# Spotlight

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## 'Let's put on a show!'

"This could be the social event of the season" is the way one enthusiastic participant put it. And he just could be right. What other social event of this season — or any season — brings together 250 people for its creation, puts most of them into costume, runs through the musical gamut and invites hundreds more to

The event, of course, is the show being put on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, in celebration of Bethlehem Central High School's 50th year. It's billed as

a variety show, but that doesn't tell the whole story. What will transpire on the high school stage that weekend is more - much more -- and there's something for everyone.

The show reportedly was the idea of high school Principal Charles Gunner, who found any number of people who said, "Sure, why not?" Chief among them is Pat DeCecco of Delmar, who's the able and energetic director - or, in her words, "the idiot who said I'd do it."

The nearly 200 performers sing and dance through the decades since the high school opened, in 1934. The thirties segment features "The Big Apple" (which is a dance, for the uninitiated) and tunes such as "Harbor Lights" and "I Wish I Were 18 Again." Seguing into the forties, Army recruits everyone will recognize are put through their paces before young performers

impersonating the Andrews Sisters and Frank Sinatra take the stage and the jitterbuggers let loose. For the fifties, those who know how bring back the Lindy and the Stroll, while a new version of the Sha-na-nas show up with lip synch --- not to mention portrayals of Elvis, Pat Boone and Johnny Ray.



Director Pat DeCecco, right, confers with assistants Ann Marie Dullea and Helen Scott at one of the company's massive rehearsals. Above: Pam Taft and Tim Fitzgerald try out a new step. Tom Howes

The 'sixties have their own special flavor with top tunes from Chubby Checker, the Flower Children and who else? — The Beatles, Songs from the Supremes headline the 'seventies while music from the Rolling Stones and flashdancing mark the sequence for the 'eighties. And that isn't all.

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In what may be a triumph of casting. everyone who tried out is in the show, the director said. "And all ages are in it. This is the exciting part for me. Every generation has something to offer." By design, adults are playing the young and teen-agers have the roles of such venerables as Frank Sinatra and Elvis. "So everyone has to stop and think, 'How was it? How is it?" " Mrs. DeCecco said.

Her right-hand persons in the entaria Dullea and Helen Scott, both of Delmar, and numerous others have been indispensable in the hunt for costumes, music, accompanists and ideas.

At a recent rehearsal, the director hustled her stars on and off stage with, "Curtain"— thunderous applause." And thunderous applause is what they have every right to expect.

Tickets, at \$3, are available at Paper Mill and Records in Such at Delaware Plaza, as well as at the door. Caroline Terenzini

## Health plan coming to area

Capital Area Community Health Plan, the area's only health maintenance organization, is planning to open a center in the Tri-Village area either this year or . next year and the second of the

The new facility will, according to a CHP spokesman, probably start with thice full-time phsycians, a physician's (Turn to Page 10)

assistant, a laboratory or laboratory collection service, X-ray facilities and pharmacy services. Later, outpatient surgical treatment, eye care and dental services could be added.

According to John Baackes, CHP's director of marketing and community

## Task force finds business support

## But who pays for Delaware Ave. regulation?

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is overwhelmingly in favor of stricter regulations for site plan approval of commercial development — at least that is the conclusion drawn by Lee Faulkner; the chamber's representative to the Delaware Ave. Task Force. But last Thursday's meeting brought up another question who will foot the bill for all this extra review and enforcement?

Faulkner told committee members that he had prepared a survey for chamber members and had quickly tabulated the results of a few questions answered earlier in the day. He compared those numbers with the answers to the same questionnaire recently given to members of the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association. With a slight difference in the actual numbers, Faulkner told committee members, both groups agreed on several key points:

- Site plan approval should be expanded to include all commercial development, not just additions over 50 percent, as is currently the case.
- Site plan approval should be more specific in regard to what the town looks
- A separate board to deal with architectural review would not be looked on by the questionnaire's respondents as "too much government."

Faulkner said that, speaking for the chamber, he thought it obvious that the time had come for businessmen, residents and town government to work together to solve the problems along Delaware Ave.

While pleasantly surprised by Faulkner's findings, the committee members who are also members of the planning board, which hears site plan applications, were not so sure they liked the idea of yet another board in town government. There are currently three boards that deal with development in the town: the planners, who review subdivisions and site plans and make recommendations for rezonings; the town board, which actually makes zoning changes and changes in the zoning ordinance; and the town board of appeals, which hears applications for variances from the ordinance due to hardship and grants special permits for uses the town particularly wants to keep tabs on, such as gas stations.

John LaForte, a planner and chairman of the task force's aesthetics subcommittee, said he thought it very premature to be thinking about an architectural review board when the planning board had only reviewed two commercial site plans. He also had questions about just how architectural review would be implemented.

"Let me play devil's advocate for a minute," LaForte said, "and ask you people what we're supposed to tell someone we want architecturally. Do we

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## Election has new dimension

By Nat Boynton

An aggressive political contest has swung into high gear in Voorheesville three weeks before what shapes up as the most decisive village election in some 15 vears.

With no clear-cut issue dividing the rival groups, it is typical of campaigns such as this one to revolve on the personalities and popularity of the candidates that and the aggregate totals of doorbells candidates and campaign workers push between now and the polls on March 20.

But there is a difference this year. Peter Luczak, 33-year-old staff assistant to the state senate's Democratic minority leader, has given the contest a new twist by launching an aggressive campaign, based on bulk mailings to voters and publicity news releases to newspapers:

That's a switch from the usual format of house-calling and other grass-roots campaigning that doesn't cost money.

Luczak's tactics follow the postal-blitz pattern he used last fall in orchestrating the stunning political upset that won for Cynthia LaFave the post of town justice. the first time a Democrat had been elected to an office other than councilman in the Town of New Scotland's 150year history.

Luczak is running for mayor against Richard Lennon, a data processing consultant for General Electric and former member of the village board.

Luczak has circulated two printed :

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flyers under the label of the Peoples Party, the name used in previous elections by the incumbent leadership. Last week he sent a press release to the Altamont Enterprise outlining his platform. This week he and Harvey Huth, a member of Euczak's support group, sentboth local weeklies a release attacking. recent statements by Mayor Milton F Bates and former Mayor William J. Wenzel, who is directing Lennon's campaign. .

Lennon had this comment on the A uczak mailings; "I just hope that anyone ... who has received literature from both parties will put the biographies side by side and compare the qualifications of the candidates. I think that would help the voters decide the best representation for. the village."

Added Wenzel, Voorheesville's most assertive leader of the past decade and Bates's predecessor as mayor, "It's a very clean campaign. We're putting out factual information that doesn't mention the other side. It's clean, it's gentle-

But that was before he had learned of Huth's broadside in this week's news release. Huth, identified as Peoples Party

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## Regulation supported

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just tell him the building has to be Victorian, or Colonial? Or do we just tell him it has to match what's on either side

"No, we can't do that," one committee member said. "Suppose what's on either side is St. Thomas Church and Dr. (Thomas H.) Abele's modern dental offices? What conforms to those two styles?

"That's exactly my point," LaForte said.

The point was made that, whatever style the board ultimately decided it liked, it would probably be years before the current mix of styles could be undone.

Building Inspector John Flanigan brought up the question of enforcement - just how, he asked, was he supposed to interpret architectural decisions, and where was he going to get the man-hours to follow up on them? Currently, he said, there is no fee for site plan approvals, and these so far have included town officials spending a lot of time with developers to work out specific problems.

Committee Chairman Charles Redmond said he had had similar discussions with Alvah Worth, the group's and the planning board's engineering consultant, who often spends a lot of time "doing developers' work for them. And when I ask him why," Redmond said, "he always tells me that there would be a mish-mash if he didn't. Well, I say these folks should start paying for that service." Redmond said that if Flanigan and planning consultant Edward Kleinke spent time with an applicant working out details then the applicant should pay for those services.

Those fees could help offset the cost to the town of hiring another staff member to alleviate any enforcement problem Flanigan might have, it was noted.

"But I still want some definitions," Flanigan told the task force members. They had more or less decided that any alteration to a commercial building would render it subject to site plan approval, as would a change in use. "So you have to tell me just what constitutes an alteration," Flanigan said, "and what's a change in use.'

But there were some aspects of the

## Take precautions against rape

Any woman, regardless of age, race or economic status, can become a victim of rape, Bethlehem police noted. With February designated as Crime Prevention Month, police urge that women take precautions to limit their vulerability.

At home, deadbolt locks should be used on exterior doors. Don't let a stranger in to use the telephone - offer to make the call yourself. Also, don't reveal personal information over the telephone or let it be known that you are alone; always hang up on obscene callers. Ask deliverymen or repairmen for identifica-

When out at night, park your car in lighted areas and always lock it.

When returning to a parked car, have the keys ready so you can enter the car quickly - after checking the interior to be sure no one has gained entry.

Police have found that in many cases of rape, the initial approach is not hostile but may be a socially acceptable question such as asking for directions or the time. A confident, assertive response may decrease the chances of being victimized. Resistance can take several forms — for example, trying to communicate as calmly as possible, or stalling by going limp or feigning abdominal pain. The choice depends on the kind of person you are, the assailant and the situation.

proposed changes in the ordinance that were not so vague. Among these was the recommendation made by Flanigan that all off-street parking be based on total square footage of a building and not, as is currently the case with restaurants, on the space available for patron use - one space for 50 square feet. This would simplify matters greatly for him, Flanigan said.

The group also came to a consensus that the numbers for parking spaces required for professional buildings need to be looked at. "It's now one space for every 400 square feet," Flanigan said, but he suggested increasing that to one per 250 square feet.

Also agreed on by the committee was the need for incorporating a provision for green space into all commercial sites. Kleinke suggested that a certain percentage of each lot, to be determined by the group, could be required for plantings or to screen parking from nearby residences or from the street.

The group also discussed the possibility of using "signboards" similar to those in Vermont that list which businesses are along a limited stretch of road. This may eliminate the need for so large and so many individual signs, members said.

Redmond asked members to go back to their subcommittees and work out more detailed proposals, singling out LaForte's group for the specifics on how

the planners would try to implement architectural review, and set the next meeting for the entire task force for March 13.

## Two hearings set

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for Brian and Carolee Whitman, 505 Elm Ave., Selkirk, at 8 p.m. March 7. The Whitmans are seeking a special exception from the town zoning ordinance to permit a dog kennel on their premises.

At 8:30 p.m. the same night the board will hold a public hearing for Lawrence Fahn, 263 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, who is seeking a variance from the side yard provision of the zoning ordinance in order to construct an addition to his

## 4 earn Merit Scholarships

Four local students have been named winners of National Merit Scholarships. At Bethlehem Central High School, winners are are Colleen Nyilis and Julie Ann Sosa. At Voorheesville High, Richard G. Oden and Edward A. Volkwein earned the honors.



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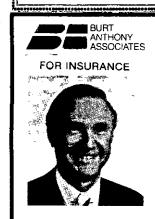
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Regina DuBois, left, of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, and Susan Redmond of the Albany County and Bethlehem Women's Republican Clubs, prepare for a mock legislative session for members of the state Federation of Republican Women.

## Local women lead GOP conference

Three local women had prominent roles in the conference of the New York State-Federation of Republican Women Sunday through Tuesday at the Americana Inn in Albany. Sue Ann Ritchko of Delmar, vice president of consumer services for Price Chopper Supermarkets, conducted a workshop on consumerism for conference participants. Susan Redmond of Delmar briefed floor leaders and others at the conference on state Senate legislation, and Regina DuBois of Glenmont did the same for the Assembly.

Mrs. Redmond has been clerk of the Committee on Rules since 1968, and is currently working for Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson. Ms. DuBois is administrative assistant for Assemblyman Clarence D. "Larry" Lane, a post she has held for nine years. Mrs. Ritchko, a former county legislator, also serves as corporate liaison for government relations for Price Chopper.

## Nursing scholarships

Three Bethlehem Central High School seniros have been awarded state Regents'. nursing scholarships. They are Jennifer Bell, Teresa Bruno and Stacey Buerle. The scholarships offer a stipend for up to five years of nursing study. Some 6,600. students competed for 800 scholarships

## Asleep at the wheel

Five motorists were charged with misdemeanor counts of driving while intoxicated this week, according to Bethlehem police reports. One driver, an Albany man, was found asleep at the wheel of his car in the wee hours Thursday, with the car in a ditch off Rt. 32 opposite the Elm Ave. Park.





## Youth activities surveyed

By Julie Ann Sosa

BAY. BOU. BYAC. Welcome to the acronym-filled world of adults that has recently become very concerned about Bethlehem youth.

Born of the problem-solving training they received at Adelphi University on Long Island in the summer and fall of 1982, town and school representatives have since organized to form Bethlehem Advocates for Youth (BAY), Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) and the Bethlehem Youth Advisory Council (BYAC). Strangely, BYAC is the only group with student representatives, and BOU is the only one with any funds. Both concentrate on teenage substance abuse:

Still, it was the BAY think-tank that compiled a detailed survey of youth activities in the town last month. Dr. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent of Bethlehem schools, with the help of Dolores Stornelli, Holly Billings and Bob Whitaker, gathered the information by telephone. They found that virtually all school activities at BC and. RCS take place prior to 3 p.m. Due to busing arrangements, interscholastic sports are the only ones offered after 3

Also, most offerings for youth are sports or achievement-related. Regularly scheduled, long-term commitments are typical of such popular clubs as the Bethlehem Soccer Club, Delmar Dolfins and the Boy and Girl Scouts, where goals must be scored, times lowered and badges won. Finally, the BAY committee decided that most offerings required commitments of membership and money as well as time.

Although BAY's findings included more than 25 clubs and 15 sports at the high school and 15 sports opportunities, 10 church groups and five clubs in the community, it was tempered by a general

feeling that much more could, and should, be done.

Since BAY used adult supervision as one of its criteria, it did not come across any opportunities for teenagers to gather. informally. In its opinion, only places like the Bethlehem Public Library and town park approached being that kind of meeting spot. Is a youth center needed? BAY, BYAC and BOU are all uncertain. According to surveys conducted through The Spotlight and at BYAC-sponsored programs, the public is uncertain also.

BAY, which was set up to meet the needs of middle school students, meets monthly. With the help of the town Parks and Recreation Department, or the PFO, it now hopes to organize a continuing education-style program tailored for middle schoolers from 3 to 5 p.m.

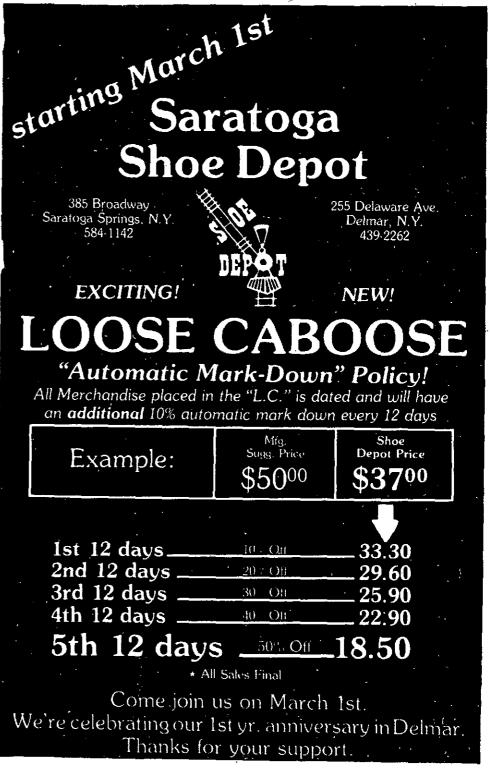
## Hit in the eye

A Glenmont youth was struck in the eye by a BB Sunday afternoon while he and three others, all ages 13 and 14, were using BB guns behind a home on Coventry Rd. According to the Bethlehem police report, a doctor told the youth's parents the injury was not serious.

Police determined that the parents of the youths knew they had the guns. Bethlehem police noted that it is unlawful for a person under age 16 to possess a weapon, including a BB or pellet gun. They said such weapons are "not toys" and their use should be supervised.

## Car fire doused

The North Bethlehem Fire Department and Bethlehem police were called to a car fire last Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. at Glen Henry Garage on Schoolhouse Rd., North Bethlehem. The fire, one of a string of blazes in the vicinity in recent months, was deemed suspicious, Bethlehem police reported.



## Town still weighing ANSWERS fee increase

With most of the action taking place elsewhere, the Bethlehem Town Board disposed of its public agenda last week in a near-record 13 minutes.

The board then went into executive session to discuss the town's current negotiations with Albany over a proposed fee increase for disposing of solid waste at the city's ANSWERS plant. Albany is proposing to increase fees from \$4.35 to \$6 per ton, and Bethlehem is asking the city to reconsider other aspects of the contract. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said following the session another meeting with city officials has been scheduled.

No matters remotely controversial appeared on the board's Wednesday agenda, but that is likely to change in the next month or so when the Delaware Ave. Task Force makes its recommendations. Two members of the town board — W. Scott Prothero and Robert Hendrick — are on the task force, so its recommendations should come as no surprise.

The town board received the final engineering report on a proposed water district extension on Orchard St. tor Dr. Frank C. Maxon Jr. The \$45,000 project

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would be financed entirely by Dr. Maxon, Corrigan said.

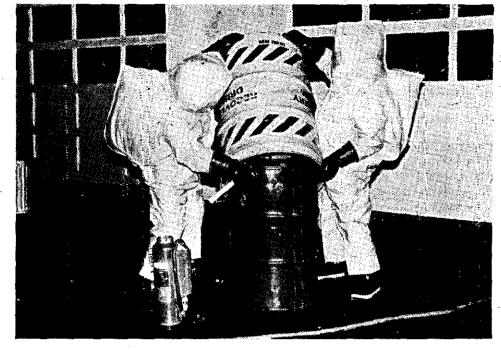
The extension, connecting to an existing line on Fisher Blvd., would cover four properties totaling 79 acres, but may make it possible in the future to extend the line further west to Game Farm Rd. and eventually south to Delaware Ave., Corrigan said.

In other action, the board:

- Awarded a contract for printing and production of the town's newsletter, Bethlehem Report, to Jerome Rapid Print of Albany, the low bidder with \$3,173.
- Approved the reappointment of Thomas W. Scherer as secretary of the Board of Appeals for the remainder of this year.

## Assault charged

James L. Coles, 35, of S. Pearl St., Albany, faces charges of first degree attempted assault and first degree reckless endangerment, both felonies, after an incident about 2:30 a.m. Sunday on



Elsmere firemen Bob White, left, and Jerry White, totally encapsuled in acid-proof suits, perform a dexterity drill required for completion of the state's advanced training course in handling hazardous materials.

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Corning Hill Rd.

Coles is accused of attempting to run another car off the road with his vehicle and then attempting to injure the driver with a knife. Bethlehem police, who were in the vicinity, were alerted by the intended victim after passengers in his car got into the Coles vehicle and they departed. Coles was stopped by Bethle-

hem police on Rt. 9W. He was sent to Albany County Jail after arraignment in Bethlehem Town Court.

## Missing a plate?

Thirteen license plates have been turned over to Bethlehem police by the Delmar Car Wash on Normanskill Blvd, Delmar. The plates fell off customer cars in recent weeks and remain unclaimed.

## March out of doors

Maple sugaring and the natural history of March will be the topics of two outdoor programs at the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar on Saturday, March 3. "Twix Seasons," a guided hike along the Center's trails, begin at 10 a'm. "Maple Syrup Time," which will explore past and present methods of collecting and processing maple sap, starts at 2 p.m. Both programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 457-6092.

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## Overcrowding alternatives weighed

By Caroline Terenzini

The handwriting on the wall says that the population in the Glenmont area of the Town of Bethlehem is growing, and both parents and school officials have read the message. But what impact the growth will have on the Glenmont Elementary School is the question.

Currently the school, with 13 classrooms, has an enrollment of 334 in kindergarten through grade five. Space at the school is tight, district Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn says, and could be tighter in the fall. The question is what to do about it, and the answer won't come easily, since there are and will continue to be a number of unknowns.

Nonetheless, Zinn has identified some options for the Bethlehem Central Board of Education. These tentative alternatives, as reported by a parent close to the situation who wished not be identified, are: create a classroom out of part of the present cafeteria/auditorium; bus all Glenmont kindergarteners to another facility; partial redistricting of Glenmont, with any neighborhood and any grade a possible target; or major redistricting.

The Glenmont Parent-Teacher Association has a committee at work examining these options and hopes to hear from parents at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday at the school. Zinn said he expects to attend that meeting to answer

The concern in the Bethlehem Central district, which covers the northern part of the town, reflects very closely the situation in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District. There a committee is already studying ways to relieve overcrowding at the Becker School.

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Alternatives range from building temporary classrooms to redistricting to redistributing classes in the various elementary schools. There has been some opposition to each of those ideas.

At the Glenmont School all the alternatives also have drawbacks. Creating an internal classroom would mean a room without windows and loss of space in the cafeteria/auditorium. Busing kindergarteners would mean separating siblings in some cases and requiring parents to deal with two schools instead of one. Partial redistricting raises issues of fairness, with students who are moved having to forego new friendships.

A major redistricting would create the most headaches, involving families throughout the district, but might be the longest-lasting solution. Bethlehem school attendance lines were last redrawn in 1976, when the Delmar School (now the town hall) was closed because of a declining school population.

This past fall the school district assigned some 20 kindergarteners from the Glenmont attendance area to other schools. While assignment of kindergarteners to other than the "home school" is not unusual, the number affected was, signaling that the Glenmont area might be outpacing the rest of the district in population growth. At the time, Zinn said kindergarteners sent to other schools have, as a practice, been assigned to their home schools in subsequent years. With its current 334 students and all other

things being equal, the 20 returning first graders in September spell overcrowding.

Some numbers the decision-makers need will be filled in by the kindergarten signup this spring, and a school census this summer also will help fill in theblanks. But the rate of homebuilding in the Glenmont area is an unknown, as is the turnover in home ownership (generally around 20 percent annually in the district). There also apparently is a broad alteration in the district's population

The district has been on target in its enrollment projections, with annual declines averaging about 2 percent in recent years. However, the decline may be bottoming out. Zinn projects that enrollment districtwide will be about the same next year as this year, with growth in kindergarten through grade five balanced out by a drop in the middle school population. So, while there may be room in the system, it isn't necessarily where it's needed. Then, too, the rate of improvement in the national economy and its effect locally on job mobility and housing starts are tough to call.

underway, with younger families repla-

cing older ones in a cyclical change.

## Going to 'school' at Elsmere

Close to 300 children spent a day of their vacation last week back in school for puppet shows, craft projects, games and stories at Children's Activity Day at the Elsmere Elementary School. This "morning of play" was the brainchild of Mary Phillips, who has organized similar affairs in Schenectady. She and cochairwoman Joann Finn began planning the event for the Elsmere School Community Organization last fall.

"I was the junk lady of the schook," said Phillips, referring to her weekly trips to Elsmere to pick up empty egg cartons, boxes and bags donated for craft projects.

Despite its first time performance, the puppet show was the hit of the morning. Tony Eckel, J.P. Shipherd and Paul Montanus entertained their young audience with abbreviated versions of Aesop's fables, Shipherd managing a convincing English accent. The trio displayed a refreshing, unselfconscious flair as they encouraged the children to cry, cheer or clap. Phillips suggested they could do well in the birthday party entertainment field.

Phillips said she "wanted to provide a community service rather than a fundraiser," but the event added \$275 to the Elsmere School Community Organization's treasury. And, she doesn't seem to have suffered from burnout: she added that she "would certainly be willing to work on it again."

Linda Ann Burtis

On the cover: Daniel Heim, 1, one of the youngest attendees at Elsmere Activity Day, isn't sure what his brother Jason, 7, is up to, but he kept a sharp eye on all those empty egg cartons. A steamer, maybe? Spotlight — Tom Howes







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## School talks not resolved

Some progress was made in Monday night's negotiating session between the teacher's union and the Bethlehem Central School District, but negotiators say there was no resolution. And no date has been set for the next session.

"Both sides yielded a little," said one administration official after the five-hour session conducted by mediator Herbert Marx of the state Public Employment Relations Board. The district's 240 teachers have been without a contract since last July.

### Truck loses brakes

State police at the Selkirk substation investigated Thursday morning after a tractor-trailer lost its brakes at a stop sign at Elm Ave. and Rt. 9W and rolled over as the driver tried to turn the rig. Trichard A. Tisiero of Westerlo, the driver, was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Bethlehem Ambulance Squad where he was treated for elbow and leg injuries suffered in the accident, according to the police report.



Congressman Jack Kemp

## Kemp to address GOP

Congressman Jack Kemp, R-31st District, will be guest of honor at the Albany County Republican Committee's 86th annual Lincoln Day dinner on Thursday, March 8, at Michael's Banquet House, Latham. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and tickets at \$65 are available by calling the committee offices at 438-

## RCS chemical abuse group has full week

People Against Chemical Abuse, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk task force, has announced a series of community events for the coming week.

On Sunday, members of the community are invited to attend the church of their choice to hear the issue of chemical abuse addressed as a critical issue in the community.

On Monday, the "Contract for Life" will be distributed to all ninth through 12th graders at the high school. The contract is between parents and students and deals with the behavior of each in critical situations that a teenager may face. It is sponsored by Students Against Drunk Driving.

Tuesday will be a busy day at the high school. While high school faculty take inservice training from Hope House staff, students and parents are invited to two showings of the film "Focus on Family" at 3 and 7:30 p.m., each followed by a discussion period. There will be free babysitting at the 3 p.m. showing. Also, Dennis Foley of the Albany County Stop

DWI program will address students at the junior and senior high schools during the day. And winners of the task force's logo and poster contest will be announced.

Thursday, March 8, is Teen Rap Night at St. Patrick's Church in Ravena. Junior and senior high school students are invited between 7 and 9 p.m.; no parents

The next task force meeting will be March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the junior high school. For more information on the task force, call Joan Levine at 767-2445.

## 'Threads' to open

"Threads," the ecumenical clothing ministry offering good used clothing at low cost, will open March 3 at 290 Delaware Ave., Albany. Hours will be Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The store is a joint venture of six area churches. For information, call the Lutheran Community Ministry Project

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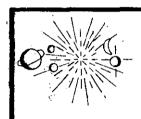


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## RCS musicians to shine

### A tuneful evening

The music department of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School has been hard at work preparing for a concert this Friday evening, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The program will open with the sixth grade band performing the theme from MASH, "Open Arms" and theme from "Ice Castles." The seventh and eighth grade chorus will perform "Out Here on My Own," featuring Laurie Sutton as soloist, and a new arrangement of "Scarborough Fair" along with other tunes.

The second half of the program will open with the sixth grade chorus performing "Flashdance...What A Feeling" and a recent Bob Dylan composition — "Man Gave Names To All The Animals," among others. The seventh and eighth grade band will close with contemporary hits, including "Stray Cat Strut."

One of the outstanding portions of the program will be the premiere of the newly organized Junior High Jazz Ensemble. Although together for only a few months, the group of 18 young musicians demonstrates a very close-knit sound on jazzrock arrangements of such hits as Barry Mannilow's "Some Kind of Friend." There is no charge for admission and the public is invited.

### Grange maps benefit

This Saturday evening, March 3, the Bethlehem Subordinate Grange is sponsoring a corned beef and cabbage dinner to benefit the Bethlehem Ambulance Service. The New England-style dinner of juice, salad, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, beverage and dessert will be served at 4 p.m. at the grange hall, Rt. 396, Beckers' Corners, Selkirk, Serving will continue until all have eaten.

Public support is needed to aid the local ambulance service. Reservations

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are not required, but large groups wishing to sit together are asked to contact Mrs. Helen Raynor at 767-2770 in advance. The Women's Activities Committee will be conducting a "This and That Sale" during the evening.

### Two teens saluted

Rhonda Newton, a 10th grade student at the RCS Senior High School, and Kyle Zolner, a senior, have been named "Teenagers of the Month" for January.

Rhonda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Newton of New Baltimore. She is a member of the Model Congress and Debate Society, German Club and is editor of the "Staff and Shield." She also is a member of Gossamer Thread, the Spanish Club, Girl Scouts and the tennis club. Rhonda is a second alternate for Answers Please, and is active in church and community affairs.

Kyle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zolner of Ravena. He is president of the National Honor Society and treasurer of the Student Council. Kyle is also a member of the Steering Committee, Band and Stage Band, and Music Club. He is active in the golf club, and chess club and was nominated for Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

"Teenager of the Month" is sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Nominees are suggested by faculty, students or staff and are selected by the principal's Advisory Committee.

## Swim party planned

Other than skiing enthusiasts, almost

every one is eagerly anticipating warmer weather. The Youth Group of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem has decided to enjoy a little taste of summer in advance by having a swim party as their next scheduled activity. The teens plan to meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, and then go to the Bethlehem Middle School for an afternoon of swimming. They will be returning to the church at approximately 4:30 p.m. Any junior or senior high school student who would like to participate is asked to contact Mr. or Mrs. Luther Fourman at 767-9013 or the church office, 767-2243. There will be a \$1.50 charge for admission.

### For 8th graders' parents

An informational meeting for the parents of all eighth grade students at the RCS Junior High School will be held in the RCS Senior High auditorium at 7:30 p.m. March 8. The program will be conducted by Victor J. Carrk, principal of the senior high, and the senior high guidance department. The program will be directed toward planning the eighth grade students' schedule for grade nine at the high school. Course selection,

program planning and graduation requirements will be discussed, and there will be an opportunity for questions at the end. Parents are asked to bring their student's scheduling handbook with them. Coffee will be available following the program.

## Lenten breakfast

Sister Jean Roche of St. Peter's Hospice will be guest speaker at the Association of Churches Lenten communion service and breakfast at 7 a.m. Sunday, March 4, at the United Methodist Church of South Bethlehem. Reservations are required, and must be made by Thursday. Anyone wishing to attend may call Rose Mayo, 767-3006, or June Tidd, 767-9927.

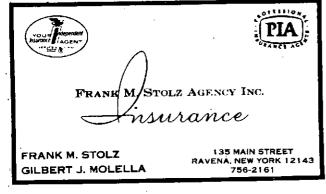
### Hoop benefit Saturday

Don't forget, this Saturday evening is when the RCS faculty will challenge radio and TV personalities in a basket-ball game for the benefit of the Tom Christopher Fund. Action will get under way at 7 p.m. in the RCS gymnasium, Rt. 9W, Ravena. A second game will follow with RCS alumni. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children under 10.



Two Bethlehem Central students won prizes in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy essay contest. Receiving certificates from Frances Gaithen, right, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 3185, Delmar, were Rachel King, second from left, first place winner, and Andrea Cousins, runnerup. At left is Pat DeVoe, contest chairman.

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## Pipeline builders seeking landowners help on route

Officials of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. and a half dozen New Scotland property owners are still trying to negotiate an acceptable route for the company's new pipeline, each mindful of a March 5 deadline.

If the negotiations fail, the property owners could ask for a rehearing of the environmental impact statement on the 7-mile project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. But, they were told last week, their chances of accomplishing more than a temporary delay in the project are slim.

If the residents of the rural section of New Scotland bordering Bethlehem's Vly Creek reservoir resist, Tennessee Gas and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) are virtually certain to play their trump card - eminent domain. In that situation the pipeline builders will be legally able to ignore affected property owners and put the 30-inch line where they want to.

Meanwhile Tennessee Gas is working closely with the homeowners.

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"We don't want it to get to that," says H.E. DeGreenia, Tennessee Gas engineer directing the project. "We have selected a route we feel has the minimum impact on the wells and springs of the property owners, on their homes and lands. We have tried to follow property lines and avoid going across properties. That's not always possible, but we think we have a route that will have a minimal effect on property values, especially private sources of water.'

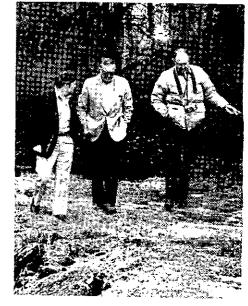
DeGreenia, based in Agawam (Springfield), Mass., made his second trip to New Scotland on Monday to inspect the proposed loop around the reservoir by helicopter and talk with affected landholders. He will be back Thursday to attend a special meeting of the New Scotland Town Board. Conferring with him on Monday was Richard Powell of the New York State Public Service Commission, who walked the proposed

Several property owners indicated they would resist any installation on their land, despite words of caution given them last Thursday by New Scotland Town Supervisor Stephen P. Wallace. Wallace called a special session of the board last week to review the project, and advised landowners to negotiate an agreement on the pipeline route among themselves to avoid litigation and confrontation.

If that fails, Wallace said, he would recommend that the board support town residents and file a formal request for a rehearing of environmental aspects of the project with FERC conditional on a peaceful settlement of the route.

"My experience is that when taxpayer groups and small municipalities go to court against the federal government, they lose," he told the audience of 14 residents last week. The board meets again Thursday at 9:30 a.m. to review its alternatives.

Officials of FERC and Houston-based Tennessee Gas Pipeline, a division of Tenneco, Inc., would be expected to resist a new hearing, which could delay the propsed start of construction in July. Project officials are counting on gas flowing in the new lines by November.



Looking at a rare underground spring in New Scotland last week were Wally Arcese, left, and H.E. Degreenia if Tennessee Gas Pipeline and John Dearstyne, a property owner.

The 7-mile loop by-passing the reservoir was forced by the refusal of Bethlehem officials to permit the proposed line to parallel the existing 24-inch line where it crosses the lower end of the



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vice chairman, said in the release that recent statements by Bates and Wenzel are "unfortunate, inappropriate and simply inaccurate.

Bates had been quoted on several occasions as saying that Luczak's role in pushing for a Price Chopper bus to. Guilderland in the wake of the Grand Union closing the village's only supermarket was politically motivated. The two also traded barbs on length of residence and experience in village affairs.

"His (Luczak) deep and continuing commitment to this village is obvious and apparent to all who know him, even to those who have met him for the first time during this campaign," Huth's statement declared. The release also attributed to Luczak a statement that "our position has been and will continue to be dedicated to a totally positive campaign."

In the platform printed in the Enterprise. Luczak promised a quarterly newsletter to village residents, opening the village office one night a week for public comment, pursuing "an effective solution to the closing of the Grand Union" and establishing a village ice rink and supervised cross country skiing.

Apart from Bates, the "establishment." campaigning under the label of the Village Party, has refrained from attacking Luczak, let alone mentioning his name in statements.

The closest Lennon came to commenting on his opponent was an oblique reference to the newspaper publicity Luczak has generated. "Pete seems to have some contact with the Albany newspapers, who never mention our names," Lennon said.

Lennon is pledging to continue what he contends is "the record of good government in a growth environment." He cites support by three former village mayors, Richard (Bud) Bailey, Harold Schultz and Wenzel as well as Bates, the incumbent who has declined to seek another term.

"I'm\_very happy with the way things are going," Lennon said this week, "We're dedicated to trying to let people know what we're doing, what we stand for. I want to run a good, above-board campaign, telling people exactly where we stand.

Running with Luczak are Philip Joyce and Thomas Mensching, Jr. Running with Lennon are Susan Rockmore and incumbent trustee Daniel Reh. In the middle is Marilyn Stracuzzi, a career woman beholden to neither, running for a seat on the board under the Citizens Party label.

## Voorheesville **News Notes**

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### Pops concert

Spring is in the air and the senior high school music groups have something in store to take the remaining chill from the air. On Tuesday, March 6, musicians from the high school will entertain the community at a free pops concert to be held at the high school beginning at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include selections by the concert band and stage band under the direction of Frank McDermott and the chorus directed by Margaret Dorgan. Soloists and small ensembles will also perform.

### · One last chance

Those parents who thought they "struck out" and missed registering their children for Kiwanis Grasshopper baseball/softball, are still "safe." One final registration session will be held at the grade school this Saturday, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Girls in grades 5 through 8 and boys ages 8 through 13 may come at that time with a parent to register for the spring sports league. A fee of \$6 should be paid at that time. Anyone wanting more information on the program sponsored by Kiwanis Club of New Scotland may call. Pete Douglas at 765-3108.

### Substance committee meets

The Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 5 at the high school at 7:30 p.m. Among the topics to be discussed will be the resource sheet scheduled to be sent out with the March Heldebarker and the upcoming Alcohol Awareness programs scheduled for mid-March. Since the committee is a community-wide effort all are invited to come and take part.

## Garden club meets

With spring just a few weeks away, soon fresh flowers will be adorning many yards. To assist in making those springtime delights into lovely arrangements, the Helderview Garden Club will hold a flower arrangement demonstration at their monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, March 8. beginning at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. After the presentation all members will be given an opportunity to do an arrangement. Assistance will be given by experienced club members. Committee members for the evening are Emily La away, Mary Smith and Agnes

Anyone interested in joining the garden club may call president Kazzy

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Gainor at 765-2576.

### Dance from India

This Thursday, there'll be a lot of dancing going on at the elementary school, but not like the usual steps that grace the grade school halls. As part of its in-school programming, Theatre Fun for Young People will sponsor the production "Rhythms and Visions of India and the Middle East," featuring Carolyn Kay.

This interesting and educational program will give the students in grades four through six an understanding and appreciation of the classical dances of the Asian countries, complete with colorful costumes, exquisite gestures and richness of symbolism.

This will be the last production viewed this year by the intermediate grades who saw "The Amazing Einstein" in the fall.

### Tax help at library

April 15 is just a few weeks away! For those who are tackling the monumental task of doing their own income tax the Voorheesville Public Library has a lot of materials to aid in the project. On hand at the library are many tax books including the popular "Your Income Tax" by J.K. Lasser, as well as many information aids supplied to the library by the Internal Revenue Service. Listed among these aids are audio cassettes that containsimple step-by-step instructions for preparing various federal forms and publication 1132 which contains over 90 reproducible tax .forms that can be photocopied.

Also, according to Librarian Nancy Hutchinson, the library now has a supply of the booklet "Albany: Three Centuries A County? by C.R. Roseberry, A publication of the Albany County Tricentennial Commission, the booklet covers traditions and historic lore in all of Albany County including Berne, Knox, New Scotland and Westerlo, and can be

purchased at the library for \$5.

### Scout banquet

Cub Scouts from Voorheesville Pack 73 and their parents spent a really "swinging" time this past Sunday, when they attended the pack's annual Blue and Gold Banquet as a finale to the many lestivities of this February, Boy Scout Month. Since the scouts and their lore were based on Kipling's Mowgli stories, this years dinner was centered around a jungle theme, with table decorations and food following suit. After a pot luck supper the boys were entertained by the Poppy Doodle puppets, awards were given out and other presentations made.

### Alison Bennett gives talk

The Town of New Scotland Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, March 6, at 8 p.m. in the New Salem School House. Guest speaker this month will be Allison Bennett, local historian and Spotlight columnist, who will address the topic "Dutch Colonial Life in Albany." Her presentation is open to the public.

### Seniors group meets

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will hold their first meeting of the month on Wednesday, March 7, at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center, the Old School House in New Salem. On hand to warm up the afternoon will be the "Troubadors," a musical duo who will provide music for listening as well as songs for a sing-a-long. A reminder to senior citizens who wish to take advantage of the Wednesday lunch program that the deadline to register for the March 14 lunch is March 7.

A reminder to seniors that the Price Chopper bus leaves every Thursday at I p.m. from the New Salem Reformed Church and at 1:15 p.m. from the Voorheesville Methodist Church, and returns after 3 p.m. Anyone having additional questions about this free service may call senior representative Martha Navilia.

New Scotland Senior citizens group welcomes new members. All people aged 55 and older in the Town of New Scotland are welcome to visit the group's weekly meetings or to join them. Anyone having further questions about the senior citizens or the lunches held every two weeks may call president Lois Crounse at 765-2109.





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## Are fuel oil prices following the market?

By Bennett Loudon,

Isn't it funny how the price of home heating fuel seems to go up as the temperature goes down? A number of people, from the state Consumer Protection Board on down, are finding the situation less than humorous, and some local residents are doing something about it.

The consumer protection board announced Sunday that a state-wide survey shows retail prices for fuel oil have begun to drop. As of Feb. 21, the statewide price for Number 2 home heating oil stood at \$1.20 per gallon, down about four cents. That's not enough, said Richard Kessel, the board's executive director.

"The CPB continues to believe that the major oil companies are taking the state's consumers for aride," said Kessel, "With warmer weather, a low rate of inflation and no shortage of domestic oil supplies. heating oil prices should never have risen to the levels that they have.

That feeling is shared by local residents who have joined the Fuel Buyers Group of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). The group is made up of people who purchase heating oil at . below retail prices by using their volume buying power to negotiate for discount

"The oil companies are a rip-off," said Delmar resident Wallace Winne, who joined the group in December. "They stock up fuel when the price is low and continue to sell it at a higher price."

A spokesman for Long Oil Heat in Albany said that a significant increase in price at the end of January resulted from the inability to travel up the frozen Hudson River, producing a scarcity of

According to Clark Zeh of Main-Care Heating in Delmar two factors are involved. First, today's high interest rates make a supplier reluctant to build up his inventory. Secondly, big companies have been involved in what he called "profit

According to data provided by NYPIRG, the average retail price of heating oil increased, while the standard wholesale price decreased or stayed the same on at least five occasions.

The wholesale price of oil went from 89.5 cents per gallon on Sept. 20, 1983, down to 84 cents on Christmas Eve. During the same time period the average retail price went from 17.2 cents per gallon more than wholesale to 23.3 cents more. While the wholesale price increased by 12 cents per gallon between Jan. 1 and 27, the retail average increased

The wholesale price is actually that of Mobil Albany Tank Car Reseller, one of the area's major wholesalers' and a good ' indicator of the market.

Bill Bortitz, upstate coordinator for NYPIRG, says, "The retail prices do not reflect the true market trend. There is no regulation on their mark-up. Retail oil consumers don't benefit when the wholesale price decreases, but the members of the buyers group do."

The buyers group discount rate is always directly related to the Mobil wholesale price which varies from day to

For more information on the Fuel Buyers Group contact Bill Borfitz at 436-



Anthony Riccardi

## Pre-retirement seminar

Anthony Riccardi of the Albany Financial Group and Paul VanRyn, an attorney with Gold and Symansky, will be back to lead a pre-retirement planning seminar at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, march 7, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. He will discuss tax and estate planning as well as issues that focus on the state and teachers' retirement

Registration is not required for the free program. For information, call the library at 439-9314.

## For kids and computers

Dr. Karl Wittman, a local educator and author, will show parents "How to Use Computers to Educate Your Kids" on Thursdays, March 8 and 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. In the two-part workshop, he will discuss computer-assisted instruction, microcomputers in the home and software.

## ☐ Health plan

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relations, the organization's plans call for opening two new facilities in 1984 and 1985, one in Saratoga County and one in Albany County.

The preferred location in Albany County is the Delmar-Elsmere area, Baackes said, and although no specific site has been selected, "so far we have not found any reason not to go ahead." The timetable would depend on which site the one in Albany County or in Saratoga County — is pinned down first, he added.

CHP, which began operation in 1977 in Latham, presently has seven health centers in the area, including one in Bennington, Vt., and one in Pittsfield, Mass. Nearly 48,000 members are enrolled, served by more than 40 full-time M.D.'s and affiliated specialists.

The most recent center to open is in Troy. It has three physicians and is equipped to serve some 7,000 members. Baackes said the new Albany County facility will be similar in size.

Health maintenance organizations (HMOs) combine group health insurance with comprehensive health care delivery, Typically, employers offer the HMO coverage as an alternative to other health insurance plans; such as Blue Cross. Enrolled CHP members select their own physician at the CHP center serving their area, then pay \$2 per visit for most services. Well-patient visits and prevention are emphasized. Most hospital stays, operations and emergency services --- in or outside the area - are covered by the plan. In this area, Albany Medical Center and St. Peter's Hospital are affiliated with CHP.

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## Ash Wednesday service

The Bethlehem Area Ministerial Association, formerly the Tri-Village Clergy Association, will sponsor its third annual interfaith Ash Wednesday service on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. The Delmar Presbyterian Church will host the event, which will be conducted by area religious leaders of all denominations. Refreshments will be served during a fellowship hour after the service.

## Bible studies start

Delmar Reformed Church will host the 14th annual Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Studies to be held on six consecutive Wednesday mornings beginnings March 14.

Chairing the recent organizational meeting for the series were co-chairwomen Freda VanAllen and Virginia Hayes of Delmar Reformed. Each Wednesday during the series the coffee hour will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the hourlong study at 10 .m. Child care will be available.

## Concert Saturday

Bethlehem Community Church in Delmar will be the setting for a concert by the Chamber Singers of Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3. The singers from the Christian liberal arts college will present a program of sacred music from the Renaissance to the modern day. The church is at 201 Elm

## Workshop for women

A free career and life planning workshop for women only is offered by the Bethlehem Public Library in weekly sessions from March 5 through April 9. The sessions will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will be led by Adrienne Rockwood, who has a master's degree in counseling. Participants will be helped-in identifying their needs and defining a career-life direction. For information. call the Career Resource Center at the library — 439-9314 — before March 2.

## Speakers for Lent

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany for the 107th consecutive year has scheduled noon services during Lent. The preacher on Ash Wednesday, March 7, will be the Rt. Rev. Wilbur Hogg, Episcopal bishop of Albany, On Thursday and Friday, March 8 and 9, speaker will be the Rt. Rev. David Ball, bishop coadjutor of Albany. The church is at 107 State St. Other speakers will be listed in the Spotlight's area calendar.

## Painting with pastels

The Bethlehem Art Association will have its monthly meeting on Thurday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, Altamont artist Irina Altamonya Frinta, whose works are in the permanent collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art, will give a demonstration with pastels. For information, call Lorrainé Shapiro at 439-

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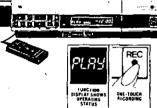
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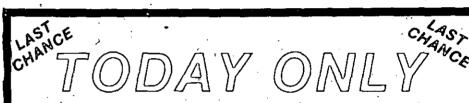
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The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk,

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

FISH, Tri-Village 24-hour-aday 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, cxcept\_June, July, August and December, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, are 18 on or before the election. Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. during school year. Call a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 439-2238. days preceding the election,

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

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 Comunity Church at

'The Effect of the Economy on the Stock Market In 1984," E.F. Hutton account executive Mark Gardner explains repercussions of economic recovery. Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, IRS tax counselors helpolder 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.

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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.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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

brated at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 12:30

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 1



Paul Weinman, an author of several volumes of poetry including Frog Eyes and Forgiveness, will be one of four local writers reading from original works at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Free Legal Clinic for Senior citizens, Bethlehem Town Hall. For appointments, sign up at Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization meeting Thursday or call Karen Pellettier at 439-4955 Tuesday or Thursday. Children's Films, for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. and .1 p.m.; afterschool, 4 p.m., Beth-Iehem Public Library, Free.

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

Junior High School Concert, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

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.

Voorheesville Babe Ruth Registration, for baseball players ages 13-15. Voorheesbille Elementary School, 10 a.m.-noon. \$15 fee; information, 765-3601.

Grasshopper Baseball-Softball Registration, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, Voorheesville Elementary School, 9-11:30 a.m.

Bethiehem Grange Dinner, benefits Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Grange hall, Rt. 396. Becker's Corners, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

Contra Dance, sponsored by Old Songs Inc., Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 8:30 p.m. \$3.50 admission.

Tri-Village Squares' Dance, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 7:30

Christian Music Concert, performed by Gordon College Chamber Singers, Bethlehem Community Church, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH4

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

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. Chartes Wissink shows slides of trip plannned for June 11-24, Delmar Reformed Church, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

## area arts

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

THEATER "The Three Sisters" (University Theatre production of Chekov's classic), SUNYA Performing Arts Center, March 1-3 and 7-10, 8 p.m. Reservations, 457-8608.

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

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

"The Deadly Game," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second St., Feb. 29-March 4 and March 7-11, 8 p.in except 2.30 p.m. Sundays, Tickets, Community Box Office or theater, 462-

## MUSIC

The Psaltry (French-Canadian folk songs, classical and jazz), Eignth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, March 2,

Findlay Cockrell (Beethoven piano sonatas), SUNY Performing Arts Center March 2 and 3, 8 p.m.

Josee Vachon (Quebecois singer-song writer celebrates SUNYA's "World Week"), Studio Theater, Washington Ave. Albany, March 3, 2 p.m.

Baritone John Reardon (concert of Rogers, Hammerstein and Hart classics), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 3, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

John Obetz (organ recital), St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, March 4, 3 p.m.

Student Concerto Concert, with University Community Orchestra, SUNY Performing Arts Center, March 6, 8 p.m. Findlay Cockrell (Beethoven concert), The Egg, Empire State

Plaza, Albany, March 6, noon. Chamber Music Society of Rochester (Beethoven, Debussy, Honegger and Gounod), Memorial Chapel, Union

## Schenectady, March 6, 8 p.m.

Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 2, 8 p.m.

Jamie Cunningham (director of Acme Dance Company in residence, at eba), open rehearsals. Chapter House Theatre. 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, March 3 and 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To attend, call 465-9916.

## POETRY

Reading by Irish poet Tom Paulin, Faculty Lounge, Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 29, 8 p.m.

"Masters of Modern Sculpture" (Art at the Plaza-film series), auditorium, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 1 12:10 p.m., March 4, 2 p.m.

"Entre Nous" (premiere of new French film to benefit Albany Symphony Orchestra), Crossgates Cinema 10, March 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets at 456-5677 or at the box office.

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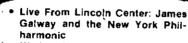
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The Chamber Singers of Gordon College will be at Bethlehem Community Church for a concert of sacred music on Saturday.

Church Youth Group Swimming Party, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt.-9W, Selkirk, 1:30 p.m.

### 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.

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.

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

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

Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee, meeting at Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 6

"Focus on Family," first in series of films, RCS Junior High School, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by People Against Chemical Abuse, with discussion period following each showing. Sitting available at 3 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Teen Rap Night, St. Patrick's Chruch, Ravena, for RCS Junior and Senior High School students, 7-9 p.m. Spomsored by People Against Chemical Abuse.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Bethlehem Sportmen's Club, first Tuesdays, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30

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

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

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

Mothers' Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers meets Tuesdays at the delmar Reformed Church 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m.Free child'care.

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

Spring Pops Concerts, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. Free.

New Scotland Historical Soclety, guest speaker Allison Bennett on "Dutch Colonial Life in Albany," Old Schoolhouse, New Salem, 8 p.m.

income Tax Assistance for Seniors, Glenmont fire house, Rt. 32, 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays through April 10. No appointment necessary; information, 439-3449.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Bethlehem Business Women's Club meets first Wednesday of month at Albany Motor Inn. Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

Sethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 1'44, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

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

Tri-Village Interfaith Service, celebrating Ash Wednesday, at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.

Scandinavia Travelogue, slide presentation and discussion, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar, on financial and legal considerations, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. Board of Appeals, on application of Brian and Carolee Whitman, 505 Elm Ave., Selkirk, for a special exception to permit dog kennel at premises, 8 p.m.; Lawrence Fahn, 263 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, for a variance to permit addition at premises. Article 12, side-yard, 8:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town

Children's Paper - Folding Workshop, for children over 8, Bethlehem Public Library, 4

meeting and sing-along, Old Schoolhouse, New Salem, 1

### THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Helderview Garden Club, flower arrangement demonstration, Voorheesville United. Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

Eighth Grade Parents Meeting, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 7:30 p.m.

conducted by AARP at Bethlehem PUblic Library, 1-5 p.m. Registration, 439-1381.

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ville High School, 7 p.m. \$1.50

## AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

**Events in Nearby Areas** 

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 Noncredit Career Programs, sponsored by Division of Continuing Studies, at Husted 208, eastdowntown campus, 4-8 p.m. Information, 455-6121.

South Africa Can U.S. Policles influence Change?" Great Decisions forum led by SUNYA professor Dr. Iris Berger, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon.

Job Outreach, counseling service program on "Unemployment Blues - What to Do About Them," Human Resource Center, North Lake and Central Aves., Albany, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Fundamentalism: "Islamic Islam and the Political Process in the Mideast/U.S. Foreign Policy," World Week lecture by Dr. Jamal Badawi at SUNYA assembly hall, Campus Center,

"Race, Class and Racial Violence," public address by Lewis M. Killian, scholar of race relations in America and England, Bacon Science Center, Siena College, 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Writers Workshop with novelist Debby Mayer ("Sisters"), Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

'China Story: One-Fourth of Humanity," film and lecture by Edgar Snow, SUNY Campus Center 361, 3:30 p.m. (Part of SUNY's World Week program.)

Poet Allan Kovier reads for Jawbone series, SUNY Humanities lounge, noon-1 p.m.

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Doane Stuart entrance and scholarship test for students applying for grades.5-11, 9 a.m. Northern-style Mardi Gras featuring French-Canadian music, Knights of Columbus Hall, 255

Remsen St., Cohoes, 8 p.m.

"The Woman Within: The Importance of a Positive Self image," workshop at Albany Campus Center of Russell Sage College, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration, 270-2306.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Greater Albany Professional Singles, with discussion on the Bell system breakup, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., 7 p.m.

Glenn Miller: The Man, the Music, the Era," slides and readings presented by Jack Hotchkiss, Albany Public Library, 2 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. .

'No Easy Answers," Illusion Theater's exploration of the problems confronting teenage sexuality, Four Seasons Theater, Thruway House, Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door. Presented by Albany County Rape Crisis Center.

**Contradancing** with Silver Strand Band, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 2-4

### MONDAY, MARCH 5.

"No Easy Answers," Four Seasons Theater, Thruway House, Albany, 8 .pm.

Activist Karen DeCrow speaks on "Women and the Vote", Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, 7 p.m.

Expectant Parents' Night, cafeteria of St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, 7:30 p.m.

"Are Women's Issues Trivial?" talk by Russell Sage Prof. J. Wilson Ferguson, Bush Memorial Center, Troy, 12:40 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 6

"A Gathering of Old Men," review of Ernest J. Gaines novel by Lawrence C. Burwell, Albany Public Library, 12:15

'Marnie," Hitchcock film at Albany Public Library, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Artificial Intelligence", Titesday Topic talk by Neil Murray, orientation theater of State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:10 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Franco — American Folk Music," lecture by Bernard Ouimet, Albany Public Library,

"The International Debt Crisis: Borrowers, Banks and the IMF," talk by SUNY Prof. Walter Goldstein, Albany Public Library, noon.

"How to Get Published," talk by area poet Joanne Seltzer, Hellman Library, College of Saint Rose, 392 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Wilbur Hogg, Episcopal Bishop of Albany, begins Lenten preaching series at St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, noon.



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## 'When will you be home?'

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"Bye, Mom. See you later."

That commonplace exchange between parent and child, innocent as it may seem, represents one of the major causes of teenage rebellion. I say innocent, because I do not mean to convey a sense of blame on either the parent or the child. What I do mean to do, is to convey a sense of awareness about these kinds of interactions, and their consequences on the development of parent-child relationships. Specifically, I mean to comment on how to encourage children to become responsible for their own actions rather than locking into the rebellious or compliant child syndrome.

To take the opening example to its alltoo-frequent conclusion, let's assume that "See ya later" turns out to mean "later than 8." At 8:20 Mike saunters into the living room where his mother has been glancing at her watch every five minutes since 8. Her emotional state resembles a stew over a slow fire mixed with apprehension and anger.

"Hi, Mom."

"Don't 'Hi' me. Do you know what time it is?"

"No, why? Am I late?"

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"Are you late? I told you to be home by 8 and it is now 8:20. Where's your

"I don't have it on. I'm sorry. I didn't know what time it was."

'Well, young man, you better know what time it is when you're supposed to be home at a certain time. You will not be allowed out on a school night again until you start showing me you can be responsible."

"Aw, Mom. You act like I committed a crime."

"Don't get smart with me! Now go upstairs and get ready for bed. We'll have a talk with your father tomorrow about you breaking the rules and your defiant attitude. As long as you live under our roof, you will know what it is to be responsible. We'll see to that!"

Question: Is it enough to teach a child about responsibility by laying down rules and expecting or demanding compliance? Answer: No, it is not enough.

The ultimate goal in becoming a responsible person is to be able to lay down your own rules in the context about what you will and will not do in each given situation. In a free society such as ours, our strength lies not in our ability to comply with others' rules, but rather to make independent choices and be responsible for the consequences of those choices.

In many situations an independent person will choose to comply with society's rules. However, in some instances the choice may be to rebel against

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those rules, because they are either unfair or irrelevant or contrary to the individual's value system. Freedom requires a balance between compliance with the established order and challenges to that order making way for change and growth toward a higher order.

How then can independent responsibility be taught to our children? Here is one simple suggestion that can be applied to youngsters even before they enter school. The suggestion is not based on adopting a permissive attitude nor giving up one iota of parental authority. Instead, it is founded on the idea that experience is the best teacher, and that children can learn from parental example. It is a technique that provides children an opportunity to be responsible for their own decisions in the context of house rules.

The suggestion is: whenever possible, ask your child to inform you about his or her decisions before any action is taken. Ask your child to declare a choice in matters of consequence to him or her, and then hold your child responsible for that choice.

To return to Mike and his mother, this is how the suggestion works. When Mike lets his mother know he would like to go out with his friends, Mom can say, "Okay, Mike, but it's a school night and I would like you home by 8." Then the key question is asked. "When will you be home?"

In one simple stroke the responsibility for Mike's actions has been shifted from the rulemaking parent to rest squarely on Mike's own shoulders. He now must make a choice in front of his mother and declare to her what that choice will be. Should he say "Okay, Mom, I'll be back by 8," and then return at 8:20, Mom's reaction can be based not on Mike's

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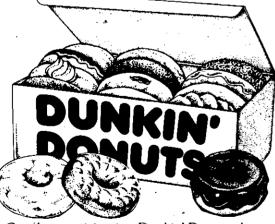
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breaking the rules, but rather his failure to do what he himself said he would do.

The major thrust of shifting responsibility onto your child for everyday decisions is to give him or her the opportunity of developing judgment, learning to be decisive, getting to know him or herself, and taking responsibility for making choices. Authority can always be invoked by the parent should the child try to push past the limits, e.g., "Mom, I'm old enough to stay out 'til 8:30 on a school night." Mom can always reply, "I disagree. Your father and I think 8 is late cnough. So if you choose to come home any later, there will be consequences. Now when do you plan to be home?"

Obviously, this suggestion cannot be applied to each and every decision. The idea is to create an atmosphere of selfregulation toward responsible independence. And for those of you with clever, strong-willed children, the technique

holds the promise for helping them become adept at negotiating with authorities. At least it's better than fighting.

So, fellow parents, good luck and remember, in being a responsible parent, the choice is always yours, but to raise responsible children, the choice must be

## Local poets to read

Susan Kells and Mary Davitt of Delmar will be among the four local poets and writers who will be at the Bethlehem Public Library's first public reading in a four-part Sunday series that begins March 4 at 2 p.m. Joining them will be Tom Calarco of Schenectady and Paul Weinman of Albany, who has had his work published in such magazines as Chelsea, Pebble and New York Quarterly.

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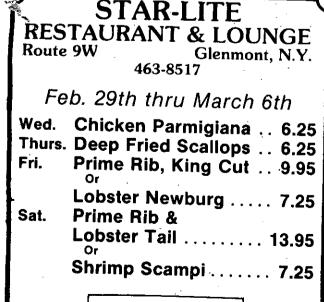
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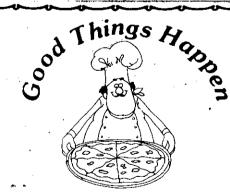


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## Eagles bald and ready to fly

Bethlehem Central's pool powerhouse moves into the Sectional championships at Albany State this weekend seeking their 12th straight team title.

So dominant have the Eagles been in the annual state qualifiers that it's no longer a question of the team trophy. Instead, it's how many new records, and how many swimmers can qualify for the state championships a week hence.

In the Eastern Interscholastic championships at Lawrenceville, N.J. last Saturday, a small band of BC swimmers made a strong showing against top teams from Maryland to Maine. Bethlehem finished 6th of 55 teams, only 8 points short of fourth place, and second among the New York State teams at the meet.

Fairport, a suburban Rochester power ranked No. I in the state, was fourth with 69½ points, Archbishop Molloy of Philadelphia was fifth with 66 and BC sixth with 62½. St. Joseph's of New Jersey was the team winner with 161, followed by Cherry Hill, N.J. and Cardinal O'Hara of suburban Philadelphia.

In the process Whipple's boys broke, three school records, one of them falling twice in one day. As usual, it was Doug Schulz who did most of the damage; but the two Bethlehem records he wrecked were his own.



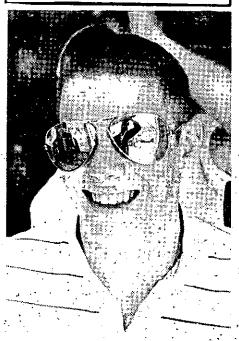
Several Bethlehem Central varsity swimmers went through the annual "shaving down" rite before the Easterns last week. At left, Dave Young, first in Don Wagner's chair, realizes it's "hair today, gone tomorrow." Rob Leslie, right, smiles for the camera,

The blond ace lowered the 200 individual medley mark he set last week against New Hartford (2:01.6) with a clocking of 2:00.6 at Lawrenceville. That was good for fifth place in a meet where the first 12 score points.

In the 100 breaststroke final, the BC senior placed fourth in 1:01.4, a fraction better than the Bethlehem best he established in the Easterns a year ago (1:01.7).

The biggest thrill for Whipple's band

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came in the freestyle relay, where another school record fell in the trials, only to tumble again in the finals. Adding to the excitement was the fact that two different teams pulled the stunt, and in different sequence.

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In the trials Dave Young, John Demarest, Knute Hvalsmarken and Schulz covered the distance in 3:18.1. That erased a 12-year-old BC mark established by Rich Bailey, Alan Toll, Mike Delaney and Paul Van Ryn, 3:18.3 in 1972.

In the finals Whipple made two changes. He opened with Demarest and sent in Eric Patrick for Young. The result was a new school and Section 2 record of 3:17.4. Demarest swam his 100-yard leg in 48.7 seconds, Patrick was clocked in 50.9, and Hvalsmarken and Schulz followed in 49.1 and 48.6 respectively.

Hyalsmarken, returning to action after several weeks of forced idleness due to a shoulder injury, had been too cautious to qualify in the 200 free and had finished ninth in the 100 at 49.9. Demarest placed eighth in the 50 with 22.4.

But it remained for an unheralded sophomore, swimming in the Easterns for the first time, to provide Whipple and his teammates with their happiest surprise. Pierre LaBarge, competing in the 500-yard freestyle, had never been below 5:08.5 prior to last weekend. At Lawrenceville he qualified in eighth place with a clocking of 4:58.9. In the consolation finals he was timed in 4:56.4, good for seventh place overall and 12 full seconds faster than his previous career

Also scoring points was Melissa Martley, who was 10th in a field of 48. "She did extremely well," Whipple said. "She was one of the most consistent divers in the meet."

## Swim safety classes

The American Red Cross will offer a basic swimming instructor course, instructor aide course and/or basic rescue and water safety course from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, beginning March 1, at the Bethlehem Central High School pool. Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling the American Red Cross, 462-7461, extension 56.

## Earl Hauf: the road to Los Angeles

Marksman Earl Hauf of Glenmont is going to Los Angeles in June to try out for the '84 Olympics "even if we have to go in hock to do it," said his mother, Shirley Hauf. "We want him to make this Olympics something fantastic" is the way Earl's father, Louis F.B. Hauf, Jr., put it.

The young shooter, a senior at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, has the same determination and the requisite talent and skill, but, over the nearly four years Earl has been shooting and competing, the family budget has taken a beating. And now the Olympics are in his sights, but 3,000 miles away.

Earl is New York State Junior Olympics champion and is to compete in the national finals in April in Columbus, Ohio. Also coming up in April are seven days in Fayetteville, Ark., for the national invitational Daisy air rifle and air pistol championships, for which only six competitors in the Northeast have been chosen. The Northeast States Championship is in May, the same weekend Earl will graduate, and then June 10 he'll leave for the tryouts in Los Angeles.

"We'd love to go," said Mrs. Hauf, "but we can't afford it." So, at the moment, Earl is going cross-country alone, but the family is hoping for support from the community. The Earl Hauf Olympic Fund has been established and checks made payable to the fund can be sent to the Glenmont branch of First American Bank, Town Squire Plaza, Glenmont 12077. Donations - again, made out to the Earl Hauf Olympic Fund — also may be sent directly to the Haufs, Wemple Rd., Glenmont, or to Toni Lasher, Box 224, Jericho Rd., Selkirk 12158.

To protect Earl's amateur status, contributions to the fund will be used only for travel expenses, lodging and meals.



Earl Hauf and another gun buff, Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan, discuss Olympic shooting in a recent visit to town Spotlight

## RCS girls finish at 17-3

By Kevin Hommel

The RCS girls varsity basketball team ran its Colonial Council record to 12-1 and 17-3 overall with a victory over Lansingburgh Friday. Kristen Daley and Jackie Mulligan both had 10 points to lead the way for the Indians. The J.V. was also victorious with a 46-23 win over Lansingburgh to clinch the Colonial Council Championship.

On Feb. 15 the girls defeated Schalmont and on the following day they gained an unprecedented first place with a victory over Watervliet. Trailing.

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the whole game, the girls tied it at 27-27 one minute into the fourth period. Tracey Griffin had 5 points and Jackie Mulligan had 4 to lead a 15-5 fourth period spurt to win the game 37-29. The Indian girls hit most of their foul shots in the fourth period while Watervliet missed most of theirs. It was just the opposite in an earlier game which Watervliet won, handing RCS its only league loss. The team had an easy 51-22 win over Voorheesville Feb. 18.

The girls squared off against Waterford this Tuesday and have a non-league

home game versus Shaker on Thursday to ready for the Sectionals They also have a scrimmage against Bethlehem Central next week. Coach Betty Faxon believes the team can do well in the Sectionals if they play to win.

## Skippy at RCS

The Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band will give a benefit concert for the Ravena Free Library on Sunday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and children. The musical event is being sponsored by the Ravena-Coeymans Womens' Club.

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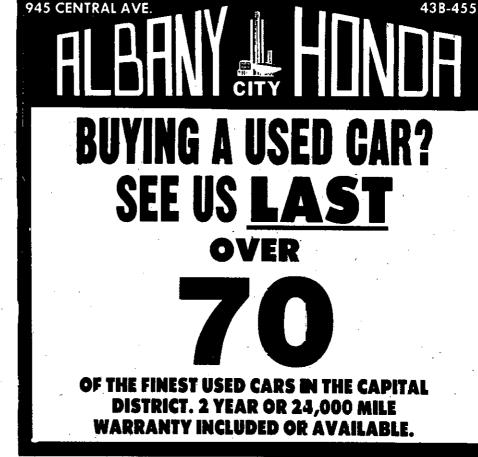
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## The season ends for area basketball teams

## BC hangs tough against Troy

Bethlehem Central's up-and-down team finished on an "up" note in a firstround Sectional matchup at Troy last Wednesday. Playing most of the game without their top scorer and best rebounder, senior Mark Gibbons, the Eagles were ahead of the host team, a Big-Ten power, at halftime and held a 4-point lead at the end of three periods.

Gibbons picked up three personals early in the first quarter, forcing Coach Gary Przybylo to keep him on the sidelines for later duty in critical spots. He sat out for nearly 12 minutes of the first half, and when he was charged with a fourth foul in the third period, he saw little action in the final quarter.

"That hurt a lot," Przybylo said later. "But we hung in there. The kids played hard and really well. I was really proud of

Even without Gibbons, the Eagles broke Troy's full-court zone press from the start. They took the action right to their more talented rivals, and widened a 26-24 halftime advantage to 35-31 going into the final stanza. Troy scored from the tip-off opening the final period, and the turning point came seconds later. As the Eagles in-bounded the ball after the basket, the Trojans lined up in what looked like the zone press they had been using all along.

But it wasn't. As Przybylo analyzed it: "It actually was a man-to-man. Our kids didn't realize it, and they didn't adjust. Our offense was thrown out of kilter, they got two steals in a row, scored six points. and went up by 2."

Przybylo used one of his two timeouts and made the adjustment, but the Eagles drew a traveling call and Troy's Anthony Wallace hit a 25-foot jumper from the wing. Again BC attacked, but Danny Piazza missed a jumper from the side, Troy got the rebound, and again Wallace connected from the corner. That made it

Mooney connected. Overall, the Eagles outscored Troy from the field, 23 to 20.

"There was a lot of contact, Big Ten style, and we're not used to it," Przybylo said in summary. "They were 17-for-25 from the line, we were 3-for-6. We only had two free throws the entire second

Gibbons and Mooney wound up with four baskets apiece. Howard Thompson was high with 16. It was the final scholastic appearance for those three, plus Jim Dering, Piazza and Mike Curran. For the season BC was 8-13.

The basketball season for three local scholastic teams — Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena - ended abruptly but not unexpectedly last week.

All three were unseeded in the 1984 Sectional tournaments, all three were underdogs, and all three went down with pride.

In Class A, it took a fourth-period rally by highly favored Troy to beat Bethlehem Central, 57-49. In Class B, Ravena lost by 93-63 to Catskill, ranked No. 1 in New York State among small schools. In Class CC, a last-ditch comeback by Voorheesville fell short and the Blackbirds lost to 21-1 Saratoga Catholic, 54-41.

10 unanswered points for Troy and a 6point bulge. Another basket made it 12 in a row before Gibbons hit a driving layup.

The first-half lead was manufactured by Bethlehem's best display of offensive patience all season. In the second period, the Eagles had the ball with 3:23 remaining in the half, and the score tied. They ran the clock down to one second to get the final shot, and Mike

## Exercise at town hall

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer an exercise program for adults, "Stretch, Smooth and Swing," from 4:45 to 5:45 Mondays, March 19 through May 14, at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Pre-registration is required and can be made in person or by telephone (439-4131) at the park office, Elm Ave. Park,

## Birds couldn't overcome start

Saratoga Catholic, coming into the tournament at 19-1, shocked the Blackbirds with a fast start. They shot ahead by 21-9 in the first period, and 36-16 at the half. Voorheesville played them even in the third and staged a strong comeback in the fourth, shutting the favorites off without a field basket in the final period. but it was another illustration of that timeworn cliche, too little too late.

The Blackbirds, down by 23 points at one time, trimmed the deficit to 10 halfway through the third period, and Voorheesville fans steeled themselves for another come-from-behind surge. It was 49-39 with 3:50 in the third when the Blackbirds twice had the ball and chances to cut the spread to 8, but the shots didn't

"I was surprised we fell behind that far that fast," said Chuck Abba, the Voorheesville coach. "Saratoga Catholic is a very fine team, probably the best we've faced other than Guilderland. Their pressure was stronger than we had anticipated, and that presented problems. Their kids were bigger and quicker, something you can't practice against in preparation. They rattled us in the beginning, and their half-court 1-3-1 defense presented problems we couldn't handle. In the front court we couldn't penetrate and the pressure disturbed our rhythm,





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something we hadn't seen all year. We were beaten badly off the boards, and that meant we weren't in good position for any second shots."

Brian Rubin, the shifty little junior guard, led the fourth-period comeback and wound up with 11 points.

The quarterfinal at Linton marked the scholastic farewell for Jeff Rockmore, Ray Donnelly and John Zongrone, all of whom played key roles in the Blackbirds' storybook championship season a year ago. "I'm going to miss them," Abba said. "They contributed a lot to the basketball program, things the statistics don't show. They were important to its strength and its growth. Frank Baker also is a senior.

For the season, Voorheesville was 12-10, giving Abba three winning seasons in a row since taking over the varsity coaching job.

## **Babe Ruth registration**

Registration for the Voorheesville Babe Ruth baseball league will be conducted on two Saturdays — March 3 and 10 — from 10 a.m. to noon at the Voorheesville Elementary School and on Monday, March 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school. The league is for players ages 13 to 15. Registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and must present a copy of their birth certificate. The registration fee is \$15. For information, call Ed Mitzen at 765-3601.

## **Squares form Saturday**

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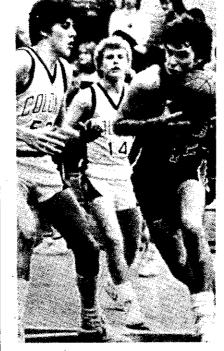
The Indians were in the game for much of the first quarter, but the big Cats controlled the boards and sprinted to a 47-28 lead at intermission. From there it was only a question of whether Catskill would break 100.

"When we couldn't control the boards, we had to play their game, and we can't run with them," said Tucker. "Our rebounding was very poor. Constantine had an off night. When he plays well, he's as good as any of their kids, but he only had two rebounds all night."

Mike Constantine, Ravena's big center and the Tribe's main hope on the backboards, had been favoring an injured hand, but he showed no signs of impediment in snaring 21 rebounds in the Sectional opener with Scotia.

Tucker had praise for Dee Bowie, the lanky junior forward who has had an inand-out season. Bowie had a fine game despite pressure from the speedy Cats, and led the tribal output with 23 points. Mike Mizener came off the bench with four minutes left in the third period, and shot for 9 points in the last 12 minutes.

"Bowie looked good, and shouldblossom next year," observed Tucker. "In fact, the kids who played the best games against Catskill were the three juniors, Bowie, Mizener and Kevin Hoffman. That's a pice feeling."



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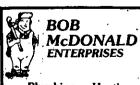
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ing and all letters should be typed and double-spaced if possible. Letters must include phone numbers; names will be withheld on request. Deadline is the Friday before publication.

## Scouts nudge parkers

Editor, The Spotlight:

Members of local Boy Scout Troop 71 recently participated in a project spanning two weekends. They monitored parking places reserved for the handicapped in popular public areas in the Town of Bethlehem. The scouts ticketed illegally parked cars with a non-penalizing reminder that the spaces were reserved for those with the proper plate or permit. The boys were also prepared with information sheets directing those people interested as to eligibility and procedure for obtaining a license plate or local permit for handicapped parking.

In the time period mentioned, no fewer than 104 instances of illegally parked cars were cited. Reaction to the parking "tickets" ranged from embarrassment to a few episodes of anger and hostility. To their credit, most people moved their cars immediately, saying they did not see the sign or had planned to be gone "just a few minutes." The comment that made the greatest impression on the scouts came from an appreciative senior citizen in the Town Squire Shopping Center. She said, "What a fine idea. Sometimes I have such a hard time finding a parking spot. It seems people just don't care."

Accessibility to public places is

meaningless if we take away the parking spot that allows the person to leave his car to get inside. This is such a small consideration to extend. Let's show our neighbors with limited mobility that we actually do care. We urge residents to remember that someone may need that parking space more than you do.

Damian Switzer

Glenmont

## They all helped

Editor, The Spotlight:

Elsmere School Community Organization held its first Children's Activity Day on Wednesday, Feb. 22; it was a tremendous success. About three hundred children created, listened, laughed, puzzled, nibbled and enjoyed the wide variety of events of the day. To all who gave of their time, energy, support and junk — THANK YOU.

In particluar, I would like to thank the many area businesses who donated supplies that were used during the Activity Day. The businesses involved were: Adams Hardware, Albany Public Market, Brooks Drugs, Entenmann's Bakery, Freihofer Baking Co., F.W. Woolworth & Co., Hilchie's, K Mart, McDonald's, Paper Mill, Price Greenleaf, Roger Smith Decorative Products, Stewarts and Tri-Village Pharmacy.

It is nice to see local businesses supporting community activities.

Mary C. Phillips Chairman, Children's Activity Day Delmar

## Firecrackers confiscated

A Delmar teenager turned over 16 firecrackers to Bethlehem police Wednesday evening after police were called to Delaware Plaza.



A dancer from Rhythms and Visions whirls through one of the troupe's colorful dances. They'll be performing in local schools this week.

## Indian dances at BC schools

Three performers will present "Dances of India" to pupils in Bethlehem Central's five elementary schools next week. The group, named Rhythms and Visions, will perform in each of the schools under the auspices of the Student Theatre group in the district.

Carolyn Kay, artistic director for the performers, will be joined by Eugenia Calogero and Kathleen Sutherland in presenting Indian temple and folk dances, as well as dance-dramas based on ancient myths. The performances in each school, beginning Monday with Elsmere, will be followed by classroom workshops in which the performers will demonstrate aspects of the dance and music, and will discuss Indian culture. Teachers also have been provided with material to aid in the discussion. "Dances of India" will be presented Tuesday at Slingerlands School, Wednesday in Glenmont, Thursday at Hamagrael and Friday in Clarksville.

Student Theatre performances are supported by subscriptions collected in the fall. The committee that selects the performers for each year includes representatives of each school in the district. Joan Barron, librarian at the Elsmere School, is liaison with the parent group.

## A's president to speak

Ben Benard, president of the Albany-Colonie A's, will address the Second Milers at their meeting at noon Wednesday, March 14, at the First United

Methodist Church in Delmar. Benard, formerly general manager of the Glens Falls White Sox, bought the West Haven, Conn. franchise and moved it to Colonie last year.

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Lari Ann Atwood

## At Rood-Bishop

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton H. Atwood of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daugnter, Lori Ann, to Gary S. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bishop of Burnt Hills.

Miss Atwood is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Plattsburgh. She is a special education teacher in Ballston Spa. Her fiance, a resident of Saratoga Springs, is a graduate of the State University College at Cobleskill and is a sales representative for Welbourne and Purdy Reaty. A June wedding is planned.

## To honor Mrs. Schnurr

Friends of Mrs. Max J. Schnurr are invited to join members of Tawasentha Chapter NSDAR at noon on March 10 at the Normanside Country Club to honor Mrs. Schnurr for 50 years of membership in the national organization and in Tawasentha Chapter. Prospective members of the chapter and guests of the members are also welcome.

Reservations and checks for \$7 for the roast beef luncheon are due by March 1 to Mrs. Graham Redmond, 60 Euclid Ave., Delmar. Those needing transportation may call Mrs. Joseph F. Riley, 434-8944, or Mrs. Leslie Raymond Schelling, 439-3488.

## A short AWOL

A Delma: 9-year-old who had unannounced plans to skip school Monday was located by Bethlehem police within minutes of a phone call from his distraught mother. The boy was taken



Brenda McLellan and Rolf Olsen, Jr.

## McLellan-Olsen

Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand J. McLellan of Naples, Maine, have announced the engagement of their daugnter, Brenda J., to Rolf Arthur Olsen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolf A. Olsen of Delmar. The brideto-be is an accountant for Weyerhauser Co. in Maine and her fance is a sales administrator for Dielectric Communications, also in Maine. An October wedding is planned.

## Births



### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Josie Rose, to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Klersy, Delmar, Feb. 12.

Girl, Stefanie Carol, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Mercitt, Jr., Selkirk, Feb. 13. Girl, Megan Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dole, Delmar, Jan. 20. Girl, Victoria Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hargis, Gleamont, Jan. 22. Girl, Renee Alison, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne K. Humphrey, Feura Bush, Jan.

Boy, Padraic McGraw, to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Reagan, Delmar, Jan. 26. Girl, Katherine Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonafide, Delmar, Jan. 29. Girl, Bethany Chase, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Casler, Selkirk, Feb. 1.

Girl, Breanna Jewell, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Parker, Delmar, Feb. 4.

Girl, Nicole Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Osterhaut, Glenmont, Feb. 4.

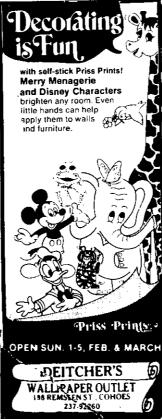
## Albany Medical Center Hospital

Boy, Tony Dalton, to Doris and George Marks, Delmar, Jan. 24.

Boy, James Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rafalik, Selkirk, Feb.5.



Breakfast at Blanchard Post, Elsmere, were, from left, John Hooper, Jeannee Mellin, Lois Smith, Ellen Barker, Clayton Cahill, Pete With, Colleen Hagen and Devon Cahill, all of whom have promised to help eat stacks and stacks between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Spotlight - Tom Howes Saturday. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$1 for youth 5-12.







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