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What we can do about Delaware Ave.

By Roger L. Creighton

Editor's Note: Roger L. Creighton is president of Roger Creighton Associates, a Delmar-based transportation and planning consulting firm. The following is from his talk Thursday at a panel discussion on "Planning for Preservation and Growth in Bethlehem" presented by the Upper Delaware Ave. Association.

I would like to focus on the question that is probably of greatest interest to this group. That is, how can commercial ribbon development along a major arterial be renewed and improved?

In answering the question, it is only fair to let you know what biases I have. Most of my professional career has been in transportation planning. In the transportation field, we have learned by bitter experience — that it is important to recognize the economic forces that impel people when making both land development and travel decisions. We have also learned that you must channel individual actions or you will get chaos. You can count on a lot of individual intelligence, but there must be community guidance.

In the 22 years I have lived in Delmar, the commercial zone along Delaware Avenue has hardly changed in extent at all. This means to me that there has been a consistent policy of "in-fill." In my opinion it is a good policy, and should be kept in force until the last frame residential structure has been replaced by a decent business or office building.

Now, while the overall policy may be good, there is a legitimate question of whether what is happening within the Delaware Ave. business district is good or bad. To answer this, we need to look at standards of excellence and draw some comparisons. There are two types of standards: beauty and efficient performance.

For the standards of beauty, I would suggest to you five images:



Compatible architecture, trees and landscaping and appropriate setbacks are some of the elements that are needed to preserve Delaware Avenue's character. National Savings Bank's Delmar office is a good example. Tom Howes

- The Florida/California type business areas. These regional centers are characterized by gorgeous landscaping, generous setbacks, parking that is visually subdued and uniform signs and no overhead wires.

- The New England town common, such as those found in Lexington and New Haven. These have a sense of space, greenery, tall trees. The architecture is consistent, compatible and in proportion.

- Wolf Road, which has generous setbacks, buried wires, generally clean design, although the street trees are still immature.

- The National Savings Bank building at the Four Corners uses good architecture, trees, setbacks and subdued parking and signing to create its effect.

- Delmar's residential areas are also characterized by setbacks, trees and non-obtrusive parking.

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Teachers on picket line

By Caroline Terenzini

More than 100 Bethlehem Central teachers marched in front of the Educational Services Center in Delmar last Wednesday carrying signs asking "What are we worth to Delmar?" and declaring "We gotta pay bills, too!" Then, as the six members of the board of education handled a routine agenda in three minutes (which may be a record), some 50 pickets filed into the room.

"Our presence here is not because we like to walk out in the cold or because we have nothing better to do," teachers' union President William Cleveland told the board. "We're here because we are concerned and because we have been working without a contract half the year."

Cleveland later said the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association would accept "verbatim" the report of a fact finder in the negotiations, which have been going on since last May. Cleveland added that the BCTA had proposed in its latest message to the board that both sides agree to arbitration and also that arbitration be written into the contract. It has been reported, however, that the board opposes arbitration as leaving decisions in the hands of third parties.

On another front, the BC administration's draft budget was handed to board members Wednesday, with a caution

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'A quiet joy'

By Caroline Terenzini

There's a romance about hot-air ballooning that doing it does nothing to dispel. Skimming treetops or nudging clouds, at the whim of the wind, ballooning offers high adventure with a dash of danger and the simple elegance of pure flight.

"Ballooning is something else!" says Cynthia Wilson of Delmar, who has had a balloon pilot's license for four years. "You're just suspended. You're not going through the air — you're a part of it. And you have a quiet joy when you come down."

"Ballooning is like looking at mountains," she said in elaboration. "You realize what size you are."

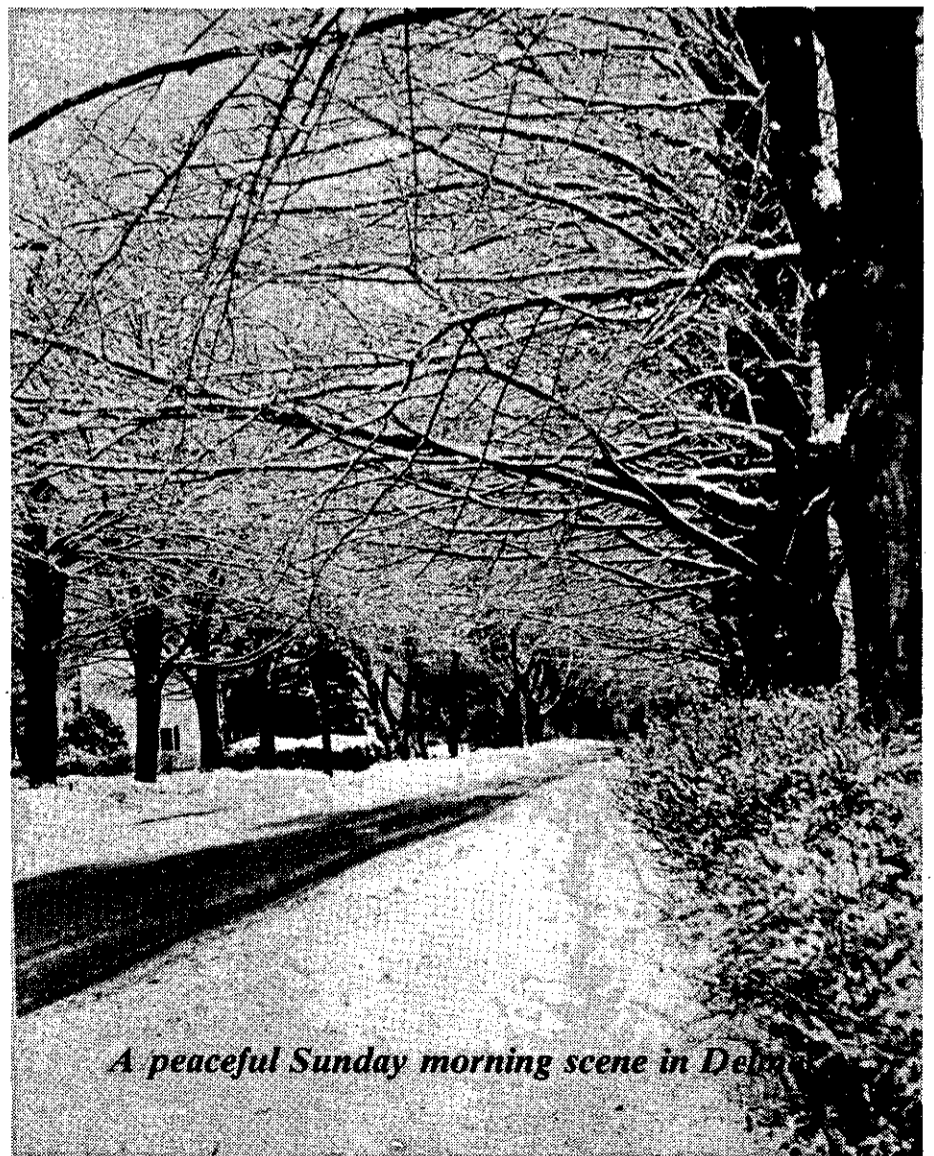
A different perspective on things is also one of the attractions of ballooning for Gery Haynes, also a Delmar resident. Haynes likes to fly his balloon, "Big Abe," at a low altitude and view the world at a different angle from the everyday so it becomes a different world. Another joy for Haynes is fine-tuning the flight so the basket of his balloon just skims the vegetation in an open field. This requires subtlety and skill. After all, Wilson explained, "you have to anticipate what the balloon's going to do, and then it takes about 12 seconds for the balloon to respond."

If you're into ego trips, ballooning is nice, too, Haynes said, because generally balloonists attract admiring attention from the earthbound. "It's more fun if people are watching," he said. "The more

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Photos by Tom Howes



A peaceful Sunday morning scene in Delmar

□ Delaware Ave. ideas

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All these examples, have certain consistent elements of design. The visual impact of parking is suppressed, especially as seen from the street. There is generous planting, especially of street trees. Building design is quiet and clean, with no claptrap additions. There is a consistency or compatibility between buildings in terms of design, height, color and materials. There are adequate setbacks in proportion to the height of the buildings and street width. And there are no overhead wires.

The second set of standards relate to efficient performance.

- Traffic flow on streets moving at acceptable levels of service, as defined by the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

- Driveway design that does not cause congestion or loss of safety, either on or off site.

- No noise or vibration beyond the premises, and no chemical seepage.

- No glare from on-site lighting beyond premises.

- No on-street parking.

- Adequate pedestrian crosswalk.

To be realistic, we most recognize that attaining excellence is not easy. In any community, there are a number of barriers to attaining quality.

Often individual ownership of properties makes it extremely difficult to assemble large enough parcels to allow for high-quality development.

Where lots are shallow, as on Delaware Ave., the task is even more difficult.

The fact that we are an automobile society also makes good design more difficult because automobiles require so much street space and parking. State and local governments have inadequate funds to rebuild roads and sidewalks.

At the federal level, tax laws encourage maintenance and conversion of existing old buildings that often should be demolished to make way for new development. At the local level, there is often the lack of a strong community commitment to forcing good design and maintenance of structures and landscaping. The final barrier is the insensitivity of some owners and developers to matters of architectural design and landscaping, let alone civic design that is concerned with the appearance of groups of buildings.

On the other side of the coin, there are strong motivating factors for quality development. Many business leaders recognize that beauty and efficient performance are manifestations of an orderly, intelligent, outward-looking and prosperous enterprise. They know it attracts customers. That's why you see

'The four-minute theory'

The four Delmar homeowners who were the targets of burglars last week will be part of the statistics for 1984 when the FBI tallies crime nationwide. Since that is a statistic most people don't want to be part of and with February designated as Crime Prevention Month, Bethlehem police are reminding residents of precautions to take.

The "four-minute theory" in law enforcement holds that a burglar will leave if he cannot enter a home within four minutes. Unfortunately, most homes have locks on exterior doors that will allow entry within 30 seconds to even an unskilled burglar. If the lock on the front door resembles the lock on the bathroom door, home security is minimal and the lock should be replaced with a one-inch deadbolt lock with case-hardened components. Such a lock costs about \$35 and can be installed by the homeowner.

Patio doors can be lifted out of their tracks, so police recommend drilling a hole through the doors and into the frame at the place where the doors meet when closed and inserting a good-sized nail into the hole. Double-hung windows also can be made more secure by drilling a downward sloping hole through the top frame of the bottom window and into the bottom frame of the top window. Insert a nail in the hole to prevent opening from the outside.

Police also urge residents to report any strangers loitering in their neighborhood. When vacationing, have someone pick up the mail and mow the lawn or shovel the snow. Don't close blinds or shades when absent, and use timers on lights and a radio to give the impression the house is occupied. Bethlehem police will periodically check vacant homes at the owner's request.

Should your home become one of the statistics, police urge that you avoid contact with an intruder. Failing this, police suggest comparing a burglar with someone you know to help you remember details of his appearance later.

An electric engraver for marking valuables is available for loan from Bethlehem police, who will issue the homeowner an identification number. This is the number that may already be on a family's bicycles if they participated in a bike registration drive sponsored by the Youth Bureau. The National Crime Information Center has an alpha-numeric code for each law enforcement agency in the country and the state's Operation Identification system uses that code along with a number assigned to each homeowner so that recovered property can more easily be returned to the owner.

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The entire community should have the same reasons and drive for quality. It is one of the factors that attracts and holds people to an area and increases property values.

Hence, then, are my suggestions for improving quality along Delaware Ave.

- There must be a strong recognition by the business community, the residential community, and the official community that both appearance and efficient performance within a commercial zone are vitally important.

- There needs to be a recognition that betterment will not come with generalized plans but with very careful and professional attention to details. Great art comes from skillful brush strokes; good urban design comes from very careful work with details such as curbs, brickwork and planting.

- The town should work with multiple owners to prepare plans that cut across present property lines.

- The town should require architectural review of building designs.

- The town should use expert help in designing parking lots, interior circulation and driveways.

- Keep parking off the front yards; if it has to be there, build a low wall in front of it.

- Maintain trees along the arterial — preserve the old ones, and plant new ones.

- Try to maintain setbacks, not necessarily uniform but enough so that the buildings are not protruding visually.

- There must be adequate street space for Delaware Ave. traffic. Plans should be made for eventual widening of upper Delaware Ave. to the Four Corners; it will come.

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The committee charged with selecting a site for the new playground at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park got a jump on the weather last week as they toured the park. From left are Lorraine Smith, Dave Austin, Jim Reagan and Roberta Poneman. Tom Howes

• If there is ever a chance of relocating the overhead wires, jump at it.

There is enough undeveloped land on Delaware Ave. to last for a number of years. The kind of planning that is needed for this area is not generalized studies, but civic design — the collaborative efforts of architects, traffic engineers and

landscape architects.

It will not happen by itself because ownership is too scattered and the obstacles are too great. The town and the community must set a super-high standard and help the developers attain it, coordinating developments across property lines to the benefit of all.

Another entry in village race

A Voorheesville career woman has added a new ingredient to the village's accelerating election campaign by adding her name to the list of candidates for the village board.

Marilyn Stracuzzi, an employee of the state Department of Motor Vehicles for 26 years, announced Monday she is running for trustee under the label of the Citizens Party.

That makes it a five-way race for two seats on the five-member board, plus a 1-on-1 contest for mayor.

Stracuzzi, 46, a member of Voorheesville's zoning board of appeals for the past 10 years, made an unsuccessful bid for a trustee nomination at a caucus of village political leaders last November. At that time the group, representing the current village government and close supporters, picked Susan Rockmore and incumbent trustee Daniel Reh to oppose a slate formed by Peter Luczak. The selection was made by a vote of the caucus, and the vote reportedly was close.

For Stracuzzi, a village resident for 20 years, it will be her second try for a seat as trustee. She made an unsuccessful run in 1973. Her former husband, Joseph, served three two-year terms on the board from 1970 to 1976.

In the 1984 contest, besides Rockmore and Reh, are Thomas Mensching and

Philip Joyce, next-door neighbors in the Salem Hills subdivision, who are running on the Luczak slate. In the mayoral race Luczak is opposing Richard Lennon, a longtime village leader and former trustee, who is representing the present village administration.

Correction

In last week's article on results of a public opinion survey taken by high school students in Voorheesville, one paragraph should have read: "Of the respondents, 61 percent had a favorable impression of (Milton F.) Bates, who is stepping down as mayor to spend more time with his family. Only 11 percent looked upon him unfavorably, 18 percent had no opinion, and 10 percent didn't recognize his name."

Collison in Glenmont

Mary T. Soule of Glenmont was taken to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany by the Bethlehem Ambulance Squad after her vehicle was involved in a collision Monday morning at Rt. 144 and Glenmont Hill Rd. She was treated and released. Mrs. Soule and the other driver, Jeannine Rinella of Albany, were alone in their cars when the 8 a.m. accident occurred.

Task force still making contacts

By Vincent Potenza

The Delaware Ave. task force appointed by Supervisor Tom Corrigan held its third meeting last week but came to few conclusions as members continued to discuss issues in their respective subcommittees.

Planning board member T.E. Mulligan, chairman of the traffic subcommittee, opened the meeting by reporting that talks with the state Department of Transportation netted a study of the road by that agency — but that study would take three to four months to complete.

Planner John LaForte, chairman of the aesthetics subcommittee, reported that his group had found no need for a separate architectural review board if the current restrictions on what came under the planning board's power of site plan review were removed so the board could fully exercise that power. (Commercial development presently comes under review only during expansion of 50 percent or more.)

Board member Neal Moylan reported that discussions with the Capital District Transportation Authority showed that CDTA would be "willing to alter or expand routes to accommodate park and ride services." More discussions are planned, Moylan said.

Chairman Charles Redmond told town residents in attendance that they would soon have an opportunity to express their opinions on the group's findings, and instructed the subcommittees to begin discussions among themselves on overlapping issues so that some concrete proposals could be made at the next meeting on Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. at town hall. He suggested that members of the group attend a lecture sponsored by the Upper Delaware Neighborhood Association two days after last week's meeting.

That lecture included talks by a local planner, Roger Creighton, who recommended several steps that could be taken to improve the appearance and functioning of Delaware Ave., and an explanation of zoning law by a frequent speaker on the subject, attorney James Coon.

Coon told the audience about the origins of zoning, the meaning and use of

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variances, what constituted spot zoning and how case law has evolved in those areas.

The Central Delmar Neighborhood Association will be holding a meeting in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library at 7 p.m. on Feb. 16, at which time the subject of Delaware Ave. is also likely to be discussed.

On its own

A car parked at a market on Glenmont Rd. last Wednesday apparently went out of "park," coasted across Glenmont Rd. and down an incline, hitting a tree. No one was injured, according to Bethlehem police reports, but the car was damaged.

Takes a spin

Karen R. Faulkner, 20, of Slingerlands was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital and released after the car she was driving spun around on Rt. 85 in the early hours last Tuesday. She was taken to the hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Tour guides wanted

Historic Cherry Hill, a house museum showing the life styles of five generations of an Albany family, will hold training sessions for volunteer general tour guides and school tour guides during March. New volunteers are invited to join these classes. General tour guides are responsible for conducting tours for adults and family groups on weekdays and weekends. School tour guides conduct tours for school children of all ages during the week while schools are in session.

Contact Rebecca Watrous, by Saturday, Feb. 25, at 434-4791.

For pen pals

Young letter writers over the age of eight who are in search of a foreign pen pal should attend an informational meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 p.m. For information about the correspondence class, call 439-9314.

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Bethlehem Central High School's marching band is finally in uniform. Here Superintendent Lawrence Zinn accepts a check for \$2,000 from band member Lisa Clark on behalf of the parents of band members. Director Lois Ferris looks on.
Tom Howes

Burglary arrest

A Schenectady man was arrested Monday after state police armed with a search warrant found items at his home that had been stolen Saturday from three apartments on Jolly Rd. in Glenmont. James H. Mason, 27, was remanded to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$7,500 bail after his arraignment in New Scotland Town Court on charges of burglary, second degree; criminal tres-

pass and attempted burglary. The arrest was made by Trooper William Stine and Senior Investigator W.C. Curtis.

Hits utility pole

A Voorheesville woman whose car stalled lost the power steering and the vehicle slid into a utility pole early Saturday on Rt. 85 in the Town of Bethlehem. No injuries were reported, according to Bethlehem police.

Teachers

School print now on sale

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from Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn that there is some "catching up" to do in the buildings and equipment categories. The number of state dollars coming to the district will be about \$60,000 less than last year in building and transportation aid, and the district is expected to be "save harmless" in operating aid, receiving the same amount as in the past four years. A \$1 million increase is forecast in the total property valuation in the district. Property owners last year forked over some \$11 million for a \$15.5 million budget.

Business Administrator Franz Zwickbauer said, "We face a typical budget problem this year." But years of tight spending plans following a budget defeat 10 years ago have left the catching up to do, he said.

The draft budget presented Wednesday carried no total dollar amount, as has been the case in Bethlehem in recent years. The administration prefers to leave off a total until the end of the budgeting process, contending that otherwise discussion tends to focus on the bottom line and not on the program and services the budget funds. That practice has drawn fire from a few public critics in the past, but typically Bethlehem and New Scotland residents view the school district budget with yawns until the bottom line is publicized.

The board has scheduled budget work sessions during February and March (see Feb. 1 *Spotlight*), with a final vote by the board on the budget plan slated April 3. The public vote on the budget will be May 9.

Second arson arrest

John J. Smith, 42, of Third Ave., Albany, is free on \$10,000 bail on charges of third degree arson and first degree reckless endangerment in connection with a fire Jan. 27 that destroyed a barn on Krumkill Rd. in the Town of Bethlehem. Smith, arrested last Thursday, is the second man charged in the case. A sheriff's department deputy said Smith is due back in court Feb. 23.

Overturms on Rt. 32

An Albany woman continued on to work Friday morning after her car went out of control on a slick Rt. 32, struck the guardrails along the highway and overturned. Bethlehem police said they were surprised that the driver, who was alone in the car, escaped injury.

Rehearsals for Bethlehem Central's 50th Anniversary Variety Show March 9 and 10 are in full swing, but the show is not the only effort under way to celebrate the district's anniversary.

Well known Slingerlands artist, Virginia Remington Rich has donated a line drawing of Bethlehem Central High School to the cause. 300 limited edition prints of the drawing, which shows the former high school (now the middle school) against a backdrop of the present high school, have been reproduced in black ink on heavy white bond paper, suitable for framing.

The 11 by 17 inch print is selling for \$10, with the money to be used to offset production expenses for the variety show. Persons interested in purchasing the print may call Dorothy Brown at 439-1817.

For those who like to wear their art work, commemorative T-shirts are also on sale, and anniversary organizers have announced that children's sizes will be available. Call Barbara Dorsey at 439-7129 to order.

More than 200 BC students, teachers and community members will be on stage for two evenings of song and dance. General admission tickets to the March 9 and 10 performances are on sale at the Paper Mill and Records 'N Such at Delaware Plaza, or by calling Nancy Mackey at 439-6398. There are no reserved seats.



Displaying the Bethlehem Central High School print are, from left, artist Virginia Remington Rich, Barbara Dorsey, T-shirt chairman, Dorothy Brown, print chairman; and High School Principal Charles Gunner.

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- **Handy Andy Cleaners** Expiration date should be 3/31/84
- **Shirley's Ceramics** should read \$2.00 off Any Purchase over \$10.00
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Whither the civic center?

By Susan Guyett

The question being asked about an Albany County civic center is no longer whether the county should have one, but where it should be built.

The shift in emphasis was probably inevitable, given the number of conflicting political and financial interests at work. What has been just as fascinating, though, is how the various interests are lining up. Not the least of them are the suburban Republicans, who could hold the key votes when the issue gets to the county legislature.

At any rate, what started out as a campaign promise by County Executive James Coyne last fall has turned into a full-time job for anyone who wants to keep track of the different proposals springing forward from developers, political officials and business interests.

So far only two concrete proposals have been submitted: Joseph Futia's original plan for a civic center in Latham and a plan for an 11,000-seat arena cum field house submitted last week by the State University at Albany.

Other proposals are waiting in the wings, with ideas ranging from a center located at an as yet unnamed site in

Colonie to the suggestion that the civic center construction be tied to the renovation of Albany's Union Station. Some businessmen and political officials are said to have their hearts set on a certain spot in downtown Albany — namely a 5.7-acre parcel next to the Empire State Plaza on Madison Ave.

Everything was going smoothly until Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen III said he wanted the civic center in Albany. In response, Coyne named a bipartisan commission to study civic center proposals.

The delay cost Futia the momentum he needed to get his plan through the county

What started out as a campaign promise by County Executive James Coyne has turned into a full-time job for anyone who wants to keep track of the different proposals.

Futia's plan was the only game in town late last year and he had Coyne's full backing for a proposed \$11 million civic center to be located between Route 9 and Columbia Street Extension. The proposed center would be located north of Futia's Coliseum and would seat 6,000 for sports events and 10,000 for concerts.

Under the plan, Futia would build the center on land he already owns, the county would buy it for construction cost and then hire Futia's company to manage it.

legislature quickly. Coyne has said since he would favor a larger center than Futia originally proposed. In addition, Coyne now says he wants the center located at the Madison Ave. site because of the possible use of South Mall bonds to help finance the project.

In an unusual financial arrangement with the state, the county authorized the borrowing for the construction of the Empire State Plaza (then known as the South Mall). The state pays the county the cost of the bonds annually and will eventually own the Plaza under the

agreement. Coyne wants to meet with Gov. Mario Cuomo to see if the remaining \$11 million in South Mall bonds could be used for the downtown site adjacent to the Plaza.

Futia has offered to alter his plans but has threatened to talk to Rensselaer County officials if he doesn't get a positive answer in Albany County by early March. The commission hopes to offer its report prior to the March 12 County Legislature meeting. The legislature would have to adopt by a two-thirds margin any major borrowing package for a civic center.

The Madison Ave. site is owned by the Albany Housing Authority and could be connected to 4 acres of state owned land on Grand Street. Although no plan has been proposed yet, a group of downtown businessmen have been working with an unidentified developer for ideas.

On the political scale we now have Coyne backing a downtown Albany spot first and Futia's Latham site second. Whalen is backing a city of Albany location with his early comments indicating he preferred the SUNY location at Fuller Road. He has even promised \$200,000 a year to retire the debt service on the SUNY location, according to university officials. But Whalen is also committed to doing something with Union Station and he'd be free to go along with one of the proposals tied to the

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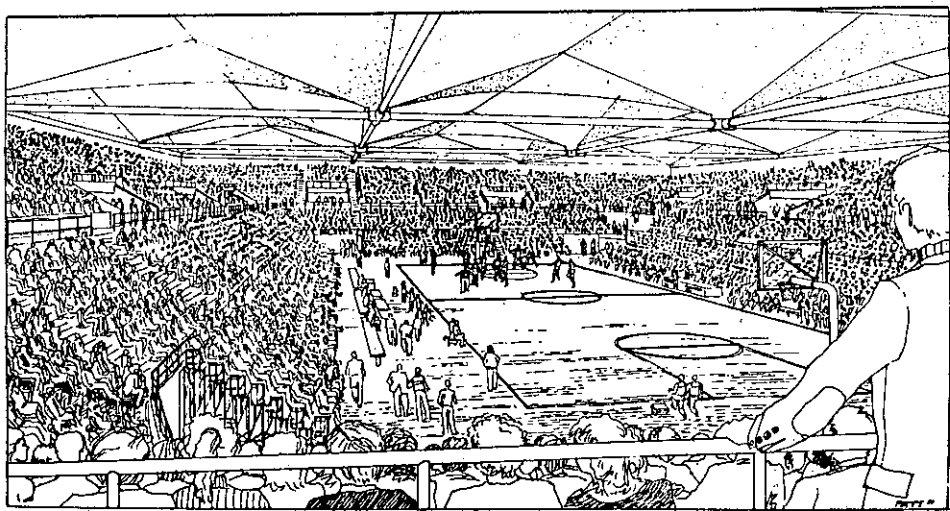


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An artist's rendition of the SUNY civic center proposal.

station's renovation. Democratic majority leader and finance committee chair Harold Joyce has also said he could support a downtown Albany proposal.

And if those political heavyweights aren't enough on the side of an Albany site, add W. Gordon Morris Jr.'s name to it also. Morris, a Bethlehem Republican and minority leader of the county legislature, said he supports the idea of a civic center in downtown Albany because locating it elsewhere would mean death for the city's downtown. What's more, Morris fears that if the city is in trouble financially, the county would be brought in to bail it out. Morris and his fellow Republicans believe that all too often county taxpayers were asked to pay for a financially mismanaged city under the leadership of the late Mayor Erastus Corning 2nd.

Morris said he is not convinced; however, that any civic center proposal will surface as the sure winner because so many are being proposed. "The idea may get strangled," he said.

Besides the Futia and Madison Avenue sites, other proposals that have been put forth officially and unofficially are:

- The SUNY proposal, which recommends an interconnected civic center and field house built together but operated separately. Its proposed cost would be approximately \$25 million with the university kicking in the full \$6 million cost of the university field house and \$4 million for the arena.

The SUNY plan would utilize low interest Urban Development Corporation financing, a suggestion Coyne said could slow the building for two years. SUNYA president Vincent O'Leary claims the civic center would be cheaper to build and maintain in the cooperative effort with the university. Commission members questioned, though, whether the county and university would be at odds over use of the arena on certain days during a calendar year. The university plan calls for the school to have first crack at certain dates.

UDC is already studying the feasibility of sports complexes in New York City, Buffalo and Albany. Those studies are expected to be complete in six to eight months.

- Colonie developer Salvatore Beltrone will present a plan to the commission for a civic center in an as yet unidentified location in Colonie.

- Canadian developer John Wolofsky will present plans for a \$100 million renovation of Union Station that would include a \$25 million civic center.

- The Pyramid Corporation, builders of Crossgates, is said to be "seriously considering" the possibility of a Union Station/civic center plan.

- Other sites in Albany mentioned as possible locations for a civic center include the former North Albany industrial landfill and a parcel along McCarty Ave. near the Thruway's exit 23.

Holiday for some

State offices and some banks are taking Monday, Feb. 13, off in observance of Lincoln's Birthday, a former holiday no longer observed in most of the United States.

New Scotland town offices will be closed, but at Bethlehem Town Hall it's business as usual on Monday. All public schools will be in session, federal offices and local plants and agency offices will be open, stock and commodity markets are open, and there will be regular mail deliveries.

The following Monday, Feb. 20, is Presidents Day, a national holiday observed on the third Monday of each year. All federal, state and local government offices, schools, banks and most businesses will be closed.

Award to violinist

David Brickman, 21, of Delmar was named a winner in the young artists competition sponsored recently by the Savannah (Ga.) Symphony. Brickman, a violinist, is a graduate student at the University of Miami, Fla. He shared a second place award and received a contract to perform with the symphony during the 1984-85 season.

Beyond hamburger

Fine cuisine will be featured at a Gourmet Night planned by parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the St. Thomas School auditorium. Chefs who will be demonstrating the art include Marion Drozd, Mark Frenzel and Bob Salamone. For information, call Sheryl Ricciardelli at 463-1035 or Isabelle McAndrews, 439-5060.

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Connors at Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland is offering an opportunity to town residents to hear Richard Connors, assemblyman for the 104th district which includes this area. Connors will speak at the Kiwanians weekly dinner meeting, Thursday, Feb. 9. Both the village and town boards have been invited to hear Connors discuss bills in legislation that affect the Town of New Scotland. The public is also invited to attend this most interesting meeting.

The evening will begin with dinner at 7 p.m. and will be held at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on New Scotland Rd. Cost of the meal is \$5.50 and may be paid at the door. No prior reservations are necessary.

Pancake supper

Boy Scout Troop 73 of Voorheesville will hold their annual Pancake supper this Saturday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Sponsored by Voorheesville Post 1493, the troop has an exciting surprise for one of the participants at this, their big fundraiser.

The dinner is supervised by scout personnel with the boys themselves taking part serving and cleaning. Under the watchful eye of chef Howard Coughtry the scouts have literally served up thousands of the tasty griddle cakes in the last decade — in fact it is certain that this year Coughtry will flip his 250,000 pancake, with a surprise in store for the recipient of the lucky flapjack. The details are being kept a secret by the industrious troop.

Tickets are available for the dinner from the scouts and may be purchased at

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



the door. The price of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children includes pancakes, sausage and all the trimmings.

Wrestling Sectionals here

Exciting news for sports fans! Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High will host the Colonial Council Class C Wrestling Sectionals this weekend at the high school gym. Competition will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday and at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The finals are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

Team trophies will be presented to the top two teams and individual patches will be awarded to those who take the top three places in each weight class. Ticket prices are \$3 per day for adults and \$2 per day for students, with preschoolers getting in for free. Family passes will be available for \$10. Approximately 14 other Class C schools will be taking part.

Valentine hotline

Last call for the Valentine Hotline, a new tradition sponsored by the Voorheesville Public Library. All Valentines received by 9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, will be distributed to area nursing homes by the library.

Librarian Nancy Hutchinson also invites everyone to a Valentine celebra-

tion to be held at the library on Monday, Feb. 13, at 4 p.m. Participants should bring scissors and glue, and will be taught how to make Valentine Animals. A special holiday movie, "Beauty and the Beast," will also be shown at that time.

Renew returns

The second semester of RENEW is about to begin at St. Matthew's Parish. A program of revitalization through prayer and scripture in the Albany Diocese, RENEW's first semester began last fall.

Feb. 12 is "Sign-Up Sunday" and parishioners will be invited at all masses to register for participation in small groups.

An important part of RENEW, the small groups provide an opportunity for prayer and faith sharing. They will begin meeting the week of March 4 and continue through the six weeks of the program. During that time participants will meet once a week to discuss the theme "Our Response to the Lord."

Those wanting more information on the small group movement should call Jim McDonough at 765-2441 or Rev. Arthur Toole at 765-2805.

Salem Hills meeting

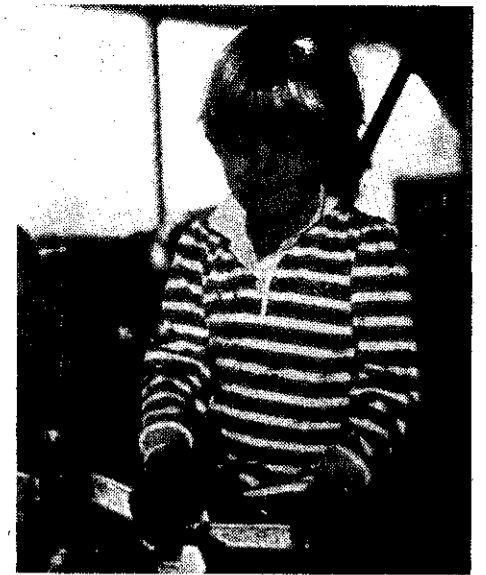
The Salem Hills Park Association will hold its monthly board meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. The site of the meeting, open to all members of the association, depends on the number of people who anticipate attending, and has not been set at this time. Those who are planning on being present should contact park association President Jeff Fox at 765-4058 or secretary Ann Smolen at 765-2463 for more information.

Kindergarten registration

Calling all soon-to-be-kindergarteners! The Voorheesville Central School District is looking for the names of all children who are eligible to attend kindergarten in September of 1984. So that the district may begin planning for those classes, all parents whose children will be five years of age on or before Dec. 1, 1984 should call the elementary school at 765-2382 and give the name, address and birthdate of their child.

Open house at Alfalfa

Still on the subject of early childhood education, Robin Geery, teacher-director of Alfalfa Sprouts Nursery School on Rt. 85, invites all interested parents of preschoolers to an open house to be held at the school on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. At that time parents and their children will have the opportunity to view the school, which opened last fall, and speak with the staff. Housed in what was formerly Betty's Barn at 2222 New Scotland Rd., the school offers a



With a little bit of magic, Roxy Barber turns a styrofoam container into a puppet at the Alfalfa Sprouts Nursery School in Voorheesville. The school, at 2222 New Scotland Rd., is having an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday for parents of prospective students.

program for children between the ages of 3½ and five. Applications for next fall are now being accepted. Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from September through May. Those wanting more information should contact Mrs. Geery at 439-3960.

Commencement planning

Graduation is fast approaching. To assist in making graduation a truly memorable occasion the Voorheesville Board of Education is inviting parents of seniors to join the Commencement Advisory Committee. The group was formed last year as a result of concerns expressed by parents, teachers, administrators and board members over events at an earlier commencement and was most helpful in planning last year's ceremony.

Any parents of seniors who are interested in participating should contact Principal O. Peter Griffin at the high school, 765-3314.

Parenting program

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. Featured speaker will be Dr. David Nevin, a child and clinical psychologist who will present the second in a series of three programs aimed at better parenting. Last month Nevin discussed Discipline versus Punishment. This month's session is concerned with better communication between parents and children, especially adolescents.

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Board sets '84 rates

By Lorin Pasqual

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Feura Bush residents will pay \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons of water, and a \$30 minimum usage fee will be in effect for each household. Failure to make a payment within 60 days of the billing date will result in a 10 percent penalty charge, currently applicable for Heldervale residents as well. Those living in Heldervale will also pay \$1.55 per 100 cubic feet for sewer usage.

In other action, the board unanimously agreed to open bidding for highway materials, fuel, oil and processed gravel at the next monthly meeting on March 7. At that time, councilmen will also schedule a date to open bids for a new dump truck.

According to Highway Superintendent Peter Van Zetten, trading in the old truck would not be cost-effective since its resale

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value is estimated at less than \$1,000. Consequently, Van Zetten said he will extract workable parts from that model to replace those in the existing fleet.

The board also:

- Tabled a motion to provide access to handicapped voters at New Scotland's polling areas, a requirement in the Albany County Board of Election's guidelines. Although the town received a waiver last year and no residents complained, most councilmen agreed that providing portable ramps for disabled voters would be beneficial and inexpensive.

- Agreed to lend three voting machines to Voorheesville officials for use during the village election on March 20.

- Rescheduled the Clarksville Water District hearing from Feb. 15 to Feb. 29. It will be held at the Clarksville Community Church at 7:30 p.m.



More than 500 people packed the LaSalette Christian Life Center in Altamont Saturday for a dinner-dance to benefit Olympic hopeful Jeff Clark of Voorheesville. A senior at Voorheesville High, where he is an honor student, Clark hopes for a berth on the wrestling squad.

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RCS board to hold public meetings

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Dinner to boost fund

Opening their hearts to a fellow student and friend, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High has planned a number of events to benefit the Tom Christopher fund. The first: a full course turkey dinner will be served Friday, Feb. 10 in the high school cafeteria. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will continue until all have been served. Keeping the price of the tickets to a minimum, the planning committee hopes to have an exceptional response, as the community has shown an overwhelming desire to be included in the efforts to assist the Christopher family.

Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10. Advance tickets are available, and may be purchased from any Honor Society member, the junior or senior high school office, Bushes, Star Super Market, Ravena Enterprises, and Convenient Food Store in Ravena, and at Ed's Variety store, and Convenient Food Store in Selkirk. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The dinner will include roast turkey, garden salad, homemade dressing, mashed potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, coffee, tea and orange drink, and ice cream and cookies for dessert. The RCS

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Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Dance Band will provide music for diners.

Immediately following the dinner, there will also be a varsity girls basketball game and a varsity boys basketball game, with all proceeds going to the fund. General admission will be \$2, or \$1 for students.

Nation's past highlighted

Were you aware that the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., which houses a fascinating collection on American history, was founded by a gentleman who never even visited the United States? James Smithson, a British scientist, willed more than \$500,000 to the United States to establish the scientific institute that now houses over 100 million items. February is American History Month, and the Daughters of the American Revolution encourage everyone to join them in its observance. The Hannakrois Chapter, NSDAR, under the direction of American History Month chairman Mary E. Van Oostenbrugge, have created displays at the Ravena Library and at the Bethlehem Historical Museum in Selkirk in recognition of American History Month depicting events that helped mold this country.

Ready, set, garden!

Many of us this time of year are thinking ahead to springtime and gardening. An ideal program for gardeners and other "green thumb" persons is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 16, at 2

p.m. in the Bethlehem Historical Association's Schoolhouse Museum, located on Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk. Mrs. Mardell Steinkamp will give a slide-talk on "Designing with Perennials" with emphasis on plants that are hardy to this area.

Mrs. Steinkamp is co-owner and operator of Helderledge Farm, a nursery on Picard Rd. in the Town of New Scotland specializing in herbaceous perennials and other hardy plants. The Steinkamps also have a private practice in landscape architecture. Mrs. Steinkamp lectures on garden design in the State University at Albany's Continuing Education Program.

The public is invited to the program, which will include an informal discussion and question and answer period.

Menu for week

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, Feb. 9, will be: Thursday — evening meal only; Friday — roast chicken with gravy, mashed turnips, beets, dessert; Monday — BBQ pork on bun, baked potato, green beans, dessert; Tuesday — lasagna with tomato sauce, parmesan cheese, tossed salad, broccoli, dessert; Wednesday — vegetable soup, breaded oven fried chicken, O'Brien potato, cauliflower au gratin, dessert.

'Sunshine' luncheon

A covered-dish luncheon is scheduled to begin this month's meeting of the South Bethlehem — Selkirk "Sunshine" Senior Citizens. The luncheon will begin at noon, Feb. 13, at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. Rt. 9W, Selkirk. All seniors who would like to attend are invited, and are asked to bring a dish to share and a valentine to exchange.

A guest from St. Peter's Hospital will be on hand to speak to the group about the medical facility's Hospice.

Tax changes discussed

Gordon D'Angelo of H&R Block will be at the Bethlehem Public Library discussing recent federal and state tax law changes and tax strategies at a "1983 Tax Tips" workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. For information about the free program, call the library at 439-9314.

Doctor's form partnership

Arthritis Associates is a newly formed partnership of two local rheumatologists, Norman Romanoff, M.D. of Delmar, and Lee Shapiro, M.D. of Slingerlands.

The two physicians are board certified rheumatologists, specialists in arthritis and related diseases. Their office is located at the St. Peter's Professional Building in Albany.

Churches offer 'threads'

Six area Lutheran churches are cooperating in an ecumenical clothing ministry called "Threads" that will offer good used clothing at a low cost. The store at 290 Delaware Ave., Albany, is expected to be ready in mid-February and will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The congregations involved are Bethany Reformed, Calvary, St. Luke's, First Lutheran, Holy Spirit Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran and Third Reformed. For information, call Lutheran Community Ministry Project of Albany, 434-6604.

The outdoors — your way

The mode of transportation is unimportant for naturalists who want to go on the free moonlight walk at the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. Hikers, skiers and snowshoers alike are invited to go starwatching and owl prowling with the guided tour.

For information, call the center at 457-6092.

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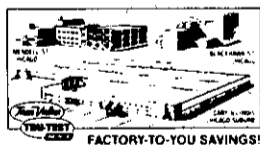
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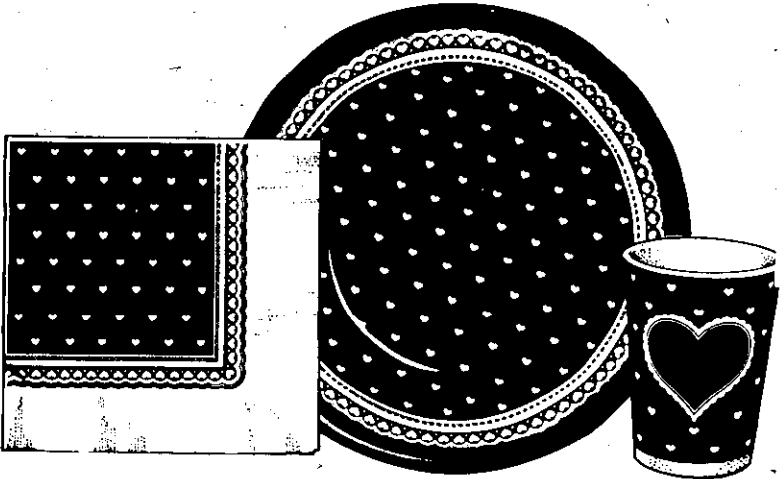
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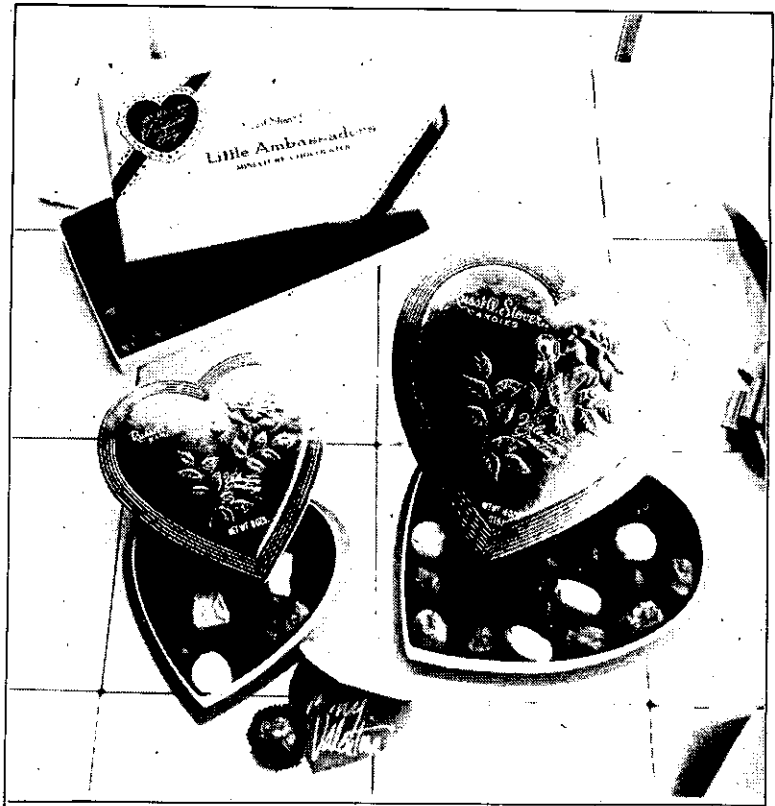
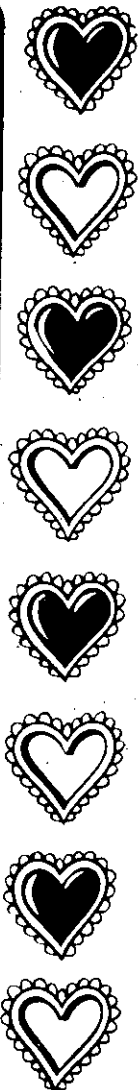
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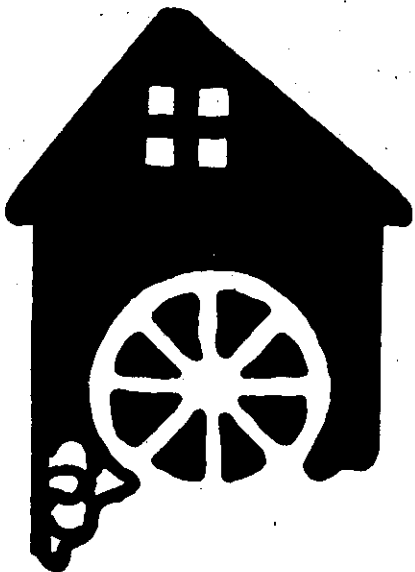
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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

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

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.

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Bethlehem Landfill, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

New Scotland Landfill, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall.

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.

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

FISH, Tri-Village 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.

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

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 or over 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.

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

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.).

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Pat Jukins at 439-8096.

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

Project Hope, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

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

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. during school year. Call 439-2238.

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, at 8 p.m., except July, August.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Red Men (oldest patriotic organization in U.S.), second Wednesday, Saint Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Bethlehem Tomboys Registration, softball league for girls 9-21, Bethlehem Public Library, 6-8:30 p.m.

Money Management Seminar, Stephen Lescarbeau of Wad-dell and Reed, Inc. discusses tax avoidance, insurance selection and how to avoid financial risks, Bethlehem Public Library 7:30 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314.

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, IRS tax counselors help older tax payers with federal and state income tax returns, Delmar Key Bank community room, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesdays through April 11. Information 439-3449.

Bethlehem Youth Advisory Council, open meeting and presentation on Project Hope outreach office, Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 204, 8 p.m.

Kiwanis Baseball-Softball Registration, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7-9 p.m. \$6 fee.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

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

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary meets second Thursday of each month, at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

Elgh Grade Parents Meeting, Voorheesville High School library, 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Coffee, meeting and talk on interior design and aerobic dancing, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m. For \$2 reservations, call Marilyn Corrigan by Feb. 1.

Hamagraal Preschool Open House, for prospective 3-4 year old students and parents, Delmar Reformed Church, noon-1 p.m. Information, 439-8515.

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4 p.m. Thursdays through April 12. For appointments, sign up at Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization meetings.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization, meeting and Valentines Party, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9595 or 439-2406.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Q.U.I.L.T. meeting at Delmar First United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 477-9705.

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 p.m.

New Scotland Opportunity Club, Valentine's dinner, Dutchler's Restaurant, 6 p.m. Information, 765-4419.

State Assemblyman Richard Connors, speech and dinner sponsored by New Scotland Elks, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m. For \$5.50 reservations, 765-3690.

R-C-S Turkey Dinner Benefit, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 4:30 p.m.

Class C-Colonial Wrestling Sectionals, Voorheesville High School, 4 p.m. \$3 adults, \$2 students and \$10 family pass.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Bethlehem Soccer Club Registration, for town residents ages 6-19, Bethlehem Town Hall, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-9595 or 439-2406.

Outdoor Environmental Programs, winter tree identification workshop, 10 a.m.; winter mammal ecology and tracking, 2 p.m., Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Free; information, 457-6092.

Pancake Supper, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 73, Voorheesville American Legion Post No. 1493, 5-7 p.m.

Ice Skating Races, food and fun for racers 17 and under, sponsored by Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Bethlehem Town Park rink, 10:30 a.m.

Kiwanis Baseball-Softball Registration, Voorheesville Elementary School, 9-11:30 a.m. \$6 fee.

Valentine's Cabaret, formerly the Cubic Kum Quat, singing and big band dancing, Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria, 8 p.m. \$2 admission.

Class C-Colonial Council Wrestling Sectionals, Voorheesville High School, 11 a.m. with 7:30 p.m. finals. \$3 adults, \$2 students and \$10 family pass.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Heiderberg Skiing and Snowshoeing Workshop, 4-part series at Picard Rd., Voorheesville, noon-4 p.m. Free; information, 482-9121.

New Media Bible Film Series, Sundays and Wednesdays at Delmar Reformed Church, 8:30 and 11:15 a.m., 7 p.m. \$5 family registration; information, 439-9929.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 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

"Women in Love, According to Will Shakespeare and Friends" (one-woman show by Elaine Sulka, member of National Shakespeare Company), Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Feb. 8.

"For Better Not For Worse" (view of black life in South Africa, with music, dance and mime), Skidmore College Theater, Saratoga Springs, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Reservations, 584-5000, ext. 347.

"Master Herald . . . and the Boys" (drama about South African relationships), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

"Anything Goes" (Cole Porter's durable musical of the mid '30s presented by Heritage Artists), Cohoes Music Hall, Feb. 8-11. Reservations, 285-7969.

"The Crucible" (Arthur Miller's drama staged by the Empire State Plaza, Feb. 8, 9 and 10, 10 a.m.; Feb. 10 and 11, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or Egg Box Office, 473-3750.

"Living Together" (Alan Ayckbourne's Norman Conquests comedy cycle returns to Cap Rep for round 2), Market Theatre, 111 No. Pearl St., through Feb. 19 (Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays 2:30 p.m.).

"Agnes of God" (Broadway hit starring Peggy Cass and Susan Strasberg), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Feb. 16, 8 p.m.

MUSIC

Findlay Cockrell plays Chopin's mazurkas and polonaises (noon concert series), SUNY Performing Arts Center, Feb. 9, noon.

Sunny Murray and the Untouchable Factor (jazz concert part of JCA's celebration of Black History Month), Junior College of Albany Campus Center, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Borodin Piano Trip (Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich and Beethoven), Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 10, 8 p.m.

Ken Perlman (guitar and banjo), Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, Feb. 11, 8:45 p.m.

"The Marriage of Figaro" (concert performance in Italian of Mozart's opera by Monadnock Music), Memorial Chapel, Union College, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office or at the door.

Capitol Chamber Artists (music inspired by love), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, led by Pinchas Zukerman with piano soloist Misha Dichter (all Beethoven program), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or theater box office, 346-6204.

DANCE

Paul Taylor Dance Company, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Feb. 10 and 11, 8 p.m.

FILMS

"The Dresser" (special preview showing to benefit Capital Rep), CINE 1-2-3-4-5-6, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. Tickets at Capital Rep (462-4534) or at the door.

ART

Caren Canier, oil paintings, Albany Academy gallery, Academy Rd., Albany, through March 9.

Jeffrey Elgin, drawings and paintings, Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, Feb. 11 through March 17 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily).

Eleanor Bolduc, original oils, Childs Hospital, nursing home wing, through Feb. 28.

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Sunshine Senior Citizens, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, noon.

R-C-S Board of Education, meeting at Ravena Elementary School, 8 p.m.

Valentine's Celebration, crafts and movie for children, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m.

Salem Hills Park Association, 7:30 p.m. For information, 765-4058.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Mothers' Time Out, meeting and workshop on effective parenting techniques Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

Slingerlands Home Bureau, each Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village Peace Breakfast, non-sectarian event for area residents to express views on state of world, second Tuesdays at Delmar First United Methodist Church, 7 a.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-6674.

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

Delmar Progress Club, literature group, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

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

Bethlehem Soccer Club Registration, for town residents ages 6-19, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-9595 or 439-2406.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Gourmet Night, St. Thomas School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, antique study group, Bethlehem Public Library 1 p.m.

Moonlight Nature Walk, for hikers, skiers and snowshoers, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar 7 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

"Designing With Perennials", Bethlehem Historical Association slide-talk, Schoolhouse Museum, Selkirk, 2 p.m.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr. Elsmere, third Thursday, 12 noon.



Elaine Sulka is performing "Women in Love, According to Will Shakespeare and Friends" Wednesday (today) at 8 p.m. at Siena College.

Albany Audubon Society, "Patagonia" illustrated program, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Free Travelogue, on vacationing in southern Utah and northern Arizona, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Children's Puppet Show, celebrating Black History Month, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

"CSR Salutes Black America", art show and dramatic readings, College of St. Rose campus center faculty lounge, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Free.

"Emerson: His Life", talk by SUNY Prof. Ronald Bosco, Rm. UBL-14, main library, uptown SUNY Campus, noon.

Shere Hite to Speak, author of the "Hite Report: A Nationwide Study of Female Sexuality" heads workshop on sexuality, SUNYA Campus center ballroom, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. \$3 admission.

Audition for "Hello Dolly!" Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., 7 p.m.

Senior Citizens Chair Caning Classes, Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany 9-11 a.m. Free; information, 465-3322.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Jawbone Reading Series, SUNYA poet and presidential fellow John Mason reads from "Fade to Prompt," SUNYA Humanities Lounge, noon. Free.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Information, 465-2441.

Mohawk Chapter, DAR, meeting at home of Louis Jakovic, 654 Madison Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information A. Merrick at 439-1653.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Auditions for "Hello Dolly!" Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., 7 p.m.

Senior Citizens Valentines Luncheon, at Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., noon. Information, 465-3322.

Valentine's Square Dance, sponsored by Altamont Station Squares, former Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6476.

"What George Orwell Didn't Know", weekend science and history-political science workshop for high school juniors and seniors, College of Saint Rose science hall, 432 Western Ave., Albany. Information, 454-5102.

WROW Radlathon, 14 hours of live entertainment benefit N.E. Association of the Blind, with free vision and color blindness testing, Colonie Center, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Information, 436-1211.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

High School Band Festival, St. Joseph's Auditorium, College of Saint Rose, 985 Madison Ave., 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Schenectady Winter Carnival, hockey, free figure skating show and public skating, Center City; museum exhibits and planetarium shows; snow sculpture, hay rides, contests, races; "do'da" parade, Jay, State and Erie Sts., 4 p.m.; fireworks, Veteran's Park, 6 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

"I Love Jesus Festival", regional celebration of Full Gospel Business Fellowship International, Albany Hilton Hotel, 9 a.m. Information, 235-2381 or 877-8432.

Holistic Health Workshop, training in homeopathy, relaxation, massage and exercise, Kripalu Yoga Center, 1698 Central Ave., Albany, today and tomorrow, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For \$42 registration, 869-7990.

Pool Show, area dealers display swimming pools, spas and hot tubs, Colonie Center through Feb. 20. Information, 456-0958.

"Practical Approaches to Solving Genealogical Problems", Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series workshop, Troy Public Library, 100 2nd St., 1:30 p.m. Free.

Black Jazz Concert, starring jazz artist Sunny Murray, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 3:30 p.m. Free.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Senior Citizens Valentines Party, with big band dancing, Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 465-3325.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

"Arthur", movie starring Dudley Moore and Liza Minelli screened for senior citizens, Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 1 p.m. Free.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Women's Council of Realtors, dinner meeting at Golden Fox Restaurant, 6 p.m. For reservations, 438-6287 or 462-0512.

Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, First Church of Albany, No. Pearl St., 8 p.m. Information, 765-4419.

Safe Place, support group for families and friends of suicide victims, Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-0799.

Adirondack Mountain Club, meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m.

State Legislative Forum, with guest Warren Anderson, Senate majority leader, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

Albany Job Club, intensive 3-week group job search program for the unemployed, Human Resource Center, No. Lake and Central Aves. Information, 447-6711.

Learning Technologies Fair, 2 days of seminars on using technology and computers in education includes Bethlehem Central presentation on "Video Art," Empire State Plaza. Information and registration, 474-7809.

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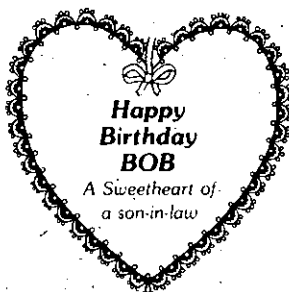
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Real ladies don't...

I like the taste of mint and I love the taste of chocolate. Together they enthrall me, so I will, on occasion, partake of an after-dinner concoction called a grasshopper, supposedly a ladies' drink. I have also owned pink shirts and ties, specifically in the mid-1950's when black and pink were the way to go to a high school dance in my hometown.

I also eat quiche and, contrary to Bruce Feirstein's 1982 book "Real Men Don't Eat Quiche," I consider myself a man. Mr. Feirstein's spoof on the cultural expectations for the male gender, however, is well taken, because we are all subject to our society's codes of behavior and standards of performance, and our acceptance into society as well as our self-acceptance is often based on how we react to those rules and regulations governing "how we are supposed to be."

Somehow I was never attracted by those role models of the "man's man." Well, I did send away for Charles Atlas' course on Dynamic Tension once when I was a 90 pound weakling whose face was often full of kicked sand. But I soon reconciled that I was a lover, not a fighter, and simply felt more comfortable with the pastoral, artistic and humanistic values of life. I aboroned John Wayne, Flash Gordon and Roy Rogers as my role models, and looked to Da Vinci, Gandhi and Chaplin instead. I wonder if they ate quiche?

FAMILY MATTERS



Norman G. Cohen

offering a few guidelines for measuring the indisputable, unemancipated, real woman.

Real ladies don't eat drumsticks, spare ribs, whole pickles or anything else one must eat with their fingers.

Real ladies don't drink beer or any other beverage associated with large swallows; they only drink that which can be sipped.

Real ladies don't know that a nose guard is a position on a football team; they think it's something worn following cosmetic surgery.

Real ladies don't engage in any contact sports, but may play softball so long as they don't slide, and volleyball so long as they don't spike.

Real ladies don't ever do anything that might get grease on their hands, stain around their cuticles, mud on their clothing, or sawdust in their hair.

Real ladies don't reach for a door handle when there is a man standing next

I've been thinking about this age of gender emancipation, a time when we are free to engage in unlikely activities, pursuits previously considered unbecoming to our sex.

So, I've been thinking about this age of gender emancipation, a time when we are freed to engage in unlikely activities, pursuits previously considered unbecoming to our sex. Not many years ago, for example, no self-respecting man would be caught alive walking into or out of a beauty parlor. It's okay today. Ask any barber (or barberess) about the competition from the salon sector.

In keeping with Mr. Feirstein's effort to remind us of our traditional values in the spirit of "vive le difference," I would like to pose the female counterpart by

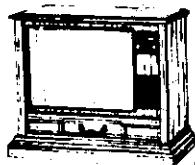
to them, and they never motion for the man to walk through first.

Real ladies don't smoke unfiltered cigarettes and never light up themselves when in the company of a man.

Real ladies don't wear jeans or any type of long pants except to garden, ride horseback, ski, or as part of a lounging outfit to wile away a morning.

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Real ladies don't swear, but may have a sharp tongue, don't fight like a rooster, but may peck like a hen, and don't charge like a bull, but rather with a purseful of credit cards.

Real ladies never think of running a country, a business, a tractor or a mile; they confine themselves to running their household, and perhaps the men in it.

Let's you think less of my wife in light (or dark) of this article, I'll have you know that she is most definitely not a real lady to me; she is unreal.

On the silver screen

School will be out, but the Bethlehem Public Library will be open and showing free children's movies during the week of Feb. 20-24. Highlighting the week-long film festival will be a movie marathon for pre-teens on Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m. Other screen features included "Charlotte's Web" on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., "Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe" on Thursday at 2 p.m. and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" on Friday at 2 p.m.

Time for the SONshine

Plans for February SONshine, Bethlehem Lutheran Church's 6th annual mid-winter vacation Bible school, are near completion.

The purpose of the three-day program, scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 21, 22 and 23 from 1 to 3:15 p.m., is "to share the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children who attend," explains Rev. Warren Winterhoff, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

"We feel that this will be a happy and worthwhile experience and we enthusiastically invite the children of the community. The three days will include Bible stories, crafts, games, movies, singing and refreshments. Thursday evening is family night featuring harpist Corkey Christman and also highlighting the week activities.

Announcement flyers will be mailed shortly to those families who have had children attending previous years. Children ages 4 to 12, from nursery through 6th grade, are eligible. Additional registration forms and information are available at the church office, 85 Elm Ave. Delmar (439-4328), or through the co-chairmen Jane Fireovid (439-0128) and Donna Ward (439-3967).



Arts and crafts are among the doings planned at Bethlehem Lutheran Church's sixth annual February SONshine program, Feb. 21-23. Children ages 4 to 12 are eligible to attend.

There is a \$3.50 registration fee with a maximum charge of \$7 per family. Registration is limited. Interested parents are urged to call promptly for registration forms.

Day camp's 50th

The Day Camp of the Albany Jewish Community Center will help its 50th Anniversary this year. Founded by Al Sloman, AJCC Director of Health and

Physical Education until his retirement in 1978, the camp has been in operation each summer since 1934.

Camp alumni are invited to participate in a committee to plan events to mark the golden anniversary. Former campers who would like to serve on the Birthday Committee, or who have interesting camp memorabilia to lend for a special display, should contact camp Director Joyce Pogoda, at the center, 438-6651.

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Eagle swim streak longest in state

Now it's official. That awesome win streak compiled by Bethlehem Central's swimming teams in dual meets reached 111 last week, the longest win streak in the history of New York State interscholastic sports.

By happenstance, the previous record of 110 was also set by a swimming team, that belonging to Liverpool, a Syracuse suburban school. That record was set in 1980.

The new record was delivered in Delmar water Friday against Amsterdam High after victories at Albany Academy and Albany High. The 100-72 meet at AHS Thursday produced some fine performances by both teams, including a 1:49 by Albany in winning the medley relay. Only two other teams in this area, Bethlehem and Glens Falls, have been under 1:50 this season.

There were other excitements that day. BC's Eric Patrick swam the fastest 200-yard freestyle of his life (1:54.2) only to be touched out by an Albany eighth grader, Kevin Paulson (1:53.8). In the 500 Bethlehem's Knute Hvalsmarken, Paulson and BC's Pierre LaBarge turned in the season's three fastest clockings in the Section up to that time. Hvalsmarken and LaBarge were 1-2 in Section 2 a year ago, but last week young Paulson matched them stroke for stroke, and got a second with 5:05.2 between Hvalsmarken's 5:04.3 and LaBarge's 5:08.2.

Impressive as those times were, they paled in the face of Doug Schulz's assault the following day. Against Amsterdam the brilliant Bethlehem senior not only broke Jay Henahan's pool and school record of 5:00.7, he ruined it with a 4:55.1. Henahan, now a member of the Kenyon College (Ohio) varsity, set the mark in 1981.

The Eagles also churned out a 1:45.2 in the medley relay, best in Section 2 this year, courtesy of Schultz, Hvalsmarken, Damon Woo and John Demarest.

Jack Whipple's charges will need times like those this week when they travel to Rome Free Academy for the first of their two annual confrontations with Central New York tank titans. Meanwhile there was a tune-up with Guilderville, the merged Guilderland-Voorheesville team, yesterday (Tuesday). The big one comes up a week from Friday when New Hartford comes to Delmar.

New Hartford in 1977 was the last team to take a dual meet from Bethlehem. Rome in 1975 was the only other team to pull that feat.

Whipple views Rome as being "strong in No. 1 swimmers, but we should have enough depth to beat them." That means the Eagles may not win as many events as usual, but will need a flock of seconds and thirds to pile up points.

Nat Boynton

4 records broken

Two Delmar girls shattered four meet records in the 16th annual Midwinter Swim Meet at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Sunday.

Janet Shaffer, home from Mercersburg Academy, gave the Delmar Dolphins two new meet marks. In the senior girls division, Shaffer swam the 50-yard freestyle in 25.07 seconds and the 100 in 54.76. Sue Mallery, versatile BCHS varsity star swimming for the Albany Starfish club, was clocked in 1:06.3 in the 100 backstroke and 1:02.2 in the butterfly, new meet records for girls 13-14. She also got a second in senior girls butterfly.

Jenny Mosely of the Dolphins brought home the only other first place, winning the 11-12 girls' 100-yard breaststroke. A total of 31 Dolphins participated in age-group events.

Couple flim flammed

An elderly Glenmont couple apparently were the victims of a flim-flam last week when \$500 in cash was discovered to be missing after two strangers had been permitted to use the telephone. One of the strangers rifled the desk while talking on the phone, according to Bethlehem police reports.

Managing money

Stephen Lescarbeau of Waddell and Reed, Inc., a financial planning corporation, will give a free money management seminar tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Seminar topics will include tax-planning strategies, insurance coverage and investment considerations. For reservations, call 489-4467.

Matmen take on the field

Bethlehem's legion of wrestling fans, growing in numbers and enthusiasm, will have another extravaganza this weekend when Coach Rick Poplaski's Eagles host the Class A Sectionals.

All 14 Class A teams in Section 2 will be in Delmar in force for the tournament. Preliminary rounds get underway at 4:30 p.m. Friday, and will move into the quarterfinals and consolations Friday night. Consolations continue at 11 a.m. Saturday, with the championship semifinals starting about noon. The finals are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The top four in each weight class will advance to the Sectional finals at Glens Falls Civic Center the following weekend. Although Amsterdam and Burnt Hills have a corner on team strength, Bethlehem's hopes ride with Rob VanAernem, at 105 pounds one of the best in the area, and Wayne Peschel, who won the Suburban Council Invitational's 126-pound championship at East Greenbush last Saturday.

Poplaski's forces have lost more bouts to the flu bug and injuries than to rival wrestlers of late. After devastating Shaker, 63-9, in their final dual meet, the depleted Eagles managed only a 10th place among 17 teams in the Council tourney at East Greenbush. Peschel, seeded No. 2, upset top-seeded Chris Malis of Burnt Hills for the 126-pound crown, but VanAernem, the 105-pound favorite, was surprised by the No. 2 seed, Mike Robyck of Burnt Hills. A 4-point throw by Robyck made the difference in an 8-4 decision in the final.

If this week's bouts follow the form sheets, VanAernem should have another

shot at Robyck Saturday night in a feature pairing.

Chris Saba, BC's 91-pound protege, was fifth at East Greenbush, but Brett Zick, the Eagles' 167-pound entry, broke a finger Friday night and is through for the season. Mark Hoffman, recovering from a shoulder injury, is listed as "hopeful" for this week's combat.

"Hopefully the flu bug will be out of the way by tournament time," Poplaski said this week. "That's bad stuff."

Cabaret

In accordance with a 15-year-old tradition, the Bethlehem Central Music Department will sponsor its annual Valentine's Cabaret, formerly the Cubic Kum Quat, on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$2 at the door. The big band dancing and cabaret-style entertainment will feature student soloists, Sound System and the Dance Band. It is being coordinated by music teachers Samuel Bozzella and Joseph Farrell.

Julie Ann Sosa

Going country

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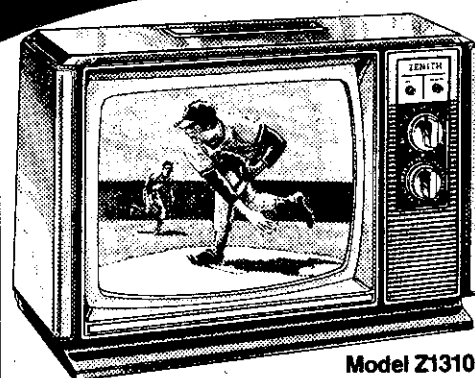
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Zornow leads BC girls to a pair of triumphs

By Julie Ann Sosa

The division-leading Bethlehem Central girls' basketball team (9-1) is good, but center Kim Zornow is great. Still, the 6-foot-1 junior had an uncommonly productive week, scoring a game-high 19 points and registering 16 rebounds, three steals and one assist in a Wednesday win over Niskayuna. She bettered that in a Friday defeat of Mohonasen by again leading all scorers with 21 points and all rebounders with 16. She also picked up three steals.

According to Coach Gene Lewis, the Lady Eagles were good enough last week to win two games impressively with only three quarters worth of play that was up to par. In the 47-32 victory at Niskayuna, the home team boxed out the favorites and outplayed them in the first and third quarters. It was a 14-5 run in the second quarter and a quick but late scoring series by Beth McGaughan, Megan Bursey and Zornow, who had eight of her points in

the last quarter, that put the game out of reach. McGaughan finished with 10 points, while Kelly Burke and Terry Plunkett combined for 13 points, 17 rebounds and seven assists. Bursey led the defense with four steals.

A third quarter 19-4 scoring spree by BC turned around a game that saw Mohonasen in the lead up to that point, while the Bethlehem offense struggled with sub-30 percent shooting. Once again it was Zornow who sparked the run with nine points in eight minutes, although Bursey's four steals were also instrumental. A disappointing JV loss prior to the varsity game might have psychologically hurt the Lady Eagles, who allowed the Class B team with just one win to make it a tough 42-29 contest. Burke again did more than her share, scoring seven points and registering nine rebounds, three assists and two steals. Plunkett also had seven points.

RCS matmen 'improving'

By Jennifer Hammer

Coach John Vishneowski is pleased with his young wrestling team that has "improved tremendously." It added one win and one loss last week to bring its overall record to 3-4 in the Colonial Council, 5-7-1 overall.

The Ravena grapplers suffered a hard loss to league champion Mechanicville, 48-20, but they came back to beat Watervliet, 41-25.

In the Colonial Council tournament over the weekend, which Ravena hosted, the Indians captured 3 third places and 2 fourth places. Bob Gallagher (126), Scott Lewis (132) and Don Burton (155) each claimed a third place, while Rob Dennis

(98) and Jerry Baranska (177) took fourth places. Baranska was awarded a trophy for the fastest pin of the meet, pinning his opponent in 18 seconds.

The team will be away at Waterford this Wednesday. The Class B Sectionals begin on Friday.

The young wrestlers are already looking forward to next year with only two of 25 being seniors. Vishneowski is hoping to see many returns for next year and to move up some of his modified seventh and eighth grade team. The modified team did a fine job and is looking forward to their spring tournaments.

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Blackbirds like the spoiler role

Voorheesville's Blackbirds dropped quietly out of the running for the Colonial Council basketball championship last week with an undistinguished loss at Albany Academy, then bounced back to deal neighboring Ravena a 13-point setback.

But the Blackbirds will have a lot to say about who succeeds them in the throne room. In this unusually well-balanced and highly competitive league, no fewer than five teams began this week with a shot at the crown. Cohoes had three losses and four others had four. The Blackbirds, out of the race with six losses, can be a real spoiler — their last two games are with contenders — first place Cohoes last night (Tuesday) and Mechanicville at home next Tuesday. In between they play an "outside" game at Duaneburg Saturday.

The Academy game (65-59) is best forgotten. The Blackbirds had a 2-point margin at halftime, and they gave the Cadets too many second shots. "It was one of those games that we just seemed to fall short," summarized Coach Chuck Abba. "Academy is a very good basketball team, and we felt we could have beaten them, but we had trouble matching up with their players, especially Gatty and Owens. A lot of little things happened, and they added up. I was disappointed, but I'm not dismayed."

Abba felt a lot better Friday night after a 60-47 conquest of Ravena on the home planking. "We rebounded better, especi-

BASKETBALL

ally off the offensive board. We didn't shoot well, but we had more second shots. We were able to put a lot more pressure on them, and that made the difference, that and some really good foul shooting."

The numbers bear him out. Ravena scored seven more baskets from scrimmage than the Blackbirds, but the Indians were only 1-for-10 from the charity stripe while the Blackbirds meshed 28 free throws in 38 attempts, a near record. John Zongrone, who had an off-night shooting from the floor (only 4 baskets), hit 7 of 8 from the line in the first half and wound up with 13 for 15 and a game-high 21 points. Overall the Blackbirds went 13-for-15 from the line in the first half and 15 for 23 after intermission.

It was the foul shooting that kept Voorheesville in the game in the first half. The larger, quicker Indians appeared to have full control of the floor play, but it was only 24-23 Ravena when the teams broke for the locker room. Would anyone in the capacity audience believe that the Blackbirds made only four baskets in the first 16 minutes?

Midway in the third Brett Hotaling, Joc Rissberger and Brian Rubin ignited a



Voorheesville's Jeff Rockmore, left, and Brett Hotaling (14) put the old "defensive sandwich" on Ravena's Doug Keyer in Colonial Council action Friday. Moving in to help are Blackbirds Brian Rubin, background, and John Zongrone, extreme right.

Spotlight — R.H. Davis

12-point run that carried the Blackbirds from a 30-29 deficit to a 41-30 lead. With 1:40 to play in the period, Zongrone, held

to two baskets over most of the first three quarters, ended his long cold spell with a pretty jumper.

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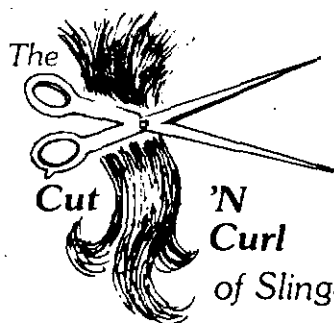
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Abba opened the game with a full-court press and kept it throughout. The strategy worked as the Indians were forced into turnovers on hurried passes. "It was a risk we decided to take, because if they broke the pressure, they would get a lot of easy shots," Abba said later. "Their talent would hurt us if we stayed back, so we went after them. In the end they were fouling us, and the score would have been higher if we hadn't missed the front end of six one-on-ones in the fourth quarter."

Nat Boynton

Voorheesville edged by Academy

By Peter Fisch

When the smoke cleared after Saturday's Colonial Council wrestling tournament battle at Ravena, a tough Albany Academy squad managed to prevail over rivals Voorheesville and Mechanicville to capture the coveted title.

Only 4½ points separated the Cadets from the second-place Blackbirds. "It was a real dogfight among the three of us

WRESTLING

(Academy, Voorheesville and Mechanicville)," observed Blackbird Coach Dick Leach. "We all held the lead at different times."

In the tourney, the Blackbirds placed nine wrestlers in the top three of their weight classes. Junior Jeff Genovesi and senior Jeff Clark repeated as league champions. Clark won the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler award by pinning Lansingburgh's previously undefeated Jim McHugh in 5:11 at 119 pounds. The championship also allowed Clark to pull within five victories of Section 2's career mark. Clark has compiled an awesome 139-19-1 record in his five years on the varsity squad at Voorheesville.

Also capturing an individual championship for the Birds was 177-pounder John Ryan with a 5-0 decision over Todd Phelan of Lansingburgh in the finals.

The Blackbirds' lone defeat in the finals came in the 145-pound bout. Paul Steciuk of Cohoes scored a 9-5 decision over senior Matt Beals and reversed the outcome of a match between them two days earlier. Beals pinned Steciuk when the two met during a dual match Thursday.

The wrestlers proved to be a strong point for the Birds with third-place finishes registered by eighth graders Matt Cillis and John Traudt, sophomores Mark Gillenwalters and Rich Kane, and senior Sean Rafferty.

"We wrestled very well," said Leach. "We were disappointed, but second place in a nine-team tourney is not a weak finish. Academy had five champions and

we had three. That's what made the difference in the tournament."

Earlier, the Birds split a pair of non-league bouts. Class C powerhouse Cornith nipped the Blackbirds last Tuesday, 41-30. Picking up wins for the locals were Genovesi, Beals, Rafferty, Ryan and Kane. "Corinth has one of the best small school teams in the section," stated Leach. The following Tuesday, Voorheesville trounced Duanesburgh, 48-17. Cillis, Traudt, Clark, Beals, senior Chris Zeh, sophomore Bill Kelly, Ryan and Kane all bagged Blackbird victories.

In their only league-match of late, the Birds upped their overall mark to 10-6 and their league slate to 6-1 with a 50-14 romp over Cohoes. Tallying wins for VCHS were Traudt, freshman Jason DePasquale, Gillenwalters, Clark, Genovesi, Beals, Rafferty and Ryan.

With only yesterday's league bout against Lansingburgh left on the schedule, the Birds entertain several area schools in the Class C Tournament at Voorheesville on Friday and Saturday. This will be the last chance to see a talented crew of seniors wrestle for the Blackbirds.

For students of romance

A romance writer's workshop is planned for Saturday, Feb. 11, by the Capital District Humanities Program of the State University at Albany. The workshop will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jazzercise Studio at Stuyvesant Plaza. CDHP also is offering a three-session seminar on the romance novel as a social and literary phenomenon, which will begin Tuesday, Feb. 14, at McKownville United Methodist Church. Dr. Mary Arensberg, a lecturer at the university, will conduct the workshop and seminar. For information, call 457-3907.

Fouls are Indians' undoing

If the basketball rule-makers did away with the foul line, Ravena's Indians might never lose a game.

The Indians, who last season lost four games in which they scored more field baskets than the opposition, fell into the same pit last week and lost whatever chance they had to gain a piece of the Colonial Council title. They had five more baskets than Cohoes and lost a heart-breaker, 44-43, last Tuesday, and on Friday they had seven more baskets than Voorheesville and lost by 60-47.

In those two outings, the Indians got only 3 points from the penalty stripe against Cohoes and a meager one point at Voorheesville. Meanwhile the Tigers flicked in 14 from the line and the Blackbirds a whopping 28.

But what hurt most was a miserable fourth quarter against Cohoes. The Indians burst out of a 26-all stalemate at halftime and took a 7-point lead at the end of three. When Dee Bowie opened the fourth with a jumper, it was 39-30 Ravena, but the Tigers ran off 13 unanswered points in the next 6 minutes. Donny Baker's shot brought the Tribe within a point with 20 seconds remaining, but that was it.

"We turned the ball over a lot in the fourth period," said a crestfallen Tim Tucker after the game. "After our big run in the third we played sideways instead of keeping our momentum going. We let Cohoes get back in, and then it was just a question of who had the last shot. We had the last shot, but it didn't fall."

Losing a game that could have put them within striking distance of the throne took all the spark out of the Indians, and they were listless in practice after that. At Voorheesville they fired 13 shots through the hoop in the first half to four for the Blackbirds, but they got in foul trouble early and stayed that way.

"After that tough one Tuesday night, they felt they were out of it," Tucker said. "They were all down, and it was their worst game of the year."

Ravena played both games with Mike Constantine, their best backboard sweeper, hampered by a contusion on his right hand that caused so much swelling that he could hardly use that paw. But Kevin Hoffman continued to be impressive, and Bill Lipscomb had a nice game Friday with 12 points.

The Indians were playing at Mechanicville last night (Tuesday) and will entertain Lansingburgh Friday in the last home game of the season. They get their final tuneup before the Sectionals next Tuesday at Watervliet. In that stretch Tucker will be facing his big challenge — how to restore the morale and confidence of a team that has the talent and ability to go to the Class B finals if it gets its act together.

Beer cache found

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the merrier."

It isn't all fun and games, however, Haynes admitted. Since a balloonist pretty much goes where the wind blows, there is a distinct possibility he will go somewhere other than his destination. For example, air currents tend to flow from the higher terrain around the Hudson River toward the river and then with the river. So a balloonist could be carried over the river and then it — or, worse perhaps, over it and then be becalmed. That possibility, however, doesn't stop the more adventurous balloonists from trying a maneuver called the "splash-and-dash," which calls for splashing the basket into the river and then lifting up and dashing across. Haynes has tried a few.

"It's more fun if people are watching," says Haynes. "The more the merrier."

The uncertainties of ballooning and the cumbersome nature of the conveyance when it's on the ground give the "chaser" an importance akin to that of rescuer. Some dic-hards go it alone, without a chaser, Haynes said, but sitting for two hours in the dark in a distant field once was all the convincing he needed.

Ballooning does have its dangers, especially power lines. If a basket hits power lines, it may cause electrical arcing, which could explode the propane tanks aboard. But these and similar hazards are most likely to be encountered when flying in weather one shouldn't be, Haynes said, which would show lack of common sense. "Ninety-nine percent of the fatalities in ballooning are due to pilot error," he said, "pure ignorance."

Getting off the ground and subsequently back down to it hold their own

special challenges. Before liftoff, the tethered balloon is filled with air by means of a fan and this air is then heated with burners fueled by propane. Some balloonists have learned the hard way about scorching. Then, too, the typical balloon may be filled with some 4,000 pounds of air and controlling that in a landing can be tricky. Haynes vividly recalls the time he was dragged 50 yards across the furrows in a field. And, while there are rope handles inside the basket to hang on to, there are no seatbelts.

According to Haynes, you don't have to be rich to be a balloonist. The envelope (balloon), which is usually the custom-made, costs in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to \$6,000. The wicker basket can run \$4,500 and the burners about \$3,000. Then there are flying lessons and the annual inspection by the Federal Aviation Administration, at \$200. It also helps to have an all-terrain vehicle for reaching launch sites and chasing. Haynes figures, his cost is about \$100 per hour of flying. But, he insists, the costs associated with the sport are about comparable to what a boating enthusiast spends on his recreation.

Since envelopes are custom-made, the buyer can design his own. Haynes estimates he did 30 designs before acquiring Big Abe. For a little extra, the buyer can have his balloon in the shape of a sparkplug, a pair of blue jeans, or, like industrialist Malcolm Forbes, his French chateau.

In November, local balloonists quietly observed the 200th anniversary of the first manned flight, which took place in southern France. Judging from accounts of the event, it is remarkable that ballooning ever got off the ground (so to speak) since the first fuel included manure, rotten meat and old shoes. Such foul fuel was chosen because it was believed that the smoke and not the heated air lifted the balloon. In the late



Balloonist Gary Haynes soars on a sunny day.

1800's, balloonists began using helium as well as hydrogen, but in the late 1960's interest in hot-air ballooning revived, in part because of Navy-sponsored research into it. Helium is used now by only a few recreational balloonists because of the

cost — about \$3,000 for one flight, Haynes said. And today one or two purists among balloonists employ smoke to fill their balloons, but a parachute is also part of their equipment.

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frequent launch site for area balloonists, but Haynes has used local airstrips and even his own backyard. An excursion from Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park last fall by an area balloonist elicited a request from the town that balloonists refrain from using park grounds without a permit. However, says Haynes, anybody should be happy to have a balloonist launch from their property "because we're just going to go away." It's rare he said, for a balloon to be able to return to the launch site.

Before a flight, Haynes calls the Flight Service Station at the Albany County Airport for a forecast of winds, both at the surface and aloft. He also carries helium and a supply of party balloons that he can fill and let loose to track the direction of the wind. However, wind is layered and is not constant. As a balloon ascends, passengers can feel the wind shears. About 250 to 500 feet up, the wind "turns right," in Haynes words, because of drag across the ground. Then, too, in hilly areas such as eastern New York, there can be some surprises. Balloonists use an altimeter and try to remember what direction and force the wind had at a certain altitude. But part of the adventure is that the velocity and direction of the wind change may not be the same when you return. The hours around dawn and dusk are preferred flying times because the air is calmest then and thermals (bubbles of sun-heated air) are absent. The vagaries of the wind are such, however, that it may take half an hour to negotiate a balloon to a destination two miles away — or you may never get there.

Balloonists, not surprisingly, have right of way over other aircraft. Balloon pilots must have a private or commercial license and the balloon itself is registered

with the FAA and must have an annual inspection. However, at the moment, regulation "is kind of up in the air, so to speak," Haynes said.

"It's not a solitary sport," Haynes went on. "I get a kick out of its being shared. You run into guys who just live to fly their balloon, but I get a kick out the whole thing — chasing, working on them, the camaraderie..."

For those who want to try, Haynes offers a "low-cost budget special" — a flight of 30 to 40 minutes for a minimum of four persons at \$85 each. For those who think a balloon flight ought to be celebrated, Haynes offers the \$225 "champagne flight" for two, with a minimum of an hour aloft. His telephone number is 439-6499.

If you'd rather just watch, area balloonists are planning their annual "Feb Fest" for Feb. 11 and 12 in Kinderhook, where last year some 19 balloonists took off in three feet of snow.

Youth council meets

The Bethlehem Youth Advisory Council, accustomed to working in anonymity, will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, in Room 204 of the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Joan Levine, director of Project Hope's Bethlehem outreach office, will give an overview of the early detection and short-term counseling service for youth and their families. The council, which remains the only Bethlehem community organization for youth that actually has student representatives, will then discuss a proposed "Youth and Power" workshop for middle schoolers and ways of using what the town has budgeted for youth summer activities.

BIRTHS



Albany Medical Center Hospital

Girl, Amanda Rapp, to Marlene and David Tiffany, Altamont, Jan. 13.

Boy, Joshua Daniel, to Twylla and Dan Hughes, Altamont, Jan. 16.

Girl, Kelly Maureen, to Kathleen and Kevin Shea, Delmar, Jan. 19.

In the Southwest

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a free travelogue on vacationing in southern Utah and northern Arizona, "The Land of the Sleeping Rainbow," on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Menu for sweethearts

Candlelight and soft music will set the stage for a "Sweetheart Dinner" Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Clarksville Community Church. The prime rib menu will be served at 6:30 p.m. for \$17.50 a couple or \$8.75 a single person. For reservations, call 768-2016.

CPR

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service will conduct a full and refresher CPR course on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Selkirk firehouse No. 1 on Maple Ave. For information and registration, call Linda Schacht before Feb. 12 at 767-2924.

Side yard variance

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals held a public hearing for and informally granted a variance to Alfred Dean, 11 Carriage Rd., Delmar, from the side yard provision of the town zoning ordinance at a regular meeting last Wednesday night.

The board's next meeting is Feb. 15.

League's defense policy

The Bethlehem unit of the Albany County League of Women Voters meets Thursday, Feb. 16, to discuss the formation of a league consensus on "military policy objectives in defense spending." This is the second phase of the league's national security study. The 9:15 a.m. meeting is at the Bethlehem Public Library.

4 injured in crash

A Slingerlands family was injured Monday night in a two-car collision on Krumkill Rd. near Beldale. Lynn Sutton, 28, was admitted to St. Peter's Hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the 8 p.m. accident; her husband, Terry, 32, and two-year-old son Devin were treated and released.

Paula B. Altart, 41, of Menands was charged with driving while her ability was impaired by drugs and failure to keep right. Altart had to be removed from her damaged vehicle by the Slingerlands Rescue Squad. She was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where she was treated and released. The Delmar Ambulance Squad and North Bethlehem Fire Department also were on the scene.

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She is one of 14 students at Kibbutz Na'an, an industrial-agricultural complex 35 miles out of Tel Aviv. Erica, who earned a 4.0 average at Union for the fall term, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rosenbloom.

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Music program defended

Editor, The Spotlight:

The letter in the Jan. 25, 1984 *Spotlight* from Mr. Minnock may accurately reflect his opinions on some topics, but is highly inaccurate in its portrayal of the

Bethlehem Central Music Department. I would offer some factual comments for your readers' consideration.

In terms of general program, the Bethlehem Central music curriculum is a K-12 program equal to those found in quality education systems. It uses trained personnel at all levels; it integrates its program into regular classrooms; it offers a sequence of skill and knowledge appropriate to the grade levels of the students, and it is continuously reviewed to determine additional ways of strengthening it. It is well funded and is a strong link in our total program.

The performing portion of our music program has grown dramatically in the last five years. The growth has been so

great that our middle school stage cannot hold all the participants. We have added additional teaching personnel and practice time, and find parental support for this program strong and gratifying. The children receiving training in choral and instrumental areas are receiving it from highly qualified instructors whose methods, talents and dedication make a difference. While many students have great natural talent and strong parental support, the large numbers of well-prepared students in Bethlehem Central's performing groups occurs because they are taught — provided practice and reinforcement and again presented new increments in their musical skill development. Last, in the performing area of our music program, adequate funding is certainly evident in the provision of instruments, time, facilities and skilled teachers.

In very few areas do the results of a faculty's work become so highly visible as in that of music. The music faculty in

Bethlehem, in addition to being talented teachers, are artists in their own right. Many perform in other groups and many extend their talents to other teaching areas. The annual music faculty recital is one example of this talented group. (Incidentally, you will find very few music faculties anywhere that will perform before the community in such a recital).

Would we like to do better? Certainly, and the Music Department is looking for ways of doing this (and is not being stifled but rather being encouraged). We are studying a new grade 8 music offering; a high school marching band is being developed, and the staff is strongly involved with the use of technology (e.g., computers) in the music field. We do have a desire to improve our general music program at the high school so more students would participate. For this we will need stronger parental support in directing students to consider music at that level; we are also open to ideas for



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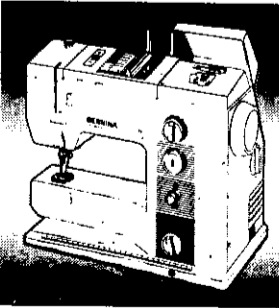
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Tom Howes

improvement in that area. We'd also like to be able to provide more equipment to our performing groups. We wish some of these steps could be taken overnight but know they take time. While these improvements occur, we do have the good fortune of a strong program, talented staff, adequate funding, parental support and good student resources.

J. Briggs McAndrews
Assistant Superintendent for
Educational Programs & Instruction

Correction

The first paragraph of a letter from James R. Adams was garbled in last week's *Spotlight*. The paragraph should have read:

"If the Bethlehem Central School Board is looking for budget input, perhaps a good place to start would be with *Central Highlights*, published 10 times a year by the school district. In these times, wouldn't the community be better served by a tri-monthly or semi-annual publication containing only pertinent information?"

Scherer-Calkins

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Scherer of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dana Faith, to Thomas W. Calkins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Calkins of Brewster, Mass.

Miss Scherer is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended Hudson Valley Community College. She is employed by Woburn Bank and Trust Co. of Woburn, Mass.

Her fiance is a graduate of Merrimack College, Boston, and is a sales engineer for Deerlectra, Inc. of Natick, Mass.

An October wedding is planned.

Antique show returns

The Tawasentha Chapter of the D.A.R. will sponsor its 13th annual antique show at the Bethlehem Central High School in Delmar on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday, Feb. 19, from noon to 5 p.m. The invitational show will feature dealers of antique furniture, stoneware, glass and china, quilts and linens, silver, jewelry, books, prints and toys. Among the show's highlights are a glass grinding demonstration, appraisals of small portable antiques and a Kalico Kitchen. Admission is \$1.75, and show proceeds will benefit various D.A.R. philanthropic projects.

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Ralph B. Kenney

Ralph B. Kenney, 76, died Monday, Jan. 30, at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness. Dr. Kenney was for 31 years professor of education in guidance at the State University at Albany, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1973. Previously he had been executive secretary of the National Vocational Guidance Association and editor of its journal.

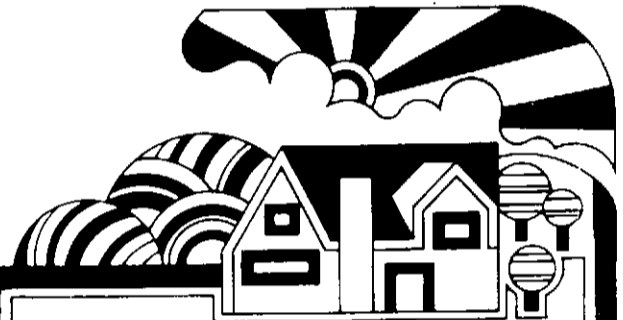
A resident of Delmar for the last 26 years, he was born in Newburgh, N.Y., the son of Leonard Carpenter and Clara Burch Kenney. He graduated from Scotia High School and Union College, class of 1929. He also received his M.A. from Princeton and Ph.D. from Yale.

Dr. Kenney was a member of Phi Gamma fraternity, and of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He was also an elder of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Waite Kenney, and a daughter, Dr. Alice P. Kenney, and several cousins.

A private graveside service will be conducted at Clifton Park Center Baptist Cemetery in the spring. Contributions to the Memorial Fund of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Albany, would be appreciated.

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