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## On being laid off

**L**ate Friday afternoon a few weeks ago the director of my unit at the state agency for which I have worked the past two years called me into his office and closed the door. I knew what it was all about, as did every other state worker in every other state agency whose supervisor called them in for a meeting and closed the door.

### FAMILY MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



He culminated weeks of speculation and unusual silence on the state grapevine which typically teems with fruitless rumors. In as caring a manner as he could muster he informed me that my unit had been abolished and April 7 would be my last day on the agency payroll. I had been laid off. In fact, my entire unit had been abolished.

It wasn't until the following week that I realized what elite company I was in. Many with higher level positions and more years of state service had also been hit. Many who considered themselves in the pink were given the slip of the same color. Others who thought they were on the way up the state ladder found themselves back down a rung or two or three.

A new lingo entered the agency corridors. People began buzzing about "bumping" and "backup items" and preferred lists. A shroud covered the building atmosphere. People approached each other as though eggshells had been spread all over the floor. Those of us who had been given notices were spoken to as though we had suffered a death in the family. Those who survived the budget ax conveyed obvious discomfort with their dilemma of feeling sympathy and relief simultaneously.

The knowledge of just how many people had lost their jobs and who they were was not clear until the following week. Moreover, the final count and identity of those bumped out of a slot won't be tallied until the pecking order exercise has spent itself.

In the meantime, affected employees have formed informal special interest groups meeting one-on-one to comiserate, clarify entitlements and share notes on next steps. The survivors have also formed into a group of willing helpers with direct lines to other agency contacts and reference letters in hand. In such difficult times the concern and active support of comrades is often the major factor in coming out of the period intact.

**P**ersonally, I am not devastated by the loss of my job, at least not yet. Should months go by without a new work situation, then I will consider devastation. In the meantime, however, I am calling upon all the past experience I have had as a private practice professional working on a fee-for-service basis, as an entrepreneur in business for myself, as a fully credentialed clinical social worker who was once forced to take a one-third cut in pay because of insurance industry restrictions on my clients, and ultimately, as a breadwinner who was at one time unemployed for nearly six months in the middle of a ravaged Western New York economy.

From the perspective of my background I can see firsthand that for many of those long-termers in state service, the push out of the public nest is as scary as is crossing a busy street for a hobbling old person. Fear pervades every step. Reflexes have atrophied. Signals have been forgotten, whether they mark caution or opportunity. State work force reductions are rare, but when they hit they leave a shock wave that touches everyone. They also leave a trail of unseasoned jobseekers.

Considering the plight of being laid off from my point of view, I have a few things I want to say about this unusual period in our state's history. First, at the risk of sounding self-patronizing, you should all be aware that some pretty excellent workers are out there on the street looking for a place to ply their wares. The layoffs did not result from poor performance ratings nor were the specific selections of personnel made on the basis of getting rid of unsuitable individuals. The bullet has been bitten by big shots, small shots, straight shots and hot shots alike. For you employers looking for good people who know how to work, get your ads in the papers, because a pool of talent has flooded the land.

**S**econd, I would like to say at the risk of sounding political that as a manager with responsibility for doing something about this state's condition, this or any other governor should have done exactly what has been done to reduce the state's expenses. Perhaps the way in which it was done could have been altered somewhat, but then, is there any way to lay people off and do it well? In all the considered fairness of our laws and contracts, there are always inequities. In every mass action for the good of all, there are personal tragedies.

Finally, to all of my fellow out-of-workers, it is a time to believe in yourselves and know how skilled you are. You are not dispensable, only your job. Have faith that we humans really can spin flax into gold and recognize blessings in disguise. Your next opportunity in life awaits you, but you must be able to see it for what it is to make it yours. If you are blinded by despair or resentment or fear at having been cut off from your current source of nourishment, then remember your birth was also a time when you were forced to seek other means of nourishment, and not one of us thinks of that time as an end of something, but rather a beginning.

It is time for rebirth. It is time to count on your friends. It is time for real caring for one another. Good luck to you and may God be with us.

Norman Cohen's column appears regularly in *The Spotlight*.

## BC budget target: keep it under \$10

By Caroline Terenzini

At a marathon six-hour Saturday session that drew what may be a record crowd for meetings of this sort, the Bethlehem Central school board squeezed out a probable tax rate increase in Bethlehem of just under \$10 per \$1,000 assessed for the 1983-84 year.

The nearly 7 percent projected increase is needed to pay for a dollar increase of less than 4 percent in the district's budget. With cuts expected from other revenue sources (federal and state aid), Bethlehem and New Scotland property owners in the district are going to have to finance the bulk of the 4 percent overall budget increase.

District Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer Saturday had not projected a probable tax rate for New Scotland residents in the Bethlehem district. Last year Bethlehem taxpayers saw a 3.3 percent tax rate increase while New Scotland's rate jumped 13.2 percent.

In its tax rate projection, the district is assuming a drop of about \$70,000 in state operating aid for the coming school year, plus a decline in building aid (because fewer building projects were undertaken last year), but the aid picture was still not clear Monday as state legislators and the governor continued to negotiate on aid formulas. "Hold harmless," a state budget provision by which school districts are assured of receiving no less from the state than in the year before, is opposed by Gov. Cuomo in an effort to equalize spending on education statewide, while many lawmakers are determined to protect it. Bethlehem Central has been in the "hold harmless" category for a number of years. Should that provision be eliminated, local property owners will have to make up the difference.

Scratching for revenue because an "\$11 (tax hike) is too damn much," Board President Bernard Harvith proposed postponing elimination of a lunch fund deficit of \$34,000 and taking \$16,000 off

the teacher salary line because of planned retirements that will permit the district to hire teachers lower on the salary scale. That would push the projected tax rate increase below \$10 per \$1,000. "give or take \$4,000 or \$5,000," Harvith said.

"You can make up the difference, Bernie," board member Robert Ruslander joked.

Assessing the day's work, Harvith said, "In my judgement, we might find another half a dollar. But to reach a 5 percent tax rate increase, you're really going to have to hack into the system."

The tax rate wasn't the only thing on people's minds Saturday as some 26 observers crowded into the conference room at the Educational Services Center

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## 10 percent hike in Voorheesville

The Voorheesville School Board will present a 1983-84 budget that carries a 5.49 percent spending increase and an estimated 10 percent tax hike to district voters at its public hearing April 5.

The proposed tax rate can't be pinpointed until district officials get a better reading on property assessments, equalization rates and — most importantly — state aid levels, which are still being negotiated in Albany.

But if current reports are correct and there are no cuts in state aid below last year's levels, district Superintendent Werner Berglas said Monday, the increase for New Scotland residents of the district should come to about \$20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The current school tax rate in New Scotland is \$206.90 per \$1,000.

The school board finished up work on the \$5.5 million document at its

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Dance Band trombonists lend "a lot of brass" to the big-band sound of one of Bethlehem Central High School's most popular musical organizations. The band, directed by department head Sam Bozzella, played to a full house last week.

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# RCS begins budget task

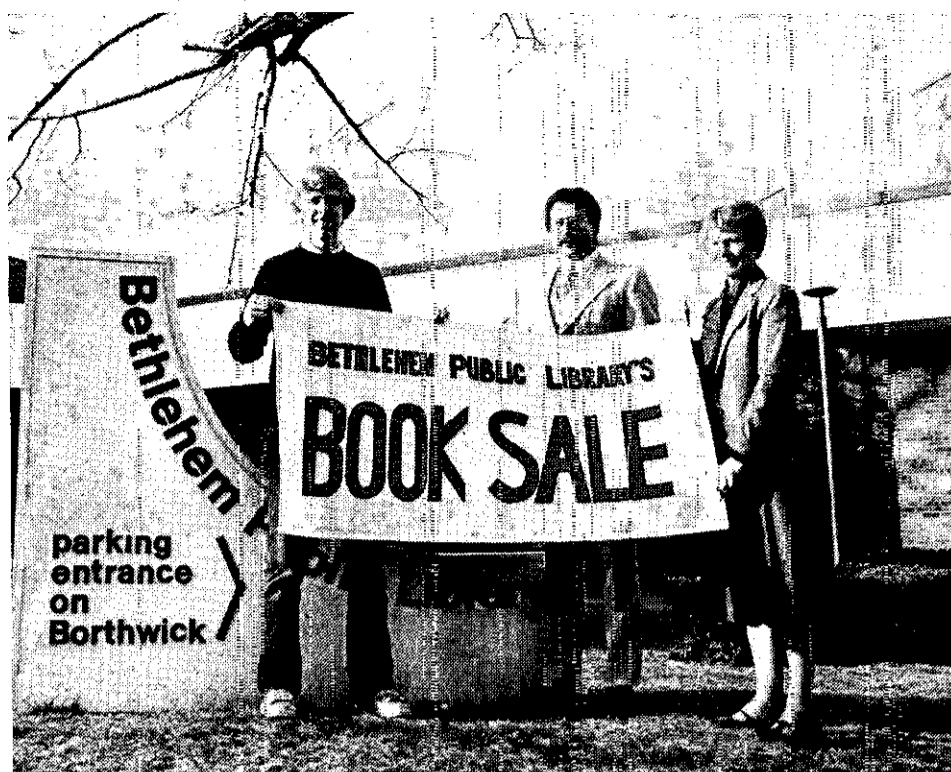
The principals of the five Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central schools gave an overview of their budget proposals and needs to the district Board of Education March 14 when they board began its annual budgeting task.

Committees of the board will delve into the staffing, buildings and grounds, and transportation areas of the budget in the next several weeks, and will make recommendations to the whole board by the end of the month, district Superintendent Milton Chodack said. He noted that a number of decisions have to be made by April. "The board has to see the entire budget before they can say yes to this and not to that," he said.

As for the probable impact of state budget problems, Chodack said, "We go through this every year. We don't even make predictions any more."

Transportation is a big item for the district, which covers 125 square miles and all or parts of four townships. Chodack also noted that district buses go to 37 out-of-district schools daily.

The board will continue its general meetings on the budget with a session Tuesday, March 22 (moved from Mon-



Scout James Edgar, a BCHS ninth grader, helps library director John Hodges and assistant director Barbara Mladinov hold a banner he produced for the library's book sale as part of his work toward an Eagle Scout badge. The book sale is on for three days this weekend.

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day). The budget must be ready 45 days before the June 22 vote, Chodack said.

## □ Voorheesville

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March 14 meeting. In the process, it sliced about \$100,000 off of earlier projections, but managed to avoid eliminating one elementary school teaching position.

Berglas's draft budget had called for eliminating one sixth grade and one first grade teacher, both because of projected drops in enrollment, and also one half-time music teaching position in the elementary school.

But last week the board, responding to pressure from parents, decided to keep sixth grade staffing at the same level as this year. The elementary school will lose a first grade teacher, the half-time music position and two teacher aides. There will be teaching staff reductions equivalent to .6 of a full-time position at the junior-senior high school level, plus one teacher aide. Also to be cut are one custodial position (or its equivalent) and one bus driver (along with the bus route). Total savings: \$88,000.

Nevertheless, the board notes in its letter to district residents, salaries will cost the district \$125,000 more next year than this year because of new contracts. Employee benefits will rise \$66,000.

Other major impacts on the budget are a projected \$70,000 in energy savings, which is partially offset by increased debt service due to the recently approved elementary school energy project. Overall, debt service will cost the district \$65,143 more next year than this year.

The public hearing is at 7:30 p.m. April 5 at the high school. The annual meeting is May 10, also at 7:30 p.m. at the high school, and the district-wide budget vote is the following day. District residents will also fill one seat on the board of education, vacant with the retirement of J. August Berger.

## Bible translators here from New Guinea

Lutheran Bible translators Dan and Ginny Rath have come halfway around the world from their ministry in Papua New Guinea to speak this Sunday at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar. The husband and wife team will speak about how they analyze the sounds of the Mengen language and develop a written alphabet in order to translate the Bible at a 9:15 a.m. presentation, at 10:30 a.m. worship and again at a potluck dinner to follow.

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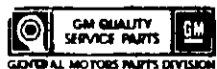
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# □ BC budget target

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in Delmar to hear the board's deliberations on that portion of the budget covering teaching staff. The large turnout was apparently due to predictions that class sizes might have to be increased in order to keep the tax rate increase within limits.

In the end, the board came up with cuts in staffing totaling 3.51 full-time equivalents (FTE), including one FTE at Hamagrael Elementary School and five-tenths at the Middle School. One full-year class at the high school is counted as two-tenths of a teacher's time. The remainder of the decrease was made up at the high school through a number of small cuts, such as eliminating one section of a large course or cutting a one-semester course with marginal enrollment. The district generally considers 17 the minimum enrollment for a course to be offered.

Superintendent Lawrence Zinn pointed out that staffing cuts give the district less flexibility in adapting to a mobile population, and high school Principal Charles Gunner observed that when a course is eliminated, the students already enrolled have to choose another course, shifting the load. Then, too, there are only so many typewriters, computers or drafting tables available, it was noted.

Board member John Clyne complained that although enrollment has declined over the past 10 years, "staffing is going up, and the public is saying, 'What's wrong?'" However, figures compiled by the administration show that staffing has generally kept pace with enrollment. For example, for the school year 1977-78 the district had a total enrollment of 4,085 and total district-paid staff of 261, and for 1982-83 the figures are 3,612 enrolled and 245 staff.

Clyne also proposed elimination of the two-year-old Challenge enrichment program, which has two staff members and represents less than \$60,000 in the budget. He charged that a "small group of vociferous people" were its only supporters, and that "if we listen just to that group, we're not listening to the general public — and they're the people paying the bills." He and board Vice President Sheila Fuller, who objected to "the principle of the thing," were the only ones who raised a hand when Harvith

polled the board on cutting Challenge.

Clyne, however, was a staunch supporter of computer education, saying, "If a kid goes out in the business world in the next few years without a knowledge of computers, he's behind the eight-ball." His colleagues on the board agreed to the extent of \$63,000 for more microcomputers at the high school, but balked at \$120,000 for more machines districtwide.

Other equipment requests were crossed out entirely. "I don't like it that way, but I'd rather have it come out of here than elsewhere," Zinn said, reading the list of things the district won't be buying this year. Ruslander, feigning chagrin, joked, "What? No scoreboard? How am I going to face the electorate?"

Board member Robert Zick suggested that the Challenge program and computer purchases might be separate items on the May 11 ballot, but other board members vetoed the idea on the ground that separate propositions are generally unsuccessful.

The board has another budget session scheduled this evening at 7 p.m. to consider co-curricular and athletic activities and to look at the revenue side of the budget, with tax projections. A budget review session is scheduled the following Wednesday, March 30, with adoption slated Tuesday, April 5. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning of each budget session as well as at the regular meeting April 5.

In addition, Mrs. Fuller is conducting informal budget discussions Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon at 31 Albin Rd., Delmar, to hear public comments and to allow the public to ask questions. One of the chief administrators attends each "coffee."

## A major haul

The owners of a Lyons Ave., Delmar, home are still piecing together their losses following a burglary Tuesday that left the home a shambles. Preliminary reports to Bethlehem police indicated the loss of silver, jewelry and other items was extensive, but no estimate was available Monday.

Police said the burglary was discovered at 3:20 p.m. by a member of the family. A side door had been kicked in and nearly every room in the house ransacked.



"The Boys from Syracuse" have to contend with the ladies, particularly Adriana (Lynda Stokoe) and her maids. The Stage 700 musical plays this weekend at Bethlehem Central High School. (See Spotlight Calendar for times.) Gary Zeiger

## SENIOR CITIZENS



The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization has invited Cooperative Extension Service Home Economist JoAnn Gage to speak at its March 24 meeting. Ms. Gage will offer advice on "Making Food Money Count" at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

The Senior Citizens Organization meets regularly, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. each Thursday. The organization is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem who are aged 62 and older.

There will be no meeting of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization March 31.

The group's regular weekly meetings will resume Thursday, April 7, which will be a "Business Meeting" when group members will be invited to register for senior citizen I.D. cards and discount passes, available through the Albany County Department of Aging, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization will offer a free legal clinic for its members from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Appointments are required, and can be made at the group's regular weekly meetings, held from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Thursdays, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Since the group has cancelled its March 31 meeting, signups can be made at the March 24 meeting or by calling town hall.

## Musicians set annual sub sale

Last year Bethlehem Central musicians sold, assembled and delivered 1,704 submarine sandwiches. They earned \$2,116. This year, the high school's wind ensemble will try for a repeat performance. They've already started taking orders for their 15-year old Sub Day fundraiser set for Saturday, April 9.

The subs, which sell for \$1.75, are made of mixed meats and come fully garnished with onions and cheese. Operating out of the high school cafeteria, the students and volunteer parents will make the subs in the morning and deliver them in the early afternoon of April 9.

Profits from the sub sale will go toward defraying costs for the wind ensemble's two-day exchange trip to Oyster Bay High School on Long Island and tickets for a Broadway play. Upon returning home, the group will host the Oyster Bay musicians at a free concert at the high school auditorium on Monday, April 18, at 8 p.m. Also performing will be the BCHS dance band and Sound System.

For sub sale specifics, call Ted Harro at 439-4100.

Julie Ann Sosa

## Craft exhibitors wanted

The New Salem Fire Department auxillary is looking for exhibitors for its annual craft show and flea market, scheduled May 7. Interested persons should call 765-2857 or 765-4434.

## Board meets with teacher reps

The Bethlehem Central school board zipped through a routine agenda at its regular business meeting last Wednesday at which Superintendent Lawrence Zinn reported that 809 volunteers had contributed 8,005 hours to the schools in the year to date. The figures are in a report by Jan Whitaker of Elsmere, coordinator of the volunteer program.

The board met in private with a number of teachers before the business meeting, at the teachers' request, to discuss staffing. Roger Fritts, attorney for the district, defined the session as "part of negotiations" and therefore properly private when asked by Martin Horn of Delmar, an observer at the board meeting, whether the earlier session was "not subject to the notice provisions of the Open Meetings Law."

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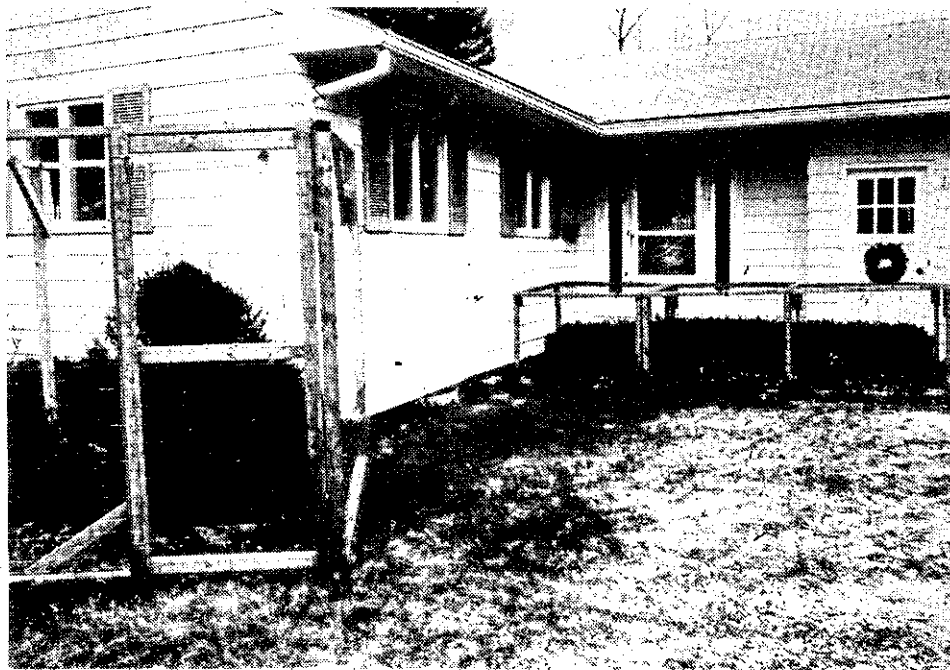
The deer may still roam on the outskirts of Elsmere, but they've been munching on the shrubbery much less this winter than last. That, says an EnCon specialist, is only to be expected because of the milder winter, but doesn't mean the problem of overpopulation is gone.

"If we have a hard winter there will be deer dying next year in Elsmere," predicts Nathan Tripp. The state's position is still to push for shotgun hunting of deer in the southern half of the Town of Bethlehem (where now only bow hunting is allowed), although Tripp acknowledges that change may not keep the deer out of the built up areas of the town.

A bill changing the hunting limits requested by EnCon and sponsored by Assemblyman Larry Lane failed to make it to the governor's desk last year; this year it appears to have a better chance. Lane's office said Monday the bill has already cleared the assembly's Conservation Committee and is scheduled for Rules Committee consideration this

week. If it clears that hurdle it will reach the assembly floor shortly after the Easter recess.

Last year the town boards of both Bethlehem and Coeymans, which is also



Elsmere residents, such as the owners of this house on Salisbury Rd., used extraordinary measures to ward off the hungry deer population this winter — but mild weather made the precautions unnecessary for the most.

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in the area limited to bow hunting, endorsed the switch to shotgun hunting. In Bethlehem the change would affect the area south of Rt. 32 and west of Rt. 144. The boards acted primarily because of concern by farmers that large numbers of

deer were damaging their crops; in Bethlehem town officials also received complaints from the suburban areas, particularly Elsmere, where deer flocked along the Normanskill and then invaded lawns and gardens when natural food ran

low.

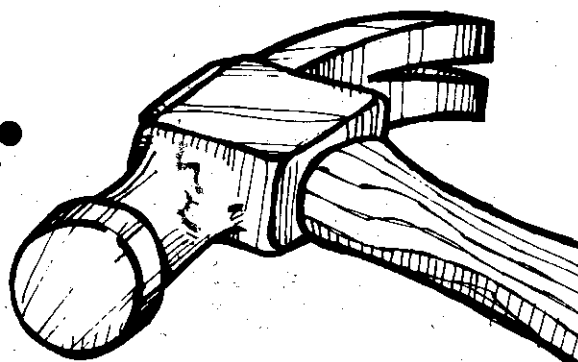
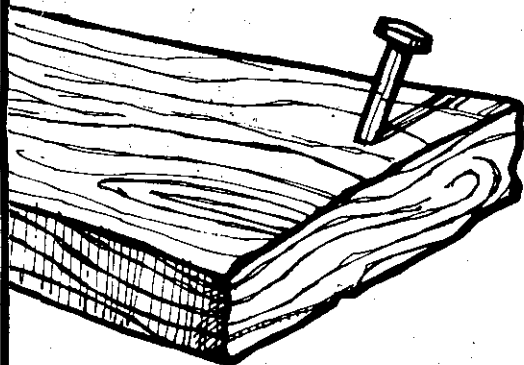
There was no opposition to the legislation when it was discussed by the Bethlehem Town Board last year, although previous attempts to change the law had floundered when citizens and farmers objected. Recently, however, a New York City organization called the Fund for Animals, Inc., which lobbies in the capital, has objected to the bill. (See letter, page 23.)

This year, said Tripp, there have been far fewer complaints. "The deer have been more spread out and there is more food available for them," he said. Although there was a record take of deer in Albany County during the 1982 hunting season, EnCon reported this month that deer population in all of the northern Catskill area remains "at levels considerably above the carrying capacity of the range. Overbrowsing of food supplies is still chronic and deer in poorer than desirable physical condition can be expected."

## New Salem dinner

The Women's Guild of the New Salem Reformed Church will have its annual spring roast beef dinner and mini-bazaar Saturday at the church. The bazaar will open at 4 p.m. and family style serving will begin at 5 p.m. The cost is \$5.50 for adults, \$2.75 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for those under 5. Reservations may be made by calling 765-2197. Take-out dinners also will be available.

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# Zautner site plan issue resolved

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board at its meeting last Tuesday made some progress in its site plan review of developer G. William Zautner's Elsmere homes, located off Elsmere Ave. and adjacent to the Bethlehem Cemetery. Paul Hite, a surveyor representing Zautner, told the board that he had indeed filed a site plan for the development, contrary to the understanding of board members and recent reports in *The Spotlight*.

Hite said he was irritated because, "It's hard enough these days to make a buck, and the guy on the street gets the impression I'm not doing my job." He went on to say that the map he sent the board "six months ago" was the intended site plan. It showed no landscaping, which was one of the things that concerned the board at its previous

meeting, because Zautner intended none, Hite said.

But Zautner, also at last week's meeting, said he did intend on landscaping, and had in fact already done a substantial amount. He went on to tell board members what other landscaping he planned on doing.

Board members said a map indicating the improvements would suffice for the site plan, and Zautner said he would produce one.

The board also heard preliminary plans for a professional building to be located the east side of Rt. 9W south of Feura Bush Rd., from Anthony Mauro, a local mason and contractor, who informally presented plans for a building that would house approximately 24 professional offices on a seven-acre site. Board members said they saw no

problem with the proposal, to be located in a commercial zone.

The board also granted time extensions for the Havenwood subdivision, N. Helderberg Pkwy. and Mayfair Dr., Slingerlands, and the Benjamin Chi subdivision, Rt. 396, Selkirk, due to difficulties experienced by the developers.

## AARP sets trip to New York City

Members of AARP Chapter 1598 will journey to New York on Wednesday, March 30, to attend a matinee performance of Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess." Non-member friends of members are welcome to join the group to the capacity of the bus. The cost for transportation and admission per person is \$23.25. For reservations and information call Arline McChesney at 439-1926.

## Railroad pensioners meet

The Capital District Railroad Pensioners Club will meet at 2 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 274 Washington Ave., Albany. The meeting will be on the ground floor directly off the parking lot on Washington Ave.

All retired railroad employees are welcome and membership applications are available at the meeting.

## Rt. 144 barn destroyed

A fire, believed to have been caused by an electrical problem, destroyed a barn on the Goes Farm on Vanderzee Rd. off Rt. 144 Friday afternoon. The blaze, fought by the Selkirk Fire Department, also destroyed 20 bales of hay and assorted farm equipment, according to Bethlehem police reports. The farm is part of 3 Farms Dairy.

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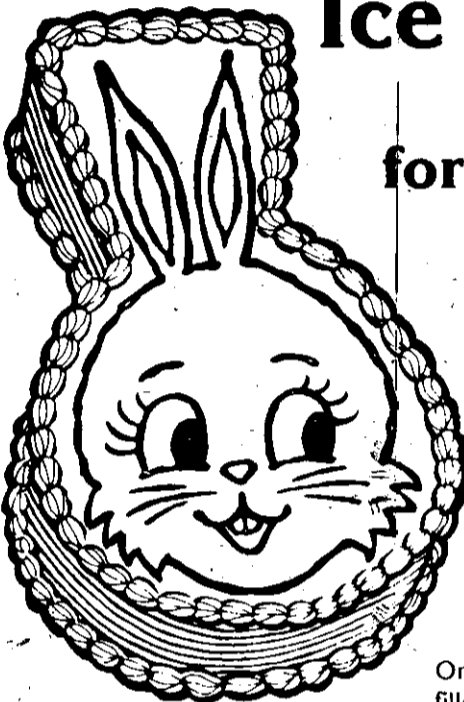
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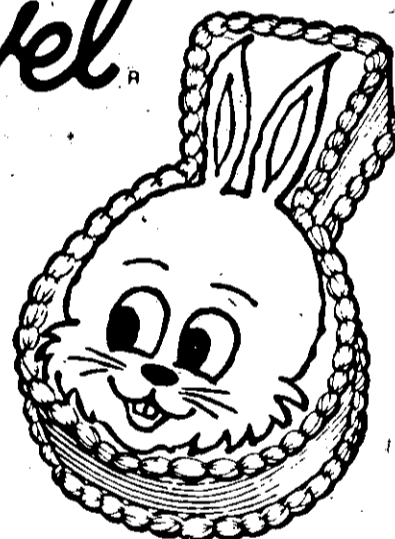


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# Democrats find votes for county road issue

By Susan Guyett

At its meeting last week the Albany County Legislature approved a \$6.8 million road repair bond issue, seated a new legislator and gave the Crossgates Mall a boost.

The whole process took three hours, a lot of name calling and defections from both parties to get the various measures approved.

The Democratic leadership was facing what has become its usual problem with the road bond issue — getting the needed 26 votes, or two thirds of the 39 member house, to go along with the measure. But, after months of arguing, the Democrats tacked on a proposed \$800,000 repair job in Colonie that swayed a second Republican to see things their way.

While this was victory for the Democrats, there wasn't much smooth sailing

during the stormy March 14 session.

To begin with, the meeting started late so that a legislative aide could go pick up ailing Albany Legislator Sal Garufi who hadn't planned on attending.

The Democrats also seated a new legislator, Sanford Tanksley, replacing John Tucker to represent the Second District, South End section of Albany. Even this move sparked controversy. That very afternoon, Republicans attempted to stop the Democrats from replacing Tucker, who has been absent from the legislature for months.

The GOP maintained that a Jan. 31 letter of resignation dropped off at the County Courthouse might have contained a forgery of Tucker's signature. If the letter is a fake, they claimed, then no vacancy in the legislature exists.

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Tom Howes

Cholakis ruled that the court could not prevent the legislature from performing a legislative act but suggested some action was possible if a handwriting expert backed up the minority party's suspicion. Minority Leader Gordon Morris, R-Bethlehem, said the Republicans hadn't yet decided whether to proceed with the legal action. Democratic officials say there is no reason to believe the signature is not valid.

The Republicans, while acknowledging a need for road repair work, repeated their various reasons for opposing the bond issue. Some objected to the resolution because it included streets in the city of Albany. Others claimed it showed bad planning on the part of county officials, especially County Executive James Coyne, arguing that road repair work shouldn't be bonded but should be paid out of the highway department's operating budget.

Republicans Morris, Sue Ann Ritch-

ko, Edward Sargent and Michael Ricci supported a plan proposed by Ricci for a \$4 million bond resolution which would repair county-owned roads only. That amendment lost by a vote of 25-14.

Since Robert Prentiss, R-Colonie, had always supported the proposal, it was the vote of another Colonie Republican, Scaringe conceded he was making a deal with the Democrats. "I have not changed my mind, I've changed direction," he told the legislature. He said he did not support the county's repair of city-owned streets but that he was willing to go along with it to get .78 of a mile on Shaker Road from Everett to Osborn Road repaired. Scaringe called the stretch "a deathtrap" and begged other legislators to vote yes.

Democrats called the hold out Republicans "obstructionists," and Republicans accused the majority of playing politics.

## Accident leads to DWI charge

Bethlehem police charged a 17-year-old Selkirk woman with driving while intoxicated Tuesday after they found her car entangled with a fence on the side of the road on Rt. 396 near Rt. 102 in South Bethlehem.

Arrested was Sandy Schermerhorn of Beaver Dam Rd., Selkirk. Police said she was not hurt in the accident.

The arrest was one of five for driving while intoxicated made by Bethlehem

police last week. A Delmar man was stopped on Delaware Ave. after an officer saw a beer bottle fly out of the window of his car. There were two DWI arrests following traffic infractions on Rt. 144, including one in which a New Baltimore man refused to take a breathalyzer test but was charged with DWI anyway. And a Menands man was charged with DWI after he asked the officer who stopped him on Berwick Rd. in Elsmere whether he was in East Greenbush.

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To vote for the measure, Morris said, "is a vote against good government."

The bond issue, with the exception of the Shaker Road stretch, is the same as was considered last month. On the list for projected road repairs are about two miles on Rt. 53 in Bethlehem, about two miles of Rt. 204 in Guiderland and Bethlehem and various roads in Watervliet, Cohoes, Green Island, Colonie and the Hill Towns plus the 8.8 miles within the city of Albany.

In another action, the legislature by a vote of 28-6 agreed to take over a section of the proposed Crossgates Mall road system. The county will be taking over maintenance of the access road from Crossgates to the Northway southbound to Washington Ave. Extension. The resolution doesn't call for the county to take over other access roads, including a bridge over the Thruway or a proposed bridge over Western Ave. from Schoolhouse Rd.

Crossgate's developer, the Pyramid Company, need the county and the state to accept certain roads in order for the shopping plaza project to proceed.

Harold Joyce, D-Albany, who sponsored the measure, said that since no Industrial Development Agency money is involved in the project, Crossgates would be paying a large tax bill yearly to the county and local communities. The project will benefit the area, Joyce said, by bringing in revenue and jobs.

Democrat Anne Gaffney of Guiderland, who has opposed the construction of Crossgates, argued against the measure, saying the county should not be supplying road maintenance to a private project.

## Bus seats slashed

Bethlehem police are interviewing riders of three Bethlehem Central school buses that had seats slashed sometime between March 9 and 11. A total of nine seats were vandalized and the damage was estimated at \$690, according to police reports.

# Money the 'lifeblood of politics'

Jesse Unruh, former speaker of the California Assembly, once said that "money is the mother's milk of politics". In Massachusetts, Maryland and New Jersey, corruption and criminal convictions of politicians has been seen as a regular and expected part of the process.

In New York State the legislative and larger governmental processes have been relatively free of major convictions for criminal conduct such as bribe taking and involvement in other felonies. James Diamond, the Common Cause lobbyist in Albany, thinks a more aggressive posture on the part of the legislative ethics committees is called for.

Says Diamond, "Everybody's waiting for somebody else to do the work." Diamond doesn't like the fact that the legislative ethics committees seldom meet and that they do not seek out corruption.

"I think that the ethics committees should periodically review legislation that's introduced and financial disclosure statements filed by legislators for potential conflicts of interest, and should not wait for somebody to ask them to do an investigation."

**"It is expected. Republicans support Republicans. Democrats support Democrats," says Albany County DA Sol Greenberg.**

Diamond, who is not in line for the most-popular-lobbyist-on-the-hill award, suggests that "legislators might see it as a breaking of the rules of the game to ask fellow legislators to conduct investigations."

But many legislators see this as witch

## Capitol Connection

Alan S. Chartock



hunting. While it is true that the two ethics committees set up by statute very rarely meet, they are prepared to act when formal allegations of wrong doing are given them, say the chairmen of the Assembly and Senate committees, Sen. William Steinfeldt and Assemblyman George Friedman.

Steinfeldt rejects the notion that his committee should undertake investigation based on hearsay or informal communication. "I don't want to receive a verbal complaint. If someone is complaining about some particular action, I think it should be set forth in writing so that all the committee can see it so they are not relying on my verbal transmission of what someone else has said."

And Assemblyman Friedman keeps his meetings closed when an allegation has been made to avoid unfair smearing of an accused incumbent.

By accident of geography, it falls to Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg to prosecute governmental wrongdoing in New York's capital city. Greenberg says that the resources of his office are used mainly to prosecute violent offenders and that he has to rely mainly on "snitches" and "squealers" in the same way reporters do. Greenberg says that he periodically meets with legislative leaders to advise them what constitutes wrongdoing. And Greenberg suggests that some offenders like the prohibition against selling tickets to

party fundraisers and affairs in the capital are "ridiculous."

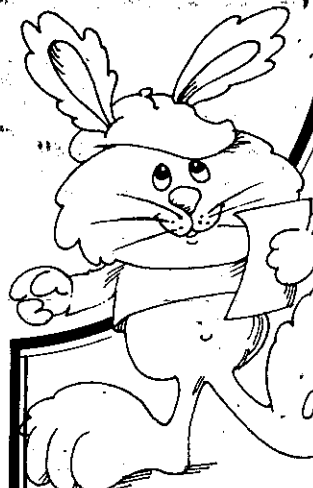
And while kickbacks are against the law, Greenberg says that fundraisers are the life blood of political organization. "It is expected. Republicans support Republicans. Democrats support Democrats."

In other areas, says Greenberg, ethics are changing. Where padding payrolls with "no-shows" used to be commonplace, the practice is now much less prevalent, although Greenberg says, "I would be naive if I said none of it existed." The DA says that legislators have been put on notice that the practice will no longer be tolerated.

Greenberg says that he is aware of the power of the district attorney. "It's mind-boggling in the sense that it scares you at times. We have used that power very sparingly in this office." And Greenberg is concerned about something that has bothered civil libertarians for a long time — the giving of immunity to one of the two participants in a bribe.

Greenberg thinks that those who succumb to criminal acts "must have a screw loose." He praises Gov. Mario Cuomo for quick action when he realized that William Cabin, his chief of staff, was padding the then lieutenant governor's payroll. Asks the district attorney, "who do you trust more than your chief of staff?"

But Greenberg concludes that "the people who have the control are honest." He warns that "because of the size of government and the billions of dollars that we use in any given year in this state there has to be some degree of shrinkage." Says Greenberg, "I would like to have in my own pocket that which falls through the slats and you could have half of it. We could probably go to Rio and retire for the rest of our lives."



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# Dedrick, Langford win reelection with ease

Tuesday's village election, which saw incumbents Joseph (Larry) Dedrick and Richard Langford reelected with little trouble, would appear to be a solid mandate for the village board's step-by-step approach to the question of sewers in Voorheesville.

But the voting patterns may still give village fathers some pause. Dedrick polled 551 votes and Langford 520 to 297 votes for challenger Charles Arthur, who was until recently a leader of the Salem Hills homeowners and has been a strong critic of the village board's handling of sewer rates in that area.

In all, 779 people made the trip to the village firehouse to cast their votes, which means that 190 voted only for one candidate.

If that figure reflects Salem Hills dissatisfaction, the job the village board faces in resolving the sewer rate and new sewer issues could be that much more difficult.

Dedrick, a former village fire chief seeking his second term, and Langford, running for his third term, had both run low-key campaigns, stressing other aspects of village living, such as snow removal and recreation. The incumbents had turned down an invitation by the League of Women Voters to meet Arthur face-to-face in a candidates forum.

Arthur, an associate director for personnel at the State University, had hammered at the board for its failure to keep rates in the privately-owned Salem Hills sewer system down, and had also criticized the way the board has gone about determining whether the rest of the



Dedrick



Langford

village, or some part of it, should have sewers.

The board had in recent months presented a consultant's report that recommends new sewers for the central part of the village, to be tied into the Salem Hills treatment plant. And preliminary work had been begun on acquiring the Salem Hills plant from its present owner, Rosen-Michaels, by eminent domain.

## Janssen to speak

Rev. Allan Janssen of Bethlehem Reformed Church will speak at 10 a.m. today at Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delaware Ave. The talk is part of the Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. and child care will be available.

## Music hall review

The Slingerlands Elementary School's fifth grade choir will perform a "1980 Music Hall Review" on Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission to the vocal show is \$1.

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## Comedy on stage

Maybe *Heaven Can Wait* but Voorheesville won't have to. This weekend the Dionysians, Voorheesville's drama club, will present the three-act comedy-fantasy dealing with a young athlete taken to Heaven before his time and the hilarious events that occur when friends try to return him to earth.

Performances will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24-26, at the high school beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for students, with senior citizens being admitted free for the Thursday evening performance only, while available free seating lasts. (It is suggested that senior citizens may want to obtain tickets before the night of the performance.)

Tickets may be purchased from any Drama Club member, at the high school during school hours or at the door. Directed by teacher-advisor Robert Andrews, his faculty assistant, Sherry Burgoon, and student director, Kirsten Ford, the play lists cast members as Mike Terriciano, Pete Coffan, Bill Petroni, Yvonne Perry, Mark Ferguson, Courtney Brennan and Scott Storm. Also in the cast are Jill Lawrence, Darcy Meacham, Denise Way, Chris Connelly, Bob Anderson, Mark Bibbins, Jeff Stein, Peter Merkley, Andy Keal, Mary Beth Manning and Lew Bernstein.

Heading up the all important behind-the-scenes committees are Peter Richards, lighting and sound; Brian McKenna and Ernie Sacco, set; Michelle Huth and Jennifer TenEyck, props; Anne Olsen,

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## Corsages for Easter

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## Egg hunt at park

For those youngsters who can't wait until next week to see the Easter Bunny, the New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611 and auxiliary is sponsoring an Easter egg hunt this Saturday, March 26, at 11 a.m. at the New Scotland Town Park on Swift Rd. All children up to the age of 10 are invited to come and meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for the eggs he's hidden. In case of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, March 27, same time and place. For more information contact JoAnn Donahue at 765-4400.

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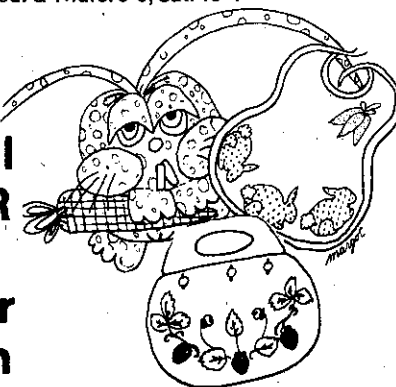
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Those interested in purchasing tickets may do so at the high school on Monday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 30, between 7 and 8:30 p.m., and on Thursday, April 7, between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the grade school on Monday, April 4, and Wednesday, April 6, from 7 p.m. until

8:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 5 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

To reserve tickets by phone interested parties are asked to call Kathy Zeh at 765-4246 for the Friday evening performance or Judy Shearer at 765-4334 for the Saturday evening performance. Based on other years tickets are expected to go quickly.

#### Last chance for basketball

Good news for those parents who "missed their turn at bat" and forgot to register their children for grasshopper baseball/softball. The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, sponsors of the program, are "going into extra innings" with two final registration sessions. With practice

beginning shortly, this will be the last chance to sign up. Interested parents may take their children to the grade school on Wednesday, March 23, between 6 and 9 p.m. or to the high school on Saturday, March 26, between 9 and 11:30 a.m. A \$6 registration fee is to be paid at that time.

Girls in grades 5 through 8 and boys ages 8-12 are eligible to play in the program, which runs from May until the end of June.

Coaches are still needed. Those wanting more information or who would like to help with the program are asked to call either Mike Malark at 765-4392 or Skip Jackson at 861-7427.

#### Chance to recycle

For those who have gotten the jump on spring cleaning, the recycling truck will be in the parking lot at the Methodist Church this Saturday, March 26, to haul away bundled papers, sorted glass and aluminum cans. Tin cans, magazines, catalogues and phone books should not be left. For more information or to make arrangements for large items, call Lanny Parsons at 765-3124.

#### Ambulance volunteers sought

On a serious note: the Voorheesville Ambulance Squad is in need of daytime and weekend volunteers. No prior medical experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Anyone 18 or older, a resident of the school district and available one day a week is asked to contact Jerry Condon, captain, at 765-4932; Janet Fisch at 765-4793 or Kate Treiber at 765-4705.

#### Legion sons organize

Time is running out for those who would like to become members of the newly chartered "Sons of the American Legion" sponsored by Voorheesville

Legion Post 1493. In order to be eligible the applicant's father or grandfather must either be an active Legionnaire or, if deceased, have served in the military during wartime. Those interested are asked to call Legion Commander Odle Bradon at 765-4981 or the Legion hall at 765-4712.

#### Bluebird nest boxes available at 5 Rivers

Bluebird nest boxes are available this spring at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., delmar. The boxes, hand-crafted to official North American Bluebird Society specifications, will be sold to benefit Five Rivers Limited, a volunteer support group that sponsors many educational activities at Five Rivers Center.

The nest boxes will also benefit the Eastern bluebird. Due to changing land use patterns and the introduction of alien birds, bluebirds have found competition for nest sites severe. Since the Capital District has plenty of suitable habitat for the bluebird, erecting nest boxes can help to bring back the beautiful state bird. Since bluebirds stake out nest territories in early spring, nest boxes should be installed by early April for same-year occupancy.

Five Rivers Center currently has 40 bluebird boxes set up on its "bluebird trail." Bluebirds have nested at the center during the past two years and are already being seen this season. Information regarding proper installation of boxes and habitat preferences of the bluebird is also available at the center. Call 457-6092 for information.

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## News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



### Muskets and firearms

Textbook studies of the American Revolution took on an added dimension for the seventh grade social studies students at the RCS Junior High School recently. Charles Flanagan, Revolutionary War buff resplendent in the uniform of a British soldier, shared his knowledge of the role of the British soldier in North America. He sang a ballad of the period

and demonstrated the use of his black powder musket.

The program was arranged by Charles Wheeler, who spoke on the evolution of black powder firearms from the American Revolution to the Civil War Period.

### Genealogy workshop set

The Hannakrois chapter of the DAR will hold a meeting and genealogy research workshop Saturday, March 26, at the Bethlehem Historical Museum, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The lineage assistance committee will be on hand to help anyone interested in their genealogy and tracing their lineage.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Christoph, editors of "Records of the People of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County,

New York 1698-1880," will be speakers. They have a wealth of information to contribute; as Mrs. Christoph is serving as vice president to the Capital District Genealogy Society and Mr. Christoph is associate librarian at the New York State Library, head of manuscripts and special collections at the library.

### Scouts plan derby

Monday evening, March 28 at 7 p.m. the Boy Scouts of Pack 81 will be participating in a Rocket Derby at the A.W. Becker School. Forty-nine boys will match their rockets against those of their fellow scouts. Each boy has built his own rocket from kits purchased. Competing in groups of four, the rockets will be propelled by rubber bands across the school cafeteria on test line.

According to George Kendall, cub master, run-offs will be held until first, second and third-place winners are determined.

### Elks to honor firemen

In tribute to the many men of our community who give their time and risk their safety as volunteer firemen, the BPOE No. 2233 are having Firemen's Night, Saturday, March 26. The evening will begin at 6:30 with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a roast beef a la Bethlehem dinner at 7:30. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### School fair Thursday

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School will hold its annual school

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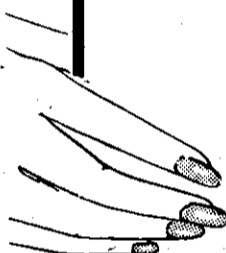
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fair, tomorrow evening, Thursday, March 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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Programs will be distributed at the door to enable parents to select the areas they are particularly interested in seeing. The exhibits will close promptly at 8:30 p.m.

#### Lenten breakfast Saturday

The Guild for Christian Service of the

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will have their annual Lenten Breakfast at the church Saturday, March 26.

An invitation is extended to all women of the church and their guests at 8 a.m.

The theme for the special Easter program will be "Christ is Risen."

Reservations are not necessary and there will be no charge for the breakfast.

#### "Finian's Rainbow"

Three opportunities will be provided for the public to enjoy the musical comedy "Finian's Rainbow" being presented by the students of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. The production, under the direction of Howard Hulbert is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, with a matinee perform-

ance at 2:30 p.m. for senior citizens, and Friday and Saturday evenings, March 25 and 26, with performances beginning at 8 p.m. both evenings.

Tickets for the performance to be held in the RCS auditorium are available in advance through students and the cast or may be purchased at the door.

#### Senior projects menu

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena, beginning March 24, will be: Thursday: vegetable soup, shepard's pie; Friday: baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes; Monday: meat loaf, mashed potatoes; Tuesday: corned beef, boiled potatoes; Wednesday: chicken ala king over rice; Thursday: beef stew, fruit turnover.

### Art group plans annual open show

The Bethlehem Art Association's annual open show is planned for April 2 through 30 at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Each member may submit two paintings, with an entry fee of \$2 for each painting. All art work should be taken to the library, on Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Friday, April 1, between 3 and 6 p.m.

Peg Churchill, art critic, will provide a critique of the art show at the association's meeting April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the library. Ribbons will be awarded for the best in the show. For information, call Lorraine Shapiro, 439-5069.

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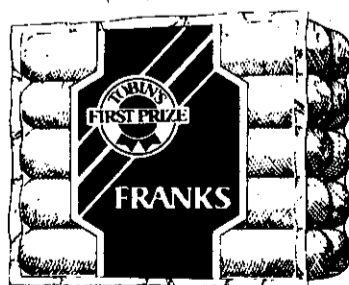
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**Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.**

**Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.**

**Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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

**League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Susan Richmond, 439-5744.**

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

# THE Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

**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.**

**Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-9140 (after 5 p.m.).**

**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.**

**Career and Education Advise-ment, free and by appointment on Mondays, 6-9 p.m., and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library. Information, 439-9314.**

**Voter Registration:** You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

**Bethlehem Board of Education, budget work session on athletics, supplies, revenue, tax projections, Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7 p.m.**

**Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.**

**Lutheran Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Preschool Amblyopia Screening, by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon volunteers, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m.-noon.**

**Tri-Village Lenten Bible Study, Rev. Johannes Meester speaker, at Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delaware Ave., 9:30.**

**Children's Vernal Equinox Program, stories, songs and drawing for children over 6, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.**

**Stage 700, "The Boys from Syracuse," free performance for senior citizens, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.**

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

**Kiwanis Baseball-Softball Registration, Voorheesville Elementary School, 6-9 p.m. \$6 registration.**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 24

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club celebrates 33rd anniversary with dinner at New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m. Speaker, Gerald T. Hennessey.**

**New Scotland Town Civic Assn. meets fourth Thursday, Room 104, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m., to discuss town issues. All residents welcome.**

**Stage 700, "The Boys from Syracuse," Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. \$3 and \$4 tickets at Record town, school, door.**

**League of Women Voters to hear Bethlehem school board President Bernard Harvith, at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Information, 439-5744.**

**Personal Computer Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4758.**

**Delmar Progress Club, garden club group, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m.**

**Middle School Science Fair, with student displays, Bethlehem Middle School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Preschool Amblyopia Screening, by Welcome Wagon volunteers, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-noon.**

**"Finian's Rainbow," performance for senior citizens, Ravena Senior High School, 2:30 p.m. Admission \$1 with gold card.**

**Open House at Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.**

**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.**

**"Heaven Can Wait," Voorheesville High School auditorium, 8 p.m. Adults \$2.50, students \$2, senior citizens free while seating lasts.**

**R-C-S Fair, Ravena Junior High School, 7 p.m.**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 25

**"The Boys from Syracuse," Stage 700, at Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.**

**"Heaven Can Wait," Voorheesville High School, 8 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 adults, \$2 students.**

**"Finian's Rainbow," Ravena Senior High School, 8 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 adults, \$2 students.**

**Preschool Amblyopia Screening, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-noon.**

**Episcopal Bishop to Speak, at Oneschaw Reform Church, Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m.**

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 26

**"The Boys from Syracuse," Stage 700, at Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.**

**"Heaven Can Wait," Voorheesville High School, 8 p.m.**

**"Finian's Rainbow," Ravena Senior High School, 8 p.m.**

**Bethlehem Elks Lodge roast beef dinner, 7:30 p.m.**

**Methodist Bake Sale, McCarroll's Meat Market, 9 a.m.**

**New Salem Mini-Bazaar and Roast Beef Dinner, New Salem Reformed Church, Rt. 85, 5-7 p.m. Reservations, 765-2197.**

**Basic Photography Workshop, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1-3 p.m. \$3 registration, 457-6092.**

**Book Sale, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Selkirk Guild Lenten Breakfast, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 8 a.m.**

**DAR Genealogy Research Workshop, Cedar Hill Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 10 a.m.**

**Elks Easter Egg Hunt, New Scotland Town Park, 11 a.m. Free for children under 10; rain date, March 27.**

**Kiwanis Baseball-Softball Registration, final session, Voorheesville High School, 9-11:30 a.m. \$6 registration.**

**Recycling Truck visits Voorheesville United Methodist Church. Information, 765-3124.**

**Bethlehem Pop Warner registration for players and cheerleaders, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 27

**Bethlehem Pop Warner registration for players and cheerleaders, Bethlehem Town Hall, noon - 2 p.m.**

**Lutheran Bible Translators Speak, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., 9:15 a.m. Free.**

**Book Sale, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-5 p.m.**

**Bethlehem Lions Pancake Breakfast, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets \$3.50 adults, \$2 children.**

**Bethlehem Elks Lodge Easter egg hunt, 1 p.m.**

## area arts

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### THEATER

"The 1940's Radio Hour" (on tour from Broadway), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 23, 8 p.m.

"Blithe Spirit" (the Roustabout Players in Noel Coward's comedy), Maurine Stapleton Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, March 25 and 26, 8 p.m. (March 25 performance preceded by 6:30 p.m. dinner.) Information, 283-1100, ext. 569, or 766-5389.

"The Drunkard; Or, The Fallen Saved" (College of Saint Rose Twickenham Players), Twickenham Playhouse, Madison Ave. campus, March 25-27, 8 p.m., March 26 and 27, 2 p.m.

"The Skin of Our Teeth" (Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning stage parable staged by Capital Rep), Market Theater, N. Pearl St., Albany, March 26 through April 17, Tuesday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office or theater box office, 462-4534.

Little Theater of the Deaf (children's theater-troupe), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 28, 10 a.m. Community Box Office or Egg, 473-3750.

"Parzifal" (comedy by National Theatre of the Deaf), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, March 24, 10 a.m., March 26, 8 p.m. and March 27, 2 p.m.

"Ring Round the Moon" (Jean Anouilh's comedy mounted by Schenectady Civic Players), 12 S. Church St., Schenectady, March 23-27, Community Box Office or theater box office, 382-9051.

"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 23-27. Tickets, 462-1297.

### MUSIC

Kenneth Be (Elizabethan lute music), Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, March 25, 8:45 p.m.

Big Bluegrass Jam (The Osborne Brothers and other Opry favorites), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 27, 8 p.m.

Flutist James Galway with the New Irish Chamber Orchestra, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 29, 8 p.m.

### POETRY

"I Celebrate Myself" (poems by Walt Whitman and others read by students at the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, March 27, 7:30 p.m.

### FILM

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (the 1923 version with Lon Chaney), Harmanus Bleecker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, March 24, 6 p.m.

"The Accident" (Dirk Bogarde) Albany Public Library, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Plaza Art Film Series, Meeting Room 6, Concourse, Empire State Plaza, March 30, 12:10 p.m.

### ART

Design in Buffalo (150 years of designed objects from Western New York), State Museum, extended through May 22.

Sculpture by Marjorie White Williams, Center Galleries, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, opens March 25. Gallery hours, noon-5 p.m. weekdays, 2-5 p.m. Saturdays.

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# Blackbirds' saga ends: too much power, size

By Nat Boynton

Midnight tolled for Cinderella on a floodlit basketball court in Poughkeepsie amid cheers and tears of a multitude of townspeople entranced by the exploits of a heroic band of Voorheesville high school athletes.

The story ended, not unexpectedly, in a flurry of flying basketballs propelled by a team from Wyandanch, L.I. featuring six 6-footers in the Eastern regional championship game of the state Class C tournament.

The Blackbirds, battling a lineup with only one player under 6-foot-4 (the team's high scorer for the game was only 6-2), kept the issue in doubt until midway in the fourth period. When John Zongrone, playing his customary game unruffled by the speed, height and reach of the enemy, curled an inside shot into the cords, the Blackbirds had 4½ minutes to make up a seven-point deficit.

***If the Blackbirds were outgunned and overpowered, they were not out-hustled.***

Voorheesville fans had seen their gallants put on last-quarter spurts in the past. A couple of quick buckets and zap!

But this time the other guys had too much power, too many long arms, too many players who could make it from one end of the court to the other in half a dozen strides. While 6-foot-10 Kevin Brown was guarding the Blackbird backboard, 6-4 Dwyde Lucas, his 6-6 brother Darryl and 6-2 sharpshooter Darryl Bonds gauged up to control rebounds and deny Voorheesville's Mike Lewis access to the hoop. Lewis hit a jumper with 2:25 left, added four free throws for 63-53 with a minute remaining, and was the beneficiary of a goal-tending call on the towering Brown, but

the racehorse style of the islanders packed too much wallop.

The Warriors were still running full speed when the clock expired on a 72-55 final score. Playground basketball had triumphed over finesse, mainly because Bonds and the Lucas boys not only had the size but they could shoot.

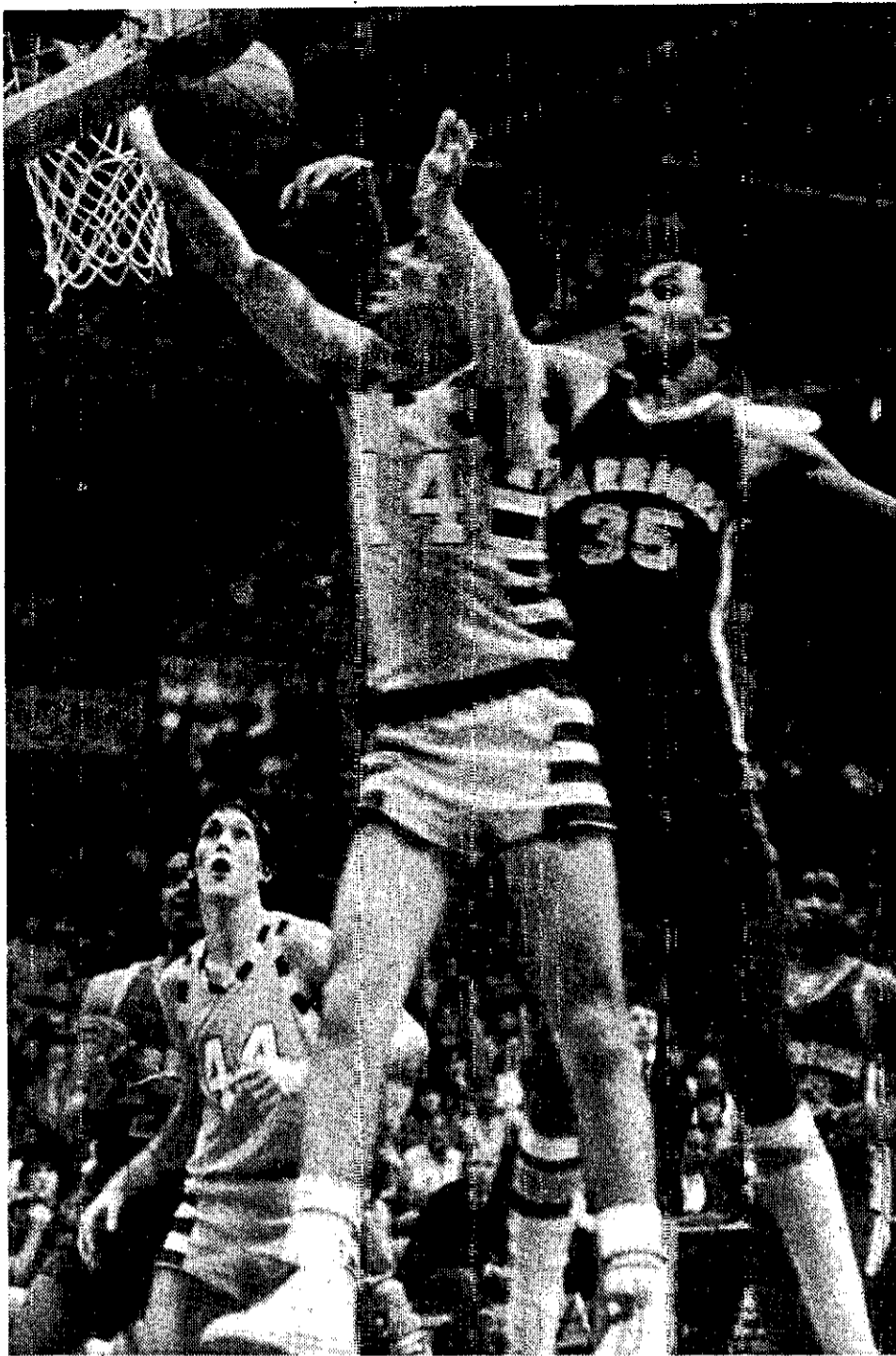
Thus Voorheesville's storybook season, the finest in the school's proud athletic history, ended at 26-1 on a drizzly night just one game short of the New York State Class C championship game, to be played at Glen Falls this Saturday. It will be Wyandanch against Charlotte, a Rochester suburban team, at the Civic Center, almost a home court for the Blackbirds after four wins there prior to the cutoff at Marist College.

It will be the third straight Glen Falls final for Wyandanch.

If the Blackbirds were outgunned and overpowered, they were not out-hustled. With half the school district population in the crowd of 2,012 thundering their support, Chuck Abba's wards threw a scare into their oppressors by obliterating a 6-point Wyandanch lead in less than two minutes in the second period to tie at 22-all. When the Warriors fired in two quick baskets, the Blackbirds again stormed back to trail by only a point (26-25) at the halftime break.

Lewis, Voorheesville's superb all-around star, scored the team's first 12 points, including all 10 in the first quarter, and carried the fight right to the favorites. Wyandanch applied full-court pressure from the opening tap, disrupting the disciplined offensive pattern that had served the Blackbirds so well. When the first tentative shots the Blackbirds sent up from the perimeter were off-target, they concentrated on getting the ball to Lewis in the post position.

Lewis, just under 6-5, continually muscled between the Lucas brothers and



There was no foul, no goal-tending call, no basket and no points for Voorheesville as Wyandanch's 6-foot-10 Kevin Brown (35) deprived Mike Lewis (14) of the ball in one of their many confrontations under the hoop at Poughkeepsie. Lewis got 29 points in a brilliant performance in his final game. Ray Donnelly (44) backs up the play.

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6-2 George Cooper, a 220-pounder headed for Ohio State on a football scholarship. Lewis then had to wedge beneath Brown's long arms to lift the ball to the netting. He had 16 points in the first half and ended with 29, time and time again making shots that rallied his teammates in warding off adversity. He cashed nine of 10 free throws without touching the rim, giving him 20 of 22 in the last two state tournament games.

In the final game of his sparkling three-year varsity career, the 17-year-old senior, the Blackbirds' season-long breadwinner turned in his finest performance.

"Mike was spectacular," commented Abba in reviewing the final game. "He's a tough kid. He went right at them. That's the way he plays the game. It's been a joy this year to see how he has matured emotionally and mentally."

Abba, the second-year basketball coach who has already made a mark as a teacher-strategist, had praise right down the line despite the disappointment of seeing an undefeated season fractured just before the state championship game.

"Zongrone was tremendous, especially in the second half. So was Ray Donnelly and you can't say enough about Jim Meacham and Dickie Lennon, unselfish players who make the offense jell even when they're not scoring points."

At Poughkeepsie, there was a lurking thought that the Blackbirds, with their carefully orchestrated offense and their quickness on defense, would move from one-point down at halftime to take control in the third period, as they had done against Liberty's skyscrapers a week earlier. But Bonds, who led all gunners with 11 baskets, scored on a fast break to open the second half, Brown added a three-point play, and after Lewis missed a jumper, Bonds connected again.

In less than two minutes it was 33-25. Zongrone meshed a jumper, then drove the length of the court with a rebound for another bucket to cut the spread to four

points, but each time the Blackbirds threatened, the fast break on full-court passes gave Wyandanch 3-on-2 and an easy basket.

With 52 seconds left in the third period and the score 43-35, Lewis and Zongrone flicked in four free throws to make it 43-40 at the horn. Again the stage was set for the Blackbird trademark, the fourth-period splurge.

This time it was not to be.

Lewis and Lennon again got the tap, but a set shot caromed away. An 80-foot pass to Lucas loping toward the hoop, and bingo, in less than two minutes it was back to nine points. The closest Voorheesville got after that was seven on a Zongrone push with 4:30 on the clock.

In the last three minutes Wyandanch disdained the clock-killing routine to continue schoolyard basketball at fire-engine speed.

"The score wasn't indicative of the game," Abba said later. "It was more like an 8-point game, maybe 10. It would have been much closer if we hadn't had a poor shooting night."

"When you continually go up against teams that are bigger and stronger, you get tired. We didn't get many second shots, and they got a lot of them. There isn't much you can do about that."

For Voorheesville, it was the last game for eight seniors on the 11-man squad. The state championship was the only honor that escaped them: they have the Colonial Council championship, the Section 2 Class CC crown, the Sectional C-CC diadem, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Capital Region championship and the Helderberg Holiday Tournament title, in which they polished off two Class A Suburban Council teams, Guilderland and Bethlehem.

***Flow of the game —  
Turn to Page D.***

## Abba: They just wore us down

Here's how Voorheesville basketball coach Chuck Abba appraised the final game of the season, a loss to Wyandanch of Long Island at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, Saturday in the semifinals of the Class C state championship tournament:

"We're disappointed, but we are proud of our season.

"Wyandanch is an outstanding basketball team with fine athletes who presented the additional challenge of being big, bigger than any team we'd ever faced. Besides their size, they were a good hoop team (shooters).

"We did everything we wanted to do. If we could have gotten the lead, things might have been different. When we decided to take it to them in the fourth quarter, they got their fouls and made their free throws.

"Dick Lennon's job was made more difficult by the pressure. We stressed moving the ball around the perimeter. We might have taken more shots from the perimeter.

"We knew they were going to run the ball and throw it 80-90 feet. They got the ball downcourt quicker than any team we've seen. We knew that if they didn't get the fast break, they would jam the ball down our throats.

"Fighting back from 6 points down is hard, especially when time is running out.

"The kids played a fine game. They gave it everything they had. We didn't make the dumb fouls. We were not intimidated. They (Wyandanch) play a different kind of ball. They just wore us down.

"I don't know where you will find another bunch of kids who will work so hard and work so well together. Something like this, the season I mean, will give kids confidence, a kind of inner security. They see the results that hard work can produce, and maybe this will be something that will stick with them all their lives.

"And I think everyone appreciates the tremendous community support we've received."

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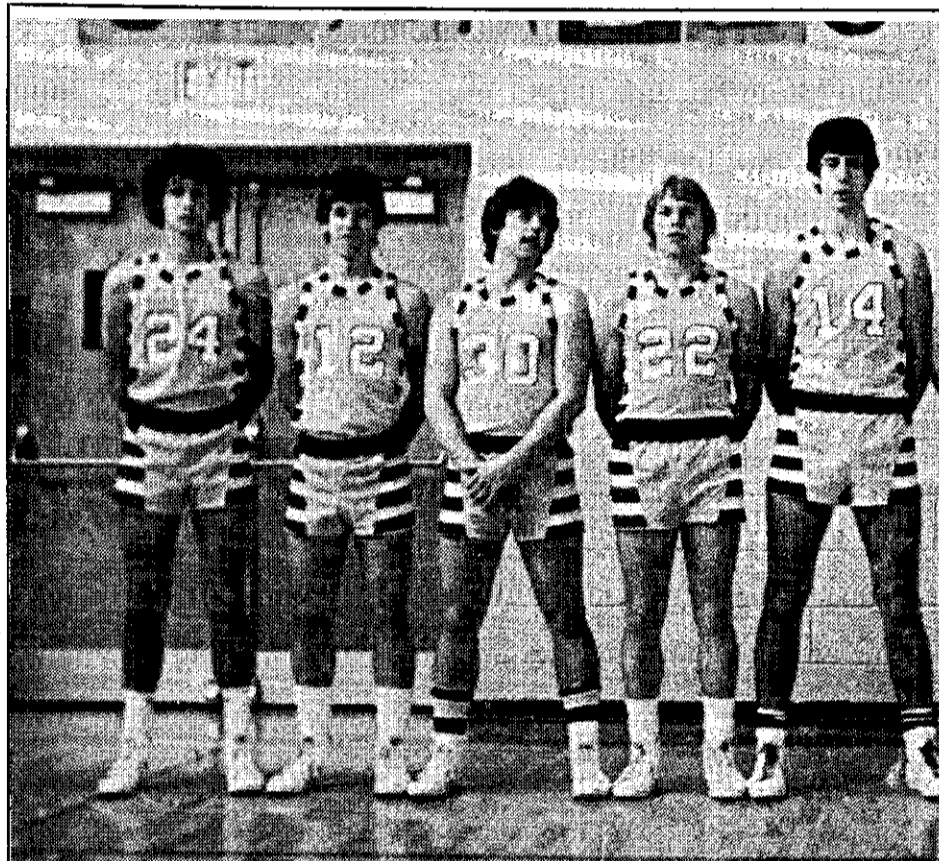
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Colonial Council championship	(16-0)
Helderberg Tournament championship	(2-0)
Section 2 Class CC championship	(3-0)
Section 2 Class C-CC championship	(1-0)
NYPHSAA Capital Region championship	(2-0)
NYPHSAA Eastern Regional runner-up	(0-1)

### SEASON RECORD 26-1



The 1982-83 Voorheesville High School varsity basketball team won 26 straight games before being eliminated in the state tournament semifinal. Team members are, left: John Zongrone, Chris Hogan, Dave Haaf, Jim Meacham, Mike Lewis, John Schultz.

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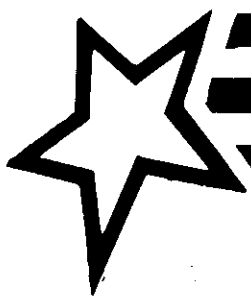
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ick Lennon, Ray Donnelly, Ken Hunter, Jeff Rockmore and Coach Chuck Abba. bsent was John Minozzi, who missed the post-season games because of an injury, ut who attended each game on the bench. *Spotlight photo*

### GAME RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

\*Denotes non-league game

65	Duanesburg*	41
81	Watervliet	55
38	Waterford	26
81	Schalmont	38
43	Albany Academy	42
68	Ravena	36
50	Cohoes	40
52	Mechanicville	48
53	Lansingburgh	44
69	Watervliet	55
71	Waterford	54
80	Schalmont	41
72	Albany Academy	66
75	Ravena	49
50	Cohoes	44
80	Duanesburg*	57
70	Mechanicville	57
61	Lansingburgh	52

#### Helderberg Holiday Tournament

61	Guilderland*	42
48	Bethlehem*	45

#### Section 2 Tournament

75	Watervliet	58
60	Greenville	58
66	Hoosick Falls	56

#### Section 2 Class C-CC Playoff

58	Rensselaer	54
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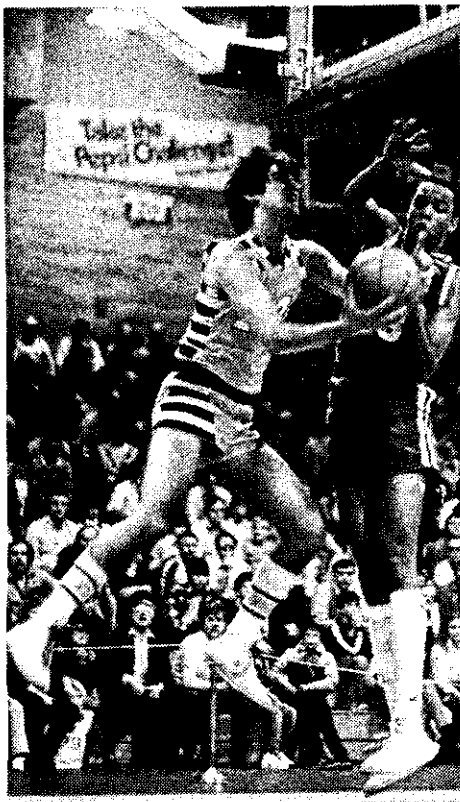
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# Flow of the game — only 3 points down after 3

## First period

Wyandanch got the tap and moved quickly to the hoop with one pass. The shot rolled off the rim, but Dwyde Lucas tipped in the rebound. The Warriors immediately showed a full-court press, trying to intimidate the smaller Blackbirds with their awesome size. Lewis was blocked on Voorheesville's first attempt to shoot. Wyandanch showed their fast break, but somehow Lennon snatched the rebound, drove the length of the floor and handed off to Lewis under the board for Voorheesville's first basket. The 2-2 tie lasted only a few seconds on a Wyandanch fast break. Meacham missed a corner set. Wyandanch controlled both backboards, but this time misfired on four short shots before Brown tapped one in for 6-2 with 5:21 on the clock. The Blackbirds, unable to get inside, missed another set shot from 15 feet. Wyandanch ran the score to 10-2 before Lewis connected from the side 18 feet out. Zongrone was charged with Voorheesville's first foul, a defensive infraction with 2:33 in the period. Brown was charged with goal-tending on a Lewis shot and it was 10-6. Lewis was fouled shooting and made both free throws. With 41 seconds remaining, the Blackbirds committed the first turnover in their controlled offense. Brown got a slam dunk at 0:28. Lewis countered with a jumper cutting the lead to 2, but a Lucas set made it 14-10 Wyandanch as the quarter ended.



Voorheesville's Mike Lewis turning in from the baseline on one of his many drives for the basket against Wyandanch. *R.H. Davis*

## Second period

Again Brown got the tap, but Lennon grabbed a rebound before Wyandanch's big forwards could get a second shot. Lennon was just off on a set shot, but the Warriors spurred to 18-12 on inside shooting, yielding only a swisher by Lewis from the right side. Lewis had made all 12 Voorheesville points until Lennon canned both ends of a one-on-one for 14-18. Zongrone hit a jumper on a Lewis feed that cut the lead to 4, but Darryl Lucas hit a turnaround jumper and it was back to 6. Lewis hit three unanswered baskets in a span of a minute and 50 seconds, all on drives through the rugged defenders, to knot the game at 22-all as Voorheesville fans made the rafters ring. Wyandanch countered with two quickies for 26-22. A pretty basket, Lewis to Zongrone, was nullified by a 3-second violation, but 6 seconds later Zongrone had the ball again and was fouled as he went up for the hoop with 18 seconds left in the half. Zongrone converted both tosses, cutting the deficit to 2. The Blackbirds put on a fast break of their own and Donnelly was fouled on the layup attempt. He converted the second of 2, and it was 26-25 Wyandanch at intermission.

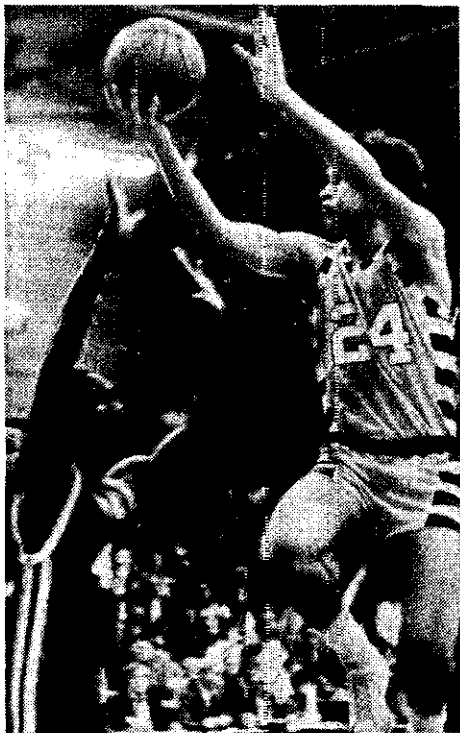
## Third period

Voorheesville hopes of continuing their momentum and grabbing the lead were dashed quickly as the tall Warriors rushed to a fast break basket followed by a Brown 3-pointer. The foul was only the third of the game charged to Voorheesville. A jumper by Bonds made it 33-25 after only 2 minutes of the period. Zongrone hit two baskets within 20 seconds, one on a full-court drive after snaring a rebound, but Dwyde Lucas connected to push the lead back to 6. Another 3-second violation was costly to Voorheesville and the deficit grew to 8. Despite another Blackbird turnover, Lewis hit on a jumper and again on a drive to make it 37-31 with 4:25 showing. Meacham made a pretty steal, but Donnelly was fouled on the shot. He made one free throw. Wyandanch, bothered by the Blackbird defense, misfired on 3 close shots, and Lennon somehow came down with another rebound amid four far bigger men. Lennon sprinted the length of the floor with the ball, and was shoved on the shot. He made both free throws and it was down to 37-34 with 3:03 left in the period. A Wyandanch jumper and another fast break again widened the lead, but Zongrone netted an offensive rebound at close range. Darryl Lucas swished a one-hander for 43-36 with a minute to play. Voorheesville cut the gap to 3 with 4 straight free throws, two by Lewis on a defensive block and two by Zongrone on a one-and-one. It was 43-40 at the buzzer.

## Fourth period

The Blackbirds got the tap for the second time in the half, Lewis outleaping 6-10 Brown, but missed a set shot. Dwyde Lucas tore off 5 straight points sandwiching a Lewis free throw and it was 48-41 after two minutes. Wyandanch, playing run-and-shoot schoolyard-type basketball, was missing the target time after time, but getting rebounds, too. Voorheesville ball handling was difficult in heavy traffic from the superior height and reach of the defenders, and a turnover gave Darryl Lucas another jumper for a 9-point lead with 5:15 left. Donnelly meshed both ends of a one-and-one for

50-43. Voorheesville, fighting the clock as well as the Warriors, needed one of their patented spurts, but there were too many long arms and legs in green shirts. Zongrone picked up his fourth personal, only the Blackbirds fourth team foul of the half, with 4:56 on the clock. Lucas canned both charities and it was back to 9 points. Zongrone hit from close range, but the Warriors were back bombarding the hoop with 3 and 4 shots before one fell. With only 2 fouls on Brown, Wyandanch could afford to let their tallest man hang back to guard the Voorheesville basket. Brown and Lucas blocked several shots by Lewis. Meacham flicked in two free throws on a 1-1 situation, but Wyandanch's big men ran it up to 59-47 before Lewis spanked a pretty shot into the strings at 2:25. Down by 10, the Blackbirds doggedly moved the ball looking for openings as the clock moved. George Cooper, a 6-2, 220-pound forward with a full scholarship for football with Ohio State next year, sent Meacham flying with a hard block in front of the scorer's table at midcourt as the Blackbird star was bringing the ball up, but incredibly the foul was charged to Meacham and Cooper got 2 points from the foul line instead of a 15-yard penalty. Brown was kept in the back court as a goalie. Lewis hit 4 straight free throws, but Wyandanch continued its firehouse brand of ball, shooting in flurries, and ran the lead to 69-53 over the weary Blackbirds. Brown was charged with another goal-tending call on a shot by Lewis with 33 seconds left. Abba, fighting to the end, called time. Lewis left the game with 31 seconds left. An intentional foul and another fast break added 3 more points before the buzzer.



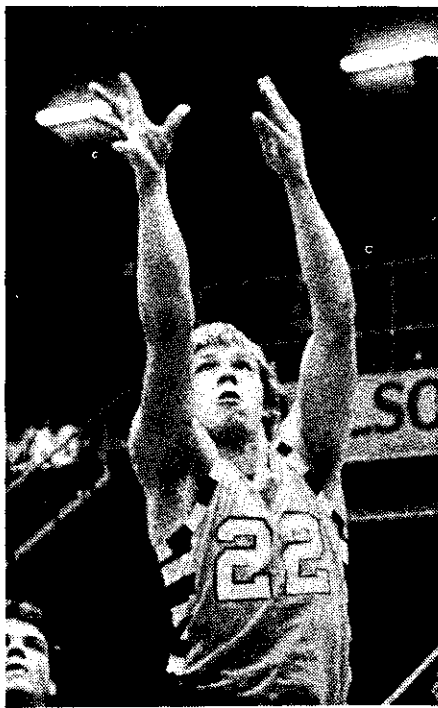
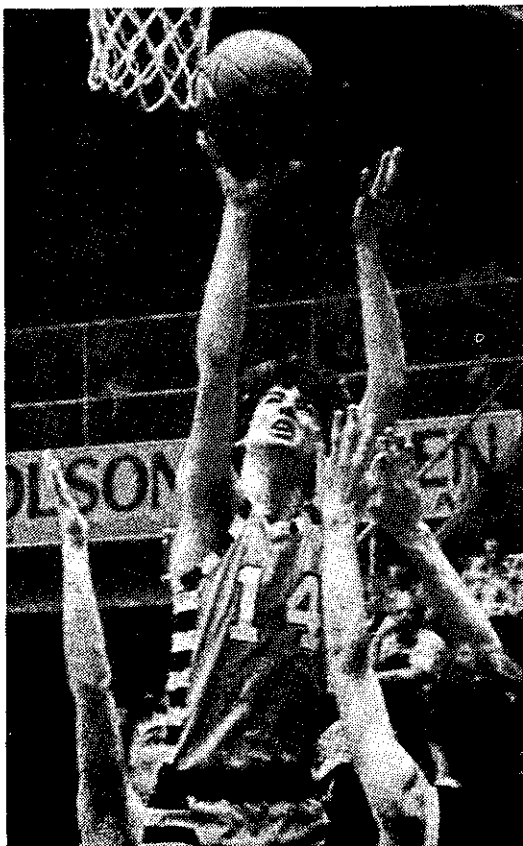
John Zongrone goes high above Wyandanch's tall defenders to score from close range. *R.H. Davis*



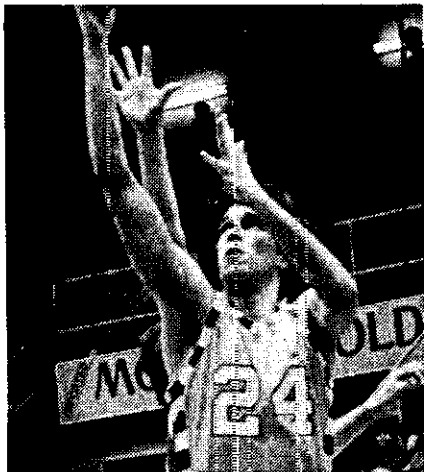
Ray Donnelly with the ball on the floor gets help from Mike Lewis (14) and John Zongrone (24) in a scrimmage during Saturday's Eastern Region championship game at Marist College, Poughkeepsie. *R.H. Davis*

## So long, guys

These three seniors gave Voorheesville fans many a thrill in the season just ended. Dick Lennon, left, Mike Lewis, below, and Jim Meacham, lower right, started all 27 games for Coach Chuck Abba, right. They also served as co-captains. *R.H. Davis photos*



## There's always next year



John Zongrone

Basketball practice at Voorheesville High School is only a little more than seven months away, and already there is opt.mism for 1984.

When the roundball starts bouncing in the gym on Rt. 85A in early November, John Zongrone, Ray Donnelly and Jeff Rockmore from this year's team will be in sneakers. So will a number of next year's juniors and seniors who played on this year's 14-6 junior varsity.

The Blackbird jayvees won their last seven games in a row and finished third in the Colonial Council.

## State tournament Composite box score

	FG	FT	FTA	F	TP
Zongrone	14	9	11	12	37
Meacham	2	4	7	3	8
Lewis	25	30	37	11	80
Lennon	11	9	12	5	31
Hogan	0	0	0	1	0
Haaf	3	2	3	2	8
Donnelly	0	9	16	7	9
Schultz	1	0	2	2	2
Rockmore	3	0	2	0	6
Team	59	63	90	43	181



This lithograph from the New York Historical Society (about 1850) is part of *Oom Pah Pah: the Great American Band*, an exhibit currently on display at the New York State Museum in Albany.

**Palm Sunday Services**, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 28

**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.

**Book Sale**, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m.-9 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.

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

**School Budget Discussion**, coffee with Bethlehem school board vice president and district administrator, 10 a.m.-noon, 31 Albin Rd., Delmar. Public welcome.

**Vaudeville Show Ticket Sale**, Voorheesville High School lobby, 7-8:30 p.m. (Show April 15 and 16.)

**Boy Scout Rocket Derby**, A.W. Becker School, 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

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

**Vegetable-Flower Transplant Workshop**, County Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. \$2.50 registration, 765-2331.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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

**Tri-Village Lenten Bible Study**, Rev. Allan Janssen speaker, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 9:30 a.m.

**Bethlehem Board of Education**, final budget review, Educational Resources Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Vegetable-Flower Transplant Workshop**, County Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 1-3 p.m. \$2.50 registration, 765-2331.

**Vaudeville Show Ticket Sale**, Voorheesville High School, 7-8:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

**Shadow Puppetmaking**, for children over 7, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**Investment Tips**, how to beat low interest rates through tax advantaged investing, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

**Elmwood Park Fire District**, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

**Contra and Country Dancing**, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 8:30 p.m. \$3.50 admission.

**Bethlehem Board of Education**, budget meeting tentatively scheduled.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 4

**Temple Chapter 5 RAM**, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Babysitting Course**, Voorheesville Public Library, 3:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**Craft Workshop**, day-long conference for small craft shop owners, County Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 8:30 a.m. registration, \$15. Information, 765-3635.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 5

**Bethlehem Board of Education**, budget adoption, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM**, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

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

**ESCO Board Meeting**, Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

## AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

**Fashion Show and Card Party**, sponsored by CBA Ladies Auxiliary, CBA gym, De La Salle Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-3373.

**Air Force Information Program**, for students and parents interested in Air Force Academy or ROTC program, Schenectady County Airport NCO Club, 7:30 p.m.

**Islamic Scholar Speaks**, Iranian historian speaks on "Ideological Revolution in the Muslim World," First Church of Albany, Orange St., 7 p.m. \$1 donation.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

**Memorial Mass for Archbishop Romero**, honoring assassinated Salvadorean churchman, College of Saint Rose chapel, 985 Madison Ave., Albany; information, 895-8992.

**Albany Symphony Preview**, guest pianist Pola Baytelman and composer Dominick Argento, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon.

**American Association of University Women (AAUW)**, antique study group, Jane Hallenbeck home, Castleton, 1 p.m.

**"Thursday Topic" Noon Lecture**, "Notable Frauds, Noteworthy Fakers," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, free.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

**Capital District Cornell Club**, regular meeting with veterinary college dean, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. \$6 reservations.

**Computer Exposition**, personal and small business computers, Siena College's Foy campus center, 1-7 p.m.

**SUNY at Genesee Alumni Dinner**, SUNYA Alumni House, 7 p.m. reception. \$13.50 reservations.

**Senior Citizen Hearing Screening**, ear exam and hearing aid performance check for senior citizens, Louise Corning Senior Service Center, Delaware Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free.

**Antique Show Preview Party**, Albany Armory, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$12.50 tickets; information, 439-9443.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

**African Violets Show**, with displays and sale, Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Ontario St., Albany, 2:30-7:30 p.m. \$1 donation. Information, 439-6320.

**Antiques Show**, over 90 displays of 18th and 19th century antiques, Albany Armory, noon-9 p.m.

**Antique Sale and Craft Show**, Calvary Church, Burnt Hills, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 372-9803.

**Local History Lecture**, "From Wood to Iron: Upper Hudson Bridges in Transition," State Museum, 10 a.m.-noon. Free.

**Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival**, auditions for summer school program; ESIPA rehearsal studio, 1-3 p.m. Information, (413) 637-1322.

**Kaaterskill Spring Rush**, four-leg endurance competition with skiing, running, biking and canoeing, 7:30 a.m. Information, 943-6559.

**Computer Exposition**, Siena College's Foy Campus Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Arthritis Foundation Afternoon Concert**, Irish trio "Donnybrook Fair," Albany Hibernian Hall, 91 Quail St., 4-7 p.m. \$4 admission.

**Public Employees Federation Women's Program**, women's issues seminar, Thruway House, Washington Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$15 registration, call 489-0513.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 27

**Free Contradancing**, music by "Pat Rust," State Museum, 2-4 p.m.

**Piano Recital**, pupils of Shirley Greene of Voorheesville, College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph's Hall, Albany, 2 p.m.

**Area United Methodist Communion Breakfast**, Trinity United Methodist Church, Lark and Lancaster sts., Albany, 7 a.m. Information, 434-0022.

**African Violets Show**, Knights of Columbus Hall, Ontario St., Albany, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. \$1 donation.

**Antique Show**, Albany Armory, noon-6 p.m.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 28

**Railroad Pensioners Club**, at YMCA, 275 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 439-6369.

**Albany Lenten Preaching Series**, guest speaker Rev. Howard Hageman of New Jersey, St. Peter's Church, State St., Albany, noon.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

**"Snowflake" Bentley Lecture**, slide program on the pioneer in snowflake photography, SUNYA campus center, lecture hall 7, Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

**Lenten Noontime Recital**, with church organist, First Church of Albany, Orange St., free.

**Noon Book Review**, with reviewer Herbert Alfasso, director of state Department of Social Services, Bureau of Operations, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave.

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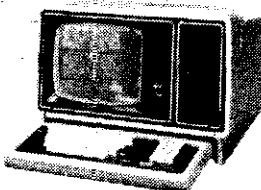
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Have you ever wondered where Jesus got that whip which he used to drive out the dishonest traders in the Outer Court of the temple in Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday?

It came from somewhere. It could have chanced to be lying there in a trader's stall and Jesus, in his anger at what was going on, grabbed it and used it to stop the nefarious trade. Or did he pick it up back in Bethpage on the Mt. of Olives before he began his trek down the hill into the holiest city of Judaism?

Have you imagined what went on in his mind on that first Palm Sunday as he caught sight of the Temple on the brow of that historic hill (it is more a huge hill than a mountain)?

He knew it well from his boyhood and had made many pilgrim trips to it with his parents. He knew its background. He was aware that there had been an earlier and greater Temple, built by King Solomon around 1000 B.C. and destroyed by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia in 586 B.C. The second temple had been built on the same site 70 years later and Jesus was familiar with the story of

Herod the Great's ambitious plans to restore it on a scale worthy of Solomon's achievement. Herod died before the restoration had been completed and Jesus probably saw priest-stonemasons, working on this precious pile, under orders from Herod's successor, his son, Archelus.

Then Jesus came into the large Outer Court and his eyes flamed with passion and his voice boomed over the crowd. "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you make it a den of thieves.'"

There is an old axiom that states that when money talks, the truth is silent. That axiom belongs in the story of Holy Week, for the love of money ruled in the Outer Court of the Temple. Those otherwise good men, responsible for what went on there — the temple administrators, the traders — were respectable citizens and did much good in the community. But when it came to business in the Outer Court, the profit motive got in the way of their integrity.

Temple pilgrims from all over the country and the Diaspora at Passover

exchanged their currency for the required temple coinage at a fat fee. They then moved on to the traders, dealing in the sacrificial animals, which they bought at inflated prices and later offered to the priests for the love of God and the good of their souls.

Jesus hated the whole business. It was one big racket at the expense of the pilgrims, who were literally fleeced in the holiest shrine in the land. No one protested because the practice had gone on for so long until Jesus, unable to stand it any longer and seeing through the hypocrisy of it all, took his whip to stop the whole miserable show.

In modern times, writers referring to the stalls of Christian and Muslim vendors outside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in modern Jerusalem, where everything from crucifixes to colored candles are sold, ponder what Jesus would do were he to come by that scene. Would he use the whip, they ask? Methinks he would. The fleecing goes on there too unless you are prepared to haggle and bargain. I write from experience.

The temptation to take advantage and to make a fast dollar is limited to no one race nor one economic system. It is a part of the human condition and it appears especially when there is either a lot of money to be gained and when there is little. The pickings are so easy in the first instance and so needed in the second. Today in our economic recession both are at work.

But consider what it does to a person and a nation when this temptation takes over. The ethical consequences are frightening. If the world is to be worth living in, it needs a higher level of ethical behavior than that of the person or

nation who or which measure everything in the desire for material gain.

Jesus has the last word on the code of ethics. "What does it profit a person if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

Ponder over that in Holy Week.

Canon Cleator is preaching at noon-day services, 12:05 to 12:35, each day through Friday this week at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, State St., Albany.

## Bishop Hogg to speak

Reverend Wilbur Hogg, bishop of the Albany Episcopal diocese, will speak about "The Episcopal Tradition" on Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Onesquethaw Reformed Church in Feura Bush.

## Fashion luncheon set

The Salvation Army women's auxiliary plans its fifth annual Blue Bonnet Fashion Luncheon this Saturday, at the Sheraton Airport Inn, 200 Wolf Rd. Fashions will be provided by Southwick, Ltd., Pappagallo and Oriental Line. The senior citizens orchestra will play, and a skit is planned. Tickets may be obtained at the Salvation Army Center, 22 Clinton Ave., Albany, or from Ethel Haberer, 439-1587.

## JCC offers 'Kindercenter'

The Albany Jewish Community Center plans to offer a "Kindercenter" program from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the school year, beginning in September. Daily transportation to the center will be provided from Albany Public Schools 19 and 16. A family membership in the center is required, as well as a nonrefundable \$76 deposit.



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### Ainsworth appointed

George Ainsworth of Delmar has been appointed director of materials management at St. Peter's Hospital, responsible for general services, audio visual, purchasing and supplies, distribution and processing departments.

A graduate of the University of Maine with a BS degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in business administration, Ainsworth was employed by St. Peter's Hospital from 1979-81 when he was affiliated with Service-master Industries, Inc. During his professional career, he has worked for

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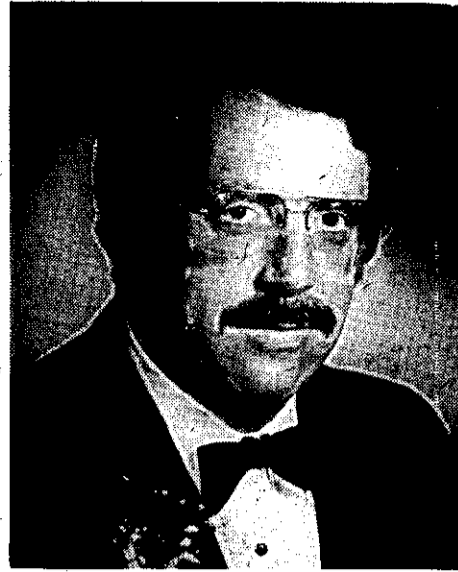
Schine Enterprise, Hotel Corporation of America and most recently for Washington County Hospital in Maryland.

### Delmar executive moving

Thomas J. Callanan, state director of probation, has resigned as head of the Division of Probation, effective March 14, 1983. He has accepted a new position as director of the Adult Probation Department of Harris County, Houston, Tex. The department is one of the largest probation departments in the country with more than 200 professional and support employees.

A career probation practitioner with 23 years in the field of criminal justice, Callanan began his career with the City of New York as a probation officer. Later, he served as director of the New York State Training Academy. He is the current president of the American Probation and Parole Association, and served as president of the Middle Atlantic State Conference on Corrections.

Callanan, 47, graduated from Iona College and holds a master's degree in criminal justice from John Jay College in New York City. He is married to the former Anne Gavin. They have seven children and live at 194 Westchester Dr. South, Delmar.



R. Douglas Marshall

### Heads trade organization

R. Douglas Marshall of Slingerlands, president of R.D. Marshall & Co. Inc., an Albany wholesale distributor of air-conditioning and refrigeration products, has been elected president of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Wholesalers, a trade organization. ARW has members in all 50 states and in 13 other countries.

While serving his one-year term as president, Marshall will serve as national director of ARW's Region 10, covering northern New York and north-central Pennsylvania. R.D. Marshall & Co. was founded by Marshall's father in 1946.

### Bulgaro a deputy

Patrick J. Bulgaro of Voorheesville has been named executive deputy commissioner of the state Department of Taxation and Finance. Bulgaro, an 18-year veteran of state government, was previously deputy chief budget examiner with the state Division of the Budget, heading the Health and Social Development Unit. Bulgaro received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Siena College, Loudonville, and is a former faculty member there. He is a native of Albany.

### Appointed professor

J. Jorge Klor de Alva of Slingerlands has been appointed associate professor in the department of Puerto Rican, Latin American and Caribbean Studies at State University at Albany.

Born in Mexico City, Klor de Alva has written four books dealing with Mexicans and other Spanish-speaking peoples, concentrating on their philosophy, language and personalities. He has also written numerous articles and scholarly papers on the subject.

### Key Banks dividend

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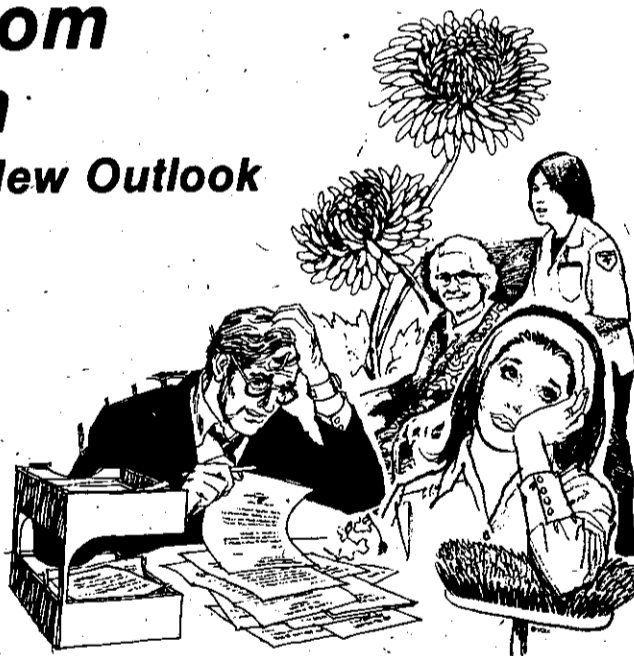
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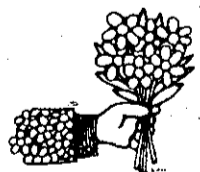
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## Heart fund drive set

Final preparation plans for "Telepledge '83", a three-night fundraising drive for the American Heart Association, are underway, according to co-chairman Michael Rourke, Ken Schenkel and Paul Ross. Area businessmen, professionals and AHA Board members will assemble at the Blue Cross building in Slingerlands between 6 and 9:30 p.m. on March 22, 23 and 24 to call on their peers throughout Albany and Rensselaer counties.

Facing exorbitant costs due to cardiac-related losses of management and production skills, those in the business and professional community will be asked to set a leadership pace by pledging financial support to insure continued progress in area research, education and community service programs. "Heart disease is not an 'old-age' disease," noted Rourke. "It affects those between the ages of 35 and 64; the age bracket of our most productive workforce."

## Time for heartworm check

Believe it or not, the mosquito season is coming, and dog owners are urged to contact their veterinarian and have their pet checked for heartworm infection. A blood test can determine if a pet has heartworm larvae in its bloodstream. Even if none is found, the pet can receive medication daily to prevent the disease from developing. The Delmar Animal Hospital urges that dog owners do not use any leftover preventive medication until the dog has been rechecked.

## Energy loans available

Energy investment loans for small to medium-sized manufacturing firms, not-for-profit community service organizations and private multi-family housing owners located in Albany County are available, according to State Sen. Howard Nolan.

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## Addressed business group

Peter Merrill, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, was among the speakers at a March 16 meeting of the area chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club at Marion's Theater Restaurant in Troy. Merrill discussed the local chapter's programs and goals.

## Lions or lambs?

Children over the age of seven can create their own shadow puppets in honor of a month that "comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, March 31, at 4 p.m.

To register, call 439-9314.

## Essay contest set

The Stuyvesant Plaza Merchants Association is again sponsoring a Mother's Day Essay Contest. All Capital District students through eighth grade are invited to participate in one of five grade categories. There is one \$25 cash prize for kindergarten and three cash prizes for each of the other categories.

Applicants should write no more than two hand-written pages about their mother or "mother-figure" on one (more if needed) of the following topics:

- Some quality you recognize in your mother that you hope you will have as an adult.
- Something your mother did or said that made you feel better than you ever had before.
- Some big problem your mother solved or helped to solve.
- Something your mother did that surprised you.

Name, school, grade, age address and phone number should be placed on the back of the essay.

The deadline is April 14. Entries may be left at any store in Stuyvesant Plaza or mailed to Stuyvesant Plaza Merchants Association, Executive Park, Administration Bldg., Albany, N.Y. 12203. Winners will be notified the week of April 25, and prizes will be awarded on April 30.

## Investment tips

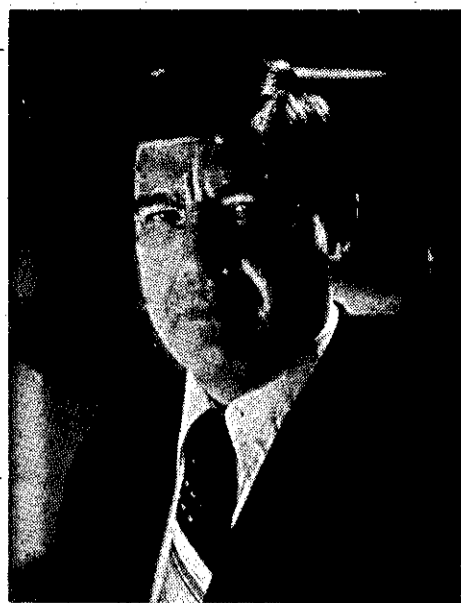
The "How-to's" for beating low interest rates will be discussed at a "Tax Advantaged Investing for the 1980's" program on Thursday, March 31, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Paul Sammon of Prudential Base Securities will give the investment alternative tips.

The program is free. To register, call Prudential at 447-1511.

## Showhouse to open

Vanguard of Albany Symphony Inc. has planned a long list of events during Showhouse '83, a designer decorated house at 8 Pheasant Lane, Menands, that will open to the public April 23. Proceeds from Showhouse '83 will benefit the orchestra. Events include talks on arranging spring flowers, furniture refinishing, gourmet appetizers and the personal computer. For ticket information and a list of events, call 465-4755.

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Pellerin is a graduate of Bryant College in Providence, R.I., and holds the professional designation of chartered property and casualty underwriter. He is a past president of the Northeast New York Chapter of the CPU association and a past president of the Delmar Rotary Club.

## On Bar committee

Timothy B. Thornton of Delmar has been elected to a fourth term on the executive committee of the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. Thornton is a member of the Albany law firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams. He is chairman of the Trusts and Estates newsletter, and is a director of the Estate Planning Council of Eastern New York.

## Tips for craftsmen

A day-long conference to give tips to the owners of small craft shops will be held on Friday, April 4, at the County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorhesville. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the first business session is set to start at 9 a.m. Workshops will address craft marketing, advertising and the positive psychology of success.

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# BC spikers win Sectionals

By Julie Ann Sosa

The Bethlehem Central boys' volleyball team won the league title with a 15-1 record four years ago but was upset in the Suburban Council post-season pool tournament.

In 1983 Shaker (15-1) suffered a similar fate, winding up on the short end of the stick as the Eagles (11-5) came out of nowhere to walk off with the Section 2 team title. Seeded third, BC rallied past the Blue Bison favorites last Friday in front of a noisy Shaker crowd and won the finals, 5-15, 15-10, 15-9.

Bethlehem and Scotia had equal records after the regular season, but the Eagles' luck ebbed when a bad coin toss put them in Shaker's pool. They started on a quick roll by downing fifth seed Shenendehowa, which had upset BC in the last game of the season, and Gunderland in six games last Thursday. Then Friday's three-round marathon matched BC against Shaker, which disposed of them in two easy games.

Despite the loss, BC's cumulative performance moved them into the semifinals against rival Scotia, which fell in three games, 15-11, 15-7. Shaker also advanced by quickly finishing off Niskayuna. The finals were a Shaker-BC rematch.

Bethlehem lost the first game of the championship match as the Bison ran off seven consecutive points to open a 9-4 lead and easily win the game with a spike. They jumped to a 3-0 lead in the second

game before Bethlehem made a comeback behind Scott Gravlee's six-foot-plus height at the net. Jeff Guinn served out the game from 10-10 to tie the match. The comeback kids from Bethlehem fought back again in the third game, surging ahead to 9-6 after lagging behind 5-2. Shaker pulled even only to see Bethlehem claim the next six points.

What was the secret? Coach Ray Sliter shifted his tall men to the net opposite Shaker's big hitters, and he adjusted his strong side hitting.

"I have a lot of people to thank. Jeff Randles did well blocking against a roundhouse server they had. Bob (Wem-sley) gave up a starting position to Jeff (Guinn), who is a good jumper at the net, but still did well in the back row," said Sliter. "Todd Lewis came off the bench in the second game against Shaker when Kenny (Hetling) twisted an ankle. While I taped him up, Todd had two 'stuff-blocks' and killed a Shaker 'weasel.' I should say my entire bench did an excellent job, giving my starters a breather in the semi-finals."

Named to the 14-man Suburban Council all-star team were BC seniors Hetling (a unanimous choice) and Gravlee.

With a three CO-SUN (Colonie-SUNYA) star-studded roster, the Blue Bison lost only six games all season. They're sure to be strong next year, losing only one starting senior. The orange and black, on the other hand, will be keeping

only two players (Randles and Jaron Rourke) and will lose its only CO-SUN regular, Hetling.

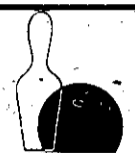
## Women hoopsters make council team

The Bethlehem Central girls' basketball team (13-6) finished the season fourth in the Suburban Council, but two of its members have received extra laurels. Six-foot-one sophomore Kim Zornow was recently named to the Council's second all-star team, while her six-foot tall teammate Cathy McNamara will be playing on a 10-woman "exceptional seniors" team from the Suburban Council. They will meet the Big 10 Conference's outstanding twelfth graders on March 29.



Scott Gravlee up for a spike earlier in BC's volleyball season. Tom Howes

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Bowling honors for the week of Mar. 13 at Del Lanes, Delmar went to:

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Major Boys — Terry Oliver 266-630.

Major Girls — Michelle Brown 199-514.

Jr. Boys — Tim DeVost 460, Kevin O'Brien 175.

Jr. Girls — Helen Fedele 167, Jenny Miller 441.

## Little league tryouts

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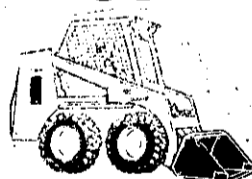
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## Pop Warner registration set

Registration for Pop Warner football is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, and Sunday, March 27, at Bethlehem Town Hall. Registration Saturday will be in the auditorium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, in Room 106 from noon to 2 p.m.

There are three divisions, covering ages 9 through 13. The registration fee is \$25. There also are three divisions for cheerleaders, ages 9 through 13, and the registration fee for cheerleaders is \$15. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Later registrants will be put on a waiting list. For information, call Joe Allegretta at 767-9333, or Robert Ray, 462-0704.

Red Davis made this study of Pop Warner intensity several years ago. Signups for next season are this weekend.



the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District and class size will be limited to 20 for novices (6 to 6:45 p.m.), 20 for beginners (6:45 to 7:30 p.m.) and 20 for intermediates (7:30 to 8:15 p.m.). There is no class size limit for advanced swimmers (8:15 to 9:15 p.m.).

Pre-registration is required and it can be made in person or by telephone at the park office (439-4131) Elm Avenue Park, Delmar, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. There is a \$10 fee.

## Antiques at the Armory

Some nationally known exhibitors of eighteenth and nineteenth century American antiques will be showing their wares at the fourth annual antiques show at the New Scotland Avenue Armory on Saturday, March 26, from noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday, March 27, from noon to 6 p.m.

A preview party to benefit the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway will be held Friday, March 25, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission to see the exhibits one night earlier than the general public will be \$12.50 from the Gateway at 274-5267 or \$15 at the door.

For details, antique buffs should call Margaret Hay at 439-9443.

## Dolphins take medley relay

A Delmar Dolphins foursome won the 200-yard medley relay in the boys 11-12 age group at an A-B invitational swim meet hosted by the Colonie Aquatic Sea Devils Saturday at the Shaker High School pool.

Justin Baird, Brink Hartman, Keith Dix and Chris Drew took first place in 2:11.65. Drew also won the 100 backstroke, and got a second and two thirds in other events. Hartman placed second in the 100 butterfly and Dix had two thirds in individual events.

Lisa Ogawa won the girls 11-12 backstroke and was second in the 100 IM and third in the 100 freestyle. In girls 10-and-under, Jennifer Mosely had a first and third, and Merideth Dix a third. Drew Patrick scored a first and third in boys' 10-and-under events, and Tracie Mull earned a second and third 8-and-under events.

Delmar's Mallery sisters, swimming for the Albany Starfish Swim Club, each won two events. Susan Mallery won the girls 13-14 backstroke and butterfly and finished second in the 100 free and IM. Kristin Mallery won the fly and 100 free in girls 11-12, was second in the IM and fourth in the breaststroke.

## For better swimming

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a youth stroke improvement program for children who can swim at least 25 yards. The program will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the auditorium of Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, May 10, 1983 at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The Board of Education will present at said meeting a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money that will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes. Copies of said statements may be obtained by any inhabitant of the district during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and at the offices of the elementary schools, the Middle School, and the High School of the district.

The trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present at said meeting a detailed statement in writing of money which will be required for the operation of the public library for the period of July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984. Copies of said statements may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1983, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bernard E. Harvith, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1983, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Marjory C. O'Brien, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee for the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1983, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Theodore C. Wenzl, incumbent; must be filed with the Clerk of the

## LEGAL NOTICE

School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, April 11, 1983.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that on Wednesday, May 11, 1983, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

3. For the election of two members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1983, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bernard E. Harvith; and one for a full term of three years commencing July 1, 1983, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Marjory C. O'Brien.

4. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1983, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Theodore C. Wenzl.

Cheryl Stees  
School District Clerk  
Dated: March 2, 1983

(March 23)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution published herewith has been adopted by the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York on the 14 day of March, 1983, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty

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days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Dated: Voorheesville, New York, March 14, 1983.

David Teuten  
School District Clerk  
(March 23)

### BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 14, 1983.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$685,028 SERIAL BONDS OF VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF THE VOORHEESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING IN SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, at a special district meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, held on November 30, 1982, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education to reconstruct and equip the Voorheesville Elementary School building in said School District, at a maximum estimated cost of \$714,600, and providing for the levy of a tax therefor in the amount of \$685,028 to be collected in installments, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize such reconstruction and to provide for the financing thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the reconstruction of the Voorheesville Elementary School building in Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor, which is hereby authorized in and for said School District.

Section 2. The maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$714,600, and the plan for the financing thereof is as follows:

a) By the issuance of \$685,028 serial bonds of said School District, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law,

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which bonds are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District; and

b) By the use of \$29,572 to be provided from a grant to be received from the United States Department of Energy.

Section 3. The faith and credit of said Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, are hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty years, pursuant to subdivision 12(a)(1) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

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and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Altamont Enterprise and The Spotlight, which are hereby designated as the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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### Opposed to deer hunting

Editor, The Spotlight:

Assemblyman Lane and Senator Nolan have introduced bills in the New York State legislature which seek to permit for the first time the use of shotguns to kill deer in the Feura Bush Road area of Albany county. As a lobbyist for animal protection laws, Bill A1133 came to my attention easily among many other proposals. However, after contacting several area residents of the Town of Bethlehem, it became clear that the existence of these bills is not common knowledge.

While the justification for these proposals is to curtail shrubbery, landscape and some agricultural damage caused by deer, the impetus for the authorship of the bill does not come from a gardening club or a farm bureau, but from a hunting group. This leads me to believe that the rationale for destroying deer is simply an excuse to open up a new area for shotgun hunters to "enjoy".

I have heard of complaints of damage by deer to shrubbery in Elsmere. However, it is ineffective to kill deer in the area described by the Lane/Nolan bills. Deer will not travel that distance outside their normal range. If deer are eating some farm crops then it seems appropriate to permit the farmer to deal with the specific deer that are creating the crop damage.

The Towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans have, according to legislative memorandum, no objections to bill A1133. The Fund for Animals, Inc. certainly does object. Do you? If so I urge you to contact Assemblymen Melvin Miller and Stanley Fink before the final vote.

Dorit Stark-Riemer  
The Fund for Animals, Inc.

Albany

### Contributions well used

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Wrestling Booster Club wishes to express appreciation to area merchants for placing ads in the Bethlehem Central Wrestling tournament program. The contributions will be used to purchase equipment for the wrestling team.

Parents of Bethlehem Wrestlers

### Applauds Mrs. Fuller

Editor, The Spotlight:

Sheila Fuller deserves recognition and applause for her recent efforts to make this year's complex Bethlehem school budget discussions easier for the community to understand. As vice president of the School Board Mrs. Fuller participates in all the budget workshops, sometimes working into the wee hours of the morning. As a parent, she has precious little time to call her own, yet every Monday morning she opens her home to the public and invites a member of the administration to answer questions concerning budget issues.

Taking this time to help people in the community grasp some of the intricacies of the budgeting process is another example of Mrs. Fuller's selfless dedication to serving the voters and encouraging them to become more involved.

Marty Cornelius

Delmar

### Likes snow service

Editor, The Spotlight:

So often we are quick to criticize and so slow to praise. I, for one, would like to praise the Town of Bethlehem Highway Department on their snow removal, especially on March 12. I left my home shortly after 8 a.m. on that Saturday to guarantee my 9 a.m. arrival in Latham. No problem in the Town of Bethlehem! Roads were plowed, clear and drivable at the legally posted speed limits. In fact, this was true clear through to Route 9 at the Town of Colonie line. I was glad I had allowed the extra time as I needed it for the balance of my trip as Colonie had

opted for a later snow removal, leaving the roads untouched by plows.

Thank you, Highway Department crews — I'm proud I am a resident and taxpayer of the Town of Bethlehem. I know where my tax dollars are going for road maintenance, and it is being constantly proven winter, spring, summer and fall.

Gwynne Balson

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## Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

March 20, 1958

The Bethlehem town board will take an informal poll of residents of the Water District on their sentiments regarding fluoridation of the water system, an issue that has been in the forefront for the past several months. The poll is in no sense a referendum, say town officials, and the result is not binding on the board. Voting will take place at fire houses in Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands.

March 21, 1963

Plans for the expansion of the First Methodist Church of Delmar are progressing, following approval last November by the congregation. Construction, scheduled to start this spring following a fund campaign, will consist primarily of a new education wing, a two-story L-shaped structure 50-by-125 feet. Also in the plans are numerous improvements, including enlarging the fellowship hall, lounge, choir room, chapel and sanctuary balcony, and a new and an enlarged kitchen.

March 21, 1968

A Delmar resident, Gilbert C. Lewis, has become the first person in New York State to be licensed as a hot-air balloon pilot. He won his wings after a free-flight solo over the Connecticut countryside in a balloon as big as a seven-story building.

March 22, 1973

The St. Thomas CYO Biddy League basketball team finished the season undefeated in 13 regular and post-season games. Team members include Greg

Reeves, Steve Novak, Mike DeAngelis, Greg Rutnik, Tom Barclay, Matt Ryan, Bill Hanvey, John Malone, Greg McMillen, Pat Malone, Joe Pago, Richard Davis, Dave Reed and Joe Rutnik. George Piazza was coach and Tom Foy manager.

March 23, 1978

Legal moves in the controversial suspension of Bethlehem Police Chief Peter Fish have made a legal center of 393 Delaware Ave. The litigation includes show-cause orders obtained by attorneys for Fish and a citizens group supporting him requiring the town to show why Fish should not be returned to the payroll, requiring the town to justify hiring a New York City attorney as special prosecutor in the civil action; and a reported plan of an Elsmere group to question the legality of the town board's appointment of Ralph Tipple as public safety commissioner.

A stately catalpa tree that has graced Delaware Ave. for more than half a century has been spared from the woodman's axe, in this case the chain saw. The tree is on the property purchased by John Staluppi and William Lea for a new Honda agency. When William Weber, who has a real estate office next door, realized the tree was doomed, he appealed to contractor Richard VanWoert and Supervisor Tom Corrigan. With the chain saw poised at the foot of the tree, Corrigan made a hurried call to the owners, who agreed to save the friendly shade tree. "Good trees are hard to come by these days," agreed Weber and Corrigan.

### Racers, start your beds!

The second annual Moto-cross Bed Races are coming up Sunday, June 12, rain or shine. The races, sponsored by the Delmar Fire Department, will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Proceeds from the event will go to the Albany County Burn Fund.

Stock and modified beds can be entered, with teams of consisting of four pushers and one rider and no one under age 16. Registration fee of \$10 is due by June 5. For information, call the firehouse at 439-3851 or call 439-5004.

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### Sarah Howes married

Sarah Louise Howes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Howes, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, and Richard Neil Sundheimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Sundheimer of Parkview Dr., Bolivar, Ohio were married March 19 at the Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands. The Reverend Clark Calendar performed the ceremony.

The bride and groom were given in marriage by both sets of parents. The maid of honor was Margaret Howes. Bridesmaids were Betsy Howes, Lisa Lambert, Nancy Miller and Pat Sund-

heimer. Jordan Gobreicht was flower girl.

The best man was Paul Ackerman. Groomsmen were Jeff Spatz, Todd Lamb, Jack Sundheimer and Tim Alten.

The bride graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. The groom graduated from the College of Wooster and is attending dental school at Case Western University, Cleveland, Ohio.

The couple will make their home in Cleveland.

### Sunday 'experiences'

The Sunday Experience Program held at 25 Delaware Ave. in Albany is celebrating the coming of spring by offering a variety of classes for the "active" adult population over 60. The Sunday Experience program, held on Sundays throughout the year, is offering a conversational Spanish class, golf lessons in the afternoon and a new creative writing class.

The Sunday Experience Program is a unit of Senior Services Centers of the Albany Area, Inc.

### Visitor from Japan

Rita Delapp of Delmar is hosting a student from Japan during the visitor's spring vacation. The visit is being arranged under the Volunteer Homestay program of the International Center-Capital Region.



A host of friends in Bethlehem's Senior Citizen Organization gave Silvain and Mary Martinage of 13 Brookview Ave., Delmar, a festive cake honoring their 50th wedding anniversary at last week's regular meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall. Tom Howes

## BIRTHS



### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Thomas Matthew, to Anne and Ronald Peretti, Glenmont, Feb. 27.

Boy, Andrew Thomas, to Audrey and Thomas Ramage, Slingerlands, Feb. 27.

Boy, Robert William, to Jane and Gary Washburn, Voorheesville, Feb. 28.

Girl, Cassandra Christine, to Ruth and John White, Delmar, March 1.

Boy, Justine Howard, to Valerie and Howard Slingerland, Voorheesville, March 7.

Boy, Peter Frederick, to Susan and Daniel Coxeter, Voorheesville, March 8.

Girl, Blair Elizabeth, to Esther and George Klopfer, Voorheesville, March 12.

Boy, Matthew David, to David A. and Debra J. Price, Delmar, March 12.

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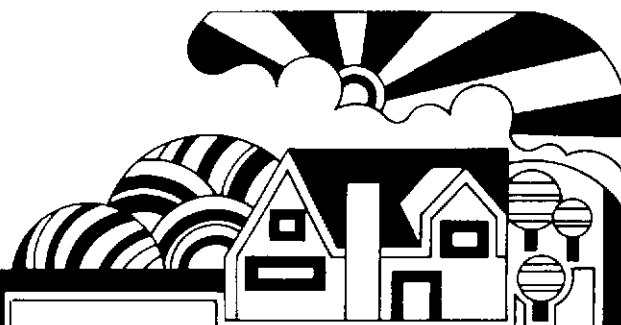
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*The Boys from Syracuse* starts a three-night run at Bethlehem Central Thursday, *Heaven Can Wait* will play the same three nights at Voorheesville High School, and *Finian's Rainbow* is on stage at the RCS High School, also Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be near-sellouts at all three auditoriums, so allow time for a good seat. See the *Spotlight* calendar for curtain times.



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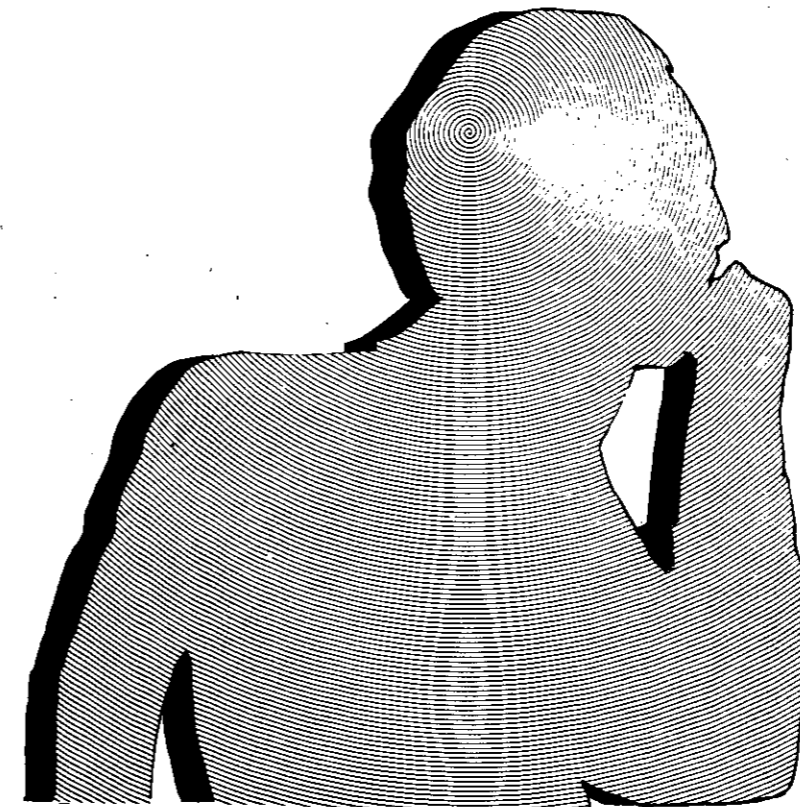
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