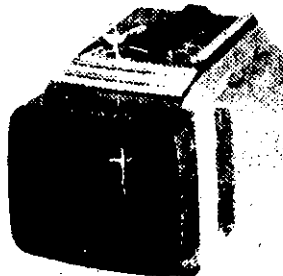
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The show is a trade exposition in which local businesses will display the goods and services they supply to the community. Educational seminars will be conducted during the show.

The show will benefit the BC marching band. Area businesses that wish to participate should send their registrations to the BC Marching Band Parents, P.O.

Business

Box 512, Delmar, 12054, by March 15.

Additional information about the show can be obtained by calling 462-3863.

McGuire a CPA

James P. McGuire, a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been accredited a certified public accountant. The son of Mrs. Marion T. McGuire of Delmar, he is with a South Carolina firm.

Attending DECA meet

Twenty-two Bethlehem Central High School students will attend a career conference sponsored by the Distributive Education Clubs of New York Wednesday through Friday at the Concord Hotel, Kiamasha Lake. Ten BC conference participants were winners in a regional DECA competition conducted at the State University at Albany. They are: James Calvagno, Nancy Cook, Michael Curran, Cheryl Groesbeck, Geraldine Hausmann, Nicholas Miller, Lisa Rarick, Brian Rowe, John Tangora and Douglas Vogel.

Others attending the conference from Bethlehem are Richard Bennett, Christine Crandall, Dennis Dottino, Jennifer

Hausman, Christopher Kelly, Pamela Leighton, James Mayer, William McGarry, Peter Mitchell, Andrew O'Connor, Peter Verhagen and David Warner.

Local agent cited

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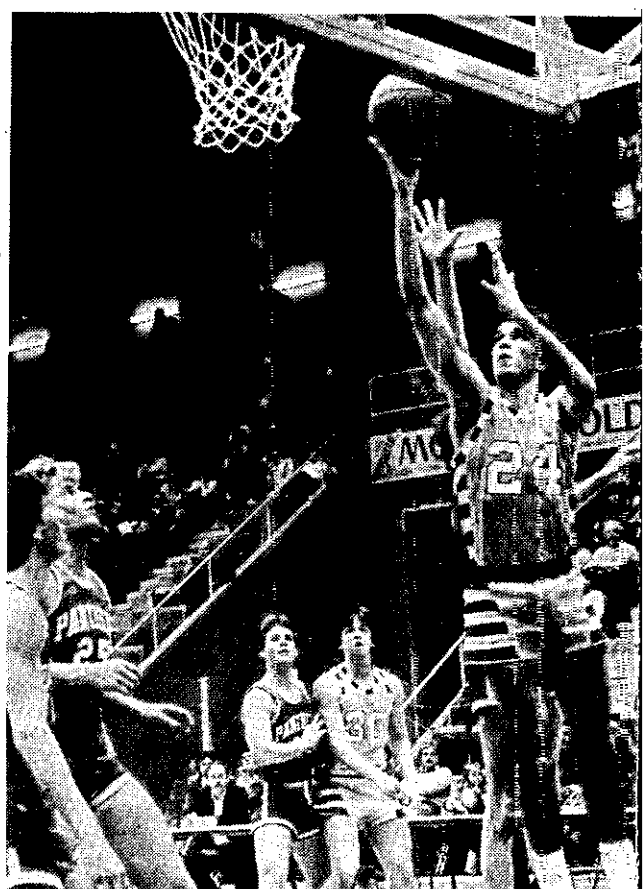
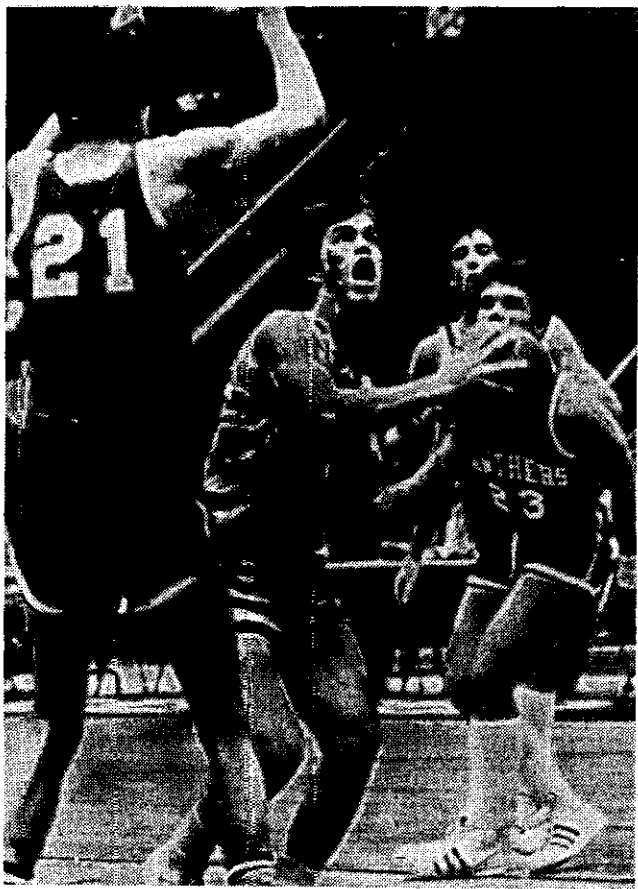
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The Blackbirds in action, adding yet another victory to their banner season. Left, Dick Lennon (10) getting some penetration for two of his 16 points; Center, third quarter

moves by Jim Meacham (22), who scored eight points; and John Zongrone (24) shows the stuff that netted him 18 points on the day with Dave Haaf (30) in attendance.

R.H. Davis

The other guys come through for Blackbirds

By Vinny Reda

It stands to reason that the Blackbirds of Voorheesville High School will eventually face eviction from a basketball tournament at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

But even if that depressing thought became reality last night (Tuesday) against a tough, heady group from Rensselaer High, the Blackbirds of 1982-83 can still walk out of that arena knowing they made it to the head of their class.

That was accomplished Friday night with a 66-56 victory over Hoosick Falls for the Section II Class C title, in a game Voorheesville coach Chuck Abba admittedly found short on style.

"We've been having a hard time blowing anyone out lately, and this is just another example," said Abba, whose team seemed capable of outrunning and outmuscling their opponents all night, but never did.

One of the main factors in the tough

win, which was really not decided until guard Chris Hogan hit a short jumper with 1:37 left for a 60-52 lead, was the erratic play of its star center, Mike Lewis.

"In the second half I thought Mike did better," said Abba, "but in the first half, I can't say I was pleased by his play at all."

"But then again, this only goes to prove what I've been saying all along — that this is a pretty good team even without Mike Lewis."

Lewis contributions would be heartily felt, but certainly not early, although the 20.4 point per game scorer did get the Blackbird's first four points on a rebound layup and two free throws. But those would be his only points and rebound of the quarter.

Meanwhile, Lewis' mates were not faring any better, losing a few dribbles without being contested, blowing a few easy layups, and in general showing that even a 22-0 team can be a little awed playing for a section title in a section's sports palace in front of 4,245 fans.

The game's sole turning point came at the 2:29 mark of the first quarter, when Abba, watching his team fall behind 10-6, inserted reserve guard Dave Haaf and forward Raymond Donnelly into the lineup.

Forward John Zongrone got things started in a 10-0 run with a short jumper at 2:20. Then, after Donnelly fought hard to secure a defensive rebound, Haaf flipped up a set shot from 17 feet for a 10-10 tie. Guard Dick Lennon tipped in a missed Blackbird jumper with 50 seconds left and Zongrone closed out the first quarter scoring with another 12-footer for 14-10.

That became 16-10 when Donnelly opened the second quarter with another rebound, and Lennon found Haaf open for another set shot swish. After two free throws by Howie Dewey of Hoosick Falls, Zongrone hit a jumper from the left baseline at 6:57 and Haaf upped it to 20-12 with his longest set shot yet, 20 feet from straight away.

"Dave Haaf's the type of kid that you put in and you know something is going to happen — good, bad, or otherwise," said Abba. "Tonight it was good."

Still, Hoosick Falls, riding on the thin, rounded shoulders of awkward shooting

Rob Sheffer, pulled back to 25-21 at halftime.

The second half belonged to the shooting of Lennon and Zongrone, who came up with 12 points each in those final two quarters, and to the board work of Lewis, who collected seven of his game-high 11 rebounds at the same time.

Lennon was particularly effective, winding up the night with two blocked shots, two assists and a steal in addition to his final total of 16 points. More importantly, his harassing of the Hoosick Falls guards, along with Haaf and Jim Meacham, caused numerous turnovers.

A steal by Haaf and a feed to Lennon for a short jumper at 5:01 of the third upped the Blackbirds' lead to 10, at 36-26. A Lewis steal ended up in a driving, twisting layup by Lennon for 33-28 at 4:15. And then Haaf fed off again, this time to Meacham, for a driving layup, and 40-28, at 3:38. Zongrone's layup gave Voorheesville a 14 point bulge, 42-28, its largest of the night.

But Hoosick Falls fought back, cutting it to 49-44 with five minutes left in the game. The critical play came when the Panthers' Wayne Magisano missed a break-away layup at 4:25, and then

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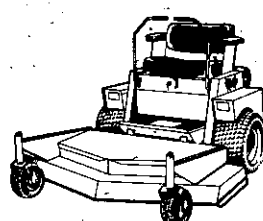
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For a team that at the beginning of the season had people worried about Bethlehem's treasured swimming win streak, they had come quite a ways.

It wasn't just that the Eagles won the Section II Swimming and Diving Championships Saturday at SUNY — that was expected and it was the 11th straight. It was more how they did it.

Every swimmer and diver on the team had qualified for the Sectionals and 15 out of 16 made it to the finals. Out of 29 events, there were 22 personal bests for BC swimmers, including a new meet record in the 200 freestyle relay.

"They were working for it," said the laconic BC coach, Jack Whipple. "This was definitely one of our better sectionals as a team."

The 400 meter freestyle relay team of John Demarest, Matt Holland, David Young and Doug Schulz are on their way to the state meet this weekend at Syracuse after setting a meet record of 3:19.3. Holland will also be representing Section II in the 200 freestyle and the 100 fly. Schulz will be swimming in the 200 IM and the 100 breast stroke and Demarest is in the 50 freestyle. In addition, ninth grader Pierre LaBarge won the 500 freestyle and will make his first trip to the state meet.

At the Albany State pool Saturday, the Eagles easily topped the A Division with 105 points. The combined Voorheesville-Guilderland team was a distant second with 66 points, strong individual performances hampered as they had been all season by lack of depth. (Guilderville won the 200 meter relay with Carl Renshaw, Kevin Anderson, Chris Martin and Dave Purrington; Purrington also took the 50 freestyle and the 100 free; and Anderson took the 100 breast stroke.)

For Bethlehem, the story was written on every event; in only one event did a BC swimmer finish lower than second. Here's the rundown:

SWIMMING

- 200 freestyle — Holland's winning time was 1:49.5, and right behind at 1:51.0 was sophomore Knut Hvalsmarcken. Eric Patrick was sixth.

- 200 individual medley — Schulz won in 2:03.6. Sophomore Fred Rudofsky was sixth.

- 50 freestyle — Demarest's 22.8 was just a second slower than Purrington and good enough to put him into the state meet. Sophomore Damon Woo was fifth.

- Diving — Melissa Martley was second with 342 points, and Rob Leslie was sixth with 224 points.

- 100 fly — Holland won with a time of 55.7, followed by Scott Apicelli in third with 56.5 and John Henahan in fourth with 57.6.

- 100 freestyle — Demarest was second with 50.1, Young third with 51.0 and Patrick fifth at 52.2.

- 500 freestyle — LaBarge clocked 5:04.9 and Hvalsmarcken was right behind him in second place at 5:05.0. John Rogers was sixth.

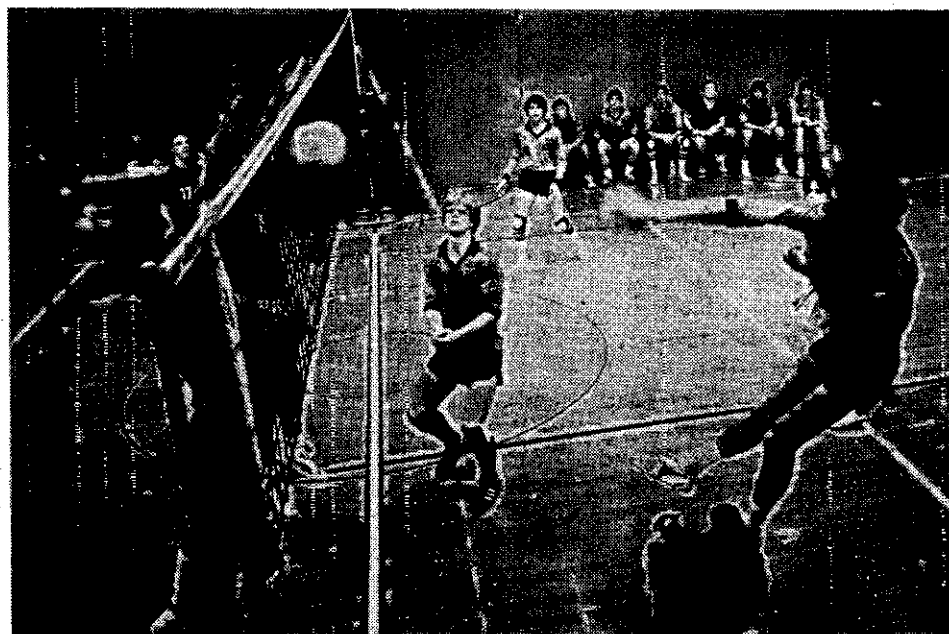
- 100 backstroke — John Henahan was sixth.

- 100 breast stroke — Schulz finished one second behind Anderson at 1:01.8, but his time was fast enough to qualify for the state meet. Apicelli was fifth.

- 200 medley relay — won by Guilderville, with BC's team of Jim Krajcek, Young, Apicelli and Woo in second place.

Roller stars perform

Frances and Given Hynds of Delmar were among participants in a recent roller skating demonstration on the main concourse at Empire State Plaza, Albany.



Though this shot by Mike Cole got nothing but net, the BC spikers went on to win the match against Mohonasen, 15-8, 15-5, 15-6. *Tom Howes*

Volleyball squad tied for first

Coach Ray Sliter and the Bethlehem Central boys' varsity volleyball team have come a long way in one year. Although the 1982 spikers were led by Junior Olympics and Empire State Games veteran George Fuhs, they ended the season 5-11. Their saving grace: they were the third-place spoilers in the league's tournament.

This year's squad is already 9-3 with four games to go. Now tied with Scotia for first place in the small-school division of the Suburban Council, BC will be co-favorites going into this year's round-robin tourney.

Starter David Odenkirken is out with a sprained ankle. Still, the team has been winning most of its matches in two straight games, including last week's 15-1, 15-8 home-court breeze over Scotia. The Tartans swamped the Eagles earlier in the season when Odenkirken was first lost.

Shaker, the undefeated leader of the Council's other division, will be the only

team to have had two regular season wins over Bethlehem. The Blue Bisons' most recent victory was a struggle. The Eagles blew a 13-12 lead in the first game, ultimately losing 15-13. Bethlehem managed game "splits" of 7-7 and 10-10, but were beaten in the second game too, 15-11.

Full-time regulars on Sliter's winning squad are Sung Kwon, Ken Helling, Bob Wemsley and Mike Cole, who reputedly has missed only one serve all season. Scott Gravlee, Jeff Randles, Jeff Guinn and Jaron Bourke rotate into the two open slots.

Julie Ann Sosa

All Star spikers

Recently named to the Suburban Council's first girls' "All-Star" volleyball team were Bethlehem Central seniors Laurie Weinert, Ann Howell, Cathy McNamara and Alunda Smith. Colonie, which edged BC for the 1982 council and sectional championships, had three team members on the 14-woman squad.

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Hammer qualifies for Ithaca

By Julie Ann Sosa

Pete Hammer did it. Granted, it helped when O.J. Kastburg decided to withdraw and compete in the 1,600-meter race. Still, the Bethlehem junior broke his five-day old, personal best record in the 3,200-meters (2 mile) on his way to qualifying for the intersectional indoor track meet to be held at Cornell University in Ithaca this weekend.

Hammer was the only Eagle runner who came through at the state qualifiers held at Union College Saturday. His 9:44.8 clocking was his career best and only seven seconds off Bill Street's school record. Still, it was only good enough for third in a race where Burnt Hills' star Miles Irish was a shoo-in for first, eight seconds ahead of the field, and a meet where only the top two finishers in each event advance to the state level. Then Granville's Kastburg forfeited his second place in the 2-mile to specialize in the mile. This boosted Hammer to a secure second, although he is still in Irish's shadow.

In the same meet, sophomore Christine Ainsworth's 10:56 tied her season best time, putting her third in a 3,000-meter race where Shaker nemesis Laura LaMena was way ahead, high and dry in 10:29. Classmate David Ashe saw his hopes for a ticket in the 50-hurdles dashed when he crashed to the ground on the third hurdle in the finals, tearing his hamstring while still within a stride of the leaders. The boys' two-mile relay of Hammer, Tung Cai, Paul Montanus and Tony Eckel was way behind the competition in what was still their best time, 8:47. The day's biggest disappointment came when the undefeated girls' two-mile relay floundered into third in 10:21, out of sight of Burnt Hills' 9:45.8 champs. Jenny Warren checked into work sick, and no splits were up to par.

Earlier in the week, both the girls' and boys' teams surprised Coach Robert Colleen with a fourth and fifth respectively in the Class A Sectional Meet. The male standouts in that meet were Hammer, first in the 3,200 in 9:47.3 (a career best by 30 seconds up to then and fast enough to have won the Class AA sectional race also); Ashe, second in the hurdles, Cai, sixth in the 600 in 1:32 (personal best); Montanus, sixth in the 3,200; the two-mile relay, second; and the mile relay (Peter Nelson, Matt Roberts, Eckel and Cai), second.

The girls outscored the boys by ten points, thanks to heroics by Ainsworth,

INDOOR TRACK

first in the 3,000; Colleen Nyilis, second in the 1,500; Warren, third in the 600 in 1:48.6 (personal best); Laura Koban, fourth in the 3,000; the two-mile relay (Ainsworth, Nyilis, Koban and Warren), first; and the mile relay, second.

On championship team

Three Bethlehem men were on the Albany Curling Club rink that won both the U.S. Curling Association's 7th annual senior men's bonspiel Feb. 18-20 in Detroit and the Grand National Curling Club's senior men's bonspiel in Darien, Conn.

The champions are Neil Fitzgerald of Delmar, skip, Harold Heider of Albany, George Williams of Delmar, and Al Hofaker of Delmar, lead.

The Albany No. 2 team, skipped by Austin Cline of Delmar, was runner-up in the third event at Darien.

Night for rib-ticklers

Comedians from all over the area will put their routines to the test at a "Make Me Laugh" comedy show on Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Community Church, Elm Ave., Delmar. Everyone with a sense of humor is welcome.

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3 records set at Rome meet

Three meet records were set Sunday by local swimmers at the Rome spring invitational, which drew 1,295 swimmers from across the state. Jennifer Mosley of the Delmar Dolphins set meet records in the 50-yard breaststroke and 50-yard freestyle races, and Susan Mallery, also of Delmar, captured first place while setting a meet record in the 100-yard fly.

Jennifer Mosley's record-setting pace for girls 10 and under earned her second and third place ribbons, and she picked up another third in the 100-yard individual medley and a fourth place in the 50-yard back stroke. Susan Mallery, swimming with the 13-14-year-olds, garnered three second-place finishes to go along with her record-setting first — in the 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley.

Sister Kristin Mallery, who like Susan swims with the State University at Albany Starfish, finished fourth in the 50-yard fly and fifth in the 50-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley for girls 11-12. She also took sixth place in the 500-yard freestyle for senior girls.

Dolfin Meredith Dix finished sixth in the 50-yard fly for girls 10 and under.

Registration time

Parents of children who will be five years old by Dec. 1, 1983, must complete

kindergarten registration for the Bethlehem Central School District the week of March 14. Each of the elementary schools will be sending information to parents of children who were identified in last spring's census. Residents who have moved to the district since the census was taken may call the nearest grade school for more information about registration.

Local food stamp session

The Bethlehem Town Hall will be the site for a food stamp certification program on Thursday, March 17, from 9:15 a.m. to noon. Staff from the Albany County Department of Social Services will be on hand to help local residents file for food stamps. No food stamps will actually be distributed at the town hall.

Events at Clarksville

A book fair will come to Clarksville March 17 to 22, under the joint sponsorship of the school and the Parent-Teacher Association. Proceeds will go to the PTA to be used for school projects.

Also March 22, Officer Jim Corbett will give a bicycle safety talk and demonstration for Clarksville pupils.

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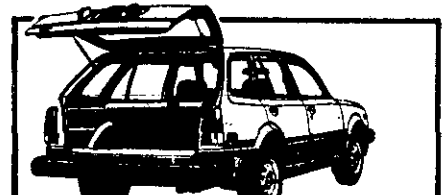
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1. By amending Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1 Maximum Speed Limits, paragraph (c) Thirty (30) Miles per hour by adding thereto:
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All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARION T. CAMP
Town Clerk
Dated: February 23, 1983
(March 9)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 2nd day of March, 1983 duly adopted, subject to permissive referendum, a resolution, an abstract of which is as follows:

Wendell Williams and Mary Williams have presented a proposal to sell a parcel of land with building thereon at Feura Bush Road, Route

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Said resolution is subject to a permissive referendum under the provisions of Article VII of the Town Law, and petitions protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the electors of the Town of Bethlehem for their approval or disapproval may be filed with the Town Clerk at any time within thirty days after the date of the adoption of said resolution.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARION T. CAMP
Town Clerk of the
Town of
Bethlehem
Dated: March 2, 1983
(March 9)

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New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc., New York, New York has presented a proposal to purchase a parcel of land with building thereon at 393 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York and a parcel of land presently used as a public parking area located at 394 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, presently owned by the Town of Bethlehem. The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem proposes to sell these parcels of real properties, one with a building thereon for the sum of \$115,000.00.

Said resolution authorizes the Town Board to convey all that certain lots, pieces or parcels of land as more fully described in legal descriptions filed in the Town Clerk's office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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Don't sell Adams House

Editor, The Spotlight:

If it is not too late, let us consider again the proposed sale of the Adams House (the old town hall) to a New York State lobbying group.

There is not another building of comparable historical significance in the town, except for the Nicoll-Sill House near Selkirk. Add to this the great accessibility of this building as it stands in the heart of Delmar. This building has had a number of improvements in the last few years and is not the financial burden the Nicoll-Sill House was.

Therefore, there are many in the town who think as we do that this building should be kept as a town historical and cultural center for the use of various agencies, as it has been for the last several months.

In Guilderland the Mynderse-Fredrick is just such a useful building and stands as a source of pride to all in their community. Is Bethlehem so poor, either financially or in regards to its historical awareness, that it cannot support such a place? A state lobbying group would not bring in tax money, so that loss cannot be a factor.

Has the town considered an attempt to have the building accepted in the Register of Historical Sites?

At present our own DAR Chapter has had the use of two rooms, for which we have been very grateful. The Bethlehem Art Association, the Chamber of Commerce and an archeological group were given rooms for their use.

One could visualize the building as a handsome historical and cultural center, a place of pride to OUR community. It just seems a great shame to see such a grand old landmark become just another business building.

We would welcome the comments of others on this subject.

Gladys B. Amos
Regent, Tawasentha Chapter, NSDAR

The sale of the building to the New York State Association for Retarded Children was approved last Wednesday by the Bethlehem Town Board, and Supervisor Tom Corrigan has signed the contract. Citizens of the town have 30 days to petition for a referendum on the sale if they oppose it. Ed.

Kennedy Day

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton has introduced into Congress House Resolution 148, which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. This day does not require a legal national holiday to be paid by the taxpayers. It authorizes our president to proclaim May 29 of each year as John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Day.

Please write to our congressman to get the bill out of committee and to Congress for a vote!

Congressman Stratton introduced this resolution at the request of 11 fourth grade classes in the Bethlehem Central elementary schools and their teacher, Mrs. Dorothy M. Hosey. Our late Congressman Leo W. O'Brien had read the original request into the *Congressional Record* Feb. 25, 1964.

Dorothy Hosey

Delmar

'Lazy eye' screening

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will conduct free vision screening for children 3 to 5 on March 23, 24 and 25 at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, from 9 a.m. to noon. Trained volunteers will screen the children for amblyopia, or "lazy eye blindness," a condition in which a child sees with only one eye because of weakness in the other. If the condition is found before school age, it usually can be effectively treated.

This is the 17th year the club has undertaken the screening. About 400 preschoolers are seen each year. For information, call Karen Fein, 439-1110.

Help for the hungry

An emergency Food Pantry has been established at the Bethlehem Town Hall, and donations of nonperishable food are welcome at any time. Karen Pellettier, Senior Citizens Services coordinator and head of the Food Pantry operation, said more than just food is welcome.

Donations can be taken to the town hall any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Persons in need of an emergency supply of food should contact the town hall during those hours to make a food pantry appointment.

The town hall also will be a distribution site for government surplus cheese on Monday, March 28. The cheese will be given out between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. to persons who meet one of the following eligibility criteria: unemployment; food stamp recipient; home heating or other public assistance; handicapped; age 62 or older and receiving Social Security payments.

Eligible persons should call the town hall, 439-4955, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays by Friday, March 18, to reserve the amount of cheese they are entitled to. Reservations are needed by that date because that is when the town



Karen Pellettier gives away free cheese at Bethlehem Town Hall the fourth Monday of every month.

must order the cheese from Albany County.

Identification and proof of eligibility must be present when the cheese is distributed.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

March 6, 1958

Principal Virgil E. Tompkins of Bethlehem Central Senior High School has announced that Sarah Phinney will be the valedictorian of the Class of 1958, and Nancy McConnel salutatorian. Other students who have averaged over 90 percent since the start of freshman year are Mary Lee Carr, Roger Clough, Patricia Dunn, Elaine Killion, James McColl, Betsy North, Sandra Parker and Silvia Pols.

March 7, 1963

The Harlem Diplomats, a touring professional basketball team featuring two of the game's best known comedians, will be at the BCHS gym Saturday for a game sponsored by Bethlehem Recreation and the High School Canteen Council. They will play a local team of faculty and town recreation players, including Ray Sliter, Art Ritchko, John Rathjens, Eugene FitzPatrick, Eugene Lewis, Gus Franze, Paul VanDemark, John Stokoe, Duane Amsler, Bernie Hungerford, Bruce Austin, Pat Dorsey, William Fuller and Bob Rivenburgh.

March 7, 1968

About 75 members of the Bethlehem Tennis Association heard Leslie J. FitzGibbon, president of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association, as guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting, a buffet supper at the BCHS cafeteria. Thomas S. Stevenson, retiring president, was presented with a plaque. Slides of Wimbledon were shown. New officers are Wayne Frye, president; Douglas J. Ferguson, vice president; Mrs. Robert D. Korngold, secretary, and Benjamin J. Ungerman, treasurer. Named to the board of directors were Stevenson, Donald M. Camp, Mrs. Mark Scurrah, Mrs. John C. Stokoe and Charles H. Weintraub.

Hector R. Arbour's challenge to Village Justice Robert E. Murphy has enlivened the village elections set for March 20. The Peoples Party caucus at the firehall has endorsed three incumbents on the village board, Mayor William Wenzel and Trustees Milton F. Bates and William F. Gray.

The state's Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) has closed out the Bethlehem teachers' union charge of improper practice filed against the Bethlehem board of education after the union decided not to press the suit at a formal hearing.

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Karen Ann Krulcik

Krulcik-Zube

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Krulcik, 36 McKinley Dr., Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ann, to Daryl Stephen Zube of Guildersland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Zube of Burnt Hills.

The prospective bride is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a senior at Siena College. Her fiancé is a financial analyst with the General Electric Co., Schenectady. The wedding is planned for June 18.

Artist demonstrates

Delmar artist Helen St. Clair will give a workshop on "How to Make a Collage" for the Albany Artists Group on Tuesday, March 15, at 8 p.m. at the West End Presbyterian Church, Central Avenue, Albany. Mrs. St. Clair, who last year won the Hudson Mohawk Regional Art Competition, recently had a one-woman show at the Center Gallery.



Karen Prifty

Prifty-Haverly

Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Prifty of 17 Moore Ave., Naugatuck, Ct. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ruth Prifty, to Richard Burke Haverly, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haverly of Delmar.

The couple will be married July 16 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Naugatuck. Miss Prifty graduated from Naugatuck High School and from Duke University (Magna Cum Laude) in Durham, N.C. with a B.S. degree in psychology. She is a first year medical student at Duke University School of Medicine.

Her fiancé was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and from Duke University with an A.B. degree in religion and a master's of divinity from Duke Divinity School. He is an associate minister at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, Durham, N.C.

Goodrich-Moak

Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Goodrich of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Jonathan E. Moak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Moak of Unionville.

The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate from Bethlehem Central High School. She will graduate from Maria College, Albany, in May. She is currently working part-time at Blue Shield of Northeastern New York.

Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate from Bethlehem Central. He graduated from Hudson Valley Community College in 1982. He is currently employed at Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, as an electrical technician.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 22.



Mary Burke and David Rosinski

Burke-Rosinski

Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Burke of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to David J. Rosinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosinski of Glenmont.

A 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Miss Burke is employed at Albany Medical College. Her fiancé, a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem High School, is manager of Bedquarters in Colonie. A May 14 wedding is planned.

Book groups meet

The Bethlehem Public Library's evening book discussion group will be focusing on two books that picture women's lives on the midwestern frontier for their meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Plains Song, a novel by Morris West, and *Pioneer Women: Voices from the Kansas Frontier*, a collection of autobiographical manuscripts edited by Joanna Stratton, will be contrasted and compared. Call the library to reserve a copy of one of the books.

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