

If the Bomb goes off . . .

Civil Defense plan reopens nuclear debate

By Linda Anne Burtis

Thirty feet below the street in the heart of Albany's South End, at the end of tunnel-like corridors and doors marked Decontamination Center is a windowless room, the office of Albany County Civil Defense Commissioner John "Pop" Signer.

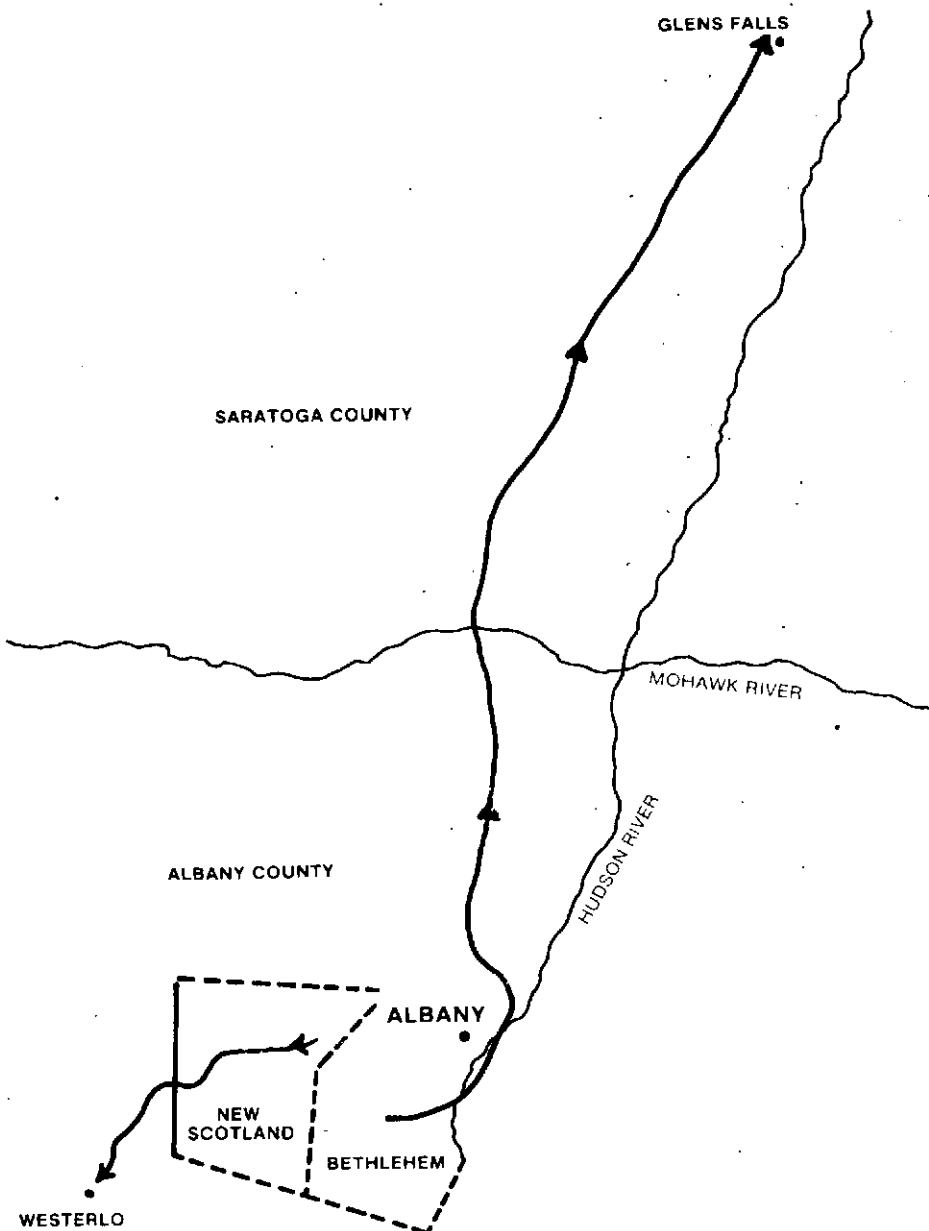
The office was designed as a bomb shelter, but it's unlikely that it would ever serve that purpose. Because any nuclear bomb that strikes Albany would destroy the city, bomb shelters and all, not to mention a good part of the surrounding area.

Bomb shelters have gone out of style. Evacuation plans — the logistical exercises of moving enormous numbers of people out of the cities and suburbs and into the "woods" — are in vogue now with civil defense planners. Signer's job is to review the state plan that will move the 250,000 residents of Albany County to safety in the event of nuclear war.

On the face of it, an enormous task. Even Signer admits that any evacuation plan would require "best case" scenario — adequate time to give warning, (three or four days, mass transit that operates, cars full of gas that don't break down enroute, "hosts" that will cooperate.

As it stands now, for instance, residents of the Town of Bethlehem would be required to travel I 787 and the Northway up to the Glens Falls Junior

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Cheese squeeze stirs ire

The great cheese giveaway is leaving a sour taste in Bethlehem, both among the needy who were promised more than they got and among town officials who say they're having trouble getting a straight answer from the people who administer the program.

The second round of the distribution program took place Monday at Bethlehem Town Hall. Bethlehem received slightly more than half of the cheese it ordered, said program coordinator Karen Pellettier, despite being promised Friday the full order would be delivered. Only about 15 to 20 people who had signed up in advance for the cheese went away empty handed, said Mrs. Pellettier, because the town limited all recipients to five pounds each, regardless of whether they were entitled to more.

Considering the disappointment, she said, the several hundred people who showed up were well behaved and orderly. People who had signed up in advance were told they would get their cheese allotment in the next shipment.

Was the confusion necessary?

Tyrone Archie, who is coordinating the cheese distribution program for part of Albany County out of County Executive James Coven's office, said Monday the county received only 3,000 of the 4,400 pounds it had requested. That, he said, required cutbacks to all of the localities under the county's juris-

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Plaza merchants want public input on changes

What's going to happen to Delaware Plaza?

Grand Union is moving to the Denby's building, leaving a gaping hole in the center of the plaza. Color Your World is closing, opening up another large space, and there are smaller shifts and openings taking place all the time.

Shoe store? Apparel? Linens? Movie theater? Camera store? Hardware? What do people want? What will sell?

Area shoppers aren't the only ones who are curious about Delaware Plaza's future — the merchants who make their livings there are just as concerned. And, says Ken Schenkel, president of the plaza merchants association, the businessmen are just as much in the dark as the rest of the public.

The shop keepers look beyond day to day convenience to that magical formula that will make everybody's business better. What they see at Delaware Plaza, according to Schenkel, is a mall that is "a good, family-oriented place" with a loyal core of shoppers. But the changes that must come hold the potential for a major step forward — or stagnation.

"I don't know what the answer is," said Schenkel. "All I know is that there has

to be a good mix without duplicating. And I would really, for once, like to get the public's opinion on it."

In this issue, *The Spotlight* is providing the means for the public to make its feelings known. A pre-addressed coupon can be found on Page 2 — simply fill it out, clip, fold and mail it or drop it off at Paul Mitchell's Mens Wear at the plaza.

How much impact will public opinion — or even the merchant's opinions — have on developments at the plaza?

"What we're really trying to do now is to just get a lot of feedback," says plaza manager Kay McCabe. But, she acknowledges, the owners of the plaza, State Sen. Howard Nolan and Slingerlands businessman Norris MacFarland make the final decisions.

Current thinking is still to divide up the present Grand Union space, which the grocery chain hopes to vacate by next January in favor of the larger Denby's building. This, to Schenkel, makes sense because the building is too small to be an

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Lila Kawas, left, and Christina Manning, Mary Ann Loegering and Meg Bragle, Slingerlands fifth graders, model costumes they'll wear at the elementary school's production of an 1890's Music: Hall Revue to be staged April 7-8 at 7:30 p.m. Music director Virginia Spelich designed the period-piece costumes for the cast of 39.

Tom Howes

Here are my suggestions for new stores at Delaware Plaza:

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"anchor store" — another Denby's, J.C. Penny or Caldor.

One thing the owners have looked at — hard enough, according to one knowledgeable source, to prepare architectural plans and run market surveys — is a movie theater or set of theaters. McCabe confirms that movies are on the list, but says it's still a long list. "We've looked at a lot of things for that space," she says.

The owners, she said, are interested in bringing back the sorts of services once provided by Denby's, but Schenkel questions this, noting that in its last several years at the plaza Denby's was little more than a men's and women's clothing store, something which is still available to Delmar shoppers.

On the other hand, the loss of Donnelly's shoe store is sorely felt, Schenkel feels. And the fact that a bank (Albany Savings Bank, pending approval by state banking authorities) is set to take that space is not reassuring to the merchants, Schenkel says. "That's five banks in a matter of a stone's throw." Other projected additions to the plaza are a one-hour photo service and (still in the negotiating stages) a camera store.

The merchants met with Nolan and MacFarland in February to hear about projected changes. Schenkel said the main topic of discussion at that meeting was the incorporation of the merchants association and the raising of dues to all the group to do more advertising and promotions.

Feura Bush girl killed

An 18-year-old Feura Bush girl lost her life early Sunday morning when she was thrown from a car and pinned underneath following a single-car accident on Rt. 102 in South Bethlehem.

Margaret Mattice died of a broken neck despite efforts of three rescue squads to extricate her, according to state police reports. On the scene were crews from the Bethlehem, Delmar and Slingerlands squads.

State police arrested the driver of the car, Francis Thiele, 19, also of Feura Bush, for driving while intoxicated and operating an uninspected vehicle; the case is still under investigation and other charges are possible, troopers said.

A second passenger in the car, Ann Riehl, 20, of Feura Bush, was treated at Albany Medical Center for facial fractures and a broken collarbone and released.

DWI patrol continues

Bethlehem police, continuing their keen interest in the behavior of motorists on the town's major highways, made nine alcohol-related traffic arrests last week.

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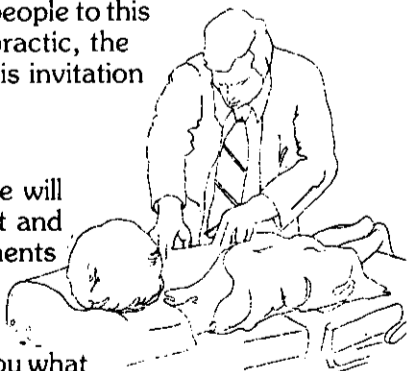
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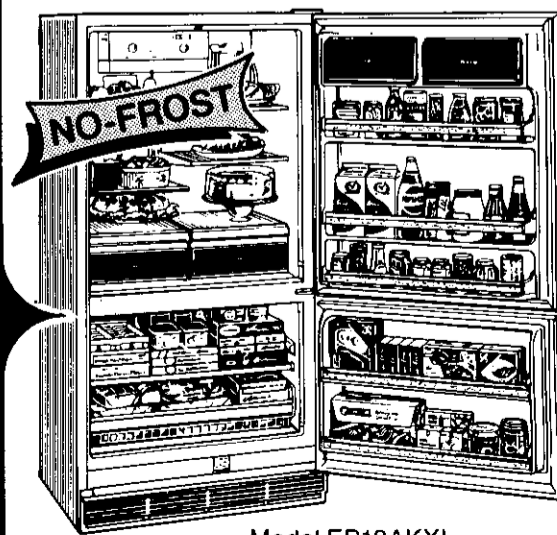
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High School — they have the distinction of having to travel the farthest of any Albany County residents to reach a "safe" spot. New Scotland residents, on the other hand, need only travel as far as the Westerlo Elementary School to reach their designated refuge.

"Well, we had to cut it off somewhere," explains Signer. The public facilities in the Hill Towns simply couldn't handle any more outsiders, he said. According to the preliminary state plan, the Institute on Man and Science in Rensselaerville (plus the rest of the tiny village) would be expected to host the entire town of Coeymans during a nuclear war.

That sort of optimism leads critics to the conclusion that the Albany County plan — and similar plans now being presented across the state — simply map out illusions. John Dow, the former Congressman who ran an unsuccessful nuclear freeze campaign against Sam Stratton last fall and is the founder of the Albany-based Americans Against Nuclear War, goes further: civil defense plans encourage the notion that a nuclear war would be both survivable and winnable. That attitude, he argues, makes such a war all the more likely to occur.

Why all the recent talk about civil defense planning? Are we replaying the Cold War hysteria of the early 1950s, when then-Gov. Nelson Rockefeller urged the state's citizens to build bomb shelters in their back yards?

Last December, the state Office of Natural Disaster and Civil Defense staff submitted a 750-page "crisis relocation plan" to county civil defense staffs for review. The plan for Albany County must be approved by the county legislature,

and County Executive James Coyne has scheduled a public hearing for April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Albany Public Library.

So far, the reaction among local officials has varied. Coyne has expressed skepticism that any evacuation plan would be workable. The state assembly last month passed a resolution stating that such planning could "enhance the possibility of nuclear action."

On the other hand, Bethlehem's deputy director for civil defense, Sidney Kaplan, takes the plan in stride. Kaplan said he is unperturbed by the proposed evacuation route for town residents because he feels it would never be put to use.

Albany County civil defense planner Matthew J. Klimcovitz copes with the seemingly impossible task of moving populations around by using a "best-case scenario." Klimcovitz claims the evacuation would work given two to three days time to implement it. Under these "ideal" conditions he believes he could transport all the residents of the Capital District to their host areas. Klimcovitz acknowledges that critics of crisis relocation planning also have valid scenarios, "but the bottom line is to do something rather than nothing."

"If there is a direct hit we'll be out business here too, because the megaton bombs they have today are fantastic," says Klimcovitz. Signer agrees that Albany is a target city "because it is the capital and it is a highly technical industrial center and it is a college center that produces engineers that would work in industries that might be associated with defense."

Will we all be safer with these plans on the books? To answer that question, one has to be a bit familiar with what happens when the bombs fall. There are three effects from nuclear bombs: blast, heat

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diction. "We did the best we could," said Archie.

But according to a spokesman for the state Office of General Services, which is coordinating the program state-wide, Albany County is actually running ahead of its overall allocation, and Coyne's office never even submitted a request this month. The county's share apparently came from cheese requested by the City of Albany, which is running its own program in conjunction with the cities of Cohoes and Watervliet.

According to County Legislator Gordon Morris, who was called in last week when it appeared that Bethlehem would not get its requested allocation, the

entire county received 32 percent less cheese than it ordered. Bethlehem received 42 percent less, and the City of Albany was cut 14 percent.

"I guess it's the same old thing — the people in Bethlehem really don't need it, give it to somebody else," said Morris, the Republican minority leader in the legislature who frequently clashes with Albany Democrats.

But for now, it is not just Bethlehem residents affected, because not all of the southern towns have established cheese distribution programs. This month Bethlehem was serving Coeyman residents and parts of New Scotland. Archie said that by next month he hopes to have distribution programs set up in Ravena and New Scotland. "All of the people that signed up, we should be able to help them," he said.

Where the children go

How do area schools handle civil defense planning?

According to Lawrence A. Zinn, superintendent of Bethlehem Central schools, "duck and cover" drills are still held. These are the same drills people remember from the 1950s; the children march into the hallways and cover their faces. The Elmsere Elementary School holds three "duck and cover" drills each year. Zinn said the teachers try to explain the purpose of the drills "so as not to scare the children."

Milton Chodack, superintendent of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk district reported "duck and covers" in his district, adding, "We sometimes question the point of it." Voorheesville Superintendent Werner W. Berglas said his district no longer has "duck and cover" drills.

The federal Emergency Management Agency has pilot tested survival skills for children in schools. They will be prepared to implement the program in September, 1983. Tom Nattell, of the Albany Peace and Energy Council, said he expects to find some objection to these plans, possibly at the May PTA convention in Albany.

The state civil defense plan does not call for contacting the schools. Since the plans are dependent on an early warning of several days to evacuate the area, there is no need to make arrangements with the schools, said a county civil defense official. If there was not much time to evacuate, the children would be bused home, according to Zinn.

and radiation. The code word for blast is ground zero, or the point the bomb hits and goes off. The blast waves will go 750 miles per hour, slightly faster than the speed of sound. The consequences to those individuals in the vicinity are obvious.

Next comes the heat. The hottest region is called the "fireball," where temperatures will reach millions of degrees and many fires will result. It is said that people in shelters would not be safe because air will be sucked out of them and they will die of asphyxiation.

Radiation will likely affect the majority, presuming evacuation out of the cities occurred in time. Radiation will

come from the particles picked up by the explosion. This radiated dust or fallout is thrown into the sky by the blast and will fall down, especially during the two weeks following the attack. Some of these particles will be dangerous for only a few days, some remain lethal for years. They cannot be seen, smelled, tasted or felt, but can only be identified by special equipment. The symptoms of radiation sickness include: vomiting, diarrhea, anemia, hemorrhaging, loss of hair, increased susceptibility to infection and death.

If the evacuation works, and the civil defense experts concede that to be the simplest part of the plan, what happens to all the evacuees? Will the "living envy the dead?"

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By Madelon Pound Graves

New Scotland's first town meeting took place in the home of Edmund Raynsford on the designated second Tuesday of April, 1833. That day happened to fall on the 9th, so on the afternoon of April 9, 1833, a Saturday, the town will celebrate. The house where the meeting took place was either the former Derrick Van Schaich Raynsford home on the corner of the Rennselaerville and Albany Plank Road (now Rt. 85) and North Road (now 85A), or the home on McCoughtrie or Hilton land, near the present railroad crossing on Hilton Rd. Be that as it may, the historical marker will be placed in front of the New Scotland Town Hall.

Edmund Raynsford was the great-great-grandson of Captain Anthony Wayne, who came from Yorkshire, England, in 1726. Among his ancestors are Slingerlands, Benders, DuBoises, Munsells, Comstocks and Wands. Edmund must have appreciated New

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Scotland and found it a good part of the country in which to put down roots because from 1820 until 1854 he bought land in acres, 730; in lots, 9½ and in perches, 8. (A perch is one square rod.)

Edmund Raynsford was New Scotland's first postmaster, serving from 1824, when New Scotland was the name of a post office, not a town, and continuing until 1845.

He was a commissioner of common schools, a member of the Assembly and a citizen adventurous and worthy enough to help chart the course of our first step into the sophisticated political life of Albany County.

As an example of county politics in that era, witness this account of a town meeting in neighboring Schenectady County, as reported in the April 11, 1833 edition of the Albany Daily Argus:

"The Republicans have, as usual, done well. The supervisors who were elected made great and extraordinary exertions to succeed, throwing about their money at a liberal rate, while the democratic candidates opposed to this made no



The Edmund Raynsford house stood at the northwest corner of what is now Rts. 85 and 85A. The house burned in the 1880s. This photo was reproduced from a New Scotland historical brochure. The original is owned by Mrs. Helen Becker.

exertion whatever, choosing to succeed (if they did so) by the unbought suffrages of their fellow-citizens."

There was controversy, of course, as to the wisdom of parting from Bethlehem. The inhabitants, many of whom were direct descendants of pioneering families, were well established on their land with orchards, cattle, wheat, oats, hops and corn-growing farms, along with limekilns, mills and tanneries. The acreage claimed by the early settlers was substantial going back to the grants from the patroon, Stephen Van Rensselaer. Some of these were Henry Burhans, 202 acres, Jacob Houck 100, Jonathan Houghtaling 113, John Loucks 118, Cornelius Vanderzee 292, Wouten Slingerland 249, and Adam Tinklepaw 65.2.

Many of the citizens of 1831 were not inclined to change their ways. Traveling over muddy roads and swollen streams in April to attend the annual

town meeting in order to vote, for unfamiliar candidates was not sensible or practical. So when the Act to Divide the Town of Bethlehem was presented to the Assembly of New York on December 26, 1831, no doubt there was bitterness in Bethlehem.

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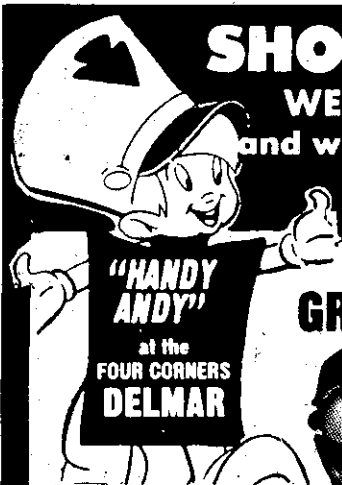
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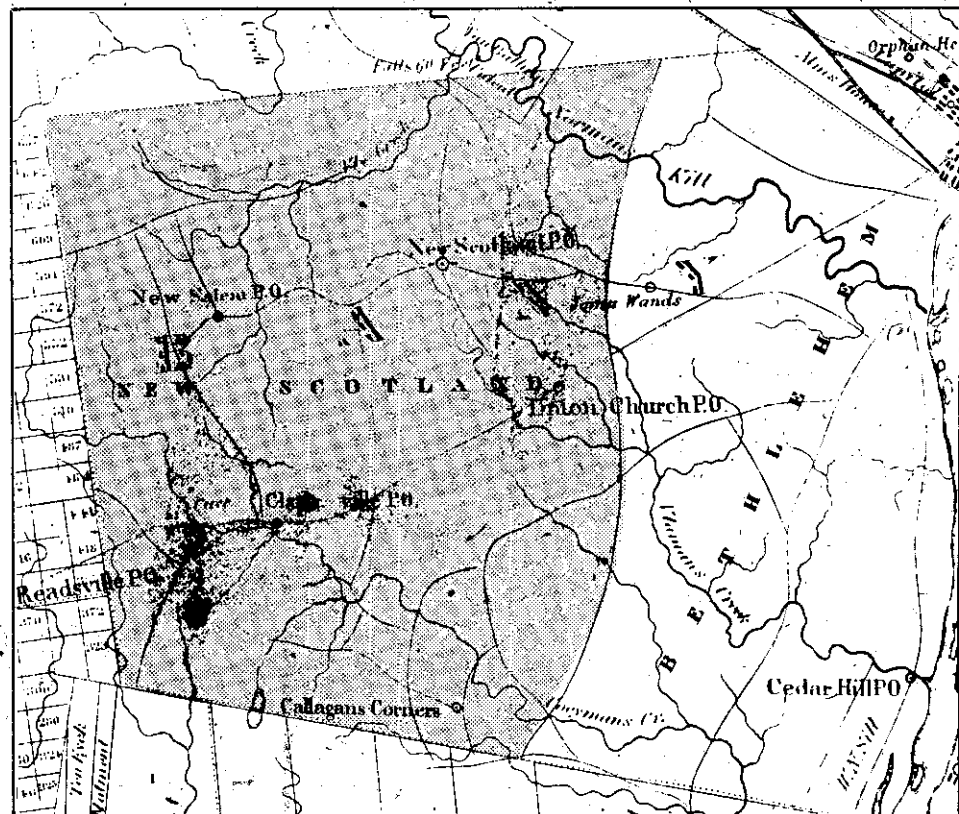
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Later the town fathers might consider other problems, such as the care of beggars and vagrants, of habitual drunkards, of disorderly persons, the support of bastards, the prevention and punishment of immorality and disorderly practices, the law of the road and regulation of public stages, the firing of wood, the preservation of deer and certain game and animals, the destruction of wolves and other noxious animals.

At first the problem of taxes and raising money for the support of common schools, roads and bridges seemed enough to cope with. Eventually the 27 elected officials including justices of the peace, town clerk, supervisor, assessors, commissioners of highways, commissioners and inspectors of common schools, pound master, constables, overseers of the poor and town leader would enlarge their horizons.

There was a furor of activity during the year preceeding the big day, April 9, 1833. There were meetings at the homes of Adam Clark, Robert Wands and Garret T. Vanderburgh. No doubt Mr.

New Scotland's celebration

April 9 will be a big day in the Town of New Scotland. Numerous events are planned as the town closes out its year-long observance of its sesquicentennial.

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The Town Hall also will be the site for a slide presentation by Town Historian Robert Parmenter on historical landmarks that will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday and again at 3:30. A state historical marker donated by the Town of New Scotland Historical Association will be dedicated at 3 p.m., when a bagpiper and brass ensemble made up of Voorheesville grade school pupils will play. The Town Hall, Rt. 85, is in the former New Scotland grade school, which was built in 1866. The building was moved back and renovated in 1952 for use by the town.

A costume dance is planned by the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Dept., beginning at 9 p.m. at the Clarksville firehall. Prizes will be awarded for the best period costumes, and a beard and moustache-growing contest will be judged. Tickets for the 9 p.m. event can be obtained from the town clerk at 439-4865 or 765-2975.

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church plans its annual beef dinner that day, with serving beginning at 4 p.m.

Disbrow, Mr. Lennebacker and Mr. Salisbury met to draw up "An Act to Repeal the Act to Divide the Town of Bethlehem." Mr. Disbrow reported this resolution to the Senate. It was read three times and voted in the House — Ayes 43, Nays 36.

However, in the Assembly Report of February 13, 1833, Mr. Buttrick reported: "The Town of Bethlehem, previous to said division, was about fourteen miles in length by some six or

seven in width, and at the last election they polled about 1,300 votes; and it is urged by the petitioners as a reason for repealing said law, that it was passed against the interests and wishes of three-fourths of the inhabitants of said town, and that the line dividing the same is crooked and inconvenient and different from the wishes of the applicants.

"On the other hand, it is urged against the repealing of the law, that it is extremely difficult to do the town

business at their annual meetings in one day, in consequence of their numbers; and further, that their territory, as well as the number of inhabitants is sufficiently large to make two good towns, and the line as now run divides the towns equally.

"Your committee, in accordance with the wishes of the petitioners, have taken all the circumstances in connection with the subject into consideration, and do believe that the towns as they now are can be better accommodated than they could be should the law be repealed. The committee have therefore come to the conclusion that the prayers of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and that they have leave to withdraw their petition."

The wounds of petition and partition have healed, and the reasons for complaints and conflict are of another nature. The fence-viewers, pound masters and overseers of the poor have been laid to rest. Today the supervisor, town clerk, justices, superintendent of highways and councilmen have taken over the duties of those of 1833.

Madelon Pound Graves, who came to New Scotland with her family from Michigan as a young girl in 1922, has spent many hours in researching local history. She has written several articles for The Spotlight in recent years. Her father, the late Arthur Pound, an author who served as New York State historian, brought up his daughters in the large house on the corner of Rt. 85 and Bullock Rd., New Scotland.

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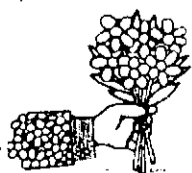


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Construction firms' plans for Rt. 85 land rejected

New Scotland's planning board has rejected a petition by two construction firms to enlarge the long-vacant Mayfair Drive-in theater building in Slingerlands for maintenance and storage of road-building equipment.

The denial came in the form of a vote not to recommend the addition of a new land-use category to the town's zoning ordinance. A favorable recommendation at last Tuesday's regular meeting would have gone to the town board for further action, including a public hearing.

In a unanimous vote, the seven-member planning board decided against the additional category, fearing that it would be unable to control the size and numbers of cranes, bulldozers, graders and other equipment that might be stored or repaired at the site in the future. The area is zoned commercial.

The application was made by Bruce, Jeffrey, Stanley and Walter DiStefano, Jr., who reportedly had an option to purchase the 8.8-acre tract from Louis Leveroni. The property, which has a small frontage on Rt. 85 half a mile east of the Stonewell shopping center, contains a one-story building formerly used as the refreshment and projection facility for drive-in movies.

Bruce DiStefano, a Unionville resident, and his cousin, Stanley, are principals in the Green Island Construction Co., Inc., a highway contracting firm. Walter and Jeffrey DiStefano, brothers of Bruce, are partners in Harrison and Burrowes Bridge Contracting Co., Inc.

In an unrelated action, Alfred Cook, who operates the Checkered Flag used car lot on an adjoining plot fronting on Rt. 85, is seeking a rear-yard variance to accommodate a proposed expansion of the building housing his office and a small maintenance garage. Cook, who three years ago instituted a legal challenge on a town zoning decision and won both the case and the appeal, is proposing to more than double the size of the building. The board set April 15 for a public hearing on the proposal.

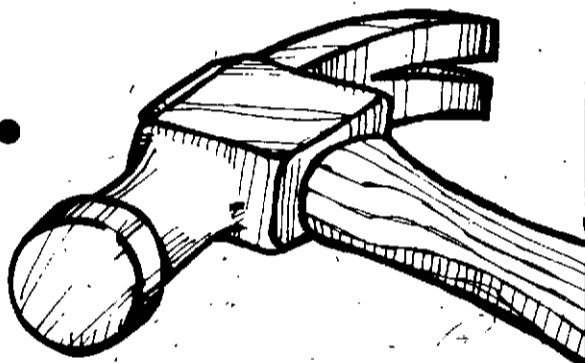
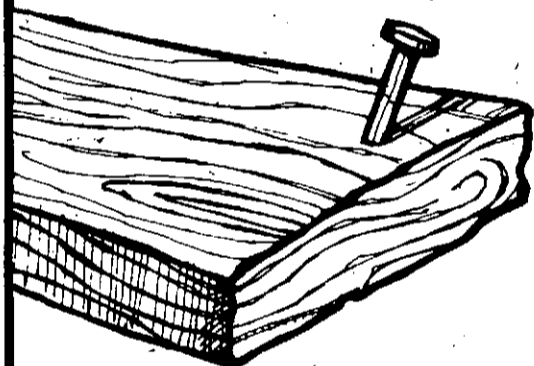
USS Haven reunion

A reunion of shipmates on the USS Haven is planned in September in San Diego, Calif. For information, call Jean Gardner, 439-1074, or contact Bart Barton, 4628 Lenore Dr., San Diego 92115, (619) 583-6416.



No, this wasn't a nature walk. No, the kids haven't lost their pet squirrel — they're just looking for Easter eggs. New Scotland Elks Lodge members hid the goodies around the New Scotland Town Park on Swift Rd. for the annual hunt last weekend. *On the cover:* Florence and Danielle Wright agreed to pose with an imposing figure for the *Spotlight* photographer. Tom Howes

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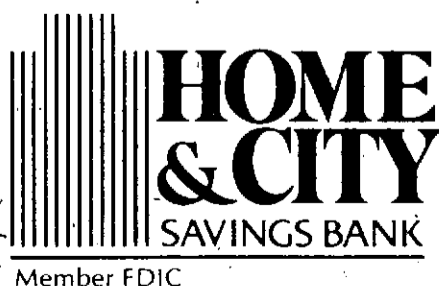


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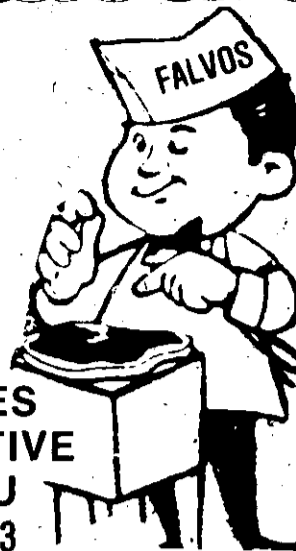
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Krumkill Rd. limit changed

After listening to the pleas of residents that Krumkill Rd. should not be a high-speed shortcut for people slipping in and out of Albany, the Bethlehem Town Board last week voted to reduce the speed limit on a section of the road from 55 to 30 m.p.h.

The action came after a brief public hearing attended by several residents of the area. Public Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple told the board he also supports the change because of "the makeup of the area. It has dips and curves and blind spots. There are children in the area."

Whether the new limit, which will affect the section of the road from the Albany city line to the Hartman Farm near Blessing Rd., will change driving habits is another question. At the hearing

Wednesday, one resident reported trying to flag down speeding cars at the scene of an accident earlier that day. "By the time they get to us it's almost always too late," she said.

At the board's brief meeting it:

- Received conditional approval from the planning board for developer G. William Zautner's Glenmont Homes subdivision on Feura Bush Rd.

- Set April 4 to 29 as the dates for the town's annual spring cleanup.

Second Milers slate talk on Red Cross

The Second Milers, a group of Bethlehem retired men, have set their monthly noon luncheon date for Wednesday, April 13, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. Russell D'Entrone of the American Red Cross will speak to the group.

For reservations, call Alan Hoffman at 439-2404.

Merton work reviewed

A new daytime book discussion group will review Thomas Merton's "Seven Storey Mountain" on Tuesday, April 12, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. For a copy of the book, call the library at 439-9314.

Photo workshop on indoor lighting set

A photography workshop that will focus on lighting indoors will be hosted by the Five Rivers Environmental Center on Saturday, April 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. Some meeting time will be allowed for actual lighting experimentation, so registrants should bring a camera and film.

This workshop is the second session in a four part series for 35mm camera buffs. Registration is \$3. For information, call 457-6092.



Junior Girl Scout Troop 540 has a new American flag for meetings at the Unionville Reformed Church, courtesy of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Delmar. The presentation was made by George E. Decker, Jr., post commander, to Tanya-Camille B. Nock, representing the troop. Looking on are Junior Scouts Lynn Histed, Stacy LaDuke and Bonnie Cole. In the background are Janice E. Brown Nock, troop leader, and her husband, John, who serves as assistant leader. J.W. Campbell

Board sets variance hearings

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals at its meeting last Wednesday received four new applications and set dates for four public hearings.

Bedros Karian, 20 Winne Pl., Glenmont requested a special extension to modify a previous special exception so that he could charge a property line. The board scheduled a public hearing for April 6 at 8 p.m.

Paul M. Hook, 7 Roweland Ave., Delmar, and David and Sharon Bixby, 22 Nathaniel Blvd., Delmar, requested variances from the percentage-of-lot-occupancy provision of the zoning ordinance so they could construct additions to their homes. The board scheduled public hearings for April 6 at 8:30 and 8:45 p.m., respectively.

John E. Bergmann applied to the board for a variance to sell used cars on a lot at 50 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, next to

the Nassau Tire establishment. The board set an 8:30 p.m. April 6 public hearing date.

The board also informally approved a variance request from Joseph C. Bogdanowicz, 1605 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, for the construction of an addition to his home.

In other business, the board voted to request Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, to assist in making a state Environmental Quality Review assessment on a request for a use variance from Allan and Leslie DeFazio of 260 Elm Ave., Delmar. The applicants, owners of School Pictures, Inc., requested the variance to run the business from their home. Kleinke will confer with the board on the SEQR assessment (mandated by state law for all use variances) at 7:30 p.m. on April 6.

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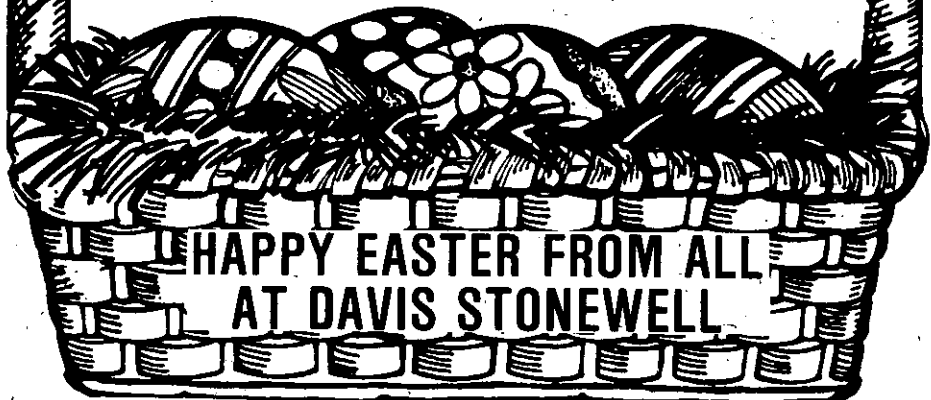
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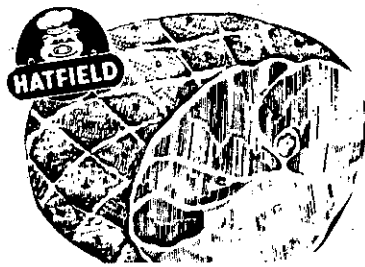
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Board, state whittle away at BC tax hike

by Caroline Terenzini

The size of the tax increase facing Bethlehem Central property owners continues to shrink, thanks to budget squeezing efforts at home and compromises in Albany. But it will take more work for the school board to pin down a 1983-84 tax rate, and there is some concern that the budget is already too tight.

The state budget accord reached at the weekend by legislators and Gov. Cuomo may brighten the Bethlehem Central budget outlook a bit, but it was not known Monday how many additional dollars are coming to Bethlehem. Since the aid comes in several different categories, each with its own formula, it takes time to assess the impact of the legislative decisions. This information is expected to be ready for the school board when it meets for a budget work session at 7 tonight.

At the same time, the district administration has identified some additional dollars that might be whittled off the \$15-plus million budget proposal, and these figures are to be given to the board for decisions tonight. Should the board accept them all, the projected tax rate increase for Bethlehem property owners would be in the neighborhood of 5.2 percent, or about \$7.40 per \$1,000 assessed. For New Scotland residents in the Bethlehem district, the projected tax rate increase would be about 5.8 percent, or around \$13.85 per \$1,000. The state aid decision may change these figures, as would an update on the total value of taxable property in the district. Then, too, the board could decide to use any additional aid dollars for the schools

rather than applying them to reduce the tax rate further.

The tax rate is a sensitive subject for board members and administrators - as it is for the taxpayer - prompting board member Robert Zick to make a plea last week at the budget work session for less emphasis by newspapers on the dollar amount of the tax rate increase. His colleague John Clyne was of a different mind, however, "I think the people we're working for, the taxpayers, are interested in dollars, not percentages. Dollars is what they pay. You can tell the people; they're grown up."

The weeks of whittling as the board sought a balance among competing needs have given the district what is at this point a tight budget plan - too tight for some. At last Wednesday's budget work session, Superintendent Zinn commented, "I personally think we've gotten it so darn tight that it's going to be very difficult if things don't pan out the way they're supposed to." And board member Robert Zick, arguing against hiking the estimate of the increase in valuation of taxable property in the district, said, "We can't keep on squeezing like this. We're getting into an impractical situation."

And squeezing it was. Cuts last Wednesday included \$1,100 for pencil sharpeners, \$1,300 from the electrical bill because of replacing incandescent bulbs with fluorescent ones, and \$3,500 for a second set of elementary health materials. (One set now is shared among the five elementary schools.) The board declined, however, to cut the per pupil allocation for supplies after Clarksville Elementary School Principal Dorothy Whitney told the board: "We used to



Eighth grader Jillian Shapard (in hat) explains a section of her "geological landscaping" exhibit to visitors at the Bethlehem Middle School Science Fair. Her project drew crowds and earned a second-place award. *Tom Howes*

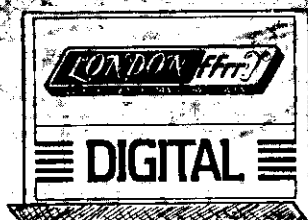
have lots of things to choose from; we don't have that now. Our custodian is trying to fix a film projector because we don't have the money to have it repaired." And Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer told the board, "Many principals divert supply money to textbooks because we don't allocate enough textbook money."

On the estimate for fuel oil and gasoline costs, board President Bernard Harvith argued for paring the budget figure - "I'll take anything I can get," while Zwicklbauer urged caution: "Let

me remind you you're projecting 15 months ahead." Clyne suggested cutting the custodial staff, citing the decline in the number of pupils over the past 10 years, but board member Marjory O'Brien didn't agree: "The floor has to be washed whether two feet or six dirty it!"

During the time allotted for public comment before the budget session, Mrs. O'Brien's son, Joe, and Mike Agnew, both juniors at the high school, urged that the art department staff not be cut, while a contingent of sports boosters wanted the sports programs left intact.

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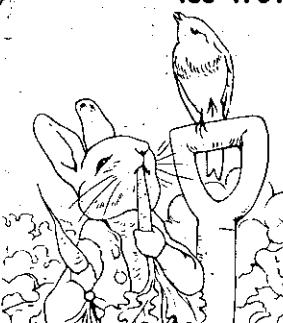


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After school program planned in Delmar

When Supermom goes out the door to work in the morning, one thing she takes with her is a feeling of guilt about leaving her children in someone else's care.

Mindful of this burden on mothers working outside the home, a group of Delmar parents has begun putting together an after-school program for children in grades 1 through 5.

It won't simply be child care, according to Marty Cornelius, who has been in the forefront of the undertaking. "We're going to have interesting people from the community coming in to do interesting things," she said. "We want to make it fun and exciting." It will also be geared to the outdoors, she said.

The organizers plan to have a paid professional staff and to use volunteers in the community who will share their skills and interests with the children. "We know there are a lot of talented people out there," Mrs. Cornelius said. She would welcome calls at 439-9953.

Expected to start in the fall, the after-school program already has a home — the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. With the help of local attorney

Barry Gold, it is seeking non-profit status and is applying for a state health Department license so it can expand to a half-day program where there is only a half day of school. (Child care programs running more than 2½ hours a day need such a license.)

Organizers also are getting estimates on liability insurance costs and exploring the question of transportation with the Bethlehem Central School District. Parents would pick up their children at the end of the day, but the group is hoping to arrange busing from elementary schools to the church.

It is clear that need and interest are there. A survey at Hamagrael Elementary School revealed that about 20 percent of the 270 families with children at the school would use such a program two to five days a week.

The cost has yet to be determined, but the group hopes rates will be close to those charged in Gunderland, where a daily three-hour program costs \$67.50 a month.

Caroline Terenzini

Slingerlands team winner

A Slingerlands School team came home from the Olympics of the Mind competition last week with first-place honors. Elsmere contenders garnered two seconds and a third place, while Glenmont School took a second place and a Clarksville team, a third. Clarksville also was cited for its degree of participation. More than 200 area students participated.

The Slingerlands winners — Arielle Hecht, Hillary Bollam, Tracy Santillo and Cathy Turillo now are in line for the statewide competition in Cortland, April 15 and 16. Their coach, Barbara Spring, a parent volunteer, said the girls "did a terrific job!" They were winners in the "Miner's Helper" category, for which competitors had to devise a way to "explore a mine without endangering humans," including inventing a device that would allow them to pick up ping-pong balls without using their hands. The Slingerlands solution included a melodramatic story accented with taped piano music, and a clown motif, Mrs. Spring said.

Richard Jadick of Slingerlands said, "Sports has to be considered equal with academics. The sports program...touches children who aren't touched otherwise in school."

When the board got to the budget lines relating to sports, Zinn characterized the program as "a terrific bargain" at the price - roughly \$92 per participant in interscholastic sports, although per pupil costs vary according to the sport. More than 500 students are participating in interscholastic sports, Ray Sliter, athletic supervisor, said. Board member Clyne, noting that the outlay for officials was close to that of coaches, quipped, "Maybe we ought to raise the coaches' salaries." The number of officials required for each contest and their pay is determined by negotiation with Section 11 representatives, Zinn said.

Air band concert on

Rock and roll bands of yesterday and today - like the Supremes, Genesis, the Go Go's and the Rolling Stones - will take center stage at Bethlehem Central High School on Friday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. But it won't be the real thing. Instead, it will be students playing broom guitars and washbasin drums who will mouth the words and act out the music of the band they are impersonating in the BCHS Key Club's first air band concert. Admission to the musical theatrics is \$2.50. Tickets will be sold at the door.

The Key Club is a service club affiliated with Kiwanis. The Bethlehem chapter sponsors such popular community activities as "Anything Goes" and Red Cross bloodmobiles.

Julie Ann Sosa

Collision at the bridge

A two-car collision on Rt. 9W at the Normanskill bridge sent one driver to the hospital and tied up rush hour traffic Friday afternoon.

Andrew Alix, 57, Climax, N.Y., was listed in fair condition at Albany Medical Center Monday following the accident.

According to Bethlehem police reports, a car driven by Timothy W. Owens, of 99 Delaware Ave., Albany, was traveling south on Rt. 9W. Owens told police he hit his brakes and his car swerved, hitting the oncoming Alix vehicle. No charges were filed.

Directory enlarged

The third edition of "Community Contracts," a listing of community organizations in and around Bethlehem; is now available from the Bethlehem Public Library. The revised and expanded free directory includes descriptions and contact information for about 70 local organizations.

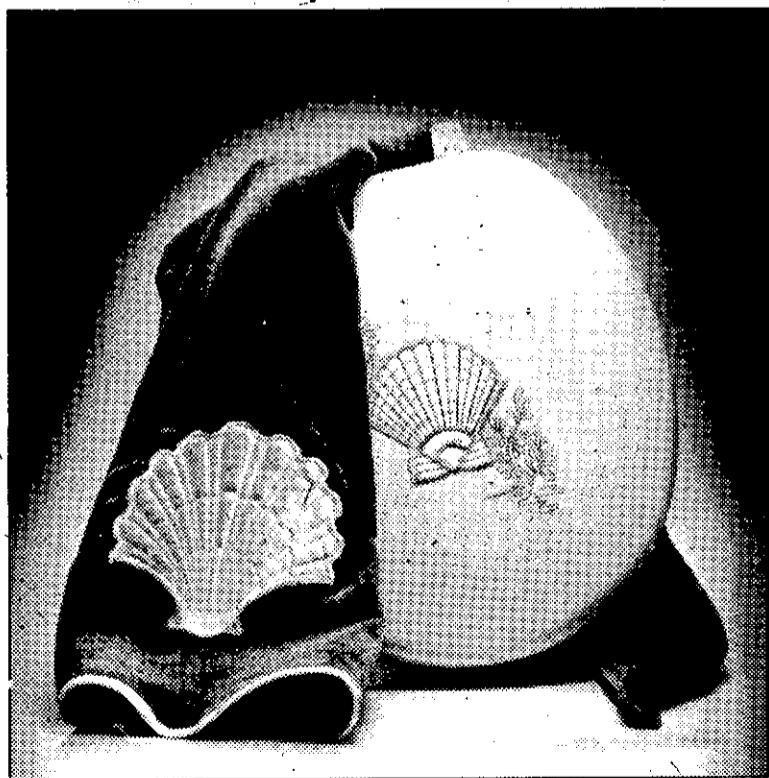
Burglary at Tune's

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary Friday night at Tune Trucking Co. at Rt. 396 and Maple Ave. in Selkirk. Owner Lawrence Tune told police two strong boxes with about \$450 in cash, plus checks and a hand gun, were taken.

Break out your sneakers

The Middle School PFO is again sponsoring "Sports Night" on Thursday, April 7, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the school. Basketball, volleyball, ping pong, gymnastics and swimming will be offered.

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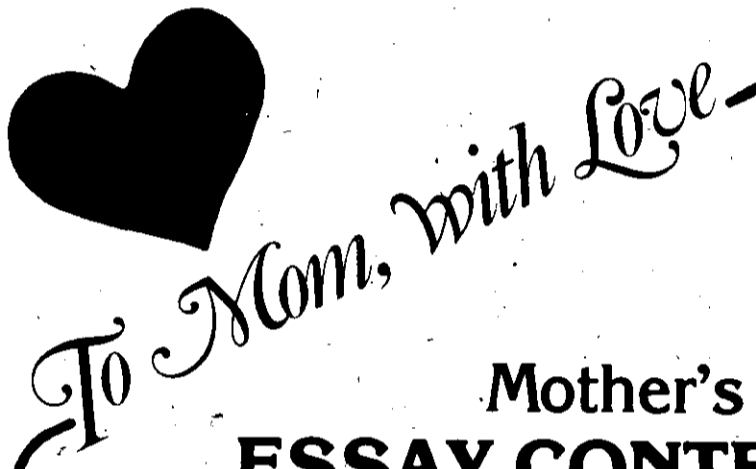
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Judges: The Capital District Writing Project. **Winners** will be notified the week of April 25.

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Town of Bethlehem, Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m. **Bethlehem Senior Citizens** meet Thursdays at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Lutheran Maundy Thursday Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

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

Lutheran Tenebrae Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget meeting tentatively scheduled, 9 a.m.

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

Voorheesville Pancake Breakfast, at the firehouse, 6-10 a.m. \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, installation of officers and dinner.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Methodist Easter Sunday Services, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

Lutheran Services, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10:30 a.m.

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.

Village Artists, artists interested in painting in various media, Mondays at 7 p.m. at 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.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information 439-4581.

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

Single Parent Support Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-6136.

Vaudeville Show Ticket Sales, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7-8:30 p.m.

area arts

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

THEATER

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

MUSIC

Levon Helm and Rick Danko (late of The Band) with Artie Traum (folk rock), Student Center, Columbia-Greene Community College, Greenport, Rt. 23, Columbia County, March 31, 8 p.m. Information, 828-4181.

Bach's St. Matthew Passion presented by choirs of St. Peter's Episcopal Church joined by Youth Choir of First Church in Albany, at St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, April 1, 1 p.m.

"Landrites" (a capella chorus piece by American composer Alvin Curran, sung by University Chorale), SUNY Performing Arts Center, April 5, 8 p.m.

Pops Concert by University Symphonic Band, SUNY Campus Center ballroom, April 6, 8 p.m.

Music from Marlboro, Union College's Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, April 6, 8 p.m.

DANCE

The Feld Ballet (24-member contemporary dance troupe), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 31-April 2, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or Proctor's, 346-6204.

FILM

"The Gold Rush" (Charlie Chaplin), Harmanus Bleecker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, March 31, 6 p.m.

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

ART

CSR Undergraduate and Senior Show, The College of Saint Rose Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, March 30, 31 and April 5-10, open Sunday through Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Cathleen Panagopoulos and Arne Rourke, graphic artists, Temple Gates of Heaven, Eastern Parkway and Ashmore St., Schenectady, April 1 through May 1.

"South End Albany" (photographs of Albany's abandoned neighborhoods during 1960s and 1970s by Allen Yarinsky of Delmar), Learning Resources Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through March 31.

"Not Just Another Pretty Dress: Two Centuries of Clothing and Textiles from the Van Rensselaer Family" (tracing social, economic and historical significance of the prominent Albany family that inhabited Historic Cherry Hill), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 10.

"Oom Pah Pah: The Great American Band" (posters, photos, instruments and momentos of the great bands), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through May 29.

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- Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
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School Budget Discussion, coffee with Bethlehem school board vice president and district administrator, 10 a.m.-noon, 31 Albin Rd., Delmar. Public welcome.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&M, 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.

Senior Citizens Legal Clinic, free for town organization's members, Bethlehem Town Hall, 2:30-4:30 p.m. For appointments, call 439-4955, or sign up at meeting.

Delmar Home Crafts Club, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Vaudeville Show Ticket Sale, Voorheesville Elementary School, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesdays, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

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

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

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

Methodist Women, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Business Women meet, with talk on "Nursing and More" by Visiting Nurses Association, Albany Motor Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Tri-Village FISH, election of officers and board members, Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6816.

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

Bethlehem Grange Roast Beef Dinner, Grange hall, Beckers Corners, 4 p.m.

Public Hearings, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Bedros Karian, 20 Winne Pl., Glenmont, to modify previous special exception to permit property line change at premises, 8 p.m.; Paul Hoole, 7 Rowland Ave., Delmar, to permit addition at premises, 8:30 p.m.; Sharon and David Bixby, 22 Nathaniel Blvd., Delmar, to permit addition at premises, 8:45 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Bethlehem Art Association meets on second floor of Adams House, 393 Delaware Ave., Delmar, first Thursday.

Slingerlands Fifth Grade Musical, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. \$1 admission.

"Running Water," Red Cross safety film shown on Bethlehem Video Channel 16. Times to be announced.

Sports Night, for Middle School students and family, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Junior Carnival, Voorheesville Elementary School, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sixth Grade Parents Meeting, Voorheesville High School at 7:30 p.m.

Vaudeville Show Ticket Sale, Voorheesville High School, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Arts Council Practicum, "Board Member, Not Bored Member," on role of governing boards, Bethlehem Public Library, at 12:30 p.m. Registration \$30.

55-Alive Mature Driving Course, driving tips for senior drivers, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-4 p.m., continued Friday.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Slingerlands Fifth Grade Musical, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. \$1 admission.

Glenmont PTA Program, Glenmont Elementary School, at 7:30 p.m.

55-Alive Mature Driving Course, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-4 p.m.

Airbands Concert, student musical theatrics, Bethlehem Central High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. \$2.50 admission.

Children's Films, preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.; school-age children, 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library. Free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Photography Workshop, focusing on lighting, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1-3 p.m. \$3 registration.

Sub Sale, Bethlehem Central High School wind ensemble musicians deliver sandwiches in early afternoon, \$1.75 per sub.

New Scotland Founder's Day, sesquicentennial celebrated with town hall observance and bag piper, evening costume dance at Clarksville firehouse, and special philatelic cancellation sold at New Scotland Post Office, 8 a.m.-noon, and town hall, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Writer of the Month Reading, novelist-columnist Deborah Mayer reads her work, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Teen Challenge Visits, team from the largest non-profit drug program speaks to teenagers and parents, Bethlehem Community Church, Elm Ave., 7 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

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

Nominating Petitions Due for Bethlehem Central school board hopefuls. Two seats held by Bernard Harvith and Marjory O'Brien are open this year. Petitions to Cheryl Marks Stees at Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Lunchtime History Lecture, discussing status of historical studies today, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 12:10 p.m. Free.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

"Thursday Topic" Lecture, "Attraction: From Friendship to Love," State Museum, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Lamaze Class, fourth childbirth preparation class in series, Albany Medical Center Hospital, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, five consecutive evenings directed by J. Carlton Keller of Delmar, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Hurlbut St., Albany, 7 p.m. \$5 registration, 456-0077.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

YMCA Easter Egg Hunt, for girls and boys under 12, Washington Park, 11 a.m. \$1 registration, 449-7156.

Upper Hudson History Lecture, "General Electric in the Steinmetz Era," State Museum, 10 a.m. Free.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

Expectant Parents' Night, parents-to-be tour, labor and delivery suite and nursery, and talk to staff, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1515.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Adirondack Wildlife Lecture, slide program on fauna of northern forests. SUNYA Lecture Center 7, Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

PACCT (Parents and Cardiac Children Together), mutual help group for parents of children who have had open-heart surgery, Colonie Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., 7 p.m.

Noon Book Review, SUNYA classics professor reviews "Creation by Gore Vidal," Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

Occupational Health Nurses Association, at George's, South St., Glens Falls, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Epilepsy Association, to hear Dr. David Gottesman, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Art Lecture, speaker Alvin Loving, Jr., painter, Empire State Plaza Meeting Room 6, concourse, 6 p.m. Free.

Retired Israeli General Speaks, Matti Peled, Tel Aviv University professor, speaks on Israeli-Palestinian strife, SUNY Lecture Center 7, 7:30 p.m. Free.



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What you can do

We know there's a lot of pressure to drink. Many people who don't usually drink do drink on a party night. If there's even a remote possibility that this could apply to you, here's what you should do: If you do have a few drinks, and you're driving, or riding with someone who's been drinking call home or a friend and ask to be picked up. Think that will embarrass you? It shouldn't. Consider the alternatives — being arrested by the police or being involved in an accident. You're still not convinced?

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What you as a friend can do

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Wins Teenage crown

Spring is here and beauty is all around. One local beauty recently took honors in an area pageant. Yvonne Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Perry of Voorheesville, was crowned Miss Northeastern New York Teenager for 1983 at a regional contest held in Troy. Competing against 25 other contestants from the Capital District area, Yvonne qualified to represent the area in the state competition in Norwich in August.

A junior at Clayton Boughton Senior High, the 16-year-old has been a football cheerleader for the last three years, serves as a lector at St. Matthew Church and played one of the lead parts in the Drama Club's production *Heaven Can Wait* last weekend.

A career in drama is the chief ambition of Yvonne, whose winning speech at the competition recounted her experiences in a class she is taking at the Performing Arts Center at the Egg in Albany. No newcomer to pageants, the Voorheesville teen was last year's runner-up for Miss Albany County.

More winners

Another area winner is Jim Franchini, who recently returned from the New York Yankees training camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. No, Jim isn't a new rookie, but a fourth grade student at Voorheesville Elementary School who won a trip to the sunshine state through a promotional contest sponsored by Camelot Motors. Accompanied by his father, Lawrence, and older brother, John, the young Yankee fan spent three days watching his favorite team practice for the upcoming season.

Two other grade school students were also winners in their own right. Paul Copeland and Mario Sbardella, members of Voorheesville Cub Pack 73,

recently walked away with honors as they represented the scouts at the Council's Klondike Derby held at the Colonie Town Park. With a possible score of 260 for 13 events, the boys attained a commendable score of 165 points.

Pancakes at fire house

Wives of hungry fishermen will be especially happy to hear that the Voorheesville Fire Department is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 2, at the fire house on School Rd. Breakfast will be served from 6 to 10 a.m., making it convenient for those fishermen who want to get out early on the first Saturday of trout season. Not limited to sportsmen, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, coffee and all the fixin's. Price is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Aerobic dancing resumes

Several area dance instructors have a reminder for those who tend to "pig out" after a visit from the Easter Bunny: swim suit time is just around the corner, so hop to it and get in shape! To help with this task several classes will be starting next week.

Pat Burnham and Jill DePasquale will begin dancercise classes at the Serendipity Day Care Center on Tuesday, April 5. Classes will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. for the next 10 weeks. Students may sign up for one, two or three nights per week. For fees and more information interested parties are asked to call either instructor during the day at 765-2399.

Aerobic Patterns also begins its Spring classes the week of April 4. Instructor Judy Arbour has classes scheduled on Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Thursday and Friday from 9:15 to 10:15, and on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 7:30



Yvonne Perry

p.m. all at the American Legion Hall. Instructor Sue Panthen is also offering an Aerobic Patterns course in conjunction with the Albany County Cooperative Extension. The six-week course designed to get one in shape for gardening will be held at the Cooperative Extension Center on Martin Rd. For more info on any Aerobic course call 439-0265.

Babysitting course is free

Babysitters take note: the popular course, "Sitting Safely," which covers the how-tos and whys of babysitting, will be offered at the Voorheesville Public Library after school at 3:30 p.m. on three consecutive Mondays, April 4, 11 and 18. Instructors for the free course are Officer Russell Carson and juvenile counselor Lisa Howard of the Guilderland Police Department. Assisting them will be PTSA liason Gladys Chamberlain and librarian Nancy Hutchinson. The three one-hour sessions are open to anyone 12 and older, but according to law only those 14 and over may take the test and receive an official certificate. Interested sitters may sign up in person at the library or may call to register at 765-2791.

Salute to Blackbirds

A banquet is being held to honor the girls, boys and coaches involved in

varsity, JV and 9th grade basketball in Voorheesville, as well as the varsity and JV cheerleaders. The dinner will be held at the Italian-American Community Center on Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$8.50 for boneless breast of chicken. Tickets are limited, and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To make reservations, interested parties are asked to call Rosemary Zongrone at 765-4084 or Sue Rockmore at 765-3661 by Saturday, April 2.

Theater with message

Here are some "Germs" parents will want their children to catch! On Thursday, April 7 EBA (Electronic Body Arts) will present their unique production *GERMS* for grades 1-3 at the elementary school during the school day. The program is an entertaining and educational look into the tiny world of viruses, molds and bacteria and how they help and harm people. This is one of the many productions sponsored by Theatre Fun for Young People, an independent, non-profit organization bringing live professional children's theater to the Voorheesville Central School District for over 15 years. Parents wanting information on Theatre Fun or the EBA presentation are asked to call Marquerite Teuten at 765-2642 or Linda Haaf at 765-2652.

From sixth to seventh

A reminder to sixth grade parents that there will be an informational meeting on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. The program will deal with information about the Junior High school curriculum, as well as social and personal aspects of the seventh grade program.

Variety-tickets available

Those who missed buying tickets for the Variety Show scheduled for April 15 and 16 may still purchase them next week. Tickets for the PTSA *Vaudeville Revue '83* will be on sale at the elementary school on Monday and Wednesday, April 4 and 6, between 7 and 8:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will also be a noon time sale at the high school on Thursday, April 7, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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Voorheesville's High School's band won acclaim as one of the best to perform in the Well of the Legislative Office Building in Albany recently. The band, led by Frank McDermott, was invited to play by Assemblyman Richard J. Connors, (D-Albany), continuing the annual custom of Assemblyman C.D. (Larry) Lane (R-Windham) before the change in legislative districts that affected New Scotland.

JCC plans Toronto trip

The senior adult department of the Albany Jewish Community Center is sponsoring a spring travel tour of Toronto and Niagara Falls for persons over 55. The trip, scheduled for May 22-

25, will include a variety of sight seeing excursions over the two day period. Deluxe accommodations and two meals daily are included in the package. Reservations with a down payment are required by April 8. For more detailed information call the center at 438-6651.

County revenue means lower taxes in village

Voorheesville property owners are getting a happy surprise this week. The word at village hall is that village taxes will be lower this year, in stark contrast to school taxes.

The budget to be presented at the annual public hearing shows a projected tax rate of \$3.80 per \$1,000 valuation, down from \$4.50 in the current fiscal year. That's a 15.5 percent drop for a total budget of \$452,960, up 8.2 percent from \$418,463.

The phenomenon of lower taxes and a higher budget is attributed to an unexpectedly large share of Albany County sales tax revenues allocated to the various municipalities in the county. That allocation enables the village to go to the taxpayers for only \$116,000 instead of the \$137,000 raised in the fiscal 1983 levy.

At its regular March meeting last week, the village board set April 13 at 7 p.m. for the annual public hearing on the budget and on federal revenue sharing allocations.

In the new budget document, water

VOORHEESVILLE

district expenditures are budgeted for \$124,000, up from \$107,000, but there will be no increase in the water rate charged to users on the village system, according to a board spokesman.

Apart from the inflation factor, which meant an increase in most of the individual line items in the new budget, the only major new item is a \$15,000 appropriation to cover expenses incurred in the protracted 1982 negotiations on the Salem Hills sewer rate.

At Tuesday's session, the board indicated it hoped to present at its April 26 meeting the final recommendation on the proposed village sewer system, comprised of a takeover of the private system in the Salem Hills subdivision and extensions to several adjacent sections in the so-called "old" village.

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"Unless the Church can learn to identify itself with Christ in his death and resurrection, unless it can, on Palm Sunday, approach his victory through death, die with him on Good Friday and rise with him at the culmination of the Paschal Vigil, it cannot accomplish its mission, which is not only to proclaim the good news but to embody it and to make itself a pattern of its corporate life, even as Christ himself not only proclaimed the Gospel but was and is the Gospel." (J. Gordon Davies, *Holy Week: A Short History*.)

Identifying with Christ through embodiment of the good news sounds much

more complicated than it actually is. It's the difference between talking a good game and playing one. It is putting words into actions, understanding and feelings into movement and faith into practice.

Holy Week, which is now upon us, affords us the opportunity to do all of those things perhaps more so than any other time of the Church year as we move with Christ from his entry into Jerusalem amidst the cries of "Hosanna" to Calvary, where those same voices have changed their tune to "Crucify him."

Immersing ourselves in his Passion allows us to come to a deeper understanding of those events and what they mean in our lives and to our lives. And having once again been strengthened in faith, embodiment can take place.

Where does that occur? Where are the hungry, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned? Where are there needs to be met, hands to be held in comfort, tears to be dried in shared sorrow? Where are the broken fences needing mending and the shattered life in need of rebuilding? Where are the cries of help coming from and how can they be answered by us?

Wherever we look, even in our own homes, embodiment needs to take place; the Good News needs to be shared, the

Christ-life needs to be lived. We need to move out from our oft-professed piety and move into some often painful practice. To say that Christ suffered and died for us is confession of faith; to share that suffering in ourselves and others dramatizes our faith; puts words into actions, belief into being and Christ at the center and core of our lives.

As we move toward Holy Week and Calvary, make time in your harried and hurried schedule to contemplate what great things God, in the Word made flesh, the embodiment of the love of the Father, has done, is doing and will do for us. Then, having seen and heard, live the Good News by his grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Teen challenger at local church

A team from Pennsylvania Teen Challenge will make a stop at the Bethlehem Community Church, Elm Avenue, Delmar, on Sunday, April 10, at 7 p.m. The team of 15 former drug addicts will use skits, personal witness and song to document how religion helped them break their drug habits. The program is free and geared for teenagers.

Teen challenge is a large non-profit drug program with 85 centers in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Holy Week celebrations

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Avenue, Delmar, will celebrate the Lord's Supper with a Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. A service tracing the Lord's suffering and death through dialogue, music and choral selections will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Good Friday, April 1. Finally, the sanctuary will be filled with flowers for an Easter festival service on Sunday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care will be provided for the three programs. The community is invited.

Christian school testing

Loudonville Christian Schools has scheduled testing for admission to grades 1-8 next fall on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. in the school library. There is no charge for admissions testing and results will be shared with parents. Parents may call the school office at 434-6051 to arrange for admissions testing and to receive further information.

Screening for entrance into Kindergarten will take place during the school week by appointment. Children must be five by December 31, in order to be considered.

Loudonville Christian School is sponsored by Loudonville Community Church. About 220 boys and girls are currently enrolled from all parts of the Capital District. The school is chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International.

April is for kids

April will be a "big" month for local children at the Bethlehem Public Library. The free series for young people will start on Thursday, April 7, when children over seven can make spongy paintings depicting what the muddy birth of spring looks like. Preregistration is required.

The library will have a film program on Friday, April 8. Preschoolers can go to the movies at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., while an afterschool movie will be on the library screen at 4 p.m.

A two-part mosaics workshops will be on the agenda for Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. Children over seven should be preregistered.

Starting April 1, original posters with the theme of "Clean Air Week" will be accepted for display in the children's room.

For information and registration, call the library at 439-9314.

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April 1	Good Friday	7:30 p.m.
April 2	Easter Vigil	7:30 p.m.
April 3	Easter Sunday Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
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Living his beliefs in Slingerlands

By Linda Anne Burtis

If they were giving out medals for being on the side of the angels, Gaston Cadieux would be right up in front of the pack.

Of course, Gus, as he is known, would never agree. He doesn't think he is doing anything extraordinary. He has twice quit his job to voluntarily help poor people in Latin America, while also fathering a young family.

For the past year he has been working to establish a new organization, Friends of Latin America — CLAMOR. Occasional odd jobs and his savings help keep vegetables on the table for Noreen, his wife, and their three children, Rogean, 10; Andre, 9, and Martin, 5.

Cadieux took his first big plunge in 1974 when he left his job as a school psychologist to "live in a Third World country," as he describes his intention. His primary motive was to experience living in an underdeveloped country, with a secondary goal of helping the people there. Mrs. Cadieux was equally committed to this experience, which meant living in primitive conditions with their two babies, then 26 months and 9 months old.

Their first plan was to go to Bangladesh via the Peace Corps. However, the Peace Corps wouldn't accept their application because they had children. Next, they applied to International Volunteer Services, an independent organization similar to the Peace Corps. This organization denied their request because they did not place married couples. Undaunted, they chose Honduras, flying there at their own expense. Their 90-day visitors passport was extended to three years, and they hardly behaved as "Yanki tourists" during their stay. Some Hondurans eyed them with suspicion, certain they were CIA spies.

Cadieux spent the first two years working with abandoned mothers and children. He taught the "basics of health, nutrition and good work habits." Of course, he was learning some of these "basics" himself because of his young family. With two babies in diapers and no electricity, Cadieux took over his chore. In the evenings he washed the diapers by hand and in the morning hung them out to dry. This chore shocked his machismo-conscious neighbors and, as Cadieux puts it, "I was probably the only man in the entire Honduran country doing the diapers."

The family suffered no serious health problems in adapting to their unmodernized new home. "Amoebas, parasites and a lot of colds were our biggest problems," he said.

During their third year in Honduras, the Cadieux family moved to a small village where Cadieux became a farmer. For him, farming was "a very practical learning experience in how difficult it is to live off the land in Latin America." Climate, among other pressures, ac-



Gus Cadieux recalls his years in Central America. Tom Howe's

counts for hardship farming in that part of the world. He grew corn, soybeans and sorghum. He also helped the people build a community center.

While in the village of El Barranco, Cadieux met Melinda, a 7-year-old child who was blind because of an eye infection triggered by a lack of Vitamin A. He began taking her to the doctor in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. Preparations were made there to do a cornea transplant. Melinda learned to listen for the sound of Cadieux's Volkswagen and looked forward to her trips with him. Tragically, the transplant operation killed her. "She died on the operating table, probably because she was in such bad shape physically."

In 1977, the Cadieux family returned to the United States, settling in Slingerlands. They had grown accustomed to their primitive environment, and now, "just seeing everyone wearing shoes was a culture-shock." Cadieux planned on finding employment related to Latin America but, not succeeding, took a job as a prison counselor at the Coxsackie Correctional Facility.

His grass-roots contact with poverty left its mark on Cadieux, driving him to shun affluent living as well as to teach others the lessons to be learned from poverty. He and his wife were coming to believe deeply in "simple living." And, this type of lifestyle continued when they returned to the United States. Their modest, old home in Slingerlands is furnished second-hand style with few appliances. They are sensitive not to waste food, and have changed their diet, eating meat only three times a week.

In 1980 he participated in a seminar on Latin American organized by Catholic Relief Services. Awareness of a need for an "independent group to promote outreach on Latin America" grew out of

this seminar. Friends of Latin America — CLAMOR was formed.

For two years he worked two jobs, his paid counseling work, and his work at launching this new organization. Recognizing that he "didn't have enough time to do both," he decided last April to leave the Department of Corrections. For almost a year, he has volunteered himself full-time to Friends of Latin America.

His handout reads, "Our main goal remains a broad educational one: to bring about greater understanding and increased solidarity between the peoples of the Americas. To this end we invite all willing individuals and groups to join us."

While not winning big headlines, the organization is slowly educating the public. Among other places, Cadieux has given a slide presentation to the 4th and 5th graders of the Slingerlands Elementary School. Friday and Saturday evenings are slide presentations cum spaghetti dinners at the Cadieux home.

Asked why he was willing to work hard for no salary, Cadieux, a devout Catholic, responded, "I take my religion seriously." He was raised in a family with strong religious roots and this upbringing had guided his career choices in the "helping" professions. And his Honduran experience has made his commitment even deeper. "It has to do with a sense of values. We value people more than material. We see a great need in Latin America and we want to be of service."

This soft-spoken man agrees that he has a real, uphill struggle ahead. He acknowledges getting discouraged "maybe, once in a while." But Cadieux will stay with it. Financial support and encouragement from friends helps maintain this fledgling organization. Hopefully, this Olympic commitment from Gus Cadieux will make a few dents in the tragedy of poverty. At least he continues to try.

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Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

March 27, 1958

In an informal poll of residents of the Bethlehem Water District, a proposal to add fluorides to the water system was overwhelmingly defeated. Of 2,488 residents who cast votes at fire stations in Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands, 1,571 voted No, 915 voted Yes, and there were two void ballots. The unofficial count showed 63½ percent opposed, 36½ percent in favor. Prior to the poll, the town board stated that the vote was not a formal referendum, and that it would not be binding on board members.

The Voorheesville Board of Trade will hold its annual Easter Egg Rolling Contest on Saturday on the village green for children 1-12. Norman Bayly is chairman, assisted by Edward Krause, John Austin, Harold Schultz and Dick Crannell.

March 28, 1968

The Bethlehem Town Board has authorized a bond issue in the amount of \$125,000 to purchase a park site on the shore of the Hudson River.

March 30, 1978

Recruited missionaries of the billion-dollar Unification Church made a whirlwind "hit" on several localities, including Delmar, over the Easter weekend. Police and town authorities in Bethlehem had no legal way to stop them. The tactic: bright-faced, smiling young men selling candy in high-traffic shopping areas. The timing: on a sunny spring weekend, when people are in a relaxed, generous mood after a long winter. Several merchants evicted the "Moonies" from their stores and sidewalks. Supervisor Tom Corrigan made a personal appeal to two canvassers to suspend their solicitations on Good Friday. The followers of Rev. Moon told him they did not know it was Good Friday, and gave no indication they would respect the appeal. Later, several shoppers and store clerks who "bought" the candy were dismayed to learn the identity of their benefaction.

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Fourteen RCS Senior High students were inducted into the National Honor Society at an impressive ceremony on March 17. Eligibility is open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 and selections are based on a student's scholarship service, leadership and character. Students inducted at the ceremony were Lisa Allegretta, John Dwyer, Stephanie Francois, Susan Gleason, Andrew Guthrie, Donna Marshall, Eric Mastrengelo, Lisa O'Brien, Stephen Oliver, Rebecca Ross, Roger Sevilla, Michelle Wade, Beth White and Garth Wright.

Craft display coming

"Hobbies — Sharing Gods Gifts" will be the theme of the monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women to be held at the United Methodist Church, Willow Brook Ave, South Bethlehem April 6 at 8 p.m. The evening devotions will be led by Carol Owens.

Under the direction of Eunice Hunter, program leader, the meeting will center on 10 hobbyists who will display their crafts and hobbies and provide information. Refreshments will be served by the hostesses, Dolores Arnheiter and Eunice Hunter.

Elks installation Saturday

Elks and their families are invited to meet their officers at a special installation and dinner to be held April 2 at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk. Installation for the Ladies Auxiliary will begin at 4 p.m. with Alice Ross installed as president, Sandra Sharrow as vice president, Judy Summer as secretary, Kathy Mokiber as treasurer, Lillian Countryman as advisor and Sandra Van Alstyne and Brenda Rossman as trustees.

Norman Mokiber, exalted ruler; Aldin

Countryman, esteemed leading knight, Richard Warnken, Jr., esteemed Royal Knight; Raymond Kalenbek, esteemed lecture knight; secretary, Robert Day; and-treasurer James Hausman will take office at 5 p.m.

The program will continue with cocktail hour, a prime rib dinner at 7:30 and music and dancing to follow.

Talent winners at Grange

The Bethlehem Junior Grange was one of eight area granges that participated in the rally held recently at the Ravena grange hall. A number of area youths were winners in the talent contest held during the days' activities.

Kristal Burns was chosen a winner for the ballet she performed. Holly Wilkie won in both the vocal and tap dance division. Billy Stanton, Chris Stanton, Robbie Burns and Scott Shord were winners for their singing and dramatization of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Each child is now eligible to compete in the regional competition to be held in April.

Four children were also received into membership during the program. Welcomed as new Junior Grange members were Scott Shord, Krystal Burns, Jennifer Eiske and William Staph.

Historical fund-raiser

Members of the Bethlehem Historical Association are planning a Tailgate Sale for Saturday, May 21. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the School House Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Cedar Hill. The sale will include antiques, home baked goods, good used clothes, plants, white elephant items, genealogy information and refreshments. Interested exhibitors may call 767-9919

or 439-1448 for information on booth rental.

DAR seeks members

The Hannacrois Chapter of the DAR would like to invite any women 18 years of age or older, who are direct descendants of men or women who fought or gave material aid to the patriot cause during the Revolutionary War to join their organization. Anyone interested in membership may contact Mrs. Gilbert Houk at 767-3356.

Senior menu ready

Senior Projects of Ravena's menu beginning Thursday, March 31; Thursday, beef stew, cole slaw, Friday, tomato soup, batter-dipped fish fillet; Monday, roast chicken, baked potato; Tuesday, pot roast, mashed potato; Wednesday, cheeseburger, french fries; Thursday, sauteed liver with onions, potato pancakes.

Easter services listed

With Easter only a few days away, many area churches have special services scheduled.

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church has planned the re-creation of the Last Supper to commemorate Maundy Thursday. Those attending the 8 p.m. service March 31 will partake of a symbolic meal in the church hall, dining by candlelight, on unleavened bread, milk fruit and nuts.

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem invites all to join them Maundy Thursday when they gather in the chapel to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

A Good Friday service will be held April 1 at the Ravena Wesleyan Church from noon until 3 p.m. "The Power of the Cross" will be the theme presented by ministers of the RCS Association of Churches. Music will be provided by many of the area churches.

Good Friday evening the South Bethlehem United Methodist church will conduct a special Lenten service at 7:30 p.m.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District was slated to hand over a check for \$186,000 to Albany County Friday following a court decision in an assessment appeal by the owners of Fonda del Sol, an apartment complex in the district. The sum is a return of taxes paid to the district by the county when the district was unable to collect the taxes within 30 days of the due date.

By law, school districts give the names of delinquent property owners to the county, which then gives the district an amount equal to the taxes owed and in turn tries to collect them. In this case, a reduction in the assessment was won by owners of Fonda del Sol for the years 1976 to 1982.

District Superintendent Milton Chodack said the district had planned to cover part of the amount and would pay the remainder out of energy savings realized this past year. Energy costs were less than budgeted because of a combination of the warm winter, oil price declines and a nearly \$1-million energy-conservation project undertaken last year.

At its March 22 meeting, the school board approved in-service program for the 10 district administrators aimed at computer literacy. The board also approved summer guidance services and a summer driver education program.

CPR course offered

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation from 7 to 10 p.m. April 11, 12, 13 and 14 at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Pre-registration is required by calling the park office, 439-4131, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays and the first 10 persons who pre-register will constitute the class. There is no fee, but participants will be required to purchase a CPR textbook.

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There is a phrase that goes: a prophet is not believed in his own country. In my observations the phrase itself is believed by many even if it were spoken by a prophet.

It is commonly held that one whose thoughts and deeds have had worldly impact rarely has been recognized as a truly great person until faraway corners of the earth proclaimed that greatness. We speak of those whose fame has reached us and laud them as though they had always been famous or at least destined to be. We explore their childhoods and realize with hindsight clarity that seeds of greatness had always been there.

Perhaps out of guilt . . . we raise our heroes to superhuman heights and worship them, remarking at how quickly they distinguished themselves.

Yet when the great one was our friend, our classmate, our neighbor, then we exclaim "Why, I knew him when he was nothing," or, "Heck, she used to come to our house for milk and cookies." We also claim foresight at times declaring "I always had a feeling he was gonna make it big."

Consider how many of history's artists and scientists were denied the enjoyment of their own fame because the conclusion they were indeed famous was not reached by a skeptical world until after their death. Even in this day and age where arteries of mass media are regularly injected with prime time promotional hype, overnight fame still remains a rare shot in the dark.

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



When sudden fame does hit, we are not reluctant to heap its fortunes at the feet of the great one who earned it. Perhaps out of guilt for not recognizing all the others whose awards have been presented posthumously, we raise our heroes to superhuman heights and worship them, remarking at how quickly they distinguished themselves. We tend to ignore the long hard road which typically leads to most pinnacles of achievement.

As one recent example, George Benson has grabbed onto a star in the pop music sky and found an instant worldly following for his stellar performances. Listeners young and old have been delighted with their "new" discovery. I, too, am delighted by his current music, but I recall catching his rhythm and blues group in the early Sixties as they made the rounds on the black nightclub circuit. Our minority jazz aficionados loved his playing then, but never foresaw his ability to chart a course into Top Forty Land. We simply knew him way back when.

Our shortsightedness has its funny side, too. Bill Cosby once revealed on a talk show that he had saved a note sent home to his parents by an elementary school teacher proclaiming that he would "never amount to anything." But seriously, can you imagine what it must have been like to have a little Bill Cosby in your class? Would you have recognized genius? You probably would have bet on Fat Albert instead.

Even when genius reveals itself so early as to be unmistakable, such as it did with

Mozart, it seems the talent must first be cast beyond the hometown horizon before the local gentry will believe it. The message of the prophet must be believed by strangers before it will be heeded by those next door.

Perhaps early societies had the same idea when they sent their young men away from the village to pass puberty tests and seek fortunes. It was only upon their return that they were elevated to full-fledged manhood. Modern culture has extended that idea to women and has employed electronic media to replace the long and winding road to the distant world.

Notwithstanding our difficulty recognizing greatness in our friends and neighbors, I am more concerned about our ability to recognize that quality in ourselves. Some among us have reached fame or fortune or both; most have not. I am afraid that most of us have learned to accept mediocrity as the average and simply do not expect excellence every day, but rather on rare occasions.

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As a nation of people we have not reached deeply enough inside ourselves to recognize the greatness that is there. And if we have, then we haven't pulled it out to share it with others. And if we have shared it, then we've allowed criticism to scare it back into hiding. And if we've gotten past the criticism, then we have

contented ourselves with initial acclaim and then settled for semi-comfortable nests of security taking our excellence no further.

Whatever your plight or pleasure, I challenge you to discover your worth, the pearl within your oyster shell. I beseech you to ply it, mold it, develop and refine it, and to present it to the world around you. Should fame and fortune result, I and my cohabitants of the planet will applaud you and benefit from your gifts. Should anything less than fame or fortune befall you, then at least you will have made your run at the roses and, along the way, perhaps experienced a few cherished moments of bliss.

At the very least, you will have passed on your effort at greatness to others who may be able to take it further. If you wave your flag for all to see, when it drops, there will always be someone to pick it up and wave it even higher. It's how life goes on.

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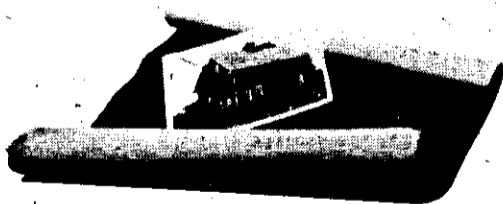
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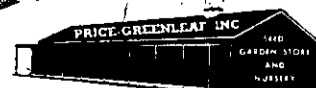
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Seminars set for trade show

Seminars are among the features of the Bethlehem Trade Show slated Sunday, April 17, to benefit the Bethlehem Central High School marching band.

The show, being organized by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the high school. Admission is \$1, with children under 1 free.

Local merchants have rented booth space to exhibit products and, in addition, will offer seminars on such topics as owning your own phone, health care alternatives, cable TV programming and art design. Bethlehem police will present information on commercial and residential security, and also on traffic safety, including use of radar. The Cooperative Extension Service will offer

BUSINESS

free soil testing from 10 a.m. to noon, and Geothermal Systems will present information about heating and cooling a home with groundwater.

Refreshments will be available, and door prizes and special offers are planned. News Radio 1460 will broadcast from the show during the day.

Chart on tax breaks

Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc., has released a chart outlining the new Real Property Tax Exemption Law.

In 1983 more Albany County homeowners 65 years of age and older are eligible for a Real Property Tax Exemption. New York State has increased the eligibility levels and some local taxing districts have in turn followed suit to offer more older residents the opportunity to be eligible for this tax exemption on property.

"It is important that seniors check and see if the municipality in which they live has increased the income eligibility levels. The free chart explains how and where to apply for the exemption and lists the filing dates. Filing time is now," according to June A. Bonneau, executive director of Senior Service Centers.

McCleanup

Scouting groups throughout the Albany area are invited to participate in a Spring Scouting Clean Up Day Saturday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through their local McDonald's restaurants.

In return for cleaning up their community, McDonald's will supply participating scouts with trash bags, crew hats, complimentary food coupons and recognition certificate.

To register for the clean up scout groups and their leaders should contact their local McDonald's restaurant, or call the Clean-Up Hotline at 458-2722.

Workshop plans tree, shrub sale

The Heldeberg Workshop, An Adventure in Learning, Inc., will offer for sale a select variety of evergreens, shrubs, perennial ground covers, flowers and hardy fruits during its tenth annual tree and shrub sale.

Orders will be accepted through April 9. Plants and seedlings will be available for pick-up Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the workshop land on Picard Road in Voorheesville.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Heldeberg Workshop, a non-profit organization, which this summer will offer its 23rd season of outdoor educational programs for children and adults.

For information write to Heldeberg Workshop, Voorheesville 12186, or phone Wiltrud Rasmussen at 765-3188 or Wendy Barcomb at 895-2269.

Items for sale are evergreens suitable for windbreaks, wildlife cover and screens including Canadian hemlock which can be pruned to form a hedge 2-30 feet high, Colorado blue spruce which is also good as ornamental or Christmas tree and Austrian pine. Cardinal shrub,

autumn olive (cardinal) and high bush cranberry are flower and/or berry-bearing shrubs attractant to songbirds and butterflies.

A package of two varieties of dwarf apples necessary for cross-pollination include MacIntosh and red delicious. Other fruits are thornless Canby raspberry and hardy mid to late season bearing Sparkle strawberries.

Perennial ground cover for problem areas include crownvetch, a 12-15 inch tall legume for slopes, banks and other erosion prone areas that are hard to mow; creeping phlox which forms a 4-6 inch pink carpet with needle-like evergreen leaves flowering April-May, and Pachysandra, a shade loving evergreen.

Columbine, an old fashioned garden favorite, along with Mediterranean pink, coral bells, brilliant orange cluster producing butterflyweed with canoe-shaped pods excellent for dried arrangements, and Dutchmen's breeches with fernlike foliage producing 8-12 inch flowering spikes mid to late spring are all perennial for home and garden.



Michael A. Kornstein

Law firm partner

Michael A. Kornstein was recently named a partner in the Albany law firm of Cooper, Erving & Savage. He and his wife, Margaret, reside in Elmsmere.

McKone a director

Francis L. McKone of Glenmont, group vice president, papermaking products, for Albany International, has been elected a director of the Menands company. He joined the company in 1964, and has served as vice president and general manager of Canadian operations and headed U.S. operations before being named a group vice president.

McKone has a bachelor's degree from the University of Lowell and a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The company manufactures fabrics used in paper production and had 1982 sales of \$333 million.

New estate service

Key Trust Company has announced that a new program, known as Estate Settlement Service, is now available to assist individuals such as family members, friends or attorneys named by wills to serve as executors.

The Key Bank subsidiary noted that studies show that most wills leave the decisions of cash management, estate administration and estate investments to an individual who often must seek expert help to meet the legal requirements of management to secure maximum return on assets. With the new service, the company said, available funds can be put to work immediately so that no time is lost in attaining asset earnings.

Radiator shop opening soon

Doug Shanley of Delmar has just opened a radiator repair shop at 300 Delaware Ave., Delmar, just behind Verardi's. A 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central, Shanley worked in an Albany radiator repair shop for eight years before deciding to open one in Delmar.

His new shop will repair radiators on both domestic and foreign cars, on industrial equipment such as bulldozers, and in all kinds of cooling systems. The shop is doing both retail and wholesale business, and offers pickup and delivery for garages. Individuals can bring in their cars, or just their radiators, Shanley said. "We'll repair it or replace it, whatever is called for."

Shanley's father, James, who just retired as a chemist for Albany Felt Co., will be helping in the shop. Doug Shanley attended the State University College at Cobleskill, earning an associate's degree in business administration.

Rose heads law review

Andrew C. Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Rose Jr. of Delmar, has been elected editor-in-chief of Albany Law Review. He is a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1980 graduate of the University of Southern California. Rose is currently enrolled in the joint M.B.A.-J.D. program at Albany Law School.

In executive club

Arnold M. Kaplan of Delmar, an account executive in the Albany office of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., has been awarded membership in the company's executive club.

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Inducted at lodge

Gideon Lodge #140 of B'nai B'rith of Albany recently inducted new members. Among them are Samuel Bogen, Gerald Chaifetz, Irwin M. Dana, Jerry Friedman, Daniel A. Goldstein, Norman Gross, Laurence S. Kaminsky, Adrian Levy, Dr. Leonard Rockmore, Allen Yarinsky, Cantor Howard Stahl and Benjamin Mendel, all of Delmar; Terry S. Freedland of Elmsmere, Marvin Plesser of Slingerlands, and Jeffrey Fox of Voorheesville.

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Shaffer, Applegate still in the fast lane

By Julie Ann Sosa

Swimming is the sport, and Janet Shaffer and Dirk Applegate are the swimmers. One year ago, she was a sophomore at Bethlehem Central. He was a junior at Voorheesville. Not any more.

Now they are teammates at Mercersburg Academy in southeastern Pennsylvania, and they've done a lot in just seven months there. Janet has broken a national prep school record and qualified for junior and senior Nationals. Dirk qualified for junior Nationals. Both local recruits swim for a Mercersburg team that is the favorite to be named the top U.S. prep school in swimming by *Swimming World Magazine* this spring.

Shaffer, a 5-foot-11 17-year old nicknamed "Peepers" by her teammates, is not new to winning. She swam for Ray Sliter's Suburban Council and Section 2 1980-81 champion varsity team (this year Shaker swam away with the honor). In the process, she set school and section records in her specialty races, the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

Shaffer has been to Syracuse twice, but hit her zenith at her first Empire State Games when she broke barriers in the scholastic division 50-meter (28.1) and 100-meter free (1:01.50). By 1982, she had grown into the senior division and was content to place against stiffer competition.

Her 11th year in competitive swimming has proven to be her best. She started her career as a Pennsylvanian by playing water polo in the off-season last fall. A first-time player, she was a varsity wing and scored in each of the three games she played in.

More at home in pool lanes than a pool court, she has placed high in the highlight meets of the winter season. At the Eastern Private School Championships in Lawrenceville, N.J., she compet-

ed against the best 20 teams from the Atlantic seaboard and came away with a personal best that was also a meet and prep school record in the 50-yard free (24.17). She also anchored the 200-yard medley relay that set a school record (1:48) and missed the national time-to-beat by a half second. Needless to say, Mercersburg won the meet.

Perhaps her sweetest win of the season came against the 1981-82 prep school champion, Peddie, from Hightown, N.J. Mercersburg upset Peddie handily, and Shaffer was in the spotlight again, winning the 50 free (24.25, a then-best) and helping the victorious medley relay on the butterfly leg.

At the California swim-off against the nation's top public high school, Mission Viejo, Mercersburg was swamped, but Shaffer swam off with yet another 50 free win (24.2) and a piece of the 200-medley relay victory.

This summer Shaffer plans to suit up in her Delmar Dolphin blues and work as a teacher or lifeguard at the Elm Ave. park pool. Included in her plans is the hope for an athletic scholarship to a university with an accent on swimming.

Applegate, also 17, is repeating his junior year at Mercersburg. That only prolongs an impressive swimming career that began with Guilderville, for which he was a winner at the 1982 Syracuse Intersectionals and set a Section 2 100-yard freestyle mark (47.9) that still stands. He has been to the Empire States three times.

Like Shaffer, he is a sprinting specialist who doubles in the 50 and 100 freestyle (he likes the 100 better). Although he is still not the fastest Mercersburg stroker in the two events, he has managed to accumulate a list of laurels. At Mission Viejo he swam to a second in the 100 (47.3) and a third in the 50 (21.7). At the Easterns he was third in the 100 and sixth in the 50.



Introducing two future stars of the 1988 Bethlehem varsity swimming team: these Delmar Dolphins 10-year-olds, Drew Patrick, left, and Jennifer Mosley, have qualified for the Eastern Zone championships in Syracuse in April. Tom Howes

2 Dolphins, 2 Mallerys earn berths to Syracuse

Four Delmar swimmers earned a trip to the Eastern Zone championships in Syracuse with strong performances at the 15th annual Adirondack District short-course Junior Olympics over the weekend at the Burnt Hills High school pool.

Drew Patrick of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club set a new district and meet record in winning three events in the boys 10-and-under age group. Jennifer Mosley of the Dolphins, swimming in the girls 10-and-under division, had three second-place finishes to qualify for the zone meet.

Sue Mallery, a 13-year-old Delmar swimmer competing for the Albany Starfish club, scored two firsts, two seconds and two thirds in the six events she entered in girls 13-14. Her sister Kristin had two seconds, two thirds and a fifth in girls 11-12.

The zone championships, embracing 13 associations in an area from Maine to Virginia and Ohio, will be held at Nottingham High school, Syracuse, April 14-16. The two Dolphin 10-year-olds and the Mallery sisters will be among 58 swimmers comprising the Adirondack District team.

Patrick broke the former district and meet record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a 1:23.41 clocking. He also won the 50-yard breaststroke in 37.98 and the 200-yard individual medley in 2:54.48. He was second in the 100 freestyle, fourth in the 100 IM and sixth in the 50 free.

Mosley was second in the 50 free, 50 and 100 breaststroke events, fourth in the 100 IM and sixth in the 100 free.

Sue Mallery won the 200 backstroke in 2:23.06 and the 100 butterfly in 1:03.57. She was second in the 200 fly and 50 freestyle, and third in the 100 free and 200 IM. Kristin Mallery had seconds in the 200 free and 100 backstroke, thirds in the 100 free and 100 IM, and a fifth in the 100 fly.

Janet Shaffer, a Dolphin swimmer home on vacation from Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy, set three meet records in winning freestyle events. Her 24.68 in the 50 was also an Adirondack District record. The new meet marks were 2:00.45 in the 200 and 54.83 in the 100.

Shaffer, a junior who holds national prep school records, also turned in a third-place finish in the breaststroke in the girls 15-18 category.

Dolphin relay teams also had strong performances. The girls 10-and-under quartet of Jennifer Mosely, Merideth Dix, Rima Woo and Carrie Merrill placed third in both the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay. In boys' 11-12, Chris Drew, Justin Bairc, Brink Hartman and Keith Dix placed second in the two relays, as did John Demarest, Matt Holland, Doug Schulz and Knut Hvalsmarken in the boys' 15-18 400-yard medley relay. Demarest, Eric Patrick, Dave Young and Hvalsmarken were third in the 400 free relay.

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Local wrestlers win honors

Wrestling honors went to several local grapplers in amateur competitions on three fronts over the weekend.

At the New York State Freestyle championships at Albany State, Voorheesville's Jeff Clark won six straight bouts to capture the 123-pound crown in the high school division. Winning three of the bouts by pins, Clark, a state scholastic champion, and Gene Stauters, former Ballston Spa standout, were voted the Most Outstanding Wrestlers in the Saturday tournament sponsored by the Adirondack Three-Style Wrestling Association.

Shawn Sheldon, a Voorheesville teammate of Clark's was the only wrestler to win first place in both the high school and open divisions. Sheldon took the 115-pound crown in the high school division and the 114.5 title in the open category. Matt Ryan, a former Voorheesville High School wrestler, placed in the 198-pound open class.

In an Adirondack AAU Freestyle tournament at Niskayuna High School Sunday, Mike Tinsman, Bethlehem Central High School wrestler, was runnerup in the 112-pound division. Chris Saba, a BC seventh grader, was fourth in his age division. Both qualified for the Easterns at Easton, Pa. in June.

Saba and Christian Clark, a Voorheesville fourth grader and brother of Jeff, won top honors in their respective age and weight classes in a PeeWee tournament at Niskayuna Saturday. John Traudt of Voorheesville got a third place in Division 3 (ages 11-12), and fourth places went to four other Voorheesville grapplers, Mario Darpino, Matt Cillis, Rick Leach and Jeff Lawyer.

A week earlier in a PeeWee tourney at Saratoga, Leach took a first place, Darpino a second, Traudt and Paul Novak third places and Keith Lans a fourth place. All are members of Voorheesville's youth wrestling program.

Drama in pro net final

A sharp-hitting 15-year-old Guilderland girl led a dramatic uphill surge that carried her teammates to a lucrative victory in the finals of the Southwood Capital Pro Tennis League Sunday.

Tracy Steve, subbing for the injured Ann Treadway, teamed with Pat Podgurski of Albany to fight off three match points in a second-set tiebreaker against Gail Diffley of Schenectady and Areta Rakoczy of Latham. With the two teams deadlocked at 2-all in matches, and the

decisive match at 4-all in the third set, Steve and Podgurski broke Diffley in the ninth game and Steve served out the set, match and team championship. The score was 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.

The winners, sponsored by Jack's Oyster House and Keeler Motor Cars, earned a \$700 pool with \$300 going to second place. Runnerups were GE-Century House, led by Bethlehem's singles champion, Cliff Montgomery, who took the No. 1 singles in the final playoff by defeating Bill McArthur, 6-3, 7-6.

GE-Century House also won the No. 2 singles, Gere Buch over Steve Hammond, 6-3, 6-3, but Jack's-Keeler's swept the men's doubles, Bruce Negri-Roman Rakoczy over Leslie Arakelian-Gene Gould, 6-4, 6-4, and the mixed doubles, Jeff Jordan-Theresa Steve over Mike Harrison-Linda Burtis, 7-6, 7-5, as well as the decisive women's doubles.

Ironically, Tracy Steve had to pass up her share of the winning pot, divided among eight players. As a high school tennis player, she must protect her amateur standing.

In Union band

Naomi Mindel, a 1984 economics major at Union College is a member of the college's concert band.

Mendel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mendel, 9 Pineview Ave., Delmar, and is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on April 6, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Bedros Karian, 20 Winne Place, Glenmont, New York for a Special Exception under Article V of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to permit a modification of a previously granted Special Exception to permit a change in boundary property line at premises, Winne Place, Glenmont, Town of Bethlehem.

Charles B. Fritts
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Board of Appeals
(March 30)

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York, has on the 23rd day of March, 1983 duly adopted, subject to permissive referendum, a resolution, an abstract of which is as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem deems that a drainage easement granted by Kleisy Building Corporation and accepted by the Town Board under date of May 24, 1978 is no longer required and desires to reconvey said easement located in the Westchester Woods, Extension No. 1, Sec. 2, to Kleisy Building Corporation.

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

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

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARION T. CAMP
Town Clerk,
Town of Bethlehem
Dated: March 23, 1983
(March 30)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Iron Castings, specifically Heavy Highway Frames and Grates and Heavy Highway Manhole Frames and Covers, during the period from 1 May 1983 to 30 April 1984 inclusive, for the use of said Town, as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 2:15 P.M. on the 11th day of April 1983 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face

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thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Dated: March 23, 1983
(March 30)

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York on the 23rd day of March, 1983.

PRESENT: Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, Mr. Hendrick.

ABSENT: Mr. Corrigan.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968, and last amended on the 22nd day of December, 1982 as follows:

1. Amend Article II, SPEED LIMITS, Section 1, paragraph (c) Thirty (30) miles per hour by adding thereto:

64. Krumkill Road from Albany City line to New York Telephone Pole No. 48 (located near the William and Conrad Hartman farm driveway)

The foregoing amendment shall take effect ten (10) days after publication.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was presented for adoption by Mr. Geurtze, was seconded by Mr. Prothero and was duly adopted by the following vote:

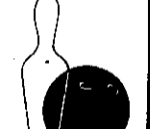
Ayes: Mrs. Bickel, Mr. Geurtze, Mr. Prothero, Mr. Hendrick.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mr. Corrigan.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARION T. CAMP
Town Clerk
Dated: March 23, 1983
(March 30)

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Valuable insights

Editor, The Spotlight:

Norman G. Cohen's "Family Matters" column in your March 23 issue movingly describes the personal aspects of the experience of being laid off. He conveyed with accuracy and clarity the traumatic effect upon both an individual and an entire organization faced with the prospect of a reduction in force in an atmosphere of uncertainty.

His balanced perspective on the set of realities confronting those who actually lose their jobs and those who do not, but are also deeply affected, contributes to public understanding of the human significance of this increasingly common experience. We all need to understand the plight of men and women who, through no fault of their own, suddenly find themselves unemployed and with poor prospects for re-employment. Mr. Cohen has given us some valuable, if painful, insights into this devastating experience.

Jesse Nixon, Jr., Ph.D.

Chief Executive Officer

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Volunteers upset with cuts

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a senior at Bethlehem Central High School and have been a volunteer for the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services for the past three years. Two years ago, I and a few volunteers from the high school helped to form a student association of high school Eleanor Roosevelt volunteers. The organization is called Students for South Albany Clients. Our organization has volunteers who participate in a number of recreational programs throughout the Albany area. We participate in bowling

programs, swimming programs, and put on dances for our clients on holidays at the town hall.

The mentally retarded children and adults involved in the ERDS recreational programs desperately need the kind of social interaction and physical exercise involved with these programs. These programs are a necessity to their development and their progress — without them they will make no improvements and possibly regress. This will eventually lead to more of these individuals in institutions.

Last week, five of the eight staff positions at the recreation department were lost due to budget cuts. The lack of staff caused most of the recreation programs to be halted, which is very disturbing to my fellow club members and me.

The justification used now for cutting our programs out of the budget is ridiculous. To save money now will end up costing the state, and the tax payer, more when these individuals must be institutionalized later.

These programs are not only beneficial for the clients, but also for all the volunteers who participate. Those of us who have volunteered enjoy sharing a little of what we have with those who are not as fortunate as ourselves. We have laughed, loved and cried with these people, and will all feel that there is something missing in our lives if these programs are lost.

My fellow club members and I understand that "times are tough." It is a shame, though, that these programs that have helped all of us who have volunteered to love, learn about and understand some very special people might cease to exist.

Delmar

Rebecca Rinehart

Part of the show

Editor, The Spotlight:

When the people in the Town of Bethlehem think of volunteer firemen, they think of safety of their property. Not only do these brave volunteers protect us, our homes and belongings, they also contribute other special services. Stage

700, Bethlehem Central High School, thanks the men responsible for hanging the banner at the Four Corners advertising "The Boys from Syracuse" and the extra effort it took to put it in place. Your community effort was appreciated and added to the success of our show.

Andrew LaBarge

Elsmere

Pulse of the district

Editor, The Spotlight:

SWOOOSH! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's SUPERWOMAN!

No, it's just Sheila Fuller the past four Monday mornings, kissing her children good-bye, plugging in the coffee pot, running the vacuum cleaner, and whipping up a cake. And with her other hand, she's opening the door to her home to welcome the public for an earnest and in-depth question-and-answer period covering everything-you-always-wanted-to-know-about-Bethlehem-schools-but-couldn't-find-anyone-to-ask.

Board of Education member Sheila Fuller deserves our thanks for "going the extra mile" to serve the public. Until her coffees, a forum between school administrators and the public has not been available. Now, people have had an opportunity to ask questions, to receive answers and to express opinions.

People in attendance have been able to see that administrators do not really breathe the fire after all, but they are courteous to questioners, they are candid in their responses, and they are respectful of (albeit not necessarily swayed by) differences of opinion.

Administrators have had an opportunity to see that people in attendance did not come prepared to tar and feather, but that they are sensitive, intelligent, respectful, sincerely interested and eager to be enlightened.

The value of this kind of exchange and sharing of perspectives can not be minimized; it seemed clear that there is a need, on all levels (with teachers, principals, administrators), for a place where people can be heard and answered. Perhaps the administration will be encouraged to follow Sheila's fine example and to sponsor, themselves, some coffees which will enable them to "take our pulses" throughout the year and not just at budget time.

Slingerlands

Nancy Relyea

Congratulations

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations to the Voorheesville Blackbirds All Star Basketball Champions! They make us all proud of their achievements, their talents and their willingness to give of themselves, in a team effort, to become an outstanding success. What a pleasant contrast to the deeds of the school bus seat slashers reported in the same newspaper issue.

Congratulations also to the *Spotlight* for its creative journalistic centerfold depicting this success story of the Blackbirds! This issue illustrates the creativeness of imagination available to all of us who will desire to strive. The *Spotlight* has come a long way in the last few years.

Finally, congratulations to the business people who were proud enough to lay their money and prestige on the line, to say "we care" by sponsoring this double page. This piece of newspaper artistry demonstrates to all of us three different types of community spirit needed in greater degree in today's world. They are the raw desire to give totally of yourself to succeed, recognition of a display of superior talent by the established community and a willingness and humility to praise the accomplishments of others when a job has been well done. Let's keep this spirit alive. Thus, to the Blackbirds, to *The Spotlight* and to our business community leaders, I say a proud — WELL DONE! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

North Bethlehem

Kenneth P. Hahn

More on speeding

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter is in response to Mr. Van Ravensway's letter of March 16 concerning the speeding ticket issued to his friend, Mr. Curtis, on New Scotland Rd.

My point in this letter is not to question the actual technicalities of the traffic stop, but rather to question Mr. Van Ravensway's attitude concerning the law and the applications of it.

Upon reading Mr. Van Ravensway's letter I was, to say the least, startled that a man of 70 years could have such a basic disrespect and uncaring attitude about the laws and regulations that are put into

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effect to help him and the citizens around him.

Simply because it was late at night and no other autos were in sight gives Mr. Curtis *no reason* to surpass the posted speed limit. The speed limit is posted for peoples safety, not decoration as so many seem to think.

The aspect of Mr. Van Ravensway's letter that really bothered me was his belief that if you can get away with it, do it. Does "rightfully" breaking the speed limit mean that running stop signs, traffic lights and other relatively minor infraction are also permitted if there are no other cars in sight?

Mr. Van Ravensway, do you want cars racing up and down your street late at night simply because they can get away with it? I don't think so.

One last thing. Mr. Curtis may have a perfect driving record for all I know, but who really cares if he can drive to New York City, Syracuse or Binghamton and return in the same day? It only takes one slip of the wheel to make nightmares come true, and speeding is a major factor in many auto accidents.

I believe I speak for a majority of this town's residents when I say that it is automobile operators with your attitude that really scare honest, law abiding drivers who are out on the road every day — and night.

John Dinneen

Delmar

The writer, a recent graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a student at Villanova University.

Threat to emergency service

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing this letter to the residents of the Tri-Village area so that they may become aware of at least one effect of the proposed state budget.

Emergency medical services, like many new programs, were developed as the result of Federal grants. In the Capital District, the Regional Emergency Medical Organization (REMO) was founded and grew on the basis of federal funding, and in the process developed an emergency medical services system second to none in the state. The paramedic services provided by the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad are a direct result of REMO's pioneering efforts.

The paramedics of the Delmar squad are trained at classes provided by REMO; they receive continuing education at seminars provided by REMO; and they are recertified through classes provided by REMO. When a resident of the Tri-Village area requires the services of a paramedic, whether because of a heart attack, severe injuries or other life-threatening situation, the personnel from

the Delmar squad use communications facilities developed by REMO. Paramedics work with physicians trained by REMO. In short, this organization has made a real contribution to our personal well-being. There are people alive today — here in the Tri-Village area — as the result of Delmar paramedics and the REMO systems.

The reduction in Federal funds forced the state government to establish priorities for limited funds; emergency medical services had to compete with such programs as rodent control for limited dollars. Apparently, the state government decided that emergency medical services is not a priority. Federal funds originally generated through the initiative of organizations such as REMO, will be utilized directly by the State Health Department.

We are very concerned that the level of services which the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad has been able to provide the residents of the area is threatened. We are concerned that the training opportunities, an excellent communications system and the leadership that REMO has given emergency medical services in the Capital District may end with this drastic cutback in funds. There is a real possibility that within two to three years the paramedic services which are provided to this community will no longer be available.

The volunteer personnel who provide this service need your help: not your money, but your active support. PLEASE: write your state senator and assemblyman and ask that emergency medical services at the local level be given a fair share of those limited funds. Ask that they consider a commitment of state funds — if that is required — to continue the programs to which many of us have devoted so many hours. If you think that we merit your support, take the time to write.

We feel that your life is worth our time. We hope that our efforts are worth yours.

Elwin C. McNamara
Captain, Rescue Squad

Paul Woodin
President, Delmar Fire Dept.

Award for Leavitt

Frank E. Leavitt, well known Delmar conservationist and outdoorsman, was presented with the Nature Conservancy's Oak Leaf Award in a surprise ceremony at the annual meeting of the conservancy's Eastern chapter at SUNYA Sunday.

Leavitt, who is retired from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, was honored for his work on a number of Nature Conservancy projects. The presentation was made by Segrin Newell of Delmar, chapter chairman.



Shawn McCormick and Susan Young

Young-McCormick

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Young, Jr. of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan A. Young, to Shawn R. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McCormick of Albany.

A May 28 wedding is planned.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a Supervisor for Inforsearch, Inc. in Albany.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Albany High School and Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. He is an electrician for the Watervliet Arsenal.



Richard L. Weldon and Marjoria Fish

Fish-Weldon

Arlene M. Fish of Delmar has announced the engagement of her daughter, Marjoria, to Richard Lawrence Weldon of East Greenbush. Miss Fish is the daughter also of Raymond D. Fish Sr. of Albany. A graduate of Russell Sage College, she is a technician at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Her fiancé, a 1977 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, also is a technician at the hospital. The son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Weldon of Georgia, he is a graduate of the State University at Albany. A September wedding is planned.

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