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**Our Inquiring
photographer
asks:
Where would
you rather be?**



Laura Tenney of Delmar: "I like it, but I've had enough of it. I would like to be in the Rocky Mountains skiing."



Rona Andrus of Delmar: "I like the west in the winter and the east for the rest of the year."



David Krech of Hudson: "I'd rather be surfing in Hawaii."



Diana Foster of Delmar: "I like it. I study Russian and would eventually like to go there to learn. I like it cold."



Laura Paigo of Delmar: "I'd rather be where the sun is shining — like Florida."

Insurance, federal cuts putting on the squeeze

But local governments aren't panicking yet

Insurance costs for most local municipalities and school districts are doubling this year — if they're lucky enough to be able to get insurance. At the same time, local officials are anticipating a sharp cutback in federal aid that would, in some cases, mean refiguring already budgeted allocations.

But so far, nobody's panicking and nobody is using the word "crisis".

"It could conceivably wipe out my contingency fund," noted

Bethlehem Supervisor Robert Hendrick recently. Hendrick said he has informed department heads that mid-year expenditures should be watched very closely until the town knows exactly where it stands.

While municipalities must anticipate mid-year corrections to the 1986 budgets, school districts are facing the uncertainty as they try to prepare their 1986-87 budgets.

"The impact is enormous," said Voorheesville School Superin-

tendent Werner Berglas. Insurance costs were .56 of 1 percent of the district's total budget in 1984-85, .91 in 1985-86 and 1.11 percent projected in 1986-87.

"Each year of the past two years we have had a \$2 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate just because of insurance costs, and that's not considering other increased costs. It's a scary situation if this continues," said Berglas.

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Is there a better way to budget?

By Caroline Terenzini

How the budget gets put together was of more interest than what is in it at last week's Bethlehem Central school board work session on a spending plan for 1986-87.

The board spent three hours last Wednesday going over such budget items as chalkboards and toilets before board members Charles Reeves took the floor to make a pitch for a new budget process.

"I'm frustrated and intrigued by this time-consuming process," said Reeves, who is sitting through his first school district budget formulation. "I think we've got the cart before the horse." While acknowledging that it is too late to

change the procedure this year, Reeves had some suggestions for the next time around.

"Start out with a parameter of, say, a 2 percent tax rate increase and then build a budget from there," he said. "We seem to build the thing and say, Look what it's going to cost the taxpayer."

Board member Barbara Coon agreed that changes should be made. "We spend an inordinate amount of time going through the budget line by line," she said. "We don't do anything for four months but work on the budget."

Reeves suggested that committees be set up — either subcommittees of the board or committees including bankers and

builders and other professionals in the community — to go into the budget requests in detail and to make recommendations to the board. However, board President Sheila Fuller and member Bernard Harvith said budget committees that operated a decade or longer ago had not done any better, and board member Robert Ruslander pointed out that even if board members work in subcommittees, they still will spend long hours on the budget.

Who in fact has the responsibility for what goes into the district's spending plan also was a question, with Fuller and Harvith saying that board members are elected to

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Their business is reaching for the comets

By Lyn Stapf

The return of Halley's Comet has sparked a passing interest in this unusual space form, but for two Voorheesville physicists, comets have played an integral part in their past, present and future — even to the founding of their unique business.

Few village residents realize that in the professional building on Maple Rd. where Rt. 155 meets Rt. 85A exists a one-of-a-kind company whose clients include such impressive names as Mercedes Benz, Martin-Marietta and NASA.

According to Harvey Patashnick, who along with Dr. George Rupprecht founded Rupprecht and Patashnick Co., Inc., the anonymity is not intentional. "It's just that nestled here between a dentist and a pediatrician we get very little off the street traffic for our product."

The product designed, developed and assembled at R and P, as the company is referred to by its founders, is a TEOM (Tapered



More than a decade ago Georg Rupprecht commuted from Denver, Colo. to the Albany area in order to work with Harvey Patashnick. Now the

Element Oscillating Microbalance) — a sensitive instrument used to measure and weigh particles and minute amounts of mass.

Based on a process utilized by both men, while working on a pro-

ject for Martin-Marietta, under contract with NASA, the TEOM utilizes a small hollow tapered tube that vibrates. As materials are collected on a filter fitted at the tip of the element the vibrations are slowed and thus the weight of

physicists, who own Rupprecht and Patashnick Company Inc., Voorheesville, enjoy adjacent desks and homes.

the accumulated mass is measured by a computer. The first of their machines now ready for marketing has been used in a variety of ways. Mercedes Benz has employed the system to

monitor the output of diesel engines, while the National Bureau of Standards has used it in measuring the quality of combustibility of materials. It has been used by the military to measure smoke under battlefield conditions.

Although the firm has envisioned its use as an ambient air monitor, to measure the occurrence of particles in the air from such sources as wood stoves, this use has not found a welcoming market as of yet.

That may well change since the company has recently engaged the services of Consultech, a public relations firm that specializes in promoting high tech products.

But despite the lack of publicity to date, the reputation of the company and its product has spread, with the firm receiving inquiries from as far away as Beijing, China.

Closer to home, the company has been developing a prototype of a TEOM system at the request

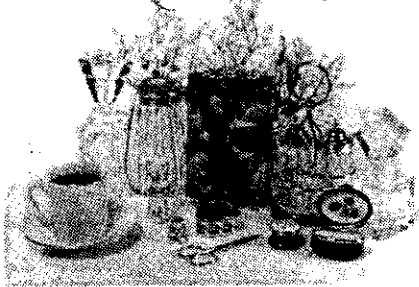
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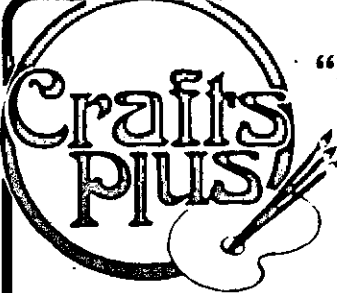
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David Vigoda

Chamber to hear financial planner

David Vigoda of Bethlehem, a certified financial planner will speak about business and personal financial planning at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce noon luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Albany Motor Inn.

A graduate of the University of Chicago, Vigoda managed his family business for many years. He founded Associated Investment Management to provide a range of services in financial planning and investment counseling to middle income individuals.

Vigoda is president of the Capital District Institute of Certified Financial Planners and a member of the International Association for Financial Planning.

To make reservations for \$6.50 call 439-0512.

Forum on schools

The Bethlehem unit of the Albany County League of Women Voters will consider "Local Schools Striving Toward Excellence" during their Feb. 27 meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library, beginning at 9:15 a.m.

William Schwartz, assistant superintendent of RCS Central Schools, Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent of Bethlehem Central Schools, and Mike VanRyn, assistant commissioner of the Department of Higher Education, will address questions about the Regents Action Plan, accelerated programs, gifted and talented programs and strengthening teaching in New York.

All are welcome. For information or child care reservations call 756-6421.

Correction

The proposed federal tax reform bill, H.R. 3838, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and now before the Senate Finance Committee, is the anticipated legislation that is creating havoc in the nation's bond markets. A story in the Feb. 20 Spotlight incorrectly made the culprit the Gramm-Rudman Act, a federal deficit-reduction measure passed late last fall.

The proposed tax reform bill has stalled bond issues nationwide because—with an effective date of Jan. 1—provisions in the bill must be followed as though the measure were in fact law. Christopher Richmond of Delmar, who heads the state Dormitory Authority, said the tax reform proposal as written does indeed pose problems for municipalities and school districts. He noted that N.Y. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan serves on the Senate Finance Committee.

Insurance and federal cuts

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No one is quite clear how long the insurance "situation" will continue. The solution, if there is one, appears to lie in the hands of the state legislature, which has been preoccupied with the struggle over medical malpractice insurance. Municipalities are focusing on the need for tort reform to limit their liability in cases where the local government is only one of the parties being sued. Other options under consideration include self-insurance and statewide insurance pooling.

But even assuming insurance costs are brought under control, the impacts of the Gramm-Rudman act to balance the federal budget are harder to calculate. Not only is there uncertainty over the constitutionality of the act, but at this point no one can say exactly where the cuts will occur.

For the municipalities, the question mark is federal revenue sharing, a program that has been around since the Nixon years but is now facing extinction. Bethlehem budgeted \$125,000 in 1986 for revenue sharing (down \$41,000 from last year), and New Scotland budgeted \$33,000 (down from \$47,604).

"The problem we all face," said Franz Zwicklbauer, "is the reallocation of funds, taking money that could have been spent on programs."

"I hate to lose it, but it's really not going to impact on us that much because of the way we handle it," Hendrick said. The town board has followed the practice of using the revenue sharing funds only for special projects, such as paving and equipment purchases, rather than to cover salaries or on-going expenses.

This year the board had set aside \$25,000 for a new senior van, but a grant from the General Electric Foundation will cover that cost. About \$80,000 is allocated to road paving projects, which would have to be cancelled, Hendrick said. And \$20,000 was set aside to support the Project Hope facility in Glenmont; "I think the board would want to pick that up," Hendrick said.

New Scotland uses its entire federal revenue sharing allocation to help retire the debt incurred when the town closed its landfill. The landfill bonds have two more years to run after this year, which means the town would have to come up with that money from

some other source, said Supervisor Steve Wallace.

But, he noted, "It's not a large amount for us. It will affect us enough so that we have to cut somewhere else."

"Our federal revenue share is not a significant part of our budget," said Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark. "Any decreases will be noticed, but they will not change the availability of services."

School districts get federal aid in a number of different programs, making it even more difficult to calculate the effects of Gramm-Rudman. Bethlehem Central School District is planning on a five percent cutback, according to J. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent for instruction. Most of the district's funds are for Chapter I remedial programs — about \$81,000 per year. Other funds support services for handicapped pupils.

Voorheesville receives a total \$95,296 in federal funding through three different grants — \$69,105 through ECIA-1 (primarily for remedial instruction in math, reading and writing), \$6,717 through ECIA-2 (used for computer education), and \$19,474

from ECIA-2, and \$61,408 in subsidies and food commodities for school lunches. This year the district has received \$34,399 in funds and food commodities for school lunches to date.

Bethlehem's insurance is handled by The Hartford. The good news is that the company decided to pick up the policy for another year, which Hendrick says is "fortunate" because it's doubtful whether the town could have found another carrier. The coverage "will be at least double what we had last year," he said. The bad news, in all, is that the town had to lower its "umbrella" policy from \$5 million to \$1 million. "We could have gotten \$2 million, but the rates were so prohibitive," Hendrick said.

Even so, a three-year history of insurance rates for Bethlehem tells the story: \$198,000 in 1984, \$329,000 in 1985 and \$505,000 in 1986.

New Scotland's insurance rates last year were \$27,000; this year they are \$55,000. "We maintained our coverage — we still have the \$2 million umbrella policy," said Wallace. "So we still have a little bit of a cushion there."

Both Wallace and Hendrick say they do not expect another set of mid-year increases from their insurance companies. "But who's to say?" asked Hendrick.

The Village of Voorheesville paid \$19,000 in 1983-84 for liability insurance. That total dropped to \$14,600 in 1984-85 after the village considered going to bid and negotiated with its insurance company. The total jumped to \$35,900 in 1985-86.

The village will not have an estimate for the 1986-87 budget until May, said Mayor Edward Clark. "It's an open-ended question that we are concerned about because increases like that could upset the budget," he said.

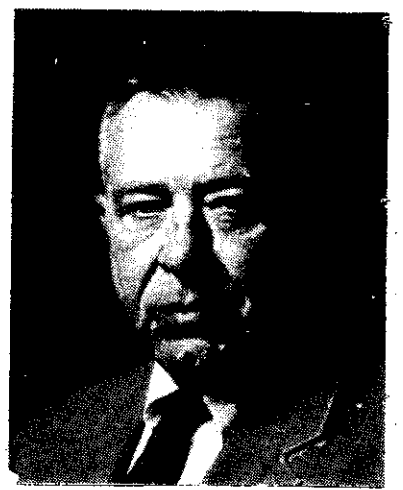
On the school front, the time for decisions on insurance is approaching. "The problem we all face," said Franz Zwicklbauer, BC's assistant superintendent for business, "is the reallocation of funds, taking money that could have been spent on program. In our case, we have no place to turn but to the taxpayer. And I don't think the taxpayer wants us to go without adequate coverage."

through Public Law 94-142 (for elementary and high school resource room programs for children with specific learning disabilities).

In 1984-85 the district received \$28,033 in federal subsidies and \$14,821 in surplus food commodities for the school lunch program. Students are charged 85 to 90 cents for school lunches because federal aid covers 12 cents. Depending on economic need, students may receive lunches at reduced rates or no charge.

"Without that kind of aid the cost would increase maybe 40 to 45 cents not to mention the kids whose families may not be able to afford the food," said Berglas.

The total federal aid for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District in 1984-85 was approximately \$206,792. That includes \$92,140 through the Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act, Chapter I (ECIA-1), \$25,090 through the Education of Handicapped Act (EHA), \$15,063 from Chapter I Handicapped, \$13,091



Harvey Kausel, M.D.

Heds hospital board

Harvey W. Kausel, M.D., of Slingerlands was recently elected chairman of the board of St. Peter's Hospital Foundation. In making the announcement Edgar A. Sandman, president of the organization, stated "Doctor Kausel's experience as an active board member of the foundation and more than 40 years of surgery will be invaluable to the leadership of the diversified non-profit organization." Kausel retired in 1983 from private practice as a thoracic surgeon.

Doctor Kausel is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover, Sheffield Scientific School and Yale Medical School. He is a member of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the American College of Surgeons and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. He is also a member of the Albany Country Club and the Yale Club of New York City.

Doctor Kausel resides in Slingerlands with his wife Jane.

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Lasher farm still a gracious home

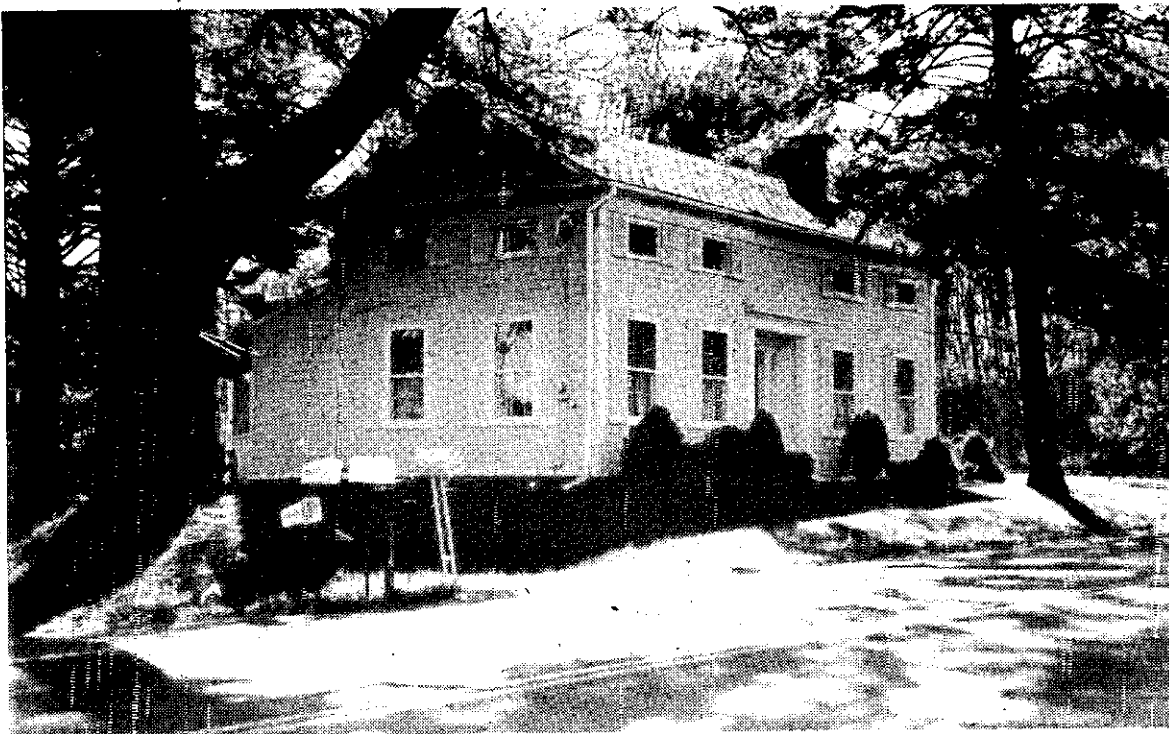
Tall old pine trees rustle their sheltering branches over the Lasher-Reittinger home along Rt. 9W in Glenmont. They attest to the age of this early town, where John Lasher was born in 1803. The main block of the house was embellished at a later date with Greek Revival touches, but perhaps the back section of the house was the original cottage that stood on the property. As the Lashers prospered, they might have constructed the front section, or at least altered it to incorporate the Greek style.

TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



Their son, Sebastian, married Elizabeth Livingston and had eight children, one of whom was Markus Lasher. Markus grew to adulthood and also married a woman named Elizabeth. Their eight children were all baptized in the Lutheran Church at Manorton,



The Lasher-Reittinger house on Rt. 9W in Glenmont.

Jeff Gonzales

The house sits very near Rt. 9W and it did even in the days when that same road, then known as the South Bethlehem Plank Road, ran past its colonnaded front door.

The first Lasher of record was Sebastian Lasher (Loescher), in all probability a Palatine German, who was recorded as living at West Camp (Saugerties) in 1710. He was in the list of those willing to stay on at East Camp (Germantown), on lands surveyed to them on Aug. 26, 1724. We only know that his wife's name was Elizabeth. The couple had four children — Sebastian, Conrad, George and Maria Elizabeth.

Columbia County. One of these sons, another Marcus (the spelling now Anglicized), married Elizabeth Kilmer of Columbia County. After his marriage the couple settled on a farm in Bethlehem, Albany County, which he owned, cultivated, and passed down to his children. That farm and its dwelling are now known as the Lasher-Reittinger house.

Marcus's son John was born here in Bethlehem in 1803, and

continued to reside on the farm after he grew to adulthood and married Eleanor Waggoner (born 1814) also of Bethlehem. The Lashers were members of the First (Dutch) Reformed Church of Bethlehem and their house is one of the four places designated by the church on March 3, 1803, where church youth should be catechized.

The farmland today is no longer used for growing crops as it was in 1800, but the house is still a gracious and charming home, although updated on the inside. The house sits very near Rt. 9W and it did even in the days when that same road, then known as the

South Bethlehem Plank Road, ran past its colonnaded front door.

The doorway illustrates the popular style of a rectangular support above the door itself, broken by two engaged piers flanked by side lights. The exterior has narrow clapboarding and the cornice is finished with dentil molding. The house is painted a deep cream color with white trim accenting the architectural details around the windows, doorways and the lunettes in the gable ends.

Originally the front entrance door opened to a center hallway

that ran from front to back through the house, but that hallway has since been partially enclosed to make a downstairs bathroom and closet. To the left of the entrance is the large, bright living room. Here, a partition that once enclosed a small bedroom to the rear has been taken down. In this further end of the living room there is a stone fireplace of more recent vintage and the wall has been panelled with wood. There are many clever decorating touches here and throughout the house, showing the handcraft skill of the owners and their love of the simple, country style of decor.

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of the Empire State Electric Energy Research Corp. and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (ERDA) to be used in testing the carbon concentration given off in the fly ash by the state's coal burning plants. By monitoring the smoke stacks of these plants the TEOM system can record the emission, enabling the plants to adjust the burning systems to become more efficient. Modified to the needs of the job, this system employs a ceramic filter to accommodate the high degree of heat encountered in the process.

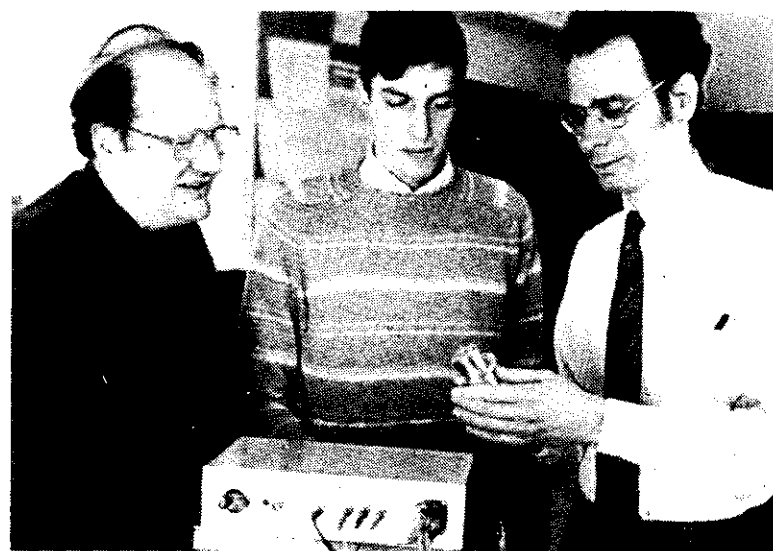
Another project in the works is a contract with the Martin-Marietta Corp. to develop a machine that will test how well certain materials perform in space. By placing various samples on the stage of the machine and then in a vacuum, simulating conditions in outer space, the TEOM system monitors how these materials react with monatomic oxygen, a unique single-atom form of the element found in space.

This return to space-age projects brings the company back to its roots. It was in 1972 that Patashnick, then living in Albany, was contracted by Martin-Marietta in Denver to help solve a problem encountered with SKYLAB. It was found that particles floating around the craft were hampering observations.

Patashnick was asked to determine how ice would disappear under space conditions with Rupperecht, then working at Bendix Corp., who was also in Denver assigned to oversee the project. Soon Rupperecht found he was no longer content to work only on the administrative end of the project and a partnership was formed that for 10 years was conducted on separate sides of the continent.

Although Rupperecht commuted frequently to the Capital District, where the business was based, it wasn't until 1982, after all his children finished their schooling, that he moved to Voorheesville. He built a house next to that of his partner on Crow Ridge Rd.

During the period when their partnership was conducted long-distance, Rupperecht and Patashnick, along with Donald Schuerman of the Dudley Observatory, also wrote a paper on comets, setting forth a new and widely accepted theory on the "Energy Source for Comet Outbursts."



Georg Rupperecht, left, his son Erich Rupperecht and Harvey Patashnick look over the TEOM housing, which contains the tapered element.
Jeff Gonzales

Published in a 1974 issue of *Nature*, the study addressed the previously unknown reason as to why comets would flare up as they approached the sun. They theorized that the extreme cold of outer space prevented the comets from rearranging in crystalline form. Coming close to the sun allows the icy comet to rearrange into a crystalline form, releasing its own internal energy.

Now, over 10 years later, comets have again provided the two scientists with a most interesting project. Contracted by NASA under the Small Business Research Program, Rupperecht and Patashnick are working on the Comet Rendezvous Asteroid Flyby mission (CRAF) scheduled for take off in 1991. It is planned that the craft, after a four-year journey, will rendezvous with a comet and fly alongside it for several months making close-range observations.

As proposed in the November, 1985, issue of *Physics Today*, it is planned that a TEOM system will be implemented in the arm of the space craft to collect and measure particles given off by the comet. The purpose of this collection would be three-fold — to measure the size distribution of particles, to monitor the weight of the particles, alerting the crafts collection devices as to when to take samples, and to report on the collection of dust, indicating to the craft when it should keep its distance from the craft to safeguard the delicate solar panels.

To enable the system to perform such an intricate measurement a special tapered element had to be developed that could measure one trillionth of a gram.

Working along with Rupperecht and Patashnick on their projects are staff engineers Dave Beeson, Dave Hassel and Larry Bash, as well as machinist Tom Morgan and technician Rick Patterson. Also on the payroll is Rupperecht's son Erich, who holds the position of general manager and who like his father and Patashnick comes highly credentialed, in his case as a Fullbright Scholar with an MBA from Dartmouth. Supporting the operation are Alice Greenwood, who according to her bosses "does everything from being a receptionist to assembling the systems," as well as Rupperecht's wife Pat, who acts as accountant for the company, and Patashnick's wife Dorothy who serves as its secretary.

With their future in the stars, the only dark spot to this company on the rise is that the suite of rooms they have occupied at the Maple Rd. site since 1979 is becoming uncomfortably cramped. They have found in canvassing the area that little commercial land is available. Although they have been told that they are more than welcome to space at RPI's Technology Park, they would prefer to remain in the area since over half of their employees live in the Town of New Scotland.



Rear of the Lasher-Reittinger home on Rt. 9W in Glenmont. Notice the carriage block in the foreground. The people in the doorway are probably the grandparents of Mrs. William Wright of South Bethlehem, nee Lucy Whitbeck. She lived in this house as a child with her parents and grandparents.

The dining room, to the right of the entrance, is papered in a striped wallpaper and has a simple wooden mantel on the south wall. Behind the dining room was another small room that has now been incorporated into the large country kitchen. This room is a cozy spot for a cup of tea, with a Franklin stove resting on a brick hearth and a big round table standing in the center of the room on a braided rug. The cabinets have a look of days long past in that they were constructed by a previous owner of tongue and groove board in a natural finish. Their style resembles the old wainscoting found on 19th century houses.

Upstairs there are three large bedrooms and a small room that serves very handily as a laundry room. When one realizes how much of our family laundry con-

sists of bedding and clothing that is always used and stored in the bedroom area, this becomes a very practical solution and a lot easier on the housewife than having the laundry two floors below in the basement. There are small eyebrow windows in these bedrooms.

The old barn of Farmer Lasher is still on the property behind the house. A former owner of the house, Arthur Anderson retained that barn and made it into his own home, another practical use for a structure that was no longer needed for its original purpose.

The farmhouse across the street was also a Lasher property at one time and descendants of this family are still to be found in the Town of Bethlehem. How fortunate that one of their farmsteads has found owners who appreciate the charm and liveability of an early house.

Court upholds town in discipline case

An appeals court has rejected the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association's attempt to have disciplinary measures against four town police officers thrown out, concluding that the officers should not have gone outside the normal grievance procedure when they refused an order to work extra hours in 1984.

Matthew Clyne, the PBA's attorney, said Monday he hopes to take one of the issues he feels raises constitutional questions that were not addressed in the case to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals. But because the decision by the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court was unanimous, he must get permission to file the appeal.

The decision handed down in Albany last week is just one front in a two-year struggle between the town and the police union. The two parties are expected to file briefs by March 14 in the current dispute, an improper practice charge filed by the town over the union's insistence on a 20-year retirement clause in the contract now under negotiation. That contract expired in December, 1984, and negotiations are likely

to get under way for another contract before the current arbitration procedure before the state Public Employment Relations Board is settled.

The Appellate Division decision affirmed suspensions and forfeitures of pay against Officers James Haker, then the PBA president; Marvin Koonz, the current PBA president; Robert Samsel and Wayne LaChappelle. All had been ordered to stay at work following court appearances, and had refused on the grounds that the town-PBA contract entitled them to four hours pay whether or not they were required to stay in court for that time.

The court cited the "work now, grieve later" rule for labor disputes of this sort and said the officers had ample opportunity to contest the policy instituted by Chief Paul Currie.

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New life for financial disclosure bill

By Patricia Dumas

A proposal by Albany County legislator James C. Ross of Delmar to have top county officials disclose their financial sources has resurfaced with some bi-partisan interest.

Encouraged by discussion in a legislative fact-finding meeting, Republican Ross is looking into ways to revise his bill to make it acceptable to the Democrat-controlled legislature which earlier had shut it out of a floor vote.

He said he is "truly optimistic" about the bill's passage and sees a "good possibility for it to be voted on by the end of summer — even by June."

Ross introduced the bill last September but it was promptly sent to the County Improvements Committee where it went nowhere

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and had little chance of revival. Some majority Democrats looked upon it as a criticism of County Executive James J. Coyne's financial investments. Ross said it was meant to protect the public from "lax municipal ethics" linked to conflicts of interest, and pointed out that it was patterned after a Suffolk County law.

He told reporters he would be "tenacious in pursuing the bill's passage by the end of the year" (1985).

That did not happen, but in December, he reintroduced the bill and it then was sent to the

public information committee — and last week that committee and the law committee met with Ross at a joint informational session, seriously considered his proposal, and made suggestions for its revision.

The Public Information Committee chairman Joseph J. Dolan, Jr. of Albany, a Democrat, was quoted as saying he not only sensed a sincere interest in the bill's intent but that he thought it would move forward in time. Law Committee Chairman Anthony Diacetus of Ravena, also a Democrat, said his committee would meet to discuss the bill but that "there's obviously a great deal of homework to be done."

Ross agreed that the bill needs refining but said "there seems to be a cooperative effort to bring about legislation that can be effective."

He praised the committee members for their "cooperative, thoughtful, germane and positive attitude" and said it is significant that they are going to obtain a copy of the Suffolk law to work on it.

The proposal would require all elected county officials and all department heads, deputy executive and assistant department heads to report on the nature and source but not the amount of their income. It would set up a three-member, non-paid Board of Public Disclosure to review the financial disclosure statements, rule on whether or not a conflict of interest existed, and make recommendations for handling such conflicts. The chairman of the legislature and its majority and minority leaders would each appoint one member of the board. Members would serve three-year

terms and would be prohibited from holding elective or appointive public offices or offices in political parties during their term.

That provision drew objections from Diacetus and Albany Democrat Paul M. Collins of the Public Information Committee. Collins said it would in effect "disenfranchise" active members of political parties.

Collins also suggested that the bill be revised to do away with a requirement for disclosure of the income sources of an official's spouse and children living at home. But Ross said he wants to keep that provision because otherwise officials could hide some income sources.

Both the Public Information and Law committees will meet separately to discuss the proposal but dates have not been set for those meetings.

No pigs for Rt. 9W farm

By Theresa Bobear

Town Councilman John B. Geurtze's application for a special exception to permit a commercial swine operation in an Agricultural-Residential district on Rt. 9W near Jericho Rd. in Selkirk was formally denied by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals last week.

Geurtze had proposed to keep a boar and brood sows to raise some 500 "little pigs" each year for sale to area research centers.

The decision was not a surprise, since the board had made an informal determination at its meeting two weeks earlier. During the public hearing some six to eight people, including agricultural experts, spoke in favor of the proposal and negated concerns about impact on surrounding properties.

A large contingent of area residents, including occupants of Dowerskill Village, spoke in opposition to the proposal. The residents voiced concern about possible problems with rodents, insects, odor, contamination of the aquifer, decreased enjoyment of their property and decreased property values.

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With board members Thomas Scherer and Gary Swan absent, the board determined that the location and intensity of the operation would be detrimental to the orderly development of the area and would tend to lower property values.

Geurtze will be allowed to keep no more than three of the registered Yorkshires on his property.

In other business, the board:

- Informally granted approval of a special exception for the Delmar Animal Hospital, 910 Delaware Ave., Delmar, to install an incinerator for cremation of deceased pets.

- Informally denied Richard Warsh's request for variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit a screened porch at 34 Fernbank Ave., Delmar. "He's got one porch and he already has an addition on there," said board member Robert Wiggand. "I can't see that he has any

hardship there," said board member Orrin Barr.

- Held a public hearing to consider Alan and Barbara Via's application for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit a family room addition at 27 Brookview Ave., Delmar.

- Held a public hearing to consider James Sherin's application for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit enclosure of an area between the porch and garage to provide a family room at 59 Burhan's Pl., Elsmere.

- Scheduled a public hearing at 8 p.m. on March 5 to consider an application from Peter J. Corrigan and Texanne Vickrey for variance from the allowed front yard setback to permit an addition at 413 Wellington Rd., Delmar.

The next meeting of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals will be held 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, at Bethlehem Town Hall.

A better way

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make such decisions — a responsibility that should not be delegated. "We were elected and are expected to know the details," Harvith said.

In budgeting, tradeoffs must be made, Harvith said: "Do we fix the bleachers or do we hire another teacher? There are value choices to be made and we were elected to do it."

Coon, however, said, "I don't feel comfortable as a board member making the decision whether a fan is more important in one building than a wastebasket in another."

If the budget process begins with a target tax rate, Harvith said, "the tax rate tend to become the dog and the other stuff tend to become the tail."

Füller suggested that the board may get in its own way. "Not one line in the budget tonight went without some comment around the table," she said. The board as a group seems "to belabor the small amounts," she added.

There were plenty of small — and not so small — amounts to belabor last Wednesday. In mak-

ing a request for an additional custodian at the high school, buildings and grounds supervisor Bruce Houghton said his comparison of the number of square feet covered by each custodian in Bethlehem with the workload in other school districts had shown that BC had one of the highest ratios. In addition, the number of off-hour activities at the high school has meant that the night custodian supervisor does a lot of "red capping," Houghton said. Providing the services leaves little time for cleaning, he said.

Board members weren't eager to add another full-time employee to a payroll already at nearly \$674,000, but hiring a part-time worker was suggested.

A \$7,500 item for repairs to 30 toilets made everyone sit up. Thirty flush valves at \$200 apiece and \$30 for labor to install each one "sounds like the Pentagon," Coon observed.

Few cuts were made last Wednesday, leaving the budget draft at \$19 million, a nearly 9 percent increase over the current budget. That figure would require a tax rate increase on the order of 7 percent in Bethlehem, according to Reeves, or some \$11.50 per \$1,000 more. And the \$200,000 needed to purchase four relocatable classrooms for the Glenmont school — which is up for a public vote March 18 — has yet to be worked into the budget.

Tonight (Wednesday) the board is scheduled for a review of the transportation section of the draft budget, with seat belts once again expected to be an issue.



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Project Hope reaching out to help

By Caroline Terenzini

The Bethlehem-Coeymans unit of Project Hope, a short-term counseling program for adolescents and their families, just observed its third birthday. Established in 1983 with funding from the county Department of Social Services, the county Youth Bureau and the towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans, the program operates in space donated by the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, on Rt. 9W.

It is a satellite of the original Project Hope, a short-term, intensive counseling program in Albany, established in 1978 by Hope House, Inc., a residential drug treatment program. A sister satellite opened in Guilderland in 1981.

Like the 12-to 16-year-olds it serves, the Bethlehem-Coeymans Project Hope unit recently went through its own period of ups and downs. After several strong years, staff turnover last fall required that limits be placed on the acceptance of new referrals, Director Thalia Bayer said. The Bethlehem-Coeymans unit, intended to serve a maximum of 24 clients at one time, admitted only 19 during 1985 compared with 88 over the preceding two years. The average stay in the program is six to eight months.

Now, however, the Bethlehem-Coeymans Project Hope unit is once again fully staffed and referrals have begun to increase, according to Mary Ann Finn, associate executive director of



Thalia Bayer reaches out to provide guidance from her Project Hope office in the Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Jeff Gonzales

Hope House. Even so, all such counseling programs normally experience cycles, Finn said. "It's impossible to run at 100 percent of capacity."

The introduction of counseling and intervention efforts elsewhere affects the Project Hope caseload. For example, the Bethlehem Central School District added a student assistance person to its staff this year. This addition can be expected to have an impact on Project Hope since the schools in the two communities served by the Bethlehem-Coeymans unit are the chief source of referrals to Project Hope.

Then, too, an increase in the number of one-parent families and blended families in a community can increase the need for short-term counseling. Adoles-

cents find it difficult to deal with such family changes, Bayer noted, especially if communication within the family is limited.

Regardless of the problem that prompted the referral, however, Project Hope requires family involvement in any counseling. The goal is to keep the family intact, Bayer noted, so "we really have to work with families if a child in that age group is going to continue to live in that home." Thus Project Hope provides group and individual counseling for children after school, but also has family therapists conduct weekly sessions in the child's home.

Not surprisingly, perhaps, the refusal of parents to cooperate is the most frequent reason why children referred to the program

are not admitted, according to the unit's annual report.

Nonetheless, Project Hope is dedicated to family involvement. "It's a package deal," Bayer said. "We work at putting responsibility on the family, at not looking at the problem as the child's alone." Often during counseling it is discovered that the problem identified at the time of referral is not the real problem. For example, when drug or alcohol problems are present, they are asymptomatic of something not right in a child's life, Bayer said.

Hope House Inc. is licensed by the state Department of Mental Hygiene and is a member of the National Association of Psychiatric Treatment Centers for Children. It also is the only prevention program accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals for alcohol-drug treatment and child-adolescent psychiatric treatment, Bayer said.

Bayer, who took over as director of the Bethlehem-Coeymans Project Hope unit six months ago, has seen the counseling program from several perspectives. She joined Project Hope in 1983 as a family therapist after 10 years with the county Department of Social Services, and in July of 1984 she became assistant director.

Katherine Alonge-Coons now is assistant director of the unit, and the staff includes Debra Greenfield, Veronica Bohl, Henry Epstein and Nancy Ronsvalle. Project Hope's telephone number is 767-2445.

Cable offerings

A variety of programs about taxes, astrology, Korea, snow-shoeing and country music will be broadcast on the Bethlehem Channel from March 3 through March 14.

On Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. the Internal Revenue Service will offer instructions for filling out all types of forms. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. Mary Christon and Marty Finn, certified public accountants with Urbach, Kahn and Werlin PC, Albany, will explain what forms to file, what income is taxable, what income is deductible, changes in state tax law and more.

On Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. *Conversations* will be broadcast.

The second part of *Focus Korea*, entitled "Political Developments in Korea," will be shown at 8 p.m. on Thursday nights.

Craig Thompson of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar will speak about snow shoeing on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

The Anderson family and friends will present a program of country music on Fridays at 7 p.m.

For information call 439-8111.

Playing the bass

A free clinic on "Playing the String Bass" will be offered by the Empire State Youth Orchestra on Tuesday, March 11, at Shaker Junior High School, Latham, beginning at 7 p.m.

The introductory clinic will be followed by an eight-week course on playing the instrument, beginning March 18. Beginners are welcome. The program will be conducted by Jeff Herchenroder, a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the Juilliard School. Herchenroder is bassist with the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

For information call Dorothy Bryant at 768-2180.

On BC honors list

Craig Isenberg of Slingerlands has been named to the honor roll at Bethlehem Central High School. Isenberg's name was omitted from the list published last week.

Over the top

All that rain and wet snow last week has pushed Bethlehem's Vly Creek Reservoir to 71 percent of capacity — "the highest it ever got last year," according to Bethlehem Supervisor Robert Hendrick.

This spring, town officials were looking at the possibility of a long-term drought, and reinstated a sprinkling ban to conserve town water. While there has been no discussion about removing the ban, it looks like there will be plenty of water next summer, Hendrick said Friday.

"Predictions are it (the reservoir) will go over the top," he said.

Drive cancelled

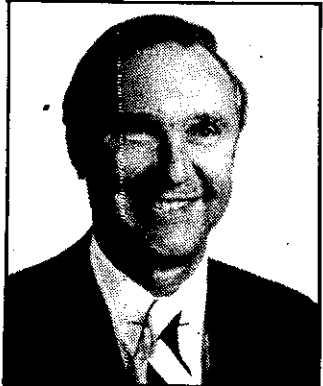
The Delmar Boy Scout Troop 71 has announced that the paper drive scheduled for March 1 has been cancelled because of the inclement weather and the low price of paper.

The troop hopes resume paper collection in the late spring.

PWP sets dance

The Albany Chapter of Parents Without Partners will elect officers during their upcoming 15th anniversary celebration. All members and former members of the group are invited to the dinner dance. For information call 462-7029 or 286-3293.

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RCS voters to get special proposition

A special proposition for replacement of the A-wing senior high roof and the bus garage roof has been approved by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education for presentation to voters in May.

The \$255,000 special proposition includes an estimated \$115,000 for the A-wing, \$80,000 for the bus garage roof and \$58,650 for fees. The proposition was approved after an executive session at the board's Feb. 3 meeting.

In a recent memo to the board, building and grounds superintendent Angelo Rosato recommended that the A-wing roof of the senior high building be given first priority if the bus garage roof replacement is to be considered for a special proposition.

At their meeting last Monday night, the board received a letter from the political action committee of the RCS Teachers Association reminding the board that the group interviews school board candidates and makes a recommendation to RCSSTA regarding endorsement of the budget and propositions.

Board president Anthony Williams extended an invitation to the group to attend the board's budget planning sessions.

With board members Wayne Fuhrman, Marie Muller and Frank Filippone absent, the board approved health service contracts with East Greenbush Central Schools for three students at \$135 each. The board also approved a \$468 health contract with Ichabod Crane for one student.

Theresa Bobear



Thomas L. Frazier, commander of the Nathaniel Adams Post 1040 in Delmar, displays a plaque naming the Ten Forty Times as the leading print news medium for the American Legion in the Empire State. The award was presented by the Department of New York American Legion.

RCS announces high honor roll

Victor J. Carrk, principal of RCS Senior High School, is pleased to announce the names of students who have been selected to the high honor roll for the second quarter of the school year. Students on the high honor roll must have a cumulative average of 90 percent or higher.

Grade 12

Rebecca Arrieta, Stefanie Blish, Tina Boyere, David Brown, Gina DiCarlo, Kim Farrell, Colleen Halloran, Elizabeth Hunter, Scott Keating, Debra Lawrence, Kris Moak, Rhonda Newton, Divina Pannone, Tina Patterson, Brian Stumbaugh, Lynmarie WassdeCzege, Stefanie Wheeler.

Grade 11

Jerry Baranska, Rebecca Bull, Paul Curley, Ray Denney, Steve DiAcetis, Chris Doyle, Colleen Farrell, Joanne Goes, Scott Gottesman, Amy Kane, Holly Kennedy, Tracy Klein, Lisa Korzatkowski, Debra Kosowsky, Seth Kunz, Sherrie LaRose.

Catherine Leclerc, Jacquelin Mulligan, Ken Newkirk, Wendy Nolan, Tim Penk, Kristen Radley, Steve Rexford, James Ritter, Marie Setford, Patricia Surrano.

Grade 10

Robin Baker, Tracy Bullock, Jill Burrows, Bray Engel, Mike Frazzetta, Kristine Gerg, Mark Henry, Eric Hester, Connie Hollenbach, Lisa Holsapple, Lisa Nelson, Brian Olby, Lisa Pass, Nichole Quay, Lisa Ray, Tammy Samsel, Celia Shubert, Richard Thayer, Tracy Tucker, Roger Wilber.

Grade 9

Michele Arnold, Chad Blakesley, Barbara Boehm, Jodi Cary, Joshua Curley, Dawn Dinardi, Denise Guthrie, Darrin Hall, Michele Herdt, Susan Newkirk, Wendy Parker, Tamie Persico, Keith Pomakoy, Nancy Pyle, Stephanie Ricciardi, Anglique Ringheisen, Erika Warnstadt, Kelly Williams, Curt VanderZee.

Pesticide training

The Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd. and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, will offer pesticide applicators certification training at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, and commercial and private category pesticide applicator certification exams at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26.

Call 765-3510 to register.

Diabetes class

St. Mary's Hospital of Troy will offer a free, four-week series of classes on diabetes, beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include the signs, symptoms and causes of the disease, medications used for treatment, proper diet and meal planning, the importance of exercise and ways to prevent complications.

For information call Sister Fredrica at 272-5000.

Epilepsy workshop

The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District will offer workshops designed to assist families whose lives are affected by epilepsy on March 3, 10 and 17. The workshops will cover important issues such as the nature of epilepsy, medications commonly used for treatment, legal, vocational and social concerns. The program will be held at the Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Support services will be available following the workshops.

To register for \$5 call Bernice Christian, R.N., at 436-9912.

Class level squares

The Tri-Village Squares will hold a class level dance at the First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, March 1, from 8 to 11 p.m. For information area dancers may call 439-3289 or 439-7516.

Film on study skills

The parent teacher organizations of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk elementary schools and the parents committee of RCS Junior High School will present a film about study skills at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, at RCS Junior High School.

The film is being presented to assist adults who have returned to school in learning how to study and advise parents as they guide their children to developing good study habits.

Lawn and garden care

A series of programs about lawn and garden care will be offered by the Albany County Cooperative Extension at the William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, on March 3, 10, 17 and 31.

The series, which is designed for garden center, hardware and department store personnel, grounds maintenance personnel, consumers, educators, students and allied trades people, will include programs on planting and care of trees and shrubs, home vegetable gardening, home lawn care and household pests.

To register for \$4 call 765-3510.

Tracks in the snow

"They Went That'a Way," a field study of tracks and signs of wildlife in winter, will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m.

For information about the free program call 457-6092.

RCS honor roll

The following students at RCS Senior High School were named to the honor roll for the second marking period:

Grade 12

Claudia DeCastro, Patricia Downes, Andrew Felter, Karen Finch, Valerie Frinks, Bonnie Goyer, Brian Harple, Caroline Heere, Scott Houghtaling, Mike Mogul, Dan Nicewonger, Steve Nicholson, Chris Peterson, Claudia Rowe, Anthony Rufo, Stephen Tahyer, Andrea VanBergen, James Wasem, Michelle Williams.

Grade 11

Terri Baker, Scott Biernacki, Paul Caswell, Robert Demis, Bruce Fourman, Susan Fuller, Bart Gottesman, Bill Hamilton, Randy Hotaling, Julianne Kelley, Ken Koonz, Kelly Millett, Stacy Nolan, Shelly Ottaviano, Marvin Powell, Evelyn Snyder, Mike Taylor, Adam Wheeler, Anthony Williams, Mark Williams, Valerie Wilsey.

Grade 10

Peter Boehlke, Catherine Crewell, Marsha DiNapoli, Theresa Gardner, Corrine Gladle, Laurie Grube, Brian Keating, Michelle Layman, Jacqueline Legere, Brian Leonard, Lisa Mayo, Kim Marzyski, Cassie Newell, Jennifer Rodd, Alisa Wagner.

Grade 9

Lisa Anderson, Mary Baker, Kevin Brown, Pam Carras, David Cary, Philip Christopher, Shawn Coons, Wesley Cuzdey, Nicole Delisle, Denise Dingman, Billie

Jo Eck, Jeanné Frese, Jennifer Gillespie, Chad Hotaling, Karen Jensen, Tony Johnston, Bridget Kelley, Francis Korzatkowski, David McNessor, Anthony Nunziato, Lance O'Brien, Jeff Schaffer, Michelle Shutter, Dorá Sterritt, Jeremy Tarr, Chris Waltz, Jennifer Williams.

Driver flees

A Ravena man, 21, who was pulled over for speeding early Monday on Rt. 9W stopped his car and fled on foot into nearby woods according to Bethlehem police reports. Police, aided by a search dog, were unable to locate the man immediately following the 1:30 a.m. incident but subsequently obtained his name and address, according to the report. Police said the driver faces charges of speeding and obstructing governmental administration.

Bellizzi top teacher

Robert Bellizzi of Delmar was selected as the number one outstanding teacher in a recent poll of juniors and seniors at Albany High School.

Also named to the list of top ten teachers were Thomas McGurn and Richard A. Robelotto of Slingerlands.

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Barbara Pickup



Students honored

January's students of the month from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School are Stefanie Wheeler and Brian Stumbaugh. Stefanie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler of South Bethlehem, is a senior this year. This is the second time Stefanie was selected by her peers for this recognition. She was named student of the month last March.

Stefanie is a member of the varsity cross-country and track teams, the varsity volleyball team, the National Honor Society, the principal's advisory committee and the equestrian club. With hopes of becoming a veterinarian, she attends veterinary classes and teaches horseback riding. Stefanie has contributed a great deal of time to organizing school activities and assisting her fellow students. She is again serving as chairman of the student fair. Last year's fair was one of the most successful due to her hard work and dedication.

Brian Stumbaugh, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Robert Staumbaugh of Ravena, is also a senior at RCS. Brian is very active in varsity football and varsity baseball. He is a member of the principal's advisory committee, the National Honor Society, the steering committee and the student council. He is this year's editor of the year book "Memories." He also contributes his talents to the "Gossamer Thread," a student publication.

Brian enjoys writing, working with computers and reading. He is friendly and outgoing, and is admired by both faculty and fellow students.

Benefit dinner

On Saturday, March 1, the Bethlehem Grange will serve a dinner to benefit the Bethlehem Ambulance Service. The family-style roast beef dinner will start at 4 p.m. and continue until all are served at the grange hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk. All are welcome. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 5 to 12 years. Reservations are not required unless large groups wish to be

seated together. For information call Helen Raynor at 767-2770.

The women's activities committee will conduct a "This and That" sale during the evening.

Ecumenical dinner

The first of four community dinners, organized to help neighboring churches become better acquainted, was held Feb. 9 at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. The large group that attended enjoyed a pot luck dinner, a brief history of the church and new friends.

Participating churches are the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, the Glenmont Community Church, the Faith Lutheran Church, and the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. A second dinner will be hosted by the Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 9, at 6 p.m.

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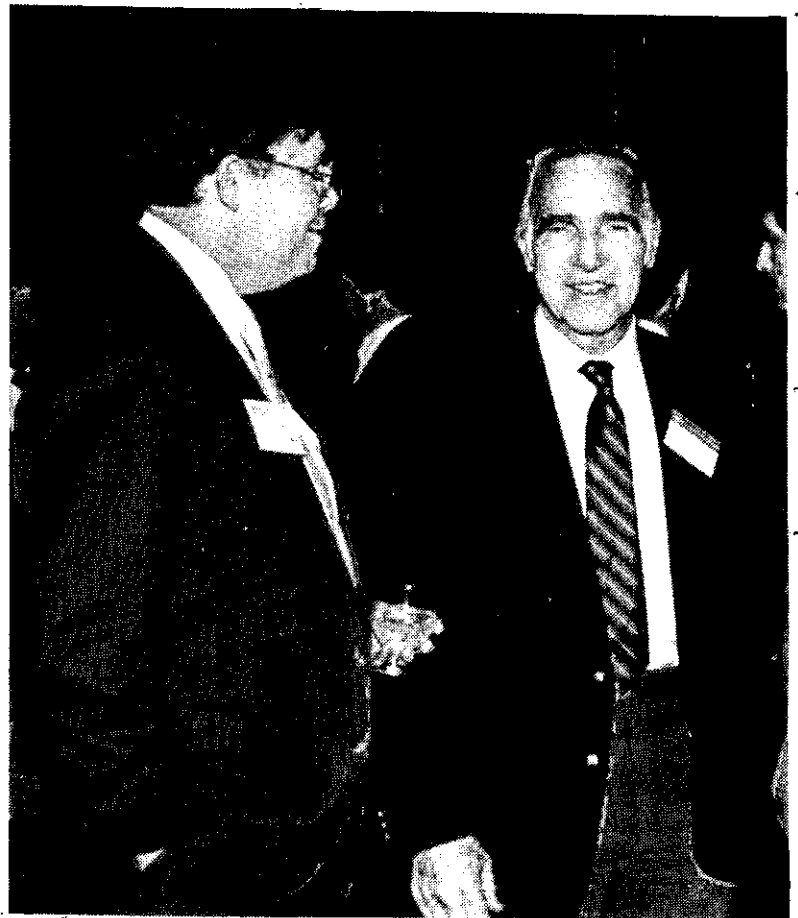
The Hannakrois Chapter NSDAR will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, at the home of Mrs. Ralph C. Pape of Delmar. Pape, a staff artist for the Albany Institute of History and Art, and Mrs. Robert Leather will present a program about "Colonial Art in Our Country's Heritage."

Members and guests are welcome. A short business meeting will precede the program. Vice Regent Mrs. Bruce Fernald will direct the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Ronald Newton, regent.

The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens are making another attempt to visit The Century House restaurant on Friday, Feb. 28. Previously scheduled for January, the outing was canceled because of bad weather. The group will depart from the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, at 11:30 a.m. All seniors are welcome. For reservations call Robert Mayo at 767-3006, by Thursday, Feb. 27.

Plans have also been made for the seniors to attend a performance of the Albany Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, March 6. The group will leave from the church at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Robert Mayo.

Material for Barbara Pickup's column can be sent to her at P.O. Box 172, RD 1, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158. For questions or late items, call The Spotlight at 439-4949.



Assemblyman C.D. "Larry" Lane, right, speaks with George Hartman of Selkirk, a representative of Norstar Bank, during the recent New York State Bankers Association legislative dinner in Albany.

Legislative intern program has deadline of April 1

Applications for the New York State Assembly summer research internship program must be submitted by April 1. The program provides students an opportunity to become involved in the legislative process. Interns work full-time for 10 weeks on various supervised research projects. They receive a \$2,000 stipend for their work.

Applicants must be state residents enrolled in a college degree program as seniors or graduate students as of September. Ten to 20 internships are awarded each summer.

Applications are available through colleges or universities or from the State Assembly Intern Program, 829A, Legislative Office Building, Albany 12248.

Gala for St. Peter's

The St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary will hold a gala to benefit the hospital on Saturday, March 1, at the Albany Country Club, beginning at 7 p.m.

Entitled "Light Years Ahead," the dinner dance will look 300 years ahead to what Albany might be like in the year 2286.

Music will be provided by the Phil Retifo Quintet. A mural depicting life in Albany 2286, created by art students from the Albany Academy for Girls, will be displayed. A grand prize of \$5,000 will be raffled.

For reservations call Mrs. J. Roger Grier at 456-7231.

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"I have had occasion to use them, and I've found them to be helpful," said Bethlehem Town Justice Roger Fritts, noting that he uses the service most often in neighbor situations. Fritts said he has also used the service in family situations that have ended up in town court instead of family court and in "friends situations" where people who have been friendly for years suddenly become unfriendly.

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Henry Tiger service

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold the Henry Tiger ecumenical service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Rt. 85.

Participating in the service, which rotates among the four area churches, will be Rev. Gregory Pike of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Richard Hibbert of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Rev. Arthur Toole of St. Matthew's

Roman Catholic Church and Rev. Johannes Meester of the New Salem Reformed Church.

Held every year during lent, the interfaith service was begun in 1972 by local Kiwanian Henry Tiger, who was the capital division chairman for spiritual aims at that time. After Tiger's death a decade ago, the service was renamed in his honor.

All area residents are invited to this traditional prayer service.



Volunteers at the Albany Therapeutic Riding dinner hosted by Mrs. Peter Douglas of Voorheesville. *Lyn Stapf*

Register for ball teams

Speaking of the Kiwanis Club, a reminder to those young baseball and softball fans that registration for the popular springtime sports programs will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25; Wednesday, Feb. 26; Monday, March 3; Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7, all at the Voorheesville Elementary School. Saturday registrations will be held on March 1 and March 8 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. as well.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13 years old are eligible to play baseball. Girls in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to sign up for softball. A registration fee of \$8 to be paid at registration will cover the cost of a team t-shirt and hat. Those with questions should contact Ron White at 765-3639 between 7 and 8 p.m.

Flapjacks on the griddle

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast this Sunday, March 2, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. All area residents are invited to support the volunteer group in this annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under, and may be purchased at the door.

Historic homes

meeting this Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Museum in New Salem. Guest speaker will be Porter Wright, who will address the topic "Historic Homes of Rensselaerville." The public is invited to attend.

Southbound Friday

Tickets are still available for the PTSA benefit concerts featuring

Voorheesville's country-western quintet Southbound. The two concerts to benefit the Voorheesville PTSA will be held this Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Voorheesville High School. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and may be obtained by calling either Lyn DiDomenico at 765-2428 or Joanné St. Denis at 765-4748. If tickets remain they may be sold at the door.

Library board meets

The Executive Board of the Voorheesville Public Library will hold their monthly meeting this Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library. Discussion will continue on the site search for the proposed new library. The public is welcome to attend.

Desserts and games

Members of Voorheesville Cub Pack 73 will join together with their families to participate in a Blue and Gold dessert night and game sharing on Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School.

The event is to mark the annual anniversary of scouting and the boys and their family members will take part in an awards assembly followed by an evening of fun, food and friends. The Scouts hope to make this an annual event.

Girl Scout reunion

The Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts are gearing up for a special occasion during the month of March. On Sunday, March 9, a reunion will be held for former and present leaders in the Voorheesville area. Presently the group is searching for those women who were leaders or assistant leaders during the past

years in Voorheesville. Those wishing to attend the reception in their honor to be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church should call Betty Timmis at 765-2421.

Tax assistance

A reminder to area senior citizens that the first of two free tax assistance programs will be held on Monday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Voorheesville Village Hall. Sponsored by the Village of Voorheesville in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons, the program is designed to assist those over 50 in preparing their income tax returns. It will also be held on Monday, March 24, as well. Although it is not necessary to make an appointment, it is advised that those who wish to avoid waiting do so by calling the village office at 765-2692.

Volunteers lauded

Volunteers at the Albany Therapeutic Riding Center were recently feted at the first annual appreciation dinner in their honor, hosted by Judy Douglas, whose son Chris is a student of the school.

Begun in 1981, the riding clinic on Martin Rd. in Voorheesville staffed by volunteers, provides therapy to individuals with a handicapping condition.

Presently its 35 volunteers coach 65 students in riding, leading and grooming, with pupils ranging in age from 3 to 80 years old.

The center is always looking for new volunteers. Those interested in assisting may call Chris Lehman, riding instructor and president of the center's board at 765-2764 or 765-2022. No experience is necessary and periodic training sessions are held.



The group known as "Southbound" will perform at two benefit concerts Friday at Voorheesville High School, one at 7 and one at 9 p.m.

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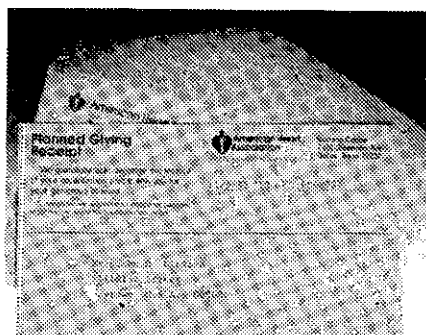
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Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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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 each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

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

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

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Linda Marshall at 756-6421.

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

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

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

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

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

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 contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

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 a.m.-noon.

WEDNESDAY 26
FEBRUARY

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

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

Free Tax Assistance, sponsored by Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter 1595 of AARP, for senior citizens and shut-ins, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-3449.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Readings for the Visually Impaired," 4-7 p.m.; "Astrology with Judith Longley," 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, led by Rev. Tamara EnTin, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30-11 a.m.

Project WILD Teacher Workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 3:30-6 p.m. Registration, 457-6092.

Bethlehem Central School District Budget Session, following business meeting, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., 8 p.m.

Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Two Lenten Study Programs, study group led by Pastor Hess will address "Basic Questions of Faith," and view film narrated by Joyce Landorf entitled "Change Points," Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

Makeup Workshop, representative from Barbizon Modeling and Talent Agency will demonstrate how to use makeup effectively, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

THURSDAY 27
FEBRUARY

Free Tax Assistance, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter No. 1595 of AARP will help senior citizens and shut-ins through April 10, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 1-3 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955, ext. 77.

Elsmere Fire Company, meets last Thursday of each month at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m. **Henry Tiger Memorial Ecumenical Service**, coordinated by Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Brooks Drug Store, Delaware Plaza, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Van, trip to Stone Ends for dinner, pickup at 4:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-5770.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, special guest, David Vigoda, topic: Business and Personal Financial Planning: The Synergies, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, noon. Reservations, \$6.50, 439-0512.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "A Children's Storytime," 10:30 a.m.; "Tae Kwon Do: Martial Arts: the Korean Way—part 4," 7:30 p.m.; "Focus Korea—Women in Korea," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

Southbound, concert to benefit Voorheesville PTSA, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets, \$3, \$2, 765-2428.

Bethlehem Unit of League of Women Voters, topic: "Local Schools Striving Toward Excellence," Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Information, 756-6421.

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class and plus workshop, First United Methodist Church, Thursdays, 7-10:30 p.m. Information, 439-3689.

FRIDAY 28
FEBRUARY

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

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Astrology with Judith Longley," 7:30 a.m.; "Real George's Backroom," 7:30 p.m.; "Jazz: Live from Bethlehem II," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, lunch at Century House Restaurant, leave from First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY 1
MARCH

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 439-3289, 439-7516.

Religious Play, Gordon Players, drama group from Gordon College, will perform "Sketches from the Book," Bethlehem Community Church, 201

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

"Goodbye Freddy," Elizabeth Digg's modern comedy-drama about friendship and contemporary relationships, Capital Repertory Company's Market Theatre, North Pearl St., Albany, through March 9. Tickets, 462-4531.

"Baby," Broadway musical, Cohoes Music Hall, through March 15. Tickets, 235-7969.

"Being Behan," Stage Three presents wit, song and pathos of Brendan Behan, Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, Feb. 27 and March 2 (Thurs.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 3 p.m.). Reservations, 783-2527.

"The New Mummenschanz," mask-mime troupe, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Feb. 28 and March 1 and 2 (Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m.). Tickets, 346-6204.

"Ballroom," Jerome Kass musical, presented by Village Stage, Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar, March 7 and 8, 8 p.m. Tickets, 439-9152.

"The Club," musical by Eve Merriam, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, March 5-8 and 12-15, 8 p.m. Tickets, 442-3997.

"Curse of the Working Class," directed by Mark Dalton, Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 14 Willett St., Albany, March 1, 8 p.m.

MUSIC

Noon concert, Neil Keen and Mary Bon present organ music through the centuries, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, Feb. 28.

Prazak String Quartet, presenting music of Mozart, Janacek and Smetana, Union College Memorial Chapel, Feb. 26, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-7890 or 372-3651.

The Canadian Brass, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Crossover, featuring Heather Wood and Andy Wallace, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Feb. 28, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

College of Saint Rose Jazz Ensemble, Pauly's Hotel, March 2, 9:30 p.m.

Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig, directed by Kurt Masur, Palace Theatre, Albany, March 6, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4663.

Lenten noontime organ concert, featuring Keith Williams, First Church in Albany, No. Pearl St. at Clinton Square, March 4, Free.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, featuring Jaime Laredo, violin, Troy Music Hall, Feb. 28, 8 p.m.; Palace Theatre, Albany, March 1, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4755.

Michael Card, contemporary Christian music singer, presenting Easter concert, Cohoes High School, March 1, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, 462-3436.

Guarneri Quartet, presenting music of Beethoven, Troy Music Hall, March 3, 8 p.m. Tickets, 273-0038.

University Community Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Nathan Gottschalk, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, March 4, 8 p.m. Free.

University Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band, in concert at Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, March 3, 8 p.m. Free.

DANCE

"Footworks," student concert, sponsored by University Dance Council, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, Feb. 28 and March 1, 8 p.m. Tickets, 442-3997.

ART

"Bitter Hope: From Holocaust to Haven," photographic exhibit, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, permanent exhibit.

"The Eye of Science: Seeing is the Beginning of Understanding," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through April 6.

"King Remembered," exhibit of photos by Flip Schulke in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, through March 2.

Exhibit of paintings by Wendy Ide Williams, Harmanus Bleecker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, through March 15.

"Mothers and Daughters: Four Generations of Fashion," Schacht Fine Arts Gallery, Russell Sage College, Troy, through March 6.

"Artist in Residence: the North Country Art of Frederic Remington," Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 30.

"The Capitol in Albany: Photographs by William Clift, Stephen Shore, Judith Turner and Dan Weaks," Capitol Building, Albany, through May.

"Marilyn Bridges: An Aerial Perspective of New York State," and "Transparencies: Multi-media Works by Ten New York Artists," University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, through March 23.

"The Artist and the Quilt," State Museum, West Gallery, Empire State Plaza, through April 20.

Graphic Arts Show, Charysyn and Charysyn, GCCA Mountain-Top Gallery, Main St., Windham, through March 20.

Exhibit of works by Martin Gieschen and Bob Scherzer, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through March 7.

Exhibit of works by Richard Haas, Carol Collette, Daniel Lencioni, Bruno Bruni, Kozo and others, Posters Plus Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany.

Exhibit of op art by Francis Hewitt, The Albany Academy Gallery, through March 21.

"The Wendell Castle School," studies in art of woodworking, The Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through March 26.

"A Present from Pontypool," exhibit of floral painting, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, through September.

"Maine-ly Tin," exhibit of country-painted tinware, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, through June.

Exhibit on black history, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through Feb. 28.

Works of Leonard Baskin, sculpture, painting and printmaking, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 18.

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SUNDAY
MARCH **2**

Religious Program, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2983.

Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Voorheesville Area Ambulance service, Voorheesville American Legion Hall, \$2 and \$3 admission, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

MONDAY
MARCH **3**

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at the Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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

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

Mothers Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers, meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

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

New Deadline for Property Tax Exemptions, certain senior citizens, farmers, ministers, priests, rabbis and non-profit organizations must file applications with assessor's office by March 3.

Voorheesville Library Board Meeting, public welcome, Voorheesville Public Library, lower level, 7:30 p.m.

American Red Cross Phone-a-thon, membership campaign for Albany Area Chapter American Red Cross, with some volunteer callers from Bethlehem Central High School, March 3-27, Monday-Thursday, 6-9 p.m. Information, 462-7461 ext. 275 or 321.

TUESDAY
MARCH **4**

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

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

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

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

Delmar Progress Club, legislative forum followed by luncheon, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

New Scotland Historical Assn., Porter Wright will discuss "Historic Homes of Rensselaerville," Old New Salem Schoolhouse Museum, 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

Day of Recollection, held by Senior Club of St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society, led by Rev. John Bradley, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Thomas Church, 9:45 a.m. Information, 439-4496, 439-3878.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH **5**

Free Tax Assistance, offered by Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter No. 1595 AARP, for senior citizens and shut-ins, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-3449.

Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Lenten Study Programs, Pastor Hess will address "Basic Questions of Faith," participants will view film narrated by Joyce Landorf entitled "Your Irregular Person," Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group will present program on different monogram, note and greeting card lettering, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Reservations, 439-6170 or 439-7189.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, led by Rev. R. Maureen McGuinness, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30-11 a.m.

THURSDAY
MARCH **6**

Free Tax Assistance, sponsored by Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter No. 1595 AARP, for senior citizens and shut-ins, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 1-3 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955, ext. 77.

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

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Get-Acquainted Coffee, Tri-Village Welcome Wagon invites new residents to coffee, home of Laurie Hawley, 60 Fernbank Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5058.

Free Fun Night, introduction to Western Square Dancing sponsored by Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7-9 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Assn., Mr. Keith Metzler, director of production and design for State Museum, will speak on abstract expressionism in landscapes, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. All welcome; information, 439-7039.

FRIDAY
MARCH **7**

Recovery, Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist, 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.

Pre-school Films, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Musical Theater, Village Stage will present *Ballroom*, by Jerome Kass, musical about widowed grandmother who begins to sparkle when she goes to Stardust Ballroom, Bethlehem Central High School auditorium, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9152.

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

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Wildlife Program, field study of tracks and signs of wildlife in winter, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 2 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Maple Sugaring Demonstration, simple techniques for making maple sugar will be demonstrated, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 10 a.m. Information, 457-6092.

Fresh Ham Dinner, and bake sale, Trinity United Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow, 4:30-7 p.m.

Village Stage Cast-Crew Party, after final performance of *Ballroom*, American Legion Hall, 11 p.m. Reservations, 439-1185.

SUNDAY
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Hanakrols NSDAR Chapter Meeting, Pape residence, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Toddler Program, "Toddler Tweet Treats," children under 3 invited with parent to hear stories about birds and do craft, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

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MARCH **11**

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

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

Delmar Progress Club, book review of Marrietta Halley's *In Search of a Life*, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Van, monthly shopping trip to Colonie Center. Reservations, 439-5770.

Albany County Cooperative Extension, informational meeting on review of agricultural districts 3 and 4, William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd. and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3510.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH **12**

Free Tax Assistance, sponsored by Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter No. 1595 AARP, for senior citizens and

shut-ins, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-3449.

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

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

Bethlehem Elks Auxillary, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of month.

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

Second Milers, association of Tri-Village retirees meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

Beginners Western Square Dancing Class, taught by Duane Silver, Bethlehem Central High School. Information, 439-3689.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, lead by Rev. Mark Bratturd, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30-11 a.m.

Pesticide Applicators Certification Training, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd. and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 1 p.m. Registration, 765-3510.

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WEDNESDAY **26**
FEBRUARY

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

"Wednesday Night at the Plaza," dance to music of Al Cavaliere and his Band, Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free; information, 474-5986.

New York Assn. for Learning Disabled, meeting and discussion of "Sexuality-Implications for the Neurologically Impaired," Wildwood School, Birch-

wood La., Niskayuna, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 783-1644.

Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce, luncheon with Norman Rice, retired curator of the Albany Institute

of History and Art, speaking about Pruyn House and Pruyn diaries, Quackenbush House, Albany. \$12.50 reservations, 434-1214.

Easter Seal Society, Americana Inn, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Reservations, 434-4103.

Community Day, Cerebral Palsy Center for Disabled, community will have opportunity to tour center, talk with

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staff, meet clients, and better understand services offered there, Cerebral Palsy Center for Disabled, 314 South Manning Blv., 1-6 p.m. Information, 489-8336, ext. 518.

Human Resource Planning and Management Series, sponsored by NYS School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, workshop conducted by Thomas P. Marnell, division personnel manager, Nashua Corp., Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 1-4 p.m. \$10 registration, 473-1931.

Minerva Hour Lecture Series, all welcome. "Cuban Foreign Policy: Pawn of the USSR or Champion of the Non-Aligned?" presented by Gary Prevost, Union College, Schaffer Library, 11:30 a.m. Information, 370-6172.

AIDS Luncheon, for people with AIDS and AIDS Related Complex, 332 Hudson Ave., noon. Information, 434-4686.

Film, Gaza Ghetto, documentary about Palestinian family in Jabalia refugee camp, sponsored by Capital District Committee for Palestinian Rights, Albany Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 434-4037.

Noonday Lenten Preaching Series, Rev. Maurice Drown of Trinity United Methodist Church, St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., noon. Information, 434-3502.

Great Decisions Forum, "International Terrorism: In Search of A Response," with John Kalas, SUNY Central Administration, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon-1:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

THURSDAY **27**
FEBRUARY

Noonday Lenten Preaching Series, Rev. Robert Hess of Delmar Reformed Church, St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., noon. Information, 434-3502.

Vanguard Preview, look at upcoming Albany Symphony Orchestra with Jaime Laredo, violinist, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 449-3380.

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Albany Colony National Society of New England Women, luncheon and meeting, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 286-3283.

Noontime Presentations, "Wilderness to Forest Preserve: 60 Years of Adirondack Art," with William K. Verner, director Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, sponsored by Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 463-4478.

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

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Noontime Lenten Preaching Series, Rev. Joyce S. Giles, executive director of Capital Area Council of Churches, St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., noon. Information, 434-3502.

Square Dance, western style square and round dance, sponsored by Altamont Station Squares, Guelderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8-11 p.m. Information, 872-1646.

Kiwanis Reception, Robert Calabrese, Governor of New York District of Kiwanis International will address combined meeting of area Kiwanis Clubs, Watervliet Arsenal's Cannon Community Club, 5:30 p.m.

Open Dance, sponsored by Albany Chapter of Parents Without Partners, music by "Harmony," Knights of Columbus Hall, 218 Osborne Rd., Loudonville, \$3 and \$4 tickets, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Information, 462-7029.

Free Blood Pressure Screening, sponsored by Albany Area Chapter of American Red Cross, Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Center, Albany. Information, 462-7461 ext. 262.

SATURDAY 1 MARCH

Country Dance, featuring caller Sue DuPre and live music, sponsored by Old Songs, Guelderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, \$4 admission, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

Computer Workshop, 12-hour, non-credit workshop entitled "Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS)," Albany Campus of Russell Sage College, March 1, 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration, \$50, 445-1717.

Birth of an Idea: Albany's Dongan Charter, "Albany and its Fur Trade Monopoly," with Thomas Burke, Colonial Albany Social History Project, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 10 a.m.

Loudonville Christian School Admissions Testing, Loudonville Christian School, Library, 374 Loudon Rd., 10 a.m.

Legal Seminar, "Evaluation and Settlement," scheduled by New York State Trial Lawyers Assn., will cover art of evaluating your case, when and how to negotiate, Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, (212) 349-5890.

Cross-Country Ski Trip, Adirondack preserve near Newcomb, round trip 9 miles, sponsored by Nature Conservancy, leave from Stewarts, Rts. 9 and 67, 7:30 a.m. Information, 869-0453.

St. Peter's Benefit Gala, cocktails, dinner and dancing sponsored by St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary to benefit hospital, Albany Country Club, 7 p.m. Information, 456-7231.

SUNDAY 2 MARCH

Historic Albany: Its Churches and Synagogues, "Religion and Culture," program of liturgical music, Israeli dance and history of Temple Israel synagogue, Temple Israel Sanctuary, 600 New Scotland Ave., 3 p.m.

Greater Albany Professional Singles, Bruce G. Hallenbeck looks at cinema and theater in Capital District, Regency Park Club House, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 436-0602, 237-7962, 393-3281.

Scottish Country Dancing, social dancing to traditional Scottish music, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 377-8792, 372-9170, 457-0849.

"Protest and Progress: Black History Through Literature", program explores vital but unknown literary heritage of black Americans, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 442-4237.

Coin and Stamp Show, sponsored by Capital District Coin Dealers Assn., Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 346-2584.

Family Nature Programs, "Rare Reptiles and Amphibians," illustrated talk by Alvin Breisch, sponsored by Audubon Society, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans, general meeting, Scully Post, 348 Central Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 785-0904.

Troy YMCA Open House, refreshments, door prizes, give-a-ways, and building tours, Troy YMCA, 2500 21st St., Troy, 1-4 p.m. Information, 272-5900.

Italian Food Festival, to be held at three Price Chopper Super Centers, New Loudon Plaza, Rt. 9, Latham; Eastern Pkwy., Schenectady; 1400 Altamont Ave., Schenectady. Information, 381-1294.

MONDAY 3 MARCH

Lecture, Jane B. Donegan, professor of History at Onondaga Community College, will speak on evolution of American man-midwifery, Russell Sage College, Bush Memorial Center, 12:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246, 270-2344.

Slide Show, "Women in White—Changes in Nursing Uniforms," Dr. Cathy Adams will trace history of nursing from turn of century to present, Russell Sage College, Schacht Fine Arts Center Gallery, 4 p.m. Information, 270-2246, 270-2344.

Country Painting Seminar, will cover techniques of Maine flowering, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Inc., 19 Dove St., Albany, March 3-7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$135 registration, 462-1676.

Epilepsy Assn. of Capital District, family education training workshops, Center for Disabled, 314 So. Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m.

Nature Walks for Senior Citizens, mineral water taste test, Saratoga Spa State Park, Victoria Pool Parking Lot, 10 a.m. Information, 584-2000 ext. 27.

Lenten Preaching Series, Rev. F. Goldthwaithe Sherrill, Rector of Grace Church, Brooklyn, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., March 3-7, noon. Information, 434-3502.

Care of Trees and Shrubs, Dr. George L. Good, Cornell University, William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 7-9 p.m. \$4 registration, 765-3510.

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

New York State Legislative Forum, with James P. Corcoran, Superintendent of Insurance for New York State, topic: "The Liability Insurance Crisis," all welcome, Harmanus Blecker Hall, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

Film, A Farewell to Arms, 1933 version starring Helen Hayes and Gary Cooper, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

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Film, "The 18th Century Woman", Marisa Berensen narrates retrospective film which features great queens of Europe depicted by Metropolitan Museum Art Show, Russell Sage College, Schacht Fine Arts Center Gallery, 4 p.m. Information, 270-2246, 270-2344.

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

Job Hunting Workshop, "Assessing Your Skills," sponsored by Evening Division of Russell Sage College, Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave., 5-6 p.m. Registration, 445-1717.

Small Business Council, dinner and program; "Finding Your Niche—Corporate Positioning for Small Business," with Edwin H. Sperber of Huckleberry Finn, Americana Inn, 660 Albany-Shaker Rd., Albany, 5 p.m. Reservations, 434-1214.

Nutritional Conference, sponsored by Cooperative Extension Assns. of Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties, discussion of health and fitness, Americana Inn, Albany-Shaker Rd. Registration, 765-3550.

Book Review, House, by Tracy Kidder reviewed by Edward K. Pratt, executive director of Historic Albany Foundation, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 449-3380.

Capital District Assn. of Occupational Health Nurses, Dr. Donald Wexler, rheumatologist from Sunnyview Hospital will speak on different forms of arthritis and treatment, Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 6 p.m. Registration, 473-1014.

Albany Subarea Council of Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York, regular monthly meeting, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 5:30 p.m. Information, 445-0511.

Workshop on Urban Stress on Trees, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, program covers problems encountered when trees planted in urban environments fail to get water, root space, drainage, and what can be done to improve conditions, William K. Sanford Library, 7-9 p.m. Information, 765-3635.

Dana Natural History Society, "The Amazons," paper presented by Mrs. Richard P. Law Jr., Albany Public Library, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

Great Decisions Forum, "European Community and the U.S.: Friction Among Friends," with Donald Burn of SUNYA, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon-1:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

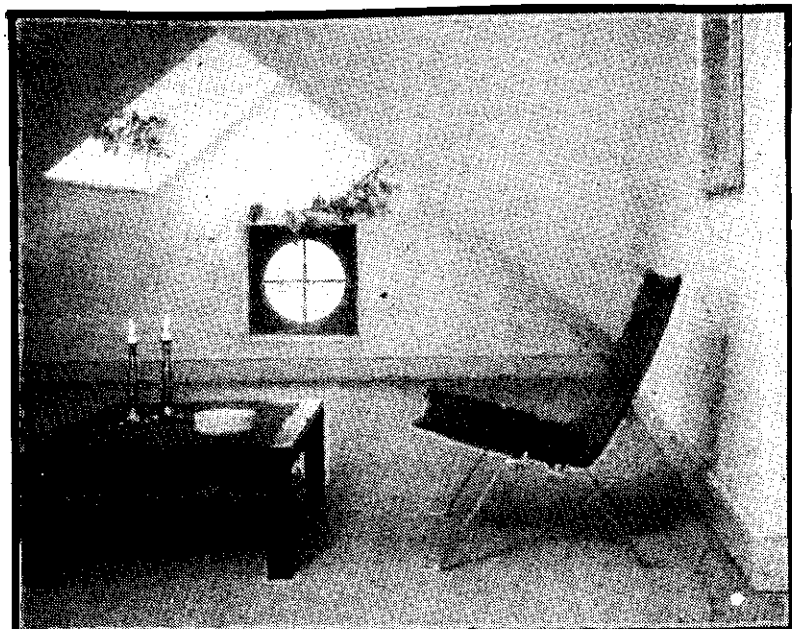
Epilepsy Assn. of Capital District, general meeting, guest speaker: Grace Ann Marincic, director Tri-County Epilepsy Assn., "Sexuality, Marriage, Family Relationships and Epilepsy," First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Dutch Treat Winter Luncheon, with Robert Arnold, Albany County Historian and executive director of Albany Archives, sponsored by Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, Quackenbush House, 12:30 p.m. \$12.50 reservations, 434-1214.

Program on Latin America, College of Saint Rose social sciences division will sponsor "Focus on Revolution in Latin America," day and evening events held to enhance public awareness of Latin American history, politics, and religion, College of Saint Rose. Information, 454-5140.

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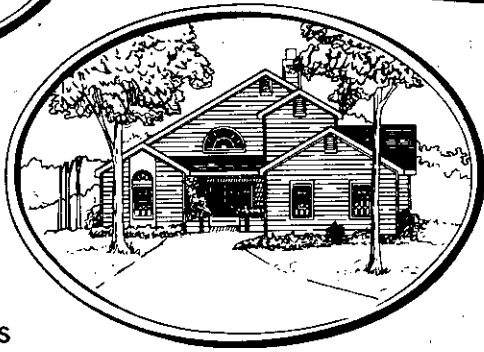
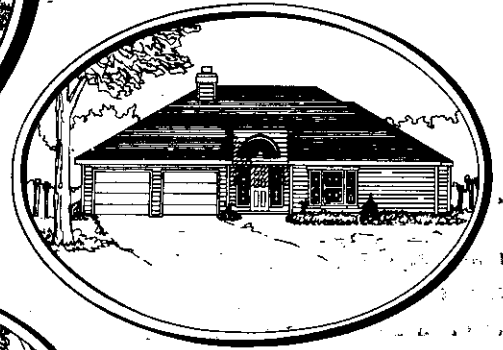
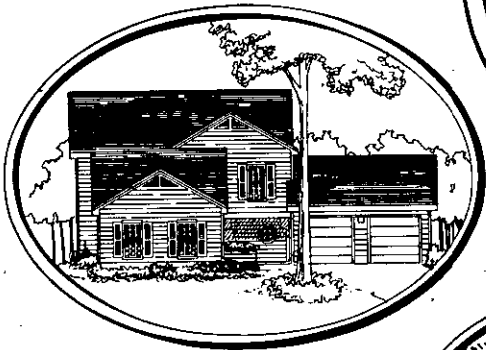
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The term paper: what I learned

I recently corrected my students' fall semester term papers. It was an instructive experience.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Jim Nehring



labeled a total of 26 hours reading, scrutinizing, scribbling in the margins, and penning a couple of short paragraphs of general comments for each one. While 26 hours is a long time, 15 minutes is not very much time at all considering the many hours that the average student invested in the research and development of the paper. I know that many students spent a portion of their Christmas vacation in the Voorheesville, Bethlehem, or Guiderland Public Libraries, conducting research.

I must state for the record that 26 hours of student papers is a lot of drudgery, but I must add there were many bright moments also. Foreexample, I learned through an interview that one student conducted with a Korean refugee, of the despicable exploitation of women in Korea by American corporations. In another paper I gained insight into the psychology of a terrorist. I now understand how a terrorist perversely rationalizes the random murder of innocent people. In one paper I learned, from a first person point of view, about life in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) during the violent and chaotic closing days of Ian Smith's white minority government.

Now that this semester's term papers are history, I feel glad — glad that they're history and glad about the results. I sensed great progress for many students in their writing strategies. For others I sensed a spark of excitement about research — uncovering little known facts and forging original conclusions. Most gratifying of all, I see that for many the term paper served as a link between the student's immediate world and the larger world of history and international affairs. In other words, for many students the term paper did as it was supposed to do. It served to broaden the student's intellectual and emotional horizons.

Jim Nehring teaches Social Studies at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville.

AIDS information

The American Red Cross has established an AIDS Public Education Program to provide reliable factual information about the risk of contracting AIDS, to demystify the disease and to slow the spread of the disease. The national program will also facilitate community discussion of issues such as school admissions policies for students and teachers with AIDS, insurance coverage, medical costs, safety of blood supply, individual rights versus protection of public health and government responsibility for the AIDS crisis.

Quinn listed

Michael Quinn, of Delmar, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been named in the current edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges*. Quinn is on the dean's list at Boston University.



Rev. Maureen McGuinness

Speaking on women

Rev. Maureen McGuinness will speak about "Women Empowered by God" at the March 5 meeting of the Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study. The program, which will focus on the lives of Ruth and Abigail, will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. Members of the Faith Lutheran Church will serve coffee.

Child care will be provided.

Day of recollection

A Day of Recollection, led by Rev. John Bradley, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany, will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar on Tuesday, March 4, at 9:45 a.m. The program, which is sponsored by the Senior Club of the St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society, will include time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by a celebration of the Eucharist at 12:15 p.m.

For information call Marge Morlock at 439-4496 or Vi Lee at 439-3878. Transportation is available.

SAT prep course

The Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Avenue, is offering a Scholastic Aptitude Test preparation course for students who will be taking the SAT tests for college admission and Regents' Scholarships. The eight-week course begins on Saturday, March 1, at 11:30 a.m.

The instructor is Steve Abelson, an adjunct professor at the State University at Albany and Columbia-Greene Community College. YWCA members will receive a 15 percent discount. For further information call Steve Abelson at 475-2905 or the YWCA at 438-6608.

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When was the last time you read the Book of Amos? Not recently, I bet. It is not on the best-seller list, but I suggest that you read it anyway. I must however, warn you that the violence and sex might cause it to receive an "R" rating.

Although it was written in 750 B.C., The Book of Amos parallels the situation of our own day. Amos spoke during a time when there was a high degree of prosperity in Israel. However that fortune was not shared by all; the rich were getting richer and the poor were getting poorer. If you have been reading the newspapers, you are aware that is our situation today. David M. Gordon, professor of economics at the New School for Social Research in New York, writes, "The gulf in the United States between the haves and the have-nots is growing wider and wider. U.S. economic policy is systematically reinforcing that trend." Gordon asks, "Is this the kind of country and economy we want?"

What does this have to do with a religion column, you may ask? When you read the scriptures, you quickly find several references to God's concern for the poor and God's desire for justice. In Amos, we find God's spokesman saying, "For crime after crime of Israel I will grant them no reprieve, because they sell the innocent for silver and the destitute for a pair of shoes. They grind the heads of the poor into the earth and thrust the humble out of their way." Amos pronounces God's judgment upon Israel, and in short order Amos finds himself charged with weakening national security and is told to go elsewhere and preach.

The leaders ignored the call for a change of heart and policy; corruption continued; the fiber of the nation was further weakened, and in 741 B.C. the nation fell to the Assyrian forces. The Northern Kingdom of Israel, comprising the

ten tribes of Israel, was wiped off the map, her people disappearing into the peoples of the continent. This was God's judgment on his people who refused to hear the call for justice.

Micah, a contemporary of Amos, responds to the question of what God desires. "God has told you what is good; and what is it that the Lord asks of you? Only to act justly, to love loyalty, to walk wisely before your God."

Are we walking wisely before our God when we do not raise our voices for the poor whose numbers are ever increasing? Are we walking wisely before our God when we do not speak against a federal budget that increases the arms race but does little for the human race?

Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, says, "Alas for you who are rich; you have had your time of happiness. Alas for you who are well-fed now; you shall go hungry." In Matthew's Gospel we see that the great judgment is based upon what we have done, or have not done, for those who are hungry and homeless.

We need to remember that we are either part of the solution or part of the problem. We cannot do it all by ourselves, to be sure, but oftentimes we use that as an excuse for doing nothing. Edmund Burke said, "No man ever made so great a mistake as he who, because he could do only a little, did nothing."

I urge you to write to your leaders in Washington and let them know that you care about the poor, the hungry and the homeless, and that you expect them, as leaders, to act in such a way that there will truly be "liberty and justice for all." Let us not be so foolish as to think that God would not bring judgment upon us and our nation if we fail to hear God's call for bread and justice. What you do or don't do will on the Day of Judgment be counted to you for good or for ill.

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V'ville looking at talent galore

Bob Crandall envisions a real scramble when 20 or 25 candidates compete for 12 places on the Voorheesville basketball varsity next season.

That's a coach's way of saying that the team is likely to be a lot stronger next year. Bigger? Well, maybe. Faster? Definitely. Better shooters? Possibly. Better foul shooters? Couldn't be much worse.

All this adds up to the positive, a feeling of optimism and hope for the 1986-87 Blackbirds.

Crandall will be losing only three seniors, but they all — the scoring for this year's team. Jerry Borg wound up with 288 points, led the team with a 13.7 average and was the most productive rebounder. Justin Corcoran had 240 points and an 11.4 average, and Vinnie Foley fired in 222 points, averaging 10.6 per outing.

That leaves nine juniors coming back, led by Kyle Larabee, and when you add a scrappy bunch coming up from a jayvee team that just missed getting a piece of the Colonial Council JV crown, you've got a pretty fair talent pool to choose from.

"I can see now that it's going to be pretty tough to cut to a 12-man roster," Crandall commented after closing the current books with last week's loss at Catskill in the Sectionals. "It's also going to be tough to make the team next year, what with all those juniors who will be seniors next season, and all those kids coming up from the JV. There's some good looking kids out there."

Crandall used last Wednesday's Sectional exercise against the highly favored Cats as a baptism for the JV's top two scorers, Marty Gordinier and John Meacham. "They held their own," Crandall said. "They picked up the whole pace of the game when they were in there."

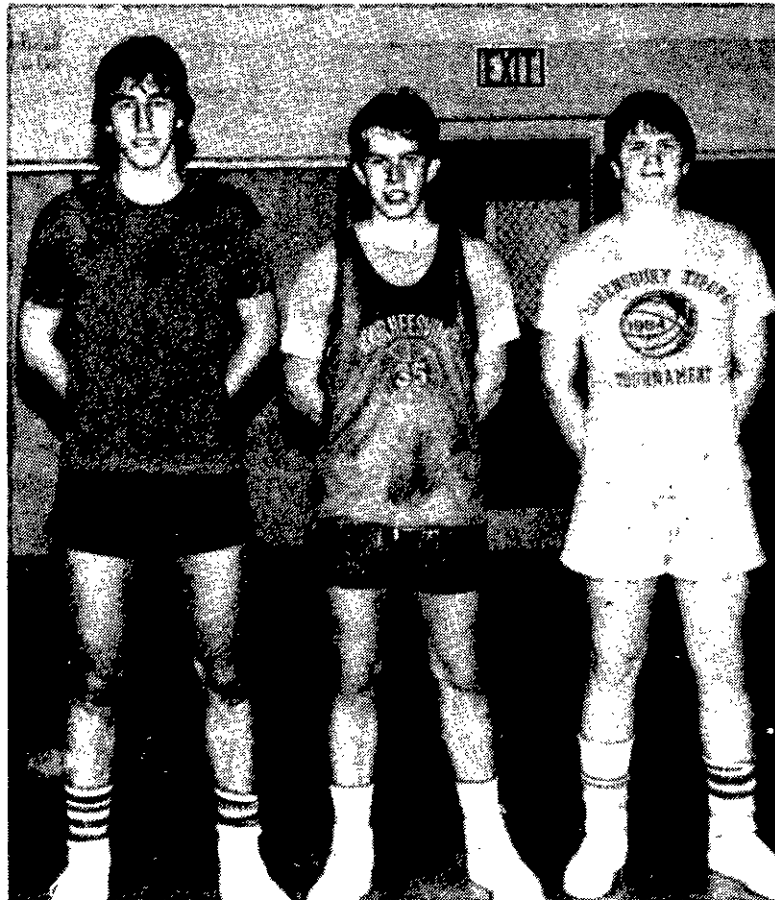
Crandall played his two prize sophomore rookies in the back court, which gave them a lot of ball-handling experience rather than chances to fire at the hoop. Even so, Gordinier scored a basket.

Varsity holdovers will be Larabee, Dean Decker, Dave Dunning, Ben Greenberg, Frank Donnelly, Dan McKenna, Kevin Kelly, Tom Buckley and John Chapman, several of whom may have to step aside to make room for the talent coming from highly successful JV and freshman teams.

The Voorheesville jayvees were 13-3 and the freshmen 15-3 over the past season.

A pivotal factor will be the state of Larabee's health. The junior sharpshooter, blessed with the most natural basketball talent on the squad, was the Blackbirds' leading scorer for most of the first half of the season before being overcome by a medical problem that led to cranial surgery after he had played 12 games. Crandall says prospects are good that Larabee will be given a clean bill of health in time to report for his senior season next November.

In many respects the game at Catskill was a bonus. Crandall had intended to skip the Sectionals if his team failed to reach or better the .500 mark, but at 8-12 for the year, 6-10 in the heavy traffic of a tough league, he relented, saying his players had worked so hard they deserved a shot in the open tournament.



Voorheesville seniors Jerry Borg, left, Justin Corcoran and Vince Foley led the Blackbirds in their basketball season. *Spotlight*

As it was, the Blackbirds gave an excellent account of themselves in the first round of the Class CC playoffs. The final score, 64-51, was the widest margin of the evening, shading the fact that Voorheesville was trailing the Patroon League champions by only five points three minutes into the fourth period. The Blackbirds, down by nine after three quarters, 43-34, were on the way to closing the gap when they got into foul trouble and committed a flock of turnovers in the fading minutes.

"It wasn't any walkover," Crandall said later. "On a good

night we could have beaten them. Our outside shooting was off, and that hurt us. We were never out-classed. We couldn't match the quickness of their guards, and we were unable to effectively stop Kyle Lyles."

Lyles, the Cats' top scorer, had 21 points, not his best night, but good enough to win.

Crandall, who rarely makes public comment on officiating, noted that the officials at Catskill that night were "inconsistent," a polite way of saying they blew many more whistles against the visitors than the home team, but

he stopped short of blaming the striped shirts for the defeat.

Borg had 16 points in his last scholastic game, Corcoran 15 in his. Decker had a good game despite being in foul trouble in the second half, and scored eight points.

CYO hoop ends

St. Thomas 7th and 8th grade basketball team ended its season Saturday with a win over St. Casmir of Albany, 51-41. Ben DiBiase, the team's scoring leader with an average of 16-plus points a game, scored 37 to end the year with his season's high.

The team ended the season with a 6-and-6 record in league play. Coach John Hooper was pleased with the team's improved play during the year. Four of the losses were by six points or less, one in overtime and one in the last three seconds.

Team members were Bo Acquario, Joe Lech, Chris Black, Kyle Kordich, Dave Lorette, Chris Bearup, Paul Panganiban, Ben DiBiase, Sean McDonald and Chuck Giglia.

Room for gymnasts

There are still some openings in the Grades 6-and-up time slot of the March 4 gymnastics program run by Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department at the Bethlehem Middle School.

Classes, limited to 45 gymnasts, will be held on Tuesday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Registration, with a \$10 fee is at the Parks and Recreation Department, Elm Avenue Park, 439-4131. The sessions will run from March 4 to April 15.

Wrestling clinics

Wrestling classes will be held at Bethlehem High School three times a week for four weeks between 6 and 7:30 p.m., starting March 3. The program for grades 3 to 8 is conducted by Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department.

Registration will take place at the first session on March 3, and there is a fee of \$16 for the 12 clinics. For information call 439-4131.

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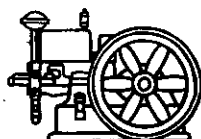
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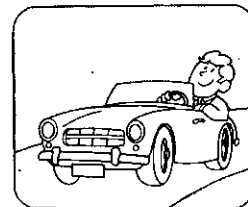
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Ladybirds hoping for sectional bid

By Rick Leach

As far as improvement goes, this has been quite a year for the Voorheesville girls basketball team. Three weeks ago, the Ladybirds were blown out by the Watervliet Cannoneers, 44-17. Last Friday on the Birds' homecourt it was a different story. The girls from Voorheesville defeated the visitors by a score of 46-35.

The Blackbirds were pumped up from the start and grabbed a 9-0 lead. The stunned Cannoneers tried to bounce back, but still trailed 25-16 at halftime. After intermission, Watervliet started chipping away at the deficit until they pulled within two, 37-35, with two minutes to play.

"It got a little hairy here," said coach Nadine Bassler, "but the girls pulled through well."

This is where the squad exploded, scoring the final nine points of the game to seal the victory. Tricia Carmody and Christy Tarullo set the pace with 20 points apiece. Carmody also had 15 rebounds. Michelle Schaff played well off the bench and Betsy Zeh did an excellent job of ballhandling. "This was a very nice win for us," an elated Bassler noted.

The Blackbirds had a seesaw battle at Lansingburgh last Tuesday until they grabbed a five-point lead with three minutes remaining. Here the Birds were guilty of several turnovers and the Knights rallied for a 42-38 victory. Carmody again led Voorheesville with 12 points, while sophomore forward Paige Hotaling, playing for the injured Laura Martin, added eight. Carmody, a 6-1 freshman, leads the team in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots.

This week the girls challenged winless Waterford at home in their final league game. The Ladybirds easily defeated the Fordians, 56-9, the first time around. After that, the squad will hope for a Class C Sectional bid. With a 9-10 record, it should be close. "It will be touch and go, but I think we have a chance," said Bassler. "We play good teams in the Colonial Council, five out of the eight teams are bigger schools than we are, and I hope that will get us some consideration."

Conditioning could be key for Eagles

For the first time in many years, Bethlehem Central's domination of the Section 2 swimming championships is threatened. Paul (Buzz) Jones, coach of the team whose nine-year streak of 146 straight dual meet victories was snapped a week ago by a team from outside the section, admits that "we're going to be under pressure."

Jones is banking heavily on superior conditioning to pull the Eagles through for a 15th straight Sectional team title in the two-day meet starting Friday in the Albany State pool.

In workouts this week Jones has put the accent on conditioning in driving his team toward lowering times. "We have all those hours in Nautilus and we have yardage beyond belief," he said after a practice this week. "We should be able to hit some good times."

The top three places in each event in both Class A and Class B will qualify for the state championship meet the following weekend. Several of his swimmers are virtually assured of that trip, but Jones is uncertain about strategy for the relays, which are restricted to one entry per school. (Teams can enter as many as four swimmers in individual events.)

Jones's thinking goes like this: BC is strong enough to win the free relay, but not the medley relay, hence the question of how to strengthen the first relay without weakening the last.

Meanwhile he has Pierre LaBarge, the versatile senior co-captain, and Justin Baird, the promising freshman, for the 200-yard freestyle, Keith Dix for the IM and Chris Drew, Joe Kowalski

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George Tanner in the 50. Barge will swim the 100 free instead of the 500. In the latter, Jones feels Baird has a good shot at second place behind Albany High's unbeatable Kevin Paulsen.

"I think Justin (Baird) can have a fantastic 500, and Kowalski and Tanner will go in the 100 behind Pierre," he said.

Drew will also swim the backstroke at the Sectionals with Cam O'Connor and BC will have Peter Greenwald, Dix and Scott Whitney in the breaststroke.

Jones is also counting on another fine performance by Alex Hall in the diving. Hall looked better than ever before in winning the event in the New Hartford meet a week ago, and should place in the top three in Albany. He has lost only to Tim Burke of Glens Falls, the area's best, and to Shaker and Burnt Hills this season. Burke is in Class B and Jones feels Hall can beat the Burnt Hills man.

Scholarships offered

Junior and senior class high school students who are interested in applying for a \$1,000 college scholarship should request applications by March 15 from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N. McKinley Rd., Lake Forest, Ill. 60045. To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state and zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation.

BC jells in home stretch

By Tania Stasiuk

The season came together for four of the final five games in Bethlehem Central girls basketball. The consistency and teamwork that has been lacking in Coach Eugene Lewis's young, inexperienced team jelled for the last games of the season to bring BC's record to 6-9.

The game against Saratoga looked closer than it actually was. Lewis said the 42-38 win for the Eagles "would have been even stronger if we hadn't stopped trying to score in the final quarter." The first quarter ended with a tie score, but BC surged in the second for a 20-11 lead at the half. "We played the way we should have played all year," said Lewis.

BC managed to avenge their earlier loss by one point to Burnt Hills with a 40-30 triumph. Foul shots controlled the game: Bethlehem led 14-2 from the foul line. Even at the half, BH was in trouble with a 25-17 deficit. "They were bigger, but we were better," said Lewis. Freshman sensation Julie Francis led the Eagles from the foul line with seven, while junior Wendy Vogel had six.

Columbia presented a much tougher game for the Eagles, who had to play without senior Peg

Jeram. "Peg is kind of the glue of our team," said Lewis. "Without her on the floor, we just fell apart."

At the end of the first quarter, BC was down, 20-4, thanks to strong presses on Columbia's part and many turnovers from the Eagles. The scoring was even in the second quarter, and BC stayed down by 16 at the half. In the third quarter, Columbia outscored Bethlehem 18-4, and Lewis decided to use the final quarter as a learning experience for his younger players. "The game was just out of hand," he said of the 63-24 loss.

Jeram's return for the game against Scotia brought with it another win. "The final was 39-22, with an exceptional performance from junior Sonja Bjurstrom, whose rebounding was impressive.

The Eagles were mentally and physically ready for their final game against Mohonasen. BC had won two games against the Mohons previously, so the 30-18 final was almost easy.

The promises Lewis has made all season about his "building" team finally came true in those final games. A 15-3 record for the JV team and an 11-3 record for BC's freshman team are promis-

ing, as are the four-returning varsity starters.

The season's obvious standout was Francis, who finished with 230 points and 197 rebounds, an average of 12.5 points and 12.4 rebounds per game. No other player came close to that record, but Lewis mentioned that he was pleased with the performances of juniors Wendy Vogel and Sonja Bjurstrom, both of whom averaged about five points and seven rebounds per game. Bjurstrom had the highest shooting percentage from the floor, with 39 percent.

Other players Lewis felt had good seasons were Jeram and junior Caroline Brooks. "Peg was always steady. She really held the team together when we got sloppy, and you could always count on her rebounds. You could see the work that Caroline put into the sport paying off by the end of the year," Lewis noted, "she had a high shooting percentage and was always very aggressive."

Lewis also mentioned that the team was hurt by junior Michelle Gibbon's season-long bouts with illness. "Michelle has a lot of potential. Unfortunately, this season she also had a lot of the flu," he said.

Indians settle for No. 2 spot

By Bart Gottesman

The stage was set, both teams eagerly awaiting the whistle to start the game. This was the scene at the latest RCS girls varsity basketball game when the Indians of Ravena and the Sabres of Schalmont did battle at Schalmont. The winner of the critical game would take over sole possession of first place in the tight Colonial Council standings with a 13-2 record while the loser would fall to 12-3.

From the start everything pointed towards a Schalmont blowout, and that was to be the case as the Indians fell from a first-place tie with a thud. The Sabres gained the top spot with a 60-28 thrashing of the Indians.

Ravena's slow starting offense was unable to score a point until the opponent had run up a 20-0 lead. The Indians managed to cut the deficit to 15 at the end of the first quarter, 20-5. The low scoring offense continued through the second quarter when RCS scored only three and was down 33-8 at halftime.

Ravena's offensive output, the lowest total of the season, was headed by Terri Baker, who scored 10 points. Lisa Holsapple and Frances Losee followed with six and four respectively, while sophomore Kerry Chapman, who was recently moved up to varsity from JV, scored three points, all on foul shots. Ravena was hurt on the boards as Sheila Seery, the

Indians starting center, saw limited action in the contest due to sore ankles.

Reflecting on the game, coach Betty Faxon said: "We couldn't mount any offense, we couldn't get our defense going and we turned the ball over. Those three things lead to losses as bad as this one."

Faxon had praise for Baker, who according to the coach, "played her heart out."

Victories over winless Waterford and Mechanicville earlier in the week allowed Ravena to keep pace with the co-leader and make Friday's game with Schalmont the key to the season. At Waterford the Indians had no trouble as they won, 51-18. The Indians didn't play their normal tight defense

and as a result, Ravena committed no fouls during the game. Marie Setford and Holsapple led the attack with eight points each while Tracey Tucker chipped in with seven.

Although her team won over Mechanicville by 40-28, Faxon didn't feel that her troops played that well. All players received playing time, Setford pacing Ravena with 12. Tucker added nine.

The Indians closed out their season this week, hosting Holy Names on yesterday (Tuesday).

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Week of wins for Eagles

By Tania Stasiuk

Bethlehem's volleyball team finished off another week of straight wins, maintaining the streak since their only loss in the opening match against Colonie. That loss was avenged last Friday as the Eagles took Colonie in a 3-set win.

The week began with a Tuesday match against Shaker. BC got into trouble early and remained scoreless until Shaker had racked up 14 points. Once the Eagles settled in, however, they bounced back to take the second two sets, 15-9, 15-11. "We were sloppy in that first set," said Coach Raymond Sliter, "and had to come back to beat them."

Standouts in that game included juniors Doug Pratt, whose bumping and anticipation across the back line can always be counted on, and Bill Liddle, who is emerging as a consistent player. Sliter said he was "very pleased with the improvement of the team as a whole, especially of the juniors." Four of the seven players who alternate for starting positions are juniors; besides Pratt and Liddle,

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Pete Russo and Mark Richter are having good seasons.

The scores of this game were representative of the rest of this season: in over half of the games played, BC has had to take the last two sets to win, and the first set's score has been in single digits. The facts remain, however, that the Eagles have now taken every team in the Suburban Council, that they lead the Gold Division, and that they have the best overall record in the Council.

The first match against Columbia was also typical of this season. The Eagles covered the floor poorly and could not coordinate their usually strong front line, and lost 15-4. They returned to their regular style in time to take the last two sets, 15-11, 15-8. Senior starter Jeff Bielefeld sparked the team with a number of successful shots from the back row and some powerful serving. "Jeff has come a long way this year," said Sliter. "The time and dedication he has put into volleyball is showing up

in his skills and, more importantly, in his attitude."

The game against Colonie became one of the season's most crucial wins. The first set remained close throughout, but poor floor coverage at 12-12 allowed Colonie to win, 15-12. "Our team relies on spiking and good setups," Sliter said, "and in that first set, they just put the ball down where we couldn't get to it."

BC was not disillusioned, however, and came back with two powerful sets. Strong serving from Bielefeld and seniors Chris Maercklien and Jay Woolford swept the Eagles to a 15-3 triumph. In the final set Bethlehem kept their surge going, 15-6.

"We have the best chance at winning Sectionals right now," said Sliter. "It's too bad there is no state competition."

This week BC was scheduled to travel to Shenendehowa on Tuesday. They will take on Guilderland at home today (Wednesday) and travel to Mohonasen on Friday.

Some old faces in grid schedule

Bethlehem Central's new football schedule, diluted by departure from the rugged Suburban Council format, may not be entirely watered down.

The 1986 Eagles will play five Suburban Council rivals, two of them in the Blue (large school) Division, and three new opponents in a nine-game card. The notable absentees are Shenendehowa, Saratoga, Colonie and Scotia.

For Bethlehem, a charter member and a mainstay of the prestigious Suburban Council, this fall will mark the first time since the formation of the league that the Eagles will play an independent schedule.

But Ray Sliter, BC athletic director who has put the new schedule together, points out that the retreat is for one year only, and applies only to football. Over the last seven seasons, the Eagles have won only seven of 59 league games with one tie. In that span they endured four seasons in which they did not win a league game.

This fall Bethlehem will face Shaker and Columbia, traditional rivals now in the league's Blue Division, and Niskayuna, Guilderland and Burnt Hills from the Gold (small school) Division of the Council. For these BC opponents, their games with Bethlehem will not count in the league standings.

New to the Bethlehem slate are Johnstown, Hudson Falls and Mont Pleasant. Rounding out the schedule is Bishop Gibbons in the return game of a home-and-home series that began last fall.

Gibbons was the only team the Eagles defeated in their 1-8 campaign in 1985. On the other hand Burnt Hills, the only Suburban Council foe to upset lordly Shenendehowa, is still on the BC card, but against Burnt Hills last fall the Eagles played their finest game of the season and lost by only two touchdowns.

The 1986 schedule will open with four straight home games, all under lights. Shaker comes in on Friday, Sept. 12, followed by Johnstown, a strong Class B team

On for '86

September

12 Shaker	7:30
19 Johnstown	7:30
26 Columbia	7:30

October

3* Guilderland	7:30
11 at Niskayuna	2:00
18 at Bishop Gibbons	2:00
24 Hudson Falls	7:30

November

1 at Burnt Hills	2:00
7 at Mont Pleasant	TBD

* May be shifted to Oct. 2

in the Foothills conference, and Columbia, a longtime league rival.

In the fourth week the game with Guilderland may be shifted from Friday to Thursday night to avoid a conflict with Jewish holidays.

The Eagles then will play two games in Saturday sunshine at Niskayuna and Gibbons before returning to Delmar for a night game with Hudson Falls Oct. 24. Two Saturday road trips will complete the slate, Burnt Hills and Mont Pleasant.

At this juncture the Mont Pleasant game has a factor of uncertainty. Like Bethlehem, Mont Pleasant's football program has fallen into disrepair, and there has been talk of combining the two Schenectady public high schools, Mont Pleasant and Linton, into one team for football, as is currently the case in Class A soccer.

Sliter says such a merger might become a problem. "It's a question of whether we should play a merged team from two large Class A schools when we're not playing the larger schools in our own league," he observed.

Strong showing in sectional

Bethlehem's indoor track team had a strong Sectional meet at the Washington Armory last weekend, with three boys and six girls placing, and several personal records on what is considered an unusually slow track.

The three athletes who placed first are hoping to qualify for the state meet this Friday, as are most of the others who placed in the Sectional meet.

Freshman Ian Berry turned in an impressive performance, placing fifth in the 600 with a 1:31. Junior Peter Winkler took fourth in a close 3200-meter race. He spent 15 of the 17-plus laps trying to get around two other runners, but meet officials failed to disqualify the interfering runner who eventually took second place.

The other boy to place was senior Mark LeBeau, who tied for third place in the high jump and took first in the 1000-meter run with a 2:39. "I was happy with my time, especially considering that it

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was in the Armory," said LeBeau. Coach Ron Cameron feels that with a peak performance "Mark is capable of doing very well in the state meet."

Sophomore Kelly Ross cleared 5-foot-4 in the high jump to take first place. "Kelly has the ability to clear 5-6," said coach Denise Minnear, "but she seems to have some kind of barrier when she tries it." Ross is ranked third in the state, and if she can clear 5-6 she may become state champion.

Tricia Shultes ran a personal record of 3:16 in the 1000 to take fourth place, while Tania Stasiuk also snagged a fourth with an 11:29 in the 3000. Senior Jen Hammer had one of the best races of her season as she won the 1500 with a time of 5:10, only 13 seconds off her outdoor best. "If I

can do that in the Armory, I may be able to make it to states when we run at RPI," said Hammer. These three girls, along with junior Heather Wolfe, teamed up to place third in the 3200-meter relay.

Sophomore Connie Pogue placed third in the 45-meter dash with a 6.4. Pogue has a chance at making it to the state competition, depending on whether Colonie's Nancy Kilber competes in the dash, and also whether Connie can bring her time down to a 6.3, the state qualifying time. "Connie has worked very hard this season, and you can really see it paying off," said Minnear. "It would be fantastic for her to make it to states as a sophomore."

The state qualifying meet begins at 4 p.m. Friday at the RPI field house.

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Junior Girls — Julie DiNapoli-183, 500.

Prep Boys — Mike Aylward-205, 563.

Prep Girls — Kate Recene-169, 404.

Bantam Boys — Andy Sedlock-109, 265.

Bantam Girls — Amanda Watt-148, 370.

BC sports: Why not play to win?

By Nat Boynton

With several isolated exceptions Bethlehem Central's athletic program has been steadily deteriorating for most of the past decade. Interscholastic swimming, wrestling and tennis teams have been consistently strong, and there have been occasional championship or contending teams in other seasonal sports, but most BC varsity teams have been mediocre at best competing with rival schools in the area.

The decision three months ago to withdraw the football team from the Suburban Council has brought new focus on what many observers see as the declining status of BC's athletic program as a whole.

Unlike several neighboring communities with strong emphasis on developing athletes in the early grades, there are only a few booster organizations in the BC school district. The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club is credited with feeding the high school varsities, both boys and girls, with an awesome pipeline of talent trained and nurtured by professional coaches in age-group programs starting in the second grade of elementary school. The Bethlehem Tennis Association has also conducted an aggressive program for junior tennis players hardly old enough to hold a racquet.

An excellent wrestling program provides experienced coaches at the pee-wee level, and the broad expanse of playfields along Delaware Ave. by the high school is frequently filled with age-group soccer players learning and training under the auspices of the Bethlehem Soccer Club.

Bethlehem has its Little League, Babe Ruth and Tomboys organizations for youth baseball and softball, staffed by dedicated parent volunteers, but experienced or trained coaches are rare or non-existent in such programs. The same can be said of Bethlehem Pop Warner football, and in most of these sports there is little or no coordination to assure a steady flow to the varsity level.

Bethlehem's high school swimming team recently saw a streak of 146 straight wins in dual meets go into the record books, and while BC tennis teams no longer dominate the region, both boys and girls teams have been consistent winners. The girls' teams have won several recent league and Sectional championships.

But it has been more than 10 years since BC has made even a mild bid for a basketball or baseball title during a decade when last-place finishes were common and the teams played to near-empty grandstands.

Most parents, boosters and citizen rooters agree that the descent to the basement in football is the hardest to accept. Since the championship season of 1978, in which Bethlehem interrupted a reign of nine Suburban Council titles by mighty Shenendehowa, Bethlehem Central's varsity has won 10 games, lost 52 and tied one, 7-51-1 in the league.

In the six seasons leading up to and including the championship year, Art Ritchko's teams won 32 and lost 15 in Suburban Council competition, and were 38-16-1 overall. The 1978 team was undefeated in seven league games, and was 9-0 in the regular season before bowing to Bishop Maginn of Albany in the first 10th-grade

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playoff in Section 2 annals. The game between the Suburban and Big Ten champions now is known as the region's "high school superbowl."

Ritchko, a career football coach who taught physical education at BCHS, retired with that 1978 team. Instead of hiring another professional football coach as a successor, the school administration gave the job to a popular guidance counselor, who discovered on his first day that the cupboard was bare of experienced players.

Gene FitzPatrick struggled through two straight winless seasons in the Suburban Council and went 2-7 in 1981 before surrendering the reins to John Sodergren, a health teacher at the high school who had been Ritchko's assistant in the latter stages of the glory years. Sodergren produced a 2-6-1 record in nine league games in 1982, but his teams have won only three of 23 Council games in the three seasons since.

Even more significant — and equally disheartening — is the deterioration in the talent pipeline. In the seven seasons since 1948, Bethlehem's JV football teams have won only 11 and tied two league games while losing 46, and the freshman teams were 14-32-1. Half of the frosh victory total came in the past two years when the modified team was 3-2 (1985) and 4-3 (1984).

Parents who have worked hard in the school's football booster club can cite several reasons for the decay, among them a steady turnover of the coaching staff at the critically important freshman and JV level, loss of talent to soccer and after-school jobs, low pay for competent coaches and defections of star athletes to private schools in Albany. Yet critics are almost unanimous in condemning the school's athletic policies and the lack of interest shown by the administration, along with the apparent reluctance of the school board and district officials to take corrective action.

Disgruntled Bethlehem boosters, many of whom recall the days in the Fifties and Sixties when Bethlehem teams compiled the best or near-best overall records of any school in the league, concede that highly competent coaches are hard to find, but they are quick to point out that several schools, notably Scotia, Colonie and Niskayuna, have succeeded in turning their football programs around, and that Burnt Hills, like BC one of the smaller schools in the Suburban Council, has strong programs in sports that attract community attention, such as football, soccer, basketball, swimming, baseball and tennis.

Students and some parents also cite a lack of school spirit, that mystical ingredient that motivates pride, determination and close fellowship in a school population. Until Bethlehem football boosters pushed a financial drive and installed lights at the field last fall, only a small segment of the high school student body had enough interest to attend home games. It remains to be seen whether the increased attendance holds up next fall when night games are no longer a novelty and the guests are strangers and newcomers like

Johnstown and Hudson Falls.

Everyone knows it takes winning teams to draw crowds, which may account for empty stands at Bethlehem basketball games. But what can account for the poor behavior of the small rooting section at recent games, including the Christmas tournament in which BC hosted three visiting teams and not only finished last, but Bethlehem fans were the only contingent of the four that hooted and jeered when an opposing player set himself for a free throw from the foul line. Also noted was the fact that on both nights of the tournament the visiting teams had larger delegations cheering for them than did the host team.

Citizens favoring a competitive as well as healthy climate for BC sports don't expect to see future win streaks as spectacular as those in swimming (146 straight dual meets, 237-2 over 16 years, 14 straight Sectional crowns and counting) or tennis (90 straight for Don Camp's boys' team before a loss, then 47 straight before the next loss, 15 consecutive league and Sectional championships). But they do expect teams from this community to be "respectable" and they do not want to be shamed by cellar-dwellers year after year.

Even the legendary swimming and tennis programs are victims of a changing community attitude that puts the accent on the recreational aspect rather than the competitive. "The kids are different now," observes one longtime coach who has worked in both club and school programs. "They're into different things besides sports. The commitment is not as strong as it used to be, they skip practices and take vacations during a season." Another veteran coach agrees, pointing to a change in the complexion of the Bethlehem community brought on by increases in affluence, escalating real estate prices and the rising number of single-parent households and families where both parents hold full-time jobs.

But that reasoning doesn't always hold. Burnt Hills, Niskayuna, Guilderland and other nearby communities have similar situations, and Voorheesville, a smaller (Class C) school system, has strong programs in major sports enjoying enthusiastic and widespread community commitment.

For each sports booster saddened by the lethargy and complacency infiltrating Bethlehem's youth sports picture, there is a counterpart who contends that athletics should be recreational and that too much emphasis is placed on winning. The town government offers a wide spectrum of recreational athletic programs, and several organizations like Tri-Village Little League stress participation above the quest for a championship.

That conflict of attitude recently has radiated to our newspaper. *The Spotlight*, attempting to present weekly reports on varsity teams in the three high schools in our circulation area, is simultaneously criticized for failing to cover JV and freshman teams as well, and for devoting too many news columns to sports.

For their part BC administrators pursue a policy of de-emphasis, including the policy of offering coaching positions first to members of the staff and going "outside" only when no faculty people show interest. In major

sports, an art teacher has coached the varsity soccer team since a successful professional coach left for a job in the business field; a college student is serving as an interim coach of the boys' tennis team, and a special education teacher coaches the girls tennis team. Bethlehem has "outside" coaches for varsity basketball, track and junior varsity football among others.

For JV football in 1985 the school hired two young men newly graduated from college, neither of whom had had previous coaching experience.

Driver Injured

A Clifton Park man was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad after an accident Friday afternoon on Rt. 9W.

According to Bethlehem police reports, Michael J. Quivey, 26, of Rotterdam rounded a curve on Rt. 9W to find a car halted in his lane a quarter of a mile north of Stoffels Dr. while a fuel oil delivery truck was backing into a driveway there. Quivey applied the brakes and skidded almost 100 feet, according to the report, before colliding with an auto driven by George J. Marinello, 48, of Clifton Park.

Marinello was taken to the hospital by the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad, and was treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Quoting the bard

Deidre McShane, a student at Bethlehem Central High School, will compete with 17 Capital District high school students in the semi-finals of the English-Speaking Union's Shakespeare '86 Recitation Competition on March 1.

After months of memorizing and rehearsing Shakespearean speeches, the students will compete at Siena College in Loudonville at 2 p.m.

For information call Ed Tompkins at 489-0694.

Call for coaches

The Bethlehem Soccer Club has openings for volunteer head coaches for the under 10 and under 16 competitive travel teams.

The teams play 16 to 20 games, including tournaments and league play in the Capitol District Youth Soccer League. The season begins with team tryouts on April 5 and ends in mid-July.

The Bethlehem Soccer Club is seeking individuals interested in contributing to a youth sports program and committed to developing good sportsmanship, individual skill and teamwork in a highly competitive program.

For information call Bill Silverman at 439-6465.

St. Thomas 7-4

The St. Thomas CYO Junior Girls closed out their season Saturday at the Bethlehem Central High School gym with a 23 to 11 victory over Holy Cross.

Playing before the home crowd, Karyn Mendel starred on offense and defense by scoring nine points and coming up with key steals.

Kassie Jeram scored eight points, and Peg Gould, Kelly Ryan and Chris Malone scored two points each.

St. Thomas finished the year at 7 and 4 and will enter the CYO playoffs as the top-seeded team in the B flight against Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Ice hits cars

An accumulation of ice and snow slid off the roof of the Delaware Ave. mini-mall last Tuesday and damaged four cars, according to Bethlehem police reports. The cars, two of which are owned by Delmar residents, received hood, fender and windshield damage, the reports noted.

2 deer hit car

Two deer ran into the side of a car being driven by a Delmar woman Thursday night on Rt. 32 near Meads Lane, forcing the car into guardrails beside the road, according to Bethlehem police reports. The woman escaped injury in the accident, according to the report.

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Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams said he expects \$81,700 in federal funds will be available for eligible projects that are completed by Sept. 15.

Eligible for funding will be purchases of safety equipment for rural firefighters, general fire fighting equipment, and communication and home alert equipment for rural fire fighters.

Ag district review

An informational meeting to discuss the review of Albany County Agricultural Districts three and four, located in the Towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem, Guiderland and Coeymans, will be held at the Albany County Cooperative Extension Center, Martin Rd. and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the review is to certify that agriculture is still important in the area and determine whether property should be added to or taken away from the district.

At the meeting a recommendation to combine the districts will be made.

For information call Joseph Huth at 765-3510 or Howard Zimmer at 765-3560.

Too loud

A 21-year-old Slingerlands man found himself at police headquarters Friday night after a neighbor complained about loud music. According to Bethlehem police reports, the man had been asked to turn down the music before police were called. He is due in court March 4 on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Landscapes in art

Keith Metzler, director of production and design for the State Museum, will speak about abstract expressionism in landscapes during the March 6 meeting of the Bethlehem Art Association. The meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library at 7 p.m. All are welcome. For information call Micki Ahl at 439-7039.

Teens apprehended

Two teenagers, one from Delmar and one from Slingerlands, face Family Court action in connection with an incident last month in which ice was tossed off the Delaware & Hudson Railroad bridge in Slingerlands onto cars passing below. The names of the youths, who are ages 13 and 14, were withheld by police because of their age.

Burglary investigated

Bethlehem police are investigating a report of a burglary at a residence on Eaton Dr. in Slingerlands. According to the police report, jewelry, coins, cash, stock certificates and savings bonds were taken in the break-in, which was reported last Monday. Pry marks were found on the front door, the report noted.

Projects not eligible for funding will include the acquisition of land, the construction of buildings and facilities, acquisition of major apparatus and acquisition of maintenance items.

Training of rural firefighters is funded by federal and state governments under a cooperative agreement with the Department of State, division of fire prevention and control.

Grant applications may be obtained from the Bureau of Forest Protection and Fire Management, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Rd. Room 408, Albany, N.Y. 12233-0001.

Phone-a-thon planned

The Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold their annual phone-a-thon from March 3 to 27 and from April 21 through 23. While United Way provides 65 percent of the chapter's income, the remainder is acquired through various fund raising activities. The goal of this year's telephone membership campaign is \$99,000.

The funds will be used to provide a variety of services, including disaster relief and transportation for sick, elderly and disabled persons.

Recruiters and volunteers are needed to make telephone calls Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., from March 3 to 27. Recruiters may enter a drawing for a weekend at the Roundup Ranch in Downsville or at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown.

Among volunteers for the fund raising drive will be students from Bethlehem Central High School and the Doane Stuart School.

For information call 462-7461, ext 275 or 321.

Home ransacked

A screwdriver was used to pry open the lock on the back door of a home on Schoolhouse Rd. in North Bethlehem last week, and jewelry and Hummel figurines were taken, according to Bethlehem police reports. The break-in, which was reported Feb. 17, occurred sometime between 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., the report noted. The bedrooms in the home were ransacked and a backpack stuffed with money, a radio and jewelry was found on the dining room floor, the report said.

Beginning squares

The Silver Bullets Square Dance Club will offer a free introduction to western square dancing at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar on Thursday, March 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.

A beginners course in western square dancing will be taught by Duane Silver at Bethlehem Central High School on Wednesday nights, beginning March 12.

For information call 439-3689.

Blood pressure up?

The Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross offers a free blood pressure screening on the last Friday of every month at the Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Center in Albany.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 1986, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Peter J. Corrigan and Texanne Vickrey for a Variance from Article II, (Districts), of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance, for an addition to premises, 413 Wellington Road, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem.
Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
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(February 26, 1986)

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Dated this 19th day of February 1986.
JOHN F. THOMPSON
Assessor
(February 26, 1986)

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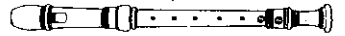
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Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:
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OBITUARIES

Olgert Gerbers

Olgert A. Gerbers, 61, of Glenmont, an accountant, died Feb. 19 at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

A native of Latvia, he lived in Glenmont for many years. He worked as an accountant for Spancrete Northeast Inc., Bethlehem.

He was a communicant of St. George's Church, Albany.

He leaves a sister, Nina Gaikis of Albany, and a brother, Alfred Gerbers of Albany.

Arrangements were by the Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery.

Patrick Roach

Patrick G. Roach, 66, of Selkirk, a retired police officer, died Feb. 19 at his home.

He was born in Malone, N.Y. He lived in the Albany area for the past 43 years and served as a police officer with the Albany Police Department for 25 years.

He leaves his sister, Mrs. Frank (Rose) Rapp of Colonie, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Ira Carhart

Ira Carhart, 86, of South Bethlehem died Feb. 23 at Eden Park Nursing Home.

He was born in North Coeymans and lived most of his life in South Bethlehem. He worked for 47 years as a heavy equipment operator for Callanan Industries Inc., South Bethlehem.

He was a member of the Scho-dack Country Club and the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, South Bethlehem.

Gertrude Douglas

Gertrude E. Douglas, 102, of Feura Bush and Albany, a retired professor of biology, died Feb. 18 at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home, Albany, after a long illness.

Born in Gardner, Mass., she earned a bachelor's degree from Smith College. She earned master's and doctor's degrees from Cornell University. She also did graduate work at the University of Hawaii and the University of Toronto.

She taught biology at Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va., Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, Cornell University and the Albany State Teachers College.

She was a member of the Nature Conservancy, Phi Beta Kappa, the Smith College Club and the Cornell Women's Club. She was a member and past president of the Eastern New York Botanical Club and a member and past secretary of the American Association of University Women.

She leaves no immediate survivors.

Arrangements were by Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons, Albany. Burial was in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Gardner, Mass.

Driver charged

John G. Dollard, Jr., 25, of Selkirk received emergency treatment at Albany Medical Center Hospital and was released last Wednesday morning after an accident on Rt. 9W near Rt. 396. According to Bethlehem police reports, Dollard's vehicle had stalled in the northbound lane of Rt. 9W, facing south and without its headlights on, at about 12:30 a.m. when it was struck by a northbound car driven by a Florida man. Dollard was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor, police said.

He was taken to the hospital by the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

Dollard was one of three motorists charged with drunk driving last week in Bethlehem.

Accused in flimflam

Bethlehem police last Tuesday arrested Brett D. Scudds, 24, of Cropsyville on a warrant issued by the county in connection with an attempted flimflam involving an elderly Delmar resident. Scudds was arraigned before County Judge John Turner on a charge of attempted grand larceny, second degree, a felony, and was sent to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail, according to the police report.

Scudds, William G. Schneider, 46, of Hoosick Falls, and Robert J. May, 33, of Clifton Park were named in an indictment handed up Feb. 14 by an Albany County grand jury. The three men are accused of trying to obtain \$4,000 from a Grove St. woman after telling her that her house needed some \$8,000 in repairs. The alleged flimflam attempt occurred Jan. 8, according to the police report.

Scudds was arrested in Voorheesville, the report said.

Party's over

A complaint that a party was going on in one of the rooms sent Bethlehem police to the Albany Motor Inn Friday night. According to police, 10 teenagers, all from Delmar, were charged. The 10, ages 15 to 19, were charged variously with criminal trespass, trespass and unlawful possession of marijuana, police said. The two who had rented the room also were charged with unlawful dealing with a child for allegedly providing alcoholic beverage to underage persons, police said.

Computer workshop

The evening division of Russell Sage College is offering computer workshops during March and April.

An introduction to Lotus 1-2-3 will be offered on March 14, 21 and 28, from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. The registration deadline is March 7.

An introduction to dBase II, a database management system, will be offered on April 11, 18 and 25, from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. The deadline for registration is April 4.

For information call 445-1717.

A chance to direct

The Albany Civic Theater is accepting applications for its director's showcase, where area theater newcomers have an opportunity to display their directing talents in the form of a 30-minute one-act play or scene from a three-act play.

The showcase will be held at the general meeting of the Albany Civic Theater on June 18 and 19.

For an application write to Eleanor Koblenz, 140 Milner Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12208, or call 489-2086, before March 16.

Tape deck gone

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a \$300 tape deck from a car parked overnight last Wednesday on Montrose Dr. in Elsmere. According to the police report, the vehicle had been left unlocked.

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Linda Krathaus

Aids hearing impaired

Linda Krathaus, who earned her master's degree last May from Canisius College, is employed by the Rensselaer County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), where she works with hearing impaired children.

Krathaus has a master's degree and certification as a teacher of the hearing impaired and as a secondary English teacher.

Krathaus is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Krathaus of Delmar.

Morton honored

Robert Morton of Delmar was recently presented with a life membership award by Frank Blair, district governors of the Lions Club.

Morton is a charter member and a past president of the Bethlehem Lions Club.

Students go abroad

Several area students participated in Hartwick College's January term abroad.

Christine Gray, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. William Gray of Delmar, and Monique Fritts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fritts, also of Delmar, studied Irish culture and society while abroad. The students visited factories, schools and hospitals in Trallee and Dublin. They also met with government officials.

George Kansas, son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter G. Kansas of Delmar, visited East and West Berlin and Cologne to study economics and management in an international setting.

Anne Marie Buckelew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buckelew of Delmar, spent two weeks in the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador. Buckelew studied biology in tropical and subtropical forests.



Matthew Williams

In great debate

Matthew Williams of Delmar was one of 16 students to debate about disarmament, apartheid, terrorism and trade improvements during a model United Nations General Assembly session recently held at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill. Williams represented the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams of Delmar.

Named in Who's Who

John Burns and Veronica Gioia of Slingerlands and William Hornick of Clarksville have been selected for listing in the 1986 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. All three students attend the State University at Albany.

Supple appointed

Susan Reich Supple, formerly of Delmar, has been appointed director of client services for the organizational and professional training services program at the State University at Albany.

A graduate of the State University at Albany, Supple previously served as executive director of the Albany League of Arts and as a consultant to the State University at Albany school of business. She was instrumental in the establishment of Community Box Offices throughout the Capital Region.

Supple's responsibilities will include administration of management training and consulting programs for local organizations and the management of the wellness in the work place program.

Girls Academy honors

Stacey Griffen of Slingerlands and Karen O'Keefe of Delmar were named to the high honor roll at the Albany Academy for Girls.

Area students named to the honor roll were Elyse Wilson and Melissa Schwartz of Voorheesville, Jill Donovan of Glenmont and Edith Wagoner of Selkirk.

Student Intern

Patricia Rogers, daughter of Patricia A. Rogers of Delmar and Gary O. Rogers of Slingerlands, participated in the Wells College January internship program.

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Why we don't always name names

A 17-year-old Delmar driver was ticketed by state police after his car struck the car of an Elm Estates resident as she was slowing to turn into her driveway. The Delmar driver was cited for unsafe passing.

EDITOR'S VIEW

Occasional comments by the editors of *The Spotlight*

Items such as this appear regularly in *The Spotlight*, and they evidently irritate some of our readers. Why no names? Who are we trying to protect?

We are in the minority of newspapers that do carry reports from local police on incidents such as minor accidents, arrests, etc., without using the names of the people involved. We even report on driving while intoxicated arrests without giving the name of the offender, unless it is a rare felony charge or unless the driver is involved in an accident that results in injury. To some, this is small-town journalism at its worst, protecting the guilty out of either laziness or cowardice.

We run reports of these incidents because we believe they are of interest to our readers, and a public service. For instance, reporting on the number of drunk drivers arrested by the Bethlehem police every week lets people know the police give this offense a high priority, and seems to have some deterrent effect. These reports and others that avoid naming names — such as stories about residential burglaries, where the only person who could be identified is the victim — give a sense of the nature of crime in the area and what the police, sheriff's deputies and troopers are doing.

It is true that the deterrent effect would be even greater if every person arrested in Bethlehem or New Scotland on drunk driving charges got his or her name in the paper. But is it a newspaper's job to punish people? I would prefer to leave that job to others.

As an editor, I have another concern. Could *The Spotlight* follow through on every one of these DWI arrests to determine whether the arrested person is, in fact, guilty or innocent?

We ran a story in last week's issue that illustrates the complexity of the problem. The story reported that a charge of driving while intoxicated has been dropped against an Albany woman who was involved in the Dec. 16 fatal accident on Rt. 144. The arresting troopers had not said at the time that the Albany woman was considered to be responsible for the crash; nevertheless, the fact that she was charged with such a serious offense certainly suggested that she was in some way culpable.

Three weeks ago, we learned through an acquaintance of the woman that the DWI charge had been dismissed in Bethlehem Town Court. We asked the court, and were told the records are sealed. According to state law, when a charge is dismissed, all records relating to it are destroyed and court personnel are prohibited from commenting, except with the permission of the accused.

"It's almost as if the incident never existed," explained one attorney to whom we turned for an explanation.

The law may have a valid purpose from a civil libertarian's point of view — who would disagree that a falsely accused person deserves to be assured that no records of that accusation will linger in the vast paperwork caves of the criminal justice system? But from the media's point of view, it perpetuates an obvious injustice.

The incident *did* happen and was accurately reported in *The*

Spotlight and in several other newspapers. The woman was charged with DWI, and that was reported also. Yet had we not heard directly from the accused, we would have had no way of knowing that she had been cleared. As it was, we had to confirm that information with her attorney, rather than the court. The story reporting that the charges were dropped could very well never have run.

This question of follow-up of police news is one that concerns all newspapers, whatever their size. Most rely on the court system to keep track of important cases; when there is a disposition, such as an indictment, a trial or a guilty plea, it is duly reported. When a case goes to trial and there is an acquittal, that also is reported (sometimes, to be sure, without the same prominent display given the original story).

But only felony-level charges — the more serious cases, involving significant amounts of money, major injury, etc. — are handled at the county court level. And even in felony arrests, there are difficulties in following up. Many such arrests never go to county court because they are plea-bargained in the local courts.

All misdemeanor charges are handled at the town, village or city court level. The ratio of misdemeanor to felony charges in the Town of Bethlehem is something on the order of 10 to one, and that doesn't include traffic charges, which are rarely felonies.

At *The Spotlight*, we attempt to follow every individual case in which we have named a person accused of a crime. This involves weekly checks with the town courts and checks with the Albany County District Attorney's Office, which issues press releases on all indictments and dispositions in county court. Depending on the case, a disposition can take anywhere from one to six months, or longer.

Were we to name all of those charged with misdemeanor crimes, the task of following up would be much greater — an allocation of time and space that can better be used for other news. For many newspapers, the choice is to avoid stories about misdemeanor crimes unless there is something unusual in the incident; our policy is to run the stories we think relevant but to withhold the names if the charge is a misdemeanor or a violation.

There are other reasons to withhold names. In company with many other newspapers, we avoid naming the accused in cases involving sexual abuse that would also tend to identify the victim. We also don't run the name of a person accused of a crime if he or she is adjudged a juvenile or a Youthful Offender, because the law prohibits the police from giving it to us.

Does this policy help our credibility? I doubt it. There will always be people who suspect the hometown newspaper of covering up for its favorites or friends. There are also those who feel that newspapers should always let the chips fall where they may.

In the case of DWI, the public's attitude has done a 180 degree shift from the benign indifference of 10 years ago. That new attitude has brought about better enforcement and stiffer punishments — and a lower highway death rate — that can only be considered as positive steps. It has also brought about a certain expectation that the media should join in the hunt by naming every driver who gets caught.

We could name them, the innocent as well as the guilty, and let the chips fall. Somehow, that doesn't seem to me to be the proper role of a newspaper.

Tom McPheeters

Vox Pop

is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to editing and all letters should be typed and double-spaced if possible. Letters must include phone numbers; names will be withheld on request. Deadline is the Friday before publication.

More on seatbelts

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The following letter was sent to Sheila Fuller, president of the Bethlehem Board of Education.

I am writing as a Bethlehem taxpayer who has been following with interest the public debate on the issue of seat belts in school buses. My credentials for commenting on this issue include a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, a graduate degree in traffic engineering and several years of experience in the practice of traffic engineering and highway traffic safety. I have also served on several national committees in the field of traffic safety.

My primary concern on this issue has been the lack of published engineering-based facts. To date, a board of education composed of lay individuals has been wrestling with a technically complex issue, with the loudest community voice being that of emotionally involved parents. So that those involved don't suggest I am a disinterested technocrat, I too have two school-age children using Bethlehem buses.

If one steps away from the issue briefly and asks what use seat belts serve in a vehicle (be it plane, passenger car, bus, race car, it doesn't matter), there would be two basic purposes:

(1) to restrain the occupant within the vehicle in the event of a roll-over crash, and

(2) to restrain the occupant from severe injury by facial or other contact with sharp objects within the vehicle in the event of a crash.

When these two basic purposes for seat belts are applied to school buses, one can quickly see that the need for them is not present. First, unlike an automobile, in the event of a bus roll-over crash the likelihood of an occupant being ejected from the vehicle is extremely remote. The school children would not be ejected through windows and the seats are not located next to doors which could fly open. Secondly, with high back padded seats now required in all school buses, severe injury from contact with sharp objects is also extremely remote.

Add to these factors the cost of installing these seat belts (almost always underestimated) and the near impossibility of expecting a driver to see that a seat belt is actually used (would the next request be for paid bus monitors?)

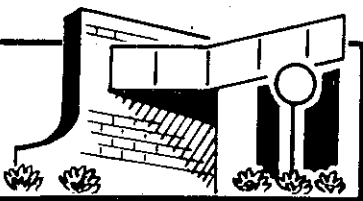
If seat belts were installed and used by all students, the current standee policy would have to be modified requiring many new school buses to be purchased by the District. Also, what a great weapon a loose-seat belt would make in an argument between two students on the bus.

When all of these factors are weighed against the extremely low frequency of serious accidents by school buses being driven by above-average drivers, one can only conclude that this would not be a cost effective expenditure of scarce tax funds.

Clearly, the school board cannot become experts on such technical issues, nor should they; unfortunately, they still must make such decisions. If my com-

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The library welcomes displays from individuals or non-profit groups. We have different sizes and types of display space for your artwork, a favorite collection or information about your community organization — choose what is best for you!

The two entrance halls, one from the parking lot and one from Delaware Avenue, have space for displaying artwork. Both spaces are about the same size. Each has a picture molding with rods for hanging pictures and free standing moveable panels. Paintings, drawings, prints and photographs are usually displayed in the hallways.

The library has two glass display cases that can be locked. The smaller one by the circulation desk is 3 feet long by 3 1/2 feet high by 1 foot deep and two moveable glass shelves. The larger

one is located near the large print books and is 4 1/2 feet long by 2 1/1 feet high by 1 1/2 feet deep and has one moveable glass shelf. These cases are usually used to display an individual's collection or by a group wanting to show the community what it does and hopefully attract new members. Capital District Mineral Club, Bethlehem Archaeology Group, the Tawasentha Chapter of the D.A.R. and Helping Hands are some of the local groups that have set up displays in the glass cases. Local residents have brought in their collections of old crocheted pieces, Japanese dolls, Hopi Kachina dolls, models of telescopes, old cameras and Santa Claus figures.

Organizations can co-sponsor displays with the library. Usually the corkboard display area inside one of the entrances is used. A six

foot table can be placed in front of the corkboard. The library can provide books, records and magazines relating to the display.

Among the groups that have used the corkboard area are the Tri-Village Squares, The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District and 4-H.

Each display is put up for a month by the group or individual. The display must be of an educational, informational or cultural nature. For more information contact Karin Martin at the library, 439-9314.

Doane Stuart honors

Jessica Bell of Glenmont, Robert Hardt and Edgar Henriques of Slingerlands and Susan Cleary, Bartholomew D'Alauro and Mark Hughes of Delmar were named to the high honor roll at The Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany.

Area students named to the honor roll were Scott Spellmeyer of Selkirk, Ryan Boyle of Slingerlands, and David Cleary, Jessica Harper, David Hughes and Kenneth Porter of Delmar.

Home health aide course being offered in Albany

A free 14-day homemaker-home health aide training program. Beginning March 6, is being offered by the Home Aide Service of Eastern New York, Inc., at 10 Colvin Ave., Albany. Home Aide Service, a non-profit community agency, provides care in the home to the ill and convalescent, the frail elderly, and other individuals and families in distress. The aide's role includes companionship, personal care, emotional support and light housekeeping.

Full or part-time employment opportunities will be available to those who complete the training program. Assignments are available in Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties.

For information call Home Aide Service at 459-6853.

Top photogs

Winners of the Delmar Camera Club's January competition were Sheila Schlawin, Amelia Anderson, Sally Whitcomb, Florence Becker, Gerald Miller and Marian VanWoert.

ments above are not compelling enough, I would urge the board to hire a consultant engineering firm, let them gather all the facts and make a recommendation to the board. The board can then make a decision based on facts rather than the pressure, headlines and emotion of the moment. This is a decision where the advice of the technical experts should rule the day.

John H. Shafer

Delmar

A time to ponder

Editor, The Spotlight:

There is a time and season for each bit of creation in our world; whether it be the ominous roar and thundering descent of water careening over a waterfall, or the tiny unique beauty of a fragile snowflake.

With this perception let us join the migration or litany of the snowflakes individually and in mass.

In the far reaches of upper space they emerge, each created to be different, as they fall in a gentle silent way upon all that lies below. Through the patient quiet hours of darkness or the light of day, they come to make of all in their wake a lace-like fabric of intrinsic beauty. It is intricately woven from branch to branch, with the tiniest twig reveling in its own exquisite splendor.

With the dawn of the day there emerges for all eyes to behold a breath-taking pattern so fine in composition as to challenge the finest lace fabricated by human hands or machine.

The rising sun enlivens each crystal with a shimmering radiance that dazzles the creative imagination in each of us, and prompts the question of how, with such a magnificent touch this can be wrought totally without human plot or plan.

Anna D. Law

Tricentennial hosts

Albany's Tricentennial is looking for volunteers to train as hosts and hostesses for its year-long schedule of special events and activities.

"The success of this celebration will depend on how well we treat those who come to enjoy it," said Keith Arnold, president of the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau and chairman of the Tricentennial's Visitor Industries Committee. "We need a corps of dedicated and outgoing volunteers who will be our city's ambassadors."

The first volunteer training session will be held on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave. Register by calling 434-1217.



Joyce Strand

Library board names officers

Joyce Strand of Glenmont, vice president of the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees, has been elected president of the board to succeed Ethel Birchenough, who died in January. The trustees elected Florence Harris to fill Mrs. Birchenough's term.

William Seymour of New Scotland was selected for the office of

vice president.

Traditionally, each seat on the board is filled by an individual from a particular area in the district. Harris is from the Slingerlands area as was Birchenough. Harris will serve until the next election, which will be held in May.

Hospice seeks volunteers

The St. Peter's Hospital Hospice is seeking volunteers for their home care, day care and bereavement programs.

Registered nurses, licensed health care professionals and others interested in assisting with nursing care in a home setting may be accepted for the 30-hour training session, scheduled for April 11, 12 and 13.

Home care volunteers will be trained to provide various nursing services, including bathing patients, reinforcing the patient health care plan, and providing education and support to the patient and family.

Day care program volunteers are needed to assist with lunch, prayer services, whirlpool baths, transportation, personal care and support to family members.

Volunteers in the bereavement program will make personal visits, write letters and make phone calls to assist a family in adjusting to the death of their loved one.

Volunteers willing to provide respite care for patients without families or friends to care for them are also needed. Volunteers are crucially needed to provide care to the growing population of frail elderly in the community.

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Guiry-Chambers

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Guiry of Loudonville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lynn, to David Owen Chambers III, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Owen Chambers of Slingerlands.

The bride-to-be is a registered sales representative for Prudential Financial Services. Her fiancé is a photography specialist for Studio 8000.

A Nov. 29 wedding is planned.

Cooks 'n Kitchens

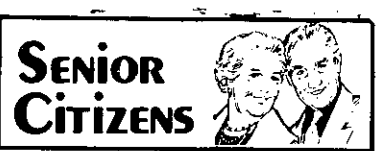
Capitol Hill Improvement Corporation (CHIC) will offer their "Cooks and Kitchens" tour on Sunday, March 9, from 2 until 5 p.m.

Neighborhood residents have volunteered their kitchens, cooking talents and favorite recipes for this annual gourmet treat. Each cook will demonstrate how to prepare his or her favorite dishes. The variety of foods prepared will range from Bouillabaisse and chicken seafood skillet to cranberry gingerbread and caramel fudge ice cream torte.

The tour will include homes on Willett, Lancaster and Elm Sts., and Madison Ave.

Tickets are \$10. For reservations call 462-9696 or stop the CHIC office, 260 Lark St., Albany.

Each ticket allows the participant to visit three kitchens, sample food and wine, and join with the host and other guests in conversation. Each "tourist" will be provided with a cookbook of all recipes.



The Bethlehem Senior Services office has been moved to room 110 from room 116 of Bethlehem Town Hall. All craft meetings will be held in room 116.

Harold Maher of Bethlehem is available to assist town residents who wish to apply for aid through the Heat Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), on Thursdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Bethlehem Town Hall. Appointments are required and may be made by calling 439-4955 on weekdays.

Applications for real property tax exemptions, such as senior citizen exemptions, must be filed by March 1. The tentative assessment roll will now be filed on or before May 1. Any complaints will be heard on the third Tuesday of May. The final assessment roll must be filed before July 1. The time for filing petitions for small claims or tax certiorari judicial review is measured from this date.

For information call the assessor's office at 439-4955.

Kiwanians gather

Robert Calabrese, governor of the New York District of Kiwanis International, will address a meeting of area Kiwanis club members at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, at the Watervliet Arsenal's Cannon Community Club.



Community Corner

Lenten Offerings

Area churches are offering a variety of programs this week in observance of Lent. This morning (Feb. 26), from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Rev. Tamara Entin will lead the Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study at the First United Methodist Church. This evening a 7:30 p.m. Lenten service will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a Lenten study program, led by Pastor Hess, will be held at the Delmar Reformed Church, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Henry Tiger Memorial Ecumenical Service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, March 1, a drama group from Gordon College will present "Sketches from the Book" at the Bethlehem Community Church at 7 p.m.

A religious service will be held at the Delmar Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 2.

Finally, on Tuesday, March 4, a Day of Recollection will be led by Rev. John Bradley at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, beginning at 9:45 a.m.



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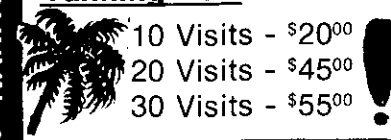
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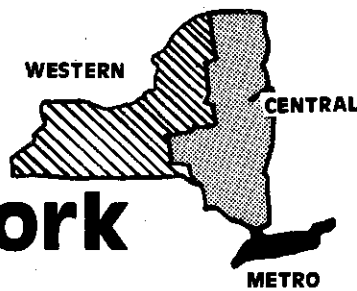
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A few folks who appreciate winter from start to finish had the run of the rink on Sunday at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park. Others have had enough of winter; they'd rather be somewhere else. (Page 1)
Jeff Gonzales