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Task force: strengthen site review

By Vincent Potenza

Does Delaware Ave. from the Normanskill to the Four Corners look the way it does because the town lacks power or because it has been timid in exercising it? Whatever the reason, if the task force now studying the problem has its way, all that will change drastically, most likely through the use of site plan approval.

At a meeting last Tuesday a temporarily truncated committee addressed the problems of green areas, setbacks, signage, architectural styles and usage of commercial property along the town's problem highway and decided that, however implemented, sweeping changes would need to be made in each area.

As the group moves closer to its April deadline for coming up with suggestions for improvement, Chairman Charles Redmond pushed last week for a consensus on those issues and got them. All present agreed that there has to be more green areas on commercial lots, at least in front along the highway. The group has talked about recommending adoption of "town trees" to be planted along the road, and committee member Bernard Harvith suggested that the town might set up a memorial tree fund to which residents could contribute.

There was talk that the present 10-foot minimum front-yard setback for commercial sites needs to be re-examined. There are currently no provisions for side or rear yards for commercial sites, and the consensus last week was that there should be setbacks of 10 feet here, also — at the very least where a commercial site abuts residential property.

Town planning consultant Edward Kleinke noted that the town zoning ordinance allows different size signs for different size buildings, which "leads to an inconsistency as you proceed along the highway."

Lee Faulkner, committee member representing the Chamber of Commerce, noted that the landlord from whom he rents the land that houses his business (Nautilus Total Fitness Center) will not allow signs near the road. John LaForte, a member of the planning board and chairman of the task force's aesthetics subcommittee, said he thought that all businesses should have signs and those signs should "clearly indicate the street number, for safety's sake." He added that Faulkner's landlord should probably be compelled to allow signs, since their absence could only contribute to confusion where traffic along the street is concerned.

The consensus of the committee was that signs should always be mounted flush or parallel to the building — LaForte singled out the sign of the Saratoga Shoe Depot across from Elsmere Ave. on Delaware as a good example of a tasteful sign — and never be allowed to hang over sidewalks.

It was noted that those types of



A community kickline swings into rehearsal for Bethlehem Central's 50th anniversary variety show to be staged at the high school auditorium in Delmar March 9-10. The production format features scenes from each of the five decades since the

school system was centralized. *On the cover:* Muriel Welch of Slingerlands will be "puttin' on her top hat" when the curtain goes up three weeks from now.

Spotlight — Tom Howes

A pipeline comes to New Scotland

By Tom McPheeters

From the air, the pipeline — or its trace — slides by like a thin shadow across the land, sometimes a path cut through scrubby Helderberg trees, often just a faint line through pasture land and fields.

Natural gas flows through this line, compressed to between 400 and 600 pounds per square inch. It starts at the Texas Gulf Coast and ends near Boston, cutting through Upstate New York along the way. The pipeline has been there since 1951. Most people in New Scotland and Bethlehem have no idea it runs through their towns.

Many people will this summer, though.

As part of the Boundary Gas Project to deliver more natural gas to the East Coast, Tennessee Gas Pipeline (a division of Tenneco) is planning two area projects this summer, one a major project in New Scotland and the other in Bethlehem.

The larger of the two is a seven-mile "stretch" that begins in the Helderberg foothills of Berne and runs east through New Scotland. For most of its run, the new 30-inch pipeline will parallel the existing 24-inch line, and the impact, says the company's project manager, will be minimal. The two lines, according to H.E. Degreenia, will be about 25 feet apart, necessitating some widening of the existing 60-foot wide cut. This is the space that Tennessee keeps cleared (by mechanical means), so that its pilots can inspect from the air, says Degreenia.

But one section of the new line has stirred controversy for well over a year. The existing line runs through the Town of Bethlehem's Vly Creek reservoir and last year Bethlehem officials objected strenuously and effectively to the idea of putting a second pipeline through the town's major source of water. After hearings in Washington, the company agreed to move the line.

"Funny thing, we were here first, before the reservoir, and we gave them rights to put the reservoir over our right-of-way," said Degreenia.

The new route goes around the south end of the reservoir and loops back up to join the existing line near Clipp Rd. That means breaking new ground, and several property owners last week found themselves confronting surveyors — and later, the company helicopter — as Tennessee began its search for a cost-effective route.



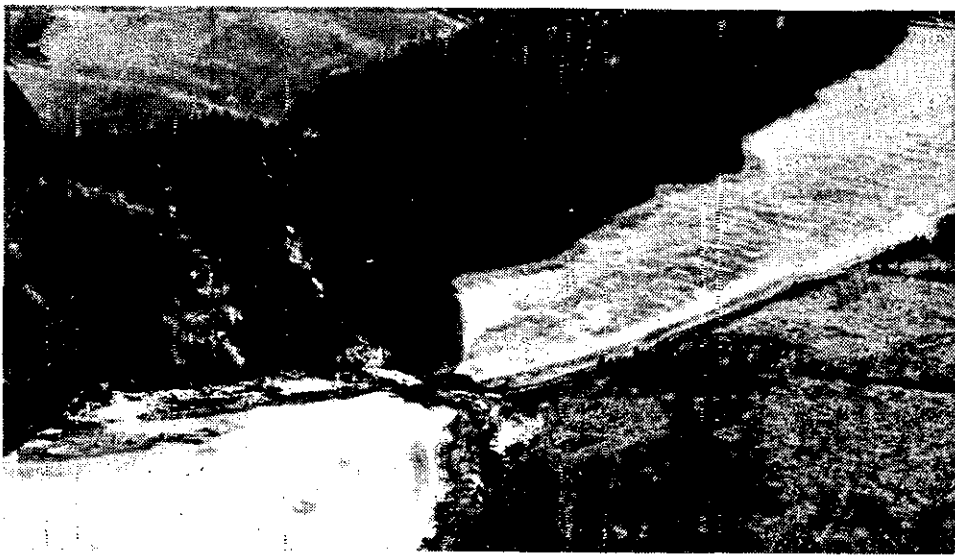
Engineers and surveyors for the Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. were in New Scotland last week plotting the route proposed for the new 30-inch line that will parallel the 24-inch line that was laid across Bethlehem and New Scotland in 1951. Above, Henry Dinelle of Ludlow, Mass., left, works with Nick DeCesare of Agawam, Mass. on the transit just off Clipp Rd. *On the cover:* A Tennessee Gas helicopter last week carried the project's chief engineer on an aerial survey of routes that by-pass the Vly Creek reservoir avoiding private wells and springs.

Spotlight photos

By week's end it appeared that a new route had been found but several of the property owners were keeping their options

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The existing Tennessee Gas pipeline crosses the Vly Reservoir just south (to the left) of the narrow stretch, known as the neck. *Spotlight*

□ Pipeline

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open. Mindful that the deadline for reopening the hearings on Tennessee's impact statement is March 5, the property owners had asked the New Scotland Town Board for a special meeting. The board scheduled it for Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the town hall.

"We are not against the pipeline as such," said one owner, John Dearstyne, "and there's no problem with safety. But we are concerned about a threat to our sources of water, which are hard to come by in New Scotland."

Degreenia, who spent much of Thursday looking at the route by air, said Monday he is sure a satisfactory route

can be found. "We have to look at this from the ground yet," he cautioned.

The second project is a one-mile stretch that runs through Dowerskill Village, a residential development between Rt. 9W and Elm Ave. East in Glenmont. That, said Degreenia, is considered "a routine upgrading of our system" — in this case made necessary by the change in the land from rural to residential. Degreenia said he expects to use the existing right-of-way through Dowerskill, although "it'll be tight."

Degreenia expects the project to be underway by July 1. As a rule, pipelines such as this cost about \$1 million per mile to build: Tennessee will contract the work out, with some 200 workers to be employed. Local hiring will be encouraged, Degreenia said, and the company will open an office in Clarksville in the next month or so.

BC teacher pact: still no progress

By Caroline Terenzini

More than rain was dampening the spirits of the handful of Bethlehem Central teachers who trudged in front of the Educational Services Center last Wednesday.

The picketing comes after nearly a year of so far unsuccessful negotiation with the district on a new contract. While the state's Taylor Law forbids a strike, the teachers are using what tactics they can, including boycotting in-service training and the high school's celebration of its 50th year. At Hamagrael Elementary School, the corridors that are usually lined with examples of the latest academic and artistic achievements of the kindergartners through fifth graders now are as bare as part of faculty pressure for a contract.

Another negotiating session with the two sides and labor specialist Herbert Marx is scheduled for Monday, but if it is not fruitful, the teachers are slated to step up the job actions by eliminating field trips, guest speakers, science fairs and chaperoning from their activities, according to a teacher association memo.

While most in the community seem to feel they have no role in the dispute, Marion Harwick of Delmar, mother of two students and a teacher herself, told board members Wednesday, "I get the sense that morale is at an all-time low. I appeal to the board to do something to move toward a meeting of minds on a contract...this is not a happy year for the community."

"I think teachers deserve more pay," she added, "and that people in this town would be willing to pay more taxes," for that purpose.

While negotiations have included a number of items, the size of the pay raise, the length of the new agreement and a provision for alternative health care coverage are understood to be major sticking points. Against this backdrop, negotiations between the district and the union representing its non-instructional employees are due to begin shortly.

And a new budget year is fast approaching, so after its business meeting, the board hunkered down with the administration's draft spending plan for a quick look at — in board member Bernard Harvith's words — "the full horror of the situation" as far as proposed operations and maintenance outlays are concerned. The refrain on page after page in this section of the budget proposal is "rebuild, repair, resurface, replace."

For example, \$50,000 is allotted to replace the condensate apparatus for the boiler system at the high school, which was built in 1951 — plus \$45,000 more in each of the next two years. Board members did zero in on a proposed \$10,650 for installing an eight-unit

drinking fountain near the high school football field, with Robert Ruslander suggesting the squad could just as well use buckets.

Less easily disposed of is a \$658,000 expenditure the district is looking at in 1985-86 for asbestos removal at the high school, with smaller six-digit outlays seen in future years for such work at the Clarksville, Elsmere and middle schools. In a memo included in the budget document, Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer said, "In 1980-81 when we did remove a lot of asbestos, we selected the most serious areas. We knew at the time that this did not eliminate all asbestos from our school building."

He went on to say that the allocation schedule is flexible, "since there is no immediate problem. We do feel, however, that the asbestos cannot be ignored...the only permanent solution is to remove the asbestos." This is among the budget considerations to be discussed at the next budget work session, scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29.

Board president Sheila Fuller announced that five minutes will be set aside at the beginning of each budget work session for public comment. The agenda at board business meetings (as distinct from budget work session) routinely includes time for public comment on any matter, including the budget. Typically, however, taxpayers pay attention to the budget process only after a projected tax rate is announced. In the past, a figure close to the final figure has been reported in *The Spotlight* before the meeting at which the board adopts the budget. The district insists, however, that publicizing probable tax rates before the budget is locked into shape gets in the way of considered discussion about the program being bought with those dollars.

And, in fact, the tax rate may change after the public votes on the budget plan in May, as happened last year, because the school budget must be adopted before the towns' assessors are required to have the final tax roll ready.

Coffees again

Sheila Fuller, president of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education, will again this year offer an opportunity for district residents to talk informally about the district's proposed new budget. Mrs. Fuller will serve coffee to all comers at her home, 31 Albin Rd. in Delmar. The first session will be Monday, Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, when Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn will be present to discuss the budget. The next "coffee" will be Monday, March 12, and they will continue every other Monday except April 23, a week when school is not in session. Mrs. Fuller said everyone is welcome.

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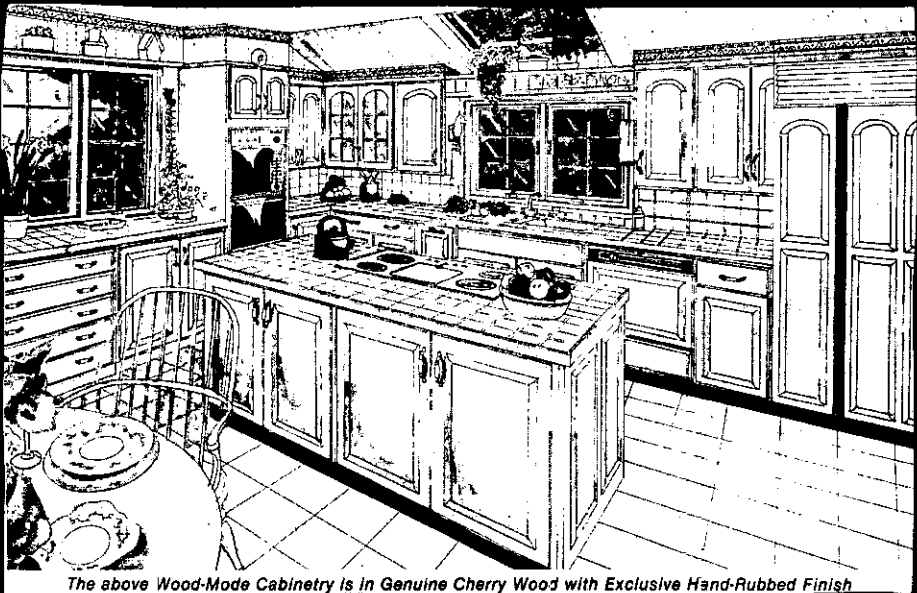
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□ Delaware Ave. review

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hanging signs are already disallowed in the ordinance, yet are still to be seen in the older parts of town. Engineering consultant Alvah Worth guessed that the disallowance had been in the ordinance for over 20 years. This brought the group to discussing how long businesses would have to comply with any changes that might be made. Time limits of from two to 15 years were mentioned, but none was settled on.

The committee also discussed at length the enormous variations in styles of architecture along the highway, and wondered aloud if anything could be done about it. Harvith, who teaches planning law at Albany Law School, gave the group an answer: "The way the ordinance reads now," he said, "if someone wants to construct a building that looks like the rear end of a rhinoceros — just to get attention — I'm not sure we could stop him."

He went on to suggest that if the town did, indeed, want to stop such a developer, it would probably be helpful to legislate some sort of architectural preference into the zoning ordinance. "Say, 'Victorian,' or 'We prefer Colonial,' or whatever," Harvith told the group. "The new Tri-Village Drug store and the new Grand Union sort of look similar in style, we could say we preferred that type of appearance," he continued. "I think most business people really don't care what the outside of the store looks like as long as it's good for business," he said.

The ordinance was again the focal point for Kleinke's discussion of uses. "As far as definitions go," he told the committee, "the ordinance has big voids for things like Stewarts, which sells food and gas, and even Nautilus, a 'fitness center.' There's no such thing in the ordinance."

There was a lot of discussion of what the town can do when a commercial building changes uses — goes from office to retail space, for example, or from retail to a restaurant. There are different parking requirements for each use, Kleinke said. At present, committee members were told, a commercial building can change uses and never come before the town for any sort of review, even if parking or other requirements have changed with that use.

And just how would the town oversee

and enforce all these innovations? Once again, in the group's discussion, that burden fell on the planning board's power of site plan approval. And once again there was talk of giving the ordinance more teeth in that area.

It seems a foregone conclusion that the 50-percent-or-more addition cutoff for commercial SPA currently on the books will fall by the wayside if the group has its way: all commercial construction or alteration — and maybe even all changes in useage — will be subject to the planners' approval.

But does the power of SPA as it is written need to be strengthened as its application is broadened? "We have the power of architectural review as the ordinance is written," LaForte told the group. "The planning board just hasn't been courageous enough in its use." When he ran into disagreement, he told the group: "We never just said 'No.' I think we should as soon as we get the chance, let somebody take us to court if it comes to that, and find out just how much power we really have."

The planning board has so far reviewed only two commercial site plan applications — one for an addition owned by Fred and Bill Weber at 262-264 Delaware Ave. and one for Dr. Thomas H. Abele, who constructed new dental offices behind St. Thomas Church, also on Delaware.

(LaForte, at the time of Dr. Abele's site plan application, got into a lengthy and — as he expressed later — somewhat frustrating discussion with the dentist's representative about planting trees to screen the new offices from the church's rectory. The town later entered into a bonding agreement with Dr. Abele to insure he would meet the specifications of the site plan as outlined by the planners and enforced by Building Inspector John Flanagan.)

Redmond told the group that he would personally like to see the SPA portion of the ordinance strengthened before all the contemplated expansion of jurisdiction and potential court cases. He noted that, since the group had arrived at a consensus on so many of the issues involved, it should be possible for the various subcommittees to propose specific changes to the group as a whole. He set the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday), Feb. 23 at town hall for an airing of those proposals.

Be alert for cons

You can't tell a con artist by the way he looks, but Bethlehem police urge that area residents be on the lookout for those in the confidence game. Among the clues are a deal that sounds too good to be true and a request for cash to close a deal. Police noted that con artists are experts in human psychology and behavior, and can make persuasive pitches for worthless merchandise or phony home repairs, for example.

Confidence men use the mails, too, with the same fraud being perpetrated over and over again. Be cautious about signing up or sending cash. And, if you are victimized by a con artist, police urge that you report it to authorities and be willing to testify in court.

Water safety courses

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department and the American Red Cross will co-sponsor two aquatics safety courses starting March 1 at the Bethlehem Central High School.

The basic swim instructor course will be available to strong swimmers, at least 17 years old who are interested in teaching basic swimming and basic water safety courses. The fee for this course is \$13.

The basic rescue and water safety course is available to relatively strong swimmers (must swim 250 yards) who are at least 11 years old. This course stresses self rescue skills and non-swimming rescues. The course fee is \$5.

For information, call Liz Strickler at 439-5468, or Frank Ferro at 439-7208. All students must preregister at the Red Cross, 462-7461. Preference for enrollment will be given to those students residing in the Town of Bethlehem or in the Bethlehem Central School District.

Planning GOP fete

Mary Bardwell of Delmar, vice chairman of the Albany County Republican Committee, is in charge of planning for the 86th annual Lincoln Day dinner, along with Paul Burgdorf of Latham. The GOP event is planned for Thursday, March 8, at Michael's Banquet House, Rt. 9, Latham. Tickets are \$65 a person and may be obtained from the committee, 855 Central Ave., Albany, or by calling 438-5983.

3 arrested for dealing

Combined action by Rensselaer and Bethlehem police Thursday netted three men on felony charges of selling drugs. The accused, who face Albany County Court action, were listed as Thomas P. Burke, 31, of Menands; Douglas V. Race, 32, of Georgia, and John J. Wilson, Jr., 26, of Albany. They were arrested on Rt. 144 in the Town of Bethlehem after selling half an ounce of cocaine for \$1,100, police reported. Police confiscated three ounces of cocaine and \$4,900 in the arrest.

As a result of these arrests, Bethlehem and Colonie police Friday nabbed two Colonie residents on drug possession charges. Police said they confiscated two ounces of cocaine in the Colonie arrest.

Baxter where he belongs

A black Labrador dog named Baxter, picked up Sunday evening on Roweland Ave. in Delmar, had Bethlehem and Portland, Maine, police working on his case that night.

It seems the dog's 1982 tags listed a Portland owner who was no longer at the given address, though Maine police went and asked. Meanwhile, the hungry canine consumed a can or two of donated dog food, plus some doughnuts, before police located its current caretaker. Baxter, on his way to a new home in another state, police learned, was temporarily in the charge of a Delmar resident when he wandered off.

Kenaware home burgled

Silver items and gold flatware were taken from a home on Kenaware Ave. in Delmar Saturday while the owner was absent between 3 and 7:30 p.m. The goods were valued at some \$6,500. According to the Bethlehem police report, a rear door at the residence was pried open, apparently with a screw driver.

Camera club meets

The Delmar Camera Club's monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Elsmere. Photographers Sheila Schlawin and Thelma Tomlinson will discuss how to select settings, angles and lenses to get a desired effect. The monthly competition theme is "Two Interpretations of the Same Subject." Winners of the January contests were Bob Anderson, Florence Becker and Schlawin.

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The minority flexes its muscle

By Susan Guyett

The Democrats in the Albany County Legislature got a look at the future last week and didn't like what they saw.

Although they still hold an overwhelming majority in the 39-member legislature, the Democrats are now one vote short of the two thirds majority necessary for certain votes. The Republicans give every indication that they intend to use that one vote edge as much as possible to get some cooperation and reform in the legislature.

The Feb. 14 meeting of the legislature handled mostly routine business, but apparently newly elected Majority Leader Harold Joyce didn't do the backroom negotiating he needed to sway any Republicans to his side of the fence on a bonding proposal. As a result, the

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proposal to borrow \$400,000 to pay for the final work at the county airport went down to defeat without the necessary two third vote.

Joyce was obviously angry after the meeting. He went to the back of the legislative chambers and chewed out Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr. of Bethlehem, for the Republican Party's "obstructionist" tactics. Joyce said he was irked because the legislature had approved the additional charges made by John H. Maloy Inc. by a voice vote in December. He apparently thought there

would be enough votes to get the bond issue through last week. "We're (the county) going to be sued," he said.

Morris wasn't moved by the arguments. "Why don't we pay the bill out of the operating budget instead of borrowing the money," he asked.

The minority leader said the Republicans hadn't been given an explanation why the cost of the airport improvements had jumped dramatically from their first estimates. In addition, Morris and the GOP are supporting reforms that would bar the legislature from voting on bond issues the night they are introduced.

Morris said he's not afraid to be called an "obstructionist." With a little cooperation from the Democrats, he's certain most proposals could get Republican support, he said. But Morris also acknowledges that he's willing to be "obstinate" when the situation calls for it.

The bond issue for the Maloy payment is expected to be introduced again at a future meeting.

As expected, the Democrats have a little more to worry about than the Republicans. Two newly elected Democrats Sandra Rose Temple of Albany's Arbor Hill and Robert Reilly of Colonie are exhibiting independent streaks and a willingness to go their own way. It's too soon to tell who, if anyone, in the Republican delegation will be susceptible to Democratic persuasion.

The Republicans proposed a series of reforms to open up the workings of the legislature to the public and to themselves. They include night time public hearings, time before the meeting for the public to address the legislature and the appearance of department heads at public hearings.

The reform resolutions were sent to the county improvements committee, which according to one Republican legislator, hasn't met in four years.

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W. Gordon Morris Jr.

GOP leader hosts Guilderland fete

Bethlehem Republican W. Gordon Morris, minority leader of the Albany County Legislature, will be toastmaster for the March 20 testimonial dinner for Guilderland Supervisor Kevin A. Moss and Councilmen John P. Smircich and Richard Murray.

The three Guilderland Republicans won last year's election after bucking their own town committee, and the dinner is reportedly a fund raiser to cover election costs that might normally have been covered by the party. It is sponsored by Friends of Kevin, Richard and John, and also by the Republicans for Guilderland committee.

Morris is in his third term as minority leader and has represented the Elsmere area in the legislature since 1979. He has been general manager of Graceland Cemetery for more than 25 years.

The dinner, at the Italian-American Community Center on Washington Ave. Extension, begins with a reception at 7 p.m. followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained through Chairmen Alphonse W. Diana (355-6339) or Mrs. Verla MacArville (482-7388).

BC continuing ed courses to start

Registration is being accepted for the spring courses in Bethlehem Central School District's Continuing Education program. Courses start the week of March 5 and last for 10 weeks. Registration can be done by mail or in person on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school lobby.

All district residents were mailed a copy of the Continuing Education schedule in the February *Central Highlights*. Additional copies are available by calling the public information director mornings at 439-4921, ext. 269. The fee for most courses is \$20 for district residents, and \$24 for non-residents. Bethlehem Central residents who are 62-years-old or over may attend courses at no charge.

Most of the courses are at night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There are two afternoon courses (bridge and creative crafts); two courses offered on Saturday (Computer Literacy Workshop and SAT review), and an Italian Cooking Workshop which is for one night only, (April 10).

Here is the course schedule:

Monday: auto mechanics, beginners

bridge, intermediate bridge (afternoon), doll house making, hydro-slimnastics, international cooking, knitting, learn to write well, quilting, sewing, sumi-e, swimming, word processing and yoga.

On Tuesday: beauty and fashion outlook, intermediate bridge, chair caning, beginners computer, law everyone should know, oil painting, photography, square dancing, typing, wood-working and workout.

Wednesday: adult great books, ball-room dancing, beginners computers, conversational French, conversational Spanish, coping with stress, dog obedience, organic gardening/health, sampler quilts and watercolors.

Thursday: intermediate computers, creative crafts (afternoon), fly tying, SAT review and workout.

On Saturday: computer literacy workshop and SAT review will be offered.

For additional information contact Director of Continuing Education Richard Bassotti between 3 and 4 p.m. at 439-4921, ext. 248.

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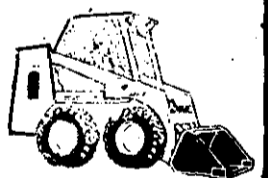
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James Edgar makes Eagle

James Edgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement B. Edgar of Glenmont, has received the Eagle Scout award. A sophomore at Bethlehem Central High School, Edgar is active in St. Andrew's Church parish in Albany, where he teaches Sunday School and is an acolyte. He also is in the church's youth group.

Edgar earned the Eagle award by working last spring on the public library's annual book sale. He was a cub scout before joining the Boy Scouts and has served as an assistant patrol leader while earning numerous merit badges. Edgar also is a member and treasurer of an Explorer Post, a branch of the Boy Scouts. His brother, C.B. Edgar, III, also is an Eagle Scout.

On Elmira stage

William Petrone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petrone of Slingerlands, has a role in the Elmira College Theatre Department's premiere of "Flight of the Earls," scheduled May 8-10. The play was the winner in a nationwide playwriting contest conducted by the college this past year.

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James Edgar

Premiere for playwright

A play written by Bernie DeLeo of Delmar who is a student at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., had its premiere Friday at the university's Hartke Theatre. The farce is titled "The Night the Earth Turned Green."

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Scholarship offered

The Albany Panhellenic Association again is offering a \$500 scholarship to a

qualified student planning to attend a four-year accredited college. Application forms may be obtained at local high school guidance offices or by contacting Audrey McGregor, 439-3724. Applications must be returned to the guidance office by March 5. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of need as well as academic standing.

At model UN

Gretchen Conklin of Feura Bush and Leslie Pasternack of Voorheesville are among 22 students at Albany Academy for Girls who are participating in a Model United Nations this week in New York City. In the Model UN program, students take the role of delegates from member nations and discuss problems facing the UN. The academy students are representing Senegal and Upper Volta in the Model UN, and will be briefed by these delegations in New York.

Gains assistantship

Elizabeth Burkhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burkhard, has been awarded a graduate assistantship at Emerson College, where she is studying for a master's degree in business and organizational communication. She holds a bachelor's degree from the State University College at Oneonta.

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Computers, class size to be perennial issues?

By Tom Howes

With two of the board's seven members absent, the Voorheesville School Board discussed but did not resolve any of the budget issues on their agenda at Monday night's board meeting. The ever-expanding computer department and the ever-present class size problem continued to dominate discussion.

As are many school districts across the country, Voorheesville is in the middle of an ambitious program to provide computer instruction to its students. Starting from scratch, the district has already provided courses at a variety of grade levels, but if the Regents Action Plan should pass, district superintendent Werner Berglas foresees the need to have computers in every classroom.

"We've come along as well as most (districts)," Berglas said. "We've made gigantic steps...but there's a long way to go." Under the Regents plan, Berglas says there will be computer questions on standardized tests as early as third grade.

This year the district has \$27,000 budgeted for computers and related hardware, and can expect to spend similar amounts in upcoming years, according to Berglas. "When you add courses...and so on, special needs at all levels, you put more demand on resources," he said, crediting a "hard-working staff" and monetary support from the board for the district's current level of computer achievement.

Nonetheless, the addition of computer courses has put added pressure on the district's existing staff, and Berglas is recommending hiring one secondary-level mathematics teacher next year to ease the load. The board is considering his proposal to add two new computer courses next year, one at the eighth grade and one at the ninth grade level.

The board also addressed student enrollment in its 1984-85 first and second grades, a topic of considerable interest at recent budget meetings. Berglas is

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recommending the district provide four first grade sections (19 students each) next year, and three second grade sections (24, 24 and 23 students). Five students in this year's first grade will be retained, as well as three in the second grade, dropping next year's second grade enrollment by two students, but still leaving it slightly higher than the district's average class size.

While acknowledging that, as a general rule, fewer students make a better class, Berglas said he "failed to see the difference between 24 and 20 students.

"When it comes down to second grade here, I can't recommend adding another section when we've taken the five most immature students out of the class," he said. Cognitive learning studies have shown 14-student classes to be more effective than 35-student classes, but no studies show a meaningful difference in class size variations as small as four students, Berglas said.

"One of the good and unique things about Voorheesville is its smaller class size," said board member Steven Schreiber, unconvinced.

"You do it for one, you do it for all," said board member Joseph Fernandez. The board postponed action until its next meeting, when it will be required to at least include funding in the budget for another teaching position.

In other action, the board:

- Changed the date of its preliminary budget hearing from Tuesday, March 27, to Monday, March 26. It will be followed by a special meeting to adopt the annual budget.

- Approved an action to appoint Gerald Gordinier varsity baseball coach for the 1984 season.

Bus comes, but for whom?

By Tom Howes

Price Chopper Supermarkets has, with the help of several Voorheesville residents including People's Party mayoral candidate Peter Luczak, instituted a senior citizens busing service in the village — and in the process created another bone of contention between Luczak and village Mayor Milton Bates.

At the Voorheesville Village Board's Jan. 24 meeting, both men agreed the idea was meritorious, that Price Chopper was willing to provide the service and should be commended, but they differed on the timetable involved. Luczak hoped to establish the service quickly; Bates wanted a delay, hoping to fill the vacated Grand Union with another market and avoid a change in resident shopping patterns. Luczak contended there was an immediate need for the service; Bates said there was not.

In its first week of service, the Price Chopper bus transported four seniors, said Martha Navilia of the New Scotland Senior Citizen Center. "I think it'll probably do better," she said, noting that there hadn't been much advance publicity. Three of the four passengers were from New Scotland, one from Voorheesville.

"If only four people took the service it won't last," said Bates on Saturday. "It reaffirms that not many people are in need of service."

Bates said that Luczak's role in the service is politically motivated. "(Luczak) has never been involved before...he's only been out here for five years," said Bates. "He was nowhere until six months ago, he wasn't even known by his neighbors."

"I really would rather not respond to that," Luczak said. "Win or lose I'm

proud we took a step" in providing the senior bus service.

The service itself provides one bus each Thursday to the Price Chopper store in Guilderland's Twenty Mall. There are two pick-up points: at 1:15 p.m. the bus will be at the New Salem Reformed Church on Rt. 85 in New Salem; fifteen minutes later it will be at the Voorheesville Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Shoppers will have an hour to do their errands. The service is free.

Asked if he knew of any developments in the search for a new tenant for the vacant Grand Union building, Bates said "none to my knowledge at this time." He added that the village had "worked with (plaza owners Howard Vagele and Robert Wiggand) them and through them" to solve the problem.

A real cook's tour

"Cooks and Kitchens" is the theme for the Capitol Hill Improvement Corp.'s fundraiser planned for Sunday, Feb. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. The event will offer a look at neighborhood cooks at work in their kitchens preparing their favorite dishes. Recipes include Erastus Corning III's "Corning Salad," Peter Rumora's "Flash in the Pan" and Matilda Cuomo's baked ziti. There are twenty-one kitchens to choose from on a first come, first-served basis.

The afternoon will take each person to three kitchens. Wine or a soft drink will be served at each location. Tour tickets are \$10 each and may be obtained by calling the CHIC office or stopping in at 260 Lark St.

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Ecumenical Service

Following a long-standing tradition the Henry Tiger Memorial Ecumenical Service will be held this Thursday, Feb. 23. Beginning at 7 p.m. the interdenominational gathering will be hosted this year by the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Maple Ave. Rev. Richard Hibbert, pastor of the church, will conduct the service with clergy from the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, New Salem Reformed Church and St. Matthew's Catholic Church also participating.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland and Mrs. Henry Tiger, the interfaith service rotates among the four area churches. It was named in honor of Henry Tiger an active Kiwanian, who was instrumental in initiating the ecumenical service prior to his death several years ago. The community is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Vigil for RENEW

To begin the spring session of RENEW there will be a prayer vigil at St. Matthew's Church this Sunday at 7 p.m. Aimed at the whole family, the evening will feature Dick and Thersa Bush from St. Helen's in Schenectady. Former members of St. Matthew's, they will address the theme of RENEW, "Our Response to the Lord."

The vigil will be brief and will include scripture readings and music. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

Those wanting more information may contact either Pat Bonanni at 765-4893 or Bill Kelly at 765-2439.

A few openings

Jim Hladun, director of the continuing education program at the Voorheesville Central School District has announced there are still a few course openings remaining for the spring semester. According to Hladun, registration turnout for the courses was brisk this year, leaving only a few spots open in various mini-courses and one-night classes.

Still available are spots in both candy making courses, offered as one-night classes on Monday, March 12, and Wednesday, March 21. Openings are also left in the one-night courses "Sunrooms and Sunspaces" to be held on Wednesday, March 21, and "Wrap It Up Right" and insulation workshop to be held on Wednesday, March 14. Both the mini-courses "Tasty Pastries," scheduled to run four consecutive Wednesdays from March 28 to April 18, and "Investment Strategies," scheduled for four Mondays from March 6 through March 27, still have spaces for late registration.

Finally, both classes on Basic Standard Shift Driving are still taking registration. Both courses run for eight sessions. One begins on Monday, March 12, while the other starts on Wednesday, March 14.

To register or obtain more information please call the high school at 765-3314.



Yvonne Perry

Jeff on TV

People in Voorheesville have known for a long time that high school wrestler Jeff Clark is a winner, but this Thursday the entire Capital District will know — at least all those who watch WTEN, Channel 10. Clark was nominated for the station's "Winners" program, which spotlights area athletes, and recently was notified that he was chosen a winner. The session featuring the area senior and Olympic hopeful was taped last week and will air on all news broadcasts of Channel 10 tomorrow.

Yvonne competing

Voorheesville is just full of winners this week. Another local senior in the news is Yvonne Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Perry of Picard Road, who has been selected to represent Voorheesville at the 1984 New York Junior Miss Pageant to be held in Glens Falls this Friday and Saturday. Since there are no local pageants in this area, Yvonne submitted an application to the board and was chosen as one of their "contestants-at-large."

Sponsoring her are the Barbara Gallagher School of the Dance, where she has studied for seven years, the band Southbound and Steve Kaplan of New York Auto Radiator and Body Shop.

No newcomer to pageants, Yvonne already holds the titles of Miss Northeast New York Teenager and Miss Altamont Fair 1983.

She will compete with other girls from the state in the categories of scholastic

achievement, creative and performing arts, poise and appearance in evening gown, physical fitness and judges interview.

Engineering scholarship

With college expenses so high scholarships are always welcome. Those students who are planning to go on after high school to study in fields related to plant engineering, such as civil, electrical, mechanical or environmental engineering, are invited to apply for a scholarship established by the Mohawk Hudson Chapter of the American Institute of Plant Engineers.

Those students who are planning on attending a two or four-year college or university to study in the above mentioned fields are eligible to apply. The scholarship for the 1984-85 year is \$500 to be in two installments of \$250 each, with the second installment contingent upon the recipient continuing his or her enrollment for the second year.

Interested students may contact the Voorheesville guidance department for more information.

Licensed for snow

Although the snow may be gone when it returns five students from the elementary school will be able to drive a snowmobile using the new licenses they recently earned as a result of a four-hour safety course given by Sgt. Waldo of the Sheriff's Department. New Drivers are Christopher Cass, Daniel Tarvillo, Matthew DeLorenzo, Keith Lans and Joseph Shear.

Pot luck for GOP women

The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club will sponsor a pot-luck supper for party members as well as the public on Monday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Susan Kelly will show which colors are the best for day and evening wear in the after-dinner program "Color You Beautiful."

For information, call coordinator Cynthia Wilson at 439-5102 by Feb. 24.

Welcoming tea

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold one of its trademark coffees for newcomers and new mothers on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Drew, 79 Paxwood Rd., Delmar.

Salem Hills: no hearing set

Village residents may or may not have the chance to look over the village board's tentative agreement to purchase the Salem Hills Sewerage Corp. before the March 20 election, according to retiring Mayor Milton F. Bates.

The board will hold a public hearing when village lawyers Kenneth Connolly and Donald Meacham have worked out both the initial purchase costs and the ongoing maintenance figures, Bates said.

"I hope to have a public hearing in two or three weeks," he said. "If it happens, it happens, if it doesn't, it doesn't."

"I wish the thing could be tomorrow night."

Village officials have been negotiating for months, hoping to acquire the facility and end years of bickering with Rosen & Michaels, private owners of the utility service. Bates, who is retiring to spend more time with his family, has made no secret of his wish to negotiate a sale before leaving office. The announcement of the sale came just two months before the village's March elections.

"I am not going to hold anything back because of the election," Bates said.

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Clarksville water plan aired

By Lorin Pasqual

The \$1.3 million plan to provide a clean, reliable water supply to Clarksville will be reviewed at a public hearing next Wednesday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarksville Community Church. The focus has shifted somewhat since residents last heard about the plan, with consultants no longer touting the Clarksville Cave as a source of water.

What remains the same is the area's need for replacing polluted, unreliable wells. The hearing will also establish legal boundaries for the new district, which is to serve 169 households.

In order to fund the project, the New Scotland Town Board last year submitted to the Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) a preliminary application for a \$987,000 grant and a \$329,000 loan. If approved, the loan must be repaid over 40 years at a 7.5 percent annual interest rate. The entire request will be considered by the federal agency after geological workers locate a water source, said Ronald J. LaBerge, engineering consultant for the town.

The engineers have several options for sites with adequate ground water, but a definite water source has not yet been located. The original plans included extracting water from the Clarksville Cave, but engineers have withdrawn that idea after subsequent measurements and investigations indicated an insufficient flow during dry periods.

Moreover, LaBerge said, he received numerous phone calls from cave enthusiasts and geologists who raised concern over the use of the cave, a structure which has significant historical and physical value. However, the caves will be considered if other alternatives are not feasible, said LaBerge. In that case, they will be used in conjunction with another supply source.

Currently, engineers have explored three potential well sites in the area around the hamlet. One site in the vicinity of Rock City Rd. seems likely to produce

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sufficient ground water, according to a 1964 well-location study conducted by Hall and Co. for New Scotland, said LaBerge. This area and two others will be further evaluated by seismic surveys followed by test wells.

If adequate ground water cannot be obtained from such wells, engineers will consider other options such as utilizing water from the Feura Bush District or from Bethlehem's Vly Creek Reservoir. Either alternative would require a \$5,000 additional grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Town officials remain confident that the problem and the district's needs would prompt favorable consideration.

Unsanitary water conditions have plagued Clarksville residents for years, and, according to LaBerge, many people have been using bottled water.

To illustrate this point, he cited a 1979 study initiated by the Albany County Dept. of Health which monitored 124 Clarksville wells and found 77 unsafe or below New York State purity standards.

If the town's present efforts proceed as planned, the initial ground water studies and well testing will begin this spring or summer. Developers expect to complete the surveys and receive funding from FmHA by this fall. Consequently, construction will begin next spring and water should be available to residents by the fall of that year, according to projections by LaBerge.

Presumably the district's boundaries will include 2,000 feet of Stove Pipe Rd., 2,000 feet of North Rd. and Delaware Turnpike 350 feet past Verda Ave. Six and eight-inch iron pipe will distribute water to homes, and water will be stored in a 150,000 tank near Stove Pipe Rd., approximately 1,700 feet from Rt. 443.

The average family can expect to pay about \$175 each year for water use.

However, since fire protection will, most likely, improve, fire insurance policy rates should decrease, according to engineers' reports.

Residents who connect their homes to the system may qualify for federal financial assistance from FmHA, which offers individuals low interest loans and, in some cases, grants. More detailed information may be obtained at a public meeting with local FmHA representatives, which the town board plans to arrange.

Carl's use permit granted

A proposal to allow auto dealer Fred Carl a special-use permit for the corner lot near his Saab-Subaru dealership in New Salem drew sharp criticism from neighbors at last week's hearing before the New Scotland Planning Board.

Nevertheless, the board granted the permit, contingent on approval of Carl's plans for fencing the lot.

Carl, who owns and operates the dealership on Rt. 85, applied for the permit in order to expand his business by including the easterly, corner lot. The old house on the lot was torn down last year. That area, although zoned commercial, borders an area with homes, and Carl's intentions to store additional used and new cars on the lot has angered some New Salem residents.

Residents expressed concern as to whether Carl would move unsightly used cars and screen others. Board members replied that the special use permit can be revoked at any time if Carl fails to meet the town's requirements and specifications.

According to the guidelines presented by the board, Carl must maintain fencing and shrubbery to delineate residential and commercial areas. He will have no access to New Salem South Rd. and may not install any night lighting on his property.

Regardless of the permit's conditional nature, many residents continued to

Library group forms

A group of Bethlehem residents has called for a meeting to organize what has tentatively been called "Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library." A similar group, which sponsors noon cultural programs, is already well-established at the Albany Public Library. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem library. A temporary chairman and secretary will be elected to initiate the formal procedures for creating a set of by-laws and elected permanent officers.

For more information, call Frederic Adler, at 439-9661.

oppose the board's action. Jack McKenna of New Scotland objected to the board's attempts to curtail relevant questions from the audience, and vehemently disagreed with the board's decision. He argued that Carl has conducted his business affairs with a "clear, visible record" of non-compliance with town regulations concerning used-car storage.

Similarly, Linda Wenk of New Salem South Rd. voiced her disapproval to the board and said that Carl has never had any respect for his community, neighbors or property. Carl did not attend the hearing. Mrs. Wenk also expressed concern over the special use application, submitted to the board by Carl's legal representative. The architectural design and layout of the property lacked detailed measurements and lot dimensions, she said. When the board decided the plan displayed an "adequate rendering" of the proposal, Mrs. Wenk objected.

Lorin Pasqual

Drive to aid Harters

The Unionville Reformed Church has begun a drive to collect donations of money and household items for the Harter family of New Scotland, whose home was destroyed by fire recently. Checks made out to the church at Box 284, R.D. 1, Delmar, 12054. Area residents who wish to donate household goods may call 439-5001 or 768-2102.

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RCS board mulls tax exemptions

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education discussed tax laws concerning old age and physically disabled exemptions during two hearings Monday. Board members deferred action pending further investigation and will address the issue once again at the next bi-monthly meeting Feb. 20.

If the board passes the law regarding elderly area residents, people aged 65 and older will be entitled to a maximum tax exemption of \$13,500 rather than the existing \$10,500. The new law is based on a sliding scale tied to income levels. Residents who provide access and aid to disabled people will qualify for an exemption as well, and the amount would depend on the services and materials provided.

In regular business, the board announced plans by the director of Project Hope to provide the high school with a social work intern one morning each week. The intern, under the director's supervision, will assist youngsters with various psychological, social and academic difficulties. Project Hope, which operates a satellite office in Ravena, is currently staffed by counselors who offer students individual, family and group therapy and provide recreational programs and tutoring classes.

In other action, the board appointed the following teachers to spring coaching positions at the high school: Ronald Tracey, assistant varsity coach for boys' track; Sheila Simoneau, assistant varsity coach for girls' track and Bruce Scott, junior varsity softball coach.

Lorin Pasqual

Corned beef and cabbage

The Bethlehem Grange will serve a meal of corned beef and cabbage at its Becker's Corners hall on Saturday, March 3. Dinnertime is 4 p.m.

News from Selkirk AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Church program set

The Church Women United of RCS extend an invitation to area women to celebrate World Day of Prayer 12:30 p.m., Friday, March 2, at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. The Women of the Trinity Methodist Church of Coeymans Hollow will present the program. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

Students on television

Jennifer Bull, Garth Wright, Tom Christopher and Elizabeth Hunter will represent the RCS Senior High School on *Answers Please* on March 26. Gleason is the alternate. *Answers Please* is an interscholastic quiz show aired on Channel 6 Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. The students were selected through two written elimination rounds and one oral round. They have been practicing by playing the trivia game, Trivial Pursuit. Mrs. Bonnie Myers is the advisor.

Top teenagers named

Bethlehem Elks Lodge No. 2233 of Selkirk's "Teenagers of the Month" for January are: Colleen Ann Nyilis and Jaron Rober Bourque, Bethlehem Central seniors. Colleen is the daughter of John and Maureen Nyilis of Delmar, a member of the National Honor Society, a semi-finalist for National Merits, has received DAR awards and is active in sports, including softball, track and cross country running. She received the award for "Most Valuable Runner for 1983."

Jaron is the son of Robert and Marleen Bourke of Slingerlands. He is editor-in-chief of the literary magazine, *The*

Thinking Reed, a member of the varsity soccer, volleyball and track teams, and an organizer of the high school nuclear freeze program. He is a member of the school band.

Scouts pass CPR test

The Boy Scouts of Troop 81 have completed a Red Cross CPR course. Divided into two different sessions, the boys received basic training in the first session, then were taught and practiced actual resuscitation techniques on "annies" in the second. Roberta Weisheit and Judy Sumner provided the instructions for the seven-hour course.

Earning Red Cross certificates were Alex Austin, John Hudspath IV, Jeff Sumner, Steve Barbic, Joe Crosscup and Scoutmaster John Hudspath III. Troop 81, which is sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks Lodge of Selkirk, is led by John Hudspath, Don Cornell and Don Sumner.

Special Lenten breakfast

The Annual Lenten Communion Service and Breakfast open to all members of the RCS Association of Churches will be held 7 a.m. Sunday, March 4, at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Reservations would be appreciated on or before March 1, Rose Mayo 767-3006 or June Tidd at 767-9927.

This week's menu

Menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, Feb. 23 will be: Thursday, evening meal only; Friday, baked ham with pineapple glaze, mashed rutabaga and carrots, green beans, dessert; Monday, liver oriental with gravy, hash brown potato, green peas,

dessert; Tuesday, chicken cacciatore, spaghetti with tomato sauce, apple juice, spinach, dessert; Wednesday, meatloaf with gravy, mashed potato, mixed vegetables, dessert.

Speaker toured Russia

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem's Fourth Sunday Program will be held this Sunday evening, Feb. 26, starting at 5 p.m. with a covered dish supper. All are invited and are asked to bring a dish to share and place setting. Rev. Robert White from the Reformed Church's Office of Social Witness will speak on his recent tour of the Soviet Union.

Get a head start on sale

Are you finding the winter months starting to drag? If you're bored with the same routine activities, you might want to check into the Bethlehem Grange's Christmas-in-July Sale. Now might be an ideal time to create saleable items to be sold during their craft show this summer. The sale has been planned for Saturday, July 15, at the Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk. Whether your "thing" is sewing, baking, knitting, crocheting, leather or wood crafts, now is the time to start planning and preparing for Christmas-in-July. Anyone interested in obtaining space for the sale may contact Mrs. Helen Raynor, 767-2770.

Gas odor prompts alarm

A relief valve on a propane tank at the Hamilton News plant on Hannay La. in Glenmont did what it was supposed to do Thursday, and the odor of the escaping gas brought the Elsmere and Delmar fire departments to the scene. The call came around 2 p.m. after Elsmere Fire Chief Tony Morrell, who was nearby, smelled the gas.

Authorities said the sun warmed the gas in the 1,000 tank, causing it to expand, and the relief valve let go. The gas dissipated quickly in the light breeze, they added. Hannay La. runs off Rt. 9W near the Miss Glenmont Diner.

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No EDB found locally

EDB, ethylene dibromide, a potent carcinogen in animals, has yet to be uncovered in Delmar. The managers of Albany Public Market and Grand Union of Delmar, along with Stonewell of Slingerlands, told the Spotlight that their stock does not include any of the batches ordered recalled by the New York State Health Department. Grand Union's manager said that their cake mixes and ices are selling at their normal rates. He added that he has a special on one of the Duncan Hines products and it's selling fast. Duncan Hines has had specific mixes — not the ones at Grand Union — recalled throughout the state.

However, the EDB story is apparent at the Delmar Health Hut. According to clerk Lois Carpiello, people are "really scared." She said she is receiving many phone calls from customers worried about the pesticide. Judi Woodin, owner of the natural foods store, said that "to the best of our knowledge, most of our grains and rice are organic, which means that they are grown without chemical fertilizer, and not sprayed with pesticides." Woodin also pointed to "an

increase in sales of flours, grains and rice," since media reports about EDB.

EDB came to public attention when it appeared in groundwater in Florida and states responded by clamoring for action from the federal Environmental Protection Agency. New York State Health Department spokesman Peter Slocum referred to EDB as a "potent Mutagen... with reproductive outcomes such as... sterility." He said that Gov. Cuomo will be asking for guidelines from the federal government for safe levels in food, but if they are not forthcoming, New York will establish its own levels.

Linda Anne Burtis

What's ahead for the market

E.F. Hutton account executive Mark Gardner will give his predictions for "The Effect of the Economy on the Stock Market in 1984" at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 29, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. A question and answer period will follow the free financial program. For information, call the library at 439-9314.



Ann B. Conley of Pagano/Weber receives an award as "leading producer of the year" from Fred Weber, right, with his brother Bill also offering congratulations. The realty company reported that Conley's sales topped \$1.5 million while three other associates — Claire Fein, Kathie Kaplan and Betty Reno — also were million-dollar producers.

BUSINESS



Joan R. Whiting

Manager transferred

Joan R. Whiting has been named assistant regional sales manager in the Wellesley, Mass. office of Key Capital Corp., leasing subsidiary of Key Bank, N.A., Albany. In her new position, Whiting shares responsibility for the bank's automobile leasing program in the Boston area. She was employed by Key Bank in 1969, and has served in various management capacities. She attended Hudson Valley Community College and has been active in the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc. She recently relocated to Framingham from Delmar.

License plates taken

Vandals were busy Saturday night in Delmar, removing license plates from parked cars on Partridge Rd., Douglas Rd., Westchester Dr., Kenwood, Ave. and Darnley Green. In addition, insignia were removed from two Volkswagens on Montrose Dr., Bethlehem police reported.

Trade show is back for encore

Local merchants and professionals are being invited to participate in the second annual Bethlehem Trade Show, planned for Sunday, March 25, at Bethlehem Central High School. The show, sponsored by the Bethlehem Central Marching Band Association and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, will benefit the band's equipment fund. Participants will display merchandise and explain services, while visitors to the show also will have an opportunity to attend seminars and win door prizes. For information, contact the chamber at 439-0512.

Money talks

Charles C. Nott of Delmar is offering individual financial planning and counseling services ranging from tax planning to providing for elderly family members. Nott, a graduate of Yale University, joined Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Albany, which later merged into the Bank of New York. He became a vice president and head of the bank's Albany trust department. His financial training has included the New York Institute of Finance, the National Trust School and estate planning courses.

Nott left banking to obtain a master's degree in counseling psychology at Antioch University, and has had experience in counseling at Solomon Mental Health Center in Lowell, Mass., and with Merrimack Valley Counseling Associates, Nashua, N.H. He also offers financial counseling at Kairos, an interchurch center in Albany.

As a financial counselor, Nott said, he will examine a client's financial situation, help identify goals, and develop and implement plans for achieving those goals. Areas of planning include career or retirement finances, savings and investments, tax planning, insurance and estates.

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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.

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 Milers, 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 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

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.

Protect 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 3 p.m., except July, August.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
American Legion Country-Western Night, at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Elsmere, 6:30 p.m. For \$8.50 reservations, 439-9819.

Movie Marathon, eight movies for preteens, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-5 p.m. Free.

1983-4 Tax Tips, workshop answering federal and state tax related questions, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

ESCO Vacation Craft-Activity Day, Elsmere Elementary School, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 439-1194 or 439-5583.

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

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

Family Winter Vacation Program, "Wildlife and Winter" and "Snowshoeing and Winter Ecology," Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m.-noon. For \$3.50 pre-registration, 457-6092.

Gospel Music, performed by "Wings of Praise" from Full Gospel Fellowship Church, at Howard Johnson's, Rt. 9W, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, IRS tax counselors help older taxpayers 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 Job Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. - noon. Registration, 439-9314.

Job Search Workshop, session 2 for unemployed or career changers, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
New Scotland Town Civic Assn., fourth Thursday each month, Rm. 104, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. Discussion of pertinent town issues. All residents welcome.

Library Microcomputer Orientation, on Apple II at Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. For pre-registration, 439-9314.

"Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe", children's film, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Literacy Volunteers Program, for adults who want to help someone learn to read, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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.

Henry Tiger Memorial Service, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis Club, First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
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.

Bethlehem Coalition for Survival, discussion and movie "What About the Russians," Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9496.

"Adventures of Tom Sawyer," children's vacation film, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Family Winter Vacation Program, "Wildlife in Winter" and "Snowshoeing and Winter Ecology," Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m.-noon. For \$3.50 pre-registration, 457-6092

Sunshine Senior Citizens, trip to Albany Symphony Orchestra concert, Palace Theater.

Albany Audubon Society, owling field trip through Feura Bush swamp leaves from Five Rivers Environmental Center, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-0943.

Continuing Education Open Registration, Bethlehem Central High School lobby, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

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

Renew Prayer Vigil, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

Church Covered Dish Supper, First Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, 5 p.m.

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 27

Selkirk Fire Commissioners, meeting at Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

"Hamlet," Nott Memorial, Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 24, 25, 28 and 29, March 1-3, 8 p.m. Box office 1:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

"Desire Under the Elms" (O'Neill), Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, Feb. 24 and 25, 8 p.m. Community Box Office.

"Across the River" (musical based on "Huckleberry Finn" premiered by Heritage Artists), Cohoes Music Hall, Feb. 24-26, Feb. 29-March 4 and Feb. 7-10, 8 p.m. except 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets at Community Box Office or music hall box office, 235-7976.

"Blithe Spirit" (Noel Coward presented by Campus Players), Kiggings Hall, Emma Willards School, Troy, Feb. 24 and 25, 2 p.m.

"Alice and Fred" (Capital Rep's world premiere of Dar Ellentuck's drama of five young people in turn of the century Upstate New York), Market Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Feb. 25 through March 18, (Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2:30 p.m. Box office, 462-4534.

"Merely Players" (one-man presentation of some of Shakespeare's characters by Rev. Bertrand Fay, CSR professor), Twickenham Playhouse, College of Saint Rose, Feb. 25, 7 p.m., Feb. 26, 8 p.m.

"Time After Time" (H.G. Wells in the future), Second Floor Theatre, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Feb. 24 and 25, 8 p.m., Feb. 26, 2 p.m.

"The Deadly Game," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second St., Feb. 29-March 4 and March 7-11, 8 p.m. except 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets, Community Box Office or theater, 462-1297.

OPERA

"La Boheme" (New York City Opera's National Company presents Puccini's classic), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Rachmininoff, Beethoven, Chou and Mitchell), Palace Theater, Albany, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m. Community Box Office, music hall box office (273-0038) or Palace box office (465-3334).

Union College Men's Glee Club and Regis College Women's Glee Club, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 25, 8 p.m.

Ruth Laredo (piano works by Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Barber), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

POETRY

Robert Bly reads from his works (part of HVCC's Poetry Forum), Maureen Stapleton Theatre, Hudson Valley Community College, Feb. 28, 8 p.m.

Art

"Shoes of Black Albany" (Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Pl., Albany, through March 17.

"Architecture as Image" (group show), Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., through March 16.

"Projections: Recent and Ongoing Works" by Craig Dennis Picotte Gallery, college of Saint Rose, 324 State St., Albany, Feb. 29 through March 16.

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Local instrumentalists in the New York State School Music Association's all-state event pose with Assemblyman Larry Lane following a recent performance for the State Legislature. They are, from left, Lisa Clark and Theodore Harro, both of Delmar; Kim Hostetter of Slingerlands, and Dagmar Fuhs and Paul Robinson.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

Career and Educational Advisement, Mondays and Tuesdays, by appointment only, Bethlehem Public Library, 6-9 p.m. Free; information, 439-9314.

Republican Pot Luck Supper, sponsored by Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 6:30 p.m. For information, 439-5102.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, at Farm Family Insurance, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Fiction Writers' Workshop, session 1 of 6-week course for adult authors, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Planning Board, on application of Mariana Trust, 80 McCormack Rd., Slingerlands, for approval of a 1-lot subdivision on at intersection of McCormack Rd. and Cherry Ave. Ext. Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club, monthly meeting at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Japanese Brush Painting and Culture, lecture-demonstration at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Free; registration, 439-9314.

Amblyopia Screening Training Session, for Tri-Village Welcome Wagon volunteers Delmar First United Methodist Church, 9:15-11:30 a.m. For information, 439-2856 or 439-1313.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Coffee, for area newcomers and new mothers, at home of Linda Drew, 79 Paxwood Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. For information, 439-0509.

Clarksville Water District Hearing, rescheduled from Feb. 15, Clarksville Community Church at 7:30 p.m.

"The Effect of the Economy on the Stock Market in 1984," E.F. Hutton account executive Mark Gardner explains repercussions

sions of economic recovery, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Cooking for the Health of Your Heart, food selection and preparation class to lower fat, cholesterol, sugar and salt intake, Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-noon. For \$2 preregistration, 765-2874.

Bethlehem Art Association, open meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5069.

Friends of the Library, new group's organizational meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9661.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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

"World Day of Prayer," celebrated at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m..

Children's Films, for pre-schoolers, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; afterschool, 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library. Free.

Free Legal Clinic for Senior Citizens, Bethlehem Town Hall. For appointments, sign up at Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization meeting Thursday or call Karen Pelletier at 439-4955 Tuesday or Thursday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Bethlehem Grange Dinner at the Grange hall, Rt. 396, Becker's Corners, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

Outdoor environmental Programs, "Twix Seasons" hiking, 10 a.m., and "Maple Syrup Time" class, 2 p.m., Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, Free; information, 457-6092.

Benefit High School Basketball Game, Ravena - Coeymans - Selkirk High School, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

RENEW Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by St. Thomas Church Youth Ministry, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post,

Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

R-C-S Association of Churches Communion, breakfast and service, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 7 a.m.

Readings at the Library, 4 local poets, including Susan Kells and Mary Davitt of Delmar, read their own work, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band Concert, to benefit Ravena Free Library, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School 7 p.m.

Holy Land Tour Information Program, guide Dr. Charles Wissink shows slides of trip planned for June 11-24, Delmar Reformed Church, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting at Bethlehem Public Library.

Single Parent Support Group, "Single Parent Burnout" discussion, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

Career - Life Planning for Women, free seminar, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For registration, 439-9314 by March 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

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

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

Delmar Progress Club, evening group meeting at home of Berry Houghtaling, 61 Greenock Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Home Crafts Club, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3797.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Chamber Mixer, for members of Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, Thruway house, 5-6:30 p.m. Reservations, 434-1214.

Giant Antique Show, through Feb. 26, at Colonie Center. Information, 459-9020.

"Quebec Folk Music," Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series lecture, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 7-8 p.m. Free.

Magic Show, family entertainment, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1-3 p.m. Free.

Great Decisions for 1984: U.S. Security and World Peace, Siena College professor Leonard Cutler discusses allies, arms and diplomacy with Friends of the Library, Albany Public Library, noon.

Association of Business Communicators, dinner meeting at Century House Restaurant. Information, 434-2061.

"Foul Play," Goldie Hawn movie at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 2 p.m.

"The Sling" for Senior Citizens, Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 1 p.m. Free popcorn.

College Information Night, for sophomores and juniors at Albany Academy for Girls, Academy Rd., 7 p.m. Free.

Job Outreach, counseling service program on "Employment Agencies," Human Resource Center, North Lake and Central Aves., Albany, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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.

"Milestones for Mickey," Walt Disney Film, State Museum, Empire State Plaza 1-3 p.m. Free.

Senior Citizens Activities, sewing demonstration, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; aerobics demonstration, 10 a.m., Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free.

"Every Woman Has a Right to Know the Dangers of Legal Abortion," 4-part lecture series at Albany Public Library, 7 p.m. Free; information, 489-1148.

Vanguard Albany Symphony Orchestra Concert Prevue, guest speakers composer Chou Wen-Chung and pianist Jeffrey Kahane, Albany Public Library, noon. Free.

Insurance Women of Albany, dinner-forum on "Banks in Insurance," Golden Fox Restaurant, Central Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. For reservations, 489-2659.

Managing Stress and Anxiety, introductory workshop, Hudson Valley Community College counseling center, 7-9 p.m. For information, 283-1100 (ext. 770).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Postal Services for Non-Profit Mailers, seminar to help non-profit organizations get the most for their mailing dollars, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 9:30 a.m. Free.

Bennington Puppets Show, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1-3 p.m. Free.

Albany-Greene Counties Dairy Day, agri-business displays and speakers, Greenville High School, 9:30 a.m. For reservations, 765-2331.

Allamont Station Squares Dance, at former Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Franco-American Federation, singing, dancing and folktales, Pub Laurent, Columbia St., Cohoes, 8 p.m.

Church Ham Dinner, Trinity United Methodist Church, Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow, 4:30-7 p.m.

"Ichabod and Mr. Toad," 1949 Walt Disney classic film, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1-3 p.m. Free.

Nostalgic 1950's Class Reunion party and dancing with music by the original musicians of The Platters and The Belmonts, Albany Hilton Hotel, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. For \$10 reservations, 462-0318.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Theological Education Sunday, with guest preacher Dr. Eugene Van Ness Goetchius--author and Harvard College lecturer, St. Pater's Episcopal Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany.

Reenactment of the Crucifixion, musical drama by youth group at Colonie Christian Life Center, 31B Vly Rd., 7 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

"Money Management," County Cooperative Extension workshop for small businessmen, Sheraton-Airport Inn, Colonie, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For \$15 registration, 765f-3635.

Ethnic Block Party, exhibition of foods, costumes, music and dances begins World Week at SUNYA lecture center complex, noon-5 p.m.

Luzerne Music Center Regional Auditions, for musicians ages 11 to 19 interested in the Adirondacks summer camp, SUNYA Performing Arts Center recital hall, 2:30-6 p.m. Information, 459-1229.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

State Legislative Forum, Albany Medical College president Dr. Richard Gaintner discusses "Dilemma Facing Health Services," Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

United Nations Asst. Secretary-General Robert Muller gives keynote speech "Toward the Year 2000: An Encouraging Outlook for the Future as Seen from the U.N.," for SUNYA's World Week, SUNYA Campus Center, ballroom, 4 p.m.

Painting Demonstration for Senior Citizens, Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Free.

State Federation of Republican Women Winter Conference, 3-day meeting for women's GOP clubs at Americana Inn, Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 6:30 p.m. reception and registration. For reservations, 785-9517.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Albany-Colonie Art Show, at Colonie Center. Information, 861-6767.

Sadie Hawkins Dinner Dance for Senior Citizens, Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 4 p.m.

"Alcohol and Substance Abuse Among Adolescents and Their Families," workshop on the problems and treatment interventions, Russell Sage campus center, 9:30 a.m.-noon. For \$15 registration, 445-1717.

Franco-American Folk Music, lecture at Albany Public Library, Washington, Ave., 7-8 p.m. Free.

SUNYA Open House on Non-Credit Career Programs, sponsored by Division of Continuing Studies, At Husted 208, east-downtown campus, 4-8 p.m. information, 455-6121.

ATTENTION KIDS

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Square pegs, round pegs: a fable

In a faraway corner of the world there was a small land shaped like Colorado. The land was absolutely flat except all around its borders were green, rolling hills.

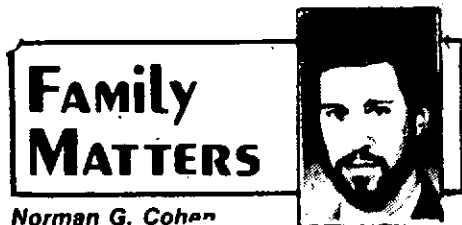
The land was inhabited by short, square pegs who with much diligent effort moved about by shifting their weight so they could tip over from side to side. They moved very slowly and carefully, but they didn't seem to mind, because they had a great deal of patience and since their land was quite small anyway, they never had far to go.

Each peg had a square hole to call its own, and at night each one would flop over to its hole, teeter on the edge, and finally slip neatly inside to rest up for the next day's work. And work they did. One of the main tasks for the square pegs was to keep the land flat, for if there were any bumps or lumps in the ground, it would become nearly impossible for them to move around in the manner to which they had grown accustomed.

The pegs also had to guard the borders of their land from falling rocks and landslides from the surrounding hills which threatened the flatness of their homeland. The square pegs were very serious about their jobs. They hardly ever played, because keeping the land flat and guarding their borders were fulltime responsibilities.

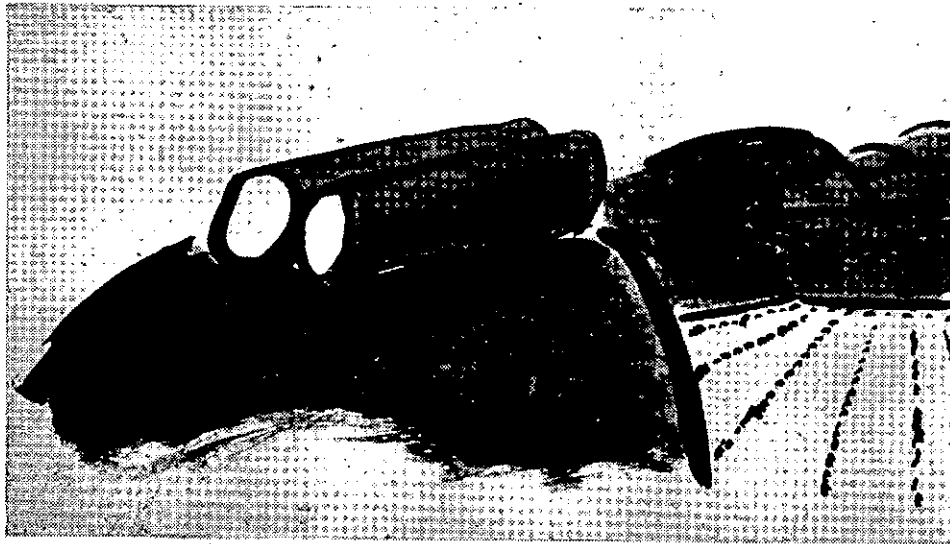
The square pegs never touched each other for fear the ground beneath them would be disturbed and would form pits and mounds. They believed that touching was bad. When they dug their square holes in which to rest and study and hide from stormy weather they carefully formed well-organized assembly lines to carry the dirt from the hole to the nearest border where it was dumped on a hillside.

Life in the land of square pegs was quiet, uneventful and very predictable. Each peg knew every other peg, and there was order.



Norman G. Cohen

One day an event occurred that upset the order of the square pegs and caused them great discomfort. A new peg arrived from that place where pegs are created, but this peg was different from all the others. It was not short and square, but long and round. It could only move by



rolling on its side, and no matter how hard it tried to imitate the others, it could only roll. And it could not fit into any of the holes dug by the other pegs, because its round sides were too big for the square edges.

Even more upsetting to the square pegs than the new peg's appearance was its lack of control when it moved. The round peg could not roll slowly. Everytime it began rolling, not only would it gather dangerous speed, but it would crash into the other pegs who were unable to move

GOP women meet

The Albany County Women's GOP Club will host the three-day state Federation of Republican Women's Winter Conference that begins Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Americana Inn in Colonie. Registration is at noon, and a reception and dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. Conference activities included committee meetings, workshop and a mock legislative session. For reservations and information, call Ruth Swingle at 785-9517.

out of the way quickly enough. They would tell the round peg that touching was bad, and indeed it would feel hurt everytime.

Needless to say, these antics of the round peg created quite a number of pits and mounds in the soil. The square peg workers found themselves with more and more work to do. Furthermore, everytime the round peg tried to stop rolling, it would abruptly come to a sliding halt in a cloud of dust, and another mound of dirt would form that workers would have to flatten.

The round peg really tried to fit in with

the rest, but no matter how hard it tried, it just couldn't find a way. It didn't even have its own hole in which to rest or study or hide from the storms, because the other pegs would have nothing to do with carting dirt from a round hole.

So the round peg did its best to stay out of the way of the others, and, mostly, it felt sad and lonely. It wished it could be square. Sometimes it would try to rub its sides against the ground to flatten away its roundness, but the other pegs would yell for it to stop disturbing the land.

One night during a particularly harsh storm, the round peg grew so unhappy that it decided to break one of the most important rules of the land. It decided to run away beyond the borders. It rolled past the sleeping square pegs each in their comfortable square holes, past the work areas from the day before, and off across the border of the land into the hills. It rolled and rolled, up a hill and down the other side, up the next hill and down the other side. It rolled far, far away.

The next morning it awoke at the bottom of a great hill. The storm had passed and the sun was shining very brightly on the greens and tans and yellows of the foliage in this new land.

Before the peg had time to blink the sun's glare out of its eyes, it saw a sight that made its heart pound with excitement and its body quiver with disbelief. On the opposite hillside was perched another peg, a round peg, staring with as much amazement as itself.

The two approached each other as cautiously as round pegs can, and before they could stop in time, they rolled into each other. But the touch felt good, not bad like the square pegs always said it did. They smiled at one another, introduced themselves, and rolled off among the hills to frolic and play like friends the whole day.

In the freedom of their play they discovered that when they rolled closely together, they could move back and forth over a mound of dirt and quickly smooth it out flat. They also found that when they rolled in opposite directions right next to each other, they could not only burrow holes for themselves, but they could grind big pieces of earth into little pieces, and make soft sand. They were both very proud of their discoveries and in a short time grew to like each other very much.

When the round peg suggested they return to the land of the square pegs to show them what they could do and to help them, they didn't have to talk about it for long. They just smiled at each other

one hill and down the next back to the square peg land.

It was nearly sunset when they arrived. As they crossed the border onto the flat land, all the square pegs watched them as if they were ghosts from some other world. All were speechless as the two round pegs found an empty parcel of land, cuddled next to each other, then spun furiously in opposite directions making two very cozy round holes in which they spent the night warm and comfortable.

The next day the square pegs were up very early forming councils to consider the moral and economic consequences posed by these two misfit pegs. However, when they witnessed the speed, precision and usefulness of the round pegs' abilities to move, flatten, smooth and dig the earth, besides their new invention of making soft sand, the square pegs all agreed to accept the round pegs into the community. In fact, they honored them with a ceremony and gave them special titles to convey their importance.

Gradually, the square pegs began to learn from the round pegs. They began moving a bit quicker, and because they could now do their work more easily, they grew less afraid and less irritable when someone kicked up some dirt. They began playing games in their leisure time, and even laughed a bit. They even started touching each other, gingerly at first, but soon without hesitation.

As they grew more comfortable touching one another, the square pegs began losing their sharp edges. The more they rubbed against each other, the more their corners wore away. Before long, there were at least a half a dozen square pegs that you would swear were actually round, that is, if you looked very closely...

RENEW breakfast

The St. Thomas Church youth ministry will cook and serve an "all-you-can-eat" RENEW pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elsmere. Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages five to 12.

Given church post

Michael Thompson of Delmar, a bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has been named to head the church in Loudonville. Thompson is director of the Center of Organization and Policy Studies at Rockefeller College, State University at Albany. In his church post, he will head some 10 auxiliary organizations and direct more than 400 church members in Loudonville.

Ancient days recalled

Students at the Maimonides Hebrew Day School in Albany have constructed a replica of the portable tabernacle in which the Israelites worshipped during their desert wanderings 3,000 years ago. The display at the school, at 420 Whitehall Rd., includes artifacts such as the menorah, altar and holy ark. To construct the replica, the students referred to Biblical narratives, scripture and Talmudic commentaries, and used a variety of skills such as embroidery, carpentry, sculpture and metal work.

Tour of Holy Lands

The Delmar Reformed Church is arranging a two-week trip to the Holy Lands that will leave Delmar June 11. The tour, which will encompass Jordan, Israel, Egypt and Italy, will be led by Dr. Charles Wissink, a professor at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. He will show slides, give his itinerary and answer questions at an informational meeting for interested tourists Sunday, March 4, at 3 p.m. at the Reformed Church. For more information, call the church at 439-9929.

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Richard Lindstrom, president of Bankers Trust Co. and a Delmar resident, has been named to the board of directors of the Albany area chapter of the American Red Cross. He is among

College information

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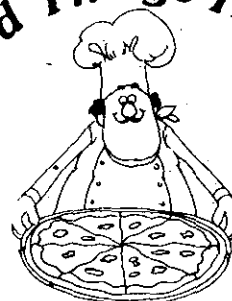
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Eagles face ghost from Sectionals past

By Nat Boynton

Gary Przybylo leads his Bethlehem Central basketball team into the fast lane tonight (Wednesday) for a first-round encounter at Troy High in the Class A Sectionals, hoping the Eagles can shift into overdrive after a week in low gear.

Troy, in the thick of the Big Ten race until the final week, is the favorite by 10 to 15 points, but history is on Bethlehem's side. In 1965 a mediocre Bethlehem team upset No. 1-ranked Troy and went on to the Class A finals. Six years ago Dale Walts' last BC team was 13-7 going into the Sectionals against a Troy team that was 0-18, and it was Troy that pulled the upset.

Przybylo has had season-long problems with a team that has played below its capabilities more times than not. The matchup at Troy could atone for perhaps the most disappointing BC basketball season in a decade, and the stage is prime for another upset.

"They (Troy) are talented in most every position," says Przybylo. "We will have to play over our heads to be in the game. Our kids know that, but it can happen."

To make it happen the Eagles must have a 180-degree turnabout from their showings in the last two games of the regular season. They were beaten by 15 points at home by a Guilderland team they had come within one jumper of beating at Guilderland, and they lost a meaningless game at Colonie, 83-71. For the season, that left them 8-12 overall, 6-9 in the Suburban Council.

The Eagles may have lost the Guilderland game in the locker room before the opening buzzer. They were dwelling on the first game between the two rivals, the game in which Bethlehem double teamed

Eric Fleury, the Dutchmen's 6-10 windmill, so successfully the big center was held to three baskets and BC had a chance for the winning shot in the final three seconds.

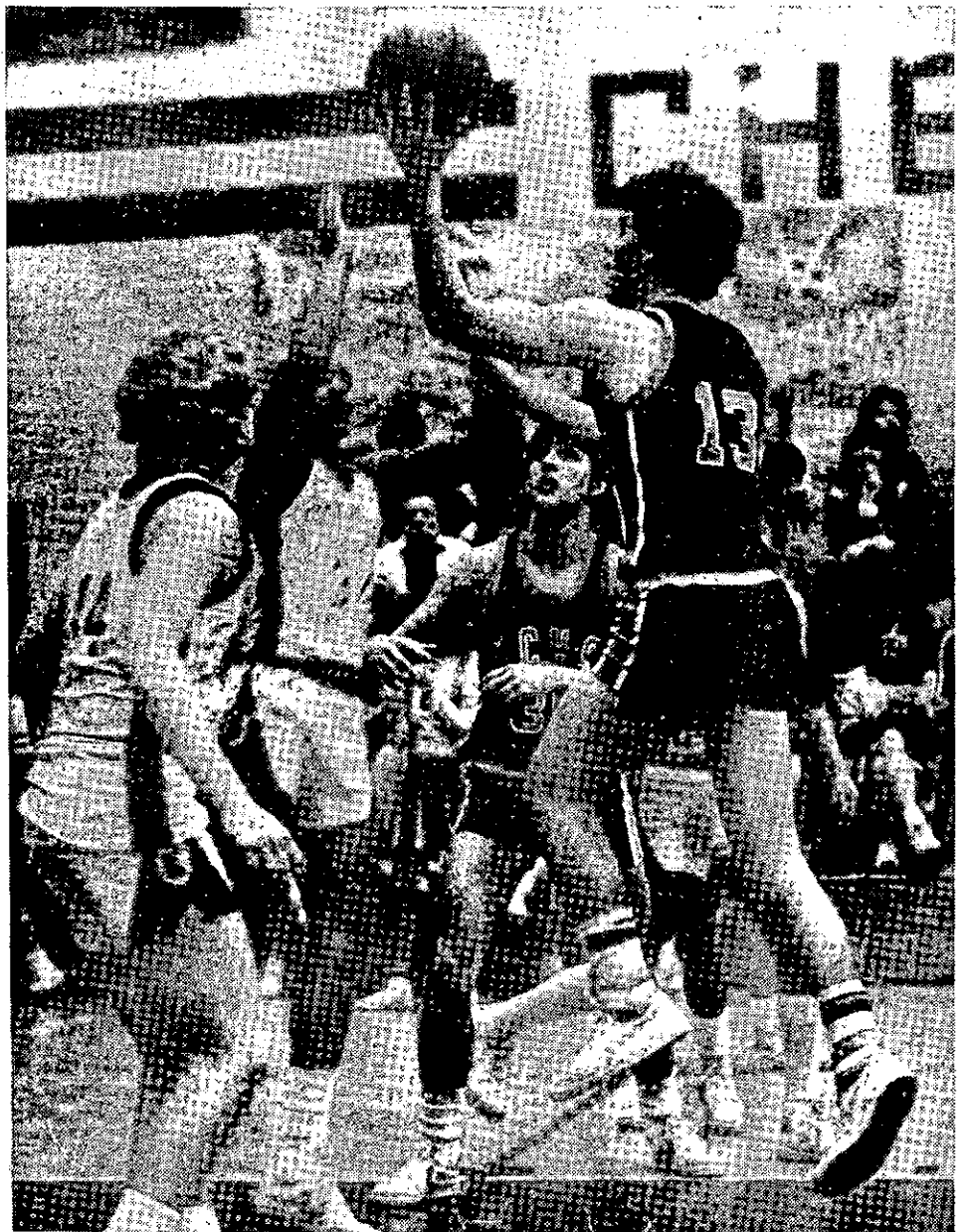
"We came out really over-psyched, really up," Przybylo said later. "We burned ourselves out in the first quarter. I think we came out too high."

In that first quarter the Eagles held a 19-18 lead and matched the Dutchmen until the Gold Division champions blew the game open after intermission. It was Fleury, the exchange student from France, who led the charge that put the game away, winding up with 25 points, 19 rebounds and 10 blocked shots.

As brilliant as that performance was, Przybylo had some sour words for the officiating, especially in the second half when the Dutchmen outscored BC by 37-19. "The officials let him play," the Eagle tutor complained. "If we put a hand on him, we got a quick whistle. Meanwhile they let him bang, and he did. We reviewed the tape, and it shows him committing eight fouls in the first quarter. Of his 10 blocked shots, six were fouls. I'm sure if we showed the officials the tape, they would agree."

The BC coach did not say the officiating cost the game, and he had genuine praise for Fleury. "He is a fine player, a better player than people realize, so much stronger and more talented than the players he faces. When he gets to college, he will have to play like that, banging physically, but this year I really feel Tom McCarthy (Guilderland coach) has 'worked' the officials. All year Fleury has been double- and triple-teamed."

In the January meeting at Guilderland, Przybylo stationed one Eagle in front of



Mike Mooney (13), Bethlehem Central senior and one of the school's best all-around athletes, pushes a shot from 10 feet in BC's final regular-season game at Colonie.

Spotlight — R.H. Davis

the Eiffel Tower and one behind him, leaving the Bethlehem guards to protect the wings. The strategy worked so well Fleury was held to his lowest point production of the season, a meager 11. What happened this time?

"We tried the same thing, but the officials called fouls, so we had to lay off," was the reply. "In the first game we had shut him down. This time his teammates went to him instead of shooting from the perimeter. When they went inside, we couldn't stop him. That was the big difference, and that took us out of the game. We couldn't touch him without a whistle, and he could bang us all he wanted to. It ended up we only had one shot at the basket each time, and we had nobody who could play him (Fleury)."

In this kind of adversity, Mark Gibbons, BC's most dependable scorer,

took the attack right to Fleury and actually outscored the altitudinous Frenchman. Gibbons, a mere 6-3, had 26 points and 16 rebounds in what has to be one of the best if not the best performances of the year by anyone against the skyscraper. With the Dutchmen playing man-to-man and Fleury posted in the middle, Gibbons scored most of his points on 1-on-1 moves against the Tower. "I was surprised and pleased that Mark could do that against somebody that big," beamed Przybylo later.

The setback at Colonie Friday wasn't as bad as the box score would indicate. Przybylo's summary: "Colonie is a very good team, and they are tough in that little gym. We hustled and played hard. I'd like another shot at them outside that gym." (BC won the earlier meeting in Delmar by 6 points.)

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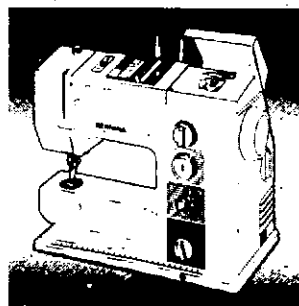
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Blackbirds at top of their game

If momentum means anything, Voorheesville's basketball Blackbirds will have a shot at a genuine upset tonight (Wednesday) when they meet Saratoga Catholic in an 8:30 p.m. Class CC Sectional quarterfinal on a neutral court at Linton High School, Schenectady.

The Blackbirds are coming off a fine week, perhaps their best of the season. "We had three fine games in a row," observed Coach Chuck Abba. "I hope we're starting to hit our stride. We're showing some concentration and consistency, playing the kind of basketball we're capable of. And what better time?"

Tonight the Blackbirds will need all that consistency, concentration and then some. Saratoga Catholic, seeded No. 2 in the Sectional draw, is 20-and-1, and may be the best team the Blackbirds have faced all season. There is a suspicion that they should be seeded No. 1.

But Abba's teams have a habit of not being awed by anyone. Look at what they did to more talented and highly favored teams in the 1983 playoffs. Look how close they came to beating Guilderland in

BASKETBALL

the holiday tournament, and look what they did to some of the front-runners in their own league.

Last week they taught a convincing 65-46 lesson to Mechanicville in the art of roundball in the final game of the Colonial Council schedule. They followed that by administering a 63-48 thrashing to Fonda, the No. 2 team in the Tri-Valley League. The win at Fonda, opening defense of the Sectional CC title belonging to Voorheesville's legendary 1983 champions, was a good one.

"The kids played really well, everybody played well," Abba said on returning home. "It was probably the best game we've played all season."

Abba was reluctant to name particular players but he couldn't help praising

Brett Hotaling, the junior front-liner, at 6-3 one of the biggest of the not-so-big Blackbirds. "Brett is really starting to come around," said Abba. "He had 15 points at Fonda and did a nice job off the boards. He played as good a game as he has all year. He had 18 rebounds against Mechanicville and 13 against Fonda."

And then there were Brian Rubin, Ray Donnelly and Jeff Rockmore. Rockmore, Abba said, "didn't score but gave us organization and leadership."

None of that is to minimize John Zongrone, the loose-jointed senior who has replaced last year's Mike Lewis as the Voorheesville meal ticket. Zongrone snapped out of a minor slump when he had to, pouring 35 points through the strings against Mechanicville, thus wrapping up the Colonial Council scoring title, and 24 against Fonda. Zongrone is so quiet you often don't know he's around, but if you ever want to find him on the court, just look for the ball, and if he isn't there, he will be in a few seconds. Then the ball is up, up and down through two points.

Competitive

Area coaches have been saying for years that the Colonial Council plays a higher level of basketball and is "more competitive" than most leagues in Section 2.

Over the weekend, six of the seven Colonial teams in the Sectionals won first-round games. The only loser was Mechanicville in Class CC by one point.

In Class B, Cohoes won by 18; Albany Academy by 47, and Ravena by 13. In Class CC Watervliet won by 16 and Voorheesville by 15, and in Class C Waterford won by 8.

Track team disappoints

Disappointment was the word for the Bethlehem Indoor Track teams' finishes at the Suburban Council meet. Injury, illness, and an act of discipline were the factors for BC's weakened showing.

The favored girls' team managed only a third place, while the boys were left far behind finishing last among the eight Suburban Council teams. As the result of skipping practice, coach Bob Collen felt it was necessary to set an example, suspending 4 members from the meet.

Undefeated in the council, the girls entered the meet as the favorite. An injury to one member and illness to another severely taxed the strength of the team, but freshman Anne Carey was not to be denied. She won the 600 meter and the 500 meter. She and team member champion 2-mile relay with Jen Warren, Colleen Nylis and Christine Ainsworth. Warren finished third in the 1000 meters, as did Jen Hammer in the 1500 meter race. Ainsworth finished second in the 300 meter while Sandi Blendell finished fifth in the 45 meter.

The boys' points came from Paul Montanus and David Ashe. They took fourth places in the 1000 meter and the high jump, respectively.

Dam Woo

Fouls, fouls, fouls keep Indians down

Whatever was in the cards for Tim Tucker and his Ravena Indians last night (Tuesday) in the Sectionals, the 1983-84 season will go down as an unusual one and certainly a good one.

The Indians played what may have been their best game of the year Saturday in a 13-point scalping of Scotia. That achievement earned them the dubious honor of facing mighty Catskill in a Class B quarterfinal matchup at Burnt Hills. The Cats, defending Class B champions, are 20-1 on the floor but 19-2 officially, having been forced to forfeit a December game for a breach of rules — using a player in a varsity game who had played earlier in a JV game.

The Cats also went to Burnt Hills ranked No. 1 among the small schools in the state. (A report of the game, which was played after this newspaper went to press, will appear on these pages next week.)

The Indians went into the game in a jocular mood, holding no awe for their rivals down the highway. "We scrimmaged them last fall, and we stayed right with them," Tucker said over the weekend. "We don't hold them in awe, no way, in fact, we're looking forward to playing them."

Mike Constantine was back in form beneath the boards as the Tribe did a job

on Scotia of the Suburban Council, 73-60, in the opening round of the post-season tournament. The big center, hampered recently by an injury to his hand, dominated the heavy traffic around both hoops for the first time in the last six or seven games, and it made a big difference. Scotia had no Eric Swain, but Constantine collared 21 rebounds and didn't favor his injured flipper.

"Everybody played well," Tucker said happily after the game. "We played under control all the way. We didn't throw the ball away. We had probably the lowest number of turnovers all year, and we had a well balanced attack. We didn't get out of control, just worked for the good shot and it paid off."

The Tribe had five braves in double figures.

Earlier in the week the Indians dropped another one-pointer in an extra-inning affair at Watervliet. The score was 86-85, and what made this unusual was the discrepancy in the whistle-blowing. Witness these numbers:

Field baskets—Ravena 38, 'Vliet 25.
Free throws—Ravena 9 for 12, 'Vliet 36 for 55.

Better read those again to make sure there's no typographical error. That kind of arithmetic made Tucker boil.

"It was incredible. It's not so much what we did — we foul a lot — it was the lack of call on them (Watervliet). Want an example? They pressed us the whole game, yet we never had a 1-on-1 until the final minute of the game. That's right, the final minute. Would anyone believe that?"

Tucker blew his cork when the same kind of thing happened in the same place last year, but this time he just threw his hands up in quiet despair. He must be getting used to it.

The ironic thing about this season is that the Indians have outscored their opponents from the field in every one of their 21 games this season, yet their record going into the Catskill game was 13-8.

Tony Pearson had 22 points at Watervliet, Dee Bowie 17 and Mike Kerrigan 15.

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New Hartford: it wasn't close

After that build-up, the meet with New Hartford turned out to be an anti-climax for Bethlehem Central's all-conquering swim team.

Jack Whipple's navy scuttled the visitors from suburban Utica, going 1-2 in the first three events, 1-3 in the fourth and continuing to a 62-21 triumph over a respected intersectional rival.

It was the first time Whipple had used his strongest lineup, strongest, that is, without Knute Hvalsmarken, a speedster still sidelined with a shoulder injury not yet healed. The blond junior helped in the psych department by painting his torso in bright colors and serving as a poolside cheerleader.

Whipple opened the bidding with a trump lead, putting up a medley relay foursome of John Demarest, Doug Schulz, Dave Young and Damon Woo. They turned in a clocking of 1:44.7, fastest in Section 2 this year, as BC went 1-2.

Bethlehem took nine of the 11 events, finishing the regular season 17-0 and bequeathing a state-record varsity sports win streak of 115 straight to next year's team.

New Hartford was the latest team to beat the Eagles, winning by a point in 1977.

Schulz rewrote another school record and lowered one that already belonged to him. His 2:01.6 in the 200 IM wiped out Jay Henahan's 1981 school record of 2:01.9 and the Bethlehem pool record of 2:03.5 Schulz established last month in a meet with Glens Falls.

Earlier in the week the BC star erased the 1:49.2 pool record Hvalsmarken had claimed in the 200 freestyle in the Glens Falls meet. Schulz was timed in 1:48.3 in win No. 114 against Shenendehowa.

The best races of the day were the butterfly and free relay. Alan Becker of New Hartford won the fly in 56.5, besting Scott Apicelli's fastest time ever (56.7) and Dave Young's ditto (57.2). That made the spread between first and third just seven tenths of a second.



Grace, form and 6½ points for Melissa Martley, Bethlehem Central diver, in the meet against New Hartford in Delmar Friday night. BC won the last dual meet of the season, extending its record win streak to 115 since 1977.

Going into the third leg of the 400 relay, New Hartford was leading by nearly a full length of the pool. Fred Rudofsky made up half a length and Eric

Patrick made up the rest to win by the length of his hand. Patrick, who had swum the fastest 100 yards of his life in winning the 100 free 51.7 was clocked in 51.4 in the anchor leg of the relay.

This week it's the Easterns at Lawrenceville, N.J. Whipple is taking 11 Eagles, hoping for a spot in the top five and the best showing for a New York State team, but with Hvalsmarken along only for the ride, that may be wishful.

To Scandinavia

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a free travelogue on Scandinavia Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Marion Hartheimer will give the slide presentation.



Eric Patrick

Dolphin swimmers score

Chris Engstrom won the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke in boys 11-12 age-group events as 12 members of the Delmar Dolphins club swam in the Colonie Aquatic Club's Class B Valentine meet Saturday at Shaker High School. In other age group events, Pat Henahan had three second places, Drew Patrick and Emily Church two each, and two Dolphins, Tracie Mull and Pat Fish, turned in "A" times in the 9-10 age division events.

Others placing in the first six in various events were Christina Rudofsky, Rima Woo, Mark Peterbridge, Cam O'Connor, Becky Seidenberg and Katie Fish.

A Florida get-together

Delmar Day is coming up in the sunny South. The reunion event for former or just visiting Delmar residents will be March 5 at the Sarasota Mobile Home Park in Sarasota, Fla. For information or a reservation, contact Ruth Hall, 3328 Lake Bayshore Dr., Bradenton, Fla., or Hollis Harrington, 4040 Ironwood Circle, Apt. 306F, in Bradenton.

On Japanese art

Westerlo instructor and craftswoman Lila Hollister Smith will give a free lecture-demonstration on Japanese brush painting and culture at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. The art of Sumi-e is Zen-inspired and a form of relaxation as well as art. To register, call the library at 439-9314.

Cleanup on Wisconsin

Five local youths were handed brooms and shovels in the early hours Monday and Bethlehem police stood by while the teens cleaned up the beer bottles they had tossed in the roadway on Wisconsin Ave. in Delmar. The youths, all under the legal age for purchasing alcohol, told police they had bought the beer in Albany.

Principals parley

Charles A. Gunner, principal of Bethlehem Central High School, presented his views on curriculum reform to the national advisory board of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, meeting this month in Las Vegas. The session was part of the 68th annual convention of NASSP, at which President Reagan addressed some 10,000 participants, including deans, professors and other educators. Gunner also visited schools in Nevada, Utah and Arizona as part of his research during his current sabbatical leave.

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Rob VanAernem makes finals in mat Sectionals

It was fitting that Rob VanAernem, one of Bethlehem Central's best wrestlers of recent history, wind up his brilliant scholastic career in brilliant fashion.

The talented little senior didn't win a title in the Section 2 championships, but in a star-studded field from schools of all sizes from 11 counties he went to the finals at the Glens Falls Civic Center Saturday night.

In that lofty atmosphere he again encountered Phil Mosso of Amsterdam in the 105-pound title bout. Mosso, a New York State champion at 91 pounds two years ago and the No. 1 seed at 105 this time, had beaten BC's pride on points a week earlier in the Class A final in Delmar.

At Glens Falls VanAernem was unseeded. Enroute to a rematch with the favorite, he knocked off both the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds, and it might have been asking too much to take the No. 1 seed in one long day of violent perspiration.

"Robbie had a great day, a tremendous day," enthused BC's veteran mat coach, Rick Poplaski. "But when he came up against Mosso, it just wasn't to be. They had a very close first period, then things sort of slipped away and he couldn't get it back."

It's always a long road to the finals. VanAernem polished off Doug DiCerbo of Galway, 15-3, in the first round, then upset third-seeded Joel SanPedro of Albany Academy, 8-6, in the quarterfinal round. Then came a rugged test with the No. 2 seed, Chris Marsh of Hoosick Falls. The BC standout took care of Marsh in a closely contested 3-2 decision, but the bout took a lot out of him and he succumbed to Mosso by 10-1.

Only the champions in each weight class go to the state finals in Syracuse



Rob VanAernem

March 2-3. For Mosso it will be his second trip.

Four other Bethlehem wrestlers were on the Glens Falls program as a result of the Class A qualifying tournament Feb. 10-11. At the Civic Center two fell in the first round, Chris Saba (91 pounds) to Rob Weeks of Queensbury, the Class B sectional champion, and Mike Tinsman (112) to Voorheesville's legendary Jeff Clark, an Olympic team hopeful.

The other two Eagles also were decided by the tournament's elite. At 126 pounds, Wayne Peschel ended a sparkling season, besting Dennis Gardner of Hoosick Falls in the opening match before being edged by three points by Les Stollers of Ballston Spa, the

WRESTLING

For the younger set

Bethlehem's spring PeeWee wrestling program will get underway March 5 and run for six weeks under the sponsorship of the town's Parks and Recreation Department. The program, directed by BCHS varsity coach Rick Poplaski, will be for Grades 3-9 and will be held at the high school boys' gym.

Registrations will be accepted from 6 to 7:30 p.m. March 5-7 at the school. Sessions will be for 90 minutes Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

eventual champion. BC's Tom Saba eliminated Todd Cochran of South Glens Falls in the first round of the 132-pound draw, then lost to Matt Dickinson of Whitehall, who went all the way to the finals.

VanAernem, a three-year varsity wrestler at BC, closed his senior year as a co-captain with a record of 30-5-1. Said Poplaski: "He is a credit to his school, a real role model for the younger wrestlers. He knows where to put his priorities."

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A thief pried open a van parked on Huron Rd. in Delmar last Tuesday and took a cassette player, hammer, screw gun and work gloves and cap. The value of the stolen goods was listed as \$325.

Another notch in Jeff's holster

By Peter Fisch

Once again, as he has for the past three years, Voorheesville wrestling superstar Jeff Clark is on his way to the state tournament in Syracuse with hopes for another championship at 112 pounds.

With a pin of Galway's Kevin DiCerbo at 1:41 during the finals of Saturday's Section 2 championships, Clark captured his fourth consecutive Sectional crown and set a new record for career wins in the section. In raising his record on the season to 29-0, he eclipsed the record of John Cardi of Burnt Hills and upped his career mark to 148-10-1.

Last season Clark gained a state championship in the 112-pound weight class as a junior. In his previous trips to the tourney, he finished third as a freshman and took fifth as a sophomore. Presently, Clark is only the third Blackbird wrestler to compete in the state tourney. The others are Shawn Sheldon in 1983 and Mike Kavanaugh in the mid 1970's.

All other Blackbird wrestlers were eliminated in the first two rounds of Saturday's tournament with the exception of senior John Ryan and junior Jeff Genovesi. Ryan lost 2-0 in the 177-pound consolation to an Amsterdam foe to take fourth while Genovesi nipped Cobleskill's Mike Collins for third place at 126.

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BC working for parity

By Nina Barringer
The Section 2 girls gymnastics championships at Shaker Saturday marked the end of the gymnastics season this year.

Shenedehowa, 34-0, captured the Division 1 title with a team total of 127.55, closely followed by Niskayuna, (126.25).

In order to qualify to compete in Sectionals, scoring requirements had to be met in each event. Qualifiers from Bethlehem were Jennifer Engstrom and Debbie Blodgett on bars and vault, Susan Elletson (vault and beam), Cindy Ferrari (Beam and floor), and Blodgett, floor.

Competing in the all-around were Kim Riley and Shelley Miller.

Robin Taft and captain Kathleen Elliott were unable to compete in the all-around because of injuries.

"The scoring at Sectionals was very conservative and there were many people competing. Therefore, the scores were lower overall," stated BC coach Megan Hickey.

On Feb. 13, BC defeated Ichabod Crane and Taconic Hills, capturing virtually all of the first, second and third place ribbons in each event, including a second place by Riley all-around. Robin Taft got a first on bars, and Blodgett got a first on vault.

On Feb. 15 against Guilderland, BC gymnasts had a new high team total of 96.3, where Riley achieved her highest all-around total of 25.7, good for fourth place. She also tied for second on vault with Blodgett. Miller placed fourth on floor and fifth all-around.

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Where credit is due

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to respond to the letter placed by John Minnock in a recent issue of *The Spotlight* (Jan. 25) that concerned the music department at Bethlehem Central High School.

I completely agree with Mr. Minnock that we are the source of our own successes and failures. Each individual is ultimately responsible for the development of his or her own unique talent. The path towards the fulfillment of one's dream can be a lonely road where often the only thing that keeps a person moving towards the goal is the vision of what could become often in the face of inconceivably difficult odds.

However, I know there have also been those who have supported me in the attainment of my musical goals. While the people who staff the music department at BCHS did not make me into the musician I am today, they contributed greatly. I found both Mr. Sam Bozzella and Mr. Salvatore Gangi to be extremely encouraging during a particularly sensitive stage of my musical development.

In a very real sense, my accomplishment has not been merely a singular achievement, but a result of my own intense musical desire combined with the

constructive effort of a number of teachers. I've often felt my success was an accomplishment to be shared among myself, my instructors and all those along the way who may have had a kind word or some form of encouragement.

For me the problem has never been one of restricting my gratitude to a few isolated cases where I felt credit was due, but rather finding a way to thank those who made such a lasting contribution to my musical growth. In my life some of these people have been in the music department at Bethlehem Central High School.

David Langlitz
Principal Trombone

Metropolitan Opera Orchestra
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Another 'eyesore'?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your coverage of the Delaware Ave. situation is a valuable and commendable service to the community.

Now tell us who owns the building east of Hilchie's that is being remodelled into Delmar's newest eyesore, almost as insulting to the eye as the new Peter Harris building?

Name submitted

Delmar

The property, which is being converted to house a beauty shop, is owned by Robert T. Milne and Alma M. Civin, who operate the Orlo Beauty Salon in Albany. Bethlehem officials say the addition currently under construction required no special town approvals beyond the routine building permit. See the story on Page 1 for a further discussion of the Delaware Ave. site approval issue. Ed.



Martha Memmott

Helping Channel 17

Martha (Marty) Memmott of Delmar has been named Go-Getter Chairman for the 1984 WMHT Auction, according to an announcement by Gloria Lamere, auction coordinator. Memmott has served as chairman of Albany South for last year's Auction Game. Those interested in volunteering as "go-getters" for the 1984 Auction are urged to call 356-1700, ext. 292, weekdays.

Outdoor education

School will be out, but the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will assume the role of outdoor education when it offers two winter programs for children and their parents on Wednesday, Feb. 22, and Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to noon.

"Wildlife in Winter" will track animals to see how they survive in the winter, and "Snowshoeing and Winter Ecology" will traverse the same trails on snowshoes provided by the center. Children must be at least 10 to fit into the shoes.

Registration is \$3.50 for the two programs. To preregister, call the center at 457-6092.

Discussion on the freeze

The Bethlehem Coalition for Survival will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. "What About the Russians," a movie narrated by Army generals and government officials that discusses people's fears of the freeze movement, will be shown. For information, call Judith Gallagher at 439-9496.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Feb. 19, 1959

Among the items in Freihofer's weekly ad are cinnamon raisin bread for 35 cents, honey pecan ring for 54 cents and brown-serve rolls for 33 cents.

The Glenmont PTA is seeking talent for its minstrel show. Dick Schoch is the director and Mrs. Carl Kundel is general chairman.

Feb. 20, 1964

John Germann, proprietor of Delmar's two bowling establishments, is offering all bowlers the opportunity to beat him at either Sporthaven or Del Lanes. For the next 10 days he is offering games for \$1, which will be contributed to the March of Dimes, and the following Sunday, he will attempt to remain unbeaten at the South End Lanes.

Feb. 20, 1969

An architect's drawing of the proposed new Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been received. James Michaels and Rudolph Gehr are co-chairmen of the building committee. The architect is John Kibbee of Slingerlands, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Wisconsin, who has his own firm in Albany.

SENIOR CITIZENS



The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization's crafts group will meet at 1:30 p.m. after the organization's regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The group, which meets the last Thursday of every month, is open to all seniors who want to learn or teach arts and crafts.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization will sponsor a free legal clinic for local seniors on Friday, March 2, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Legal advice will be given by appointment only. To sign up, attend the organizations meetings on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at the town hall, or call coordinator Karen Pelletier at 439-4955 on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Stacey O'Brien

Wins modeling contest

Stacey O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David O'Brien of Glenmont won the Children's Lollipop Division in the children's division at the World Modeling Association's pageant in Schenectady earlier this month. Her citation listed excellence in photo posing among her achievements.

VNA elects

The Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Inc., has elected new officers, including Joan Marden of Altamont, first vice president; Maryellen Saba of Glenmont, second vice president; Beatrice Herman of Slingerlands, recording secretary; Edgar Kemp of Elsmere,

SYMPHONY PROFILE

BC teacher a man for all instruments

Theodore J. Biernacki of Delmar, assistant principal horn player with the Albany Symphony Orchestra, has been teaching instrumental music in the Bethlehem Central School District for 12 years. He gives instruction in band instruments at the Slingerlands and Hamagrael elementary schools and teaches brass players at the Middle School.

His teaching requires that he have some proficiency with all band instruments — clarinet, flute, trombone, tuba and so forth, but "it's really not as difficult as it sounds," he said. "I always enjoyed playing all those different instruments." Biernacki gives a demonstration on each instrument at the beginning of the school year, so fourth and fifth graders can make a choice of which instrument they want to play. He plays familiar music, such as the theme from "The Lone Ranger" (better known, perhaps from the overture to *William Tell*), or the Muppets theme music, playing the more popular tunes on whatever instrument he may want more recruits for that year. But he has never had a problem with too many children selecting one instrument.

"It's funny," he added, "but each kid sort of fits the instrument he chooses."

In his own case, Biernacki chose the clarinet in high school, but a shortage meant he was handed a French horn, and that has been his performance instrument ever since. A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Biernacki has a bachelor's degree in music history from the State University College at Fredonia and a master's in music education from Long Island University. In addition to his role with the symphony, he also



Theodore Biernacki

is assistant principal horn player for the Northeast Concert Band. "I think I was lucky that I hit good music teachers along the way," he said. "Who excited and stimulated me so I got to the point where I am."

Caroline Terenzini

treasurer, and John Clark of Slingerlands, assistant treasurer.

New board members include Elizabeth Hamel of Slingerlands, Barry Reiss of Delmar and Sally Webb of Glenmont. Other area residents serving on the board are Al Abrams and Gloria Hatch, both of Slingerlands, and Mary Lou Friedlander and Jeff Sherrin, both of Delmar.

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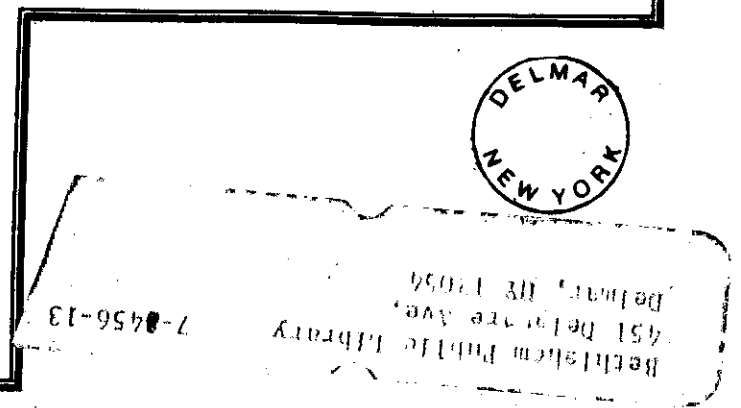
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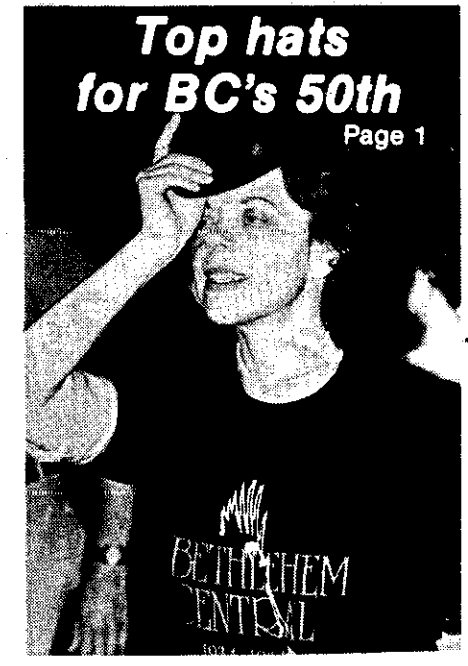
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