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Medical costs bring competition

CHP office heralds changes in practice

By Caroline Terenzini

These days the good news in medicine is the heart-lung transplant and a cure for psoriasis. The bad news is the cost. The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reported recently that in the past three years while the overall Consumer Price Index rose 12.1 percent, the cost of medical care rose 25.2 percent.

This dramatic cost increase has a variety of sources, including technological and medical miracles, seven-figure medical malpractice awards, and an aging of the population that means more people in the high-medical-cost years of life. Whatever the reasons, the response to the cost increases by government, the consumer and the practitioner is bringing about profound change in the health care delivery system.

Dr. Roger T. Drew began private practice 30 years ago, in what he describes as a storefront at Delaware Plaza. At that time there were only three full-time physicians in the community, he recalls, and the fee for an office visit was \$5. Now, some 30 doctors practice in the community, and office fees are \$30 or more.

Dr. Drew and Robert C. King, D.D.S., a Delmar native, helped bring physicians to Delmar by putting up a medical building 785 Delaware Ave. Their fieldstone building, erected in 1961 after what Dr. Drew described as "many hassles with the planning board," has been added to several times — in 1966 to accommodate a clinical laboratory and two more physicians, and five more times in succeeding years so that today it provides offices for 17 doctors as well as the lab.

Just down the road from the site of Dr. Drew's first office the Capital Area Community Health Plan (CHP) has opened a medical center — its 10th in the region — in the former A&P building at 250 Delaware Ave., which was renovated in a matter of months. Initially, four physicians are on the staff, but more will be added as enrollment grows, according to John Baackes, director of marketing and community relations for CHP. Plans also call for the center to have a pharmacy and office space for specialists and eventually to provide eye care and dental care.



Dr. Howard Netter, shown in the waiting room of his offices at 785 Delaware Ave., has five associates and 28 employees — but rising costs are changing that practice. Tom Howes photos

CHP, described as a staff-model health maintenance organization (HMO), is a prepaid health insurance program whose subscribers receive health care services from physicians and other professionals employed by the plan in facilities operated by it. Among alternatives to traditional health care, CHP is unusual in that it grew from the grassroots. The International Union of Electrical Workers at General Electric Co. in Schenectady provided the catalyst more than 15 years ago under a nationwide contract provision requiring that IUE members be offered a prepaid health care alternative, Baackes said.

The planning stage for CHP lasted from 1971 to 1975, with a committee of about 90 community members, including physicians. The first full-time staff were hired in 1975, and from 1975 to 1980, the federal government provided about \$2 million in planning and development grants to CHP. That, however, was only about half of the startup costs at four locations, Baackes said, and

the rest had to be raised privately. Now, CHP "doesn't get a nickel" of government grant money.

During those early years three Delmar residents were on the CHP board: Dr. Theodore Wenzl, who retired in January from the panel; Joseph Lamprecht, a former New York Telephone Co. employee, and Richard Mattox, now retired from Russell Sage College and the state health department.

While the concept of prepaid health care has been around since the 1930s, it is only in the past decade that its time has come — thanks to a new urgency in the campaign to control health care costs on the part of the government. Corporations, too, are taking an interest because many now fund all or part of their employees' health care coverage.

The spread of health maintenance organizations, which are designed to be self-efficient, is

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The Delmar office of Community Health Plan, the area's first health maintenance organization, opened last week. Staff supervisor Mary Primett sits in the new waiting room.

VOORHEESVILLE

No contest in election

By Nat Boynton

For the first time in a decade, Voorheesville's village elections will be a ho-hum affair.

In direct contrast to last year, when a lively contest for three seats on the village board, including the mayor's, stirred up a hotbed of political verbiage, the balloting on March 19 shapes up as one long yawn.

When the deadline for filing petitions for the 1985 ballot passed at 5 p.m. Monday, only one petition bearing two names had been filed in the village clerk's office.

That lone petition, filed under the label of the Village Party, insures the election of incumbent trustees Richard Langford and Edward Donohue. Langford, the youngest trustee ever to be seated, is finishing his third two-year term and will be starting his fourth on April 1. Donohue, appointed to the board in November to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joseph L. (Larry) Dedrick, will be serving his first full two-year term when the village fiscal year

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Cable being deregulated

Adams-Russell cablevision is raising two of its service charges, effective April 1, and will also be offering three new entertainment "packages" designed to allow viewers discounts on the more popular optional channels.

All of this is being done without prior approval from the towns that grant Adams-Russell its franchises, including Bethlehem and New Scotland, because under federal deregulation of the cable industry, such approval is no longer necessary. Adams-Russell will, however, be appearing before the Bethlehem Town Board some time this year to ask for a renewal of its basic franchise agreement.

The rate changes are for optional equipment available to subscribers, according to a letter to Bethlehem officials from General Manager George Smede. The rate for wired remotes (which allow a television set to be controlled on a remote basis) goes from \$1 to \$2 a month. And the rate for additional outlets goes from \$3.50 to \$4 per set per month.

Smede said Adams-Russell subscribers in Bethlehem and New Scotland will soon be offered three new "Spectrum" services, packages that include the basic channels plus various options of pay channels such as HBO, Disney and Cinemax. The com-

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Town, PBA contract goes to mediation

A March 13 meeting has been scheduled by the state mediator recently appointed to handle the stalled contract negotiations between the Bethlehem Town Board and the Police Benevolent Association.

"Technically, everything is on the table," said mediator Paul Curry. The PBA's contract expired Jan. 1, and after eight meetings between the board's negotiator, attorney Melvin Osterman, and PBA officials an

impasse was declared last month. Relations between the town and the union had been strained since a dispute over overtime last fall, but some progress had been made on a new agreement prior to the breakdown of the talks, according to sources close to the negotiations.

Curry — no relation to Bethlehem Police Chief Paul E. Currie — said a meeting scheduled for earlier this month had to be cancelled due to illness.

Adult ed registration

Registration is open for the spring session of Continuing Education in the Bethlehem Central School District. Classes start the week of March 4 and will last for 10 weeks. To register use the form that was mailed with the brochure, in the February issue of *Central Highlights*. To request additional brochures, call 439-3650 mornings or 439-4921, ext. 248 between 3 and 4 p.m.

Interested persons may also register by visiting the Continuing Education office at the high

school between 2 and 4 p.m. any day this week. The office is located to the right of the main lobby.

Two new courses this semester are Defensive Driving and Artsy Crafts. The six-hour Defensive Driving class will make students eligible to receive a 10 percent reduction on their liability premium and three points taken off their licenses.

Artsy Crafts will meet on Monday nights and include a bit of quilling, egg decorating, dough art, sock babies, felt fun and more.



Dr. Gary Nelson, Delmar dentist, gets a big open-wide from Scott Richmond, 5, during a dental

demonstration Monday at the Tri-Village Nursery. Tom Howes

Board seats open in 3 districts

Voters in three area school districts will be electing school board members this spring, with the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk district hitting the jackpot with five seats up for election.

Deadlines for filing petitions for the seats are all in April.

Two seats on the Bethlehem Central school board are to be filled by voters May 8. They are the seat held by Robert Ruslander of Delmar, who was first elected to the board in 1979, and the seat of the late John Clyne. Whoever is elected to Mr. Clyne's seat will take office at the first board meeting after the election to complete his unexpired term, according to Cheryl Stees, district information officer.

As of Monday, no one had

picked up nominating petitions from the Educational Services Center in Delmar, she said. Petitions must have the signatures of 83 district residents and are due at the center on April 8.

Candidates must be citizens of the United States, 18 years old and a resident of the district for 30 days before the election.

Voters in the Voorheesville School District will decide who will fill two board seats on May 15 as the five-year terms of Ann Balk and Joseph Fernandez expire. Fernandez has indicated that he will seek another five years on the board. Balk has indicated that she does not plan to run again.

Candidates must submit a petition with the signatures of 25 district voters by April 12.

Five of the nine seats on the

RCS Board of Education will be open this spring. The three-year terms of board members Robert VanEtten and Ronald Selkirk, and board president Anthony Williams will expire June 30. Two people elected to serve the remaining two years of James Gleason's term and the remaining year of Susan Gottesman's term will begin their terms on May 9, the day after their election.

The candidates will run at large, with the three candidates receiving the highest percentage of the popular vote serving three-year terms. Candidates must submit petitions by April 8.


For details about election requirements, candidates should contact their respective district offices.

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□ Doctors in competition

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in part a reaction to the cost pressures that developed during the 1960s as hospital emergency rooms increasingly were used by patients for primary care. The emergency room was the "family physician" for some people, both because of its around-the-clock accessibility and because conventional health insurance gave greater reimbursement for emergency room care than for visits to the doctor's office. It has become clear, however, that hospital emergency rooms are a costly way to provide routine health care. Increasing specialization in medicine in the 1950s and '60s also had an influence on the emergence of HMOs because medical costs mounted as patients went here for a suture and there for a blood pressure check. As the dollars added up, those who paid the bills became interested in alternatives.

Today there are some 340 health maintenance organizations across the United States, including 16 operating in New York State, Baackes said. And they are here with the government's blessing. "HMOs are the wave of the future," said one of the state Health Department's officials. The government's commitment to HMOs, which make use of lower-priced physicians' assistants and nurse-practitioners as well as physicians, is evidenced in letters that go out from the state Health Department addressed to "Dear Health Care Provider." The salutation irks Dr. Jonathan B. Pasternack, a pediatrician at 785 Delaware Ave. "I didn't go to school for nine years to be a health care provider!" he declared. "I did it to be a physician."

Now, with the arrival of CHP in Delmar, both social and economic pressures on the traditional delivery of health care are highlighted.

Baackes estimated that about 6 percent of the population of the Capital District has joined CHP to date. Asked whether CHP posed the threat of competition to local doctors, Baackes said, "CHP is hardly threatening fee-for-service if 94 percent of the public is still getting its health care from traditional

sources."

Others disagree. The Capital District Physicians Health Plan (PHP), Inc., came into being less than a year ago as the private practitioner's alternative to CHP. PHP, too, is described as a health maintenance organization, but it is an independent practice association, a prepaid health insurance plan, whose subscribers choose their doctors from among the physicians participating in the plan. These doctors maintain their own offices. To date, PHP has signed up nearly 400 of the approximately 600 physicians in private practice in Albany and Rensselaer Counties.

The most obvious difference between PHP and CHP is where the doctors practice — as a staff member in medical center or as a private physician in his or her own office. Because both plans are prepaid, their member physicians have an incentive to practice preventive medicine as way of holding down their plan's costs. However, Marshall Rosenfeld, finance director for PHP, said staff-model HMOs such as CHP have the edge as far as cost control

physicians (to the HMO) is basically economic, and they'll look for anything" to support that position.

Among criticisms leveled at CHP by physicians in private practice is that CHP doctors practice only from "9 to 5." However, as Dr. Baker described his practice, he is available after office hours as any private practitioner. In addition, CHP doctors have the same autonomy in their practice that other doctors do — "nobody tells me what to do," either administrators or the medical director, Dr. Baker said.

CHP also has been criticized for its use of physicians' assistants and nurse-practitioners, but Dr. Baker defended the policy. "A lot in medicine does not require eight years of training to take care of. That's just a fact." CHP health care providers practice careful medicine, he said, because, "if a patient gets sicker, it's going to cost us a lot more."

The fact that CHP offers subscribers a choice among a limited number of practitioners also is a point of contention for some, with PHP using its array of



Dr. Jonathan B. Pasternack

didn't know there was any other way." But a health maintenance organization was operated as a pilot project at Washington University in St. Louis while he was there, Dr. Baker said, "and seeing the way they took care of patients, I saw it was a very viable way of practicing medicine."

For Dr. Pasternack, there are aspects of his practice that also were not foreseen when he was a medical student at Boston University 20 years ago. As a member of the Physicians Health Plan, he chafes under certain of its requirements. For example, PHP's utilization review means he must obtain authorization from the plan before admitting a patient to a hospital, a requirement he calls "a self-inflicted wound." But, "I must conform or I'll be out of the plan. If I want to continue to practice in my office, I have to institutionalize my service."

That isn't what he had in mind during the nine years of schooling it took to become a doctor, he said. The feeling surrounding his medical training was "almost like a priesthood. A reverence for medicine and for the patient was taught. I was shepherded by a practicing physician. We had a feeling of sanctity for the patient, the illness and the doctor-patient relationship."

"The God-like image" is passé, says Dr. Baker. Today's medical student functions in a "pressure-cooker," says Dr. Pasternack, "and it's bad for their self-esteem. Medical school graduates today have problems much worse than we had, and also expectations different from ours."

"In that respect, I feel like a dinosaur."

Many medical school graduates today are burdened with enormous debt, preventing most of them from setting up a private

practice as Dr. Drew was able to 30 years ago. Hence, the staff-model HMO has a certain attraction for young physicians — the office, the waiting room, the nursing staff, the bookkeeper are all there, and somebody else is paid to worry about the balance sheet. "If a doctor hires one individual, he's suddenly big business," observed Dr. Drew. "He looks at the regulations and the paperwork and heads for an HMO."

With a staff HMO, "the burden on doctors of administering their own practice has been removed," said CHP's Baackes. "They're able to devote their professional energies to the practice of medicine."

For physicians in private practice, the administrative burden can be considerable. At 785 Delaware Ave., Dr. Howard P. Netter's practice in obstetrics and gynecology has grown over 21 years to the point where he now has five associates and 28 part-time and full-time employees.

A guiding force behind formation of PHP and a members of its board, Dr. Netter among

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"We have a vested interest in the community — it's been a two-way street."

is concerned because independent physicians' associations must absorb the administrative costs of hundreds of doctors' offices. Then, too, CHP benefits from volume discounts on everything from bandages to malpractice insurance, Baackes said.

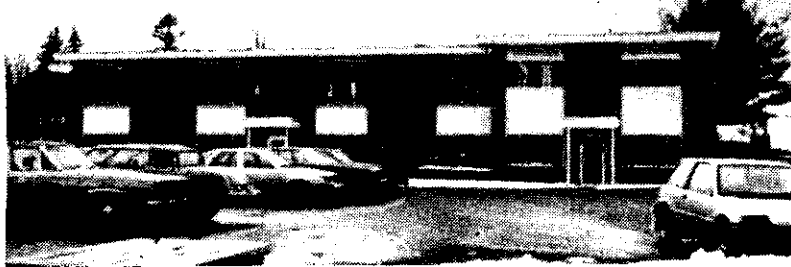
Is the quality of the medicine practiced the same? "Fee-for-service physicians put out the line that the quality (at an HMO) is lower," said Dr. James Baker, who has been on the staff at CHP's Latham center for seven years. "But the quality of the care is dependent on the individual. It doesn't matter under what system he or she practices."

"It really gets down to monetary competition," Dr. Baker said. "They know there are only so many patients in the capital region and they have to go to their office or my office. I have no doubt that the main objection of community

member physicians as a selling point. True, says CHP's Baackes, "but we provide more information on our doctors than you get on doctors elsewhere." CHP publishes a directory of its physicians including a paragraph describing their medical training. The PHP list, also arranged by specialty, provides only the business address and phone numbers of its physicians.

Finally, the charge has been made that CHP has a high turnover in physicians. "Some probably do use it as a parking place," said Dr. Baker. Some doctors have gone back to a fellowship or into private practice . . . people can change their minds once they've tried out something." CHP's philosophy and the nature of group practice are emphasized in interviews with would-be staff physicians, he said. "They have to at least feel a prepaid health plan is a reasonable way to practice."

Dr. Baker is the son of a sole practitioner in western New York who "worked days and many nights," he said. "I assumed I was going to do the same thing. I



785 Delaware Ave. was Delmar's first medical office building, now housing 17 physicians and dentists with its own medical lab.

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Delmar neighbors fight variance

By Theresa Bobear

More than 14 residents spoke against Dr. John Manne's request for a variance to permit an associate to practice dentistry at 64 Delmar Pl., Delmar, at a public hearing before the Bethlehem Board of Appeals last week.

In addition to providing assistance during difficult oral surgical procedures, Manne said, an associate would allow him to provide continuous service to his patients. Manne said he plans to move to a professional building if the proposed partnership is successful.

Manne said the addition of an associate would not affect traffic in the area because the second dentist could only treat one patient per hour.

Residents vehemently objected to the proposed expansion of a home business in an AA-Residential zone. Asserting that Delmar Place is "an uncontrolled speedway" from Kenwood Ave. to Wellington Rd., residents expressed concern for the safety of children in the neighborhood.

"One of the unique things we have here in Delmar is the quality of the residential areas," one person said. Douglas Zeno, president of the Central Delmar Neigh-

borhood Association, asked the board not to change the zoning of the area.

The board will discuss the hearing and make a decision at a later date.

The board also held a public hearing to consider Harold J. Berben, Jr.'s request for a variance to permit construction of a two-family dwelling in an A-Residential zone on Beacon Rd., Glenmont.

Berben purchased the parcel with the intent of building a duplex before the town removed two-family houses as permitted uses from A zones. Noting that a two-family house is located opposite his property, Berben said "I believe that a two-family would be very suitable to that location."

In other business, the board:

- Tabled discussion of the Feb. 6 hearing on Frank Mairoana's request for a variance to permit additional parking at 1360 New Scotland Rd. (Private Benny's), Slingerlands. Mairoana presented plans to eliminate five parking spaces in front of the building and add 11 spaces to the rear for a family-style Italian restaurant.

- Tabled discussion of the Feb. 6 hearing on Richard and Debor-

ah Strawbridge's request for a variance to permit construction of a duplex in an A-Residential zone at 461 Monroe Ave., North Bethlehem.

- Denied Harry Gochee's request for a variance to permit construction of three four-unit buildings on a 2.7-acre, A-Residential zoned parcel on Dawson Rd., Delmar.

- Granted a variance to William R. Swift Builders, Inc. to allow an existing chimney to remain intact at 37 Daniel St., Slingerlands. The board determined the cost of remedying the violation of the side yard requirement to be financially prohibitive and architecturally difficult.

- Granted Norman and Kathryn Mokhiber's request for a variance to permit construction of a duplex in an AA-Residential zone at 54 Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont. At the time the Mokhibers purchased the parcel, it was zoned A-Residential and duplexes had not been removed from A-zoned areas.

- Announced that a public hearing will be held at 8 p.m. at the board's next meeting, March 6, to consider possible modification of a previously approved special

exception to allow exterior building changes and the addition of basement garages to 15 four-unit buildings proposed by Vincent Riemma of ABCO Builders, Inc., for a section of the Woodhill subdivision at Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont.

- Scheduled a public hearing for March 6 at 8:30 p.m. to consider David B. Traub's application for a variance to permit construction of an addition at 423 Wellington Rd., Delmar.

- Scheduled a public hearing for March 20 at 8 p.m. to consider Jean Madison's application for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit enclosure of deck to create a sun room at 33 Bennett Terr., Delmar.

- Scheduled a public hearing for March 20 at 8:30 p.m. to consider Ethel P. Brown's request for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to

permit replacement and enlargement of a sun room at 9 Salisbury Rd., Delmar.

- Scheduled a public hearing for April 3 at 8 p.m. to consider an application for a special exception filed for Robert Mauro by Maureen Mauro, who has power of attorney. Mauro must obtain a special exception before installing three 8,000-gallon gasoline tanks and pumps at a store and gas station proposed for a CC-Commercial zone on Rt. 9W, Glenmont, near Feura Bush Rd.

Strongbox missing

An East Fernbank Ave. resident told Bethlehem police Thursday that a strongbox whose contents included a coin collection and a bank passbook was missing from his home. According to the police report, the box disappeared from a bedroom closet sometime between last Tuesday and Thursday, when workmen were in the house. The items in the strongbox were valued at more than \$250, the report said.

Donna Lee appeals show dog decision

Members of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals learned last week that Donna Lee, owner of a house at 1691 Delaware Ave., Delmar, has appealed the board's recent denial of her application to continue to keep no more than seven St. Bernard show dogs. Lee is appealing on the grounds that the decision was "arbitrary, capricious, without a rational basis, based not upon substantial evidence, and an abuse of discretion." She is being represented by Arthur J. Siegel of Feit and Schlenker, an Albany law firm.

Stating that she had "never engaged in handling, training or breeding as a business," Lee asked the board to reverse its previous decision, grant the requested special exception and award costs to her for proceedings.

In her application, Lee said, "The record is bare of any direct allegations that the dogs were or would be noisy, caused noxious odors, or presented a health or safety hazard for the community. Nor was there any evidence that the character of the neighborhood would be impacted negatively."

Agreeing that Lee's dogs were

"kept in a clean and responsible manner," the Bethlehem Board of Appeals refused to grant the special exception to allow a dog kennel because the use would be detrimental to adjacent property development and value.

Lee asserted that the board based its decision on the "unsubstantiated testimony" of the town's dog warden that she kept additional dogs in spite of her conflicting testimony.

She also disputed the testimony of Robert Wakeman, an attorney for the firm of Nolan and Heller, owners of adjacent land. "There was no evidence that the proposed development, which is protected by the virtually undevelopable ravine separating my property from the adjacent property, would be interfered with by dogs which, by all reports and testimony, are quiet and cause no odor, or safety problems. Indeed, the development plans themselves call for a significantly large buffer between the proposed residences and the boundaries of my property."

Proceedings on the appeal are scheduled to begin March 8 in state Supreme Court.

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Anti DWI chapter formed

A Chapter of S.A.D.D. was recently introduced at the RCS Senior High School. SADD stands for Students Against Driving Drunk. There have been numerous jokes about the name, but in reality, driving after drinking can indeed result in sad and regrettable tragedies.

SADD does not take issue with drinking but concentrates on getting people of any age who have been drinking not to drive. This idea, along with specific consequences associated with drinking and driving and the SADD Chapter's intended goals and activities, were the topics presented at RCS Senior High assemblies for each grade during the weeks of Jan. 28 and Feb. 4.

Speaking at the assemblies were six RCS students who have attended fall workshops for starting a SADD chapter. Three seniors, Tricia Sandgren, Joe Rotello and Dan Baker, and three sophomores, Colleen Farrell, Ken Koonz and Marisa Nunziato, presented the material, answered questions and comments and asked for students ideas and support. An assembly is also being planned for the junior high.

The SADD Organization will consist of any students who want to become involved. Frequent meetings will be held to present guest speakers, show films and plan awareness and educational activities for school and community. One of the first things SADD is sponsoring is a poster contest to come up with an RCS logo for SADD buttons.

Another activity of SADD is to distribute the "Contract for Life," which is an agreement between parent and child. The contract says that each will call for a ride or seek a safe ride home if they have had too much to drink or the driver has had too much to drink. It further states that discussion about the situation with the child will be done at a later time. Hopefully this opens communication between parent and child and

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

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spurs a sense of responsibility. Anyone wanting a "Contract for Life" may contact Ms. Bearey at the high school.

Dinner for ambulance squad

The Bethlehem Grange is sponsoring a Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, March 2, at the Grange Hall, Rt. 396 in Beckers Corners. The dinner is a special benefit for the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service. The full home-style roast beef dinner will start at 4 p.m., and continue until all are served. Tickets are available at the door, but reservations for six or more who would like to be seated together would be appreciated. Groups may contact Mrs. Helen Raynor, 767-2770. The Women's Activities Committee will also be conducting a This and That Sale during the evening.

Hodge Podge Club

The Hodge Podge Club is an after school activity for 7th and 8th grade boys and girls in the RCS Junior High who have taken or are currently in a home and career skills class. The word hodge podge means jumble. That precisely describes the groups' activities. Students can be found doing anything from picking apples to holding a Halloween party at a local day care center, to visiting

senior citizens and making holiday wreaths for their families. The students plan and carry out two community service activities and two special group activities a semester.

The club's goals are to prepare the students for responsible citizenship, promote community involvement, help students understand themselves and relationships with others and gain new friends through shared group activities.

Any community organization that has a need for the club's volunteer service may contact the club advisor, Mrs. Alice Lammy, at the junior high school.

Prayer day

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will present the program for this year's World Day of Prayer Service this Friday. The program will be held at the Congregational Christian Church in Ravena, beginning at 12:30 p.m., March 1. All women of the community are invited to attend. Everyone is asked to bring a bag lunch, beverage and refreshments will be provided.

Attends arson course

Bethlehem Police Officer Paul F. Roberts recently attended a fire investigation photography course conducted by the Department of State, Office of Fire Prevention and Control, at Montour Falls. The course was offered to improve the capability of local officers in the investigation of fire fatalities and suspected arson crimes.



You might think that Shadow, a 10½-year-old English cocker spaniel from Slingerlands, was enjoying a spring jaunt Monday. His friend Phil Champ, had parked to do errands. Tom Howes

Board limits leaves

By Theresa Bobear

Addressing a problem that has been nagging the board for a good part of the school year, members of the RCS Board of Education agreed last week to adhere to language in the teachers' contract specifically stating that teachers are not to use personal days before and after school vacations. The board will notify the teachers' union of the resolution.

Previously, the board had granted special exceptions for leaves to teachers on an individual basis; but, with additional absences because of illness, school administrators were having difficulty getting proper coverage near vacation time because so many leaves were taken at the same time.

"It's being totally abused," said board President Anthony Williams. He noted that the board had granted 43 leaves with personal days for extended vacations during the current school year.

Teachers will be advised to plan their vacations in advance.

Board member Patricia Marsh reported the success of the district volunteer program in the elementary schools. More than 576 hours of volunteer service have been logged by some 52 volunteers, she said. By the end of the school year, Marsh said, she hopes to present a recommendation for possible expansion of the program to the district's junior high and senior high schools. She said the program will be expanded to more efficiently utilize the specific skills of each volunteer.

In other business, the board:

- Authorized the issuance of a serial bond and a bond anticipa-

tion note in the amount of \$195,000 for roof repair at the A.W. Becker Elementary School and at RCS Senior High School.

- Reviewed proposed wording for the computer center and solar project propositions as drafted by board attorney Simeo Gallo. The board did not discuss details of the propositions, which are subject to revision.

- Received a letter of thanks from former board president Prescott Archibald for a recent testimonial dinner held in his honor.

- Granted a year-round extension of a route change made last fall to accommodate students on Rt. 396.

- Authorized the payment of \$3,750 to district architect Benjamin Mendel for architectural work associated with structural repairs approved for the district bus garage. Previously, the board authorized the immediate repair of the building with \$25,000 from the 1984-85 budget. The architect's fee was included in that sum.

- Denied permission for a special field trip from Albany to Atlanta, Ga., on Eastern Airlines. The board was concerned for the safety of the children who would have toured the Georgia terminal and returned home the same day for \$25 each. Under the proposal 20 students would have been assigned to one chaperone.

Breakfast in Ravena

The Catholic Daughters, Court Prague 1322, Ravena, will serve a fried dough breakfast on Sunday, March 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Main St., Ravena, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Dionysians take on Prof. Higgins

Speaking of make-overs, the Dionysians — the high school drama club — will present *Pygmalion* March 28 through 30. Each performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The play tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl who is transformed into a social lady by Professor Henry Higgins, and was the basis of the popular musical *My Fair Lady*.

Featured in the cast are Jeff Stein as Higgins, Courtney Brennan as Eliza and Tim Godin as Higgin's friend Col. Pickering. The cast also includes Mark Bibbins, Chris Biernacki, Steve Stein, Jim Perry, Suzanne Hunter, Carla Perry, Lisa Petrone, Alexis Steinkamp, Jeannette Kiegle, Ed Kiegle, Mike Dunn, Chris Kirk and Adina Taluto.

Tickets will be \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for students with senior citizens being admitted free on Thursday nights only at regular prices all other nights.

Voorheesville News Notes



More stories

The Voorheesville Public Library has announced that beginning on March 5 it will offer another story hour session for young children every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. This session will be offered on a trial basis and will become a part of the library's regular story hour if it proves popular. Librarian Nancy Hutchinson adds that the library is also happy to provide special story hour sessions, on request, for Nursery School or Day care groups, as well as Play groups. Those wishing to make arrangements should call her at 765-2791 to schedule a time.

Railroading

The New Scotland Historical Association will hold its monthly

meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Museum in New Salem. Speaker will be Steven Draper, whose topic is "Meet Me at the Depot." The meeting is open to the public.

St. Paddy's Day dinner

St. Paddy's Day is just a few weeks away and the Voorheesville American Legion has plans to celebrate the holiday in style. On Saturday, March 9, Post 1493 will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance at the American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. A corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing to the Melody Three from 9 p.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets to this gala event are \$11 per person and may be obtained by calling the American Legion at 765-4712 after 3 p.m.

Scouts at show

Cub Scouts from Voorheesville Pack 73 and Boy Scouts from Voorheesville Troop 73 will take part this weekend in the Scout Show to be held at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany. The exhibit, held every two to three years, showcases the many projects done by area troops. An example of scouting diversity is shown by both local groups — the Cub Scouts will do fingerprinting and the Boy Scouts will build a tower.

Tickets for the event, which runs Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., are \$1 for adults and \$1 for two children. Two \$1 tickets will admit an entire family. Tickets may be purchased at the door from local scouts. This year's show promises great projects since it marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of scouting in America.

Blanchard an Eagle

Speaking of scouts, Michael Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blanchard of New Salem, was awarded scouting's highest honor — The Eagle Scout Award — on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in a court of honor ceremony. Blanchard is a member of the explorer post of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Loudonville, and is a student at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Seeing double

Students at the Voorheesville Elementary School will be doing double duty where reading is concerned during the month of March when the PTSA sponsors its spring Parents As Reading Partners program at the same

time as the school participates in the annual March of Dimes Reading Olympics.

The PTSA program this semester will carry the theme "I'd Rather Be Reading." Students who read at least 15 minutes a day for five days each week from March 3 to March 30 will receive a button bearing the slogan and have their names listed on a special blackboard in the library.

As those minutes keep building up so will the books read — which can be used to gain funds for the March of Dimes in their Reading Olympic program. Grade school children who read one to nine books during the month will receive a bronze medal at the end of the program, while those who read 10 to 19 will receive a silver and those reading over 20, a gold. Sponsors who pledge so much per book also will profit in the fundraiser by helping the March of Dimes, which aids the fight against birth defects.

Reminders

A few reminders of the many activities this week:

Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold its annual Henry Tiger Memorial Ecumenical Service this Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Rd. All are invited to the joint service which includes the four area churches.

Sign-ups for Kiwanis Baseball will be held this Wednesday, Feb. 27, Monday, March 4, Thursday, March 7, Friday, March 8 all from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 9 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Boys and girls 8 through 13 are eligible for baseball and girls in grades 5 through 8 are eligible for softball. A \$6 registration fee is to be paid at the time of registration. All registration will take place at the grade school.

Registration for New Scotland Soccer Club will also take place

on Saturday, March 2, at the grade school from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Sign-up for the five teams of the traveling soccer league requires a parent be present and a fee of \$40 for new members and \$20 for former players.

Lenten program

Members of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will join together with the New Scotland Presbyterian Church in offering a joint Lenten program. Entitled "Meaningful Pursuits: Non-Trivial Religion," the program will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning this evening, Feb. 27. Two studies are being offered: "The Cardinal Virtues," taught by Rev. Gregory Pike, and "Prayer" taught by Rev. Richard Hibbert. A covered dish supper will finish on Wed., April 3, with a communion service to be held at the Presbyterian Church. Those interested in joining either group may contact either church.

Cocaine sale alleged

Three area men face felony charges of third degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, according to Bethlehem police reports. Joseph A. Vadney, 26, of Hannacroix; Raymond G. Van-Wormer, 25, of New Baltimore; and Adam F. Hallenbeck, 18, of Selkirk all were arrested on warrants signed by County Judge Joseph Harris after they were indicted on the charge by a county grand jury, according to the police reports. The three are accused of selling cocaine, police said.

Public speaking class

A public speaking workshop will be offered to 4-H members and leaders on Saturday, March 2, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Albany County Cooperative Extension Resource Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

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Track hearing tonight

A public hearing will be held on Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clayton A. Bouton High School auditorium to consider the school's capital construction referendum set for Wednesday, March 6, from 2 to 9 p.m.

The \$393,500 capital project will include \$335,570 for a 400-meter synthetic running track and related construction, including site development and a new football field in the center of the

track. The present football field will be converted to a soccer field, thereby giving the district two regulation-size soccer fields.

The remaining sum of \$57,930 will be used for asbestos removal and re-insulation of the boiler room, and replacement of the cafeteria ceiling.

The capital construction project was proposed during the summer of 1983 by a group of approximately 300 citizens.

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An exchange of (eating) habits

By Paul Nichols

Voorheesville families are hosting two foreign exchange students this year, Sandra Ponce from Chile and Bertrand Romagne from France.

Sandra, attending her senior year at Voorheesville, lives with the Fernandez family. She claims living with the Fernandezes is very similar to living back home, where she has two younger sisters. After leaving 36-degree weather in Chile, Sandra arrived in her overcoat at the Albany County Airport as the temperatures reached the high 80s. Somewhat apprehensive, she felt the friendly welcoming by her new family brought a positive beginning to her new year.

After being accustomed to eating fruits, toast, cakes and sandwiches for breakfast, Sandra suddenly started to feast on eggs and cereal as her morning eye-opener. For lunch, Sandra was more or less spoiled with spicy foods, fish and meats. Here she has been adjusting to eating "soup and sandwich" at mid-day. Dinner is similar to a lunch in Chile, where a sandwich or vegetable is usually first on the menu.

In Chile, due to the hard school day, sports are not "important." During a 10-hour school day, Sandra would be busy with 12 or 13 subjects going from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. After school, only a few people participate in athletics.

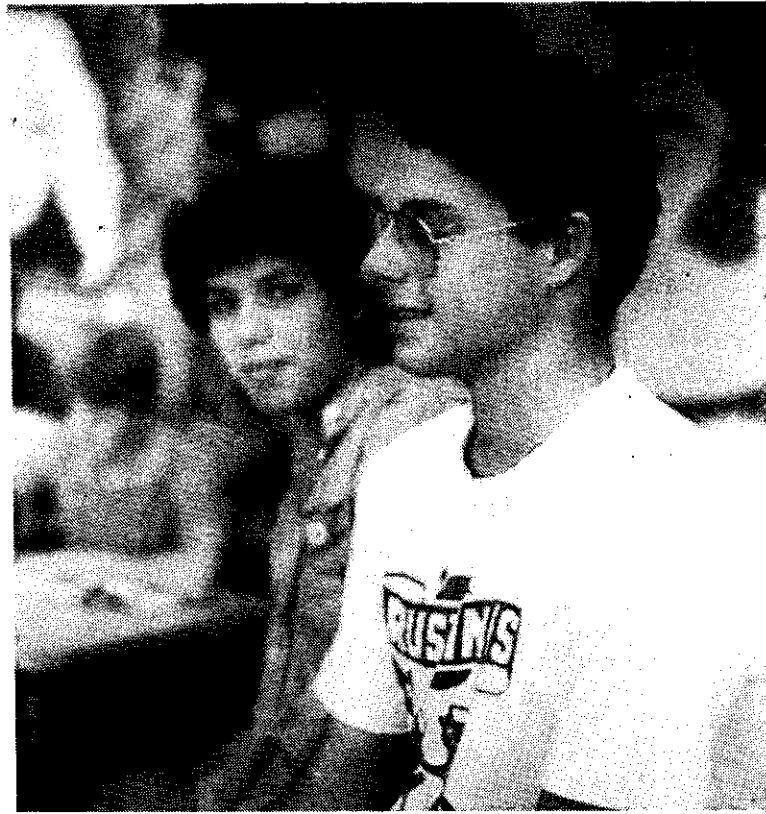
In Chile schools have no football programs, but soccer and basketball usually attract the more enthusiastic fans. When it comes to sitting around, Sandra, as well as we all do, enjoys eating. Sandra, surprisingly, exclaimed that she prefers the Whopper over the Big Mac.

Bert, arrived at Albany County Airport in the rain after traveling for 20 hours. After getting a warm welcome from the John Breeze family, Bert has been at home at their house in a country setting.

In his native land Bert also goes through a long day at school, starting at 8 a.m. and going to 5 p.m. Although Bert is a soccer player and fan, he also likes watching football in America. American-type football is known throughout France but is not played or seen on TV.

Bertrand, the younger brother of a married sister, is very happy here. When it comes to food, our French friend had lots to say. Breakfast in France is not really eaten, although a cup of coffee might be enjoyed. For lunch, everyone joins together to eat steak, chicken or other heavy items. At dinner, spaghetti or pizza might be eaten before going to bed. Like most Americans, Bert looks forward to weekends as a time for family socializing. At Bert's school, he sleeps overnight in a dorm and shares a room with one other boy. As Bert says, "After spending 24 hours a day with your friends, you really learn to appreciate your parents."

Bert's favorite food is Italian food, although he's never gone to Italy.



Sandra Ponce of Chile and Bertrand Romagne of France have been enjoying new friends and learning new customs while attending Voorheesville Senior High School this year.

Bluebird boxes sold

Bluebird nest boxes are available this spring at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. The boxes, hand-crafted to official North American Bluebird Society specifications, will be sold to benefit Five Rivers Limited, a volunteer support group which sponsors many educational activities at the center.

The nest boxes will also benefit the Eastern bluebird. Due to changing land use patterns and the introduction of alien birds, bluebirds have been faced with severe competition for nest sites. Since the Capital District has plenty of suitable habitat for the bluebirds, erecting nest boxes can help to bring back the beautiful state bird. Since bluebirds stake out nest territories in early spring, nest boxes should be installed by late March for same-year occupancy.

Five Rivers Center currently has 40 bluebird boxes set up on its "bluebird trail." Bluebirds have nested at the center during the past three years and are already being seen this season. Information regarding proper installation of boxes and habitat preferences of the bluebird is also available. Call 457-6092 for more information.

Trespassing charged

Two men were charged with trespassing Sunday afternoon after they were apprehended on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad tracks in Elsmere, according

to Bethlehem police reports. The two, one a Delmar resident and the other from Troy, were firing a small-caliber rifle as they walked the tracks, police said. Railroad police signed the complaint.

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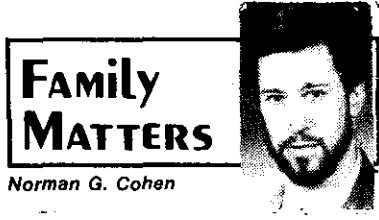
Learning a treasure hunt

One of the fundamental concerns parents express is: "Will my children learn how to work for what they want?" We watch babies put forth supreme effort to propel themselves a few feet across the carpet on legs that have yet to walk and knees that have yet to crawl. With each huff and puff and drool and grunt we take comfort in the thought that here is a youngster endowed with the work ethic, the ambition, the desire to get somewhere in life, and the will to work for it.

Just a few short years later, it seems to turn around, and the grunts are coming out of our mouths, not our children's. We become the ones to put forth those supreme efforts to get the kids out of bed in time for the school bus, to remember for them their school books, their lunches, their gloves and boots, their dental appointments. We begin receiving those ransom notes from teachers: "If Johnny doesn't begin handing his homework or keeping his notebook organized, I will have to give him a failing grade for the year. Perhaps if you spend more time helping him with his studies, he will do better." And so we put forth more supreme efforts.

Most people, regardless of their age, need goals for which to work. Those goals may be around the corner or in a dragon's lair or baked into a pie in the sky. Whatever they are, no matter how easy or difficult they are to attain, we will strive for them with supreme efforts so long as they are truly our goals, ones that we have personally formed, ones that we really want, ones in which we are vitally interested.

When we pursue goals formed of our self-interest and discover that on the way we will have to acquire skills we haven't learned or engage in boring drudgery and



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mind-boggling problem solving, we are more likely to set our noses squarely on the grindstone of work rather than thumbing our noses at it. In fact, if the goal and its rewards are strong enough, the supreme effort we put forth will probably feel more like hard play than hard work.

There is an occasional tradition in our family which is related to the concept of interest-based learning. On various birthdays our sons have spent up to an hour of joyous effort pursuing treasure hunt clues that eventually lead them to their birthday present. In the process they have learned to

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use maps, to call long distance operators for telephone information, to follow precise written instructions, to solve riddles, to use the dictionary, to perform mathematic calculations, read music and decipher secret codes.

The parental effort required to stage the treasure hunt is by no means a supreme effort, but rather fun. The key to making it work is to know your child and what is within his or her interest span as well as what is within his or her grasp of ability, or perhaps, just beyond it for a bit of challenge.

The hunt will go smoother if your clues are written clearly and

precisely, but even if some confusion arises, you will be there to nudge your treasure-seeker back on the right path. And if the celebration includes a party of peers, you will find your child's friends deriving as much pleasure from the hunt as the birthday boy or girl.

The clues themselves can be written on pieces of paper, recorded on cassette tapes or videotapes, delivered orally by family, friends or telephone operators, or can be found in passages of books or lyrics of songs on records you have. When you have developed around 10 clues, arrange them in sequence considering the pace, the variety of tasks and the degree of difficulty attending each clue. Finally, when you plant the clues in their hiding places, work backwards from the treasure itself. Hide Clue #10 according to the directions on

Clue #9, then hide Clue #9 according to the directions on Clue #8, and so on.

Here are some ideas for clues:

- Construct a math problem based on your child's math homework that results in a number of a friend's telephone. When your child calls that number, your friend will deliver the next clue.
- There are many ways to devise a secret code for your child to decipher. One simple method is to give your child a code key where each letter is represented by either another letter or a number or a symbol. Then write out the clue in the coded language. As my children learned to use a typewriter, I coded a telephone number by using the upper case symbols of the top line of keys.
- Try this one: Find the telephone number of The White House. Add the last seven digits of that number to find which page of (a book) has your next clue. That page can have a picture of an object in your home where the next clue is hidden or you can refer to a word on that page, for example, "refrigerator."
- My sons are into music. So one of their clues was a tape recorded message containing musical notes that spelled out words like "bed, bag, badge,



Members of the Capital District Psychiatric Center Mental Health Players, including Marjorie Feiner, left, and Gail Sokol, will present a program about teenage parties and alcohol use in room 46A of Bethlehem Central High School on March 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Dad."

You'll be delighted with the effort your children display in search of treasure. Of course, we adults know that the real treasure is the hunt itself and the joy which accompanies it, although maybe that is a truism we used to know when we were children ourselves, and forgot.

What I do know is that I enjoy my children's treasure hunts at least as much as they do, and I fancy that the experience is a clue to how I feel when I watch them take on the real hunt for life's treasures as they grow into their adulthoods.

Search for class of '60

The search is on for members of the Class of 1960 graduates of Bethlehem Central High School. That class will celebrate its 25th reunion on July 27 and 28, 1985, at Normanside Country Club in Delmar and at the Town of Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park.

A reunion committee has been formed and there are about 20 class members who are listed as "missing." Parents of BCHS grads and classmates who know the whereabouts of the following graduates of 1960 are urged to contact committee members.

"Missing" are: Richard Arnaud, Pau "Gary" Binley, Mandy Braun, Margot Cahalane (Hayes), Phyllis Carney (Grant), Robert Carpenter, Cherie Coe, Barbara Crump (Rowles), Robert Dewell, Linda Ginsburg (VanBallenger), Tom Gunn, Tom Hall, David Laird, Frances Miller

(Bogdansky), Karen Niles, Dave Pigors, Valda Pryor (Steele), Elsie Reynolds (Mackey), Joanne Van Wormer (JandeBeer), Bob Weissman and Robert Whitbeck.

Committee members who are working on the reunion include Bill Clark, Dan Moriarty, Phyllis Piazza Drew, Helenna Posselt Stasiuk, 439-0635; Joyce Smith Davidson, 465-7736; Christine VanNess Torey, 732-4184, and Peter C. Wenger.

Playing on attitudes

Teenage parties and alcohol will be the subject of a performance by the Mental Health Players of the Capital District Psychiatric Center on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in room 46A of Bethlehem Central High School.

Sponsored by the Bethlehem Central High School Community Organization, the program will focus on peer pressure, party guidelines, the role of parents, and alternatives to alcohol and drug use. All are welcome.

Time out for China

Mary Miner, a member of Mother's Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will show slides of her recent trip to China at the March 4 meeting of Mother's Time Out. The meeting will be held at the Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Child care will be provided. New members are welcome. For information call 439-9929.

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the burdens on physicians the cost of malpractice insurance. "Unless they (the state legislature) cap awards, we'll really be in trouble." If the latest increase in malpractice insurance premiums sticks, he said, his office will be paying a quarter of a million dollars annually for that coverage. This cost increase comes at a time when the squeeze is already on PHP doctors, who currently have 20 percent of their fee reimbursement withheld to boost the plan's solvency. Doctors in private practice also have a wary eye on the walk-in medical offices appearing at shopping malls and other high-traffic locations.

Despite the pressures it's under, private practice has its rewards. Dr. Netter spoke with feeling: "We have a vested interest in the community — it's been a two-way street. That's one of the joys of private practice — knowing peo-

ers stop and programs about weight control, nutrition and stress management.

The nominal fee charged for an office visit under PHP or CHP is part of the plan for solvency for good health. With a cost barrier removed, patients are expected to be more willing to seek medical care early in an illness or disease, when treatment is less costly.

And, by marketing their plans to employee groups, prepaid health plans enroll chiefly workers and their families, people in the prime of life. For example, only about 1,200 of CHP's 55,000 subscribers are on Medicare. Under a new federal program, however, instead of the usual reimbursement the Health Care Financing Administration will pay participating HMOs 95 percent of a fixed monthly payment for each subscriber on Medicare, Baackes said. The government will get a 5 percent saving and the

BUSINESS

□ Cable

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pany will be offering discounts and specials from local merchants as part of the package, Smede said.

Under a change in federal law that went into effect Jan. 1, cable companies are permitted to raise basic rates 5 percent in 1985 and 1986, and thereafter raise rates at will.

"What this legislation has done is to take the local elected official out of the middle," Smede said in an earlier interview. "We're going to let the dust settle for a while," he added. "We have no intention of raising the rates just because of that law."

Smede said that the law does give cable companies the opportunity to restructure their rates, offering more options to fit the desires of their customers.

Adams-Russell's last general rate increase came in 1982, granted by the Bethlehem Town Board (and later Voorheesville and New Scotland) after protracted negotiations that also produced an agreement that Adams-Russell would pay for a new public access studio at the Bethlehem Public Library. It took about 2½ years from the time that agreement was made for Channel 16 to go into operation.

Despite the fact that deregulation has eliminated much of the town's leverage, Bethlehem will have an opportunity to review Adams-Russell's service some time this year when the town board considers the company's request for a five-year renewal of its franchise.

The company requested the renewal last August, but no hearings have been held, partially because Adams-Russell officials had earlier indicated they planned to come in with a rate increase request as well, and partially because town officials are interested in certain changes in cable technology that may be able to use. Smede said later that he now plans to wait until after the franchise issue is out of the way before taking any action on basic service rates.

Delmar man tapped to head Albany-Colonie chamber



Thomas N. Stainback

Thomas N. Stainback, who moved to Delmar two years ago after a career as a college president and chamber executive, has been tapped as the new president of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Stainback, who has been consulting and directing three non-profit organizations since his move to Delmar, will assume his new duties March 1.

"It's a natural for me, to come back to this kind of work," he said Monday. Stainback said he moved to Delmar to be closer to the center of the business world. He maintains his residence in the Adirondacks, where he started his career as executive director of the Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce in the 1950s and was, most recently, president of Paul Smith's College.

"We are very fortunate to find one of the most successful and seasoned Chamber executives in the country, right here in Albany County," said Chamber Chairman William P. Brennan. "Best of all, Tom Stainback and his wife, Aida, had already chosen the Capital District as the place where they would most like to live. His experience, skills and contacts are sure to benefit our local Chamber."

Stainback commented, "I looked forward to the opportunity of working closely with the talented leaders in the Albany-Colonie Chamber. With my knowledge

and experience I hope to provide the necessary leadership to expand the role of the Chamber through increased membership, greater public awareness of the Chamber, and greater involvement in economic development."

The Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce board of directors conducted a nation-wide search during the past few months to find a president to replace Donald Dobson, who shepherded the merger of the Albany and Colonie Chambers during 1983. Approximately 90 candidates with a wide variety of backgrounds were screened.

Stainback has an extensive background in chamber of commerce work. He is past president of the New York Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where he helped merge the New York Chamber with the Commerce and Industry Association.

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ple in the community." Now, after 21 years in practice, babies he delivered are coming to him as patients, he said — "It's wonderful!"

Dr. Pasternack declared, "I cherish the way I think medicine should be practiced." Dr. Drew, too, hailed the individual initiative and spirit of free enterprise — "and what must have been pretty good service!" — that nurtured the practices that have grown over the years at 785 Delaware Ave.

Nancy Connelie, director of marketing for the PHP, characterized the plan as "really back to basics — back to having a family doctor." Said Dr. Pasternack, "We're (PHP) a higher quality alternative, and I think there will be those people willing to pay a premium."

For any prepaid health plan a major factor in the balance sheet is the health of its members. "To prevent our being overwhelmed by rising costs," said Baackes at CHP, "we want to get our members cooperating in their own health care so chronic illnesses are less likely to develop." Hence, CHP offers educational programs aimed at enhancing health, such as workshops to help smok-

HMO — through expected better management of the dollars — will cover its costs. About 12 HMOs nationwide are participating now, Baackes said, and CHP expects to be in the plan by July.

Dr. Pasternack suggested, however, that taking on large numbers of Medicare patients — people in their last third of life when medical needs and, therefore, costs are generally the greatest — might "break the bank" at some HMOs. Baackes, too, foresees heavy weather ahead as the competition for health-care dollars intensifies. He predicted a "shake-out" among HMOs.

Muddying the whole picture of health care is the fact that its cost often is the major issue until the moment when the overriding concern becomes the care itself. For this reason, much of the cost in medicine, said Dr. Pasternack, "is really a social question. These are not physicians' decisions. Cost is related to the relentless march in sophistication and the relentless appetite for care."

Best of the Bard

A group of Bethlehem Central High School students, including Scott Olmstead, Margot Downs, Laura Silber, Lauri Alexander, Brian Portnick and Jean Winkler, will deliver Shakespearean speeches Thursday afternoon at the high school in hopes of being selected to represent their school at the Shakespeare Recitation Contest being sponsored by the English Speaking Union of the United States, Albany area chapter.

One student will be selected to participate in the March 4 semi-finals to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville. If that student goes on to win the March 7 finals at the Albany Institute of History and

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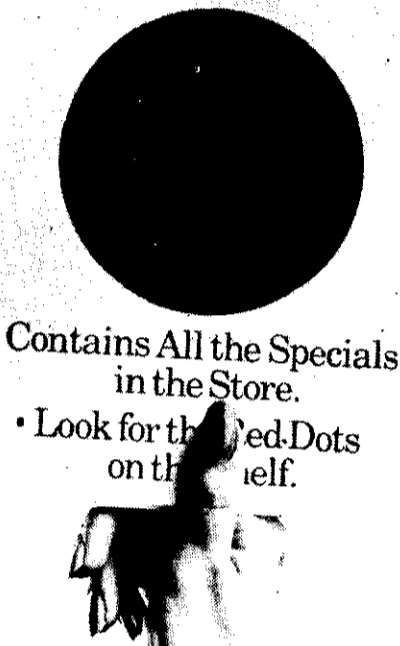
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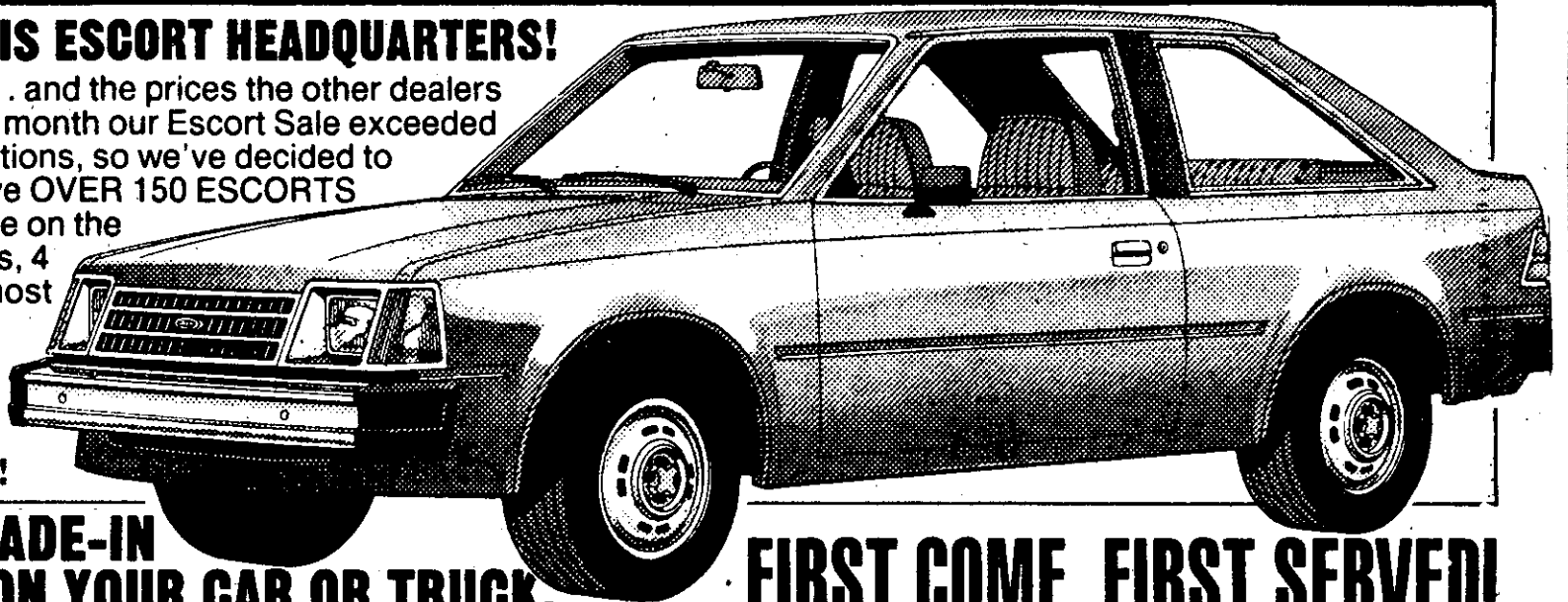
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- Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

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

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

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

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Kay Valentino at 439-9686.

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

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

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

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

La Leche League of Delmar, meets one Wednesday each month to share breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breastfeeding information, 439-2343.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

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

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

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

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, 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.

Public Hearing, to consider March 6 vote on capital construction referendum, including track, for Voorheesville Central School District, Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School auditorium, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 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, Mountaintop 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, Ravena, 6-8 p.m. Information, 756-2155.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

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

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

Energy Assistance Form Aid, for Heating Energy Assistance Program, offered by Harold Maher of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Town Hall, Tuesdays by appointment, 1-4 p.m.; Thursdays on walk-in basis, 1-4 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Income Tax Form Aid, every Thursday, sponsored by Tri-Village AARP and Internal Revenue Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon-3 p.m. by appointment. Free; information, 439-4955.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1
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, Tri-Village Pharmacy and box office; information, 439-9152.

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

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

Elmwood Park Fire District Commissioners, meet first Fridays at No. Bethlehem Firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer Service, Congregational Church, Ravena, 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2
Lenten Service, with music of guitarist Jeff Green, all welcome, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 5:30 p.m.

Prayer Vigil for Peace, first anniversary, all welcome, St. Thomas Church parking lot, noon.

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, Tri-Village Pharmacy and box office; information, 439-9152.

CPR Course, given by Bethlehem Ambulance Service, Selkirk Firehouse, No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 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 Grange to benefit Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 4
Delmar Progress Club, business meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Monday, 8:30-10:30 p.m. at the Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Mother's Time Out, members of Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers will view slides of Mary Miner's recent visit to China, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
New Scotland Historical Society, with lecture by G. Steven Draper entitled "Meet Me At The Depot," all welcome, Schoolhouse Museum, New Salem, 7:30 p.m.

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

area arts

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

THEATER

- "Quilters," musical about pioneer women of American frontier, Capital Repertory Company, Market Theater, Albany, through March 3 (Tues.-Fri., 8 p.m., Sat. 4:30 and 9 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m.) Tickets, 462-4534.
- "Medea," by Euripides, presented by Siena College fine arts dept., campus center theater, Siena College, Loudonville, Feb. 27, March 1 and 2 8 p.m.; March 3, 2 p.m. Tickets, 783-2527.
- "Bag Lady," presented by Skidmore College theater dept., Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Feb. 28, March 1 and 2, 8 p.m. Free; reservations, 584-5000, ext. 2347.
- "Starting Here, Starting Now," musical presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company and Siena College Fine Arts Dept., Opera House, 826 State St., Schenectady, March 1, 2 8 and 9, 8 p.m.; March 3 and 10, 2 p.m. Tickets, 473-8123.
- "The Canterbury Tales," Siena College, Loudonville, March 6, 8 p.m. Free.
- "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers," Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 1, 8 p.m.; March 2, 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.
- "Fifth of July," Studio Theatre, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, March 6 through 9 and March 12 through 16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 457-8606.

MUSIC

- "Gary Aldrich In Concert," classical vocalist, Studio Theatre, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 3, 3 p.m. Tickets, 473-3750.
- Albany Symphony Orchestra, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 1, 8 p.m.; Palace Theatre, Albany, March 2, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4663.
- Noontime Concert, with organists Mary Bon and Neil Keen, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, March 1, 12:05 p.m. Free.
- Saxophone Recital, by Mary Alice Falkner, College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, March 2, 7:30 p.m.
- New Philadelphia Quartet, St. Joseph's Auditorium, Albany, March 3, 3 p.m. \$3 and \$1 admission at door.
- Chamber Singers of State University at Stony Brook, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Madison and Main Aves., Albany, March 1, 8 p.m. Free.
- Crane Chamber Orchestra and Collegiate Singers, Cohoes Music Hall, March 3, 3 p.m. Tickets, 235-7969.

DANCE

- Maude Baum and Company, Russell Sage College, Troy, March 1 and 2, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-9916.

ART

- "Songs of the Fields," pastels by Leo Loomie, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 8.
- Prints and Paper Installations, by Peter Sowiski, College of Saint Rose, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through March 14.
- Photographs, by Sandy Noyes, Dielert Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through March 9.
- University Art Gallery Exhibit, State University at Albany, through March 17.
- "Off the Press: Contemporary Photo Printmakers," Schacht Fine Art Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through March 18.

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Steven Mayer, Xerox pianist, will perform Rachaninoffs Piano Concerto No. 3 with the Albany Symphony Orchestra on March 1 at Troy Music Hall and on March 2 at the Palace Theatre, Albany. Concert time is 8 p.m.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, all welcome, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Field Study, of nocturnal animals in winter, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Registration, 457-6092.

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, with Sue Ann Ritchko speaking about "What's New on the Consumer Horizon?" at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group will view demonstration of rapunto 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 Bible Study, with discussion of "The Head of the Church," Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9:20 a.m.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the 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.

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

Lenten Dinner and Devotions, covered fish dinner, presented by Glenmont Community Church (Reformed) and Faith Lutheran Church, both at 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, 6:30 p.m. Information, 465-2188 or 436-7710.

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Slingerlands PTA, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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

Clarksville PTA, Clarksville Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Glenmont PTA, Glenmont Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, literature group, Eleanor Lattimer will review *Ironweed* by William Kennedy, Bethlehem Public Library, community room.

Dramatic Performance, about teenage parties and alcohol use, presented by Mental Health Players of Capital District Psychiatric Center, Bethlehem Central High School, room 46A, 7:30 p.m.

Slingerlands Crafty Companions, second Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

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

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, all welcome, meets second Wednesdays at Meads Corners, Rt. 32, 8 p.m.

Lenten Service, with discussion entitled "Nailed and Tied Hands... Christ and the Criminals" by Rev. Warren Winterhoff, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, trip to Capital Repertory Theater, to see *Master Harold and the Boys*.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, with Rev. James Daley of St. Thomas the Apostle Church discussion "The Humility of Christ," all welcome, Delmar Reformed Church, 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Supper and Bible Study, with discussion of current social issues, all welcome, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget work session on handicapped, BOCES, professional services, guidance, inservice and library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Bethlehem Art Association, with BCHS art teacher Jeanette Walsh presenting student works, Bethlehem Central High School, room 46, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance, with music by The Melody, Voorheesville American Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. dance. \$11 tickets, 765-4712, after 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Field Study, and search for red-winged blackbirds, sponsored by Albany County Audubon Society, Inc., meet at Grand Union parking lot, Voorheesville, 8:30 a.m.

Lenten Service, with music of guitarist Jeffrey Green, all welcome, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Registration, Bethlehem Central kindergarten, March 11-15. Information, 439-3650.

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Kindergarden registration is the week of March 11. Contact your neighborhood elementary school for times and dates.

Clarksville — Fourth and fifth grade students will be traveling to Slingerlands School to hear storyteller Michael Parent... The Rev. Johannes Meester, president, has announced that the Clarksville PTA will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

Elsmere — The Board of Education will hold its regular meeting and mid-point budget presentation and hearing at Elsmere, tonight (Feb. 27) at 8 p.m. During March fourth grade students will start B.A.T.S., a first aid and safety course... Fourth and fifth grades used bicycle pumps to inflate cow lungs to better examine them as part of the Berkeley Health Unit on the respiratory system. Parents and teachers assisted Dot Seim, school nurse teacher... ESCO will meet March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Glenmont — The Board of Education will hold its regular meeting and budget work session on equipment, supplies, athletics and co-curricular at the Glenmont School on March 6 at 8 p.m... Molly Adkins will be in the Glenmont library on March 1 between 2 and 3 p.m. talking to students about writing.

Hamagrael — The building spelling bee will be held on Wednesday,

day, in preparation for the district spelling bee... Fifth graders will be taking part in "Growing to Maturity," a program about growing up.

Slingerlands — Peter Xeller's fifth grade class recently heard Mrs. Nan Windmueller, a Delmar nutritionist, talk to them on good eating habits and the history of mankind's eating ways. She also talked about eating disorders... On March 8 at 2 p.m. the fourth grades will be presenting an original play, "I Love New York."

Middle School — March is Friendship Month at the Middle School... On March 1 there will be a seventh grade Fling from 7-9 p.m... Advanced seventh and eighth grade math classes participated in the NYS Math League contests. Jeff Ballou is the first student to get a perfect score.

High School — Continuing Education classes begin the week of March 4. For more information call Richard Bassotti, 439-4921, ext. 248 between 3 and 4 p.m... The National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students has announced that Andrea Cousins has advanced to finalist. Andrea is one of only 1200 students in the national selected for this honor and scholarship consideration.

Call Cheryl Stees, 439-3650, mornings, with your school news.

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

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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

Vanguard Prevue of Albany Symphony Orchestra's weekend concert, with composer Hugo Weisgall and pianist Norman Krieger, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon.

Jazz at Noon, musician and educator Glyn Evans presents themes in jazz through historic recordings, orientation theater, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Noontime Lecture Series, Howard Clark of State Dept. of Agriculture will discuss current issues in agriculture, Albany Institute of History and Art, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Lecture, entitled "The Black Bishops' Pastoral on Evangelization: What We Have Seen and Heard," by Rev. Dozia Wilson and Rev. Brian O'Shaughnessy, all welcome, Convent of Mercy, 634 New Scotland Ave., Albany, \$2 and \$1 admission, 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Breakfast, with speech by SUNYA president Dr. Vincent O'Leary and salute to 1985 ambassador to Walt Disney World, sponsored by Albany-

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Events in Nearby Areas

Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, Thruway House, 1375 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 a.m. \$7.50 reservations, 434-1214.

Dinner Meeting, for members of Eastern Artificial Insemination Cooperative, Albany County unit, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Berne, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, 872-1008.

HEAR, Hearing Endeavor for the Albany Region, monthly meeting at Albany Medical Center Hospital, second floor hearing rehabilitation center, Albany, 7 p.m.

Albany Colony of New England Women, luncheon meeting with E.H. Williams speaking about "The Aaron Burr Story," Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Restaurant, 10:45 a.m. Reservations, 286-3283.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

National Assoc. of Insurance Women, conference, with lecture by Joan Kennedy, author of *I Don't Want Much From Life - I Want More*, seminars on life management, assertiveness and leadership offered, Hilton Hotel, Albany, March 1-3.

Films, Eskimo Artist - Kenojuk, in *Praise of Hands and Moonbird*, State Museum, concourse level auditorium, March 1, 12:10 p.m.; March 3, 3 p.m.

"Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking", with J. Carlton Keller and Dr. Victor Wallenkampf, Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1110 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. \$10 registration, 456-0777.

Opening Ceremony, for The Samaritan's suicide prevention center, 200 Central Ave., Albany, with Mayor Whalen, 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Diamond Jubilee Scout Show, celebrating 75th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America, with demonstrations and displays, convention center, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

Cross-country Ski Trip, ski nine miles in Adirondack Santonni Preserve, conditions permitting, meet at Ste-

warts, Rts. 9 and 67, east of Northway Exit 12, 7:30 a.m. Information, 399-5728.

Contra and Country Dancing, with Fred Breunig calling, sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, \$4 admission, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

4-H Workshop, on public speaking, for members giving first or second presentation, Albany County Cooperative Extension Resource Center, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.

Admissions Testing, for potential students, grades 5-11, Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, 9 a.m. Registration, 465-5222.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Coin and Stamp Show, sponsored by Capital District Coin Dealers Assoc., featuring coin auction and more than 70 dealers, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave., Ext., Albany, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Information, 346-2584.

Greater Albany Professional Singles, with lecture entitled "Unhappy With Your Job: Why Not Change Careers," by Richard Steiner, sponsored by Albany Jewish Community Center, Foxwood Apartments Meeting House, Clifton Park, 7 p.m. Information, 393-3281.

Miss Eastern New York Teenager Pageant, for single girls between 13 and 18, Holiday Inn, Broadway, Menands. Information, (607) 336-1640 or (607) 334-6603.

Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Appointments, 462-7461.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., Albany, 3-7 p.m. Appointments, 462-7461.

Lenten Preaching Series, with members of Capital Area Council of Churches, St. Peter's Protestant Epis-

copal Church, 107 State St., Albany, March 4-8, 12:05 p.m.

World Week, festival of ethnic food, culture and song, many activities offered, State University at Albany, March 4-9. Information, 457-5115; free.

Lecture, entitled "Poetry and Madness," by poet Elizabeth Sewell, all welcome, College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Epilepsy Assoc. of Capital District, support group for families affected by Epilepsy, Center for Independent Living, 22 Colvin Ave., Albany, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 439-8085.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

Farmers' Sprayer Clinic and Demonstration, sponsored by Capital Tractor, Inc., and Albany County Cooperative Extension, meeting at Capital Tractor, Inc., Rt. 7, east of Troy, noon. Information, 765-2331.

Albany County Republican Committee Banquet, with Congressman Jack Kemp, Michael's Banquet House, Rt. 9, Latham, 6:30 p.m. \$65 tickets, 438-5983.

Art Contest and Display, works by winners of Olympics of the Visual Arts, sponsored by State Art Teachers Assoc. (NYSATA), will be displayed at State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, March 5-19.

Parents Without Partners, Albany chapter, all welcome, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 372-3900.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Lecture, Dr. Inabeth Miller will discuss role of computers in education, all welcome, Albany Academy for Girls, Academy Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Regents winners

Local winners of Regents college scholarships have been announced by the state Education Department. The scholarships, effective as of the 1985-86 academic year, entitle recipients to an award of \$250 a year for up to five years of study at an approved program in New York State.

Approximately 97,000 candidates competed for the 25,326 scholarships awarded this year. The winners are the candidates who earned the highest scores in each county on either the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) prior to Nov. 5, 1984.

Of the 399 scholarships awarded in Albany County, Bethlehem Central students were awarded 69; students at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville received 17 and students at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School received 10 scholarships.

The following students from Bethlehem Central High School are Regents scholarship winners:

Chris Ainsworth, John Allen, David Ashe, Loren Balsam, Timothy Belden, Ian Bohorquez, Scott Bonanno, Christopher Burns, Susan Church, Keith Cocozza, Anne Comi, Aaron Corman, Kathryn Crowder, Nina Deibel, Darren Derosia, Delia Easton, Michael Ellenberger, Christopher Fearnley, Rachel Greene, Jennifer Grierson, Michelle Hammond, Theodore Harro, Lisa Henrikson, Carol Hernandez, Barbara Hipp, David Jones, Frederick Jones,

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Also, Alicia Morris, Peter Nelson, Christopher Oberheim, Mayank Perakh, Eric Patrick, Lee Petherbridge, Joan Peyrebrune, Jill Rasmussen, Craig Richter, Jay Rosenbloom, Frederick Rudofsky, Lori Schimanski, Carolann Slaughter, Thomas Thacher, Brian Toth, George Turinsky, Jennifer Warren, Loran Wasserstrom, Jean Winkler and Damon Woo.

The following Voorheesville students won scholarships:

Arthur Douglas, Debra Bausback, Lewis Bernstein, Mark Bibbins, Christopher Biernacki, Christin Fernandez, Peter Fisch, Gina Gifford, Annmarie Grassucci, Dianne Jackson, William Kraus, Michael Larabee, Mary Manning, Sharon McKenna, Cynthia Sauer, Chris Smolen and Jeffrey Stein.

The following RCS students won scholarships:

John Dwyer, Susan Gleason, Andrew Guthrie, David Hamill, Donna Marshall, Stephen Oliver, Cheryl Scalzo, Michelle Vankampen, Beth White and Garth Wright.

U. Colorado grad

Robert W. Portmann of Delmar recently graduated from University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in physics.



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There's bad, then there's the pits

There is, of course, no accounting for taste, as your mother would tell you when she saw crossed drapes in someone's window, overstuffed chairs of the long color in a Colonial living room and certain women's hats back in those days.

These days there is the network television fare, which currently seems to have deteriorated to a low, impossible as that sounds. It's hard to know where to place the blame — on the rating system, on the overstimulated activity of producers addicted to peeling tires and cars plunging over cliffs in a fireball, on the free competition among the networks, or the flaccid acceptance by the viewing public of endless pap.

Each new show seems to promise a new — or should we say better — way to under-entertain the mind. The most recent offenders are the prime-time soap operas and the police-drama eye stuff, the kind where, in the scenario in the opening minutes, you can predict the direction about to unfold, then the predictable or implausible resolution, the villains vanquished and leniency restored just in the nick of time before the closing seven commercials.

Has any ever known anyone chosen to fill out a Nielsen rating sheet? Where do they find so many people with a fifth-grade mentality who give high marks to such pabulum as *Fall Guy*, *Dynasty* and *Love Boat*?

Where has all the good TV programming gone? I can't believe it.

Media Rare

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By Nat Boynton

disappeared after the *M*A*S*H* of Henry Blake, Trapper John, Frank Burns and Radar or the old *Newhart* (certainly not the incumbent) or *Mary Tyler Moore* or, more recently, *Lou Grant*.

Here were intriguing or creative story lines, punchy dialogue and masterful casting. In various degrees and combinations, these shows had realism, pathos and/or humor, and there was no guarantee that the good guys would get the bad guys in the end.

One of the few surviving examples of top-quality writing, excellent dialogue and good casting with story lines that can't be taken for granted is *Cagney and Lucy*. Never mind the feminism; it's a rare gem in a sea of mediocrity.

For a while *Murder She Wrote* held similar promise, but its freshness has begun to wear a bit thin. The best of the current sitcoms is the inimitable Bill Cosby's TV family; *Family Ties*, *Cheers* and *Night Court* are passable.

For a few brief moments there was hope that the mini-series on Robert F. Kennedy would be of quality, but then it turned out to be more of a fictional fantasy than a documentary. As one viewer commented in the locker room: "There might have been a fact or two somewhere, and an occasional lapse into accuracy and true portrayal, but the script managed to skirt those wherever possible."

Here are some Emmy (as opposed to Enny) nominations:

Worst of the Newest — *Crazy Like a Fox*, *MacGruder and Loud*.

For Fourth Graders — *A Team*, *Riptide*.

For Second Graders — *Fall Guy*.

For People Who Have Nowhere to Go — *T.J. Hooker*, *Matt Houston*.

One Degree Below Trash — *Hotel Falcon Crest*.

More Exciting Than Brushing Teeth (Almost) — *Magnum*, *Remington Steele*.

Spools That Are Almost Funny — *Scarecrow and Mrs. King*, *Simon and Simon*. (*Scarecrow* gets a special award for being opposite a major waste of time, *Hardcastle and McCormick*. Both are opposite *Wonderworks*, providing a happy escape to Channel 17.)

Most Vapid — *Dallas*. (Can anyone tell the reruns from the all-new?)

Longest-Running Trash Container — *Dynasty*.

Most Flagrant Insult to Integrity — *Knot's Landing*.

A special note: if any of the above can be constructed as being negative, please remember that the judgements herein are based on watching two, sometimes three episodes, before abandonment. In some cases the distaste became overpowering after half an episode, in which event that particular program was given a second viewing that sometimes lasted as much as 20 minutes into the hour.

Meanwhile we have Channel 17, which, night after night continues to entrance, educate and entertain in the true sense. There is also Channel 23, not only a delight with its *Rockford* reruns and frequent good (meaning good) movies but also an example of a business success story serving as a model for similar enterprises elsewhere in the U.S.

We can also be thankful for the Ewings, Carringtons, MacGruders and Mr. T driving us back to those pleasant evenings at fireside with a good book. You remember those days — before all those insipid characters took those TV vacation cruises, spewed cliches and platitudes at each other before retiring to someone else's stateroom, and hurriedly put sugar and cream on the story line before bidding farewell to Captain Stupidity at the gangplank.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES



Douglas E. Kuhn Jr.
Airman Douglas E. Kuhn Jr., son of Douglas E. and Barbara J. Kuhn of Selkirk, has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the munitions and weapons maintenance field.

Capt. Carol M. Hammont has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. The medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Hammont is a staff physical therapist with the Army Medical Department Activity. Her husband, Mark, is the son of Eugene and Jeane Hammont of Delmar. The captain received her master's degree in 1981 from Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Pfc. George Swift, son of George C. and Doris J. Swift of Selkirk, was involved recently in a NATO-sponsored exercise in Europe. Swift is a vehicle driver with the 8th Infantry Division in Baumholder, West Germany.

Army Pvt. Constance M. Waite, daughter of Diana B. Waite of Voorheesville, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. She is a 1984 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School.

Honors at Academy

Many area students earned honors during the second quarter marking period at Albany Academy.

Charles Roth of Voorheesville, Matthew Fleming of Slingerlands and John Scicchitano of Feura Bush were awarded highest honors at the upper school. Students who earned high honors included: John Grogan and Eric Pelletier, Slingerlands; Todd Drometer and Christopher Cykoski, Glenmont; Christian Meyer, Voorheesville, and James Murnane, Christopher Tobin, Kevin Allen and Todd Giombetti, Delmar.

Upper school students named to the honor roll included: Jeffrey Harris and Michael Kinum, Glenmont; Edward Lyons and Eric Martin, Slingerlands; Anders Tomson and William Mosher, Voorheesville; James Wood, New Scotland, and Robert Sponzo, John-Erik Amundsen, Gregory McQuide and Stein Amundsen, Delmar.

Among Albany Academy Middle School students who earned academic honors were: Brian Shepley, Selkirk; Michael Cohn, Glenmont, and Seth Guterman, Duncan McCaskill, David Stasiuk, Kristofer Westervelt, Peter Seidel and Keith Tobin, Delmar.

Students honored for motivation and citizenship included: Hollis Brooks, Slingerlands; Philip Roberts, Voorheesville, and Andrew Henrikson, Laurence Rosenberg and Quimby McCaskill, Delmar.

Driver faces 4 counts

A Loudonville woman who, police say, forced another car off Rt. 85 in Slingerlands in the early hours Friday, was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor, according to Bethlehem police reports. She also was ticketed for failure to keep right, being an unlicensed operator and making an improper turn, the report said.

Three other drivers also face drunk charges because of police action last week, according to police reports. Two of them were stopped at the same time on Cherry Ave. near Dawson Rd. in Delmar, police said.

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- Alfred University — Elizabeth Carpenter, Clarksville.
- State University College at Genoa — Kerin M. Welsh, Slingerlands; Deborah J. Mattera and Martha J. Casper, Delmar.
- Utica College — Judith Leigh and Alexander Mayer, Delmar.
- Albany College of Pharmacy — Margaret Rogers, Voorheesville; Stephanie Vitillo, Selkirk; Louis Savo and Sheila McShane, Delmar.
- Schenectady County Community College — Shari Marie Elfer, Voorheesville; Jerry Halbeck, Glenmont.
- Miami University — Elizabeth Meinert, Delmar.
- Albany Business College — Suzanne Reed, Delmar.
- Maria College — Gail O'Shaughnessy, Selkirk, and Patricia Farley, Voorheesville, president's; Christina Milham and Lisa Igo, Delmar; Janice Brower and Elizabeth Tryon, Feura Bush; John Moak, New Scotland; Kristi Dagenkolb and Diane Inato, Slingerlands, and Kimberly Burns, Theresa Becker, Marie Caimano, Patricia Lasch and Mary Claire Oates, Voorheesville.

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Canon Cleator, religious columnist for the Montreal Star and president of Christian World Tours, is the Lenten guest speaker each weekday this week at St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany. Luncheon is served each weekday at 12:30 p.m. following the 12:05 service. Canon Cleator, a regular contributor to The Spotlight, retired last year as rector of St. George's Church, Montreal, and now lives in North Bay, Ont. He is widely known in Canada as a speaker, writer, and diocesan leader.

Modern Israel is a land of remarkable contrasts. When the biblical psalmist wrote his pictorial songs in praise of God's wonderful creative power and providence, he included the sun-baked, scorched wilderness of the southern Negev and the fertile, lush Galilee.

Only the very hardy, adventurous and the dedicated sunlovers elect to live in the Negev. As a boy in Sunday School years ago, I used to wonder why much of the action in the Gospels took place in Galilee. On my first visit to Israel, I learned the reason — from April to November the Negev is suffocatingly hot. A companion on that trip, who lives in Jerusalem (which can be very hot) said that he would not live there "if they gave it to me."

Galilee, by contrast, is the garden of Israel and was so in Jesus' day. Josephus, first century Jewish historian, wrote that it was "wonderful in its characteristics and in its beauty. Thanks to the rich soil there is not a plant that does not flourish there, and the inhabitants grow everything."

There in Galilee, Jesus began his long ministry, but not before

his temptation experience in the Judean wilderness, another of Israel's fierce, hot areas.

The only vegetation to speak of there is a serpentine ribbon of green beauty along the Jordan, which flows through the region. On the western side, the gnarled mountains of Judea rise about two thousand feet above sea level, and on the east, the mountains of Moab. On their summits, one can see the Dead Sea to the south, glistening and simmering in the sun.

Up there on that tortured mountain of Judea, Jesus brooded over his future.

On the slope of the mountain, near the top, is located the Greek Orthodox monastery of St. George, hanging like a seasoned fruit. The pilgrim is greeted at the door by one of the monks in wellworn cassock and together they walk along the silent corridors, dating back to the 4th century in Byzantine times. The monk will explain that once hundreds of his brothers lived there. "Now we number seven."

Ask the monk if he misses the secular world up there where only lizards and scorpions and cacti live and grow and he will likely tell you that this was Jesus' world and he wants no other.

But he would be wrong. That was not the only world Jesus knew nor did he ever intend that it would be. It was the world of John the Baptist and of the Essenes of Qumran, both of whom rejected the secular world, purifying their souls in prayer and fasting and awaiting the Kingdom of God.

Not for Jesus. God, he believed, did not enter into the world of man only to condemn it; He

would save it and Jesus wanted to be part of that adventure, no matter the cost. So up there on the mountain where vegetation sparsely grows and the rains rarely fall, Jesus faced his temptations.

How could he best serve God and his people? Questions every leader must ask if he is to serve his age and his nation.

Some things Jesus would not do. He would not use magic, like changing stones into bread. That would be sure to win the crowd, eager for giveaways and gimmicks.

He would not toady to the politics of the corrupt and powerful to win votes and gain power.

He would not try to be 'superman' and preach that he had all the answers to every problem and need.

Had he succumbed to these temptations, he might never have ended up on a cross at Calvary. He would have been a great success in terms of the world's standards. And he would never have been heard of and I would not be writing this article and you would not be reading it.

It is Lent again and time to reflect on our priorities as Jesus did on that mountain top long ago.

His temptations and his decisions speak to every American leader, either sex. Each must face his or her conscience and struggle through to the decision to do what is right or wrong.

Jesus' temptations and decisions speak to every American, living from day to day and forced to make those moral and ethical choices, which will decide whether the right or the wrong will win.

Let me invite you to reflect on the temptations of Jesus and to see what they will tell you about his basic principles, his way of life, his spirit and integrity, his revelation of God.

Jesus has answers for each individual American. Those he rejects are plunging this nation and the world into the chaos none of us want.



Rev. Rita McGuinness

Ministering to elderly

Rev. Rita Maureen McGuinness of Webster, Mass., was installed on Feb. 17 as assistant pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Glenmont for specific ministry at the Good Samaritan Homes in Albany and Delmar.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard V. McGuinness, Rev. McGuinness was ordained to the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, Jan. 13, 1985. She is a 1969 graduate of Bartlett High School, Webster, and a 1973 graduate of Salve Regina-The Newport College, Newport, R.I., with a B.A. in sociology. She worked for seven years as a continuing care case-worker in The Department of Social Services at Hubbard Regional Hospital in Webster. In 1979 she was graduated from Anna Maria College, Paston, Mass., with an M.A. in Counseling Psychology.

Rev. McGuinness attended Christ Seminary-Seminex, St. Louis, Mo., and was graduated from The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in cooperation with Christ Seminary-Seminex, on June 3, 1984.

Pastor McGuinness is now chaplain at the Good Samaritan Homes and ministers to approximately 160 people from the Capital District who are residents of the two facilities.



Rev. Larry Deys

Leads Bible study

Rev. Larry Deys of the Delmar Presbyterian Church will discuss "Christ as the Head of the Church" at the March 6 session of the Tri-Village Bible study. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. All are welcome.

Workshop on caring

An introductory workshop on lay caring ministry and the Stephen Series will be held at the First Reformed Church, Union and Church Streets, Schenectady, on Saturday, March 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. Conducting the workshop will be Gary Voss of Buffalo, executive consultant to Stephen Ministries, a not-for-profit religious and educational organization administering the Stephen Series.

The Stephen Series is a model for pastors and congregations to use in setting up a lay caring system in their own congregations. It is currently being used in over 800 congregations from over 30 denominations, Protestant and Roman Catholic, across the U.S. and Canada.

Recitals at First Church

The First Church in Albany, 50 Orange St., Albany, will present its Lenten recital series from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday during Lent.

This Tuesday (March 5) Nancy Frank, organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany will perform. The recitals are free. Guests are invited to bring their lunch.

Student who's who

Tammara M. Van Ryn and Steven J. Wood, Jr. of Selkirk will be listed in the 1985 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

Van Ryn is a senior at the Syracuse University school of environmental science and forestry. She is currently serving as an intern with the Empire State Forest Products Association. She is the daughter of Simon and Trudy Van Ryn of Selkirk.

Wood, a senior psychology major at Messiah College, Grant, Pa., is a graduate of RCS Senior High School. He is the son of Donald and Jean Wood of Selkirk.

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Wednesdays for Lent

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar invites everyone to join the congregation in a series of "Wonderful Wednesday" evenings during Lent, beginning with dinner at 6 p.m.

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RCS girls wrap up council championship

Ravena's girls basketball team broke out of a first-place tie with two convincing victories to wrap up a second straight Colonial Council championship and earn the No. 2 seed behind Glens Falls in the Class B Sectional tournament.

The Indians, battling Schalmont for the top spot in the league last week, broke open a close game with a spectacular 20-point surge in the fourth period to beat the Sabres, 46-35. Another win over fourth-place Holy Names on the road Friday clinched the crown.

Schalmont led at the end of each of the first three quarters and had a 28-26 advantage before the Ravena girls got their press working after Coach Betty Faxon had made several adjustments. Jackie Mulligan, the top RCS scorer with 18 points, went 6-for-6 from the foul line in the final period. Terri Baker and Beth White each had 10 points in the contest.

With a one-game lead in the league and one game left, the Indians travelled to Holy Names and took to the warpath in a rush. With White connecting for six points in the first quarter, Ravena rushed to an 18-8 lead in the first eight minutes and stayed in front the rest of the way to win by 55-40. Baker, who hit four shots from



RCS Coach Betty Faxon congratulates her players after the final buzzer of a 55-40 win at Holy Names that gave the Indians the league championship. At right, Sheila Seery, Ravena center (dark jersey), helped to cement the victory by controlling this fourth-period tap. Tom Howes

outside in four attempts in the fourth period, topped the scoring with 14, followed by White and Mulligan with 10 apiece.

Faxon will fine-tune her team for the Sectionals in two scrimmages this week, against Bishop Maginn today (Wednesday) and Bethlehem Central Friday. Now 14-2 in the league, 17-2 overall, Ravena will meet the winner of the Queensbury-Cohoes game in the tournament quarterfinal next Tuesday, playing at home if Cohoes wins the preliminary, or at a neutral site, probably Watervliet, if Queensbury wins.

Suns win it

The Bethlehem Basketball Booster Club sponsored a tournament recently for participants in the town's Parks and Recreation Department basketball program for players in grades two through four. The "Suns" won the tourney, with the "Knicks" finishing second.

Members of the winning team were Andrew Black, Jimmy Boyle, Matt Finn, Mike Pelletier and Steven Sarsfield of Elsmere School; Billy Clark and Jed Thompson of Hamagrael School; Jonathan Carlson of Glenmont School, and Shawn Walmsley from St. Thomas School.



In the closing moments at Holy Names on Friday Colleen Farrell (dark jersey) showed some slick ball-handling to avoid defenders and turnovers, protecting a title-clinching win for RCS. Tom Howes



Indoor tennis on tap

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer a program of indoor tennis for adults at the Bethlehem Central High School Tuesday nights, beginning March 12 and continuing through May 7. Court time will be available to groups of four players in one-hour segments, from 8 to 9 p.m. or from 9 to 10 p.m.

This program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District and pre-registration is

required at the park office, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. Telephone pre-registrations can be made by calling 439-4131. There is a fee of \$12 per player.

Dance Saturday

Duane Silver will call the Tri-Village Squares' March 2 square dance at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. The dance will run from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. For information, dancers may call 439-7983 or 439-3289.

Spotlight SPORTS

Indians wiped out

By Dan Tidd

The Ravena Indians ended their 1984-85 basketball season Wednesday night on a disappointing note. After getting blasted, 108-57, by Foothills champion Ballston Spa in the opening round of the Class B Sectionals, the Indians have a lot of regrouping to do before next season.

"The season on a whole scale was very disappointing," said Indian Coach Jim Gorham. "We came out smoking with an impressive win over Watervliet and after that the whole season started to reverse itself."

Gorham's club finished 7-14 on the season. "Coming into this season I felt we would have a real strong shooting and rebounding club," said Gorham. "We never accomplished either of those two things. We had to make some moves on offense that took away our perimeter shooting. There was no one to run our offense, so I had to shift senior Kevin Hoffman to point guard."

Gorham's move took Hoffman out of the offense, a move that delighted other teams. On the other hand, senior center Dekovan Bowie never got untracked offensively. "Dekovan had a couple of big games for us and basically was our only rebounding force," said the coach. "He just couldn't stay consistent game after game. It was a reflection of our team on a whole."

Another factor was the key injuries to Mike Mizener. Mizener

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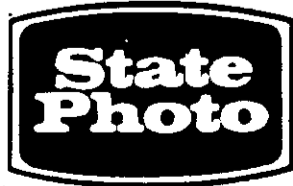
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Some soul searching for Blackbird coach

Basketball is an unpredictable game and the season was just that for the Voorheesville Blackbirds. Coach Bob Crandall's team finished last Tuesday with a 77-59 defeat at the hands of Saratoga Catholic in the Class CC Sectionals. "That loss was just another example of the type of season it has been for Voorheesville," said Crandall.

The Blackbirds finished a disappointing 7-12 on the season. "If anybody told me before the season started that we would go 7-12, I would have told them they were crazy," said Crandall.

Crandall had plenty of reasons to believe his team would be a top contender in the Colonial Council race this season. He had five returning seniors from last year's team and three of them had varsity experience. "We had two starters back and three seniors who I felt would make us an above-average club," he said.

One reason why Crandall feels his team didn't do as well as expected was the balance of the Council this year. "You had some real strong clubs like Albany Academy, Waterford, Watervliet and Mechanicville." The Birds

lost to every team in the league except Ravena, which Voorheesville handled somewhat easily. "We just seemed to have Ravena's number," said Crandall. "There were plenty of other games where we played well, but we were just too inconsistent."

After playing a superb first half against Spa Catholic, the Blackbirds just couldn't put it together in the second half, something that has been a problem all season. "We clearly dominated the game early," said Crandall. "Our slow start in the second half really put us in a hole. After we got down by 10 it was an uphill battle." A major part of that was stopping Spa's David Speers, who ripped the Birds defense for 30 points.

Looking toward next season, Crandall feels he has some good young prospects. "Our JV team won just five games, but I was impressed with their team play and solid man-to-man defense," said Crandall. "I expect next year's team to be strong defensively. Our big question will be the rebounding." With Brett Hotaling, Joe Rissberger, Brian Rubin and John Paradise graduating, Crandall will lack size up front.

Dan Tidd

BASKETBALL

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(From Page 17)

was expected to help rebound with Bowie and add some outside shooting. "Mike had a real frustrating year," said Gorham. "He seemed to be injured all season and just when he started to get it all together he sprained his ankle." Gorham also admits his team cost itself some wins by throwing away the ball in crucial moments.

With Bowie, Hoffman, Dan Baker, Mizener and Dale Patterson all graduating, Ravena will once again be lacking in size heading into next season. "Our JV team finished 12-8," said Gorham. "I expect some good things from sophomore Mark Williams and his cousin, Tony Williams. Mark is the best pure shooter in the program."

Adam Wheeler (6-3) and Scott Biernacki will battle for the center spot next season. With Larry Rivers and senior Charles Freese returning, Gorham is looking forward to turning the program around.

Nighttime search

Led by center naturalists, members of the public may search for nocturnal animals at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

To register for the free program call 457-6092.

BC swimmers honing for Sectional meet

This is the final week of those gruelling practice sessions for Bethlehem Central's swimming team, the most successful team in the school's history and the winningest team ever in the annals of Section 2 and New York State.

The Eagles are working for the Sectional meet this weekend at Albany State's spacious tank, their last appearance of the season as a team. Individual qualifiers will go to the state championship meet in Syracuse a weekend hence.

Bethlehem has dominated the Sectional meet for a decade, but the pattern may be a little different this time. Instead of an elite group of top-flight performers, the 1985 Eagles have a wealth of balance along with several swimmers of championship caliber, which indicates a superiority in point scores and perhaps fewer first-place winners.

For eight members of the team, last Saturday's trip to the Easterns at Lawrenceville, N.J. was more recreational than productive. "We were flat," pronounced BC Coach Buzz Jones, one way of saying that everybody had a good time but nobody had good times.

"There was nothing at stake, and it became just another good experience for us," said Jones. Sharing the experience were Eric Patrick, a BC co-captain, Chris Drew, Fred Rudofsky, Damon Woo, Jim Krajeck, Pierre LaBarge and the two divers, Bernie Culligan and Bob Keens.

A contributing factor was having to leave Knut Hvalsmarken, BC's premier freestyler and co-captain, at home due to illness. That forced Jones to switch both his relay lineups around, and neither quartet made a splash against the best of scholastic competition from Florida to New England. "With Knut we might have had a chance to show something," Jones said.

There was also psychological reaction to the two rugged tests that ended the dual-meet season on such an upbeat. The team was emotionally high for Rome and had to get up a week earlier for New Hartford, which made a let-down for the Easterns almost inevitable.

"I think the guys realize they have to pull together this weekend," said Jones. "They've got a lot of pride in their school and themselves, and they know what they're going to be up against in the Sectionals."

Dolphins bring home medals

Seven members of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club brought home ribbons for placing in age-group events at the Leatherstocking Winter Invitational meet at Mohawk Community College, Utica, on Saturday.

Jennie Mosley, competing in the girls 11-12 bracket, collared five of the 20 Dolphin decorations, including four firsts. She won the 50-yard freestyle, 50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke and the 100 IM, and was fourth in the 50 butterfly. Tracie Mull won the 50-yard freestyle in girls 10-and-under, was second in breaststroke and IM and third in the 150.

Others who placed among the first six in individual events were Zack McNabb, Carrie Merrill, Rima Woo, Drew Patrick and Lisa Ogawa.

CCC alumni to meet

The Capital District chapter of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni is planning a dinner meeting for April 28 at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at the William P. Wigand Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 370 Central Ave., Albany.

Reservations for the \$8.50 dinner may be made by calling Alexander J. Woehrl at 439-4417.

Tractor program set

Albany County youths between 12 and 16 years who would like to learn about tractor safety, care and maintenance will have an opportunity to do so at the Albany County Cooperative Extension Resource Development Center, Voorheesville on April 8, 15 and 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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BC girls take Gold crown

By Tania Stasiuk

Despite losing by two points to Colonie in the final 13 seconds of play last week, the Bethlehem girls basketball team finished first in the Suburban Council's Gold Division and tied with Colonie for second overall in the league.

Coach Eugene Lewis felt that although Colonie played extremely well while BC only "did okay," it was Bethlehem's poor rebounding and foul shooting that lost the game. The Lady Eagles usually have a 60-plus percent foul line average, but last Wednesday only four of 14 foul shots went in.

This loss may eventually become an advantage for Bethlehem. The team will now be seeded third from the Suburban Council in Sectionals, and thus will be placed in the same bracket as Saratoga instead of Bishop Gibbons. BC will probably play either Catholic Central or Bishop McGuinn first in the Sectionals, and may be able to get nearer to Section 2 champions in this different bracket.

Lewis is happy with the season on the whole. He notes that BC lost three Suburban Council games by a total of only nine points, and that his team has produced a record of 11-3 despite numerous illnesses and injuries. He is especially pleased with the now-experienced "bench team," which has come through all season to add to the team's depth.

Monday the girls were scheduled to play Mohonasen. Lewis expected to win with little difficulty, considering that the last time the two teams played BC won, 31-23, despite the illness of a key defender, Peg Jeram. Kim Zornow also hoped to reach a career total of 1,000 varsity points for

Zornow's 1,000th!



The camera caught a historic moment as Kim Zornow scored a basket on this shot in the fourth period to become the first basketball player in Bethlehem Central annals, male or female, to score 1,000 points in varsity competition. The 6-2 senior scored 12 of her game-high 19 points in the final quarter, leading an 18-point BC surge that broke open a close game Monday night against Mohonasen. Bethlehem won the Suburban Council game, 37-23.

Tom Howes

Bethlehem Monday, going into the game only 16 short of becoming the first BC player, male or female, to reach that level.

Gymnasts aim high

Two young Bethlehem Middle School students will be in Middletown this weekend competing for spots in the state USGF gymnastic championships. Chrissy Mann of Delmar and Colleen Teal of Unionville are hoping to score high enough in the Middletown meet to qualify for the state finals.

Both participated last weekend in the I Love New York Gymnastics Cup meet in Binghamton. Mann was second in all-around for girls 12-14 with a first on beam, second on floor and fifth on bars for a total score of 63.70. Teal was fourth all-around with a first on vault, fourth on bar, fourth on floor and sixth on beam for 62.75. Their team, the D.C. Stars, won the 1985 cup.

Aid for teen mothers

Community Maternity Services, an agency of Catholic Charities of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese, is looking for individuals or couples who will share their stable home environment with a pregnant adolescent or a young mother and infant. The stay could last a few weeks or several months, depending on the client's situation. Approved families and individuals will receive payment to cover the client's living expenses. For information call Suzanna Viglietta at 482-8836.

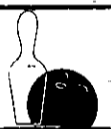
Student hosts sought

Host families are sought for students from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong who will be attending State University at Albany during the 1985-86 school year. The students are between 18 and 24 years of age and are fluent in English. The students have been screened by their home school representatives. They have spending money and medical insurance.

The students are being sponsored by the Foundation for Intercultural Education, a California-based organization formed to give Asians and Americans a better understanding and appreciation of other cultures.

Families interested in hosting a student should contact Beth Schwarz at 272-1571 after 5 p.m. or at 434-4876 before 9 a.m.

STAR BOWLERS



Bowling honors for the week of Feb. 24, 1985 at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Ken Decker - 232, Bill Johnston - 706.

Sr. Cit. Women — Betty Contento - 176, 458.

Men — Mark Picarazzi - 279, Joe Belleville - 706.

Women — Noreen Giacone - 218, Dawn Hobbie - 582.

Major Boys — Bill Webb - 213, Don Collen - 550.

Major Girls — Michelle De Voe - 192, Tara McKenna - 523.

Jr. Boys — Kyle Stark - 201, Steve O'Brien - 529.

Jr. Girls — Tammy Oliver - 187, 522.

Prep Boys — Kory Snyder - 169, 441.

Prep Girls — Emity Mineau and Jennifer Matuszek - 152, 421.

Bantam Boys — Lee Aiezza - 161, 435.

Bantam Girls — Lisa DiNapoli - 99, 286.

Dance at St. Thomas

A St. Patrick's Eve dinner-dance will be held in the auditorium of St. Thomas School, Delmar, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, March 16.

Tickets will be available for \$11.50 per person in the school lobby after Sunday masses on March 3 and March 10. For information call Jan or Robert Kelly at 439-2233.



FIRE FIGHTERS CORNER

KATHY COOKE

Date	Time	Department or Unit	Event or Type of Call
Feb. 14	12:23 a.m.	Selkirk Fire	Structure fire
Feb. 14	6:04 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Heart attack or unresp.
Feb. 14	6:22 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Personal accident
Feb. 14	7:08 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Personal accident
Feb. 15	6:46 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Feb. 15	10:35 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Personal accident
Feb. 15	1:50 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Personal accident
Feb. 15	3:26 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 16	11:17 p.m.	Bethlehem Amb.	Medical emergency
Feb. 17	1:12 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack or unresp.
Feb. 17	10:32 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal accident
Feb. 18	9:33 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack or unresp.
Feb. 18	8:21 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Feb. 18	10:23 a.m.	Delmar Fire	Vehicle fire
Feb. 18	10:23 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Emergency standby
Feb. 18	10:38 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Feb. 18	1:43 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Emergency standby
Feb. 18	3:23 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 18	6:26 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Heart attack or unresp.
Feb. 19	11:17 a.m.	Elsmere Fire	Structure fire
Feb. 19	11:17 a.m.	Delmar Fire	Mutual aid
Feb. 19	11:17 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Emergency standby
Feb. 20	9:35 a.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 20	8:22 p.m.	Delmar Fire	Structure fire
Feb. 20	8:22 p.m.	DFD Rescue Squad	Emergency standby

Fire Fighters Corner welcomes items of interest to fire and rescue volunteers. Send information to Kathy Cooke, 39 Herber Avenue, Delmar 12054 or to *The Spotlight*.

\$50 fine levied

A Selkirk man, originally charged with third degree grand larceny, was fined \$50 in Bethlehem Town Court on a charge of disorderly conduct. The original charge was reduced to petty larceny after it was determined the total value of the items involved was less than \$250, according to a court official, and that charge was then reduced to disorderly conduct, to which the defendant pleaded guilty Feb. 5.

Arthur Nole Bernard of Selkirk was accused of the theft of items at the Shady Grove Trailer Park in Selkirk, according to Bethlehem police reports.

Vandalism probed

Bethlehem police are investigating a report of criminal mischief at a construction site on Carolanne Dr. in Delmar. According to the police report, basement windows in two houses were smashed and wires in the basement of one house were cut.

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A weakness

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to the article "Coach Przybylo bows out at BC" (Spotlight, Feb. 20):

The difficulty the BCHS boys varsity basketball team had in winning this season was not due to Coach Przybylo's belief that "he could not motivate the team," nor to the alleged lack of support from school administrators and parents of the players. From our perspective as parents of one of the varsity players and as active members of the Bethlehem Central High School Basketball Booster Club, we viewed the team's problem quite differently:

The players were well motivated and, we thought, the school officials and parents did as much as they could to maintain a constructive and supportive role. Coach Przybylo was certainly unstinting in his effort to develop a winning team and a strong basketball program for the community. His aspirations for the team, his enthusiastic spirit and his knowledge of basketball were appreciated and had a positive influence that is not measured by win-loss records.

A major weakness in the 1984-85 team was its lack of competitive game experience and of opportunities in playing together as a team prior to the season. Evidence of this can be found in the statistics from the 1983-84 season. These show that the four juniors who were expected to be the core of this year's varsity had only scored 144 points in 1983-84. This represents approximately 10 percent of the total 1,356 points scored in the 20-game 1983-84 season and is indicative of the junior's share of the total playing time of the team. Junior players spending 90 percent of a basketball game on the bench have

difficulty acquiring the confidence and the skills needed to play highly competitive basketball in their senior year. The same pattern of under-utilization of the juniors on the boys varsity occurred this year.

Until some way is found to give juniors on the varsity the opportunity to play regularly and frequently throughout the season it is difficult to foresee any significant changes occurring in the record of the BCHS boys varsity basketball team.

Peter and Judy Kasius
Delmar.

Four weeks ago the Spotlight reported that Przybylo was starting three juniors "with an eye to next year." Looking further back in the files, we find that Przybylo's first BC team in 1982-83 was predominately juniors with virtually no seniors. In 1983-84, unwilling to cut seniors, there was room for only four juniors, one of whom, Tim Belden, was out most of the year with an injury. Andy Kasius started several games, Tim Fox got a lot of playing time, and when Belden returned he played regularly.

Early this season he started junior Mike Gibbons in place of senior Mike Miller to develop Gibbons as a point guard. Przybylo said that Miller "took it well, he understood it was a concession to develop a junior." He added: "When I played juniors a lot, people said that's why we're losing."

NAB

Good turnout

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the congregation at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, I would like to say "thank you" for the excellent coverage *The Spotlight* has given to our community

outreach programs.

November's Red Cross Bloodmobile attracted many first-time donors. December's live nativity drew a large crowd each night. The January-February parenting teens workshop series attracted 50-plus people weekly and the 3-day winter vacation Bible school called February Sunshine was filled to capacity.

It is always satisfying to sponsor a program that meets a community need. But it is particularly gratifying to the program planners and workers to have a good turnout because the event got good press.

Thanks for helping Bethlehem Lutheran Church publicize its programs. We're planning on your continued cooperation in the future.

Carol Budlinger
Chairman-Board of
Public Relations
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Delmar

A Valentine

Editor, The Spotlight:

We wish to thank the Job Corps of Glenmont for the party they gave us for Valentine's Day. It was enjoyed by all. Thank you again.

Marge Morlock
Secretary
Bethlehem Senior Citizens

Welcome, CHP

Editor, The Spotlight:

Welcome to Delmar, CHP! My family and I have been members of CHP for several years and have willingly made the trip to Latham. We feel that the complete range of medical services — thorough diagnostic testing, quality treatment, prescription drugs, preventive and educational services PLUS follow-up that goes well beyond the call of duty (the attending physician called my husband at work two days after my daughter had stitches just to see how she was doing!) — cannot be found at any other single facility. It is a shame that everyone, by virtue of his or her citizenship, is not entitled to this level of quality care.

I'm glad you're here, and I hope others in this community will come to appreciate you as we do.

Marion Harwick
Delmar

Obituaries

Dolores C. Jordan

Dolores C. Jordan, 62, of Feura Bush died Feb. 20 in Albany.

Born in Albany, she lived in Feura Bush most of her life. She was the widow of William Jordan.

She is survived by two stepdaughters, Trudie Jackson of Albany and Ethie Moak of Feura Bush; two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Finkle of Trenton, N.J., and Juanita Rarick of Westerlo; six grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Angeline Q. McQuade

Angeline Quartucci McQuade, 91, of Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Delmar, died Feb. 19 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after a brief illness.

She was a member of St. John's-St. Anne's Church in Albany. She was the wife of the late Harold B. McQuade, Sr.

She is survived by two sons, Harold B. McQuade, Jr. of New Scotland and Clarence E. McQuade of Colonie; and a sister, Mrs. John (Stella) Tasso of Brooklyn. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Albany.

Opal Ruhl Watson

Opal Ruhl Watson, 66, of Slingerlands, a member of the Tri-Village Area Directory Association, died Feb. 20 at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., after a brief illness.

An 18-year resident of Slingerlands, she was wife of the late John M. Watson, president of Tobin Packing Company in Albany.

Survivors include two sons, W. David Watson of Miami, Fla., and John M. Watson, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Marshall Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands.

Anne J. Choppy

Anne J. Cacchione Choppy, 50, of Voorheesville died Feb. 23 at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

Born in Albany, she was resident of Voorheesville for the past 30 years.

She served as a secretary with the state Division for Youth, Albany, for the past 19 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Joanne V. Choppy of Voorheesville; a son, Vincent M. Choppy of Voorheesville; two grandsons, Vincent J. Choppy and Matthew J. Choppy; one brother, Adam Anthony Cacchione of Castleton and four sisters, Mrs. Charles (Mary) Barthe of Feura Bush, Mrs. Angelo (Angeline) Dell Cioppa of Albany, Mrs. Lou (Lucille) Cochi of Albany and Mrs. Roger (Ida) Parker of Schenectady. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

George Wesselman

George Amandus Wesselman, 73, of Averill Park, formerly conductor and brakeman for the New York Central Railroad, Selkirk, died Feb. 16 at his home.

He was born in Dolgeville, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Van Deusen Wesselman; a daughter, Mrs. John (Vera) Fox of Averill Park, formerly assistant director of Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar; a son, Ralph Wesley Wesselman of Scokan, N.Y.; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Spalding of Lockport, N.Y.; two brothers, Paul Wesselman of Dolgeville, and Robert Wesselman of Fort Plain, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Meyer Funeral Home, Delmar.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Square dance classes

The Silver Bullets Square Dance Club of Delmar will present a class continuing square dance course at Bethlehem Central High School starting Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. The course is designed for dancers who have had at least 10 lessons, modern western square dancing or those who have been away from dancing for a while and want a refresher.

A course in Plus level of square dancing will be taught at the First United Methodist Church, 4 Kenwood Ave., Delmar on Thursday nights starting March 7. The class is open to all dancers who have completed the mainstream program.

Both classes will be taught by caller-instructor Duane Silver Delmar. Call 439-3689 for information.

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Jeanne Marie Constable

Constable-Muzzey

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Constable of Red Hook announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Marie, to Michael F. Muzzey, son of Mr. Ernest Muzzey of Unionville and Mrs. Vincent Caccamo of Delmar.

A graduate of Damascus High School, Damascus, Md., Salisbury State College, Md., and Delphi University, Garden City, N.Y., the bride-to-be is a social worker employed by Catholic Charities as assistant coordinator of the Four Seasons Club, Binghamton. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, State University College at Cobleskill and State University College at Oswego. He is employed as a rehabilitation specialist by Broome Developmental Center, Binghamton.

A May wedding is planned.

Futia-Foote

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Futia, Jr. of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Christopher M. Foote, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foote of Castleton.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the bride-to-be is attending Albany Business College. She is employed by Suenau's Opticians, Inc. Her fiancé is a graduate of Maple Hill High School. He is the manager of Cumberland Farms, Inc. in Shick.

An October wedding is planned.

Fredonia grad

Stephen Edward Zenzen of Delmar recently graduated from State University College at Fredonia with a degree in biology.

BIRTHS



St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Jeremy James, to Christine and James A. Trotta, Elmere, Feb. 2.

Boy, Brian, to Beth and Theodore Karis, Slingerlands, Feb. 4.

Girl, Caitlin, to Anne and Frank Carelli, Slingerlands, Feb. 7.

Dancing

Auditions for the Proctor's dance ensemble will be held tonight (Feb. 27) at Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The volunteer, in-house female dance group will debut at a Proctor's produced gala, *That's Entertainment*, on Saturday, May 25.

The person who suggests a suitable name for the group by March 15 will receive two tickets to the May 25 show. Suggestions may be mailed to the Proctor's Public Relations Office, Box 279, Schenectady, N.Y. 12301.

Library sale coming

The Bethlehem Public Library will again be holding its annual book sale Saturday, March 16, through Tuesday, March 19, during regular library hours.

Throughout the year, area residents donate books to the library. Many of these are added to the library's collection, but hundreds of others are stored and sold at the sale.

The library is still accepting donations. Used children's and adult books and special interest magazines (on antiques, sports, hobbies, etc.) in good condition are especially welcome. All donations are tax deductible. Anyone wishing to donate large numbers of items may phone the library at 439-9314 so that arrangements can be made in advance. In addition to books and paperbacks, records, magazines, sheet music and puzzles will be offered at the sale for bargain prices. The proceeds will be used to buy special materials for the library collection.

As in other years the public will have an opportunity to bid on sets of encyclopedia and other used reference materials. The bids are opened and accepted at the end of the sale.

Many volunteers assist during the sale. Members of the Delmar Progress Club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. May Blackmore, will be sorting, stocking shelves and helping out as cashiers during the four day event.

Course in Albany

Erastus Corning III will teach a course on "Inside Russia: Hope for Tomorrow" being presented at the First Church in Albany on the four Wednesday evenings in March. Corning, whose years of living and traveling in the Soviet Union have given him unusual insights into that complex country, will review the history, politics and culture of modern Russia.

Other courses being offered in the same series include a comparison of Christianity with other World Religions, taught by Dr. James Dalton of the Siena College faculty, and a film series, "The Taste of New Wine," by Keith Miller, noted author and communicator.

The courses which are open to the public will be presented Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock and will be preceded by Fellowship Dinners. Further information may be obtained from the church office, 463-4449.

Tests for Doane Stuart

The Doane Stuart School will test applicants for admission on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 9 a.m. The exams for students entering grades 5 through 11 will also determine eligibility for scholarships.

To register call Mrs. Sally S. Jennings, director of admissions, at 465-5222.

Kitchen tour

The Cooks and Kitchens Tour sponsored by the Capitol Hill Improvement Corporation (CHIC) will take place Sunday, March 10. Mayor Thomas Whalen and other notable Albanians have volunteered their kitchens, cooking talents and their favorite recipes for the annual gourmet tour. Homes included on the tour are on Willett, Eagle and Elm Sts., Madison Ave. and Trinity Place.

Capitol Hill Improvement Corporation is a not-for-profit agency that aids persons buying and rehabilitating homes in downtown Albany. Other cooks on the tour include Fred LeBrun, *Times Union* critic; Albany Symphony violinist Judy Goberman; Alderwoman Nancy Burton and social columnist Frances Ingraham.

The tour is from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be reserved by calling 462-9696 or stopping by the CHIC offices at 260 Lark St. Each ticket allows tour participants to visit three kitchens, sample the food and wine, and join with the host and other guests in conversation. "Tourists" will also be provided with a cook book of recipes.



Portia Wu

Competition winner

Portia Wu of Delmar recently received first place in the Ditte Sayers Memorial Piano Competition. The competition was sponsored by the League of the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra in memory of the late Mrs. Ditte Sayers, an area pianist and piano teacher. The awards were presented at the Schenectady Symphony concert on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Portia Wu is a sophomore at Bethlehem Central High School. She has been taking piano lessons for eight years; for the past four years, she has been studying with Joseph Fennimore of Albany.

Attends JA gathering

Matthew Smith of Selkirk, a junior at RCS Senior High School, will join 23 other delegates from the Albany area in attending the Region One Junior Achievement Conference to be held in the Catskills from March 4 to 6.

SENIOR CITIZENS



The Town of Bethlehem's senior van will be used to transport senior citizens to Crossgates Mall on March 12. The first 11 seniors to call 439-5770 for reservations will spend the day at Crossgates. Pick-ups will begin at 10 a.m. Shoppers will return at about 4 p.m. The extended hours will allow the shoppers to attend one of the movies at the mall.

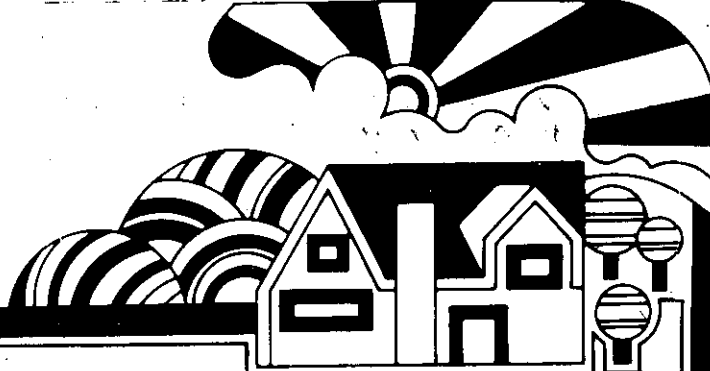
Fitness at Friendly's

Tamara S. Lynk, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lynk of 70 Mosher Rd., Delmar, and a health fitness major at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., is completing an internship at Friendly Corporation in Wilbraham, Mass.

Lynk, a senior at the 100-year-old private college is helping to initiate a corporate fitness program at Friendly's. Her duties include teaching aerobic classes, performing fitness evaluations, and setting up individual workout programs.

Irvine a 'fellow'

Robert Irvine of Delmar, a freshman at North Carolina State University at Raleigh, has been selected for the North Carolina State Fellows Program. He will serve in an internship with a person carrying major responsibilities in business or government. Irvine is the son of Dr. and Mrs. David Irvine of Delmar.




COMMUNITY CORNER

Break a leg!

The community spirit of Bethlehem will come to life on stage this Friday and Saturday (March 1 and 2) as The Village Stage, Inc. presents its first production, *The Fantasticks*. The musical will be staged at 8 p.m. on both nights in the auditorium of Bethlehem Central High School.

You'll appreciate the talent and effort of the performers as they entertain, enrich, educate and delight one and all. Tickets are still available for \$5 from Lincoln Hill Books, Records 'N Such or the Tri-Village Pharmacy. Tickets will also be on sale at the box office on performance nights.



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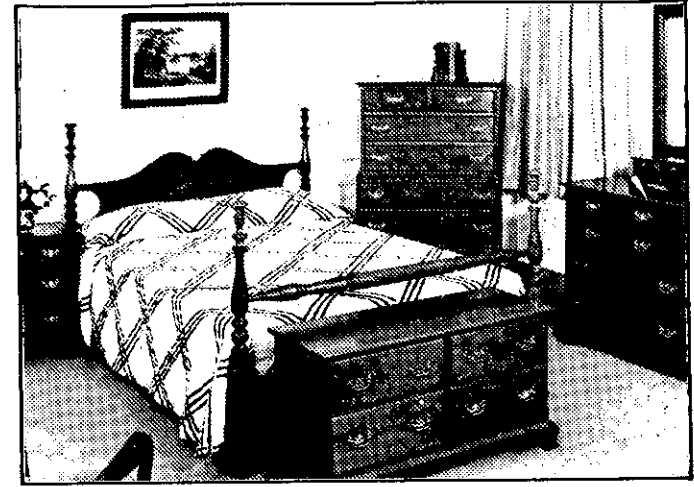


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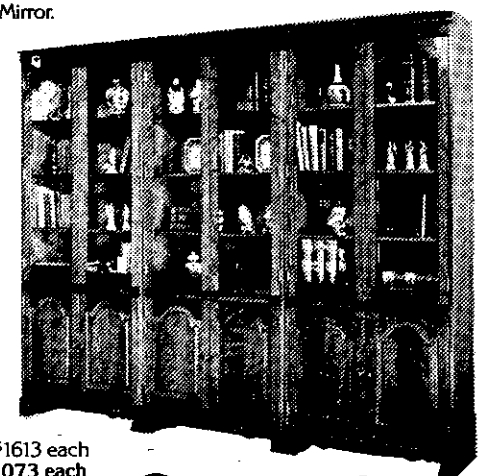
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