

Tough going at BC

Board struggles to cut tax hike No movement on contract

By Caroline Terenzini

The tentative Bethlehem Central School District budget for 1984-85 calls for tax increases of 12 percent in Bethlehem and 11.5 percent in New Scotland. At least one school board member has called those figures unacceptable, but judging from recent budget sessions major cuts will be hard to come by.

Board member Bernard Harvith waged an often lonely battle as the school board met in a marathon six-hour budget session Saturday. Harvith's battle cry was "Cut!" and while board members agree that the smaller the tax hike in September, the better, Harvith heard only occasionally from reinforcements.

The dust hasn't settled yet. The six-member board is slated to meet at 7 p.m. today (Wednesday) for another go-round in an effort to forge a spending plan that will be acceptable to district voters, who have the final say on May 9. Public comment on the budget plan will be allowed in the first five minutes of tonight's work session.

As of Monday, the tentative budget total stood at \$16.8 million and projected tax rates — also tentative — were \$169.48, up 12 percent for the Town of Bethlehem and \$284.01, up 11½ percent for district residents in the Town of New Scotland.

Too much, many would say. But the question is what to do about it. On the revenue side, the state aid figure is close to being firm, but the total of assessed valuation in the two towns served by the district won't be known for a while. The working estimate is a \$1 million increase in the total of taxable property in Bethlehem and \$10,000 more in New Scotland; last year's increase was \$1.19 million. At the moment, a year-end balance of \$50,000 is forecast, but, judging from past years, more could appear.

The board has only tonight's meeting and a possible Saturday session before it

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By Caroline Terenzini

Bethlehem Central School District teachers began "working to rule" Monday with contract negotiations — now nearly a year old — apparently stalled over the issue of binding arbitration. Both sides appear ready to have dug in their heels, with the 230-member teacher union insisting that arbitration is the only way to bring an end to negotiations and school board members saying, "No way!"

The work-to-rule policy was approved by the teachers at a meeting last Wednesday that drew "the largest turnout since the strike vote a decade ago," union President William Cleveland said. The vote was unanimous, he added. "The thing that's unfortunate," Cleveland said, "is that it's not something the teachers really want to do."

Nor is anyone else happy about where the contract negotiations, begun last spring, have led. How did such an impasse — particularly when money no longer seems to be an issue — occur? Parents and other taxpayers, as well as students, have a stake in what happens, but it is difficult for them to know what is going on.

Contract negotiations are discussed by the board in executive (closed) sessions and union meetings are also closed, so the only information available is what either side chooses to tell. At various times that information has come from one side or the other; rarely have they spoken at the same time.

The ground rules for the talks were discussed March 9, 1983, then two months passed before proposals were exchanged. A clue to the tenor of the talks appeared only two weeks later when the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association asked the state Public Employment Relations Board to declare an impasse and appoint a mediator. At that time, PERB declined to intervene, saying not enough sessions had been conducted to warrant a declaration of impasse. But in August, at the request of the BCTA, PERB did become involved.

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Town workers tackle the hole in Kenwood Ave.

55-year-old sewer collapses

What do you do when tile sewer pipe laid in 1929 breaks down?

Dig you must. Bethlehem Public Works crews started digging on Kenwood Ave. near the Bethlehem Central Middle School Thursday morning, and as of Monday they were still going at it. Supervisor Tom Corrigan said with any luck they may find the end of the damage by midweek.

What the town crews found Thursday was an 18 inch sewer main laid in 1929 as part of the original Delmar Sewer District. It carries sewage to what used to be the town's treatment station on the Normanskill; from there a new pumping station takes it south to the present treatment plant at Cedar Point.

The main was crushed from above and below by the pressure on the old clay pipe. By Monday, town workers, aided by rented equipment, had dug up 32 feet "and we haven't gotten to the end of it." A similar break in the 1950s (also near the middle school) went for 100 feet, he said.

How the Lennon slate held Voorheesville board

By Nat Boynton

Voorheesville will have a new administration next week and with it a well-organized opposition, perhaps the first in the history of this lively municipality of 3,200 people.

In last Tuesday's annual election, a record turnout of voters chose Richard (Dick) Lennon, a 41-year-old electronic information specialist, to be mayor. But Peter Luczak, the 33-year-old challenger whose political tactics motivated the largest outpouring of voters for any village contest, promises to continue an active role in local issues.

Lennon won an overwhelming victory in the booths, polling 790 votes, 63 percent of the total, to 461 for Luczak. Elected with Lennon were Daniel Reh, an incumbent trustee, and Susan Rock-



Richard Lennon



Daniel Reh



Susan Rockmore

more, the first woman to win a seat on the village board.

Reh led the five-way race for the two trustee seats with 682 votes. Rockmore polled 672, Thomas E. Mensching, Jr. 488, Philip Joyce 462 and Marilyn

Stracuzzi, an independent not affiliated with either slate, 179.

Luczak, who trailed his three-man ticket, said he was disappointed but undaunted. "What I'm hearing," he told a reporter in a post-mortem over the

weekend, "is the feeling of 'don't let us down now.' We anticipate to stay active. There are usually two sides to most issues, and we intend to present a positive stand."

Meanwhile the village's political observers were coming up with a number of explanations for the surprising plurality rolled up by the Lennon slate.

Lennon, a former village trustee and the candidate backed by Voorheesville's current administration headed by retiring Mayor Milton F. Bates, attributed his victory to an unexpectedly large number of campaign workers who volunteered help in vote-getting.

"We had a group of 50 people, and sometimes 75 to 100, doing something for

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Zoning change idea gets varied reaction

A suggestion that the commercial zones along Delaware Ave. be changed, and possibly expanded has drawn some predictable reaction.

On the one hand, residents of the area near the Four Corners are concerned about a comment from town planner Edward Kleinke that the commercial zoning might be extended as far as Adams Pl. On the other hand, Kleinke's observation that the scarcity of available commercial property along Delaware Ave. is driving small businesses out of town has drawn some support from members of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Through it all, though, Kleinke and other members of the Delaware Ave. Task Force insist that it's far too early to

talk specifics. "I think that the task force needs to look at all the options, and that's one of them," Kleinke said, referring to the prospect of expanding the commercial zone.

Kleinke's concept is "zoning by intensity" — an idea he admits is untried but which he said could fit the changing nature of Delaware Ave. and vicinity better than conventional zoning. What Kleinke's work so far — a 10-foot-long map showing the current uses of properties along Delaware Ave. and adjacent streets — shows is a pattern of mixed uses that vary block by block. And, Kleinke says, the variations reflect a cyclical pattern as buildings go from residential to professional to commercial uses.



Dan Maffeo, a Delmar resident who is New York State director for the American Association of Retired Persons, spoke at a meeting of his home chapter, Bethlehem-Tri-Village No. 1598, when the chapter observed the national AARP's 25th anniversary last week. At the speaker's table at the luncheon at the Delmar United Methodist Church were Nina Reuter, chapter president, and Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

Tom Howes

Around the Four Corners, those patterns suggest changes on both Adams St., which has already become commercial on one block, and on such streets as Adams Pl. and Herber Ave., where the trend to commercial use is less pronounced but still evident. The zoning in those areas could be changed to allow limited commercial uses, such as professional offices, Kleinke said.

That suggestion appears to have created some alarm within the Central Delaware Ave. Neighborhood Association, which was formed last year following a bitter fight against a commercial zoning change on Kenwood Ave.

But at last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting the idea got a more favorable reception, as several realtors noted that as rentals continue to rise along Delaware Ave. fewer small busi-

nessmen can afford to operate there. "We're dealing with something that changes all the time," noted Lee Faulkner, the chamber's representative on the task force.

Meanwhile the task force last week continued its methodical work, and took some steps toward changing the complexion of Delaware Ave. The group reviewed the recommendations of Marcia Nelson's subcommittee, which had been charged with weeding out undesirable uses currently permitted by the zoning ordinance.

Recommended to be disallowed on the highway were boarding houses, colleges, golf courses and polo fields, greenhouses, crematoriums, utility substations, bowling alleys, car washes, garages and car

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□ Teacher contract

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More time was lost when the first mediator named was unable to schedule any sessions with the two parties and a second mediator had to be found. Thus, two and a half months passed between the declaration of impasse and the first mediation attempt. Two mediation sessions in November proved fruitless, and a fact-finder's report was submitted.

Clearly, one factor in the length of the negotiations is the introduction of the third party, PERB. Another factor, the BCTA maintains, is the district's use of a hired negotiator, Thealan Associates of Latham, whose representative is only a "messenger" of the board and is not empowered to negotiate, the union says.

The district has used Thealan Associates for at least a decade. The use of a professional negotiator is intended to put the district on an equal footing with the union, whose chief negotiator, Gordon Molyneux, is a professional — that is, he has participated in other negotiations for pay. The BCTA also has the services of its

this provision. The Taylor Law was amended in 1982 to provide that the "terms and conditions" of the previous contract with public employees continue until a new settlement is reached, eliminating, the BCTA says, any incentive for the district to settle. In asking for an arbitration provision in any new contract, the union says, it is seeking to provide some way of bringing current and future negotiations to a close.

In contract talks in 1975 and again in 1978, the union requested an arbitration provision, according to Joseph Kelly of Thealan Associates.

The school board, however, wants none of it. At last Wednesday's board business meeting, when representatives of four elementary school parent-teacher groups urged an end to the stand-off, board members let it be known in no uncertain terms that they considered a provision for arbitration an abdication of their responsibility to taxpayers.

"One of our responsibilities is to see that money to support the program is

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parent, the state organization of the National Education Association, district officials said. The district's budget amount for negotiations is \$10,000, and Thealan Associates does not get paid according to the length of the negotiations.

Another difficulty, in the union's view, is the state Taylor Law, which governs negotiations with public employees and prohibits strikes by them. The law provides for arbitration in settling labor disputes involving fire fighters and police, but teachers are not included in

raised and we have to go to the community every year to get that money," said board member Robert Ruslander. "With binding arbitration you have abdicated and relinquished your responsibility. And then every contract goes to binding arbitration."

Board member Marjory O'Brien saw arbitration as "another piece of control being taken from you, the people." No school district in the state has an agreement for binding arbitration with its teachers, according to board member Bernard Harvith, a law professor.

□ BC budget faces further cuts

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must formally adopt a 1984-85 budget on April 3. That doesn't leave much time to find the revenue and the cuts needed to bring the tax rate increase to an acceptable level. As Harvith said, "We've never been this far away this late from something I think is reasonable." What he thinks is reasonable is under 10 percent, he said.

It wasn't as though Harvith didn't try. At Saturday's session, he was unrelenting. "I don't mean to drive you crazy," he told administrators and his colleagues, "but I think we've got to scrounge as much as we can." When the budgeters got to the athletic equipment line, Harvith proposed eliminating purchase of a \$4,000 scoreboard, a long-talked-about item. Veteran board member John Clyne rallied to the cause: "I'll go along with that. I've been to more football games

than probably anybody and I always seem to know the score." That was the clincher and the scoreboard got cut . . . again.

Harvith also looked hard for places to trim the district's staff, but board colleagues Sheila Fuller, Marjory O'Brien and Jed Wolkenbreit were opposed to larger classes at the elementary level, where an enrollment increase near 30 is forecast. A projected decline of 58 in the middle school enrollment made it possible to eliminate two staff positions there, but the high school enrollment is expected to be up by 20 and heavier than usual class signups plus the administration's determination to strengthen the English department there made cuts hard to find. In the course of the staffing discussion, the board did decide that Elsmere Elementary School would take any overflow kindergarten sections, expected chiefly at

What work to rule means

Bethlehem Central teachers, in pursuing a policy of work to rule, are following to the letter the terms of their expired contract (which continues in effect pending a new agreement). This means a 7½-hour work day, with no school work done outside those hours. In addition, no school work is to be done during the 30-minute lunch time that is provided for in the contract, nor is any other work to be done in the allotted planning period, which varies according to the faculty member's responsibilities.

Perhaps the most obvious effect of the work-to-rule policy is that students do not receive any help outside of classroom time, and this is particularly felt at the high school. In all the grades, the elimination of the hours of preparation and correction of papers done outside the school day will be felt. One teenager last week called the situation frustrating for students, and said the community doesn't know how important the support of teachers is to students. At the high school, juniors how intent on college admissions will be hardest hit.

Commitments for extra-curricular activities made by teachers before negotiations reached this standoff will be honored, the union leadership has said, but no new commitments such as for field trips will be made, including commitments for the next school year.

The two sides have taken different public stances in the negotiations. The BCTA announced early in the process that it rejected a press blackout, which in other years both sides have agreed on, and it made available several reports to its membership.

Among the original union proposals were a 15-percent pay raise — which negotiators acknowledged they did not expect to get — and an arbitration provision. Among the district proposals (according to the BCTA) was a provision for switching to an "equal or better" health insurance plan. Health insurance coverage, at about \$1 million in a \$16 million budget, is a costly and fast rising item.

District officials until recently chose to say little publicly about the negotiations under the conviction that publicity (including the possibility of misinformation) put barriers in the way. However, late in January Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn issued a statement declaring that the board would accept the fact-finder's

report with one "minor" change concerning resolution of any dispute over health insurance coverage. Zinn's statement also gave a chronology of the negotiations to that date. The BCTA's counter-proposal was a "substantial departure," according to Zinn, suggesting that the union had shifted its emphasis.

In mid-March, the district revised its offer, dropping the health insurance grievance procedure and proposing acceptance of the fact-finder's 11 recommendations with either a two-year or three-year agreement. (A two-year contract would expire June 30, 1985). Board member Bernard Harvith last week characterized the board's recent proposals as "two very generous offers. It boggles my mind that they haven't taken them. They've got a contract any time they want to accept one. I'm not sure what the problem is on the other side."

Negotiators for both sides are scheduled to get together with mediator/fact finder Herbert Marx on April 3.

□ Delaware Ave.

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lots. Recommended to be added to the list of allowable uses was print shops.

The group discussed the necessity of looking into the volume of business and hours of retail stores, as well. Mrs. Nelson said she thought some distinction should be made between "a supermarket and a shoe store or jewelry store," since they had different sorts of impact on the surrounding area, and the group agreed that some sort of distinction should be made, but they weren't sure how.

Committee member Bernard Harvith noted that the volume and hours of a store aren't always criteria for judging impact on neighbors.

The group was unanimous, however, in deciding that drive-in restaurants of any sort should be barred from the highway.

The task force was scheduled to meet again tomorrow (Thursday) night at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

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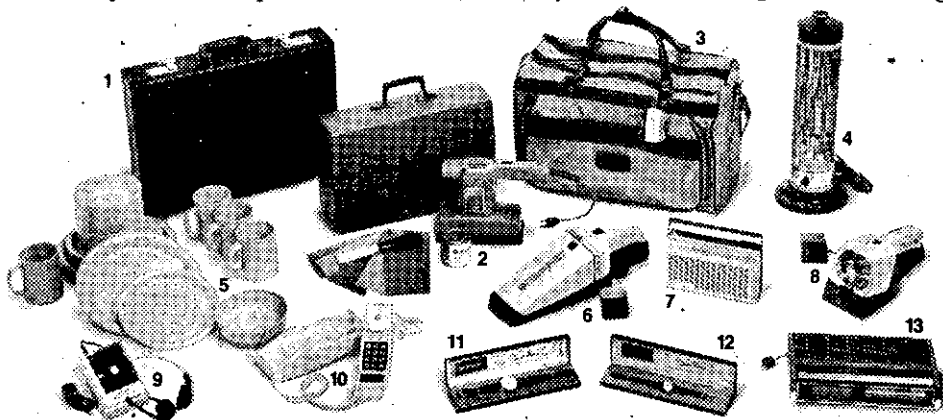
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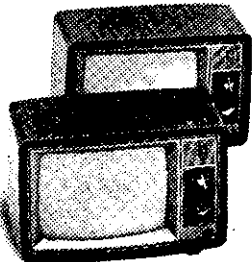
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90-acre development discussed by planners

Howard Nolan and Norris McFarland, owners of the Delaware Plaza, are proposing to develop some 90 acres on Delaware Ave. across from the Bethlehem High School.

An informal proposal presented to the Bethlehem Planning Board last week by civil engineer Paul Hite, representing the developers, called for some 172 dwelling units, to be divided among four-unit apartment buildings, town houses and single-family homes.

The site, except for the portion along Delaware Ave. that would contain the apartment buildings, is currently zoned AA-Residential, which permits only single-family houses. Hite indicated that the developers would be willing to request a zone change to a planned residence district in order to permit the construction of the townhouses.

The board took no action on the proposal.

Earlier in the evening the board held a public hearing for Rene Fachhetti, who requested a two-lot subdivision that would contain a 14-unit apartment building on each lot. The site, located on Rt. 9W, is near the Chez René Restau-

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rant, which Fachhetti owns. No one in attendance spoke in opposition to the proposal.

In other business, the board:

- Granted conditional approval for a one-lot subdivision on McCormack Rd., Slingerlands, to Mariana Trust.

- Scheduled a public hearing for April 17 at 7:30 p.m. for the Woodhill subdivision, some 90 lots off Feura Bush Rd. near Rt 9W in Glenmont, proposed by developer Vicent Riemma.

- Tabled until its next meeting on April 3 its discussion of a fee schedule for site plan review.

Also at its next meeting the board is scheduled to consider a four-lot subdivision on Van Weis Pt. Rd. by Betty Elliott and the Delwood Acres subdivision, 31 duplexes off Rockefeller Rd. in Elsmere.

Vincent Potenza



Carl E. Touhey

Elected to board

Carl E. Touhey of New Scotland has been elected to the board of directors of Albany Medical Center. Touhey is president of Avion Management Corp. and Orange Motor Co. A graduate of Albany Academy and Princeton University, he is a trustee of Albany Medical College and a director of Key Bank and WXXA Television.

Town court to be honored for honor court work

The Honor Court, a program developed by the Albany Citizens Council on Alcoholism, Inc. as an alternative to jail for some, will celebrate its first anniversary on Saturday, March 31. A reception open to the public is planned for 11 a.m. at Albany Police Court, Morton Ave. and Broad St., followed by the regular

Honor Court session for alcoholism education.

The Honor Court program is an option for judges in the county when sentencing persons for crimes in which alcohol abuse is a primary contributing factor. Initiated with Albany Judge Thomas F. Keegan, the program now draws from courts in Bethlehem and New Scotland, as well as other Albany County towns. About 20 persons have been referred from the Bethlehem Town Court.

The six-month program requires participants to attend three Alcoholics Anonymous meetings a week, as well as one counseling session and Wednesday evening and Saturday noontime group meetings. Not everyone referred is accepted for the program, and to date 17 percent of enrollees have not been able to continue in the program and have been referred back to the courts.

Kenwood Ave. variance set

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals last week granted a variance from the side yard provision of the zoning ordinance to Lawrence Fahn, 263 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, so that he might construct an addition to his home.

The board also received a new application for a variance from Robert H. Finke and Sons, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, who requested permission for a construction equipment business on the west side of the highway. The board scheduled a public hearing for 8:30 p.m. April 4.

The board scheduled an 8 p.m. public hearing the same day for the Amerada Hess Corp., who requested an extension of a previous special exception to permit construction of a canopy at its service station on New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.

Indicted in assault

Henry Heilman, 27, of Glenmont was indicted Friday by an Albany County grand jury on two counts of assault in the second degree, a class D felony. The indictments allege that Heilman assaulted and injured two Bethlehem police officers March 13 at his home, where police had been called because of a domestic disturbance.

To talk about toys

Mother's Time Out, a Christian support group for the mothers of preschoolers, will examine "Educational Toys" at its meeting on Tuesday April 3, at 10 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. By means of films, guest speakers and group discussion, weekly topics pertaining to family life are discussed.

Child care is provided. For information, call the church at 439-9929.

Blame is shared

Both drivers were charged by state police following a Thursday morning collision at Rt. 9W and Elm Ave. Garret E. DeRose, 18 of West Cocksackie was charged with making an improper turn and Agnes G. Loeschner, 82, of Hope Road Junction, near Hyde Park, was charged with improper lane usage after their cars collided at the intersection.

Motorcyclist hurt

Frank Tracey, 23, of Delmar was charged by state police with operating a vehicle without a signal light following a motorcycle accident Sunday afternoon on Rt. 443 near Flat Rock Rd. in the Town of New Scotland. Troopers at the Selkirk substation said Herbert Tompkins, 20, of Feura Bush suffered a shoulder injury when his bike overturned as he sought to avoid a collision with the Tracey vehicle, which was turning left.

Unfit flags sought

The American Legion's Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 in Delmar is looking for old American flags. The post will be participating in the annual ceremonial burning of unserviceable flags that will be sponsored by Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, Selkirk, in observance of Flag Day, June 14. The ceremony will be June 10, and for it the post is seeking flags that are faded, torn or otherwise unfit for public display. The sponsors, which include the Veterans of Foreign Wars post of Delmar, hope the event will encourage replacement of flags.

New attorney

Lori B. Katz, a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has passed the New York State bar exam. She received the bachelor's degree at Cornell University and the J. D. degree from the University of California at Berkeley. An assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Katz of Delmar.

Driver charged

A Ravena youth was charged with changing lanes unsafely after an auto accident Saturday afternoon at Delaware Ave. and Leonard Pl. in Delmar. A Latham woman was driving the other car involved in the collision, according to Bethlehem police. No injuries were reported.

Summer studies

Summerskill, Union College's summer enrichment program offered through the Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies, will begin July 9 with a variety of courses for students in grades 4 through 10. The program is offered in two sessions, one July 9 to 20 and the other, July 23 to Aug. 3. Course topics include word processing, programming and rocketry and ballooning. For information, call 370-6288.

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2nd developer goes downtown

By Tom McPheeters

Downtown Albany continued to be the focus of civic center action last week as another developer made a proposal for a site near the Empire State Plaza.

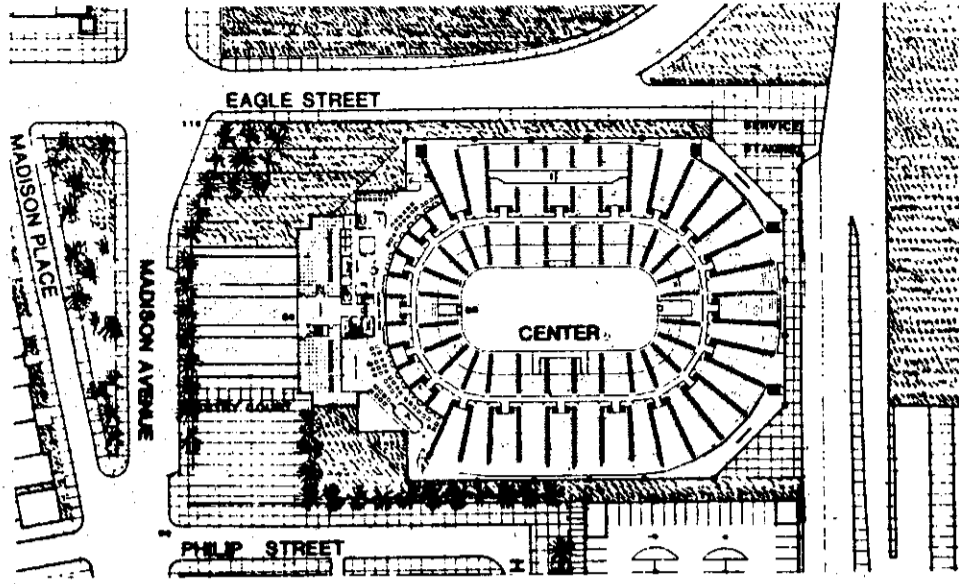
The proposal came from Latham developer Salvatore Beltrone, who had been expected to make a presentation to put the center on land near the Northway and Rt. 7 in Colonie. Beltrone was quoted as saying the downtown site, on land owned by the Albany Housing Authority fronting on Madison Ave. turned out to be "more feasible."

The move is another sign that downtown Albany is now the prime candidate for the center, providing substantial aid from the state becomes available. That won't be known for three or four months, at the earliest.

Like the proposal submitted two weeks ago by developer Nathan Smith, Beltrone's plan leaves cost and financing questions to be resolved later, and puts the issue of parking squarely on local shoulders.

If there is an edge for Beltrone, it is in the names involved. Beltrone has an extensive track record in the Capital District, including the construction last year of the Albany-Colonie A's stadium in Colonie; Smith, originally from Canada and now based in Albany, is rehabilitating a building in downtown Albany. Beltrone's architect is Gregory Crozier of Crozier Philippi Associates, an Albany firm that has extensive experience in the area; Smith architects, Howard, Needles, Tammen, Bergendoff, have a national reputation but no local experience. Beltrone is also using Clough Harbour and Associates, which has done extensive work for Albany County, as his traffic and parking consultants.

Beltrone's proposal is for a 250,000 square-foot facility seating 15,000 for



Architect Greg Cozier's sketch for a civic center in downtown Albany. Empire State Plaza is at top (west) and the arterial from I-787 at right.

sporting events and 18,000 for concerts and conventions, with 50,000 square feet of exhibition space. It would be situated on 5.7 acres of land owned by the housing authority between Eagle St. Philip St. and Madison Ave. and the arterial leading from I-787 to the plaza.

The cost is estimated at between \$22 and \$28 million, but no financing details were provided. Beltrone said construction would take 18 months — after completion of all the necessary studies and permits.

Smith's proposal for the same site or a site on the north side of the arterial calls for roughly the same seating capacity in a slightly smaller building. His cost estimate is "less than \$25 million."

Neither developer is proposing to build a parking garage, although both appar-

ently are assuming that one will be constructed. County Executive James Coyne has proposed that the state build the garage, and has agreed to wait for the state Urban Development Corp. to conduct an area-wide survey.

Beltrone's proposal does contain an analysis of the current parking situation in downtown Albany, contending that with the 3,400 spaces in the plaza, a new 1,000 space parking garage next to the civic center and some 3,695 spaces within walking distance in the downtown area, there would be adequate parking.

Those figures are likely to come into question as time goes on. Gordon Morris, minority leader of the Albany County Legislature, said his inquiries show that not all of the plaza spaces would be available for civic center use.

Pianists to perform

The National Guild of Piano Auditions for the Albany area will be conducted April 8 to 13 at the Women's Club in Albany. The auditions are an evaluation program. Evaluating the students will be Beatrice Erdely of Concord, Mass.

Erdely studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and the Juilliard School in New York. She has been soloist with the Chicago Symphony, the Grant Park Symphony and the Cleveland Orchestra. Erdely is on the piano faculty of the New England Conservatory of Music and also teaches at Brandeis University.

Delmar students who will play in the audition are Kelly Newell, Caroline Wirth, Garry Wirth, Mia Lobel, Brian Farrell, Marilyn Kirk, Danielle Hecht, Arielle Hecht, Britta Macomber, Courtney Macomber, Lisa Ballou, Deneige Barlow, Ginny O'Brien, Genise Fraiman, Perry Fraiman, Beth Willey, Ryan Dunham, Lisa Duffy, Robert McEwan, Maggie Plattner and Patrick McSharry. The students are taught by Norma Irvine.

After-hours classes

Registration is under way for Maria College's summer "Weekend College" and a program of evening sessions, both of which begin in May. Weekend College will run May 4 through August at the Maria campus, 700 New Scotland Ave., with courses in business, math and early childhood education, among other subjects. For information, call Sister Josephine Reynolds, dean for academic affairs, 438-3111.

The first session of the summer evening school will be May 21 through June 21 and the second session, June 25 through Aug. 2. Classes will be in health and science fields, sociology, religion, business and math. For information about about the courses offered, call Sister Kathleen Turley, director of continuing education, 489-7436.



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Town, Penn Central agree on right-of-way purchase

The way has been cleared for the Town of Bethlehem to buy a 2.2 mile long abandoned railroad right of way that will eventually provide recreation space in South Bethlehem and could open up land south of the Conrail yards for development.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday agreement has been reached with Penn Central Railroad to buy the property — once a West Shore Railroad line — for \$25,000. The land runs from Bell Crossing Rd. to the Coeymans town line, and varies in width from 80 to 300 feet.

The town board, which had discussed the acquisition earlier this year, will be asked to approve the offer and authorize the purchase at its meeting today (Wednesday), Corrigan said. The town had asked Penn Central if there were any easements that might affect the use of the land, and the railroad replied recently that the only easement is for an AT&T line along Rt. 396.

Bethlehem had originally inquired about buying the property to provide park and recreation space in the South Bethlehem area. The land to be used, Corrigan said, is the stretch just south of Rt. 396, one the site of an old railroad station, which is 300 feet wide. The supervisor said town crews could probably start clearing the land this year, and the plan is to eventually put in a basketball hoop and some other recreational facilities.

The town has no immediate use in mind for the rest of the right of way, but Corrigan has noted that it could provide a corridor for a road and utilities if there were interest in developing the large tracts of land in the area.

In an unrelated action, Bethlehem is also negotiating to acquire a 79-acre

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parcel of land south of the Conrail yards between Rt. 396 and Rt. 9W. Corrigan said the town is interested in the land because there is a possibility it has a high clay content, and large quantities of clay will be needed when the landfill on Rupert Rd. is closed. Soil tests are being conducted.

Art show at library

The Bethlehem Art Association will open its 17th annual juried art show with a reception and meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library gallery. Entries will be judged by Nance Goren, who is chairwoman for the fine arts division of Russell Sage College.

A \$2.50 entry fee will be attached to all art work, and each entrant can submit up to three pieces. The competition is only open to Association members. Entries should be brought to the library between 3 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4. Winning art will remain on display until April 30.

For information, call Loraine Shapiro at 439-5069.

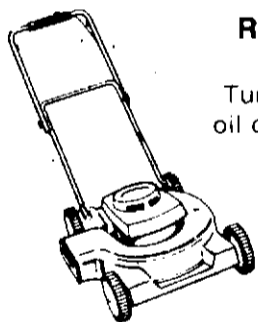
Shooter to pay

Three windows in a Rowland Ave. home in Delmar were found Friday to have holes from BB gun pellets in them, Bethlehem police reports revealed. Investigation uncovered the perpetrator of the damage, a Delmar youth, who agreed to make restitution. No charges were filed.



Blanchard Post was alive with Cub Scouts at an awards dinner on Sunday. Among members of Pack 258 receiving service pins was Scott Smith, shown with other Webelos being congratulated by Cubmaster Kevin Mahoney. Tom Howes

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Overcrowding plans aired

By Lorin Pasqual

About 15 residents of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School District listened to a presentation on redistricting and portable classrooms during a public hearing Wednesday at the high school auditorium.

The two plans, both viable means of alleviating overcrowded classrooms at the Becker School, have been evaluated for eight months by the Committee to Equalize Class Sizes, according to chairman Sue Gottesman.

Gottesman stressed the need for decisive action, indicating that "the problem affects not only Becker but the entire school system."

Due to increased enrollment and stringent requirements by the State Education Department to provide additional programs, the school lacks adequate space and facilities, said Alan Keating, principal at Becker.

Currently, programs such as Reach (for gifted students), micro-computers, English as a Second Language and Honors Tutorial have "no home" at Becker, said Keating. In addition, teachers must conduct various classes such as art and music in the cafeteria or hallway areas amid noise and crowds.

An attempt to decrease class sizes will promote a "strong bonding between faculty and students," he said and "greater individualized instruction." Board members, consequently, continue to maintain the philosophy of limiting class sizes to 25 students.

The community will have the opportunity to decide on the issue during a special vote May 1, at which time residents may either endorse one proposition or oppose both by voting "no" on the ballot.



Alice in Wonderland characters took a back seat to cookies when the *Spotlight* photographer dropped in on a funfest at the Bethlehem Public Library last week. Munching, from left, are

Pete Loux, Eben Leonard, Andy Loux and Pete Flanigan. The March Hare, Alice and Mad Hatter were impersonated by Debbie Picker, Claire Ribaud and Stephanie Pouliott.

Spotlight — Tom Howes

Prior to the vote, the board will distribute information and brochures, explaining total cost figures, voting procedures and possibly a sample ballot. Moreover, board members plan to install two voting booths before May 1 in an effort to make voting easier and enable voters to read the propositions and voting instructions at their leisure, said Superintendent Milton Chodack.

In regular business during the monthly meeting Monday the board set the date for the annual school election and budget vote for June 20 and approved a pilot plan for parent-volunteers in the elementary schools.

Classes in arts

More than 30 creative arts classes and workshops are being offered for children

and adults this spring at Harmanus Bleecker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany. Classes will meet April 7 through May 20. Subjects include photography, painting, drawing, sculpture, textiles and pottery. Fees range from \$20 to \$55.

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Christopher benefit a success

With almost the entire faculty and student body involved in this year's Junior High Gym Show, the show went on before a "standing room only" crowd last Tuesday in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High gymnasium. Dedicating their efforts to RCS senior Tom Christopher, who recently underwent an experimental bone marrow treatment for leukemia, the students opened and closed the special program with the choral tribute, "He's Not Heavy He's My Brother." Sporting the green and gold of RCS, the performers wore T-shirts especially designed for the occasion that bore the phrase, "Something for Tom."

Despite numerous weather-related cancellations of practice sessions, the junior high students put on an outstanding performance, demonstrating a variety of sports, ballet, aerobics and gymnastic routines with enthusiastic determination. The show brought to an end the special drive to assist the Christopher family, and made a contribution of \$609. More than \$50 was realized from the drawing for a doll donated by Maryann Maiorana, and \$87 came from the bake sale put on by Joann Nunan's seventh grade home economics class.

Gold card is free

Numerous inquiries about the "Gold Card" for senior citizens have made it apparent that not everyone is familiar with it. A Gold Card may be obtained by any resident of the RCS school district age 65 or older. It entitles the bearer free admission to any school event. There is no charge for the card, and it may be obtained at the RCS Board of Education building in Selkirk. Telephone requests for applications will be accepted for anyone who may have difficulty applying in person.

Tailgate exhibitors sought

Exhibitors are being sought for a "Tailgate Sale" scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at the Bethlehem Historical Association Schoolhouse Museum. The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk. Booth rentals are available now. For information, call 439-1448.

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Save those discards

The youth of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church are beginning another "paper" drive, and old newspapers and bottles saved for them will be appreciated. The drive will be collected or can be delivered to the church parking lot, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Further information can be obtained by calling Bob Vaber, 767-9821.

Books galore

Books, books and more books! With their primary objective being to encourage more families to enjoy reading, the A.W. Becker Parent-Teacher Organization is sponsoring a book fair on Thursday, March 29, at the school, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. The book fair is being run in conjunction with the school science fair the same evening. Reviewed and selected by teacher and PTO member Rhonda Smith, the books are suitable for preschoolers to fifth graders. The books are all new paperbacks, and range in price from 75 cents to \$3. The sale will be from 3 until 9 p.m. on Thursday and again on Friday.

Science show Thursday

The A.W. Becker School Science Fair will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium. Each class will have their work on display, including special projects during the year. In keeping with the fourth grade's theme of "Identity," a feature of this year's fair will be an opportunity to have the children's fingerprints taken. Officer Jim Corbett of the Bethlehem Police Department will be on hand to fingerprint the youngsters.

Sugar farm destination

The Sunshine Senior Citizens have planned their first trip of the spring for

Thursday, April 12. Their destination is Middlebury, Vt., where they will visit a maple sugar farm. There, they will have an opportunity to watch the sugaring process and presumably purchase some of the delectable products. After dining at the Middlebury Inn, the group will go to the Morgan horse farm in Middlebury. Any senior citizen interested in accompanying the group should contact Bob Mayo at 767-3306. The group will leave by bus from the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem parking lot at 7 a.m. and return about 6 p.m.

"The Sound of Music"

The first of five performances of "The Sound of Music" by RCS Senior High students will be Thursday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. It will be a special performance for area senior citizens. The musical is one of the largest theatrical endeavors ever by the school drama department. The production will run on two consecutive weekends, March 30 and 31, and April 6 and 7, with evening performances at 8 p.m. General admission is \$3, the senior citizens' afternoon performances is \$2/and students, \$2.

The cast includes Jackie Janicke as Marie, Dana Pickett as Capt. Von Trapp, Elizabeth Hunter as Mother Abbess, Ben Stillwell as Max Detweiler, Susan Libertucci as Elsa Schraeder and Tom Christopher as Rolf Guber. The Von Trapp children are played by Stacy Sutton, Darrin Kibbey, Marilisa Ingraham, Donna Marshall, Andrew Felter, Beth Raynor, Ana Soto, Dana Pickett, Colleen Halloran, Jennifer McKeirnan and Beth Schaffer.

Tricks of the trade

Budding writers who have yet to see their first novel or book of verse in print can learn some of the tricks of the publishing trade at a "Getting into Print" program at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, April 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Debbie Mayer, whose first novel *Sisters* was published recently, will share her own experience in getting her short stories in such magazines as *Redbook* and *Ingenué*.

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Girl, Kellie Laureen, to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kovarick, Selkirk, March 12.

Girl, Laura Marguerite, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hayes, Delmar, March 12.

Boy, Brendan William, to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Culihan, Slingerlands, March 14.

Boy, Brendan Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. William Fidell, Voorheesville, March 16.

Girl, Erika Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Haegle, Slingerlands, March 18.

Milk For Life asks help

Milk For Life, Inc., needs donations of mother's milk and money to continue helping babies who need donated human milk. The organization, based in Greenville, N.Y., seeks to maintain a list of donors and collects, tests and transports their milk. More than 120 gallons of milk were supplied last year to babies who cannot digest formula and whose mothers cannot provide milk. Persons interested in providing financial support, serving as volunteer drivers or testers, or donating milk may call Maria Mathisen, director, at 966-4182 or Nancy Boice, 465-5668.

Lone DWI

Only one driving while intoxicated charge was filed last week by Bethlehem police. An Albany man was charged with misdemeanor DWI about 3 a.m. Saturday on Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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□ Voorheesville village election

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the campaign," he said. "This included about 20 new people who came forward the last weekend to make phone calls. It was fantastic. These represent a broad group of people, residents of different geographical areas of the village and different political persuasions. It seems we brought together a lot of people who had been fragmented previously. I think we have the opportunity to present a unified village administration."

Luczak's analysis of the vote was simple and straightforward. "People seemed to buy the *status quo* syndrome," he observed. "We may have made a mistake in not responding (to the Lennon campaign). I think that hurt us."

Both sides took to the mails and other channels to distribute a series of leaflets and flyers, along with news releases to local newspapers. Those tactics drew a mixed response, but apparently had substantial impact on voting decisions. Most political pundits agreed that the stepped-up campaign was responsible for bringing out the record vote — 1,261, including 41 absentee ballots.

The previous high was just under 1,100 in 1972.

In a campaign devoid of political issues

the governmental experience of the candidates and their respective community commitments became the principal battleground in the mailings and press statements.

One of Luczak's closest supporters was quoted as commenting that the flyer put out by the Lennon group proclaiming the endorsement by Bates and two ex-mayors, William J. (Bill) Wenzel and Harold Schultz, "really had an impact on us."

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Other sideline observers didn't lack for explanations. One prominent village leader felt Luczak's extraordinary feat of orchestrating the election of Cynthia LaFave, a young and unknown newcomer to New Scotland, as town justice over Kenneth J. Connolly, a respected incumbent, last November produced a backlash. "A lot of people worked against Luczak because they didn't think Ken (Connolly, a village resident) should have lost," the observer said. Another

ventured the opinion that "Cynthia's campaign (a series of mailings) was very effective in the town election, but it wasn't effective this time and (that technique) may not be again."

The 27-year-old LaFave is the first Democrat elected to a town office other than councilman in New Scotland's 151-year history.

If there was a backlash, it came from Luczak's success in November, financed

almost exclusively by contributors in Albany, and by naming a support group for the mayoralty contest that included several prominent Voorheesville Democrats. The implication was that Luczak, a staff assistant to the Democratic minority leader of the state senate, was introducing traditional Democrat-Republican politics to the village level, which traditionally rejects major-party politics in favor of grass-roots affiliations such as Peoples Party or Citizens Party in

village elections.

In last fall's New Scotland campaign, figures on file at the Albany County Board of Elections show pre-election contributions to the LaFave campaign of \$1,455 in cash and \$170 in services, almost exclusively from Albany contributors. The post-election figures showed another \$1,080 in contributions and a balance of \$105 after expenses.

Connolly's total expenditures were approximately \$300.

As the Luczak-Lennon contest got underway in late November, a story in the Albany *Knickerbocker News* treated Luczak's political background in the light of a possible Republican-Democrat confrontation at the village level. Two months later one of the questions on a political science class project at Voorheesville High School made references to that issue in a questionnaire used by students in a random sampling of the village electorate.

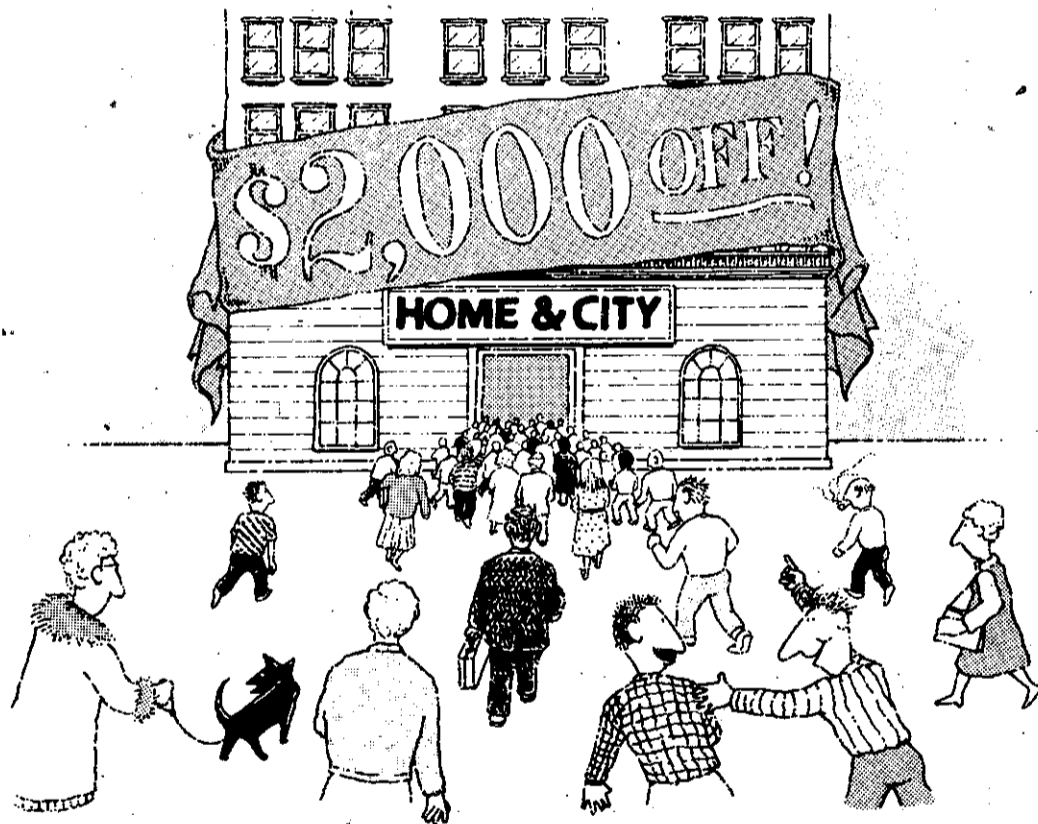
The issue later became fuzzy when Thomas Mensching, Jr. was nominated with Philip Joyce as the two candidates for trustee on the Luczak slate. The latest available registration lists at the county board of elections (1982) show Mensching as a registered Republican, a fact never brought out during the village campaign.

"Major party politics have no place in our village, where people vote for the candidates they feel can do the best job for the village, regardless of national or state affiliations," declared Wenzel, for many years Voorheesville's most dominant leader. "I hope it will always be this way, so that we can get the most qualified candidates and give people the opportunity to vote on their merits, not on party lines."

Installation

Voorheesville village board will hold its formal installation and organization meeting Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451

Pastoral on peace

The RENEW Large Group Committee of St. Matthew's Church invites the public to a provocative lecture/discussion on the Bishops' Pastoral on Peace to be held at the church on Mountainview Rd. this Friday, at 7:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Rev. Edward Pratt, vice chancellor of the Diocese of Albany and Secretary to Bishop Hubbard, who will make a presentation "reflecting those concerns of the bishops which prompted the pastoral." Father Pratt's theme will be: "To Evaluate War — with an entirely new attitude." A question and answer period as well as a coffee break will be included in the evening session.

Elks to install

The New Scotland Lodge No. 2611 of the B.P.O.E. and their Ladies Auxiliary will hold installation of their new officers this Saturday, March 31, followed by a dinner dance, all at the Schenectady Elks Lodge on State Street. Installation of the auxiliary officers will begin at 3 p.m. while the men's club officers will be installed at 5 p.m. Dutch cocktails will follow with a "steam round" dinner served at 7 p.m. and music to begin at 9 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$10 per person and may be obtained by calling Steve Baisinati at 765-4055 or Diane Koch at 765-2030. Wives, family and friends of the Elks are invited to attend the installation ceremony.

Benefit breakfast

Those looking for a good breakfast before embarking on a day of joke playing this Sunday need look no further. On Sunday, April 1, the Voorheesville Ambulance Squad will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Voorheesville. The cost of the meal which includes sausage, pancakes and all the trimmings, is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Tickets will be sold at the door with no advanced ticket sale taking place. This is the first fund raiser of this kind to be used by the group, who up to now, have relied on door-to-door canvassing for needed funds.

Mens Association meets

The newly formed Mens' Association of St. Matthew's church will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the social area of the church. Anyone interested in attending or finding out more about the group is asked to call President Mike Burns at 765-4390 or Vice President Tony Manning at 765-2412.

Alcoholism and the family

A reminder that the final session of the Alcohol Awareness program open to the entire community will take place this Sunday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, with a discussion on the topic of "Alcoholism — how it affects the family and what can be done about it." Next week's session on April 8 is entitled "Alcoholism and Youth" and only teenagers will be allowed to attend. All four sessions under the sponsorship of the Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee have been directed by Justine Caldes, a staff development specialist with the state Agency on Alcohol and Alcoholism as well as a private counselor in the treatment of alcohol abuse. Both adults and teens are welcome to attend this informative meeting.

Tops in math

Karen Boyea, chairman of the math department at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School has announced that 63 students in grades 9-12 participated in the American Legion High School Mathematics Exam. This year Keith Longtin, a senior, placed first followed by Michele Huth, also a senior, and Mary Beth Manning, a junior. The scores of these three students will represent Voorheesville's team score in the national competition.

DAR luncheon

The Board of Management of the Gansevoort chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a luncheon meeting on Monday, April 2, at the Albany home of Mrs. John Hauf. Plans for the chapter's April 14 luncheon at the University Club will be discussed, and James Seay of Slingerlands will speak about antique clock-restoring. Call 439-3588 for information.

Fashions for nurses

The Albany Medical College Hospital School of Nursing's Alumni Association will sponsor a "March into Spring" fashion show at the school's campus center on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. The fashions, provided by Casual Fashion and the Uniform Center, will show how nurses can best project their professional image. A donation of \$1 will be collected.

Alumni Association members who need transportation to the show should call 765-3665 after 6 p.m. or 765-3138.



Now you see him . . . Peter Coffan as Elwood Dowd (right), converses with his invisible friend while other members of the "Harvey" cast look on. From left are Jill Lawrence, Yvonne Perry, Mark Bibbins, Scott Storm, Tim Godin, Bill Schwartz and Coffan.

Lyn Stapf

Harvey (dis)appears this week

With Easter approaching there are rabbits almost everywhere you look — but none like the rabbit Harvey who will appear this weekend with the members of the Voorheesville high school drama club, the Dionysians, in the group's production of the comic classic by Mary Chase, "Harvey", about a man and his invisible rabbit.

Leading the cast as Elwood Dowd, the good-hearted friend of Harvey is Peter Coffan, accompanied by Yvonne Perry as his snobbish sister Vera and her spoiled rotten daughter Myrtle Mae, played by Jill Lawrence. Also in the cast are Cathy Teuter, Debbie Ravid, Terry Balfe, Bill Schwartz, Mark Bibbins, Scott Storm, Courtney Erernan, Jim Perry, Lisa Petrone, and Tim Godin.

Heading up those important backstage committees are Michele Huth, props; Susan Dunning and Tima Rasmussen, make-up; Tom Corcoran, Judith Corcoran and Chris Smolen, sets; Margaret Arthur, costumes; Gler Goldstein,

lighting: Chris Smolen, sound and Mary Beth Manning, publicity.

Directed by student director Kristen Ford and faculty adviser Robert Andrews, the production will be shown Thursday through Saturday, with the curtain going up each evening at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for students and children and may be purchased from any drama club student or at the door. Thursday evening's performance is open free to senior citizens who obtain their tickets before that evening. For information, call Mary Beth Manning at 765-2412.

Also on honor roll

The name of Mary Beth Manning, a junior at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville, was inadvertently omitted from the list of honor students published last week. She is on the high honor roll.

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It is true that in our quest for acceptance and companionship we often mistake an acquaintance for a friend. Because our feelings may run deeper toward a person than that person's feelings toward us, we lull ourselves into believing that the feelings are indeed mutual and that a friendship has happened. Consequently, when our investment isn't returned by the other person, we are disappointed.

It also happens that growing relationships can suddenly stop growing and turn sour, because the path to real friendship winds around every corner, every nook and cranny of an individual's past, present and future. That journey can lead to some long forgotten skeletons in your closet, or old wounds whose pain has been anesthetized by time, or conflicts with other important people in your life or with plans you had made for your future. The making of a friend takes time. It also requires a tremendous amount of energy, because it is made of precious stuff, and like gold it must be carefully sifted from the fool's gold or dug up from the deep veins of the earth. But once friendship has been mutually claimed, having passed the tests of time, it is forever.

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Actually, friendship is so demanding on our time and energy, I question if we can truly claim more friends, real friends, than what could be counted on one hand. I have known some people who have fallen into what might be called group friendships where a number of people have joined together in a mutual activity, like a business or a hobby or even a living situation, and form a strong, cohesive and supportive network of interrelationships that last a long time, perhaps a lifetime.

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



But for most of us, I believe we are only capable of forming and feeding a few friendships at any given time. Now I have more than a few dormant friends, that is, people with whom I shared important and special times in the past, but whom I no longer see. They were a part of my life, some of them very critical parts, but our paths have gone in separate directions, and we no longer share the day-to-day. I fancy that if we were to meet again, we would pick up where we left off and resume our friendship, but perhaps, too, we have changed and the friendship would also have to change to be revived.

One need not know all the deep, dark secrets of another to share some of the pleasures or pains of life.

Despite our need for friendship, I believe we also have much need of those people we regard as acquaintances. One need not be a bosom buddy to be a companion. One need not know all the deep, dark secrets of another to share some of the pleasures or pains of life. We can relate to each other in fragments of our total beings, and still find mutual satisfaction. Companionship is no substitute for friendship, but it may be nearly as important, for a life without it can be rather empty.

I have a few thoughts I would like to share with you about what a friend is:

A friend is someone who makes you more of who you can be as he enters your room, your thoughts, your life.

A friend is someone who knows your weaknesses and their masks, can loan you his strength when you need it, and is grateful when you accept it.

A friend is someone you hold close to your life with ungrasping fingers confident that each parting will naturally lead to a joyous return.

A friend is someone who cares about your flaws and failings, your prejudices and your sins by recognizing them as they are, not to blame you or feel superior to you, but to accept your humanness, and still say, "I'm glad we're friends."

RENEW evening

Deacon Mike Sheppeck and his wife, Mary Ellen, will lead a RENEW evening of recollection on Wednesday, April 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas Cuhrch in Delmar. The "Praying With Scripture" program will include instruction, private reflection, sharing and refreshments.

Father Daley to speak

James Daley, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, will be the speaker Wednesday, April 4, at the Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study session at 10 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. His subject will be "Passover Lamb." A coffee hour at 9:30 will precede the discussion.

Junk food alternatives

The Division of Continuing Studies of the State University at Albany is offering noncredit cooking courses that emphasize replacing "junk" food with nutritious meals and snacks. "Cooking for the Peanut Butter and Jelly Years" teaches the art of cooking food that children enjoy. The evening workshop will be Wednesday, April 4, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

"Breakfasts for Champions" presents ideas for nutritious breakfasts such as gingerbread waffles and orange biscuit pinwheels. The Saturday workshop will meet on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For information call the division at 455-6121.

Water for wires

Fishing, sailing, CB radio, hang gliding and kite and model airplane flying may appear to have little in common, but these springtime activities can be deadly in combination with power lines, warns Niagara Mohawk.

"Electricity always seeks the most direct path to the ground, and if your activity offers a shortcut — electricity will take it," a Niagara Mohawk spokesman warned.



Sign of spring

A Daffodil Festival to benefit the American Cancer Society is scheduled for March 28, 29 and 30 in Delmar. More than 150 volunteers will be offering the bright spring flowers for sale in the hopes of raising \$12,000. The daffodils will be available for a minimum donation of \$3.50 for a bunch of 10. Nancy Douglas of Glenmont is chairman of this year's event. Residents who want to volunteer or to pre-order flowers may contact the American Cancer Society, Executive Park Tower Building, Albany, 12203.

Delmar author honored

"State-Local Relations: A Partnership Approach," a book by State University of Albany political science Professor Joseph F. Zimmerman, has been selected as an Outstanding Academic Book by *Choice* magazine, a publication of the Association of College and research Libraries of the American Library Association.

The book, published in April 1983 by Praeger Publishers, examines the legal and political relationships between state and local governments and the impact of the federal government on these relationships. Zimmerman, a Delmar resident whose specialty is state-local relations, said that his is the first book published on state-local relations in the United States since 1946.

Help with job hunt

Support and guidance in the job hunt is available at the Job Club, weekly at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at the Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar. Call 439-9314 to join.



Marion Martin of Delmar, center in front, heads a committee of the Ladies of Charity of the diocese of Albany that is planning a gala benefit for programs that assist area children. The event will be April 7 at the Aurania Club in Albany from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For information or reservations, contact Mrs. Martin at 439-5402 or Rita Delapp, also of Delmar, at 439-5575. Committee members are, from left, in front, Phyllis Dalleva, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Delapp and, in rear, Marcia O'Connell, Geraldine Zandri, Nancy Nigro and Mary Jennings.

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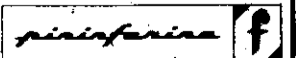
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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants. Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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

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

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

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

FISH, Tri-Village 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

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

Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday noon - 4 p.m., Saturday 8 - noon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

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

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

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, Merlin Lewis of First Church of Christ, Scientist speaks on "Eternal Priesthood," Delmar Reformed Church, 10 a.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, second and fourth Wednesdays at American Legion Post, Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

Sunshine Senior Citizens, trip to Capital Repertory Theater leaves First Reformed Church of Bethlehem at 1:30 p.m.

Lenten Day of Reflection, sermon by Rev. Paul Tartaglia, St. Thomas Church, Delmar, 9:45 a.m.

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

Job Club, support and guidance for unemployed, Wednesdays at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Spring star Watch, anked eye, binocular and telescope observation, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m. Free.

"The Sound of Music", student musical at Ravena High School, Rt. 9W, 2:30 p.m.

"Harvey", 3-act comedy performed by drama club, Voorheesville High School, 8 p.m. Free preview for senior citizens.

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

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

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

Book Fair, sponsored by PTO, Becker School, 3-9 p.m.

Student Science Fair, Becker School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

"The Sound of Music", student musical at Ravena High School, Rt. 9W, 8 p.m.

"Harvey", 3-act comedy performed by drama club, Voorheesville High School, 8 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 adults, \$2 students.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Spoon Dinner, Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co. fundraiser, Clarksville fire house, 4:30 - 8 p.m. 25-cents a spoonful.

"The Sound of Music", student musical at Ravena High School, Rt. 9W, 8 p.m.

"Harvey", 3-act comedy performed by drama club, Voorheesville High School, 8 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 adults, \$2 students.

Soccer Coaches Clinic sponsored by Bethlehem Soccer Club, for coaches of intra-club youth teams, Bethlehem Middle School soccer field, 10 a.m. for first-time coaches, 11:30 a.m. for all coaches. Information, call 439-7571.

New Scotland Elks, installations at 3 and 5 p.m., dinner and dance, 7 p.m., Schenectady Elks-Lodge, information, 765-2030.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Alcohol Awareness Program, for teens and adults, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, sponsored by Voorheesville Ambulance Squad, American Legion Hall, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Readings at the Library, Sundays at Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

"Microwave Cooking", food preparation demonstration, County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 6:30-9 p.m. For \$3 registration, 765-2874.

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

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

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 8:15 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.

Career and Education Advice, Mondays and Tuesdays, Bethlehem Public Library, 6-9 p.m. Free; for appointments, 439-9134.

Upper Delaware Avenue Association, executive board meeting for all members, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m. Information, 439-0748.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

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

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

Jack Gilford in "My Life in the Theater, or How to Become an Overnight Success in 40 Years", The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 28, 8 p.m. Community box office, 473-3750.

"Two by Two" (Richard Rogers musical), Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, March 30 and 31, 8 p.m. Tickets, 462-1297.

"The Rape of the Belt" (comedy presented by the CSR Twickenham Players), Twickenham Playhouse, 432 Western Ave., Albany, March 30 and 31, 8 p.m., April 1, 2 p.m.

"Not Necessarily TV" (original comedy by Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group), Beth Emeth social hall, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, March 31, 8 p.m., and April 1, 4 p.m.

"The Mousetrap" (Agatha Christie kills them off in a snowbound English inn), SUNY Performing Arts Center, April 4, 5, and 7, 8 p.m., April 6, 7, 10 p.m. Reservations, 457-8606.

"The Threepenny Opera" (Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts' cabaret production of the Brecht-Weill classic), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, March 30, April 6 and 14, 8 p.m.; April 3, 11, and 12, 10 a.m.; April 8, 2 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

"The Wake of Jamey Foster" (Capital Rep in first regional presentation of Beth Henley's Broadway comedy), Market Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through April 15 (Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday's 2:30 p.m. box office, 462-4534).

"Sleeping Beauty" (ESIPA revives its Kabuki-style rendition of the fairy tale), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 30, April 6, 9, and 13, 10 a.m.; April 7 and 13, 8 p.m. Tickets Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3740.

MUSIC

Randall Hodgkinson, piano recital (Beethoven, Copland and Chopin), SUNY Performing Arts Center, March 31, 8 p.m.

Robert Merrill sings "Sacred Service" with Octavo Singers, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 31, 8 p.m. Box office 382-1083.

Traditional Irish Entertainments (step dancing, piper and singers), Albany Public Library, March 31, 2 p.m.

Barbara Bruns, organ recital, Alumnae Chapel, Emma Willard School, Troy, April 1, 3 p.m.

Gordon Bok, Ann Muir and Ed Trickett (folk), Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, April 1, 8:45 p.m.

Pops Concert, with SUNYA Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band, SUNY Campus Center ballroom, April 2, 8 p.m.

Ed Heffrom, organ recital, First Church in Albany, 58 Orange St., April 3, noon-12:30 p.m.

DANCE

Jacob's Pillow on Tour (modern dance), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, April 1, 2 p.m. Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

ART

Undergraduate Show, College of Saint Rose gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through April 13.

Mark Van Wormer, photographs, Diel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through April 20.

Paintings by Jeff Elgin, Carol Luce, David Marell and Willie Marlowe, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through April.

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The Essex home in 1932. The family of William Frueh of Orchard Str., Delmar, lived there at that time.

located off the dining room there is a Victorian walnut spool bedstead that Donald Essex's grandfather made for his wife as a wedding present. It is one of the family's proudest possessions.

In a downstairs bedroom is a Victorian walnut spool bedstead that Donald Essex's grandfather made for his wife as a wedding present.

The butler's pantry off the dining room has been converted into a modern bathroom, but its two original doors open to two wardrobes that were converted from the closets of the pantry. The kitchen has been modernized with new cupboards and is papered in a warm red. There is here a cozy sitting area with a Franklin stove fireplace that sees much use on cold winter evenings. The back stairway from the kitchen leads to an upstairs bedroom that originally was used for the hired man. This was so that he could get to his room without going through the main part of the house.

William Frueh of Delmar remembers living in the house after his parents purchased it in the early 1930's, from the Alvin Nears. He worked the farm land in addition to holding a job in the city. Mrs.

Near had taken summer boarders who used to come to the farm from New Jersey, and Mrs. Frueh, Bill's mother, continued the practice, even doing a bit of advertising in the New York papers. Bill recalls that the young men from the insurance offices in New York City used to think it a great lark to come up here to enjoy the country for their vacation. They thoroughly enjoyed lending a hand with the farm work of haying, feeding animals and so forth. The room and board was about \$10 a week in the days of the Great Depression. After the day's tasks were done, the young men would go next door to the adjoining farm (now owned by the Jerabecks). The back part of that house had been outfitted as a bar and there they would have their evening refreshment. These people also kept a large number of chickens and often served delicious chicken dinners to their customers. The boarders, of course, came by train to Albany so had no automobiles to take them too far afield. In fact, Bill Frueh met his wife when she came up from New Jersey to board at the farm. They now reside on Orchard Street in Delmar.

Many of the farm outbuildings have disappeared over the course of the years, but this rococo-style home that has sheltered the McHarg, Frueh and Essex families, as well as many others, is a testimony to the functionalism of a well-built older structure.

Tulip queen sought

The Albany Tulip Festival Committee is beginning its annual search for a queen to reign at its five-day celebration in May. Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 23, be permanent residents of Albany County, and have never been married. Candidates must send a photograph, which cannot be returned, and a brief resume to the Albany Tulip Festival Committee, Tulip Queen Contest, P.O. Box TULIP, Albany, 12201. The deadline for entries is April 7.

The 36th annual event, scheduled May 10 through 14, will include a ritual scrubbing of State St. in Albany, the queen's coronation, the Kinderkermis, a ball, the Pinksterfest and the queen's luncheon.

Mini college mapped

A "mini-college" offered by the State University at Albany's Division of Continuing Studies will begin its noncredit classes on Thursday, March 15. All programs are scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Subjects include opera, planetary evolution and robotics.

There is a discount for two people registering together and for persons 60 years or older. For information call the division at 455-6121.

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Space age at the laundry

Ever since fig leaves became passe, people have been looking for better ways of doing the laundry. Now one of them has come to Delmar. The Launderease at the Four Corners has recently installed 11 computerized dryers, complete with LED and a pressure-sensitive input panel. Owners are Charles Cross of Slingerlands and his son C. David, who describe the dryers as state-of-the-art and "very exciting."

The gas-fired machines have an electronic display that shows the temperature setting and how many minutes remain in the cycle. The LED also will signal if the door is ajar and can show the internal temperature, if asked. The dryers, which are made by American Dryer Corp. in Fall River, Mass., are insulated and have a "glow bulb" instead of a pilot light, both of which make them more fuel-efficient. Their efficiency also is enhanced by the close temperature control that the microprocessor makes possible, keeping the drying temperatures, with two degrees, plus or minus, of the setting. There are three temperature

Money tips for seniors

Stephen LesCarbeau of Waddell and Read, Inc. will give a free "Money Management for Senior Citizens" program at the Bethlehem Public Library on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. He will discuss insurance options, why financial and estate planning are essential and the new changes in Social Security that affect senior citizens.

To register, call the library at 439-9314 by April 8.

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settings and two coin slots so the user can choose either a five-minute or 12½-minute cycle.

The Crosses have owned the Launderease a year, and also own a laundry on New Scotland Ave. in Albany. C. David (Chip) is a graduate of Bethlehem Central and the Junior College of Albany with an associate's degree in business management. Younger people have no trouble at all relating to the computerized dryers, the elder Cross said. "It's so simple" is the way Chip put it.

Home maintenance help

Have you ever wondered when and how certain home maintenance tasks should be done?

The Home Economics Program of Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County has compiled the Home Maintenance Series, a packet of the recommended home maintenance duties for each season of the year.

Six packets are available: Calendar of Home Maintenance Projects, Summer Home Maintenance, Fall Home Maintenance, Winter Home Maintenance, and E-1 and E-2 Spring Home Maintenance. Each packet is priced separately.

Call the Home Economics Program at 765-2874 for a complete order form with a detailed description of each packet.



Winners in the Key Bank's essay contest locally were, from left: front row, Joseph Robbins (Clarksville School), Mark Einhorn (Elsmere), Tricia Hampton (Glenmont) and Dana Kawczak (Clarksville); second row, Mike Moran (Hamagrael), Kevin Freeman (Slingerlands), Teige Sheehan (Slingerlands) and Kate Hackman (Elsmere). Theme of the contest was "What It Means to be Free." With the winners were Richard Haverly, Key Bank regional vice president, and Lawrence Zinn, superintendent of Bethlehem schools. Tom Howes

Mortgage unit formed

Key Banks Inc. has entered the secondary mortgage market with the licensing of a new mortgage subsidiary, Key Mortgage Funding, Inc. The subsidiary's headquarters are in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Watertown, Kingston and Long Island.

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Key Banks Inc. is a regional bank holding company composed of 10 banks with 293 offices throughout Upstate New York, Long Island and Maine.

Eastern Star visit

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will be host to Muriel Snyder, district deputy grand matron, on Wednesday, April 4. The official visit will be at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

State worker options

"Career Alternatives for State Workers," a free workshop to help state workers escape the confines of the civil service structure, will be held on Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Adrienne Rockwood will counsel registrants and help them assess the transferable skills they have for a career change.

Attendance is limited. To register, call 439-9314 by April 6.

Small business workshop

The Albany County Cooperative Extension will sponsor an insurance workshop for local small businessmen on Thursday, April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the County Resources Center on Martin Rd. in Voorheesville. Representatives from Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Co. will discuss topics that will include workman's compensation, commercial catastrophe, disability and small group insurance.

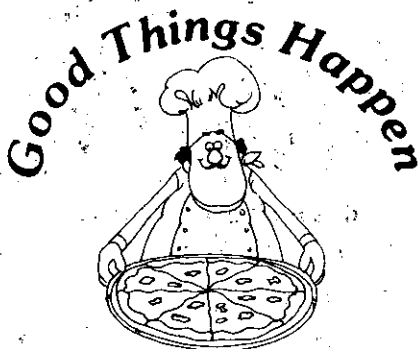
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Getting that itch? Get ready now

March has come and gone. The days are getting longer and all the signs of Spring are here, complete with a few early robins and the sounds of birds singing very early in the morning. To the gardener, this is music to dig by. One can see little paper cups on sunny window sills, labeled petunia and impatiens. March should have seen you out pruning your fruit trees and evergreens, unless you found it too cold. Just remember that it must be done while the trees are still dormant.

APRIL-The tulips have nudged their noses through the ground and the red nubs of rhubarb can be seen pushing through also. It is time to give the rhubarb and the asparagus patch a generous supply of manure as they are heavy feeders. One can only hope that you had the soil turned last fall so that you can plant the peas. For now is definitely the time, especially if you couldn't get out by March 17th to do so - who ever can?! As soon as the soil can be worked, radishes, leaf lettuce, spinach, parsley, kohlrabi and onions can be sowed. Later in the month, follow with (hardened off) transplants of cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. Sow beets, carrots and turnips. Toward the end of the month and the first part of May, start seeds of vine crops indoors - cucumbers, watermelons, winter squash and pumpkins.

AROUND THE GARDEN

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For those transplants, gallon-sized plastic jugs (Clorox or washing liquids) with the bottoms cut off, make dandy mini-greenhouses to cover newly planted seedlings on frosty nights. They still come on us through April into about the third week of May. Remove the covers in the mornings to prevent baking the plants. To discourage loopers on cabbage, spray with *Bacillus Thuringiensis*.

If you are going to plant evergreens, get them in the ground in early April. And you can brighten shady areas of your yard with such perennials as hosta, lily of the valley, bleeding hearts and daylilies. Put them in early this month so that the roots can benefit from the spring growth. Divide overcrowded perennials such as chrysanthemums, shasta daisies, phlox, hosta and others.

Spring does not truly arrive on March 20th every year. Not for gardeners, anyway! As the weather varies from year to year, so do the best planting dates. Any dates that are used here are only approximate, depending on how sheltered your particular garden is. Now is the

time to check your garden pH. Add lime if needed. Dig it in when you turn your garden.

Don't be too hasty to cut down or prune your winter damaged rhododendrons, hollies, boxwoods or pines. Warm weather often brings recovery. Prune trees and shrubs that you plan to transplant in the fall. This will make it easier, with less shock to the plant when you move it.

Finish planting new fruit trees early in April, while the soil is cool and they are still dormant. Give new plants an inch of water weekly. Spread chicken litter, if you can get it, around brambles early this month for strong root development. Otherwise, use manure the same way.

Extension Booklets

As spring arrives, home gardeners turn their attention to plans for the growing season. For the latest information on recommended varieties and growing tips, a number of publications are available from Cornell University.

Cornell Cooperative Extension specialists have compiled an impressive array of easy-to-read, illustrated references on growing vegetables, fruits and flowers.

For the garden-fresh vegetable fan, there's "The Home Vegetable Garden" (IB-101, \$2.00), "The Heirloom Vegetable

Garden" (IB-177, \$3.00), and "Gardening with Herbs" (IB-123, \$1.25).

"The Home Fruit Planting" (IB-156, \$2.00), "The Garden Strawberry" (S-124, 75¢), and "Insect and Disease Control in The Home Orchard" (IB-124, \$1.00) are invaluable sources of information for fruit growers.

Gardeners who grow grapes as a hobby can also benefit from the wealth of know-how contained in "Cultural Practices for Commercial Vineyards" (S-III, \$2.00) - despite the implication that it's for commercial producers.

Planning a flower garden and border beds for all-season color can be done realistically with the information in "Sequence of Bloom in Perennials, Biennials, and Bulbs" (IB-196, \$1.60). Rather than buying started plants, try to grow some of your own this year with help from "Garden Flowers from Seed" (IB-20, 75¢).

If you're intent on rebuilding or putting in a rock garden, the hints and ideas in "Rock Gardens" (IB-159, \$3.00) will help you avoid disappointments. Fifty color illustrations will help in selecting harmonious variety of cultivars, in addition to provide planning and building tips.

Bulldozer vandalized

Vandals cut wire in a bulldozer parked on Lake Pl. in Delmar last week, Bethlehem police reported. Sand also was put in the machine's radiator.

A directory of popular restaurants recommended for family dining in the immediate area within easy driving distance of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

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On their way to the Easterns

Six Delmar swimmers, including five members of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club, have qualified for the Adirondack District team competing in the Eastern Zone championships at Richmond, Va., April 5 - 7.

Sue Mallery, a 14-year-old Delmar girl swimming for the Albany Starfish club, qualified in six events after sweeping five firsts and one second in last weekend's Junior Olympic Short-Course championship meet at Burnt Hills. In the process she set three meet records, two of them Adirondack District marks.

In the two-day meet at Burnt Hills, the final qualifier for the Eastern Zone finals, the Dolphins' Jenny Mosley, Justin Baird, Chris Drew, John Demarest and Pierre LaBarge earned trips to Richmond. Overall, 39 Dolphins competed Saturday and Sunday and brought home six first-place ribbons, six seconds and 11 thirds in a meet where six places counted in each age-group event.

Mallery, a member of the Bethlehem Central girls' varsity, broke meet and district records with clockings of 25.46 in the 50-yard freestyle and 2:16.8 in the 200 butterfly in girls 13-14 events. She set a new meet record of 1:01.10 in the 100 fly, won the 100 free and 400-yard IM and placed second in the 100 backstroke.

Demarest, a member of the BC varsity team, also broke a meet record with a clocking of 22.39 in the 50-yard freestyle trials, but settled for second place in the

boys 15-18 finals. He also had two third places in other events.

Mosley, swimming in the 11-12 girls division, won the 50 and 100 freestyle and had thirds in the 50 and 100 breaststroke and 100 IM. Baird won the 11-12 boys' 200 freestyle, was third in the 100 free and placed in three other events. Drew won the 13-14 boys 100 and 200 backstroke events.

LaBarge had qualified in earlier meets.

In other age-group events at Burnt Hills, Lisa Ogawa of the Dolphins won the 200-yard backstroke, was third in the 100 back, and placed in two other events.

Kris Mallery of the Starfish had a second in the 13-14 girls' 200-yard backstroke, was third in the 200 free and fourth in three other events.

Dolphin relay teams at various levels had three seconds, three fourth places, two fifths and one sixth place. Finishing second were Jill Cleveland, Carrie Merrill, Jenny Mosley, and Christina Rudofsky in the 11-12 girls medley relay; Justin Baird, Chris Engstrom, Cameron O'Connor and Drew Patrick in 11-12 boys medley relay, and Demarest, Knut Hvalsmarken, Eric Patrick and Dave Young in the 15-18 boys 400-yard free relay.

Among other Dolphins placing in individual events were Tracie Mull, Carrie Merrill, Chris Engstrom and Drew Patrick (3 events each), Jill

Cleveland, Carolyn Schultz and Knut Hvalsmarken (2 each), Patrick Fish, Kathleen Fish, Keith Dix and Dave Young. Also placing in various relay events were Kathleen Fish, Suzanne Dandeneau, Marianne Hvalsmarken, Dorothy Hartman, Lisa Ogawa, Becky Seidenberg, Keith Dix, Chris Drew, Brink Hartman, Joe Kowalski, Annika Berge, Sandi Blendell, Mary Ellen Burda, Pat Henahan and Carolyn Schultz.

Swim program starts

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Youth Stroke Improvement Program for children who are able to swim at least 25 yards. The program will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from April 3 through May 8. Tuesday and Wednesday sessions will be held at the Bethlehem Central High School pool; Thursday sessions will be held at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool.

Novices will swim from 6 to 6:45 p.m., beginners from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., intermediates from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and advanced swimmers from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. Class size will be limited to 20 novice, beginner and intermediate swimmers. There is no limit to the advanced swimmer class size.

The program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District. Pre-registration is required and can be made in person or by telephone (439-4131) at the Park and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. There is a \$12 fee.

Two on the dais

The New York Special Olympics will salute long-time Albany Academy football coach Ernie Steck and Ned Harkness, president of the Olympic Regional Development Authority, at a dinner May 3 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center, in Albany. The dinner also will be a fund-raiser to support the Special Olympics games, scheduled June 15 to 17 at the State University at Albany campus. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased by contacting the Special Olympics office at 370-4816.

Volley for a cause

A doubles tennis tournament May 5 at Southwood Tennis Club will benefit the Easter Seal Society. Proceeds will be used to send both children and adults to Camp Goodwill, a residential camp for the orthopedically disabled. The event is open to all levels of ability, and the entry fee is \$10. Phil Ackerman of Delmar is tournament chairman.

Spotlight SPORTS

Tennis rating clinics are set

Women in the Capital District who wish to join a Michelob Light League tennis team this season can receive a rating at clinics to be held on March 30 and 31. All new league players must be rated, and current players and teams may sign up for re-rating.

On Friday, March 30, the clinic will be held at the Southwood Tennis Club, Southern Blvd., Albany, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The second clinic will take place the following day at the Schenectady Racquet Club, Curry Rd., Schenectady, from noon to 3 p.m.

Reservations for either clinic should be made by calling the club. Teams compete at 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 levels, and players should sign up for the first, second or third hours of the clinics in that order of anticipated rating. A \$3 rating fee will be charged, in addition to court time.

More information on the rating clinics, or on this area's Michelob Light League, may be obtained from the league coordinators, Jean Balint (439-3876) and Barbara Bunker (439-7962).

League play will start in May, and new players are needed. The coordinators will assign new players to teams on an as-needed basis. The winning team at each ability level will represent this area in regional competition to be held during the summer.

A race on the river

Despite rainy, frigid weather, 185 competitors in 80 canoes indeed braved the dangers of hypothermia last year to compete in the first annual hypothermia canoe classic sponsored by the American Red Cross. This year the down-river race will be run on Sunday, April 8, on the stretch of Hudson River between Corning Park and Van Wies Point. The starting gun will go off at noon.

The race, which has been sanctioned by the American Canoe Association, will see competition come in canoes and kayaks in male, female, mixed, tandem and solo categories. The race, which is open to the public, carries an entry fee of \$8 for solo canoeists and \$15 for tandem paddlers. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

For information, call the Albany chapter of the Red Cross at 462-7461.

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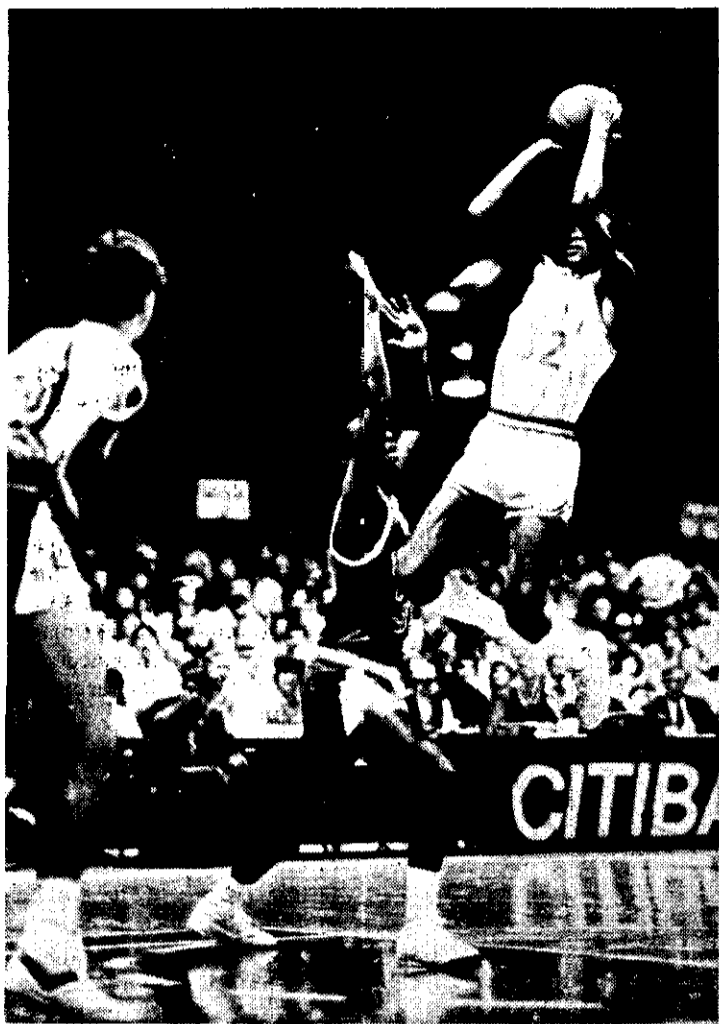
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It's action like this jump shot in Sunday's game by Frankie J. Sanders that has drawn fans to the Albany Patroons games all year but Joe Hennessy, standing with his arms folded at right,

always has a ringside seat. To the right of Hennessy is Peter Fisch, who helps Hennessy with scoring. Tom Howes photos

STAR BOWLERS



Russ Hunter of South Bethlehem rolled a 300 game to cap a week of exceptional scores at Del Lanes last week. His four game score was 945. Other top scorers were George Barthlemis with 276 and Roger Woodin with a 265/724 triple. Bowling in the Atlantic Cement league, Pat Golding's 258/708 topped the women.

Other scores:

Senior Citizens Men — John Erickson 237, Art Smith — 807.

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Major Girls — Lisa Flynn - 189, 510

Jr. Boys — Mike Keegan - 178, 503.

Jr. Girls — Tracy Dwyer - 185, 451.

Prep Boys — Kevin Boissy - 188, 488.

Prep Girls — Kim Dale - 164, Sue Cox 481.

Grid boosters meet

The Bethlehem Football Boosters organization will discuss plans for the 1984 season at a meeting Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 12 at BCHS. Parents of players and cheerleaders have been asked to attend, along with anyone in the community interested in scholastic football.

BC spiker honored

Jeff Randles, a Bethlehem Central senior and co-captain of the BC boys' volleyball team, is one of eight players named to the Suburban Council all-star first team chosen by the league's coaches.

His phone call brings ringside seat

By Peter Fisch

There's a saying that one phone call could change your life. That's all it took for Voorheesville High School graduate Joe Hennessy, currently the director of publicity and sales for the Albany Patroons of the Continental Basketball Association.

Early in 1982, Hennessy, a clothes salesman at the time, spotted an article in an Albany newspaper on the program of the season ticket sales for the newly formed Patroons. With a single phone call to the team's office, Hennessy began volunteering his time by selling season tickets and worked a path to his present job which, in essence, he created. "There were probably over 200 guys thinking about calling, but I'm the only one who did," he recalled this month.

"I've always wanted to get into some aspect of professional sports," noted the 29-year-old Hennessy. "When I was a kid, I promised myself that if Albany ever

got a professional sports franchise, I'd get my foot in the door. By becoming involved with the Patroons, I've been able to learn everything about professional sports from the ground up."

After graduating from VCHS in 1973, Hennessy received his broadcasting license from the Career Academy of Boston. With his background in sales from various jobs, he has no trouble with his job. "I love my job. It gives me a chance to work with and become involved with various types of people."

Hennessy lives in Albany with his wife, Virginia, and 3-year-old son, Joseph, Jr. The avid sportsman enjoys all types of athletics, music, movies and novels.

Commenting on his future, Hennessy was optimistic. "Hopefully, I can move on from here to become the general manager of another minor league franchise and eventually run a major league sports franchise. Basically, I just

want to do something which I enjoy doing."

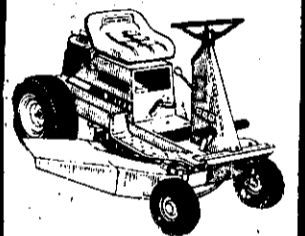
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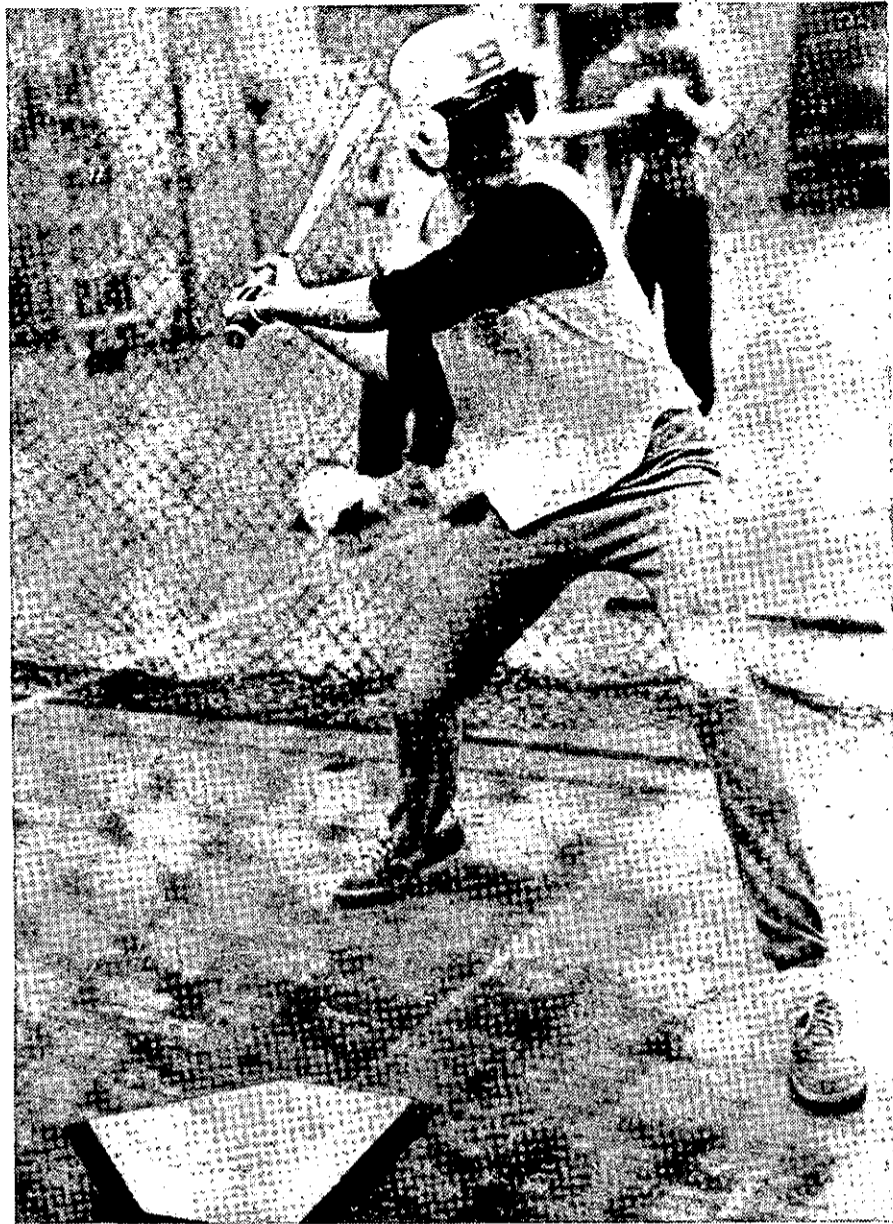
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Some years it's hard to tell which "sign of spring" comes first, a crocus or a baseball. At Bethlehem Central the ball team has been working indoors waiting for a dry field, as witnessed by Rich Keefe in the batting cage in the BC gym. Next week: some scholastic spring sports previews. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

Dance with YWCA

The Albany YWCA is offering a spring session of YWCAerobic dance. Classes for the 10-week session will be held daily, morning and evening, at information, call 438-6608. The Albany YWCA is at 28 Colvin Ave.

Surprised on return

An Elsmere woman returned home after a week away to find the sliding glass doors at her house open and the television set on, according to Bethlehem police reports. It was not clear how entry to the house was made.

Pucksters in Buffalo

Bethlehem's two representatives on the Troy Bantam "A" hockey team played key roles in a third-place finish in the New York State championship finals for their division. The Troy team defeated West Seneca, 7-6, lost to Oyster Bay, 5-4, took Massena by 4-2 and bowed to Wheatfield, 8-4.

Tim Cluett of Delmar, a defenseman on the Troy team, scored two goals and was credited with five assists in the tourney last weekend. Jamie Sullivan of Delmar was the goalie. The tournament was hosted by the West Seneca Youth Hockey Association.

The Bantams will wind up their season this weekend with a trip to Long Island and the Oyster Bay invitational tournament.

Swim program for tots

Tiny Tot Swim program, for children aged four through six, will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays in half-hour segments, from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School from April 3 through May 10.

Each tiny tot swimmer must be accompanied in the water by a responsible adult. There is a limit of 10 tots per session and pre-registration is required. This program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District and registration can be made by telephone (439-4131) or in person at the Park Office, Elm Avenue Park, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, March 15. The fee is \$16 per tiny tot.

Event for cyclists

A diabetes bike-a-thon is planned Sunday, May 6, by the Capital District American Diabetes Association. The second annual bike-a-thon will be from 1 to 5 p.m. The event is sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants.

Bike riders participate by signing up sponsors who pledge to pay a certain amount per mile ridden. Riders can win one of many prizes donated by area businesses, such as Colecovision, a home computer or a 10-speed bicycle.

Sponsor sheets may be obtained at schools or at McDonald's, or by calling the American Diabetes Association at 869-0157.

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Soccer club openings

The Bethlehem Soccer Club still has some openings for players in certain age groups. The first players to register in these age groups will be given team assignments.

There are still openings in these age groups. Under 10 (born between Jan. 1, 1974 and Dec. 31, 1975), Under 12 (born between Jan. 1, 1972 and Dec. 31, 1973), and Under 14 (born Jan. 1, 1970 and Dec. 31, 1970). The under 19 age group is comprised of players who are selected from among those who try out, so there is an unlimited number of openings in that age category.

Registration forms are available at the Bethlehem Town Hall, the Elm Ave. Park Office and the Paper Mill at Delaware Plaza.

Sneak up on fitness

The Albany YWCA is offering a program for people who want to approach physical fitness at a slower pace. The class is for people who have been inactive for years, are more than 30 pounds overweight, or have any limiting physical problem. Classes will meet two mornings and two evenings a week starting April 9. For information, call 438-6608.

Workout with more

An exercise program called "Jazzy Workout" for the person who wants body shaping and muscle toning beyond that offered in an aerobic dance class; is being offered by the Albany YWCA. Classes will be held morning, noon and evening for five-weeks beginning the week of April 9. For information, call 438-6608.

Down with dieting

"Stop dieting" is the theme of a six-week weight management program to be offered at the Fitness Studio, 307 Hamilton St., Albany. A free orientation session will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., April 4 at the studio. The program will focus on ending the diet-and-binge cycle by replacing regimented diets with eating patterns based on individual preference and by learning how to curb unplanned eating. Participants will also discuss how feelings about being "fat" or "thin" can interfere with weight control. To register for the free orientation, call 462-4206.

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'The most demanding'

By Nina Barringer

At the age of 28, Philip Jerry, a 1972 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is the senior male member of the Joffrey Ballet Company.

Last week he worked with and gave demonstrations to the students in Bethlehem schools, including BCHS where Philip's mother, Mrs. Lyn Jerry, is an English teacher.

Philip became interested in ballet at the young age of 8 by watching it and reading books on it. Both of his parents are avid followers of ballet, and have been very supportive of his career.

"I studied under Jacques D'Amboise when I was 9, and I went to New York City every Saturday for classes. I was very lucky," declared Philip.

Graduating from high school at age 16, Philip went straight to the Joffrey School. Shortly thereafter, he was asked to join the second, or training company, Joffrey II. By the time he was 19 he had made the first company.

According to Jerry, the average career of a ballet dancer ends at 35 or 40. It is also a very risky career because injury is common and one's career could be slowed down or ended without warning. He recently choreographed *One is Silver, the Other, Gold*, and is interested in later pursuing choreography.

The most famous role Philip has danced is Death and the Green Table, for which (among many others) he received positive reviews from the *New York Times*. Philip's career also boasts Broadway shows, including *The Most Happy Fella*.

"Ballet is the most demanding of all dance and most sports because it allows no room for mistakes," he says. "It is sharply defined and rigid. One must rise above the rigidity to make it fluid."

Philip continues: "It is the combination of artistry, athleticism and acting. It demands not only agility, skill and coordination, but emotional honesty and communication."

Philip keeps in shape by attending two-hour classes and four-hour rehearsals every day, and by working out at a gym. "Discipline is the most important thing for a dancer," he insists. "So many good dancers have been weeded out because they just don't have the perseverance. Perseverance is so important that it can make up for lack of talent — almost."

Philip's advice to those wishing to pursue a career in ballet professionally is to get exposure. Talent and exposure, coupled with drive, dedication, discipline and "being at the right place at the right time" are essential, according to Philip.

When he is not touring with the company, Philip is busy rehearsing and performing. For relaxation, he enjoys going to shows, and dancing.

On tour for 16 weeks out of the year, the Joffrey Ballet will tour the midwest starting in April.

Networking discussed

The Bethlehem Personal Computer Group will discuss a new consortium for resource sharing at its meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. For information, call Ross Gutman at 439-4758.

Post in security

Patty Corless, daughter of Dr. Inge Corless of Delmar, has been elected "sunshine" chairman for the Alpha Gamma Delta chapter at the University of Michigan. She joined the sorority in January.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 4, 1984 at 8:30 P.M. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Robert H. Finks and Sons, Inc., Route 9W, Selkirk, New York for a variance under Article V of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to permit a construction equipment business at premises, west side of Route 9W, Selkirk, Town of Bethlehem.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(March 28)

ORDER TO SET A HEARING FOR THE ORCHARD STREET EXTENSION

WHEREAS, several owners of taxable real property situated within the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Albany, have presented to the Town Board of said Town, at a meeting of said Town Board held on the 14th day of March, 1984 a petition requesting that the Water District No. 1 of said Town established by the order adopted by the Town Board on May 27, 1926, be extended so that it shall include the territory in said Town bounded and described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York; bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the centerline of Fisher Boulevard, said point being 200 feet northwesterly of the centerline of Orchard Street, and running thence southeasterly along the centerline of Fisher Boulevard and the centerline thereof projected southeasterly 400 feet to a point, said point being 200 feet southeasterly of the centerline of Orchard Street; thence southwesterly along a line parallel to and 200 feet distant from the centerline of Orchard Street, 750 feet, more or less, to a point in the northeasterly line of lands of Raymond C. Patterson, Jr., and Barbara A. Patterson, his wife, as conveyed by Deed, recorded in the office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 1907 of Deeds at page 311; thence southeasterly along said northeasterly line, 300 feet, more or less, to a point in the northerly boundary line of lands now or formerly of Frank C. Maxon, Jr., and Joan S. Maxon, being a portion of the premises conveyed by Henry T. Hotelling to Carl E. Touhey and Lila Touhey, his wife, by Warranty Deed dated November 15, 1946, and recorded in Albany County Clerk's Office in Book 1402 of Deeds at page 198; thence south 43 degrees 08 minutes - east, along the northerly boundary line of Maxon, 420 feet more or less, to the northeast corner of Maxon; thence south 19 degrees 56 minutes - west, along the easterly boundary line of Maxon, 1,025 feet, more or less, to the southeast corner of lands of Maxon; thence north 70

degrees - 44 minutes - west, along the southerly boundary line of Maxon, 1,975 feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of lands of Maxon; thence north 44 degrees - 41 minutes - east, along the westerly boundary line of Maxon, 978 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of lands of Maxon; thence south 42 degrees - 39 minutes - east, along the northerly boundary line of Maxon, 740 feet, more or less, to a point, said point being 200 feet northwest of the centerline of Orchard Street, as measured perpendicular thereto; thence northeasterly, along a line parallel to and 200 feet distant from the centerline of Orchard Street, 940 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning, containing

80.40+ acres. The above-described area being more fully shown on a map entitled "Water District No. 1, Proposed Orchard Street Extension," dated January, 1984 and made by J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C. WHEREAS, said petition also requests that there be constructed in said territory proposed to be added to said water district a water distribution system in accordance with a map and plan attached to such petition, wholly at the expense of said extension; and

WHEREAS, that no monies are proposed to be expended by the Town or Water District No. 1 in the construction of the water supply system in the proposed extension. That one of the petitioners (Dr. Frank C. Maxon, Jr., and Joan S. Maxon) agree to pay the cost of same, and in addition, to pay the cost of engineering and legal services and other disbursements connected with this application and the proceedings necessary for approval, and

WHEREAS, attached thereto is a map and plan entitled "Proposed Orchard Street Expansion" dated January, 1984, showing the boundaries of the proposed district extension and the general plan of the water system, including the point of connection to the existing distribution system and the proposed mains, and

WHEREAS, a detailed report prepared by J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., competent engineers licensed by the State of New York, has been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, and

WHEREAS, the petitioners who signed this petition are owners of taxable real property situated in the proposed extension, owning in the aggregate at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property of the proposed extension, as shown upon the latest completed assessment roll of said town, and in addition are resident

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owners owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property within the proposed extension owned by resident owners according to the latest completed assessment roll, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, that said Town Board shall meet at the Town Hall, Delaware Avenue in Delmar in said Town, on the 11th day of April, 1984, at 8:00 o'clock, p.m. (Standard Time) to consider said petition and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same.

FURTHER OFFERED that said Town Board shall at said time and place hear all evidence offered which will enable it to determine, pursuant to the provisions of Section 194 of the Town Law of New York, (a) whether the petition is signed and acknowledged or proved as required by law and is otherwise sufficient, (b) whether all the property and property owners within the proposed extension of said district are benefited thereby, (c) whether all the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed extension of said district, and (d) whether it is in the public interest to grant in whole or in part the relief sought, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to publish and post certified copies of this order, at the time and in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Mr. Geurtze, was seconded by Mr. Hendrick and was duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Noes: none.

Dated: March 14, 1984

I, MARION T. CAMP, Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem at a regular meeting of the said Board, held on the 14th day of March, 1984 and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof and said original resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Bethlehem this 14th day of March, 1984.

MARION T. CAMP
TOWN CLERK
(MARCH 28)

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owners owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property within the proposed extension owned by resident owners according to the latest completed assessment roll, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, that said Town Board shall meet at the Town Hall, Delaware Avenue in Delmar in said Town, on the 11th day of April, 1984, at 8:00 o'clock, p.m. (Standard Time) to consider said petition and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same.

FURTHER OFFERED that said Town Board shall at said time and place hear all evidence offered which will enable it to determine, pursuant to the provisions of Section 194 of the Town Law of New York, (a) whether the petition is signed and acknowledged or proved as required by law and is otherwise sufficient, (b) whether all the property and property owners within the proposed extension of said district are benefited thereby, (c) whether all the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed extension of said district, and (d) whether it is in the public interest to grant in whole or in part the relief sought, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to publish and post certified copies of this order, at the time and in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Mr. Geurtze, was seconded by Mr. Hendrick and was duly adopted by the following vote:

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

Noes: none.

Dated: March 14, 1984

I, MARION T. CAMP, Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem at a regular meeting of the said Board, held on the 14th day of March, 1984 and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof and said original resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Bethlehem this 14th day of March, 1984.

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On work to rule

Editor, The Spotlight:

We have been hearing of the "crisis" in American education but thanks to the outstanding faculty in Bethlehem, we have never thought of the crisis as being here...until last week.

The "work to rule" vote by the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association came as a shock to many who expected a contract settlement at that meeting. What was even more startling was that the teachers did not immediately communicate the reason for their latest rejection of the Board of Education's offer.

Our children now have a mandated course this spring term (required all students K-12) entitled "Unionism 101." Included in the course will be the introduction to basic picketing, walkout tactics and the legal limits of "work to rule."

It is ironic that, as we celebrate the 50th year of excellence in the high school, the teachers who have dedicated their lives to making that excellence a reality suddenly seem bent on destroying it by "unanimous" acceptance of union leadership tactics.

Dear Educators — Are the "issues" for which "work to rule" was voted really worth the damage being done, not only to the students' education but your own sense of professionalism? Please demonstrate moral courage and lead your association to a negotiated solution as soon as possible. When that's done, let's all work to find ways to make the next contract negotiation process one which enhances the educational excellence cherished in our community.

(Name Submitted)

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On collective bargaining

Editor, The Spotlight:

New York State United Teachers has proposed that the state legislature mandate a minimum salary for teachers. If enacted, this proposal would deal a

serious blow to the collective bargaining process in New York State. The union notes that a minimum teachers' salary has been adopted in California and New Jersey, but it fails to mention that neither of those states has a collective bargaining law to deal with this issue.

Teacher salaries are the fulcrum of the bargaining system in teacher contracts in New York State. When the Taylor Law was enacted 17 years ago, it recognized that the salary issue was appropriately a matter to be resolved at the bargaining table. If the legislature were to intervene by establishing any kind of a mandated salary schedule, it would upset the delicate balance in these contract negotiations which could lead to a multitude of teacher strikes.

The Taylor Law has effectively reduced the number of public employee strikes in New York State by focusing on the collective bargaining process. New York State has an enviably low record of strikes over the last 17 years.

Any statewide mandated minimum salary, including retirement contributions would cost New York's taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. The New York State School Boards Association opposes any proposal to establish a statewide salary base for teachers as counter-productive.

The existing collective bargaining laws allows locally elected officials to negotiate with local teacher groups to reach agreements that meet local needs.

James V. Vetro
Interim Executive Director
New York State School Boards Association

Family grateful

Editor, The Spotlight:

The family of Raymond G. Sheldrick wish to offer their heartfelt thanks to the paramedics who so ably and promptly responded to our call for help. Their rescue attempts were sincerely appreciated.

Also, a very special thanks to the police officer who returned later in the day showing genuine concern and offering support during this trying time.

The Sheldrick Family

Delmar

More information needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with interest the article in the March 21 *Spotlight* concerning the Delaware Avenue Task Force. Since no

official minutes are available from Task Force meetings or more importantly subcommittees thereof, it would further serve your readers, if possible, to more fully describe the proposals being considered at the Task Force meetings. I raise the issue since the members of this *ad hoc* committee represent a very limited spectrum of our community in spite of repeated attempts by certain groups to speak for the residents who will be affected by possible changes which have been proposed.

Of particular concern is recent proposals to rezone residential areas to commercial use. Thus, it would be of great value to the public if the zoning changes which are under possible consideration were thoroughly described, preferably on a map, in *The Spotlight* so that the public at large can voice their opinion in spite of the fact that the Town Board has overtly omitted broad based community representation on the Task Force.

F.H. Batzold

Delmar

Concern and patience

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this chance to thank the two women, Kirty Reynolds and the woman in the red pickup. I very much appreciated their concern for my welfare and safety after my fall on Elsmere Ave., Friday, March 23.

Being Crossing Guard has proven to be very rewarding for me. I thank all the people I have met for their concern and the patience they have shown.

Isabelle Glastetter

Glenmont

Storytellers invited

A storytelling institute is planned for Saturday, April 7, at the Albany Public Library. Topics will include poetry, puppetry, voice and music, and poet and anthologist Lillian Morrison will give the Keynote address. The fee for the institute is \$16, which includes a buffet lunch. Checks should be made payable to the Upper Hudson Library Federation and sent to Patricia Patrick, head of children's services at the library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany 12210.

Roast beef at the grange

The Bethlehem Grange will prepare and serve a roast beef dinner at its hall in Selkirk on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 4 p.m. The women's committee will simultaneously hold a "This and That" sale.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

March 26, 1959

Two longtime Delmar businesswomen have taken over the Delmar News and Card Shop, the latest in several recent changes at the Four Corners that include the new *Spotlight* office and Fred's Barber Shop.

At the card shop are Lucy Ardzone and Fran Serafino, waiting for you when you drop in for a newspaper, magazine, tobacco, greeting card, record, paperback or any of the many items they carry.

March 27, 1969

The members of the 1969-70 Oriole yearbook staff at BCHS have been announced by Hugh J. Brown, business teacher and adviser. The editorial board will be made up of Mary Austin, Susan St. Clair, Katie Kiley and Claudia Wight. Bonnie Kawczak has been named business manager and Margaret Preston will be secretary. The general staff will consist of Lydia Bumstead, Cherie Cammer, Robin Carlson, Barb Cline, Sue Haase, Christine Isaaks, Kathy Johnson, Druce Morgen, Kathy Silver, Linda Sowden, Syd Starkweather, Lisa Williams, Elizabeth Wilson and Yail Yokel. Photography staff will be Marty Dineen, Douglas Evans, Mark Klett and John Rogers.

March 28, 1974

The stage is set for Bethlehem Central High School for the senior play, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, a rollicking production coming up this weekend.

March 29, 1979

The halls and classrooms at Bethlehem Central High School were full of button-wearers proclaiming their support of a one-day effort to clear the air. "I Quit Smoking for the Health of It," said one button. Another: "Lungs at Work — No Smoking," and another, "Yes, I Mind if You Smoke." the no-smoking day was sponsored by the Student Senate. About 55 students signed a petition promising one day's abstention, and another 150 sprouted the "I.Q." buttons.

There will be at least two new names on the Bethlehem Republicans' ballot in November's elections. Councilman William Johnston Jr. has told the committee he will not seek reelection, and Earl Robinson said he will not seek another term in the Albany County Legislature.

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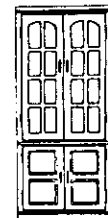
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Spotlight ON THE SERVICES



Airman Gregory R. Raynor

Airman Gregory R. Raynor has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., and is attending a technical training school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex. He is a 1983 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is the son of Sharon L. Raynor of Feura Bush and Robert J. Raynor of Ravena.

Pvt. Daniel W. Zielman, son of Donald A. and Patricia A. Zeilman of Glenmont, has completed a teletype-writer equipment repair course at the Army Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga. He is a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit Kevin K. Robbins, son of Carol I. Robbins of Delmar, has completed recruit training at the Naval training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Charles R. Schamplier, son of Shirley A. Steinhoff of Feura Bush and Charles J. Schamplier of Albany, has been promoted to the rank of airman first class in the air force. Schamplier is a radio communications specialist at Griffiss Air Force Base with the 485th Electronics Installations Group. He is a 1981 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Thieves target 'Vette

A 1982 Corvette parked at a Glenmont auto body shop was damaged last week, according to Bethlehem police reports. A window on the passenger's side was broken and the T-bar roof supports were removed.



Mrs. Max J. Schnurr of Slingerlands, second from right, was honored recently for 50 years of membership in Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Congratulating Mrs. Schnurr are, from left, Mrs. Robert L. French, district director; Mrs. Doris H. Diebold, state regent, and Mrs. Franklyn B. Amos, chapter regent. Among other posts she has held, Mrs. Schnurr has served as chapter regent and as district director.

DEAN'S LIST



Providence College — James P. Mylod, Delmar.

Coping with MS

A seven-week program to help people who have multiple sclerosis cope with the disease will begin April 10 at Child's Nursing Home, Hackett Blvd., Albany. The free evening program is being offered by the Capital District Multiple Sclerosis Society. At the same time and location, informal sessions are planned for families and friends of people with multiple sclerosis. Reservations should be made by April 6 by telephoning the chapter office, 459-5118.

Test training offered

High school students can improve their performance of College Board exams through a course offered by the Division of Continuing Studies at the State University at Albany. The course will meet on two weekends, May 5 and 6 and May 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. to noon. At the beginning of the course, participants will be tested to determine their skill levels. Class instruction focuses equally on mathematic and verbal skills. Stevan G. Abelson, principal of Vanderhyden Hall School, will instruct.

For information, call 455-6121.

Earns doctorate

Barry P. Katz, a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has received a doctoral degree in biostatistics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Katz, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Katz of Delmar, received a bachelor's degree from the State University at Binghamton. He will join the faculty of the University of Indiana School of Medicine in June.

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Good Parenting Celebration

It's not too early to obtain registration forms for the LaLeche League of New York State's 1984 Area Conference, which will be held in Delmar (BCHS) on — appropriately — Mother's Day weekend.

The conference on Saturday, May 12, will provide a forum for parents, professionals, students and others to share experiences and concerns about breastfeeding, parenting, nutrition and childbirth. There will be a good attendance, so the word is to act now rather than flirt with the April 25 registration deadline.

Get your form from Phoebe Kerness, 61 Fairway Ave., Delmar, who also has full information (439-3419).

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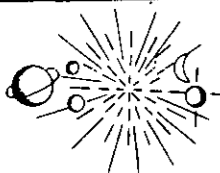


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