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The budget challenge

By Theresa Bobear

"Budgeting is really a 12-month process. You're either administering the budget or you're building the next year's budget," said Werner Berglas, Voorheesville superintendent of schools. There's also another challenge for administrators and school board members — to get the public to participate in the budget process before they see the tax rate, at which time it's too late to make significant changes.

The budgeting process is complicated and full of variables.

This year the RCS School District is facing a situation similar to that situation faced by Voorheesville in 1976. Even with only modest spending increases, RCS district officials may not be able to avert a significant increase in the Coeymans tax rate because of a reduced fund balance and local assessment and equalization rates.

The size of the tax increase, however, is not the only influence on the size of the voter turnout or the outcome of a budget vote. A decade ago a Bethlehem budget

defeats last year, the Bethlehem Central School District is bolstering its efforts to involve citizens in the budgeting process. Changes include adding time at the end of budget discussions by the board for questions from the public and efforts by the administrators to line up speaking dates with community groups. Bethlehem also has a new format for its budget, with columns showing expenditures in the two previous years alongside the current year's figures and those proposed. And, finally, departing from past prac-



Susan Yoon Me has found a home with her new parents, Mike and Betty Harrison of Delmar, and her older brother Ryan.
Tom Howes

Korean children welcomed home

By Ann Treadway

A little over two years ago, on a cold December night, the phone rang in Mike and Betty Harrison's house at 34 Darnley Greene in Delmar. It was the call they'd been waiting for.

Early the next morning they left for New York City to pick up their Korean-born daughter, Susan Yoon Me, at the airport.

"She was tiny, only three months old and a preemie," Betty recalls, "and she was carried off the plane screaming." But Betty and Mike didn't panic, probably because as parents of a 2-year-old son they could easily identify the baby's needs. Little Susan was changed and fed and contentedly fell asleep for the ride back to Delmar.

The Harrisons are among hundreds of area couples who have adopted Korean-born children since 1981 through the Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany. Suzanne D'Aversa, director of the center's International Adoption Program, said recently that she expects to place about 175 more in Albany County during 1985.

The program has been well publicized, but its success must be attributed to other factors: thorough and realistic counseling for couples who apply, an active support group called Korean American Families, and — probably most important — the positive feedback from those who have already adopted Korean infants and toddlers.

According to Mrs. D'Aversa, the babies are available for adoption in America because they have been born out-of-wedlock and have no opportunity for acceptance in their own male-oriented country where blood lines are very important. But the Korean government is concerned, she said, that these children know and appreciate their own heritage, so that they place them within close geographic range of each other.

The Korean government has also stipulated, in its contract with Parsons, that the adoptive parents must be between the ages of 25 and 45, have been married for at least three years, and have no more than four children already.

The Harrisons originally intended to adopt a toddler, because both have demanding jobs and they thought the adjustment would be easier. But when they saw Susan's picture, they decided on the spot that she was the child they wanted.

Now 2½, Susie attends the Bethlehem Pre-School with her 4-year-old brother, Ryan, and is called "very outgoing" and "a natural leader" by her teachers. Her mother describes her as

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While administrators and board members struggle to keep the numbers down, the public waits for the bottom line.

Assessment rates, equalization rates, state aid formulas and fund balances are all variables that can't always be controlled. Sometimes these variables react to produce an undesirable result — higher tax rates — in spite of conservative fiscal policy.

School boards also must work with another variable — public reaction. Even with a conservative spending plan, a large revenue decrease combined with a public that looks only at the tax rates results in disaster — the budget "goes down."

In 1976 a \$3.4 million budget, amounting to only a 2.7 percent — or \$77,000 — increase over the previous year, was defeated by voters in the Voorheesville School District. Surprising, unless it's known that an evaporated fund balance, state aid cutbacks and inflated operating expenses meant the tax rate was projected to increase from \$101.12 to \$145.50 per \$1,000 for New Scotland residents.

proposal that carried no tax rate increase at all was voted down, according to a Bethlehem district official.

Tax rates were not the only factor leading to Bethlehem's budget defeat last spring. The near-record voter turnout also was laid to protracted contract negotiations and work-to-rule action by the district's teachers, vocal opposition to the budget by one board member, some opposition to a specific program for the gifted and emotional reaction to a publicly funded get-out-the-yes-vote mailing to parents of school children.

Since residents have the last word (though, typically, fewer than half of those eligible to vote do so), a school district needs to encourage public participation throughout the entire process and foster understanding of all the factors affecting their tax payments. Budget-makers also need to be able to justify each item.

Following two resounding bud-

get defeats last year, the Bethlehem Central School District is bolstering its efforts to involve citizens in the budgeting process.

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When the Voorheesville Board of Education presented the first draft of the district's budget for 1985-86 recently, only nine residents came to learn now \$6.33.

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Stratton to fight Reagan cuts

By Lora E. Ide

Even in the face of huge deficits, some federal programs on President Reagan's hit list will survive, U.S. Rep. Sam Stratton told a Bethlehem audience Friday.

"The fact that the President has recommended this or that does not necessarily mean that this will be what comes out when all is said and done," the Schenectady Democrat said. "I think this has been overlooked."

"According to what the President has proposed, the Job Corps would be washed out. Now, this is something which I fought for here several years ago and while not welcome then, it has turned out to be an asset for the entire community," said Stratton.

Stratton said that it might be found that Reagan's proposed \$50 billion in spending cuts, which he proposed in order to reduce what might have been about a \$230 billion deficit to more like a \$175 billion figure in fiscal 1986, may



Sam Stratton

be too much, and that maybe they can do it a little more slowly.

"There are some programs it would be a mistake to wipe out, such as Amtrak, the Job Corps, and the Urban Development

Action Grants," said Stratton.

Speaking to about 150 people at the Bethlehem Public Library, Stratton said the deficit is a very severe problem and if not reduced will result in a slowing of the economy. But, he pointed out, the deficits are running about \$150 billion more a year now than they were during the Carter Administration, because of the 1981 enactment of the Kemp-Roth Bill that produced massive tax cuts.

"We're paying the piper for having enjoyed getting some of those taxes back," he said.

Now, Stratton said, there are two ways to get the deficit down — either raise taxes or cut programs.

"The President has made it clear he won't raise taxes and the voters apparently went along with him on that considering his election victory," said Stratton. And so the only thing left for legislators to do is to look at program cuts.

He said it was his guess, how-

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Sam Stratton

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ever, that in the end Congress will "try to moderate the pain or at least spread the grief and misery as thin as possible."

According to published budget figures, Reagan's budget for next year proposes to spend a total of \$973.7 billion. Of this, the President is requesting what has been called the smallest increase in defense spending since he took office, an increase of about 10 percent to \$277.5 billion.

Stratton, a ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, said that it is the historical habit of Congress to look to the defense budget when trying to cut back, but that since this year the President had asked for only 5.9 percent increase in defense spending after inflation as compared to a 13 percent request last year, to chop away too much more might imperil negotiations with the Soviet Union.

"I think that Mr. Weinburger is saying that if we are going to negotiate with the Soviet Union we have to negotiate from a position of strength. If \$20 or \$30 billion or so is cut from the defense budget, I think the Soviets will be saying, 'Why sit around the bargaining table when they are just going to give in anyway?'" said Stratton.

Stratton fielded questions ranging from military misconduct to aid for Ethiopia, with a particularly lively exchange with a group

that brought signs challenging his views on American aid to the Nicaraguan "contras."

In answer to questions about the fairness of the differences of the penalties received by military men who brought foreign-made weapons home from the 1983 Grenada encounter, Stratton said that the letter of reprimand given to Vice Adm. Joseph Metcalf III by the Secretary of the Navy was equivalent to punishments received by Navy men of lesser rank.

He pointed out that it was the Army which sent several men to jail for bringing home the weapons. The Marines allowed their men an amnesty period that several hundred men took advantage of to turn in weapons. The Marines who received court martials had tried to sell the weapons upon their return from Grenada. Metcalf had tried to bring 24 automatic rifles back to the United States and had said he didn't know of regulations prohibiting this.

In answer to a question about why \$1 billion was to be spent in constructing a military training camp in Watertown, the congressman said that not all wars can be fought in warm climates, so cold weather training is essential to the survival of soldiers.

Stratton fielded several questions on what sort of aid is being sent to starving Ethiopians, and on what sort of aid is being supplied to those opposing the



Stratton's talk was interrupted by a group protesting his stand on aid to Nicaraguan Contras.

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Nicaraguan government.

"We have done everything possible to get these people food, but Ethiopia is a Marxist state," said Stratton, "and refused to allow American trucks to deliver the food."

As far as the funding of Nicaraguan Contras goes, said Stratton, he said he felt that seven times more money was being sent by the American government to help with social programs than for military reasons.

"We have supplied them with the kind of economic aid that would improve the crop yields and supply power, and one of the problems has been that every time we gave economic aid to build something, guerrillas would come in and blow it up. So it is a little foolish to provide economic help and then not provide protection for it," said Stratton.

Children

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"beautiful and quick, with a great attention span for her age."

There have, of course, been some hurdles to overcome, of the same sort that all parents experience. When the new baby arrived, Ryan Harrison was as jealous as many 2-year-old incumbents and gave her a good scratch across the face to signal his displeasure.

"I was horrified," Betty admits today, but that problem phase passed quickly and now Ryan is a typically protective older brother.

John and Patricia Shaw of Wakefield Ct. in Delmar were in the first group of local families to sign up for the Korean adoption program in September of 1981. They already had an American bi-racial adopted child, Kristen, then almost 3. They also had an infertility problem and wanted a larger family.

But when they welcomed 6-month-old Matthew Sunte off the plane from Korea into their home the following April, Patricia was pregnant and under doctor's orders to get plenty of rest.

"That was kind of a tough time," she said recently, "but it's worked out fine." Kristen attends a parochial kindergarten, Matthew, now 3 and big for his age, goes to the Slingerlands Nursery School, and Daniel, 2, makes sure Mom still doesn't get much rest.

Patricia Shaw obviously enjoys mothering her own "melting pot." The Parsons pre-adoption education program, she said, prepares adoptive parents to recognize that they will become bi-racial families.

"We do get a lot of comments from strangers," she said, "but most people are just curious and friendly." The children themselves, black, Oriental and red-haired Irish, vie for their parents attention, but accept their differences as normal.

In July of 1983, Phil and Marty Teumin of River Rd. in Glenmont brought home a Korean-born sister for their daughter, Rachel, then 5. They had "held out" for an older child, rather than taking an infant, because they wanted the two to be close in age.

Sarah, nicknamed Sunny, came to this country at the age of 3 with an extensive Korean vocabulary and a well-established personality.

"I had plenty of fears about her ability to cope with the culture shock," Marty Teumin said. "I felt sure she would have trouble eating and sleeping and adapting to our routines."

But those fears proved groundless. Sunny made an easy adjustment," according to Marty. A former English teacher, she was especially impressed at how well Sunny and Rachel communicated, with a bare minimum of shared language, right from the start.

The girls, according to their mother, "get along just fine." Rachel, 8, is a third-grader at the Glenmont Elementary School, and Sunny attends the Bethlehem Pre-School. "At the beginning, they were both overly polite," Marty said, "and I remember when they had their first fight I said good — they're relaxing."

The waiting period for adoption of a Korean child ranges from six to nine months, according to Mrs. D'Aversa, and the cost is usually between \$4,000 and \$5,000. There are also programs available for the adoption of children from India and South America, she said, but they typically take a little longer. And finding an American-born baby to adopt in our society today can take years, she said.

Perhaps there will be some problems relating to their nationality for the Korean-born youngsters as they get older and experience teenage and adult social relationships, their adoptive parents agree.

One gets the impression, though, from hearing their adoption stories that these parents are well-equipped — with common sense, good humor and lots of love — to overcome any obstacles that may stand in the way of their children's happiness.

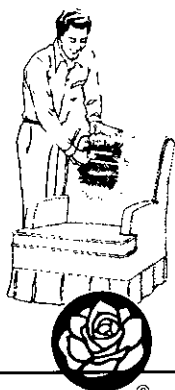
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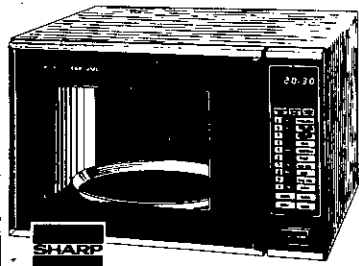


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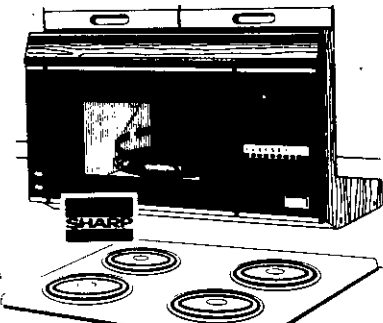
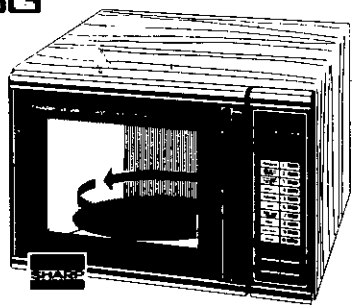


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Equipment taken

Bethlehem police are investigating a report that a \$1,700 pump and a \$350 chainsaw fell off a truck on Speider Rd. in Selkirk and were picked up by someone else, who drove off. The equipment is owned by an Albany company, police said.

Locked out

A Fernbank Ave. woman told Bethlehem police Sunday that she had come home to find her front door locked after she had left it unlocked, according to police reports. She also said clothes in a closet had been disturbed, but nothing was reported missing, the report said.

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Developer eyes 80 acres

A proposal to build on one of the few remaining pieces of open land in the Tri-Village area — the old Piazza farm — will apparently be the next major development issue to be handled by Bethlehem officials.

The 80-plus acre farm straddles the Delmar Bypass at Brender Lane, but the largest portion is south of the bypass. That land was rezoned — AB-Residential several years ago, meaning that three and four-unit apartment buildings are permitted. The land north of the bypass is in an AA-Residential zone, limited to single-family homes.

Last week the Bethlehem Town Board was presented with a letter from developer Jerome Rosen stating that he and his brother Joseph intend to purchase the land from the Piazza estate and inquiring about town water for the land south of the bypass.

On Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor's recommendation, the board agreed to hire J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates to prepare a plan for extending the town's water district to the land. Secor said Rosen had agreed to pick up the \$5,000 cost of the study.

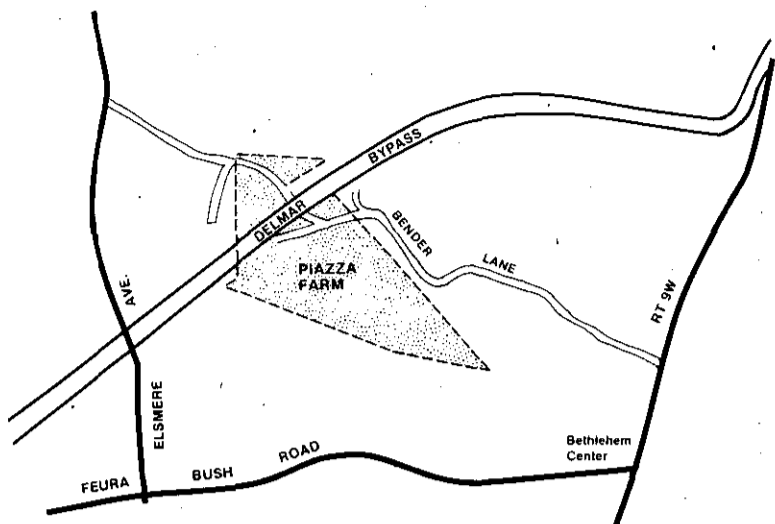
The developers are proposing "multi-family housing," Secor said. Jerome said through a spokesman that he did not want to be interviewed in regards to plans for the Piazza land.

Even without the need for a zone change, development of such a large parcel of land will take at least several years. In addition to the need to study the water supply, site plan review by the Planning Board is required and an environmental impact statement may be ordered.

At its meeting last week, the town board heard from the owners of a piece of land that has been in development for considerably longer than that — the proposed Delwood Acres subdivision on Rockefeller Rd. Dime Savings Bank first got involved in the property in 1979, and after several developers failed to make a go of the project is now trying to build 31 duplexes there. For that, it needs a zoning change because the front third of the land is zoned A-Residential, which since last fall prohibits duplexes.

"The bank felt it was within a whisker of getting preliminary plot plan approval," attorney James Potter told the town board. With that approval, the duplexes would have been allowed even without the zone change under a "grandfather" provision.

"We want to get going this building season," said Potter. He



The Piazza farm property straddles the Delmar Bypass and the larger section is in a relatively undeveloped area. *Spotlight map*

asked, "in the interest of speed," that the town board not refer the zone change to the planning board, as it usually does with zoning changes, but handle the matter itself. To prod the board along, Potter noted that he had recently filed legal papers challenging the constitutionality of the town's zoning code as it related to the bank's property.

"Without the zoning change, we go into the red on this property," he said.

The board took no action pending further study, but Supervisor Robert Hendrick said later it is unlikely the planning board step would be skipped.

The board also approved a proposal by Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz to tighten the town's control over new developments after land has been rezoned to permit them. Most major developments are zoned as Planned Resident Developments, and as it stands now that designation does not limit the owner to specifics, such as density, building size or location.

Kaplowitz's resolution permits the town to make those stipulations a part of the record at the time the land is rezoned, so that subsequent owners cannot do something other than the original agreement.

"I only recommend it thinking ahead," he said. "We may perhaps in some day."

In other business, the board:

- Adopted two local laws, the first establishing a retirement incentive program for town employees and the second setting a new deadline for filing a renewal of senior citizens property tax exemptions on Grievance Day in June. The retirement program

follows state guidelines, allowing three years credit for employees who wish to retire early. Bethlehem employees will have 90 days from July 1 to take advantage of the incentives. Hendrick said five or six employees have indicated they will opt for early retirement, and calculations show that each early retiree will save the town about \$2,000.

- Accepted "with regret" the resignations of George H. Ten Eyck as a police radio dispatcher, to take another job, and of Myron F. (Red) Ray, dog control officer, who is retiring.

• Learned that Adams Russell Cable Services paid the town \$30,713 in franchise fees last year, an increase of about \$3,000 over 1983.

- Received annual treasurer's reports from the Delmar and Selkirk fire districts, which are on file in the town clerk's office.

Burglary probed

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary that occurred Thursday evening on Longmeadow Dr. in Delmar. Two rings valued at a total of \$250 were taken after the burglar forced open a garage door and then entered the house through an unlocked door, according to the police report.

County ups the ante on civic center site

By Lora E. Ide

Authorization to increase the amount the county is willing to pay for five properties on the site of the 8.1 acre \$39.2 million proposed downtown civic center was approved at the Feb. 11 meeting of the Albany County Legislature.

Two Republican legislators later said that the inflated prices of these properties could be a precedent-setting example of what is to come when the county attempts to purchase the other 27 properties from 21 owners. Republicans Peter D. Ryan of Colonie and Kenneth S. MacAffer of Menands said they thought what is being estimated to be a \$39.2 million center will eventually cost more than \$50 million, and that property taxes for county residents will be on the rise to pay for the project.

The legislature last month authorized \$170,000 to be paid to Margaret Contompasis for her William and Grand street properties. Contompasis last year filed for bankruptcy, and the county had already foreclosed on two of the properties for failure to pay back taxes, but the legislature had passed a resolution to allow her to buy them back.

But after the legislature authorized the purchase of the five properties for \$170,000, two other potential buyers stepped forward with a higher bid. So last week the legislature passed a new resolution, 26-12, authorizing County Attorney William Conboy to "take any and all steps which he deems necessary to implement" purchase of the properties. The resolution followed a closed-door executive session of the legislature's finance committee.

MacAffer objected that this was a say-nothing resolution which would leave Albany County Comptroller Edward T. Stack open to a lawsuit when he tried to justify the use of these funds.

"There will be another resolution," commented another legislator.

MacAffer later said that he felt the sale of the Howard Street

garage last month on a site near that of the proposed civic center and the attempts to purchase the Grand and William street properties are an indication that no planning has gone into the logistics of building the center.

Ryan said he had a letter from Bankruptcy Court Judge Justin Mahoney which said that the bidding for the Grand and William street properties would be open to as many participants as wished to bid on it. Conboy said he understood this was not the case, and that only the county and one other bidder would be trying to purchase the properties.

On Friday, the county was outbid at the auction by Richard Gross and David Ehmann, who had earlier attempted to purchase the properties from Mrs. Contompasis. Both parties bid \$170,000, but Gross and Ehmann agreed to forgive a \$9,500 claim against Mrs. Contompasis while the county had continued to press for back taxes, interest and penalties.

According to several legislators, the county's plan now is to offer \$185,000 to Gross and Ehmann, which will give them a \$15,000 profit on the deal — a return on the preliminary work they did on rehabilitating the building. One legislator objected to doing this "when they haven't justified a claim."

"I sound like I'm against the Civic Center and I'm not, but we are already giving away \$15,000 and we don't even have to buy part of this property at all because we own it," commented one legislator. He was referring to the two properties the county now holds for failure to pay back taxes.

In other business, it was announced that Stack will do an audit of the parking lot receipts at the Albany County Airport, apparently in response to news reports questioning whether the county was getting its fair share of the receipts.

Democrat L. Haines of Guiderland was appointed to finish the unexpired term of Republican Anne T. Rose who resigned to take a seat on the Guiderland Town Board.

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Town yields to city growth

Sections of the original Town of Bethlehem extended into the area around Whitehall Rd. The earliest settlement along Whitehall Rd. was in the vicinity of its junction with Delaware Ave. Here stood the mansion known as Whitehall, which was used by the British army as their Albany headquarters during the French and Indian Wars. Gen. Bradstreet, Amherst's supply officer, purchased the house, the lands of which extended eastward toward the home of his good friend, Philip Schuyler.

After the Revolution, when the house had been confiscated as Tory property, it was sold to John Schuyler, son of Gen. Philip Schuyler. It was again sold in 1789 to Leonard Gansevoort, who left it, at his death in 1810, to his daughter Magdalena, who had married Jacob Ten Eyck in 1795. The house descended through the Ten Eyck family until it burned in 1883.

Whitehall Rd. takes its name from this old mansion property. All of the Whitehall Rd. section was farmland until the 20th century. Farmers who lived along the dirt road at the turn of the century, some of them with names that are familiar to us today, were John Etling, Jacob Koehler, Anthony Fite, John Matthew and Nicholas Klapp, Oscar Freibel, Peter Kolber and Fred Dolch.

This area was largely settled by Germans, as the names above imply. In fact, John Etling immigrated to America in 1855 to escape Army service for the duke to whom he owed allegiance in the German principality in which he resided. The Etling property on

TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



Whitehall Rd. was known as Pine Ridge Farm. It consisted of 40 acres with boundaries that are now S. Main to Cardinal Ave. and Whitehall Rd. to Hackett Blvd. The entire farm is now comprised of residential development within the city of Albany.

The Etling family sold the property about 1928 for \$40,000 for real estate development. The Besch family was one of the primary developers in the Whitehall Rd. area with several streets named for family members. The children who lived in this section attended the Hurstville school,

There is one bill for masonry work in 1900, a total of 30 hours of labor for which the mason was paid \$13.50, with the sum of \$6.60 for 30 hours for his labor.

At 246 Whitehall Rd. stands a lovely Greek Revival house of white painted brick with black shutters that dates from the second quarter of the 19th century. The lunette in the gable and the dentil molding mark it as a farmhouse of distinction even though it is now encircled with city dwellings. This was the home of the Swarts family, who later built a new bungalow on Swartson Court, a part of their original farm.

Just beyond the Jewish Community Center is a pile of rubble that marks the site of the once lovely home known as "Heathcote," a farm of the family named Langenbach that was purchased by George H. Gill in 1915. Gill



Whitehall Rd. in the early 1900s was a narrow country road. The Etling farmhouse stands in the distance.

wheat and corn, cabbages, potatoes and other vegetables for the markets in Albany. George H. Gill III of Delmar has a fine collection of Indian arrowheads and spear points that were turned up by the plow when these acres were under cultivation. The property was cut off from the Normanskill when the state Thruway was constructed in 1956. Gill then sold his land to the Jewish Community Center with the option to live on in the house until he passed away, or was no longer able to live alone.

The farm adjoining the Gill property was owned by Peter O'Neil and is now the Albany Municipal Golf Course. This land also runs to the Normanskill

Creek. Sewers were put into parts of this Whitehall area as early as 1911 in prospect of the residential development.

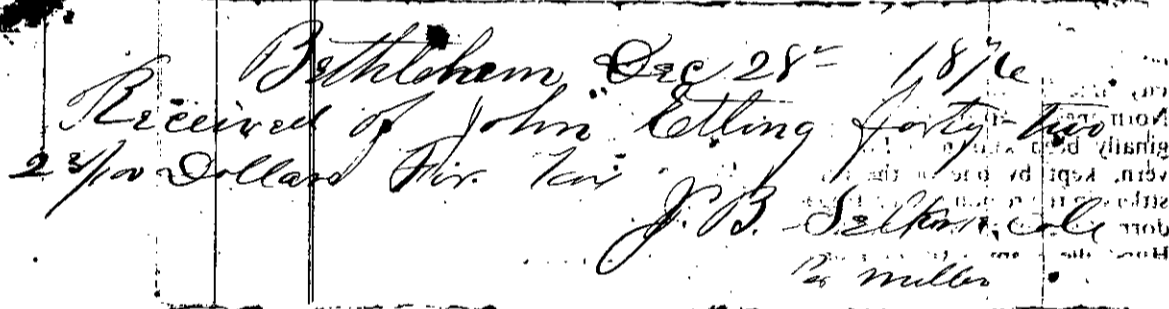
In 1926 plans were afoot to build a deep-water port on the Hudson River at Albany and again the city gobbled up a portion of the Town of Bethlehem when it purchased land south of the city to build the Port of Albany, for the sum of \$63,000. Today grain elevators, oil refineries and other heavy industry are located on this territory that was once a part of our town.

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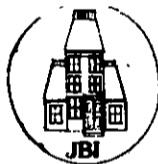
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formerly located along New Scotland Rd. where the New York State Thruway now runs. Mrs. Ruth Brusco of Slingerlands, granddaughter of John Etling, has an old school tax receipt from 1880 for District No. 3, Hurstville. The tax for the year was \$3 and Abram Fitch was the collector. She also has a stack of interesting old bills and receipts that belonged to her grandfather.

worked the farm for truck gardening until 1962 and his 110 acres stretched from Whitehall Rd. to the Normanskill Creek. He raised



Tax receipt dated 1876 shows that John Etling paid \$42.23 in property tax to the Town of Bethlehem.



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The Etling house, called Pine Ridge Farm, is still standing, surrounded by huge old spruce trees. It is at the intersection of Cardinal Ave. and Whitehall Rd., with its driveway leading from Cardinal Ave.

Ave. in Albany, northwest to Hurstville, thence southwest to Slingerlands and on across the town and into New Scotland. Parts of our present-day New Scotland Rd. are built on the old road bed. The city decided in 1967 that it needed to add the territory around the Hurstville-Klarsfeld section of New Scotland Rd. and accordingly added 82 acres in that section of our town to its own boundaries, again extending the city line to the banks of the Normanskill. Hurstville had originally been known as Log Tavern, kept by one of the early settlers in the region named Hagadorn. Later it took the name of Hurstville from William Hurst, who settled there in 1861, keeping a hotel.

In 1977 the city of Albany annexed the Graceland Cemetery, and some surrounding land around Delaware Ave., with the center of the Normanskill Creek as the boundary. This amounted to 240.3 acres.

When one looks at a present-day map of the Town of Bethlehem, we see that only the little appendage of North Bethlehem still is a part of our original town along its northern boundary. Rumors have ebbed and flowed that this area, too, may some day be gobbled up by the city. We certainly hope that this will not happen, but who knows where the future path of progress will lead?

Allison Bennett's book *Times Remembered* now available at *The Spotlight*

BIRTHS

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Christopher Morgan, to Robyn and Thomas Brown, Delmar, Dec. 28.

Girl, Lisa Ann, to Maggie and John Morrissey, Delmar, Dec. 28.

Boy, Leonard Charles, to Christine M. Doran and Paul R. White, Delmar, Dec. 30.

Girl, Katherine Alexandra, to Martha and Joel Whitehead, Delmar, Jan. 11.

Boy, Michael Joseph, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gudz, Selkirk, Jan. 18.

Boy, Daniel Joseph, to Catherine and Daniel Napoli, Selkirk, Jan. 18.

Girl, Katherine Elizabeth, to Mary Jane and Walter Nowak, Glenmont, Jan. 4.

Girl, Elyse Dorrie, to Fran and Michael Krane, Delmar, Jan. 5.

Girl, Emily Caitlin, to Ellen and Joseph Bernier, Delmar, Jan. 8.

Boy, Scott Arne, to Nancy and John Braaten, Delmar, Jan. 9.

Boy, Thomas Evan, to Susan and Ted Lackner, Glenmont, Jan. 9.

Boy, Mark Joseph, Jr., to Wendy and Mark Reamer, Slingerlands, Jan. 21.

Girl, Rhiannon Dee, to Annette and Robert Darrone, Delmar, Jan. 22.

Twin girls, Julie Marie and Jessica Anne, to Anne and Thomas Coyle, Voorheesville, Jan. 27.

Boy, Matthew, to Pamela and Gregory Burgoon, Voorheesville, Jan. 29.

Off to Montreal

A weekend trip to Montreal is being sponsored by the Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series on March 22-24. The trip will feature a "homestay," a visit to a maple sugar bush, an evening of French drama, sightseeing, dining and shopping. For more information call 457-8584.

Planners continue under new leader

Through the changing of the guard, a variety of matters have been considered during recent meetings of the Bethlehem Planning Board.

With Neal Moylan as acting chairman, the board heard a proposal for a 17-lot subdivision to be located off Beacon Rd. The board has not yet scheduled a public hearing for the proposed extension of Voyage Dr. Lindsay Boutelle, engineer representing Alfred Alvaro of Algray Construction Corp., said 17 single-family houses are planned for Beacon Woods.

The board also approved an amendment to the building project approval for Chadwick Square Section II, located south of Feura Bush Rd. and east of Wemple Rd. The amended building project approval allows for the construction of 43 dwelling units at the site. Previously, 45 were allowed.

At a later meeting with John Williamson presiding, the board:

- Held a public hearing to consider Gerald and Judith Dievendorf's request to divide a lot on Hudson Ave. to allow construction of a single-family house in the A-Residential zone.

Two residents of the area expressed concern about whether or not the building would be a rental unit and whether or not adjacent lands owned by the Dievendorfs would be developed. Lindsay Boutelle, representing the owners, asked the board to consider the project for conditional final approval.

- Informally considered combining lots 68 and 69 on Evelyn Dr., owned by Mrs. Milham LeBeau, to allow construction of a single-family house.

- Informally considered dividing a 3.78-acre lot on Van Wies Pt. Rd., owned by Mrs. Richard Schwartz. With a low water supply in the area, town building inspector John Flanagan said dividing lots of the subdivision would only aggravate an existing water problem for residents who are dependent on wells for their water.

Irish women topic


A course entitled, "The Irish Women in Mythology, Politics, and Literature" will begin March 6, sponsored by the Capital District Humanities Program. Mary Anne Devane, lecturer in the State University at Albany's English Department, will lead the series, which focuses on the female literary tradition in Ireland. The course is scheduled for six Wednesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Colonie Town Library. For information, call the humanities program at 457-3907.

Musical at Feura Bush

"Dreamer," a musical, will be presented by Christian Music ministries at 8 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 24 at the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Rt. 32, Feura Bush. The production will feature music by members and alumni of The Joyful Noise, a Christian youth musical group. For information call 439-4986.

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□ The budgets

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million would be spent in the upcoming year. District officials had approximately 200 copies of the draft budget ready for distribution to an absent audience. The draft budget outlined the current year's spending and the proposed 1985-86 expenditures. It did not include a projected tax increase. After Berglas gave an explanation of the budget, board members participated in a question-and-answer session that lasted only 15 minutes.

Board members Peter Ten Eyck and Joseph Fernandez asked how the district might increase public interest in the process. One resident suggested going door-to-door asking people to attend the meetings. Another observer said district residents had faith in the board and administration, and that there was no need to become involved unless a large tax increase was projected. Ten Eyck said residents would be more likely to understand a tax increase if they had been watching district affairs over the years.

During the past few months Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District administrators and board members have been working on a draft budget in open meetings, with only one spectator — a reporter. The atmosphere in the meeting room has been tense as board members have been looking for substantial cuts to reduce the projected tax increase.

At a recent question-and-answer session at the A.W. Becker Elementary School, the RCS board heard resident Charles Spears voice the concerns of a segment of the district population

living on fixed incomes. Spears, who has only Social Security and pension income, asked the board to remember that "the people footing the bill are making a whole lot less" than district employees.

Unfortunately, by the time any school district budget gets to the point where people like Spears get involved, a large part of the work has already been done.

Throughout the year members of the Voorheesville Board of Education and superintendent Berglas discuss district needs with an eye on the next year's budget. Using input from building principals, the transportation supervisor, the district business administrator, the buildings and grounds supervisor, contract negotiators and board members, Berglas formulates a draft budget. The superintendent said the budget starts to take form in November.

In January each member of the board was presented with a "yellow budget," also known as a "memorandum budget." The seven-member board, described by Berglas as a policy-making body, reviewed the budget and asked questions. At a recent board meeting the board made a relatively minor cut and decided to remove several items from the budget and present them to voters in separate propositions.

The RCS Board of Education takes a more active role in the budget-making process. That district is unusual in that its teachers' contract requires that all spending proposals from teachers be forwarded to the board. The building budgets drafted by the principals and presented to the

Area school budget dates

Area school districts have announced dates for their budget proceedings.

Bethlehem is scheduled to adopt a budget April 2 and hold public voting on May 8.

A public hearing to consider the Voorheesville budget and a special proposition for transportation will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 25 in the Voorheesville High School auditorium. The district's annual meeting will be held in the high school auditorium on May 14 at 7:30 p.m. Then district residents will vote at the high school from 2 to 9:30 p.m. the next day.

A public hearing to consider the referendum for a \$393,500 capital project, including a track, will be held in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27. District residents will vote on the track proposal between 2 and 9 p.m. on March 6 at the high school.

The RCS district has scheduled the annual meeting for 7:30 p.m. on May 7 and the district vote for May 8 from 1 to 9 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the RCS Senior High School auditorium.

superintendent and the board contain all items requested — whether or not the building administrators endorse the requests.

This year after carefully reviewing the "wish list," the board members tentatively accepted more conservative spending plans for the building. The board also reviewed the budgets presented by the buildings and grounds and transportation committees as well as the administrative and personnel budgets presented by Milton Chodack, superintendent of schools. After combining all the budgets into a single draft budget for the district, and reviewing estimated tax rates, the board is now looking for cuts.

Bethlehem's budget-making follows the same general approach, with requests from teachers and department heads being given to district principals, who in turn transmit budget requests to the central administrators. The transportation supervisor and the buildings and grounds supervisor also present requests to the administration. In compiling a draft budget, the three top admin-

istrators make some judgments about what to include, but also make a list for the board of what was left out, according to a description of the process by Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn. The board, as a policy-making body, then attempts to determine the district's overall needs and to fund them.

Each year board of education members face the difficult task of drafting a budget that is delicately balanced to the satisfaction of all; but, district officials say they would like to see more residents involved in the budget-making process because public participation generally enhances public support for a budget and means fewer surprises on voting day.

Student listed

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Tamara S. Lynk, daughter of Nancy and Robert Lynk of Delmar, will be listed in the 1985 edition of *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*. She is vice president of the senior class at Springfield College.

RCS board cuts more

By Theresa Bobear

Facing a projected tax rate increase of \$40 for the Town of Coeymans because of a \$500,000 revenue decrease, members of the RCS Board of Education Monday eliminated a number of items from their draft budget.

The board agreed to meet again next Monday to continue work on the budget.

The board eliminated an additional guidance person and an additional Equinox counselor proposed for the new year. The board decided to leave funds for an additional clerk-typist and an additional librarian in the budget.

The board also accepted building budgets for the elementary schools that are more conservative than the budgets originally proposed.

Representatives of the RCS Teachers' Association were present to object to immediate adoption of a retirement incentive program so that a savings of about \$226,927 would be reflected in the 1985-86 budget.

The teachers asked the board to adopt the program next year. "I just psychologically and emotionally could not prepare myself (to retire this year)," said one teacher.

Don Prockup, president of the RCS Teachers' Association, asserted that the board would save more money by adopting the program next year because next year more teachers would be eligible for the program and more teachers would actually retire. Considering the board's current budget problems, board member Susan Gottesman said, "We need all the help we can get. This is going to be a bad year."

As directed by officials from the state Department of Education, the RCS school district eliminated most of a \$500,000 fund balance. The balance would have been considered a revenue for the 1985-86 school year.

Once again, the board considered listing the \$222,000 proposed for the purchase of buses on a special proposition. The board decided to leave the buses in the budget.

"Leaving them in the budget highlights the dire need," said board member Wayne Fuhrman.

While no final figures are available yet, the board learned that the computer proposition will total approximately \$115,000, including \$52,000 for elementary level hardware and software, \$48,000 for elementary level computer aides, and \$15,000 for an aide and 10 computers for the junior high school.



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Voorheesville sets 8 percent tax hike

By Charles Casey

The Voorheesville School Board trimmed its draft budget by \$165,000 last week, but most of the cuts will show up in two separate propositions to be submitted to the voters.

The proposed 1985-86 budget now stands at \$6.17 million, a 5.1 percent increase over last year's \$5.87 million figure. When the board met in January for the first budget session, the draft showed an increase of \$465,551, or 7.9 percent.

Superintendent Werner Berglas said he anticipated the 5.1-percent boost to translate to a tax rate increase of approximately 8 percent over the current year. In 1984 New Scotland residents were taxed \$249.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A 8-percent hike

would move that figure almost \$20 higher.

Berglas noted that the tax rate increase was steeper than the budget increase because state aid does not always parallel district expenditures. "If state aid kept up with our budget increase, the tax rate would stay the same," he said.

Berglas added that the 8 percent tax rate increase was not final. "That is definitely an estimate," he said. According to Berglas, the final tax rate would not be known until the town releases its figures on the assessment and equalization rates, expected late in summer.

The budget was cut in four places. More than half of the reduction can be attributed to elimination of \$84,000 for new buses. The board decided to put a

separate proposition for \$108,000 to purchase two new buses on the May ballot. The district would borrow to pay for the equipment, but most of the cost would be reimbursed by the state the following year.

The 1985 capital project — improvements to the high school's boiler room and cafeteria was also removed from the draft budget to be coupled with the track project. Another \$10,000 was cut from the transportation section of the budget; the board expects state aid for the installation of an underground fuel tank at the bus garage. The BOCES budget was reduced by \$5,000.

The board announced that it has sent informational brochures on the \$393,500 track and capital construction proposal to district

taxpayers. The board expects half of the project's cost to be covered by state aid. The brochure outlines the track and capital improvement projects and shows tables of current debt service and future tax rates. The board will hold a public informational meeting on Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium and a referendum on March 6 from 2 to 9 p.m. in the high school lobby.

Berglas presented a study of the school district's public library to the board. Andrew Geddes, former director of the Nassau County Library Services and author of the study, finds the present library building to be inadequate and recommends the building once occupied by the Grand Union as the site which "seems to have the most to recommend it for serious

consideration." Berglas said the library review board is still meeting to consider Gedde's recommendations.

The board approved two curriculum changes. An advanced-placement English course will be added. In the past, said Berglas, students have taken the AP English examination, but this is the first time the course has been offered. The business department will discontinue Gregg Shorthand in favor of Stenoscrypt, also known as speed writing. According to Berglas, Stenoscrypt is now taught more widely than Gregg in other schools and colleges.

The board accepted resignations from Elaine Suss, teaching assistant; Pauline Porter, elementary school teacher; Robert Goewey, bus driver, and Ruth Davis, elementary school secretary.

BC board debates merits of bus purchase

By Caroline Terenzini

The Bethlehem Central school board discussed buses and transportation costs for two hours last Wednesday without reaching a decision on whether to buy buses this year, how many to buy, what size they should be or how to pay for them.

Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business, brought the board a proposal for the purchase of three 59-passenger buses and two 81-passenger vehicles. He said the 81-passenger buses would save money by enabling the district to eliminate one driver's position.

However, Charles Preska, Delmarva bus driver and president of the non-instructional employees' union in the district, gave board members figures that he said showed 65-passenger buses would be less expensive.

The 81-passenger buses stirred some doubts. Board member Velma Cousins questioned whether a driver could maintain disci-

pline on such a vehicle and other board members had questions about the safety, mileage and handling of the larger buses. Mrs. Cousins also asked whether it wouldn't be possible to defer bus purchases by adding more to the repair budget.

Agreeing more information was needed, the board put off any decision. It did, however, authorize Zwicklbauer to get the district in on a state bus purchase contract after Zwicklbauer said the number ordered could be changed after the March 15 deadline.

The question of how to pay for any buses it might purchase also gave the board trouble. While the draft budget contains \$240,000 for new buses, Zwicklbauer recommended financing the purchase with statutory installment bonds over a five-year period. A financing arrangement, however, requires voter approval, and board members foresaw a number of complications.

For example, if bonding for a bus purchase is voted on at the

same time the budget is (May 8), what if the budget were approved, but the bonding rejected — when it would be too late to put the bus purchase into the budget? Would a bonding proposition affect the budget vote? Should such a proposition be voted on before the budget vote? After it?

A further complication is the fact that parents of some Elsmere pupils plan a petition drive to get a proposition in the ballot that would authorize busing of all elementary pupils. Currently, elementary pupils who live a half mile or more from their school are bused. The Elsmere parents, citing traffic hazards along Delaware Ave., want all elementary children bused.

Board members expressed little confidence that voters would be able to keep the bus purchase and the "zero walking" propositions separate. "We can do a bang-up job of presenting information," said board member Barbara Coon, "but it's so easily confusing to people."

About 40 members of the Bethlehem Central United Employees Association marched in front of Hamagrael Elementary School, the meeting site, before the board convened, shouting, "We want a contract!" The pickets, many with signs, were protesting a break in contract negotiations that now have gone on nearly a year. The 90-member group represents the

approximately 190 non-instructional employees of the district, including bus drivers and cafeteria, custodial, maintenance and clerical workers. Issues on which the talks have stalled include the union's proposal for an agency fee (assessed on nonmembers included in the bargaining group) and overtime for some bus drivers.

BC board approves Lion settlement

The Bethlehem Central school board took less than 15 minutes to agree to a settlement in the Lion Capital Group bankruptcy that will mean recovery of about 43 percent of the district's \$394,000 that was invested with the firm — with the possibility of more later. That means \$169,000 should be coming to the district over the next several months, if other creditors and the bankruptcy judge also okay the agreement.

Bethlehem Central had \$394,800 in repurchase agreements with Lion when it went bankrupt last May.

The settlement was reached with the Bradford Trust Co. in New York City, which had laid claim to \$44 million of the \$46 million of Lion's liquidated assets. Under the accord, \$17 million is being divided proportionately among 37 creditors.

The school district's attorney, Roger Fritts, advised acceptance of the settlement, saying the cost of further litigation would be prohibitive. To date, court appearances in the case have yielded more than 100,000 pages of documents, Fritts said. Among 80 persons called to testify was Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business, who said he had testified for eight hours in the case. Fritts said discussion of a settlement began when it became clear resolution of the bankruptcy

would be a protracted matter, including lengthy appeals.

Providing background, Fritts said Lion Capital Group was basically a tax shelter whose "limited partners" were investors who obtained large amounts of tax writeoffs by issuing notes that gave them a larger stake in Lion's debt arrangements than their actual investment. If these investors disclaim their notes, Fritts

said, their tax writeoffs will be imperilled. On the other hand, if they assert the validity of the notes, the bankruptcy trustee will attempt to force them to ante up, he said.

"Some years down the road, after litigation, it is possible additional funds will be available," Fritts said. Board members held out hope that the state would step in to make up any losses.

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Town honors a kitchen star

By Lynn Stapf

Few were surprised and many were delighted this week when it was announced that the New Scotland Citizen of the Year award for 1985 would go to Voorheesville resident Agnes Ricci Tucker.

Selected by a committee of representatives from the various area community service organizations such as the Elks, Kiwanis, Voorheesville Ambulance and Fire Departments, the award is given as a tribute to an area resident who has given of their time and talents to community service yet has shied away from the spotlight.

Such a person is Mrs. Tucker, known to her friends as Aggie, who was born and raised in Voorheesville and has left her mark on many things. As past president and now treasurer of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Tucker has participated and helped organize many events. She has also been active at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church where she has served on the parish council and is now a lay minister.

Always eager to lend a hand, Aggie Tucker has assisted in numerous ways, but like the Cool Whip-touting Mrs. Tucker of television's Tucker Inn, Voorheesville's Mrs. Tucker has earned her fame in the kitchen.

Make that kitchens — for few community dinners have taken place in Voorheesville that were not in part prepared by Mrs. Tucker. She has assisted with the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner at St. Matthew's as well as most of the dinners held at the American Legion Post, including the spaghetti supper held this past weekend.

Her most impressive culinary feat to date was the Jeff Clark benefit dinner last February, a massive buffet for over 500 that she helped to orchestrate with lifelong friend and neighbor Mike Michele.

"It was just fantastic," remembers Tucker. "It went like clockwork. There were so many people who helped," as usual shifting credit to others.

In speaking of her selection as Citizen of the Year, she remarked, "I was thrilled and honored



Agnes Tucker, recently named New Scotland Citizen of the Year, is at "home on the range."

... but very surprised that I was chosen when there were so many other people who deserved it more."

The busy Mrs. Tucker spends little time in her home, next to the library, where she has lived since 1940 after moving there with her family from Foundry Rd. When she's not deep in community service or at her job as bookkeeper at the Cooperative Extension Building on Martin Rd, Aggie most often can be found with her daughter Patty and grandchildren Michael and Amy Rourke. This year she has especially enjoyed going to the CYO basketball games, where Amy has been a cheerleader.

As Citizen of the Year she will act as grand marshal of the Voorheesville Memorial Day Parade — a parade in which she has marched many years as a member of the auxiliary. Before that there will be a dinner in her honor, scheduled to be held on Friday, May 3, at the American Legion Hall, which probably will be a first — Mrs. Tucker will be sitting out front rather than in the kitchen seeing to the needs.

Concerns aired on Heldervale-IV

By Mary Pratt

A hearing on the proposed fourth section of the Heldervale subdivision in the Town of New Scotland will continue before the town planning board on Tuesday, Feb. 26. The discussion became heated on the hearing's first night as those in attendance raised a number of questions. Although developer Nicholas Iarossi's application was apparently complete, the hearing was continued so further information could be provided.

Heldervale-IV, as the proposal is known, would consist of 18 single family lots on about 20 acres owned by Iarossi. The land partly fronts on Mason Lane and lies generally south of the existing Heldervale subdivision, which borders New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands. Iarossi has been actively discussing Heldervale-IV at planning board meetings for two or three years.

At issue, as far as nearby residents are concerned, are questions about the type of septic system proposed, potential land slippage on some lots, and possible soil erosion. "The survey company presented the proposal," said William Kraft, a resident of Heldervale. "We began asking questions, and no one was there to answer."

A few years ago, because of failing conventional septic systems, residents of Heldervale were required to connect to Bethlehem's sewer. However, Bethlehem's Town Board denied Iarossi's application to connect Heldervale-IV.

The Albany County Health Department, according to Director of Environmental Health Services Stephen Lukowski, has approved an alternate type of septic system for Heldervale-IV because the soil there is not sufficiently absorbent for the usual in-ground system. The leach field for each home's septic tank would be placed in a bed of fill four feet deep spread over about a quarter of an acre. Lukowski said that either the conventional or the alternate system, if properly installed, will last 20 to 30 years.

Frank Burnett of Mason Lane has a septic system similar to those

planned for Heldervale-IV. Although warned by his engineer that his leach field could seep, he went ahead with the installation. Within a couple of years, water began to appear at the edge of the leach field at certain times of the year, and he brought in more fill. One of his neighbors, Burnett reported, has experienced the same problems.

Iarossi countered, "if they put them in properly they wouldn't have leaked. I have one at my home and it works beautifully."

Burnett said he and other Mason Lane residents are also concerned about erosion. He blames runoff resulting from the building of a new house there for washing away some land near his driveway.

Heldervale-IV is in the Philipinkill watershed, and construction, according to a 1973 report on file with the Town of New Scotland, would disturb about 5.7 percent of the overall drainage area, but would not be expected to alter the existing drainage pattern or adversely affect the stream.

Burnett feels that about four lots bordering the Philipinkill could be subject to slippage. Because the steepest slope is about 30 percent on one lot and 12 to 20 percent on other lots, explained Christopher Meyer of the surveying company that worked on Heldervale-IV, homes on those sites would be "sited on level" sections and septic systems on sections of the lots with a slope no greater than 8 percent as required by the county health department.

Mark Fransee of the Soil Conservation Service in Voorheesville said that Albany County's soil survey shows that steep areas adjacent to the Philipinkill are fairly susceptible to slippage, but it is not possible to predict when or where slippage could occur.

A drainage system would carry runoff from streets and yards in Heldervale-IV to the Philipinkill. Burnett said his neighbors have noticed more water in that creek in recent years and feel the subdivision would increase the creek's flow and result in erosion downstream.

Since the Philipinkill is not a protected stream, explained David Stout of the state Department of Environmental Conservation, his agency would not require a permit for construction of the subdivision. He commented that drainage ditches should be constructed and replanted before roads are put in so erosion would be minimized.

Residents also seem to worry about the quality of life in their neighborhood. Would all the trees be cut down? one asked. Would new homes represent a substantial investment as do others in the area? Would they look "tacky"? asked others. To be anxious when faced with change is common and an understandable reaction. And these neighbors are anxious.

The hearing will continue at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the New Scotland Town Hall. Engineers and attorneys for the town and the developers, and neighbors are expected to be present.


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Democratic dinner
 The Town of New Scotland Democratic Committee will hold its annual dinner on Saturday, March 2, at the Italian American Community Center on Washington Ave. Extension. Appetizers will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner beginning 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Those wishing to obtain tickets should call Dick Decker at 439-5201 before the Feb. 28 deadline.
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Insights on drug abuse shared

Over 40 interested residents turned out to hear several experts on substance abuse at the community-wide educational program last Wednesday at the American Legion Hall. Sponsored by the New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force, the program dealing with drugs and alcohol, their effects and ways of prevention was a sampling of information necessary for parents to combat the increasing abuse of such material by the younger generation.

Several other programs are still in the works, including the follow-up on Substance Abuse and the Law also sponsored by the community education program scheduled to be held on Mar. 13 at the New Scotland Town Hall and the Safe Spring program to be held in April. The Task Force invites all interested parents and students to attend their next meeting on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Usually held on the third Monday of the month the meeting was rescheduled due to the mid-winter recess.

To learn more about drugs, alcohol and their effects, interested persons may still enroll in a three-week course entitled "Do You Know What Your Children Know?" taught by high school health coordinator Dick Leach. This is the second such drug education course sponsored by the Task Force as part of the Continuing Education program in the school district. Those interested may obtain information on this free course, which runs on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 20, by calling the high school at 765-3314.

Get ready to play ball

If winter is upon us, can spring be far behind? The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland thinks not, and with baseball season quickly approaching, is putting out a call to area youngsters interested in taking part in their grasshopper baseball and softball program.

Registration for the three leagues will be held at the Voorheesville Elementary School on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 26-27, from 6:30 until 8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 2, from 9 until 11 a.m. Registration will also be held the following week on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the same hours.

Registration is open to all youngsters who are residents of the Town of New Scotland and the Voorheesville School District. Boys and girls interested in playing minor league baseball must be 8 years old on or before July 31 and will not turn 11 until after that date. Major league players, also open to boys and girls, must be 11 on or before July 31 and not turn 13 until after that date. The softball league is open

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only to girls currently in grades 5 through 8.

The season will be played in May and June with practice beginning in April. A \$6 registration fee should be paid at time of registration and includes a team T-shirt. Anyone having questions is asked to call Michael Lancor at 765-4883 during the evening hours.

Tiger memorial next week

The annual Henry Tiger Memorial Ecumenical Service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville. The service, held every year at this time, is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland with the site rotating each year among the four area churches — St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, the New Scotland Presbyterian Church and the New Salem Reformed Church.

Named for Henry Tiger, a member of the Kiwanis Club who first instituted the idea, the service is open to everyone. Refreshments will follow.

Library board seeks input

The Voorheesville Public Library board will hold their next meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the library. The public is welcome. The group is also looking for citizens to take part in an advisory committee to advise the board on the many ideas recommended by the consultants' report, which was recently released. Although the only prerequisite is an interest in the library, the board is especially looking for people with expertise in the construction and engineering fields. Anyone interested in serving on this temporary committee should contact the library before the March 1 deadline.

Soccer signups set

The New Scotland Soccer Club will also be registering potential players next week at the Elementary School. Those interested in taking part in the traveling soccer league may register on Friday, March 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. or on Saturday, March 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. Registration fee is \$20 for former players and \$40 for new players.

Parents must be present to register and must bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, as well as the registration fee. Both girls and boys are welcome to join the five teams — 10 and under, 12



A.J. St. Denis pours it on as he and other members of his second grade class at Voorheesville Elementary School celebrate the end of a winter unit on hibernation by creating sundaes at Stewart's Bread and Butter Shop.

Lyn Staff.

and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 19 and under. Coaches and assistant coaches are also needed. More information will be available during registration times. For questions contact Jim Hladun, 765-4241, or Don Belcer, 765-4550.

Pool opens to swimmers

Good news for those who want to get into the "swim" of things. The Voorheesville High School pool is open for recreational swimming on Sundays from 2 until 4 p.m. from now until April 14, with the exception of April 7, Easter day.

Admission is 50 cents for students and 75 cents for adults. Anyone wanting more informa-

tion on the program under the direction of Richard Fryer should call the high school at 765-3314 or the grade school at 765-2382. In the event of inclement weather, listen to radio stations WGY (810) or WROW (590) for possible closing.

Cub Scouts to celebrate

Cub Scouts of Pack 73 and their families will gather next Wednesday, Feb. 27, for their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall. This year's celebration promises to be especially exciting since it marks the 75th anniversary of the Boy Scouts in America and the 55th anniversary of Cub Scouting. A huge cake to mark the celebration will end the annual covered-dish supper. Special entertainment will also spark the evening's festivities.

The first hundred days

Many school children count the days they have in class, but none have done it as creatively as Margaret Blackmer's first graders who have been keeping track of the days since they started school this year. They held a special One Hundred Day Party on Feb. 11. The day-long event included making necklaces with 100 cheerios, guessing which jar contained 100 items and eating 100 pieces of food.

Prior to the celebration the students kept a daily record of the passing time, counting the days by fives and tens, and soon discovered one hundred days — even in school — can pass quickly!

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Art students visit gallery

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High Art Club and art classes enjoyed a field trip recently. Twenty-two students in grades 6-8 went to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Mass.

The Institute collection includes 19th century sculpture done by world renowned artists. The favorite of most who attended was a small sculpture *The Ballet Dancer Dressed*, Edgar Degas's most famous work. Prints and drawings by such masters as Rembrandt and Daumier were included, and miniature prints of the artist Durer were a special treat for the group to see with magnifying glasses. Renaissance prints and paintings also interested many on the tour.

Decorative arts spanning three centuries were viewed, including furniture, china and silver. Everyone enjoyed seeing the Sterling-Clark family silver collection designed by celebrated silversmith Paul deLamerie. The tour included seeing the Impressionist artists work and also the work of their contemporaries in the French Academie. The students were fascinated that two such contrasting styles of painting were done within the same period of time in history. The day came to a close with the students free to wander and select a painting or sculpture to work with for an art assignment.

Fish fries for Lent

This Friday, Feb. 22, the ladies of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 hold the first of a series of fish fries they are sponsoring for the Lenten season. Serving from 4:30 until 7 p.m., the fish fries will be held at the firehouse on Maple Ave. in

Selkirk. The cost will be \$3.25 for adults, and \$2 for children, and will include a meal of fish, french fries, cole slaw and beverage. Takeout orders will be available to those bringing containers.

Gala dinner for scouts

Cub Scout Pack 81 will hold their Blue and Gold Dinner this Sunday at RCS Senior High School. Scouts, Tiger Cubs and their families have been invited to the dinner that begins at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria. An afternoon of entertainment, a 50/50 drawing and a raffle has been planned. Also included will be presentation of awards to the scouts for their achievements throughout the year.

Trips for senior citizens

The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens have a number of activities on their agenda for the remainder of the month. On Feb. 21 many of the group will be attending Health Day at the Empire State Plaza. Eighty exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the Concourse Level, open to the public, and pertaining in particular to the health of the senior citizen.

On Feb. 28 members will be guests of the Second Ave. Senior Citizen Center. Included in plans for the day will be lunch, a slide show and bingo. Anyone who would like to join the seniors at the center must contact Bob Mayo for dinner reservations and provide their own transportation.

On March 13 the seniors are planning to attend the Capitol Repertory Theater to see *Master Harold and the Boys*. Reservations are required immediately,

and may be made by contacting Bob Mayo, 767-3006.

CPR course scheduled

If you were unable to attend the CPR course recently offered by the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, and would like to learn the procedure, you'll have another opportunity shortly. On Saturday, March 2, the course will again be taught. It will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Selkirk Firehouse No. 1 on Maple Ave., Selkirk.

There is no charge for the course other than the cost of one book. Instructors will be Linda Schacht and Herb Parisi. Anyone interested in attending should contact Linda Schacht, 767-2924.

Grange to serve chowder

If you're one of the many people who love clam chowder, you'll be interested to learn that the Bethlehem Grange will have for sale home-made clam chowder every Friday afternoon during Lent. Beginning this Friday takeout orders will be available from noon until 5 p.m. at the grange hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners.

Your own containers are required, and advance orders for takeouts would be appreciated but not necessary. Chowder, crackers and a beverage can be enjoyed at the grange between the hours of 12 and 5 on Fridays. Orders can be placed by calling Helen Raynor, 767-2770, or Marge Nealand, 767-3019.

Off to the casinos

The Ladies of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City. Scheduled for April 13, a bus will leave from the firehouse on Maple Ave. at approximately 5 a.m. for a full day of fun. Limited to adults only, the cost is \$20 per person and included tokens and a meal ticket. Reservations are required before March 1. Further information and reservations may be made by calling Kathy Gudz, 767-3080.

Board hears what's on people's minds

By Theresa Bobear

At their open meeting with district residents, members of the RCS Board of Education addressed concerns ranging from attendance to tax rates.

Approximately 17 residents attended the meeting. The first parent to speak asked the board to look out for the health and safety of students by notifying parents of any contagious diseases in the schools, notifying parents when elementary students are absent and limiting the size of groups under the supervision of one person during recess.

Susan Gottesman, vice president of the board, said attendance in the junior and senior high school buildings is monitored and parents notified of absentee children as a check on truancy. Gottesman said the parents of elementary school children are not notified because the district has not yet reached that "level of sophistication." She noted that the fear of abduction was not as prevalent at the time the district policy for calling parents was established.

Superintendent Milton Chodack said the district employs a half-time person just to monitor daily attendance at the junior high and senior high schools.

Dominic Nunciforo, principal of Ravena Elementary School, said parents are notified of any contagious disease at the school after an outbreak of a specific disease has been confirmed.

Nunciforo said students at his school stay indoors on days of inclement weather. He said he did not think it unreasonable to place up to 55 students under the

supervision of one certified teacher.

Suspecting that the adults — not the children — wanted to stay indoors, the resident said she "expected to see the situation rectified."

The district's teacher contract specifies the number of teacher available for recess period. Gottesman pointed out that many children are sent to school without proper winter clothing, including boots, hats and mittens.

The same parent said she reviewed the academic program at the junior high school and found it to be superior.

After hearing a complaint about limited hours at the junior high library, Chodack said the district is considering the possibility of keeping the library open until 5 p.m. by employing parent volunteers.

One parent asked whether after-school remedial work or club activities were more important for teachers.

Robert DeSarbo, principal of the junior high school, said "teachers should be available for extra help." He asked to be notified of any instance where remedial help was refused.

Another resident asked the board to consider installing seat belts in the district's buses. Gottesman explained that the district receives the full amount of state aid for buses that are filled to capacity, and that seat belts would limit the number of students to be carried on each bus. The state legislature plans to consider the issue, she noted.

When a resident asserted that junior high school students are not getting enough time on the computer, board president Anthony Williams said the computer proposition to be put before the voters this spring would enhance the computer programs at the junior high and elementary schools.

Continuing ed

Registration for the RCS adult continuing education program will be held at RCS Junior High School, Rt. 9W, Ravena, on Feb. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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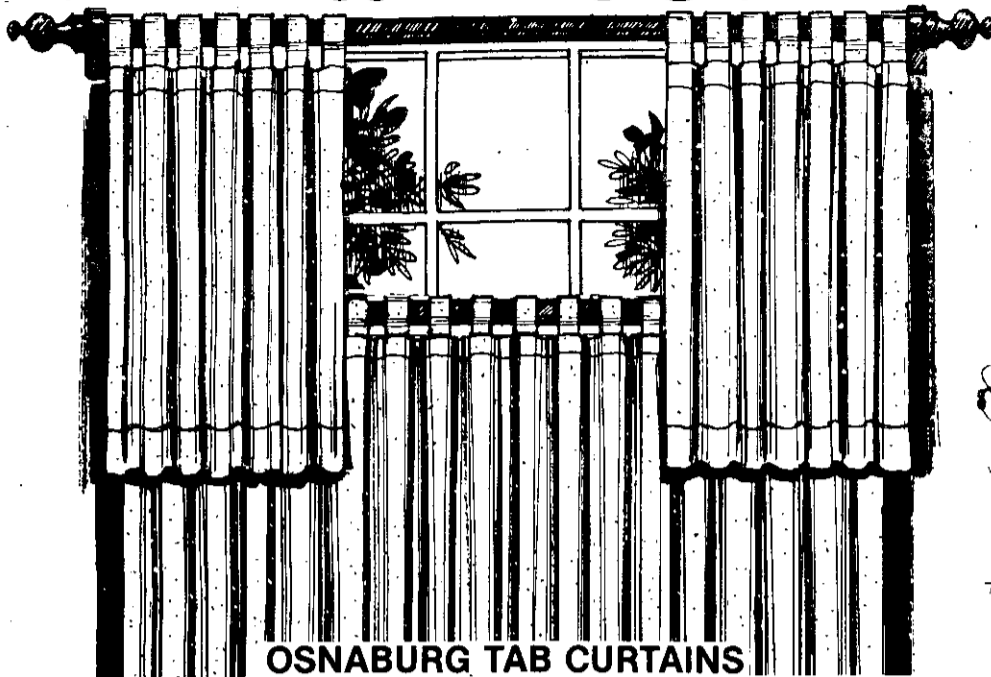
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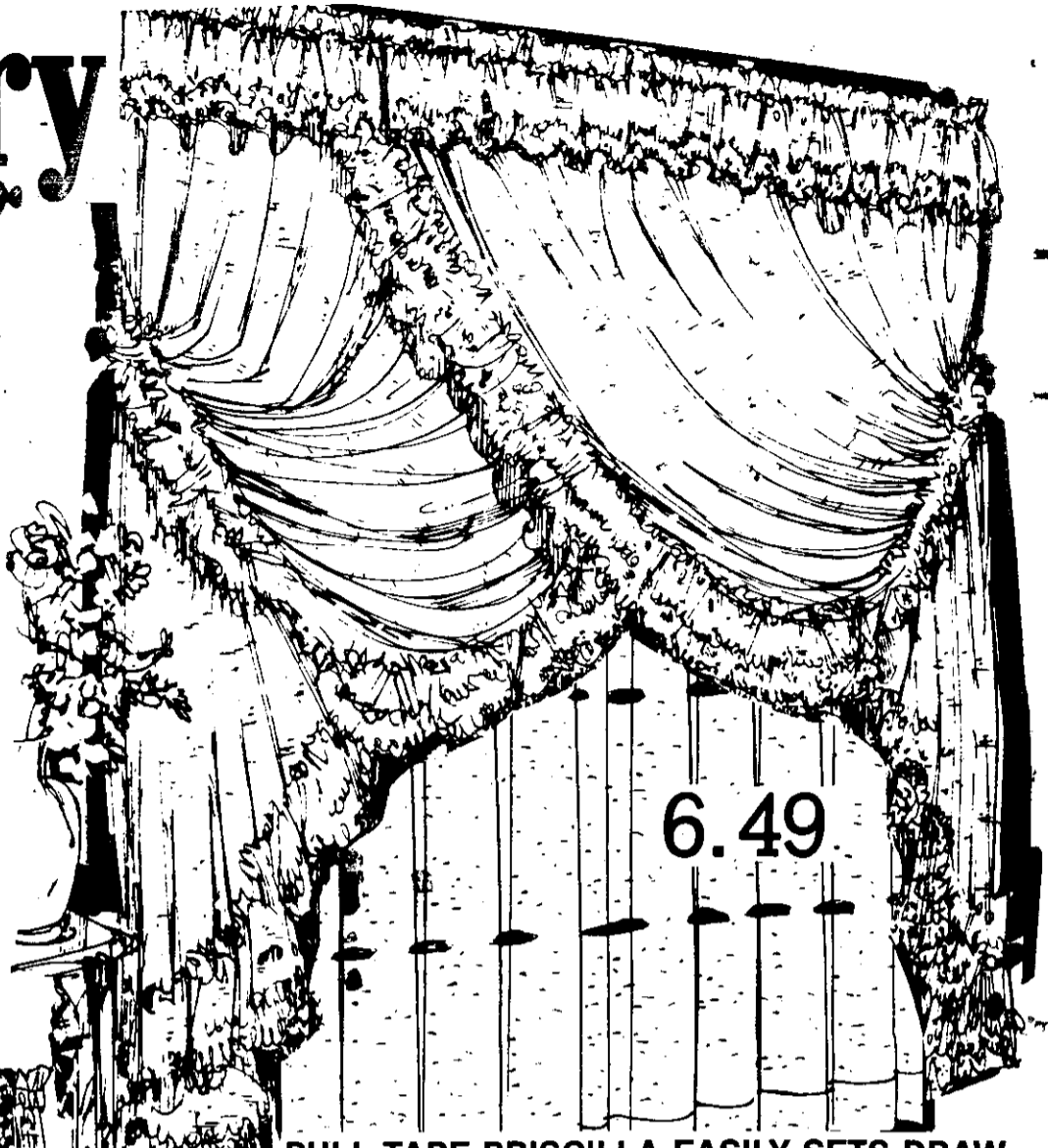
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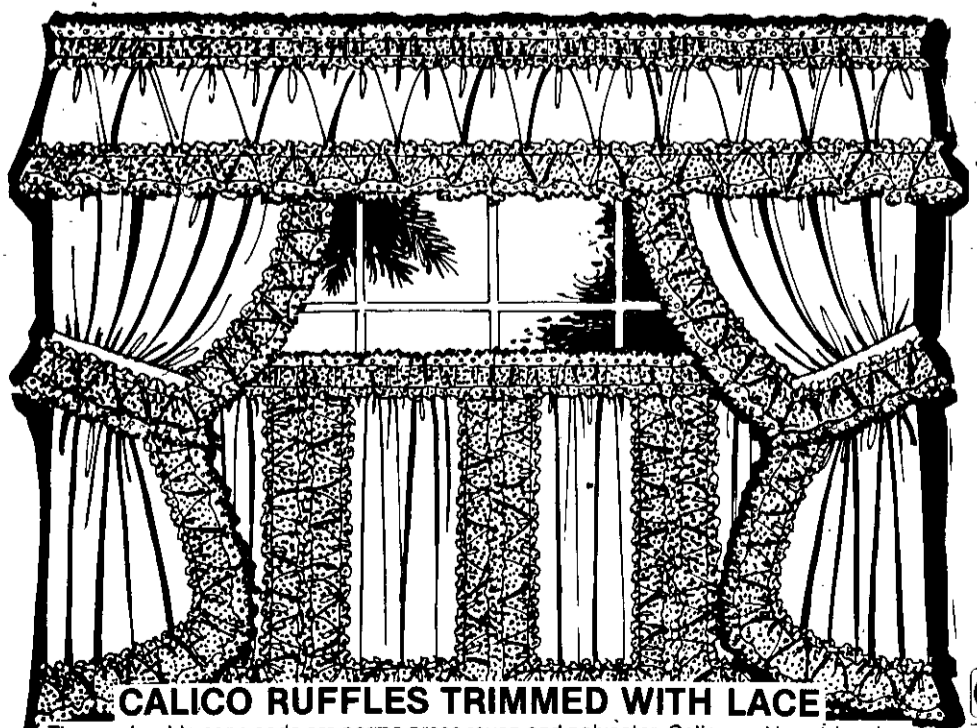
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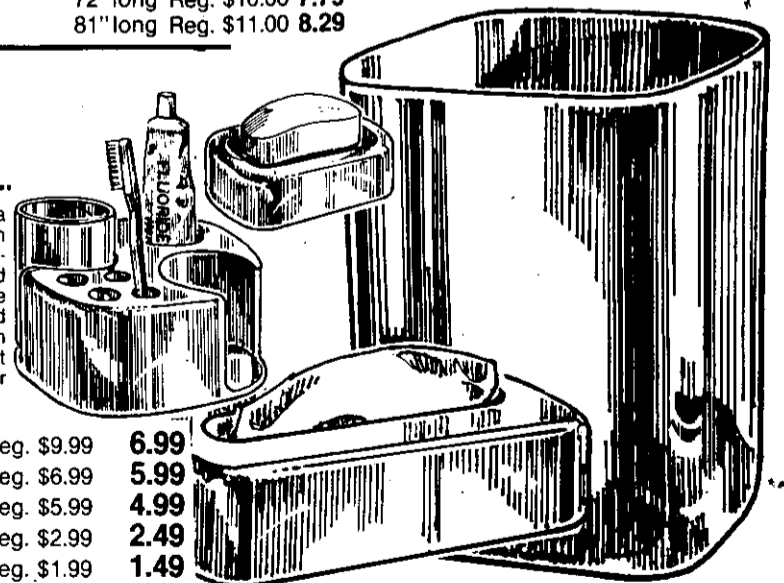
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Slides and Lectures, "An Eyewitness Report on Nicaragua," by Gus Cadieux of Bethlehem Coalition for Peace and Survival, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4656.

New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force, meeting at Voorheesville High School, all welcome, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville Public Library Board, meeting at library, all welcome, 7:30 p.m.

Legislative Forum, sponsored by Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, all welcome to join in discussion of county legislative issues, American Legion Hall, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, forum preceded by covered-dish supper, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-1829 or 439-5102.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Pen Pal Club, for persons 8 and older, Bethlehem Public Library, 4-5 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Helderberg Business and Professional Women's Club, with Jean Penner, state foundation chairman, Heavenly Inn, New Scotland, 6 p.m. Reservations, 456-5694.

Delmar Camera Club, president Sheila Schlawn, will present program entitled "How to Show Your Travel Slides and Keep Your Friends," St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere.

Bethlehem Planning Board, meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall, (changed from Feb. 19), 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

Evening of Reflection, with theme "Discipleship," led by Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

Lecture, to consider March 6 vote on capital construction referendum on Voorheesville Central School District, Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School auditorium, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Bible Study, Delmar Reformed Church, 9:30 a.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, readings for the visually impaired, 4-8 p.m.

Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, with discussion of "Christ as Peacemaker," by Rev. Warren Winterhoff, all welcome, Delmar Reformed Church, 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Service, with lecture entitled "Folded Hands... the Bystanders Who Did Nothing," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Lecture, "Why Not Philosophy?" by Berel Land, all welcome, sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, coffee for new residents and new mothers at home of Marie Brown, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Interested persons call 439-9679.

Ecumenical Service, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis Club, all welcome, St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

Counseling and Training Associates, monthly workshop, all welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-5391.

South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, visit to Second Ave. Senior Citizens Center.

Registration, for RCS adult continuing education program, RCS Junior High School, Rt. 9W, Ravenna, 6-8 p.m. Information, 756-2155.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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

Free Legal Clinic, for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

Musical, The Fantasticks, first production of The Village Stage, Inc., local theater group, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets available at Lincoln Hill Books, Records N' Such and Tri-Village Pharmacy; information, 439-9152.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Musical, The Fantasticks, first production of The Village Stage, Inc., local theater group, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets available at Lincoln Hill Books, Records N' Such, and Tri-Village Pharmacy; information, 439-9152.

CPR Course, given by Bethlehem Ambulance Service, Selkirk Firehouse, No. 1, Maple Ave., 2 a.m.-5 p.m.

Workshop, introducing teachers and youth leaders to Project WILD, Wildlife In Learning Design, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Paper Drive, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 71, St. Thomas Church parking lot, 8:30 a.m.-noon. For pickup, call 439-6303.

Dinner, served by Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Elsmere School Community Org., meeting at Elsmere Elementary School 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Delmar Progress Club, garden group will view color slides of Cathedral Gardens at Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m.; legislative forum will meet at Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

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

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

Medicare Form Aid, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointment required, 439-2160.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group will view demonstration of trapunto at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Reservations, 439-2968 or 439-9152.

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget work session to consider equipment, supplies, athletics, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Referendum, Voorheesville School District vote on proposed capital projects, including track, Voorheesville High School, 2-9 p.m. Information, 765-3314.

Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, with discussion of "The Head of the Church," Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Onesquethaw Chapter 818, Order of Eastern Star, meeting at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Lenten Service, with discussion of "The Accusing Finger... the Insults of the Religious," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

News from AROUND BETHLEHEM CENTRAL

Clarksville — Sixty-seven children received certificates in the Parents as Reading Partners program at last week's assembly. Certificates are given to pupils who read at least 15 minutes every day... The Bethlehem Public Library has resumed the story hour program in the the Clarksville School library. It is at 2 p.m. each Tuesday... Orders for Clarksville T-shirts and tote bags are due by Feb. 28.

Elsmere — The next Board of Education meeting and budget work session will be held at Elsmere Elementary School on Wednesday, Feb. 27, beginning at 8 p.m.... If you would be willing to work in the school library on Friday mornings, please call Lorraine Boyle, 439-4312... This is the last call for Campbell's labels for this year. Please sent in all labels from Campbell products by Feb. 22. (Then keep saving them for next year.—

Glenmont — The volunteer program at Glenmont is going strong, with 193 people volunteering at total of 2,138 hours from September through January... Cheryl Judge's fifth grade class has completed extensive research reports on Canadian provinces and territories. Volunteers from her class have researched information for a bulletin board display about the Statue of Liberty to increase awareness about the restoration project and to encourage contributions to the Glenmont Elementary School Liberty Fund Drive.

Hamagrael — Single parents are invited to attend a meeting in the Hamagrael library on Feb. 27, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. School social worker Mrs. B.J. Lornell will lead the discussion... The Hamagrael Home-School Association is collecting stories, poems, and other writing by pupils that will be compiled into a booklet after the

spring vacation. They are looking for volunteer typists.

Slingerlands — The fourth grade classes are getting ready to present an original play, "I Love New York," on March 8 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited... Peter Xeller's fifth grade class has been studying famous black Americans in honor of both Martin Luther King's birthday and Black History Month. Students chose famous black Americans to research and report on to the class.

Middle School — Jane Cappiello was elected chairperson of the Science Teachers Association of New York State, Eastern Zone... Dr. Philip Gibbons presented five SAT review classes for seventh graders competing in the John Hopkins University recognition program... Joan Platt and Dr. Ralph Vander Heide are serving on the steering committee of the Upper Hudson Foreign Language Consortium.

High School — Continuing education registration will take place in the high school lobby on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. until noon... Thomas Cunningham and Richard Hughes are involved with the State Education Department's certification test development in biology and chemistry... Spanish students can receive State University at Albany credit for advanced level study and soon French students also will be eligible for SUNYA credit.

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Feb. 21 Senior Citizens Organization Meeting, town hall, 12:30 p.m.
Feb. 24 Grocery shopping trip. Call for van reservations.
Feb. 25 Bowling for senior women, Del Lanes, 1 p.m.
March 1 Free legal clinic, 1 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955.
March 5 AARP assistance with Medicare forms, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments, 439-2160 or 439-3305.
March 6 Senior bowling, Del Lanes, 9:30 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Slides and Lecture, "Gauchos and Gurkhas: A Military Historian Looks at the Falklands War," by Robert E. Mulligan, Jr., orientation theater, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Juggling, Magic and Vaudeville Routines, by Joe Murray and Nancy Palmer, State Museum auditorium, Albany 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

Soroptimist International of Albany, dinner meeting, with Rev. Daniel Ritchie speaking on "Shelter for the Homeless," Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. \$11 reservations, 482-1723.

Lenten Service, with Rev. David S. Ball, Bishop of Albany, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, noon.

Workshop, on buying used farm machinery, led by Joseph Campbell of Cornell University and William Bebout of Latham Ford, Duaneburg Fire Hall, Duaneburg, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$1.50 registration, 372-1622.

Workshop, "Small Business Start-Up and Survival," sponsored by Small Business Assoc., Norstar Bank of Upstate New York, Albany County Cooperative Extension and Albany County Executive's office, Ramada Inn, Albany, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$12 registration, 447-4144.

Learning Technology Fair, concourse, north lobby, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

Forum, on Soveity leadership in transition and impact on superpowers, with Edmund Padvaiskas of Siena College, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

Book Review, Harry Hamilton of SUNYA reviews *Bloods: An Oral History of the Vietnam War by Black Veterans*, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7-9 p.m.

Child Care Discussion Group, hosted by Albany County Health Dept., West Shore Dr., Ravena, 2 p.m. Free.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

Senior Citizens Health Fair, with more than 70 exhibits, concourse north lobby, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jazz at Noon, musician and educator Glyn Evans presents themes in jazz through historic recordings, orientation theater, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon. Free.

Film, *Namu - The Killer Whale*, auditorium, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

Dance and Poetry, presented by Constance Durante in celebration of Black History Week, all welcome, Convent of Mercy, 634 New Scotland Ave., Albany, \$1 and \$2 admission, 7:30 p.m.

Information Session, about Empire State College, SUNY, room 109, Gunther Hall, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 4 p.m.; 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 447-6746.

Resolve, capital district chapter, organization offers help to individuals and couples facing infertility problems, campus center, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 381-7048.

Readings, by Irish novelist and short story writer William Trevor, all welcome, humanities lounge, Union College, Schenectady, 3:30 and 8 p.m.

Lecture, assessment of Reagan White House by NBC White House correspondent Emery King, Jr., Roger Bacon Science Center, auditorium, Siena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Assoc., with Lloyd Nurick speaking about "Respite and Long Term Care," St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-8728.

Lecture, "Do You Love Someone Who Drinks Too Much?" by Justine Caldes of State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, sponsored by St. Peter's Hospital Alcoholism Rehabilitation Center (SPARC), St. Joseph's School Hall, St. Joseph's Pl., Cohoes, 7 p.m. Information, 454-1356 or 235-1100.

Noontime Lecute Series, Tom Harrington, curator of collections at Hancock Shaker Village, will speak about Shaker agriculture, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 12:10 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

"The Fun Technicians", learn difference between illusion and magic with Robert Gibbons at State Museum auditorium, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

Jazz and Gospel Music, performed by Azzaam Tauneed Hameed and his trio, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Film, *The Mountain Man*, about one man's effort to save wilderness from destruction, auditorium, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Free.

Stories and Songs, in French North American tradition by Michel Parent and The Psalter, Adirondack Hall, State Museum, Albany, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Free.

Symposium, entitled "Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation," State Museum, Albany, 9 a.m. registration.

Workshop, introduction to snowshoeing at Saratoga Spa State Park, presented by Adirondack Mountain Club. Information, 584-2000.

Reception, for Svetlana Orekhava and Alexander Timokhov, Russian professors visiting SUNYA, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 3 p.m.

Strawberry Festival, with strawberry shortcake, baked goods, crafts and more, presented by Latham Circle Sweet Adelines, Inc., all welcome, Roesselville Presbyterian Church, Central Ave., and No. Elmhurst Ave., \$1.25 and .75 admission, 7:45 p.m.

Memorial Mass, for Bishop Maginn High School Alumni Assoc., Bishop Maginn High School, 7 p.m. Information, 463-6832.

Seminar, entitled "Equitable Distribution - New Directions in Creative Advocacy," scheduled by State Trial Lawyers Assoc., Albany Hilton, Albany, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Information, (212) 349-5890.

Walk on Water, to Dome Island, Lake George, trip dependent on ice conditions, 10:30 a.m. Information, 346-4010.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Race, 26.2-mile, sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, Physical Education Building, State University at Albany, 10:30 a.m. \$3 registration, 9 a.m.; information, 465-4564.

Film, *Jazz Hooper: The Legendary Baby Laurence*, State Museum, Albany, 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Free.

Lecture, entitled "The Shakers in Albany," by Donald Emerich, architectural historian, State Museum, 3 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Film, *Jazz Hooper: The Legendary Baby Laurence*, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

U.S.-China Youth Art Exchange, art exhibit, north concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Senior Citizens Walking Program, walk cross-country ski or snowshoe at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter, meet at Cunningham's Ski Barn, Victoria Pool Building, Saratoga Spa State Park, 10 a.m. Information, 584-2000, ext. 27.

Seminar, on economics and government, sponsored by Empire State College, Legislative Office Building, Albany, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., open to state high school students and teachers. Registration, 447-6746.

Lenten Preaching Series, with Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator of Montreal, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, 12:05 p.m., Feb. 25-March 1.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Former Smokers, support group sponsored by American Lung Assoc., first and third Tuesdays at American Lung Assoc. office, 8 Mountain View Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

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American Legion Auxiliary, Albany County committee, dept. of New York, meeting hosted by Silverstein Unit 218, Horan's Restaurant, 8 p.m. Information, 439-5385.

Lecture, for first time home buyers, sponsored by Capitol Hill Improvement Corp., Junior League of Albany, 419 Madison Ave., 7-9 p.m. Reservations, 462-9696.

Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross, American Red Cross Chapter Building, Hackett Blvd., Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Society for Advancement of Management, monthly meeting with lecture about "Handling Stress On the Job," by Annette DeLavallade, Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, 5:45 p.m. Reservations, 272-6300.

Embroiderer's Guild of America, capital district chapter, meeting at Delmar United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Information, 273-1260.

Panel Discussion, on Black families in the 1980's, sponsored by State Dept. of Health in recognition of Black History Month, Wadsworth Labs auditorium, concourse level of Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-2 p.m.

Lenten Dinner and Devotions, covered dish, presented by Faith Lutheran Church and Glenmont Community Church (Reformed), Chapel La., Glenmont, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Information, 465-2188 or 439-7710.



Rehearsing a scene from *The Fantasticks*, Christine Burke and Marc Greene engage in a friendly tug of war. *Tom Howes*

A 'Fantasticks' spring

Appropriately, as spring approaches, The Village Stage, Inc., presents its production of *The Fantasticks*, a musical illustrating "the necessity of winter to insure the rebirth of Spring."

During the March 1 and 2 performances of the play, written by Tom Jones and Harvey Smith, area theater-goers will follow the delightful and illuminating story of a young boy and a young girl who are purposely kept apart by

their fathers so that they will fall in love. The fathers' plan is successful until the children learn that they have been duped; the lovers quarrel and split. The pain of the children's situation brings growth, which leads to a rediscovery of their love. The narrator notes that "Without hurt the heart is hollow."

Cast members are Carol Hernandez, Marc Greene, Dick McGrath, Jay Rosenbloom, Steve

Gifts for Hamagrael

It was Christmas in February at Bethlehem's Hamagrael Elementary School recently when the Home-School Association presented "gifts" to each of the grades.

Back in December, the HSA — which usually purchases a major item for the school each year — decided it would divvy up its treasury this year and let each grade choose what it wanted. The \$1,800 had been raised since September through such events as a book fair, a craft fair and bake sale.

The teachers were asked to make up wish lists, according to Marlene Brookins of the HSA, who said the hardest part was narrowing down the choices. When the big day came, the kindergartners received a wooden play stage with puppets and a wooden doll house with six rooms of furniture, and the first graders received a slew of "games" for learning math. Weather stations, a barometer and charts of the seasons went to the second grade classrooms.

The third and fourth graders allocated some of their funds for a visit by an environmentalist, and also received a number of reading books for the classroom and cassette tape recorders. The fourth graders also picked up a model of the planetary system, and the fifth graders have a chit for a field trip.

In past years, the Hamagrael Home-School Association has purchased a public address system for the school, two computers, tape recorders, a video cassette recorder and a sound system for the auditorium.

Trimm, Michael Murphy, Thomas Watthews and Christine Burke along with the production staff members of The Village Stage, Inc., have been working for months to present this celebrated play spontaneously and creatively. Tickets are available for \$5 at Lincoln Hill Books, Records N' Such and Tri-Village Pharmacy. For information call 439-9152.

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The Capital District Transportation Authority is posting Guide-A-Ride signs showing route information at various bus stops, including at Lark St. and Washington Ave., at the Hilton Hotel, at Crossgates Mall in Guildersland, Colonie Center and Stuyvesant Plaza.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Walter A. Krzanowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Krzanowski, of Selkirk, has been promoted to the rank of Army specialist 4.

Krzanowski is a vehicle mechanic at Ft. Bragg, N.C., with the XVIII Airborne Corps. He is a 1983 graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Albany.

Army Col. Edward J. Taylor, Jr., son of Edward J. Taylor, 18 N. Helderberg Pkwy., Slingerlands, has been decorated with the third award of the Meritorious Service Medal in Stuttgart, West Germany. The medal is awarded specifically for outstanding non-combat achievement or service to the United States.

Taylor is a senior medical staff officer with U.S. European Command headquarters.

Senior Airman Elben C. Miller, son of Alice D. Gordinier of Glenmont, has re-enlisted in the Air Force after being selected for career status. Assigned at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Miller is an aircraft maintenance specialist with the 2nd Organizational Maintenance Squadron. The airman is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Army Spec. 4 Joseph Thompson, son of John F. and Elizabeth M. Thompson of Delmar, has arrived for duty in Goepingen, West Germany. Thompson, an antiarmor weapons crew member with the 1st Infantry Division, was previously assigned at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He is a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Sgt. Michael E. Waschull, son of Valerie R. Binns of Delmar and Victor R. Binns of Birmingham, Ala., has been named outstanding noncommissioned officer of the year for data automation with the Tactical Air Command at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C. Waschull is a computer operations supervisor with the 2066th Information Systems Squadron.

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Look, I didn't mean what I said. I was just hot under the collar and the words just came out without thinking. I really do love you and I want everything to be okay between us again.

Well, they're not okay, because as far as I'm concerned, your true feelings came out last night, and if that's what you really think of me, then I can't believe you can turn it off so quickly and sit there telling me you love me.

Look, Honey, I'm sorry. I lost my head. Can't we forget about it and go on like we always have?

No, we can't. I'm too hurt by what you said to me last night. I don't know what to believe anymore.

One of the most difficult tasks to learn in a close, personal relationship is how to resolve conflicted, unpleasant feelings. We have been informed by our social scientists and mental health practitioners that the primary ingredient to such resolution is communication. Keep the lines open and eventually the problem will get worked out. Close them off and the problems will intensify, fester and pervade the entire relationship, not unlike a disease process.

Communication is, indeed, essential to people resolving

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



interpersonal problems. That concept forms the foundation for the lone worldwide organization that represents our species' desire for universal peace — the United Nations. It could be said that the UN's motto is: "As long as we're talking in the field of diplomacy, we're not fighting on the field of battle."

The same motto can hold true for intimate relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, friends and colleagues. However, it is crucial to recognize that communication is not limited to talking. When we consider what is being communicated, it

communication when conflicting, unpleasant feelings are involved. It is the initial phase of communication, the announcement that something uncomfortable is about to occur, that someone is feeling the need to clear the air, release the pressure valve and lay cards on the table. It is the phase called "ventilation."

In the opening dialogue above, the two people are still ventilating. One of them had apparently vented some anger last night, and is now ready to do some work at resolving the issue, whatever it is. However, the other person is obviously not at that stage yet, and is engaging in some reactive ventilation stored up from the night before.

When disturbing emotions are stored up, they must be ventilated before mutual and meaningful efforts can be made toward resolving them. The more dis-

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becomes apparent that we convey to each other much more than thoughts and ideas. We express feelings, attitudes, values, drives and moods, many of which are communicated by an action, a look, a posture, a gesture or a tone in our voice far more meaningful than the words themselves.

With that understanding in mind, I want to focus on one critical aspect of interpersonal

turbing the emotions and the longer they are stored up, the more intense the ventilation will be and the more time required for the venting.

The reason that ventilation is so critical is that the way in which it is handled by each party will determine the course for the rest of the communication effort. If the venting period comes across like the challenge of a dueling glove



Marian Jewell, regent of the Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presents a copy of *Black Courage 1775-1783* to Bethlehem Central High School librarian Janz Streiff in honor of Black History Month.

being slapped across the offender's face, then the conflict will proceed into an adversarial contest. If, however, ventilation is protected and permitted as a necessary purging of poisonous biochemicals and overcharged nerve impulses, then an atmosphere of fresh starts and static-free communication can spring forth much like the air after a thunderstorm.

We must not give one another license to blurt out anything that comes into mind as we ventilate our hurts and angers. Freedom to ventilate must be granted with responsibility for the consequences, for every drop of cruelty spattered on someone else, another drop of cruelty is likely to form within that someone, and may come back at you.

Ventilation has the power to clear the trail with the sharpness of a machete. It can be accomplished so long as the intention to continue traveling on the path of the relationship has been made clear. The message to be communicated during ventilation: "There is a problem between us that I want to work out. But first I have to let off some steam that's building up inside of me. Give me the room to release that pressure, and if you, too, have some pressure built up, feel free to release it as well. Then let's sit down and talk it out. We're worth the effort."

Seed money

The board of directors of the defunct Bethlehem Youth Center has announced that funds left over from the organization are now available to organizations serving Bethlehem youths.

The Bethlehem Youth Center of School District 6, Inc., also known as "The Pit," closed 13 years ago after being vandalized. The organization located under the Bethlehem Middle School offered adult education and a variety of activities after school days and on weekdays.

Board member Barbara Dorsey said that funds for the program were kept separate from school district funds. She said the board members are offering the money to anyone else who is providing needed activity programs to youths in the community. The total amount left in the fund was not discussed.

Dorsey believes there is a need for a program like the youth center but says there are no plans to reopen. "Someone would have to be willing to take it on," she said.

Grant applications and information may be obtained by calling Barbara Dorsey at 439-7129 or Betty Bergan at 439-5009. Applications must be submitted before March 15.

Audubon meetings

John Renskavinsky, regional supervisor of natural resources for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, will speak to Albany County Society members and other interested parties about a managed environment Thursday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar.

Audubon Society members and others will enjoy an evening outing trip beginning at the center. For information call Mike Matthews, 439-0943 or 439-7486.

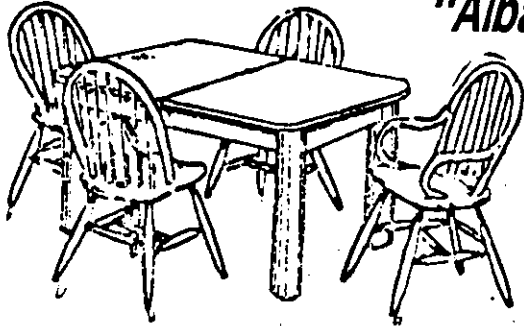
Performing on WAMC

Contemporary folk musician Judy Polan, a Slingerlands native who now resides in Northampton, Mass., will perform live on the Feb. 23 Hudson River Sampler, on radio station WAMC. The program will run from 8 until 10:30 p.m. with the music of guitarist and vocalist Judy Polan being broadcast from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 24, Polan will perform at Cafe Lena in Saratoga Springs.

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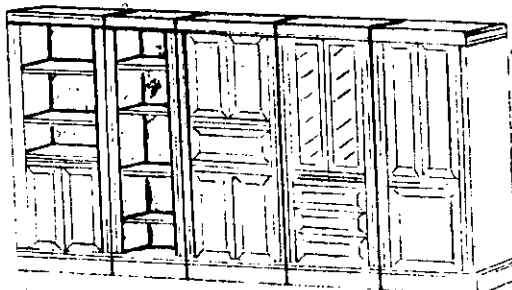
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the prophets . . ." There is a remarkable truth in that part of that verse. It underscores that there are various ways and various people that reveal God to us and I thank Him for it.

People of good will want to know the truth, the truth about God and the world he has made and given to all of us. Surely there are others besides Christians who know the truth of God. There is so much to learn from each other rather than fear from each other. I thank God for the Jews who teach me much about the love of God through obedience to God's law and justice for one another. They know God and God hears their prayers. And as a Christian, I thank Jesus Christ, who has revealed God in such a human way that to know Jesus is to know God himself. For the second verse of Hebrews I reads: ". . . but in these last days he has spoken to us by a son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world." Christians know God and God hears their prayers.

And rising above the Jew, the Muhammadan and the Christian is God himself, who is Truth, Love and Justice, who calls us all, whoever we may be, to follow him by whatever path we choose so that we may become one with him and know the way to salvation.

On-child development

Chris Deyss will present a program entitled "Understanding Your Child's Development" at the Feb. 25 meetings of Mothers Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers. The group meets every Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Free child care is provided. For information call Mary Ann Wierks at 439-9929.

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Remember the president of the Southern Baptist Conference when he announced to the assembled delegates, "God does not hear the prayers of the Jews"? I have been haunted by that statement ever since he said it. Certainly that pronouncement contributes to the disdain non-Christians have for Christians. But the larger question it raises is, Do Christians believe that only Christians "belong" to God and receive salvation? In other words, is there only one way to God?

That is a question that must be answered by any who profess belief in God, be they Christian, Jew or Muslim. It is a persistent question, Is there only one way to God? As a Christian pastor, that is a question many want me to answer as follows: Yes, there is only one way to God and that is belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

But I have never been able to say that is the only way to God. To be sure, it is a way and it is the way for me or I would not be a Christian pastor urging others to be Christian faith. I do believe it is the best way to know God's love and his desire for us. But I do not believe it is not the only way. The book of Hebrews in the Christian Bible, chapter one, verse one, says: "In many and various ways God spoke to our fathers by

Ecumenical service

The Bethlehem Area Ministerial Association is conducting an Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Among those participating in the service will be Rev. Leon Atkins, Jr., First United Methodist Church of Delmar; Rev. Mark S. Callendar, Community United Methodist Church of Slingerlands; Rev. Larry Deyss, Delmar Presbyterian Church; Rev. Richard Hibbert, First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville; Rev. Robert Hess, Delmar Reformed Church; Rev. Johannes Meester, Unionville Reformed Church; Rev. Geogory Ke, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, and Mary Ann Wierks, rector of religious education, Delmar Reformed Church.

Organist Malcolm Kogut will accompany the Delmar Reformed Church choir and the First United Methodist Church choir.

Lenten services

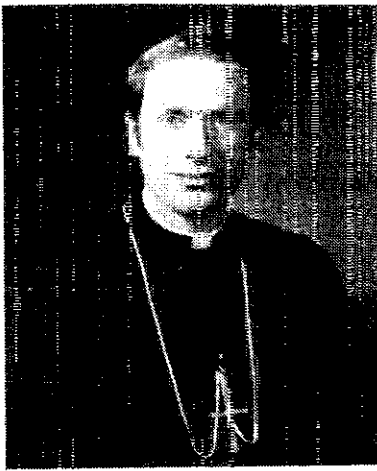
All are welcome to attend a series of Lenten preaching services followed by lunch at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, beginning at 1:05 p.m. on selected days from Feb. 20, Ash Wednesday, to April 14, Easter Sunday. For details call Paris Northrup at 434-3502.

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Bishop Howard J. Hubbard

Bishop leads service

An Evening of Reflection, led by Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Discipleship" will be the theme of the non-Eucharistic liturgy. A social gathering will follow. Members of Albany and suburban churches as well as interested members of the Delmar community are invited.

Dual dinners, services

Faith Lutheran Church and Glenmont Community Church, both located at 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, will present Lenten covered dish dinners and devotions on Feb. 27, and March 6, 13, 20 and 27. The dinners will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

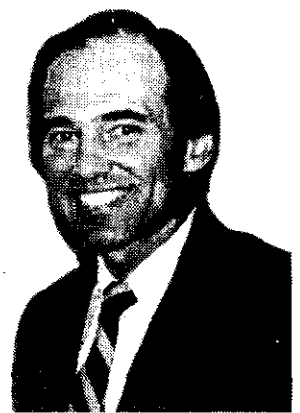
On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20, the Glenmont Community Church will offer a service at 7 p.m., which will be followed by a service at the Faith Lutheran Church at 8:30 p.m.

Eastern Star meets

The Onesquethaw Chapter 818, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at the Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, beginning at 8 p.m. Ralph Edgel, grand lecturer of the First Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady district, will review the ritualistic work of the chapter.

Lenten services

Lenten services will be offered at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday from Feb. 20 to March 27 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. The weekly services will feature Rev. Warren Winterhoff's discussions of the "responses of people to the cross as expressed through their hands." Child care will be provided.



Rev. Warren Winterhoff

Paper drive planned

Boy Scout Troop 71 will hold a paper drive on March 2, between 8:30 a.m. and noon. Papers may be deposited in a bin at the back parking lot of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Pick-ups may be arranged by calling 439-6303.

Intern in capital

Carolyn Johnson of Delmar, a senior economics major at William Smith College, will serve as an intern in Washington, D.C. during the winter. She will take courses and also work in the office of Sen. Peter Domenici, R — New Mexico.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the student is the daughter of Robert and June Johnson of Delmar.

Bible study begins

Rev. Warren Winterhoff of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church will speak about "Christ as the Peacemaker" at the Feb. 27 session of the Tri-Village ecumenical Lenten Bible study at the Delmar Reformed Church. All are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. gathering.

The Tri-Village Ecumenical Bible Study Series will run from Feb. 27 to April 3. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. area residents are invited to gather at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., to hear an area member of the clergy speak about "Portraits of Christ from the Epistles." Each session of the Wednesday Bible studies will begin at 10 a.m. with coffee served at 9:30 a.m.

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A Feura Bush landmark came down, piece by piece, last week, as Rothauit Garage, once an early Ford dealership, was disassembled to make way for a new post office. Owner John Flach, of Flach's Power Piping in Glenmont, said the new building should be under construction in March. Other stores may be added to the building, he said

Spotlight

Gas users to get refunds

Natural gas customers of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. will receive refunds totaling more than \$12 million over the next 12 months, beginning in February, the company has announced.

The refunds from a supplier, Consolidated Gas Transmission Corp., total \$12.16 million, including interest, and result from a combination of several refunds from the supplier that will be passed on to customers, the

company said. Hence, a residential gas customer of Niagara Mohawk using 1,550 therms annually for heating, cooking and water heating will see an annual bill reduction of about \$23. Customers using gas for cooking only will see an annual savings of about \$5.95. Savings will vary depending on use. The refunds will go to 433,000 natural gas customers in 15 counties in central and eastern New York.

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Mountain View Coach Lines, Inc. has established a new run from Cairo to Albany. The northbound morning bus will stop at Meads Corners at 7:05 a.m. After stopping at Feura Bush at 7:12 and Bethlehem Center at 7:20 the bus is scheduled to arrive at Empire State Plaza at 7:30. The bus will stop at the State Office Campus at 7:50 and at State University at 7:55 a.m.

The southbound bus will leave State University at 4:05 p.m. and will make the following stops: State Office Campus, 4:10; Empire State Plaza, 4:35; Bethlehem Center, 4:45; Feura Bush, 4:53, and Meads Corners, 5 p.m.

One-way fare from Meads Corners to Albany is \$1.60. Books containing 10 passes sell for \$13.70. For information call 731-6181.

CHP opens doors

The Capital Area Community Health Plan (CHP) medical center on Delaware Ave. passed its state health department inspection and opened for business last week, a CHP spokesman said. The center is in the former A&P building at 250 Delaware Ave. Renovation of the building was undertaken with a \$1.5 million financing package that also is providing for a 7,000-square-foot addition at CHP's main facility in Latham. The debt financing was arranged through the National Cooperative Bank, in Washington, D.C.

Tax credits available

State residents over 65 years may be eligible for a maximum of \$250 real property tax credit depending on their income and property tax or rent paid. A maximum credit of \$45 is available to qualifying low-income households.

For "Circuit Breaker" information write to New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Taxpayer Assistance Bureau, State Campus, Albany, NY 12227.



Robert R. Windelspecht

Promoted at bank

Robert R. Windelspecht of Delmar has been named vice president and controller for New York banks at Key Banks, Inc. Windelspecht joined Key Banks as a vice president and deputy controller in 1982, and prior to that had been employed by Ernst & Whinney. He earned a bachelor's degree at Siena College and is a certified public accountant.

Windelspecht is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the NYS Society of Certified Public Accountants, and is a past president of the Albany chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Programs listed

The Albany Department of Human Resources, at No. Lake and Central Aves. in Albany, is offering office and business training programs for income-eligible residents of Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties. In addition, preparation for the high school equivalency test, reading and mathematics instruction, and job counseling will be offered at the Adult Learning Center, 27 Western Ave., Albany. For information call 434-5200.

Earnings up

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., which has a plant in Bethlehem, has announced that fourth quarter net earnings were \$33.6 million or \$1.14 per share, compared to \$35.8 million or \$1.23 per share for the same quarter in 1983.

For the year, earnings were \$113.9 million or \$3.87 per share, compared to \$87.9 million or \$3.05 per share in 1983.



David H. Philips

Realtor promoted

Bob Howard Real Estate has announced the appointment of David H. Philips of Delmar as assistant to the president. Philips has been a sales manager for Bob Howard for 13 years. He joined the company in 1968. Philips is a licensed real estate broker and graduate of the Realtors Institute.

Help for businesses

The certified public accounting firm of Ernst & Whinney, along with Siena College and the New York Capital Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, will offer a free 10-week small business financial management course beginning Feb. 28. The course will be offered at Siena College Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 9:15. Interested persons may call Barbara Hermann or James Malerba at Ernst & Whinney (463-8431) to register. Registration is limited.

Decorator cited

Doris Fry of Delmar has been named in the 1984-85 edition of *Who's Who In America*. A teacher of early American decoration, Fry is curator of the Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove Street, Albany. She is also a member of the board of trustees of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration.

Heads board

Robert H. Koff of Delmar, dean of the School of Education at State University at Albany, has been re-elected for a fifth one-year term as chairman of the New York State Educational Conference Board.

The board is a coalition of public education organizations in New York State which make recommendations to the State Legislature on the financing of public elementary and secondary education in New York. The board plans to announce its 1984 proposal for state aid to public schools this month.

To head hospital fund

Raymond J. Kinley, Sr. has been elected president of the Albany Memorial Foundation, an organization recently formed to expand fund raising programs for Albany Memorial Hospital.

As president of the foundation Kinley will be responsible for developing existing fund raising programs. Additional funds will be used to further medical research, to improve health care delivery and to assure continuation of health care services to the sick, infirm, elderly and disadvantaged of the Albany area.

Kinley, retired senior vice president of State Bank of Albany, is active in many organizations including the Albany City Planning Board, the Albany County Community Services Board, the Albany Development Corporation and the Leukemia Society of America.

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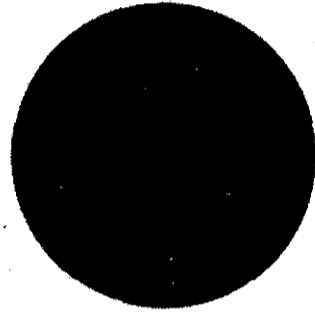
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BC's high-scoring divers heroes at New Hartford

Oh, those Bethlehem divers! Most of the press notices in swim meets center on the racers, those streamlined streaks that churn waves, but for the second week in a row, it was BC's springboard brigade that delivered the crucial points in a narrow victory over another Central New York pool power.

In Friday's showdown at New Hartford, Bethlehem strategists Buzz Jones and Bob Keens, Sr. were hoping for a 2-3 finish in diving behind Andy Waslewski, the New Hartford ace, just as they had a week earlier against Rome Free Academy superstar Dave Blackburn.

But Bernie Culligan had other ideas. For the second straight meet the acrobatic sophomore won the diving. At New Hartford he amassed 270 points to 240 for Waslewski, four points better than his surprising 266 against Rome.

"He was unbelievable, fantastic," gushed Jones.

And when Bobbie Keens, pushing Waslewski all the way, finished third and sophomore Alex Hall got an unexpected fifth, Bethlehem had 10 points in an event they had hoped to get as many as 7, and the hosts got only 6 instead of nine. Keens also contributed to the 1-2 finish against Rome.

The Eagles, losing two first places they had expected to win in the early going, came up to the diving clinging to a paper-thin 32-30 lead. The final score was 93-79,



Eric Patrick

pushing Bethlehem's record w.n streak to 132 consecutive dual meets over eight seasons and to all intent: assuring that the string could go to 145 or better before being threatened next February by Rome and New Hartford.

There were other heroes in the close meet, which went down to the final relay, as predicted, although the Eagles virtually locked up the victory when Peter Greerwalt won the breaststroke, the final individual event, and young Keith Dix produced a fourth. Those eight points offset New Hartford's 2-3-5 finish and made the score 85-73. Needing only a third in the freestyle relay for the clinching 87th point, Bethlehem won the event with Fred Rudofsky, Drew, Pierre LaBarge and Knut Hvalsmarken. The time was 3:31.1.

"Greenwalt's win was a big surprise," enthused Jones. "He came through under a lot of

pressure, and his 1:08.28 was his best time ever."

After the windfall in the diving, Jones was breathing a little easier going into the last six events, but New Hartford came back strong to take 1-3-4 for 11 points in the butterfly. That left BC with only five and the meet was deadlocked at 47-47 with five events still to go.

The 100 free was next, and the problem was New Hartford's top gun, Brian Keiser, who had upset BC's best sprinter, Damon Woo, in the 50. This time Hvalsmarken churned up a brilliant last lap and a fine finish to edge Keiser in the 100. The rivals were only half a second apart, 50.2 and 50.7, and when Patrick and Drew finished 3-4, Bethlehem had 11 points to 5 and regained the lead.

In the 500 the Eagles had no one to catch New Hartford's Stephan Rodiger, who won in 5:09 flat. When unheralded John McCarthy delivered a fourth place behind LaBarge and Justin Baird, BC had another nine points to NH's seven without winning the event.

"That was a very important point," Jones said of McCarthy. "He did a fine job."

The momentum built as BC's Jim Krajeck turned in his fastest backstroke clocking of the year for a first in 1:02 flat, followed closely by Drew in 1:02.7. That 1-2 finish boosted Bethlehem's lead to 77-65, setting up Greenwalt's heroics in the breaststroke.

There were some anxious moments early in the meet when the hosts usurped two first places Jones had counted on. For openers he sent his strongest quartet to the blocks in Krajeck, Greenwalt, Woo and Patrick. They responded with a very good 1:48 flat, but New Hartford was first in 1:47.5 and added a third to jump out ahead by 10-4.

"I didn't expect that," said Jones. "That changed the whole situation."

Jones adjusted by gambling. Instead of saving Patrick for the 1M and 100, he sent his versatile co-captain back into the water for the 200 free, a gruelling event that immediately follows the medley. With no rest from the anchor leg of the relay, Patrick delivered a third in the 200 while Hvalsmarken was winning in 1:49.6. "That was what we wanted in that situation," Jones said. When

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Blackbirds win in OT

By Dan Tidd

Thanks to a string of eight unanswered points in overtime Voorheesville went on to defeat Tamarac, 69-63, Saturday night in the preliminary round of the Section 2 Class CC boys basketball tournament. The Blackbirds, who finished at the bottom of the Colonial Council, were at Saratoga last night (Tuesday) to face top-seeded Saratoga Central Catholic in a first-round matchup.

Everybody in the Mechanicville gym Saturday figured the Blackbirds had this game won in regulation except Tamarac's Brian Haynor. Haynor hit a jump shot with less than a minute to play to force the game into overtime. "This was not a very impressive win," said a subdued Bob Crandall. "Our front line players just did not contribute. If it wasn't for our bench I don't think we would have won it."

Voorheesville started slowly and found themselves trailing 22-4. "It was just an awful start," said Crandall. "We weren't taking bad shots. They were all from within 15 feet, but nothing would drop in." The Birds finally got in gear, closed to 22-10 at the period break and outscored smaller Tamarac, 20-7, in the second quarter. "We started to hit our shots and really started to crash the boards," Crandall said. The Blackbirds hauled in 56 rebounds, 29 on the offensive end of the court.

With 6 minutes left in the game Voorheesville had an 8-point lead but got careless down the stretch. After Tamarac jumped on top in overtime, senior Joe Rissberger tied it with a jumper. Rissberger who scored a game-high 17, tallied again to put the Birds up by 4. Crandall had his team go into delay offense after grabbing the lead. It worked as Dan Vunk and Mike Larabee added a pair of free throws to ice the victory.

A Voorheesville win over Saratoga Catholic would send the Blackbirds against the winner of the Schuylerville-Taconic Hill game Saturday at 7 at Linton.

Red Cross offerings

The American Red Cross is offering spring courses in water safety instruction, advanced first aid, sailing, canoeing and swimming for adult beginners. A course for safety instructors will be offered on Thursday evening from Feb. 28 to May 23 at Bethlehem Central High School. To register call the American Red Cross at 462-7461.

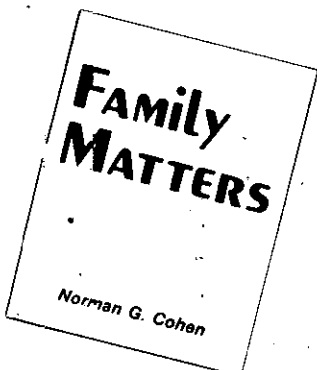
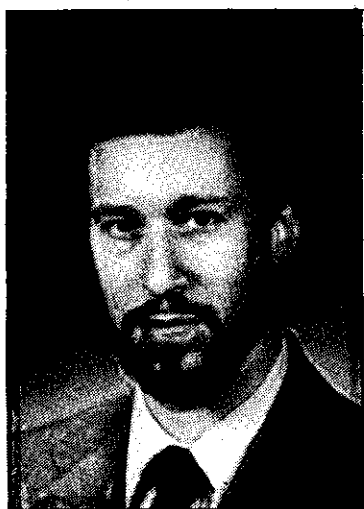
Car hits trees

A Glenmont driver, 19, hit a patch of ice, spun around and went off Beacon Rd. Sunday evening, hitting two trees, according to Bethlehem police reports. The man, who told police he did not need emergency medical treatment, was alone in his car, the report said.

Patronizing alleged

William Gabriel Bonacci, 51, of Shady Grove Trailer Park in Selkirk was arrested Feb. 6 on charges of patronizing a prostitute and fifth degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, both misdemeanor, according to Bethlehem police reports. The arrest followed investigation of reports of incidents at his residence, police said. The accused was released on \$500 cash bail, the report said.

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Coach Przybylo blows out at BC

Gary Przybylo and Bethlehem Central's basketball program have come to a parting of the ways, adding an uncertain future to an already disappointing season.

Przybylo, suffering through a 9-game campaign with only four wins, was hoping for an upbeat finish last week when his team was host to Mohonasen, a team BC had beaten earlier in Rotterdam. But the Eagles lost, 42-37, missing a dozen easy layups and short jumpers and going only 7-for-21 from the foul line. It was a familiar script.

In the locker room Przybylo told his players he was resigning. "I told the kids I had failed," he said later. "After last year I felt we had a chance to put the program on a winning track, but I couldn't handle the attitude of this team. I told them there was too much dissension and back-stabbing among the players. This was the first team I could not motivate."

Bethlehem was 3-17 when Przybylo took over the varsity after an 8-12 JV season in his first year in the BC program. The record improved to 8-12 last season. Prior to coming to Delmar, Przybylo coached at Draper High for three years, going 13-3 and 15-1 with the freshman and 12-8 as JV coach. Previously he served as graduate assistant at Michigan State, and in a coaching apprenticeship at Lansing, Mich. He coached a ninth-grade team to an undefeated season.

Przybylo, a state employee and one of the few BC coaches from the outside, said he felt he had no support from the school administration and the parents of the players. "They felt I did not relate well to the players," he said. "I have to agree. I could not get this team to play for me, and in the past I've had kids who would run into a wall for me. It's hard to take over a program where kids know they are going to lose. The emphasis at BC is not on winning, but on participating in sports and having fun. When the administration doesn't back me or make a commitment, and lets parents' comments get to them, you can't coach like that."

Ray Sliter, Bethlehem's director of athletics, said he didn't think that was the case. "As a walk-on coach, he was one of the best. He's a good coach. We

Gas pumps blaze

Firemen were called out to two fires at gas pumps this week, according to Bethlehem police. Both are believed to have occurred when drivers pulled away from the pump while the hose was still attached to their vehicles, breaking the electrical connection and sparking a blaze, police said. Delmar fire fighters extinguished a fire last Wednesday evening at the Sunoco station at Cherry and Delaware avenues and Selkirk fire fighters were called early Thursday to the Petrol station on Rt. 9W, according to police.

talked about his getting the most out of his players. I think this season has been hard on him."

Bethlehem has had mediocre to poor basketball teams for most of the past decade, and has not had a contender in the Suburban Council since Dale Walts resigned to take a job in the insurance business. Walts was succeeded by Jim Tedisco, a former Union College star who also had a stormy stint as BC's varsity coach before resigning three years ago.

Both Tedisco and Przybylo put in long hours on Saturdays working with grade school and middle school youngsters developing talent for future varsities. Several parents declined to comment on Przybylo's remarks on player relationships, but praised his dedication and hard work.

Sliter praised Przybylo for putting in a lot of extra time on Saturdays, and attributed that effort to "definitely improving" the BC program. But Sliter denied that Przybylo's won-lost record was a factor in the parting. "After 27 years I don't worry about won-lost records anymore. That's not the problem."

On his part, Przybylo said he was disappointed to leave a program that has a number of promising players in the lower grades. In contrast, he said, his current crop of seven seniors went 5-10 as freshmen and 2-12 as sophomores. When they were juniors last year he moved three to the varsity and kept four on the JV.

"I kept them down because I wanted to get them into a winning attitude on the JV rather than get limited playing time on the varsity."

Przybylo said in submitting his resignation to Sliter that he had recommended his assistant, Jack Moser, for the vacant post. Moser, who coached the Troy High varsity for two years, has served as Przybylo's assistant for the past three seasons.

Nat Boynton

Rated expert

Kimberly Manne of Delmar recently received a Distinguished Expert Rating, the highest qualification award offered by the National Rifle Association. Manne advanced her rifle shooting through three levels to achieve the award.

Completes seminar

Richard S. Wooster of Delmar, mortgage officer at HWD Corporation's 1215 Western Ave. office, recently completed a special three-day training seminar by HWD's senior management on mortgage lending activity in 1984 and HWD's plans for 1985. HWD Funding Corporation is the real estate lending subsidiary of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Rochester.

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Tim Belden, in white jersey, took the last shot of last week's Suburban Council game against Mohonasen six seconds before Bethlehem Central's basketball season ended, and it was perhaps

symbolic of the season that the shot was blocked. BC Coach Gary Przybylo said Belden, a senior playing with a leg brace, "gave 110 percent every time he went out on the floor." R.H. Davis



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Saba out for state crown

By Nat Boynton

Fourteen wrestlers from a dozen Section 2 schools will be going to the Carrier Dome in Syracuse March 1-2 with a shot at the state championship. The youngest and smallest is Chris Saba, Bethlehem Central's vest-pocket phenom, the only freshman to win a Section 2 crown in the Sectional finals at RPI Saturday.

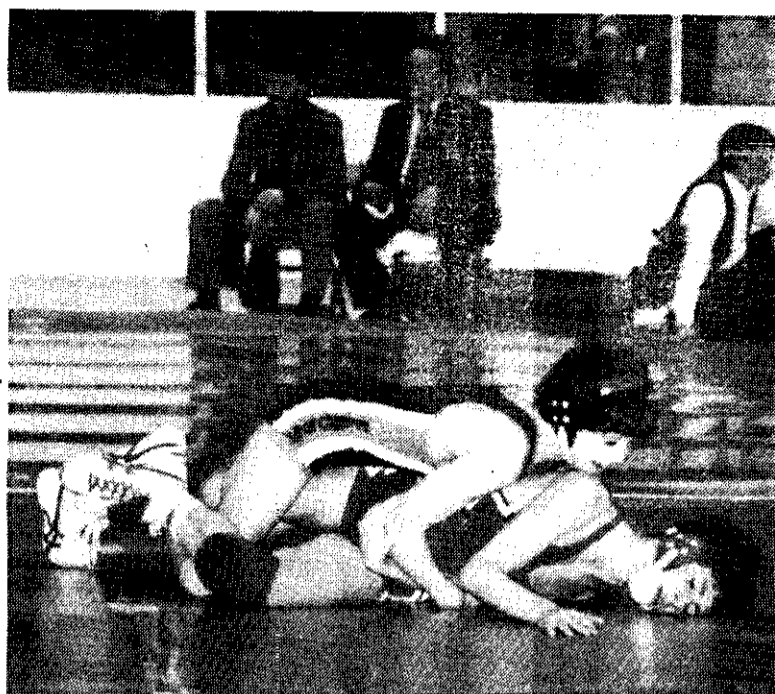
Saba, too quick and too agile to let any foe get a decent hold on him, scrambled and twisted through four opponents in the cavernous Houston Field House and emerged unscathed and undefeated at 29-0-2 for the season. He was seeded No. 1 at 91 pounds, and made the committee selection look good.

Rick Poplaski, his coach at BC, says this 14-year-old mighty-mite from Glenmont has as good a chance as any to win at Syracuse despite a field crowded with superstars from Niagara to Montauk. Poplaski was especially impressed with Saba's clear-cut decision over an arch rival, Todd Passer of Burnt Hills, whom he had wrestled three times previously this season, all close matches.

"Every time Chris needed his point, he was able to get that point, and that's what a champion has to do, take charge of those key situations," Poplaski said. "Chris took command on his feet, in neutral position, and got that takedown. This (Syracuse) will be a great experience for him."

Saba, a younger brother of a former Bethlehem wrestler, Tom Saba, is pint-sized, but dynamite also comes in small packages. He is no stranger to Syracuse or that high level of competition — he finished third in his weight class at the Empire State Games last summer.

Saba will be the first Bethlehem wrestler to make the state inter-



Bethlehem's Chris Saba was on top most of the time in his four bouts en route to a Sectional 91-pound wrestling championship Saturday at the RPI field house. In this quarterfinal match he won a 5-0 decision over Dan Pratt of Mechanicville.

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sectionals since Alan Marwill in 1982.

At Troy Saturday four other Bethlehem grapplers were eliminated in their first-round skirmishes. At 155 Andy MacDonald lost on criteria at 5-5 in overtime to Steve Sausville of Salem, coached by Poplaski's twin brother, and Brett Zick was overpowered at 167 by a very physical Marty Flanders of Schuylerville. Jim Dayter, in the tournament as an alternate, drew top-seeded Jeff Genovesi of Voorheesville, the eventual champion, at 126 and lost by 13-3. "He did a good job," said Poplaski. Mark Hoffman (215) also lost in the first round.

Poplaski served as chairman of the six-mat extravaganza before a sizeable crowd. Bethlehem wrestlers and members of the parents' booster group staffed the big arena during the day-long action.

Morris to speak

W. Gordon Morris, Jr., of Elsmere, the Republican Minority Leader in the Albany County Legislature, will discuss "County Legislative Issues" following a 6:30 p.m. covered dish dinner at the American Legion Hall, Poplar Dr., Elsmere. Sponsored by the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, the meeting is open to all interested persons. For reservations call Pat Pappert at 439-1829 or Cynthia Wilson at 439-5102 through Feb. 22.

Car enters store

A Delmar woman, 56, put her car into forward gear instead of reverse and went through the front window of the Brooks Drugs store at Delaware Plaza Thursday afternoon, according to Bethlehem police reports. The driver was alone in the car and reported no injuries, police said. No charges were filed.

Season's a winner for RCS wrestlers

By Bart Gottesman

Sophomore Jerry Baranska was the only member of the six-man RCS delegation at RPI's Houston Field House to gain a win in the Sectional wrestling finals. The Ravena standout pinned his opponent from Albany High in 2:52 in a first-round bout, but lost in the quarterfinals to Todd Stone of Whitehall, seeded fourth in the 177-pound eliminations.

This season will be looked on as one of the brightest in years as a very young Indian varsity (two eighth graders, three freshmen and four sophomores, attained an overall 10-3-1 record, their first 10-win season in a decade. The Indians also captured their first tournament in 10 years as they won the Duaneburg tournament. The Indians also placed in the Albany Academy, Ravena and Colonial Council tournaments.

RCS had four twenty match winners, a feat not accomplished

in many years, with Chip Cowles (98), Luther Legg (126), Scott Lewis (155) and Baranska.

The JV's who are working for next year's varsity spots, participated in the JV Colonials last Monday. Martin Stoddard (91) scored in the final seconds to gain a win and a championship. Brothers Rich (167) and Ken (98) Losee also were crowned champions. Chris Stoddard (105) and Steve Swanson (177) took second and Steve DiAcetis (126) placed third. Tim Flint (138) completed the scoring for Ravena with a fourth place finish.

The Indians will be losing only five varsity wrestlers to graduation this year, but their spots will be quickly filled by up-and-coming JV and "modified team" wrestlers who gained valuable experience throughout the year. The combination of youth and a wealth of newer wrestlers will leave varsity Coach John Vishneowski and assistant coach Gary VanDerzee much to smile about.

Two ticketed in crash

Both drivers were charged after a collision Saturday morning on Rt. 9W at Rt. 32, according to Bethlehem police reports. A Schenectady man was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor and a Brooklyn man was ticketed for being an unlicensed operator and failure to yield right of way at the intersection, the report said. Both drivers told police they hadn't seen the other vehicle, according to the report.

Brian K. King, 26, of Schenectady, one of the drivers, was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad after the 5:50 a.m. accident. He was treated and released, a hospital spokesperson said.

Felony DWI charged

David P. Weidman, 24, of Averill Park was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated as a felony after he was stopped shortly before 1 a.m. on Russell Rd. in North Bethlehem, according to Bethlehem police reports. Weidman also was charged with speeding and failure to keep right. He was sent to the Albany County Jail after arraignment on the felony charge, which was filed because of a previous conviction on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

Burglar gets \$1,600

Some \$1,500 in jewelry and \$90 in cash were taken from a home on Dana Ct. in Delmar Wednesday morning, according to Bethlehem police reports. The owner, returning home at 11:30 a.m. with her two children, found a bedroom had been ransacked and called police, the report said. A cellar window in the house was found broken.

A Lincoln gathering

A symposium entitled "Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation" will be presented at the State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, on Feb. 23, beginning at 9 a.m.

Sponsored by the State Library and the State Museum, the program will feature presentations and discussions about the issues surrounding slavery, the Civil War and Lincoln's freedom document.

The original manuscript of the Emancipation Proclamation will be on display in the main lobby of the State Museum through Feb. 28.

Workshop on choices

Counseling and Training Associates will present a workshop entitled "Better Choices, Series III" at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All are welcome. For information call 439-5391.

Charged in accident

A Feura Bush teenager was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor Friday afternoon after the car he was driving went off Waldenmaier Rd. near Rt. 32 and into a field, according to Bethlehem police reports. The driver, 17, and two passengers reported no injuries in the 4 p.m. accident, the report said.

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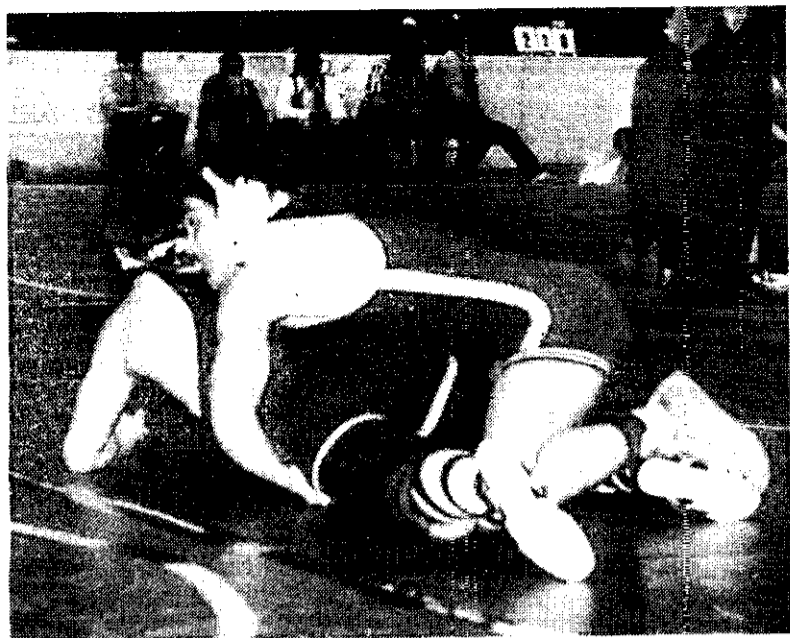
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Jeff Genovesi, Voorheesville's hope for a state wrestling championship, won the 126-pound title at the Sectional finals at RPI. In this second-round bout he was an easy winner over Reed Barger of Hudson Falls. *Spotlight*

Genovesi garners state tourney berth

By Peter J. Fisch

For the fourth year in a row Voorheesville High School will be sending a representative to the state wrestling tournament. Senior Jeff Genovesi captured the 126-pound title at Saturday's Section 2 tournament.

The Blackbird co-captain used intelligence and intensity to ramble through four opponents, setting back Galway's Pat Hammond, 14-3, in the championship. Genovesi, 34-0 on the year, is traveling to the tournament for the first time after placing third in the section last year.

"Jeff showed he was one step above the other wrestlers in his weight class," remarked VCHS Coach Dick Leach. "The score of the final was more one-sided than the actual match."

Leach was full of praise for the teenager. "He did everything he had to do. He wrestled an almost perfect day. You might say he's like a surgeon, he's not flashy, he just gets the job done."

Genovesi's goal of a state championship at Syracuse March 1-2 will be far from easy. Former VC standout Jeff Clark captured two consecutive titles including one last year. "At the tournament, a lot depends on the draw and who's in your weight class," commented Leach on the state tourney. "Jeff's not new to the level of competition he'll see. He's one of the better wrestlers going out there. The only disadvantage is that it's a blind draw, so you get the best

wrestler in the first round and have to wrestle back to place."

Only one other VC grappler managed to place in the finals at RPI Saturday. Heavyweight Rich Kane took fourth place. In the quarterfinals, the junior scored a tough 2-0 overtime win against Colonie's Bill Shell, but fell to champion Eric Peck of Johnstown in the semis. In the consolation round, Kane suffered a 2-0 loss at the hands of Schalmont muscleman nemesis, Bob Van Hoesen, a victor over Kane twice earlier this year.

"Rich finished the season real well," noted Leach. "He's one of the best heavyweights. He just doesn't have enough strength right now to wrestle with the likes of Peck and Van Hoesen."

All other Blackbirds were eliminated in the first round except junior co-captain Mark Gillenwalters. After winning his first match in overtime, the 132-pounder fell, 9-1, to eventual champion Warren MacNaughton of Queensbury. "If he hadn't drawn the champion in the quarterfinals, he could've gone to the finals," explained Leach. "He finished the season well but just had a bad draw."

Expert rifleman

Jeff Mills of Delmar recently received a Distinguished Expert Rating, the highest qualification award offered by the National Rifle Association. Mills advanced his rifle shooting through three levels to achieve the award.

Eagles looking for more depth

By Nina Barringer

"All things considered, it was a great season," commented BC gymnastics coach Megan Hickey.

Against Suburban Council powerhouse Shenendehowa Libby Bartoletti placed first on floor and second on beam. Sue Powell came in second all-round with a 27.45, followed by Robin Taft with a 23.65 in third place.

At a mid-February meet against Shaker, powerful performances were given by Bartoletti, who placed first on both floor and bars and fourth on vault and third on beam, and Powell, second on floor and bars and fourth on both vault and beam. In the all-round, Bartoletti captured first place with her season's high score of 32.75 and Powell was second with 31.45, also a season high. The final score was 122.7 (Shaker) to 111.75.

"Next season we're going to strive for more all-arounds," Hickey continued. "Many of the girls have the potential to compete all-round, but they're going to

Named to board

Eugene Tashman of Delmar, director of the Office of Management Systems for the state Department of Labor, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of The Menands Workshop, 339 Broadway. The workshop is a vocational rehabilitation facility.

Tashman was responsible for the development of vocational services at Sunnyview Rehabilitation Center, Schenectady, and served as director of that service for eight years. He was the first president of the Capital District Chapter, National Rehabilitation Association, and is a member of the American Vocational Association.

GYMNASTICS

have to really have to work hard."

Last week the Eagles were defeated by Niskayuna, 121.7-106.5. "We gave a good performance, but Nisky has many strong all-rounds," Hickey said.

Saturday BC participated in Sectionals. To qualify, a minimum score had to have been achieved in an event or the top five gymnasts from each team were eligible to compete.

Participants from Bethlehem included Kathleen Elliott, Robin Taft, Jennifer Engstrom, Sue Elletson and Libby Bartoletti on vault; Shelley Miller, Engstrom, Elliott, Taft and Bartoletti on bars; Wendy Thompson, Sue Elletson, Miller and Bartoletti on beam, and Kerry McFarland, Engstrom, Taft Miller and Bartoletti on floor.

Niskayuna triumphed, setting a new Section 2 record of 128.45 in defeating last year's titleholder, Shenendehowa. The Eagles had a disappointing low season score of 99.55. The team's No. 2 all-round, Powell, was unable to compete because of an ankle injury. "That

meant (a difference of) at least ten points overall," Hickey lamented.

Bartoletti, with an all-round score of 31.95 and one of the area's top 16 gymnasts, qualified for final in floor, beam and vault. The top eight scores from each event during Sectionals qualified for finals. There Bartoletti achieved a total of 16.45, placing in the top two, thus qualifying for the state meet. A score of 16.95 for her near-perfect handspring vault for which she earned an 8.5 out of a possible 8.8, also qualified her for States.

Bartoletti also qualified for States outside of school in Class II of USGF. According to Bartoletti, she will be "practicing harder than usual" until the States competition in Long Island on March 2.

Lane gets Energy post

Assemblyman C.D. "Larry" Lane, R-Windham, whose district includes the Albany County towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans, has been appointed ranking Republican on the Assembly Standing Committee on Energy. He also served on the assembly's Rules Committee and has been named a member of the Commerce, Industry and Economic Development Committee.

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Volleyball players are looking up more times than down, as Todd Smith of Bethlehem Central's varsity can testify. The Eagles were 1-2 in three Suburban Council matches last week, but their lone

victory came against Guilderland Friday. At left, two BC players put up four hands to block an opposing spiker, with all six shoes high off the floor. Tom Howes

BC spikers still contenders

By Tania Stasiuk

In volleyball action last week Bethlehem won one of three games, but Coach Ray Sliter feels the team is improving and still is contending for first place in the Gold Division of the Suburban Council.

Against Scotia, Bethlehem lost 15-10, 16-14. BC led at 14-12 in the second game, but Scotia streaked in four straight points to take game and match.

Bethlehem took undefeated Columbia into three games last Wednesday, losing 15-8, 9-15, 16-14. Senior hitter Rick Jones contributed power and junior Jay

Wolfard placements to take Columbia to the brink of defeat for the first time this year. Again, near the end of the third set, BC led 14-12, but could not hold.

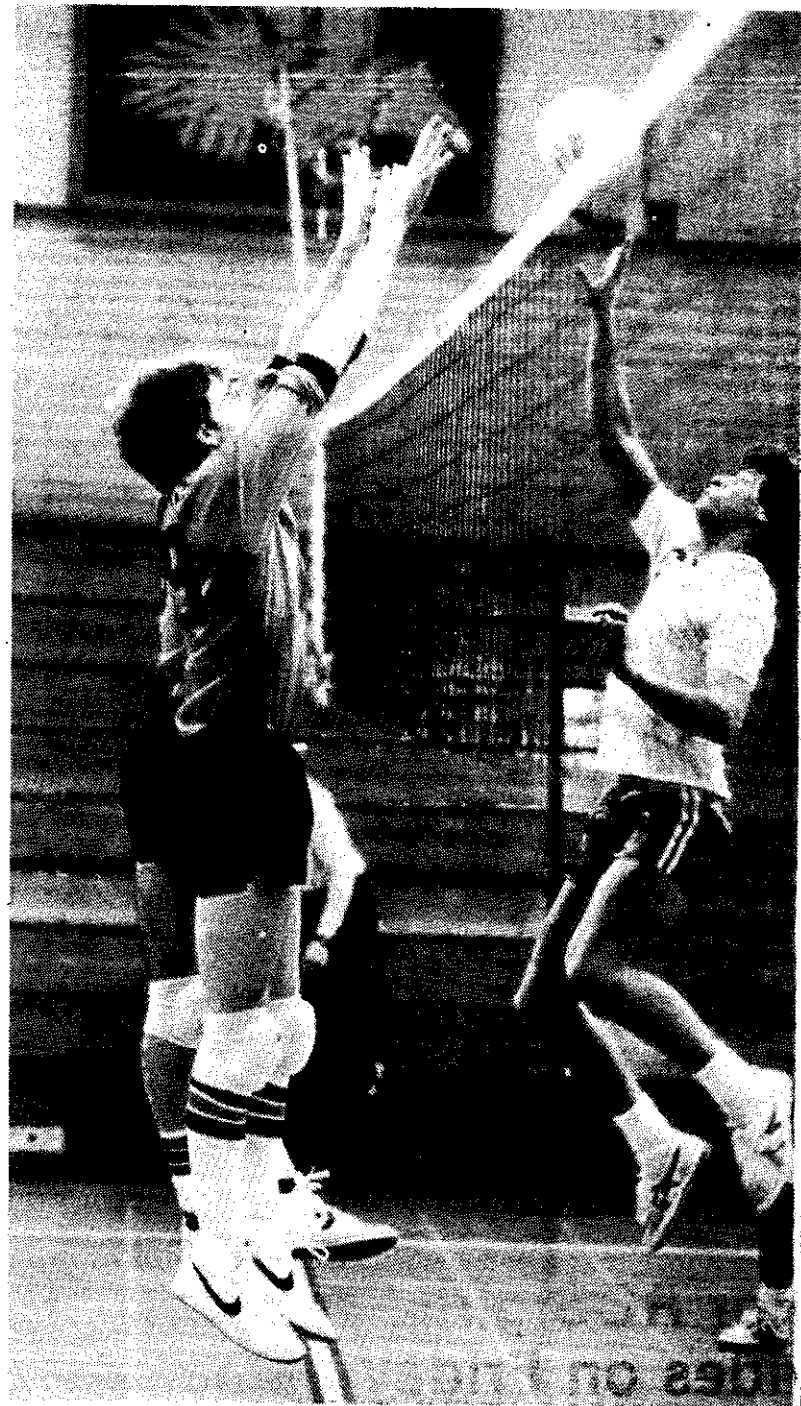
Guilderland's game brought a happier ending. Senior captain Dave Jones worked hard in the back row while junior Todd Smith replaced vacationing Chris Oberheim in the front to win in two games, 15-7, 15-10.

This Thursday Bethlehem hosts Voorheesville for a scrimmage at 8:30 a.m. Next Tuesday BC will travel to Shenendehowa and next Friday will host Colonie. The two league games are all-important for

Bethlehem's records — as only Blue Division Columbia and Shenendehowa have been winning consistently. Most of the other teams are battling for first place in the Gold Division.

Dinner at Grange Hall

The Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Selkirk, is planning to serve a roast beef dinner on March 2, beginning at 4 p.m. The group's women's activities committee is preparing a "This and That Sale" for the same time. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service. All are welcome.



Big turnout spurs Voorheesville hopes

By Rick D'Errico

The Voorheesville boys volleyball team had the largest turnout ever, with 22. Coach Tom Kurkjian said the "team is a good one with a real chance of doing fine in the Central Valley League Tournament. We could win it all or place high."

Kurkjian has made no cuts on his squad. He stated it would be more beneficial "since we have no JV program." He added that players new to the sport would have time to improve. He said scrimmages with Suburban Council schools can give everyone some experience.

The scheduled practice matches are with Germantown, Guilderland and Bethlehem, along with

other Suburban Council schools. The team consists of co-captains Jim Volkwein and Brian Casey, veterans' Doug Arthur, Tom Wight, Dan Mastromarchi, Tom Clark, Pete Fisch, Bert Romague, a senior from France, and Alex Diener, a junior newcomer. Also on the squad are John Meyer, Chris Smolen, Stefan Kologridas, Tom Corcoran, Chris Biernacki, Adam Schiabe, Tim Godin, Dave McCabe, Tim Curren, Glen Reynolds, Steve Mattfield, Jon Flanders and Steve Stein.

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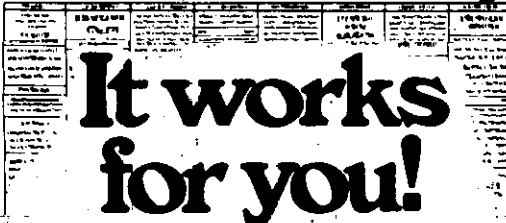
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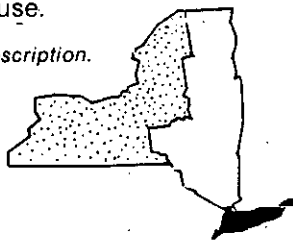
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Suburban Council teams have had problems getting to the basket against Bethlehem Central's defense, as Burnt Hills found out on a visit to Delmar Friday. If it isn't Wendy Vogel (44) of Julie Liddle (42), above, it's towering Kim Zornow (52) at left, blocking the path. BC won, 51-38.
Tom Howes

BC quint battling for No. 2 in draw

A girls basketball game today (Wednesday) at Colonie is crucial for Bethlehem Central's division leaders battling for a favorable No. 2 seeding in the Sectional tournament.

The Lady Eagles added two more to their list of victims last week and now command the Suburban Council's Gold Division at 11-2, second only to Blue Division leader Saratoga, 12-1. That Saratoga loss, incidentally, was administered by Bethlehem.

Kim Zornow continued to be BC's meal ticket, pouring in a career-high accumulation of 34 points in a 51-38 drubbing of Burnt Hills on the road last Wednesday, and adding 21 in a 42-37 triumph over Columbia. That left the towering center 35 points short of becoming the first Bethlehem basketball player, male or female, to score 1,000 points in black and orange garb.

Burnt Hills, BC's closest pursuer in the Gold Division, kept it

close until the third quarter when Megan Bursey, sidelined by foul trouble, came off the bench to pull off several of her patented steals to spark a last-period rally. Zornow connected on 13 of 21 shots and was 8-for-10 from the charity stripe.

Bursey was back at her thieving ways against Columbia. Zornow contracted foul trouble and an injury, and had to sit out for a spell, but ended up in her accustomed role as high scorer. Bursey is leading the team in larceny, averaging seven steals a game, and Julie Liddle is the leading rebounder with an average of 13 per outing.

Concert Sunday

Bethlehem Middle School student Gabrielle Robinson and soprano Janet Stasio of Slingerlands will perform as part of the Feb. 24 Monday Musical Club's concert at Albany Institute of History and Art.

Gabrielle, a member of the Young Musicians Forum and the Empire State Youth Orchestra, will play compositions by Chopin and Mendelssohn on the piano.

Stasio, soprano soloist at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany, will sing selections by Schichi and Arditi with piano accompaniment.

The free concert will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Winter at 5 Rivers

Two winter programs will be offered during mid-winter vacation for school-age children and their parents at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. until noon a group will investigate wildlife survival in winter. On Saturday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. until noon children 10 and older and their parents will explore the winter wildlife community on snowshoes. To register call 457-6092.

For goat lovers

Young people between 8 and 18 years who are interested in joining a 4-H Pygmy Goat Club should call Terri Lymburner of Selkirk at 767-2317. Animals will be available from local breeders at reduced prices to members.

For RCS girls, season rides on Friday game

A lot of chips are riding on Ravena's game at Holy Names Friday in what shapes as a photo finish with Schalmont in the Colonial Council girls basketball race.

The Indians enter the shootout at 12-2 in the league, virtually tied with Schalmont at 11-2, but the Sabrettes have two games remaining to one for RCS. Holy Names is in fourth place at 7-7. Coach Betty Faxon's team took a tough 39-36 loss at Waterliet last week in between easy wins over Lansingburgh, 41-21, and Waterford, 60-21.

The setback at Waterliet was a hard one to take. Ravena appeared in control despite erratic foul shooting, but incredibly failed to score a single point in the fourth quarter while their hostesses ran off 11 unanswered points, seven from the line, to seal the verdict. Waterliet sank 12 of 25 free throws

while the Indians meshed only three of 12.

Ten players contributed to the scoring against winless Waterford. Terri Baker had 14 points against Lansingburgh and Jackie Mulligan 13 in the Waterford picnic.

For China tourists

The fascinating civilization of China will be explored in a Capital District Humanities Program (CDHP) course, *Myths and Museums of China*, beginning on March 11, and visited through a special tour of the People's Republic of China from May 23 to June 12.

Wing-Ming Chan, assistant professor in SUNY/Albany's Chinese Studies Program, will lead the course, scheduled for eight Mondays, through May 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Colonie Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Loudonville. Registration fee is \$45, \$70 for two.

Reckless count filed

An Albany man, 19, was charged Thursday with reckless driving and speeding after he was spotted going 80 miles an hour in a 45-mile zone on Rt. 9W shortly after midnight, according to Bethlehem police reports. The driver, northbound in the southbound lane, passed two cars on the Norman-skill bridge and forced two other cars off the road, according to the report. His car then went off Southern Blvd. and up against a fence, police said. The driver left the scene, but came to police headquarters after being contacted at his home Thursday evening, the report noted.

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Digging for history in Bethlehem

"We're not just a bunch of diggers," says Floyd Brewer of Delmar, field director of the Bethlehem Archaeology Group. "Digging is pretty important to the volunteer group, which has grown slowly but surely over the past four years. Now looking ahead to the 1993 bicentennial of the Town of Bethlehem, the group, which has grown slowly but surely over the past four years. Now looking ahead to the 1993 bicentennial of the Town of Bethlehem, the group hopes to have made a significant contribution to a bicentennial publication detailing the town.

Archaeological information is gathered one step at a time — with carefully organized digging at an historic site, meticulous labelling, painstaking research, and interviews, too. As Brewer describes it, the goal of the group is not just to dig, but to tell the story of what is uncovered.

For example, the hundreds of "points" uncovered on the William Goes farm in South Bethlehem prompts research not only to identify the items, but also to reconstruct the lives of the ancient (3,200 B.C.) people who used them. Similarly, some work has been done at the former iron property on the Hudson River (now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Freeman T. Putney), where the earliest industry in this area centered around shipment of ice and hay to New York City. Brewer



Floyd Brewer of Delmar, field director for the Bethlehem Archaeology Group, reviews photographs documenting finds at excavation sites as Jean Lyon, right, labels shards found by the group's



volunteer diggers. Lyon heads the historical research section of the group. The Bethlehem Archaeology Group occupies an office and a lab space in a town-owned building on Rt. 32. Benjamin French

said, long before refrigeration or the horseless carriage had been thought of.

The dedicated volunteers are looking for help in their efforts to uncover the town's past, said Brewer, who has retired as a professor at the State University at Albany. Jobs include lab work, research and interviewing, as well as digging. Interested residents could ease into the field by taking a continuing education course in archaeology at the Bethlehem Middle School beginning in March, Brewer said, or enthusiasts can dive into lab work, research or

interviewing. Digging will begin again in early June, Brewer said, with work planned at several sites.

The lab work is done in space donated by the town in the former Waldemaier Meat Co. building, which is off Rt. 32 about a mile and a half south of Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park. The archaeology group had an open house at their quarters there in the spring of 1984 after extensive repairs overseen by Ralph B. Wood of Delmar, a retired construction engineer who is executive director of the group. Lab director is Virginia French, also of Delmar,

and her husband, Benjamin, is photographer for the group.

In what is believed to be a first in the region, if not the state, the Bethlehem Archaeology Group and the town expect shortly to sign a contract that will provide archaeological services to the town and a small budget to the group, Brewer said. But support is needed in other ways, too. The group would welcome donation of a second-hand electric typewriter or a used word processor with a printer; a photocopier that will accept 10-by-14-inch paper, a

legal file cabinet, bookcases and a vacuum cleaner.

The lab telephone is 439-4863. Persons interested in being supporters or volunteers also may call Brewer at 439-6391 or Wood, 439-2013.

Caroline Terenzini

Russell benefit for MS

Political satirist Mark Russell will perform at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany on Friday, March 8, for the benefit of the Capital District Multiple Sclerosis Chapter.

The 7:30 p.m. show is sponsored by Freihofer Baking Company and Grand Union Supermarkets.

Tickets are \$14 at the door and \$12 if purchased in advance, and are available at Community Box Office Outlet. Tickets may also be obtained from the MS Society at 815 Central Ave. in Albany or by calling the MS office at 459-5118.

Home aide training

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Calling for volunteers

St. Peter's Hospice, part of St. Peter's Hospital, is recruiting volunteers prior to a volunteer training session in March. An orientation to volunteering will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Feb. 20 in the hospice conference room on the fourth floor of the Gabrielovitch Pavilion. Melissa Clare, coordinator of hospice volunteers, will conduct interviews later in February for the March training session.

Hospice volunteers provide emotional support and assistance to patients who are in their final stages of life and their families. They may cook meals, help with shopping or transportation or help the nurses, Clare said. Clerical help, especially telephone answering, always is needed. Support to bereaved families also is dependent on volunteers.

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John Williamson
Chairman, Planning Board
(Feb. 20, 1985)

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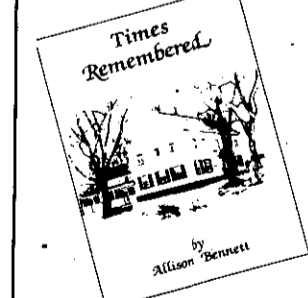
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Obituaries



F. William Davidson

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F. William Davidson, 66, of Delmar, a retired state Thruway Authority executive and a member of the American Legion Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Delmar, died Feb. 14 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Ada, Ohio, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in public administration at Syracuse University.

He worked for the *Newburgh News* in Orange County from 1940 to 1941. He was employed by the *Bridgeport Herald* in Connecticut from 1941 to 1942 and from 1945 to 1948, serving as managing editor. He served as legislative correspondent with the Capitol Bureau of the Associated Press from 1948 until 1953, when he joined the State Thruway Authority as a public relations director. He later became director of operations and retired from the State Thruway Authority in 1978 as deputy executive director.

A World War II veteran, he was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant after serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He was active in the Air Force Reserve from 1945 to 1950 and was active in the Air National

Guard from 1950 until retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1978.

He was a member of the International Bridge-Toll-Tunnel Association, a trade organization.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Dodge Davidson; two sons, Richard D. Davidson of Longwood, Fla., and Thomas L. Davidson of Mason, Ohio; a sister, Mary Humphrey of Mentor, Ohio, and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial will be in Callicoon Cemetery, Callicoon, N.Y.

Charles B. Honikel

Charles B. Honikel, 68, of Slingerlands, a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar, died Feb. 15 at St. Peter's Hospital after a long illness.

He was an attorney with his own Albany-based law practice and had served as Albany city traffic court judge for a short period.

A graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Union College and Yale University Law School, he was a member of the Albany County Bar Association. The World War II veteran served as an investigator with the CIC.

Survivors include his wife, Mathilda Malzer Honikel; two daughters, Christina Honikel and Karen Honikel of Slingerlands; a son, Kevin Honikel of Slingerlands, and two brothers, Philip G. Honikel and Francis V. Honikel of Albany.

Arrangements were by Zwack and Sons Funeral Home, Albany. Burial will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie.

Robert F. Edwards, Sr.

Robert F. Edwards, Sr., 67, of Delmar, a member of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Delmar, and St.

Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, died at home on Feb. 13.

He was born in Providence, R.I. and served as sales manager for the Pabst Brewery in Albany before opening Rusch and Edward's Beer Distributors of Albany in 1958. He was named salesman of the year many times during his years with the firm. He was employed by Roberts Real Estate from 1970 until his death, and was a veteran of World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star while serving with the Third Army.

He was a member of the Albany County Club.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Ballou Edwards; a son, Robert F. Edwards, Jr. of Glens Falls; two daughters, Heather Kleiner of Athens, Ga., and Pamela Dilwith of Ravena; two sisters, Marjorie Lenox of Fort Worth, Texas, and Gladys Edwards of Long Island, and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Louise Serra Granich

Louise Serra Granich, 64, of Selkirk died Feb. 12 in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

She was employed as a laboratory technician with Albany International Corp., Menands.

She is survived by her husband, John P. Granich, Sr.; a daughter, Mary Lou Townsend; two sisters, Nicklen Ciprioni of Rensselaer and Marie Flanagan of Albany; a grandson, Michael Townsend, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Catskill.

Heads senior center

George Chesbro of Delmar has been named president of the Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc., 25 Delaware Ave., Albany. Dr. Roger Drew of Delmar has been named to the organization's board of directors.

The Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc. sponsor programs to help more than 6,000 area senior citizens maintain an active lifestyle.

Heads arts unit

Sandra Hackman, a Delmar resident, has been appointed administrator of the State Council for the Arts Decentralization Plan for the Capital District, which provides grants of up to \$3,000 for arts programs of local non-profit organizations.

Previously employed by the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, Hackman has served as a teaching volunteer at the Smithsonian Institution and Historic Cherry Hill. She has served on the board of various educational, cultural and community affairs organizations.



Marie Privler

Honored at dinner

Marie Privler of Delmar, branch treasurer of the Lutheran Brotherhood's Northeastern New York branch, was honored with a certificate of appreciation at a recent dinner meeting in Latham.

Three join board

The Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Inc., named three new directors at its recent annual meeting. They are: William Betjemann, of the State Division of Criminal Justice Services; David Seaman, of the Hospital Association of New York State, and Arthur Young, senior vice president at Key Bank.

Association officers include Maryellen Saba of Glenmont, second vice president; Beatrice Herman of Slingerlands, recording secretary, and John Clark, also of Slingerlands, assistant treasurer. Other board members include Al Abrams of Slingerlands, Sally Dziuban of Delmar; Elizabeth Hamel, Slingerlands; Barry Reiss, Delmar and Sally Webb, Glenmont. The nonprofit association provides home health care services. It is located at 35 Colvin Ave. in Albany.

D'Aprix named editor

Warren D. D'Aprix, senior counselor at Hudson Valley Community College, has been named editor of the newsletter of the New York Mental Counselors Association. D'Aprix, who has served in HVCC's counseling center since 1970, is former editor of the Action Newsletter, publication of the New York State Counseling Association, that won national awards in 1979 and 1980.

Camera club meets

Members of the Delmar Camera Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere. During the meeting Sheila Schlawin, president, will present a program entitled "How to Show Your Travel Slides and Keep Your Friends."

Among the winners of the group's January competitions were Marthanne Donaldson, Frank Fuss, Sheila Schlawin, J.W. Miller, Fredericka Florant, Florence Becker, Sally Whitcomb, Yota Lindroth, Benjamin French, Ameila Anderson and Abbott Little.

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By Vincent Potenza

... The typical lawmaker of today is a man wholly devoid of principle — a mere counter in a grotesque and knavish game. If the right pressure could be applied to him he would cheerfully be in favor of polygamy, astrology or cannibalism.

It is the aim of the Bill of Rights, if it has any remaining aim at all, to curb such prehensile gentry. Its function is to set a limitation upon their power to harry and oppress us to their own private profit. The Fathers, in framing it, did not have powerful minorities in mind; what they sought to hobble was simply the majority. But that is a detail.

The *Vintage Mencken*, edited by Alistair Cooke, 240 pp. Vintage/Random House, \$3.95

Despite the impression some readers have, I was not taking breath when H.L. Mencken's pronouncements were staple of daily journalism in the '20s and '30s, so it was with (more or less) pristine eyes that I enjoyed this collection when it was waded my way. But enjoyed is too tame a word — devoured is more like it. With the first paragraph I knew I was in the presence of a master, they say, an artist whose strength would also be his undoing — his own personality.

The chief problem with writing of Mencken's sort, despite its near-absolute command of the language, is that it is only palatable when followed by a large tumbler of cool good humor. How we perceive a character like Mencken as a person — a character who wears his prejudices like his best suit — is all-important, how we respond to his writing. It's fine to pick on people in the most outrageous way as long as it's funny and you're perceived trying to be funny. But pick on people and let on you're quite serious and immediately everybody who doesn't agree with your opinion — and why should they anyway? — will despise you. After reading this book I recognize just how many imitators Mencken had, and why their writing was so bombastic and tiresome, no matter how much "truth" there is in it.

Mencken, too, had his downfall, it seems; he picked on FDR at a time when the nation desperately needed a hero and was not much in the mood for laughter. He fell rapidly from popularity and eventually from the health needed to continue writing. He never recovered either, and more the pity. I would say Mencken's prose is second only to Twain's in the history of American letters for vitality and wit. (Reading *Huckleberry Finn* at age nine was "the most stupendous" event of Mencken's life, he later said.)

It's been said that Mencken appears cranky at times, and that may signify his lack of durability. I suggest you do yourself a favor and see for yourself.

On TV game show

Robert Skerrett, a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, will appear on "The Wheel of Fortune" a television game show, on Channel 13 on Monday, Feb. 25. Skerrett is a resident of Escondido, Calif.

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A heady menu captivates Delmarites

By Lorraine C. Smith

The appetizer was Boursin with Aioli (herbed cheese with garlic). The first course: Aigo Bouido (garlic soup), the main course: Poulet à l'Ail (garlic chicken) accompanied by Spinach Mushroom Casserole and Wild Rice Ring — with garlic. The event was *Dinner in Honor of Garlic*, arranged by the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon Gourmet Group, and attended by eight guests-chefs couples.

Facilitated by pre-dinner cocktails with sherries and wines for each serving, several toasts were offered during the evening — to garlic, to good company, and to good cooking.

It turned out to be a relaxed evening, with many of the guests participating in the cooking and serving.

The Gourmet Group dines together once a month as its Welcome Wagon participants take turns hosting, cooking, and sharing expenses. Newcomer Lilla Roll, formerly a Cuisinart consumer advisor, chairs the social gathering. Considering a central theme, she selects the recipes — some new, some tried-and-true. Next month continues the single food motif: Dinner in Honor of Chocolate. Dinners have also been planned around countries, as in traditional dishes of Greece; a style of cooking such as nouvelle cuisine; or a manner of serving, for example, a picnic.

The occasion for garlic was to herald host Dr. Eric Block's article "The Chemistry of Garlic and Onions" featured in *Scientific American* this month. Dr. Block, chemistry professor at SUNY, has been directing international research on the beneficial properties of garlic for several years.

Block recently presented laboratory findings on one garlic ability that seems to prevent the formation of blood clots. His research, partly funded by the American Heart Association, could lead to treatment of strokes, heart attacks and hardening of the arteries.

Block's interest in sulfur compounds of such members of the lily family was evident in his doctoral research at Harvard. "Interest in medicinal properties of garlic has been attributed to folklore of 3000 years ago. It has been part of civilization in most ancient cultures."

Modern cultures expressed their interest last month when over



Prepared for more garlic, diners Karin Byers, Alice Hamill, Bill Byers and Tom Hamill contemplate the main course — chicken rice dishes, both well spiced.

Lorraine Smith

4000 scientists from around the world participated in a chemical meeting held in Hawaii.

Some humorous, historic segments of the slide show Block presented at the week-long Hawaii seminar became entertainment for those who attended the Garlic Dinner last weekend in Delmar.

The table centerpiece for this occasion? A head of garlic, of course, but also a vase of nature's breath freshener, parsley. Even so, a gentle if not subtle suggestion appeared in the Welcome Wagon's newsletter: "All diners are requested to spare their friends and neighbors close contact the next day."

The dessert, by the way, was Rum Raspberry Trifle, frosted with whipped cream — full of calories, no garlic.

Sunday shopping

The Bethlehem senior van will be used to transport senior citizen residents of the town to local shopping malls for grocery shopping on Sunday, Feb. 24. Persons wishing to do their shopping on Sunday should call the senior van reservation line, 439-5770, between 9 and 11 a.m. on weekdays.

Photo workshop

Mark Van Wormer, a professional photographer, will present a workshop in basic photographic techniques for amateur photographers on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library. To register call 439-9314.

Welcoming coffee

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will offer coffee and friendship to women newcomers and new mothers at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 28 at the home of Marie Brown, Delmar. For reservations call 439-9679.

Heads Y board

John T. Mitchell of Delmar, an Albany attorney, has been elected president of the board of directors at the Albany YMCA. He succeeds Thomas J. Forrest.

Mitchell, a 10-year member of the Albany YMCA, has served the association in an administrative capacity for the past three years. As first vice president he was instrumental in the 1984 Century Club fund-raising drive and headed the membership and property committees.

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Scholarship winner

Mary Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Rogers of Forhesville, has been awarded a \$1000 George W. Done/I. Peter Paraj Garden Way Scholarship.

A graduate of Clayton A. Puton High School, where she is involved in student athletic programs and student government, Rogers is studying nursing at Niagara University. She has served as a volunteer in the physical therapy department at Annview Rehabilitation Cen-

Rogers is one of four children of garden way employees in Troy and Vermont to receive the annual award.

Nicaragua report

Members of the Bethlehem Coalition for Peace and Survival will gather at Bethlehem Public Library on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. to hear Gus Cadieux's "Eyewitness report on Nicaragua." For information call 439-4656.

Studies in Germany

Linda Mertz, daughter of Otto and Ursula Mertz of Delmar, is among 15 Colgate University students who are spending the spring term with a study group in Freiburg, West Germany. A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, she is a member of the Colgate class of 1986 and is concentrating in psychology.

The students are studying the German language and culture at the Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg.

Talk on pattern glass

Mrs. Sidney Vunck will speak about pattern glass at the Feb. 21 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk.

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On Friday (Feb. 22) *Petronella*, a puppet show, will be presented at 2 p.m. in the children's room of the Bethlehem Public Library.

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Be sure to check the *Spotlight* calendar for details about these and other mid-winter events. Enjoy the vacation!



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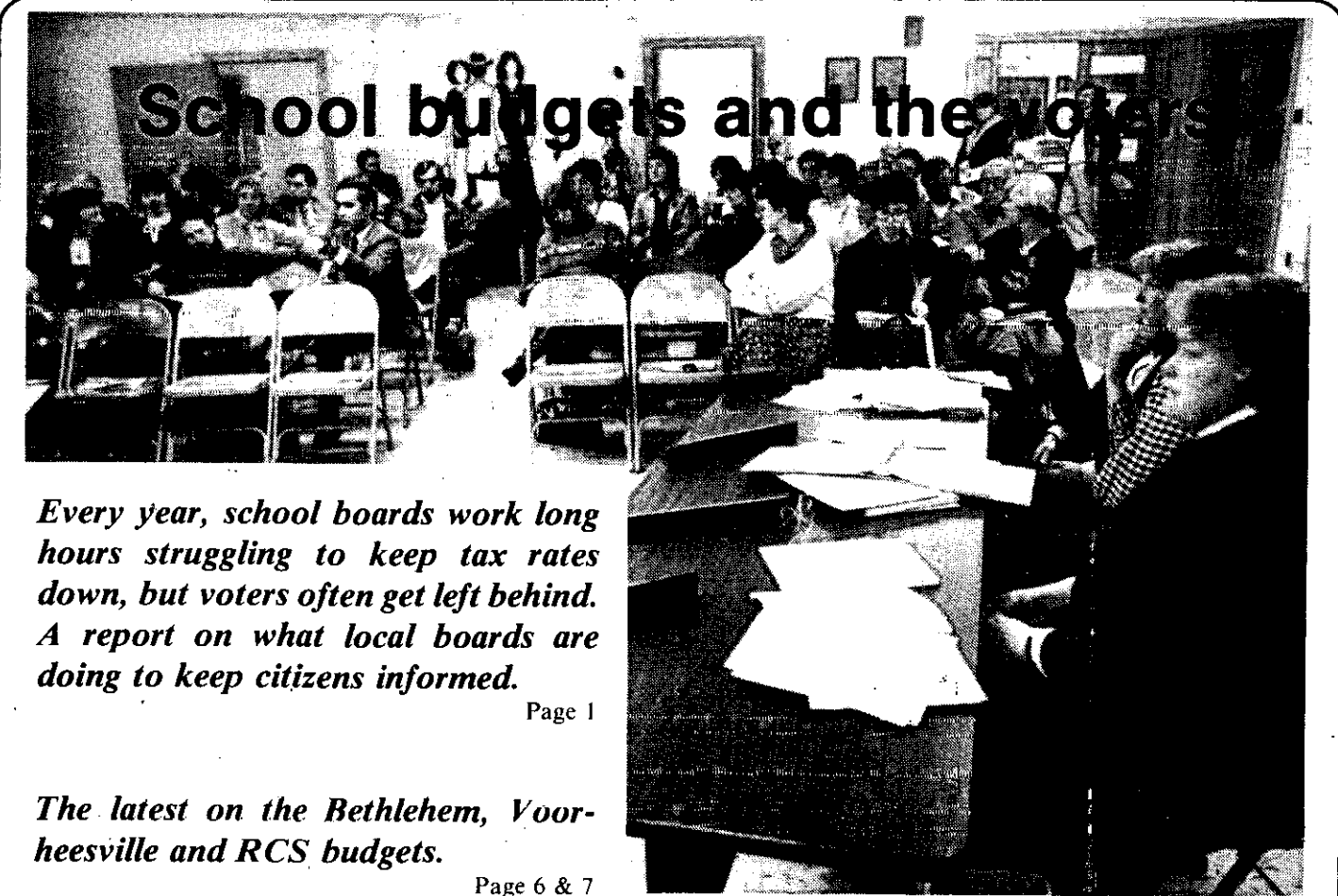
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